

Yes..I Can You are free to live Victorious Week 2

Last week we said that you are free to live free! You can walk in the freedom that comes through Christ. There is therefore according to Romans the 8th chapter no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Paul makes this statement in Philippians 4:

Philippians 4:¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

We are free to live free! We are also free to live victorious!

This last week we celebrated our 4th birthday as a church. Today we are going to have a party and acknowledge it. Let me give you some stats on church planting that you might find interesting.

80% of churches that don' t reach 100 in their first 2 years close their doors in the next 2.

50% of all church plants fail.

It takes a church on average 25 years to start another church (that' s not counting how many churches have split off of it in those 25 years).

Churches that start other churches in their first 3 years will have grandchildren within the next three years.

We are living Victorious!

1 John 5:⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

We have reason to believe that we will overcome and live victorious because we know that WE WIN!

In Christ WE WIN!

Revelation 3:¹⁴ “ And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write

‘ These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, he Beginning of the creation of

God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or

hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My

mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, ‘ I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and

do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy

from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be

clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with

eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous

and repent.

We have been set apart as those who are supposed to overcome this world! We are free to live Victorious!

Let' s look at the tendency of a church and of individuals to become complacent. To live lukewarm in apathy rather than in victory!

**We are rich and have need of nothing.
We become blind.
We walk around naked.**

God' s answer to these problems are as follows:

**Buy gold from me refined in the fire.
White linens that you may be clothed.
Eye salve that you may see.**

Here is the significance of these things:

Laodicea was a port city and known for its wealth. They were a people who lived well and didn' t require anything.

They were famous for an eye salve that they had developed that would help people who had eye problems.

They certainly were said to have dressed well according to their ability to afford it.

God says while you have all the things that the world is looking for – if you want to be hot or cold that is a church that is revved up and excited about the things of God. One that is going to live as overcomers and victorious in this life.

You need to buy these things from ME! In other words – I have everything you need. I am your supplier of finance, health and provision.

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

He is asking for intimacy. He desires to sit and dine with you to be close to us and to spend time with us.

To him who overcomes, lives victorious in this world, here I will be with you, there, in heaven, you will get to sit with me!