

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:15 KJV

Who would view their own execution as their ultimate triumph? Not only was the Crucifixion of Christ a triumph, it was the pivotal point of all eternity! It was the culmination of Creation; the perfection of predestination; the glorification of grace; and the salvation of sinners! God covenanted with Himself before the dawn of creation in eternity past to redeem the fallen of mankind who would come back to Him. The purchase price of man’s redemption was His *“only begotten Son”* who was crucified by these same men



on trumped up charges in place of a known thief and murderer, Barabbas! But it was all part of God’s plan! If Christ had not willingly laid down His life *“a ransom for many,”* do you suppose for one second that any concerted effort of men and devils could have possibly lifted a finger against Him? Done Him bodily harm? They had even tried a few times before and even when they thought they had snuck up on Him in the Garden, they fell to the ground at His voice. *“Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus...said unto them, ‘Whom seek ye?’ They answered Him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus saith unto them, ‘I am he.’ As soon then as He had said unto them, ‘I am he,’ they went backward, and fell to the ground.”* If they couldn’t even stand at the sound of His Voice, how could they have crucified Him against His will? He knew what was coming for He had just prayed, *“O my Father...Thy will be done.”* All the torment of His death was not only anticipated, but willingly endured to save those He loved *“with an everlasting love!”* Not only did He complete the work, He triumphed over all the demons of hell and men by dying! The phrase used, *“made a shew of them openly,”* referred to the custom of parading a conquered monarch up and down the streets of his capital, naked and bound behind his own horse as the Conqueror rode the horse wearing his royal robes and crown! Christ conquered and mocked death by dying! The very act of crucifying Him was their own defeat! When demons and men thought themselves conquerors, they perished in the pit of their own digging! *With God, nothing is impossible!* Do you think you can hide your thoughts from God? Deny Him? Reject Him? Pretend through word and deed He doesn’t exist? You forget the Cross! You forget the testimony of all Creation! You forget the Risen Saviour who is now *“seated at the right hand of the Father!”* You forget the war is over for Christ announced victory from His Cross when He proclaimed, *“It Is Finished!”*

Sorrow laments at foot of cross,
But for our Lord it was no loss,
Defeating death with dying breath,
He rescued men condemned to death! ~CGP

World War II was ended with the horrific bombing of Japan, but troops separated from their homeland on remote Pacific Islands kept fighting. Calvary ended the war of eternity, but the enemy has not yet surrendered! We must fight daily to possess the land they claim as their own or we will suffer major casualties. *“If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: Put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”* We are only *“more than conquerors THROUGH CHRIST;”* the Word of God; *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved.”* This includes believers and unbelievers alike, *“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that*

call upon Him.” Has sin conquered you? Do you need deliverance? It is freely given to “whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD.”

*“So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob,’ saith the LORD.”
Isaiah 59:19-20 KJV*

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