

Shifting Requires Us to Be More Than Conquerors



Romans 8:35-39

- Shift – to change; to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another.
- This is the “Year of Shifting” for us at L&FCF.
- To shift properly we must recognize, that opposition, trials, and uncertainty will come.
- “More than conquerors” – over and above, to conquer. It describes one who is super victorious, who wins more than an ordinary victory.
- Intent: to remind us that we are shifting because we are sold out to the work of Christ.
- Purpose: to make us aware that we can live a victorious life in the mist of life’s challenges.
- Goal: to persuade us that we are more than conquerors no matter what is happening in our lives.
- Objective: to be more than conquers when these things arise: (1) Tribulation; (2) Distress; (3) Persecution; (4) Famine; (5) Nakedness; (6) Peril; (7) Sword.
- In this text, Paul assures us that Christ protects us from the most severe circumstances (v. 35).
- There is no circumstance, no situation, no event that can cause Christ to turn away from us.
- God does not shelter us from the difficulties of life because we need them for our spiritual growth (Rom. 5:3-5).
- It is then that He gives us the power to conquer.

When Tribulation Arises

John 16:29-33

- Tribulation – the unavoidable afflictions of life.
 - Whether you are a saint or sinner you will face tribulation.
- When facing tribulation:
1. Make sure your affliction arose for the Word of God’s sake (Acts 4:13-22).

- A. This affliction came upon me because I am suffering for Christ's sake.**
- B. This affliction came upon me because I am denying myself for the furtherance of the gospel.**
- C. This affliction came upon me because I am living according to the faith.**

2. Make sure you allow tribulation to work patience (Acts 14:19-22).

- A. You must continue in the faith (James 1:1-4).**
- B. You must be fully persuaded that God is going to deliver you.**
- C. You must endure temptation.**