*Monday, January 24, 2011*

**Overcome**

Romans 12:19-21 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. (20) Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. (21) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (KJV)

When you see the word overcome, it is referring to victory, as well as to prevail and conquer. The question now becomes, what is the prevailing influence in your walk today, the carnal or the Spiritual? Once you accepted salvation, you then joined a winning team which makes victory achievable and there for the taking. However with many, their focus and attention gets diverted from the Spiritual to the carnal again, which then puts them back in the loss column.

2 Peter 2:18-20 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. (20) For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. (KJV)

You know, whether you want to believe it or not the above verses are not just referring to those of the world, rather those that proclaim to be Christians as well; they are just like the world in its way of thinking. If one is really paying attention with their Spiritual senses, they can see and hear where many have fallen back into the snare of the enemy by their fallen doctrines that they try to proclaim as truth. Oh, and just because you got saved and made some commitment at some emotional church service, do know that was just the beginning of your walk, now it is expected that you continue forward and not be knocked back again by your lower nature and its fallen desires.

2 Peter 2:21-22 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (KJV)

For those of you that have ever experienced a dog returning to something that should have been left behind, yeah it’s not too pleasant to say the least is it? Not very pleasant to our Lord and Savior to watch His own people be set free for a season, only to see them overcome again with things that can never bring peace or contentment to their lives.

Psalms 107:19-21 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. (20) He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (21) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (KJV)

Our Lord is referred to throughout the Bible as our deliverer, our way of escape from this present evil world so that we can walk in the same victory that He did, and make it home with Him. Our Lord expects His people to show up victorious come the day of judgment, and anything less than that is unacceptable. So how would you describe your walk today, one of victory or defeat?