

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we won't be **afraid**, though the earth **changes**, though the mountains are **shaken** into the heart of the seas; though the waters of it **roar** and are **troubled**, though the mountains **tremble** with their swelling. Selah.

There is a river, the streams of which make the city of God glad, the holy place of the tents of the Most High. God is in her midst. She shall **not be moved**. God will help her at dawn.

The nations **raged**. The kingdoms were **moved**.

He **lifted his voice**, and the earth **melted**. Yahweh of Armies is **with us**. The God of Jacob is **our refuge**. Selah.

Come, **see Yahweh's works**, what desolations he has made in the earth. **He makes wars cease** to the end of the earth. **He breaks the bow**, and **shatters the spear**. He **burns the chariots** in the **fire**.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be **exalted** among the nations. I will be **exalted** in the earth."
Yahweh of Armies is **with us**. The God of Jacob is **our refuge**. Selah. (Psalms 46:1-11)

"Most certainly I tell you, that **you will weep and lament**, but **the world will rejoice**. You will be **sorrowful**, but your **sorrow will be turned into joy**. A woman, when she gives birth, has **sorrow**, because **her time has come**. But when she has delivered the child, she doesn't remember the **anguish** any more, for **the joy that a human being is born** into the world. Therefore **you now have sorrow**, but **I will see you again**, and **your heart will rejoice**, and **no one will take your joy** away from you.

"In that day you will ask me no questions. Most certainly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full**. I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will **tell you plainly about the Father**. In that day you will ask in my name; and I don't say to you, that I will pray to the Father for you, for **the Father himself loves you**, because **you have loved me**, and have **believed** that I came forth from God. **I came out from the Father**, and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

His disciples said to him, "Behold, now you speak plainly, and speak no figures of speech. Now we know that you know all things, and don't need for anyone to question you. By this we believe that you came forth from God."

Jesus answered them, "Do you now **believe**? Behold, the time is coming, yes, and has now come, that **you will be scattered**, everyone to his own place, and **you will leave me alone**. Yet **I am not alone**, because **the Father is with me**. I have told you these things, that **in me you may have peace**. In the **world you have oppression**; but **cheer up! I have overcome the world**." (John 16:20-33)

What in the world did Jesus overcome? And **how**? Review these **previous passages** carefully.

It was by **continuously choosing to reflect** the disposition of God that Jesus overcame the world. Notice that this was declared by Jesus as a true fact before even going to the cross!

For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, when you do well, you **patiently endure suffering**, this is commendable with God.

For **to this you were called**, because Christ also **suffered for us, leaving you an example**, that you should **follow his steps**, who **did not sin**, "neither was **deceit** found in his mouth." Who, when he was cursed, **didn't curse back**. When he suffered, **didn't threaten**, but **committed himself to him who judges righteously**; who his own self **bore our sins in his body** on the tree, that **we, having died to sins**, might **live to righteousness**; by whose **stripes you were healed**. For you were **going astray** like sheep; but now have **returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls**. (1 Peter 2:20-25)

*For **the love of Christ constrains us**; because we judge thus, that one died for all, therefore all died. He died for all, that those who live should no longer **live to themselves**, but **[live] to him** who for their sakes died and rose again.*

*Therefore we know no one **after the flesh** from now on. Even though we have known Christ **after the flesh**, yet now we know him so no more. Therefore if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**. The old things have passed away. Behold, **all things have become new**. But **all things are of God**, who **reconciled us to himself** through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the **ministry of reconciliation**; namely, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to himself, not **reckoning to them their trespasses**, and having committed to us the **word of reconciliation**.*

*We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were **entreating** by us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**. For him who knew no sin he **made to be sin on our behalf**; so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God**. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)*

When Jesus exclaimed, 'It is finished' just before He expired on the cross, it had nothing to do with any appeasing the anger of an offended deity.

Rather what was finished was proving the truth that love was stronger than any temptation to react defensively, to desire revenge, to harbor ill feelings toward anyone under any amount of duress.

Jesus maintained peace throughout His life by refusing to allow selfishness access to His will

Jesus deferred/reflected every temptation to His Father rather than dealing with it Himself

This is how He overcame every temptation of the world, and how we are overcomers as well

Passive resistance means refusing to react reflectively to any insult, aggression or loss.

Passive resistance does not mean denial of what is happening, but trusting God to deal with it