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**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!  
[18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**

## **1 Peter 2:11-12 [NIV]**

**Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.**

## **2 Timothy 4:7-8 [NIV]**

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.**

# Keep on Going!



## 1 Timothy 6:13-16 [NIV]

...I charge you [14] to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and ONLY Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

# Why - Keep On Fighting?

- **Jesus will Return in God's Time**
- **God is the ONLY Ruler**
- **He is King of Kings**
- **He is Lord of Lords**

## 2 Peter 3:9 [NIV]

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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# **Jesus Gave Himself...**

- **to Redeem us from Wickedness**
- **to Purify a People of His OWN...**
- **...who would be EAGER to do Good**

# **Our Mission is to... Matt. 28:19-20**

- Make Disciples**
- Teach them to Obey God's Word**

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And he has committed to us the message  
of reconciliation. [20] We are therefore  
Christ's AMBASSADORS, as though  
God were making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be  
reconciled to God.

# We...

- are a New Creation
- Have a Ministry of Reconciliation
  - Reconciliation = to bring together**
- are Ambassadors for Jesus Christ
- Implore people to come to Christ
  - Implore = beg, plead**

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# Peter Reminds us that WE are...

- **Aliens** - living in a foreign country
- **Strangers** - outsiders

# Peter Commands us to...

- to **ABSTAIN** from Sinful Desires

# Because those Sinful Desires...

- **WAR** against our souls

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## **Romans 8:31-33 [NIV]**

**What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? [33] Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.**

## Romans 8:34-36 [NIV]

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? [36] As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

## Romans 8:37-39 [NIV]

No, in all these things we are more than  
**CONQUERORS** through him who loved us. [38]

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons, neither the present  
nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height  
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will  
be able to separate us from the love of God that  
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Questions:

- If God is For us Who is against us?
- Won't He give us all things Along with His son?
- Who can accuse us?
- **WHO** can separate us from God's Love?

**Can any of these things  
separate us from GOD?**

*[37] **NO**, in all these things we  
are more than conquerors  
through Him who loved us. [NIV]*

# Things That Cannot Separate Us From God's Love...

- death or life
- angels or demons
- present or future
- **ANY Powers**
- height or depth
- **ANYTHING Else in all creation**

## Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

...And let us **run with ENDURANCE** the race God has set before us. [2] We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

## Hebrews 12:2-3 (NLT)

Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. [3] Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you

**WON'T become weary and give up.**