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There is only one requirement for being a winner. There is only one requirement of having assurance of entering into Heaven. There is only one qualification for anyone to have an eternal relationship with God. There is only one requirement necessary in order for a person to have eternal life. There is only one qualification for any one to be redeemed. There is only one requirement for any one to be saved. There is only one requirement for anyone to be born of God. **AND THE ONE REQUIREMENT IS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE A SINNER.**

If you sin, you are qualified for acceptance before God. If you realize you have an old sin nature, that qualifies you for your so great salvation. In order to be saved, you have to be lost.

Jesus Christ's purpose in coming to this Earth was to "seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus Christ "did not come into this world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Since we are born in sin, and as David said, we were shapen in sin (iniquity) in our mother's womb, then that qualifies all members of the human race to become children of God, and if children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord, then we are winners. Born sinners. Born Again Winners!

The Scriptures say that every person that came into this world through physical birth, "have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." The Scriptures state that "there is none righteous, no not one." The Scriptures say that we come into this world "dead in trespasses and sins." So then that means all of us, you and I, everyone, is qualified for a relationship with God by faith in Christ, because we are all sinners. And that is what Jesus Christ came to seek and save.

Christ became sin, God the Father made Christ to be sin, "that knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." The only Person qualified to save sin-

ners, since we are all sinners, is a Person, someone who is not a sinner. And that Person is the only Person that also is qualified as prescribed in the Old Testament as the "Lamb without sport and blemish."

So when you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, "He is the Just, and we are the unjust," so it is the "Just for the unjust" and the sinless One becomes sin and takes away all of our sins, past, present and future, and thereby the whole world can become Christians and can be classified as "sinners and winners." Sinners, because we still sin after we are saved, because we possess the inherent old sin nature that continually sins, and is only checked by the believer being controlled by God the Holy Spirit. "Sinners are winners." Believers are classified as winners repeatedly in Scripture. Maybe you never knew you were a winner. I am sure you knew that you were a sinner. Many people remind us of that fact. But do you know you are a winner? Well, you are!

"For whatsoever is born of God OVERCOMETH the world." "Overcometh" is the Greek word for a winner. It is NIKAO, from which we get our missiles, called Nike. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the VICTORY." This word "victory" is the second time the Greek word "NIKE" is used, again stating that sinners are winners and victorious.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that OVERCOMETH the world, even our faith." And this word "overcometh" is the third time that it is stated in this passage that you are a winner. NIKAO, NIKAO, NIKAO.

How is this accomplished? Notice the end of this verse, winner. "Even our faith." "For by GRACE are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a GIFT OF GOD, not of works lest any many should boast." Isn't it great to know that you are a "sinner and a winner," and that Jesus Christ

had you in mind when He went to the cross and died for you, and that is where His and your victory is.

Hello, Winners!

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”

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