

## Victim or Victor?

We can group those who have heard the wonderful good news of Jesus Christ into two categories: the victims and the victors. For those who have not heard such good news, reading this document will lead you to be part of one of the two.

### The Victims

You say there are many false teachers and false prophets among those who are active in the Christian world? It may be so! If you are one who believes all that is said without looking into the Scriptures yourself, being seduced by one or another, you may well be one of the victims. Equally, if exaggerations, fanaticism, evil deeds and shameful behaviour have made you deaf or insensitive to the truth which is behind some evil workers, you are also part of the victims as, in fact, the result is the same, as you are deprived of the truth just like those who have embraced the errors of the wicked.

### The Victors

Many have heard the simple message of the gospel and have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember a lady who had heard the gospel message proclaimed by a church leader. She had come to faith in Jesus through this man. She had then started to read the Bible, the Word of God, by herself and soon could discern that the voice and the discourse she was hearing from this church leader was not that of the good Shepherd who loved her and had given his life for her. The message of the gospel is simple; one single verse from Scripture is sufficient to summarize it, that is John 3:16. It is sometimes used in mockery, but nonetheless it is absolutely true and worthy of your complete trust. Here it is: *God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Paul, the apostle, was not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for the salvation of any and all who believe it. Personally, I am not ashamed of the gospel either and my sincere desire is that my reader might become a victor also and not be a victim of seduction or worse still, deaf to the callings of God. This is the prayer behind this short message.

The future looks grim and we can perceive on the horizon the signs of an upcoming unparalleled world crisis. Would that be the great tribulation foretold in the Bible? It very well could be! In any case, not knowing what a day will bring forth, you would be wise to make haste and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved and have your sure part with the victors!

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