The resurrection of Jesus-His victory over death- is given to us, his followers, by God the Father

1 Corinthians 15:57 ESV

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brings up the question-

--What kind of victory is given to believers now, in everyday life?

--Should we expect victory in our daily struggles, trials, or temptations?

--How much victory is expected over one's lifetime?

Larger Topic- Our Union with Christ

"Union with Christ" summarizes the ways in which Christians are joined in relationship to Christ and receive every benefit of salvation.

--Sometimes called the believer's "mystical union" with Christ

Union with Christ-Romans 6:1-14

One purpose of our being united with Christ in his death and resurrection is so that we would walk (think & live) in newness of life.

We were <u>buried therefore with him</u> by baptism into death, <u>in order that</u>, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, <u>we too might walk</u> in newness of life. Romans 6:4 ESV

having been <u>buried</u> with him in baptism, in which you were also <u>raised with him</u> through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

Colossians 2:12-13 ESV

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Romans 6:5-7 ESV

[2] For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

[4] Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Romans 7:2, 4 ESV

Union with Christ-Romans 6:1-14

Living with Christ (v. 8) and walking in newness of life (v. 4) are possible because we are united to Christ—we are "in Christ Jesus."

Truth Applied:

By the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us and through us.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."