## "Thankfulness In Advance" By Kirk Hunt

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV

There is always joy and thankfulness in the victory lap. When last did you dance a happy jig in the middle of the grueling drills? Where you laughing and singing in the middle of the bitter battles? *Just as I suspected*.

God's people are always thankful for the victory, but we must remember to be thankful during the tests and trials. Our joy should be visible, and contagious, even in the middle of difficult circumstances. We can afford it, and are obligated, since we know the outcome. *Just as* you *suspected*.

Still, in the middle of dirty, dangerous and difficult, we have to choose thankfulness. Even though victory is assured, we remain human. Our joy and thankfulness should be most evident, and authentic, in the heat of our toughest battles. *Just as* they *suspected*.

Pay no attention to the little inconveniences of living through the battles, labors and incidents. The heartaches and hardships will be worth it. God has guaranteed our wins, so we love Him even more. *Just as He said*.

**Think:** "Flip to the back of The Book. We win." -Various Saints of God

**Pray:** "Lord, help me have joy and thankfulness since You have assured the outcome."

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