

We Win!

I'm sure that many of you watched Super Bowl LI this past Sunday. Our family was at a watch party here in town and stayed until just past halftime. We needed to get the kids to bed at a reasonable hour, and by the time we got back home the game appeared to be out of hand. To be honest, if I wasn't such a big sports fan, I may have turned the TV off for the night.

With the score being 28-3 halfway through the third quarter, a comeback seemed very improbable. Even the statisticians showed that the Patriots had less than a 1% chance of winning for a good portion of the game.

But we know how the game turned out. With an amazing effort and unbelievable persistence, New England fought their way back and forced an overtime period, where they eventually won. It may have been the greatest comeback in NFL history. Somehow, the Patriots seemed to have a confidence that they could find a way to come back and win the game, although the end result was not guaranteed to them.

However, as followers of Jesus, we can have a holy confidence that in the end, we are guaranteed to be on the winning team. And there's nothing we have to do to win the game. After all, we already know how things will turn out for eternity. Jesus conquers evil and death! to join the right team. The author of Hebrews understood the confidence and assurance that we can have about the final outcome, which is true regardless of any circumstance we may find ourselves in, when he wrote: "*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see*" (Hebrews 11:1). I wish for you this sense of confidence and assurance that can only come from God through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Blessed Assurance,

Pastor David

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