

The Believer's Victory in Jesus Christ

Introduction

- A. The freedom to live the Christian life is only found in Jesus Christ and in the practice of the truths related to His person, His work and His Word.
- B. One truth that must be understood and practiced has to do with Satan our enemy.

I. Our Former State Regarding the Enemy

- A. We were once owned by Satan

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father Of it. John 8:44 (See also Matthew 13:38, I John 3:10)

- B. We were once in bondage to the Enemy

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that, is the devil, and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14,15

- C. We were once deceived by the Enemy

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. II Corinthians 4:4

- D. We were once controlled by the Enemy

Wherein in time past ye walked (lived) according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in| the children of disobedience, among whom also we all had our conversation (daily life) in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Ephesians 2:2,3

- E. We were once vulnerable to the Enemy

Wherein in time past ye walked (lived) ... according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience Ephesians 2:2

II. The Victory of the Lord Jesus Christ

- A. The prophecy regarding His victory.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. It (He) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

- B. The basis of our Savior's victory.

Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. John 14:30

- C. The demonstration of our Savior's victory.

But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come unto you. Luke 11:20

D. The explanation of our Savior's victory

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossian. 2:15

E. The triumph of our Savior's victory

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. I Peter 3:22

F. The celebration of our Savior's victory

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Ephesians. 4:8

G. The delegation of our Savior's victory

That ye may know ... according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he ... set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. Ephesians 1:18-22 (See also 2:5,6)

III. Our Redemption in the Lord Jesus Christ

A. Our ownership has been transferred to the Lord Jesus

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Colossians 1:13

B. We have been released from bondage

The Spirit of the Lord us upon me ... to preach deliverance to the captives Luke 4:18

C. We have had illumination of our deception

I (will) ... make thee a minister ... to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God Acts 26:16-18

D. We have had the enemy's control over us broken

... and from the power of Satan unto God Acts 26:18

E. We have been given permanent protection from our enemy

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers ... shall be able to separate us from the love of God Romans 8:38,39

Conclusion: Give thanks for your deliverance every day. Obey God by resisting the enemy.

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