

# **Victory Over Sin**

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## **I. Introduction.**

- A. There is a war going on that is Satan against God. (Matthew 12:29)
- B. The events of Job happened so that the riches of God's grace could be explained. (Ephesians 2:7)
- C. Christ is the only one who can defeat Satan.

## **II. Gaining victory over Satan.**

- A. You must first be a Christian understanding the gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
  - 1. It is the death of Jesus for the penalty of sin. (Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 1:8)
  - 2. It is the resurrection of Jesus for salvation from the power of sin. (Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 10:11)
    - a. Jesus had to rise in order to send the Spirit.
    - b. The Christian has the Holy Spirit in him, which is his victory in the world. (1 John 4:4-5)
    - c. Jesus is the only one who can defeat the Devil - Jesus and me defeats the Devil in the world.
    - d. We follow Jesus because He is God. (Matthew 28:19-20)
    - e. God promises to give us a new spirit to walk in victory, which empowers us to not walk in sin. (Ezekiel 26:36)
    - f. There are signs to forewarn a fall. (Deuteronomy 17:17)
      - 1) There is a cause and effect in life.
      - 2) We need to heed the Word to avoid the fall. (Psalm 119:111)
  - 3. It is the return of Jesus for freedom from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- B. What is God doing that might cause us to lose the victory? Nothing. (Colossians 3:23)
- C. What are we doing that causes us to lose the victory? (John 16:33, 14:21)
  - 1. Are you living in any known sin?

2. Are you living in ignorance? (1 John 3:20, Romans 14:22)

3. It is easier to live a cleaned life than constantly clean one up. (1 John 1:9)

**Application questions**

1. Why is a Christian understanding of the Gospel central to gaining victory over sin?

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2. What is the gospel and which aspect applies to the believer in the present?

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3. Memorize 1 John 1:9 and write it below. Can this be used as a crutch for sinning in the Christian life? Explain why or why not.

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