

Series: Victory in Jesus

Title: Victory Over the World

Text: (Eph 2:2-3)

Destined for Dominion:

What was legally lost by Adam, was Righteously Regained in Jesus Christ.

We were Designed for Victory by Christ.

We have Inherited the Victory through Christ.

The Penalty of Sin vs. The Power of Sin vs. Presence of Sin

We Have Three Enemies that use the Power of Sin On Us:

(Eph 2:2-3) *Wherein in time past ye walked 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: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation 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.*

The World - World (Vs 2a)

The Devil - Prince of the Power of the Air (Vs 2b)

The Flesh - Flesh (Vs 3)

The Steps to Victory over Each Enemy:

Identify Your Enemy.

Understand Your Enemy and His Tactics.

Realize God's Provision for Victory Through Christ.

Translate Victory into your Own Life Experience.

You Can Have Victory Over the World:

I. Identify your Enemy:

(Eph 2:2) *According to the course of this world...*

It is not referring to God's Creation: Its the World's System.

It is Selfish Principles

Improper Motives

Ungodly Standards

Opposed to the things of God

Jesus said His Kingdom is not of this World:

(John 18:36) *My kingdom is not of this world:*

Jesus said the World System would Hate the Christian:

(John 15:18) *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*

Jesus also said the Believer is Not Of the World:

(John 15:19) *If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*

Illus: This doesn't mean we are to Isolate our selves.

We are IN the World, not OF the World.

Friendship with the World brings Enmity with God:

(James 4:4) *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Jesus Said there was NO Common Ground between the World and the Word of God:

(Matt 6:24) *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

Our Love for this World causes us to Forsake God.

(2 Tim 4:10) *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.*

II. Understand Your Enemy:

We have to understand our Enemies Tactics in order to Anticipate their Attack.

The World wants Our Love:

(1 Jn 2:15) The World wants My LOVE!

The World gets our love by ENTICING Christians:

To incite or instigate, by exciting desire;

To seduce or to lead astray; to induce to sin, by promises or persuasions.

(James 1:14-15) *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

The World Markets to us through all forms of Media.

It builds a discontent in our hearts for what we have.

(1 Jn 2:15-17) *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

The Lust of the Flesh: Discontented with What you Have.

The Lust of the Eyes: Desiring What You Don't Have.

The Pride of Life: Determining That You Deserve It.

(1 Jn 2:15) The World wants My LOVE!

We are Consumed buying Things We Don't Need, with Money we DON'T Have to impress People We Don't even Like.

We Trade Relationships for Careers.

We Chase our Dreams and Lose our Families.

This is the Tactic of the World.

To Entice us to Trade our Love for God, for Love for Things.

III. Realize God's Provision for Victory:

Jesus Said that He had already Won the Victory for us!

(John 16:33) *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

It is now available to every man and woman on earth.

(Eph 2:4-6) *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

Jesus took our sins that we might be innocent.

Jesus became guilty that we might be acquitted.

Jesus took our despair that we might be filled with joy.

Jesus took our shame that we might have his glory.

Jesus took the flames of hell that we might have the blessings of heaven.

Jesus' death had our name on it.
Jesus' resurrection had our name on it.

(Eph 2:5) *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

He has been raised up and we are raised up with him.

We are members of His body, of his flesh, and of His bones.
(Eph 5:30) *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."*

Now, we are a part of the Lord Jesus Christ.
And where is Jesus? He is ascended. He is on high.
All things are beneath his feet.

If you're in Adam, all that belongs to Adam belongs to you.
(1 Cor 15:22a) *For as in Adam all die,*
What belonged to Adam? Death, Defeat, Decay, Downfall.

If you're in Christ, all that belongs to Christ belongs to you!
We are members of His body, of his bones, of his flesh.
(Gal 4:6-7) *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

All that Christ has, we are have access to also.
All the dominion. All the Power.
All the Victory.

IV. Translate Christ's Victory Into Your Own Experience:
We have to appropriate the Victory through Surrender to Christ.

Victory in our Christian life is the Freedom from the Controlling Power of Sin:

Requires Choosing to Yield our will to the Holy Spirit.

He gave us the Step, by Step Instructions:

(John 8:31-32) *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

(Believe on Jesus) + (Continuing in His Word) + (Be His Disciple) + (Knowing the Truth) = Freedom

A. (Believe on Jesus = Saved)

(1 Jn 5:5) *Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Acknowledge you are on the inning Side:

Have you Believed on Him? When, Where, How?

Claim Your Victory by Faith: Dependence Upon God.

(1 Jn 5:4) *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

B. (Continuing in His Word)

A Simple Choice to believe God's Word and Act On It!

W/o having to see it 1st. If we see it, it doesn't require faith.

(Rom 8:31-39)

(Vs 31) God wants us to have Victory

(Vs 32) God didn't save us for No reason.

(Vs 37) We are MORE than Conquerors.

The World Tries to Bind us through Regret over past Failures

(Vs 33) The Devil has No Claim to Us anymore!

(Vs 34) We have the Victory as part of Christ.

Failure is Only Final when we QUIT!

The World Tries to Defeat us with Negative Circumstances

The Circumstances of this World has no Bearing on our Victory.

(Vs 35, 38-39)

(Rom 8:28) Because We Love Him.

(Rom 8:29) Because God is Working out His Purpose in Me.

Are you Continuing in His Word?

Confess, Repent, Obey!

C. (Be His Disciple) - Are you His Disciple?

Do the Will of God & Embody His Character!

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Roger Staubach, led the Dallas Cowboys to the Super Bowl victory in 1971, admitted that his position as a quarterback who didn't call his own signals was a source of trial for him.

Coach Landry sent in every play.

He told Roger when to pass, when to run, and only in emergency situations could he change the play.

Even though Roger considered Coach Landry to have a "genius mind" when it came to football strategy, pride said that he should be able to run his own team.

Roger had a decision to make.

Would he allow pride to rule his life and ignore his coach, making himself the star?

Or would he listen to the coach and do what he wanted?

Staubach later said, "I faced up to the issue of obedience.

Once I learned to obey there was harmony, fulfillment, and victory."

A Personal Change of our Will has to happen:

God has to be our Authority!

(Rom 12:1) Transfer Ownership & Authority!

There are no victories at discount prices. - General Dwight Eisenhower.

A Personal Change of our Character:

(Rom 12:2) Renew Your Mind.

Act With Integrity at the Moment of Choice!

D. (Know the Truth)

(Phil 4:8) A Personal Change in of what we Think about!

Look at the World through God's Perspective.

Take on His Values: (Col 3:1) *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

(Col 3:2) *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Illus: *We have to Replace our Old Appetites with NEW ones.*

(Matt 6:21) *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

(The Truth Shall Set You Free - Freedom)

The World tries to steal our Love through Enticements,
but our Affections are on Christ.

The World will side track us through Regret from our
Failures,

but we know (Rom 8:28)

To Fulfill His Purpose (Rom 8:29)

We were Designed for Victory by Christ.

We have Inherited the Victory through Christ.

True Victory is to be free from the Power of Sin in our lives.

(Rom 6:14) *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

All that Jesus has purchased with His blood is ours to have
and use as a part of His body.

Come and ask God to start the process of Freeing you to
Victory!

Commit now, to be at both the morning and evening services
to learn to appropriate victory in your lives daily.