

# Topics in I, II, and III John

**Victory in Christ**



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## Victory (*NIKE*)

- “Victory in battle; in the games... victory over opponents... generally, the upper hand, ascendancy... to keep the fruits of victory... Nike, the goddess of victory” (LS 533).

# The Christian's victory

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- **Victorious over sin**
- **Victorious over darkness**
- **Victorious over spiritual death**
- **Spiritual life is the spoil of the battle**

# Satan

- Ruler of sin, darkness, and spiritual death (Eph. 6:12)
- The god of this world (II Cor. 4:4)
- The prince of the world (Jn. 12:31; 16:11).
- The devil's kingdom is the world (I Jn. 5:19).
- The devil is the deceiver of the world (Rev. 12:9).

# The devil's kingdom and his soldiers

- The devil's throne is composed of darkness, sin, spiritual, and physical death (Rom. 5:21).
- Paul said, "*For they that are after the flesh **mind** the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is **death**; but the mind of the Spirit is **life** and peace:*"  
(Romans 8:5-6; cf. I Jn. 2:15-16; 4:1-6).

# The devil's kingdom and his soldiers

- The devil's doctrine or law (Rom. 8:2): (Matt. 15:8-9; 16:17; 21:23-25; Rom. 1:21; I Cor. 1:20; II Cor. 1:12; 2:17; 4:4; 11:3; Gal. 1:11; Col. 2:8 etc.).
- The devil has many deluded servants (Matt. 7:21-23)

# The Lord's Kingdom and His soldiers

- **Christ's victory (Rev. 3:21; 5:5)**
- **Spiritual life presides in the Lord (Jn. 1:4, 5:26, 29; 6:48-51, 63; 11:25 etc.).**
- **Jesus is victorious over physical death (John 20:1ff; Acts 1:1-3; I Cor. 15:20-22).**
- **Jesus' victory over the darkness of sin (Heb. 4:14-16; I Pet. 2:21-22).**
- **Jesus is victorious over darkness (lack of understanding) (II Tim. 1:9-10).**

# The victory of Christ shared through the gospel message!

- The theme of the gospel of Christ is that mankind can overcome the devil, sin, and death through Jesus Christ. Though this message was hidden in ages past it is now revealed for all to hear and learn (Isa. 25:6-8; 60:2-3; II Cor. 3:14-16).
- Triumph over darkness, sin, and death will come by the gospel message to all (II Cor. 2:14).

# Victory made known through the gospel

- The gospel message shined light upon the dark world  
(Isa. 51:1-4; Rom. 4:15; 7:7; I Jn. 3:4):
- Law of Christ (Gal. 6:2)
- Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1-2)
- Law of faith (Rom. 3:27)
- Law of liberty (James 2:12)

# The victory of Christ shared through the gospel message!

- The law of Christ liberates man from the bondage of darkness, sin, and death (John 8:34-37) by revealing information about the blessings through Abraham (Gen. 12:1-4) through the seed of David (II Sam. 7:12ff) resulting in the remission of sins (Acts 3:26).
- Mankind has the opportunity to share in the victory of Christ over darkness, sin, and death (Jn. 3:16).

# Victory for the Christian through Christ

- (Sin) Victory for the Christian occurs immediately through the forgiveness of sins (I Jn. 1:9).
- (Darkness) Victory for the Christian occurs immediately through Bible study and a knowledge of truth (Jn. 8:32; I Jn. 5:13).
- (Death) Victory for the Christians occurs eternally through the resurrection of the dead (I Cor. 15:56-58).

# Conclusion:

- The Lord promises victory through faith (I Jn. 5:4)
- The victory is over sin, darkness, and spiritual death.
- The god of sin, darkness, and spiritual death is the devil (the god of this world).
- The Lord Jesus Christ is victorious over sin, darkness, and spiritual death and so must we as His soldiers.
- The gospel message informs man of this victory

# Tonight

- Victory suggests a battle! We shall examine this battle.
- With victory in any battle there are spoils. We shall discuss the spoils of our spiritual battle.
- Concluding remarks

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## Two sides to the battle (I Cor. 9:24-25)

- Jesus (Divine revelation, life, light)
- Satan (human reason, death, darkness, sin)

# What is at stake?

- Heaven
- Hell

# Battle facts

- This battle is to the death (Rev. 2:10b; 12:11).
- God considers the saints as His soldiers (II Tim. 2:3-4; Rev. 20:9).
- The battle ground is selected (Eph. 6:12; Rev. 17:12-14) and therefore we are to arm ourselves for the battle (Eph. 6:10-18).
- Some will fail at the battle (II Cor. 2:11; Gal. 3:1; I Jn. 2:18-19); however, the victorious saint must ever press forward in diligence (II Pet. 1:10-11).
- Victory is achieved through the gospel message and thereby it should stand alone and supreme in our lives (Gal. 1:11; I Tim. 1:10-11).

# The Battle

- God's soldiers are commanded to fight (I Tim. 6:12; Rev. 3:11).
- The devil's soldiers are false teachers (II Pet. 2:1ff).
- The devil's soldiers deceive with their doctrines (I Cor. 6:9), and lead many astray (I Jn. 2:26; 3:7).
- The devil tempts us through lust of the eyes, flesh, and vainglory of life (I Jn. 2:15-17) using his crafty vices (James 1:12ff).

# Jesus our example (1 Pet. 2:21)

- Jesus waged war against the false teachers of His day (Matt. 5:20; 12:34)
- Jesus exposed sinful practices which lead to death, darkness, and sin (Luke 11:29).
- Jesus battled inner temptations and so must the saints of God today (Matt. 4:1; Heb. 4:14-16)!

## The apostles (II Tim. 4:6-8)

- The apostles waged war to the death (II Cor. 1:8-10).
- The battle was against unbelievers, false teachers, and false brethren (II Cor. 11:26; I Tim. 1:19-20).
- The battle was against sinful practices which lead to death, darkness, and sin (II Cor. 6:14-7:1; Eph. 5:11).
- The apostles battled inner temptations as we must (Rom. 7:24; Gal. 2:11ff).

# The spoils of victory

- Life? Or Death? This will be determined upon how you and I viewed the Word of God (II Cor. 2:14-15)
- Those who overcome shall receive the remission of sins and fellowship with the Father (I Jn. 1:5ff).
- Those who win the battle come away victorious in life. Said ones are resurrected from the dead to never die again living in heavenly bliss with the Father (Matt. 25:31-34; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:22; I Thess. 4:13-18).
- This victory is an everlasting victory (Isa. 51:6; 66:22-24; Rev. 11:15).
- As the faithful will be resurrected unto eternal bliss so the unfaithful will be resurrected to eternal torment (cf. Matt. 13:47-50).

# Conclusion

- One who would claim victory in this life through Jesus Christ must understand the battle field.
- If we do not know our foe and his tactics we will be swept away by his strategies (II Cor. 11:3).
- Let us not be a novice in scriptural understanding. True faith is established by study (Rom. 10:17).
- Faith is the very key to our victory over Satan (I Jn. 5:4-5).
- The apostle Paul said of the saints of God, “*we are more than conquerors through him that loved us*” (Rom. 8:37; cf. 8:1-39).

# What is victory in Christ?

- Victory over sin
- Victory over spiritual death
- Victory over inner temptations
- Victory over the doctrines of men
- Victory over inner darkness