

How to Walk in Victory

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is a battle going on between God and Satan and we are caught in between.
- B. Satan must be bound and Jesus has bound him. (Matthew 12:29, Ephesians 2:7)
- C. Since Christ is the only one who has victory over Satan we must be Christians to have victory. (1 John 5:4-5)

II. The gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- A. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- B. Jesus died for the penalty of sin. (1 Peter 1:8, 1:11-12)
- C. Jesus was raised for victory over the power of sin. (Romans 5:10, Psalm 56:13, 2 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 4:11-12, Hebrews 7:25)
 - 1. We are being saved today from our inclinations towards sin.
 - 2. There is salvation in the cross but not a whole lot of immediate victory because of our personal sin.
 - 3. God gives us a new heart through the risen Jesus. (Ezekiel 26:36-37, Philippians 2:12, 1 John 4:13-17)
- D. Jesus will return to save us from the presence of sin. (Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 5:8, Hebrews 10:35-36, 10:39, 9:28, Romans 8:28)

III. What are we doing to cause loss of victory?

- A. We may not be keeping God's commandments. (John 16:33, 14:21)
- B. We may be living in known sin.
- C. Weigh what is really important.
- D. Stop doing things that bother your conscience. (1 John 3:20, Romans 14:22-23)
- E. Take care of unpaid debt.
- F. Live in a way where you don't have a guilty conscience. (Luke 17:3-4)
- G. We are to be careful criticizing the servants of God. (Isaiah 47:17)
- H. It is easier to live a clean life than clean up a dirty one.

I. Do not live allowing for sin because of future forgiveness. (1 John 1:9, Psalm 139:39-40)

J. Learn to diagnose sin through the regular reading of Scripture. (Deuteronomy 17:20, 1 John 3:4, Deuteronomy 23:21, 1 Samuel 15:23, Proverbs 24:9, 14:23, John 5:17, Philipians 4:6-7, Romans 16:11-14)

Application questions

1. What are the three aspects of salvation?

2. How can it be said that we can lose our victory without losing our security in Christ's final plan in us? Explain.

3. Which of the things causing loss of victory stood out to you? What might you do differently to guard yourselves from any of these areas?
