

Chapter 1 : Kevin DeYoung on Christ's Empathy and Victory

The Great Contest, or Christ's Victory A Poem, in Which the Fall of Man, His Redemption and Glorification Are Clearly and Scripturally Set Forth; Together With the Poetical Lamp by Amasa Graves.

Everyone seems to have a different opinion about why Jesus died. As a result of His death and resurrection, Jesus could enter into the heavenly sanctuary to begin making atonement for our sins. So many talk about His birth, and some talk about His death, but what about the years in between? The entire time He was on Earth, Jesus lived a sinless life. He lived it as a human, not as God. If we are truly connected to God, we can do the same miracles He did while on Earth. He lived a life consecrated to God, and so can we. If Jesus had sinned even once during His entire life, if He had given in to one wrong thought or the smallest temptation, He could not have been resurrected. In fact, death was very much an end for us all. And it would have been for Him too, if He had not lived a sinless life. Jesus was constantly under severe attack by Satan, dogged at every step by harassment and temptation. Every inhuman cruelty that Satan could conceive was hurled against Jesus. His demons worked overtime to cause Jesus to disbelieve in His Father, to give up, to speak one word of anger or hatred towards those that so cruelly mistreated Him, to sin in any small tangible way. But, thank God, Satan was unsuccessful. God truly put everything on the line to save us. If Jesus had sinned in any respect, He, who was God, would not only have failed in securing our salvation, but also would have put the entire universe in jeopardy. Think about what would have happened if God, in human flesh as Jesus, had sinned? Satan would have had complete victory. No wonder the attack upon Jesus was so fierce. No other human, no matter how much they have suffered on this earth, had such a heavy responsibility as Jesus. The weight of the universe was on His shoulders. And as Jesus hung on the cross, Satan dared Him to not love. Jesus could have come down off that cross at any time. And so he could. It was His love that held Him there. His love for you. He chose to because that was the only way you or I could have been guaranteed a chance at eternal life. His perfect life is a free gift to all who accept to be covered by it. Sadly, although Jesus died for everyone, not everyone will be saved by His death. We must each accept His death and life in our stead. Even though we have sinned, God accepts the perfect life of His Son in our place, and we are considered righteous, even though we knew no righteousness 1 Peter 2: We are all sinners and guilty of death Romans 3: This may not be a popular thought, but it is true nonetheless. Television preacher Robert Schuller teaches that, "What we need is to positivise the words that have only had a negative connotation. There is no greater damage that can be done than to refer to the lost sinful condition of man. We may not feel comfortable admitting our sinfulness, but the Bible tells the truth about our condition, and offers real solutions. Then as we walk in the newness of life that He offers, we are empowered to live as He did. Slowly but surely, as we submit daily to His Holy Spirit, our characters are changed into His image. His life on Earth was a manifestation of what God is like. Because of sin, people are separated from God Isaiah No longer could they and God talk together as Adam and Eve had done face to face. He presents God as being severe and unforgiving—just waiting and watching for every wrong move we make so that He can condemn us to eternal death. This picture of God was especially prevalent during the Middle Ages when Catholicism was the dominant religion. But Jesus states that He came for the exact opposite reason: His life of loving kindness and patience served to reestablish the character of God as one of goodness and mercy Exodus Every time something bad happens on Earth, we tend to blame God for it. He only cares that it happens. If the law could be changed, God could have done just that in the Garden of Eden, and life could have gone on. But it could not be. Once the law was broken, there was an impassable rift between humanity and God, and we would continue to break the law from that day on. If God could modify that law to correct the situation, He would have. But the only way to reconcile us to God was to present Himself as a sacrifice to atone for our sin. Before the cross, those that believed in the Messiah looked forward to His coming, in faith that He would make the atonement for them and win their eternal life. Abraham had faith that God would accomplish this very thing. We are privileged to live after the cross, because our salvation is an established fact of history. We have more information than Abraham and all the Old Testament people had. But still we fail to understand. We no longer

have to be in bondage to sin. We must not just acknowledge His death; we must accept it and all its implications for us. It requires of us a change of life: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" Romans 6: Old habits and the thoughts and attitudes that held us in bondage can be removed if we permit the grace of Christ to effect a change in our life. God desires to give us a better life—a life of joy, peace, and freedom from sin 2 Corinthians 5: Christ did not make the infinite sacrifice to secure for us the privilege of continuing to break the commandments of God. Sin is the transgression of the law, and the wages of sin is death 1 John 3: The law is not meant to be a burden of heavy rules. It is the way of happiness. He tells us these rules because without them, we would truly be in misery. The endless pain and sorrow on this planet is a result of broken rules. When a child is hit by a drunk driver, or abducted and killed by someone bent on murder, we suffer the pain and sorrow of broken rules. To those who desire release from the bondage of sin, Jesus is the answer. Because He conquered death and sin in His life, death, and resurrection, we have hope and confidence that He can do the same in us. Jesus lived as a man on Earth to identify with us and to help us trust Him with our problems. If the Gospel is: Instead, He was born to unmarried parents so He could relate to everyone conceived out of wedlock, born in a barn so He knows what it feels like to be poor, went to Egypt so He knows what culture shock and living as a refugee is like, and lived in Nazareth so that He experienced the ghettos. He hung nailed to a cross unable to move so He can tell what it feels like to be in agony, trapped and helpless. He knows what rejection is Matthew He felt the burden of the sin of our lives so we never have to wonder if there is anyone who knows how we feel. He made a choice to feel our pain, so we would be safe to share our pain with Him—so we can trust Him and know He cares. When Adam and Eve sinned, Satan won dominion of this world and his government reigned. As long as the Messiah had not yet come, Satan was an undefeated foe. Satan had hurled every possible cruelty upon Jesus, after which Jesus cried "it is finished," and died. But because Jesus resurrected from the dead, Satan became a defeated foe. The world that Satan once claimed as his has been reclaimed by Jesus. Jesus is the only one that could redeem us from sin. When Jesus lived here on Earth, He linked Himself to the human race with ties that will never be broken. It does mean, though, that we are privileged to be viewed by God as though we had never sinned 1 John 3: Just because He died on the cross to accomplish our redemption does not mean that He leaves us on our own. We need Him as much now as we ever did. Satan, after all, is not yet gone. God promises to strengthen us in all our difficulties Isaiah He promises to be with us in the deep waters and fiery trails of life Isaiah And He promises to finish the work He started and bring us to a new place where there is no more sin Philippians 1: We have not yet been reconciled with God to the point of Adam and Eve before sin. That is still to come. Today Jesus ministers for us in heavenly places, and His work in heaven is as important as His death on the cross. Have you accepted Jesus as your Saviour and Lord? Want to know more? If you enjoyed this article, share it with a friend.

Chapter 2 : Three Steps To Victory | Keep Believing Ministries

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MORE than anything else in life we need to be able to walk in complete victory "in every situation. The full and complete victory was purchased for us at Calvary when Jesus took upon Himself our sins and failures. He has provided so much for us in His death and resurrection that really we have no excuse for not living in complete victory day by day to the glory of God. The Lord Himself has removed every obstacle out of our way; for it is His will that we learn to know the full blessings provided for us in Christ. The only true victory is "through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me share with you another mighty Scripture: Not sometimes, but always! God has a complete and continual victory for us in Christ! You do not need to live a defeated life any longer. Often we feel, "If only the circumstances were different, I would be more free for the things of the Lord. We cannot blame God for our failures; but we can thank Him that we do not need to stay in our failures! If we do not use these weapons that the Lord has given us, then WE will be brought into captivity. We will lose the victory Christ died to give us. Those things which have defeated us in times past, can themselves be defeated as we lay hold on the victory that is rightfully ours through Jesus Christ. Do not let the enemy of your soul rob you any longer. Claim the complete victory which God wants you to have and enjoy - and walk daily in it, giving glory to His name. If we are to accomplish anything real for the Kingdom of God, then it is very important that we know how to stand in the victory of the Cross. To be an overcomer, we must overcome. If we are not an overcomer, it is because we are overcome. God will always cause us to triumph "when we will let Him triumph in us. The Apostle Paul is a man loved by multitudes of Christians the world over, because of the inspired writings he has left us for our growth in grace in the Christian walk. Very few people, however, are prepared to live the life he did, i. His heart attitude was not that of struggling to keep the victory "rather he boldly declares: I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: Paul learned how to turn every situation whether impossible or otherwise into contentment. But he did not stop at that! He goes on to tell us that he could do all things through Christ Who strengthened him. In Romans 8 , Paul again reveals the complete victory which is ours through Jesus Christ. The strongest onslaught the enemy can bring against us, we are able to effectively conquer, with plenty in reserve! We are more than conquerors through Jesus Who loves us! This is the kind of victory that God has for those who love Him and who believe the promises of His Word. We cannot go under for going over! May this message be your daily experience and joy. Box 57, Paraparaumu , New Zealand. This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Chapter 3 : The Great Contest, or Christ's Victory

July 6, Victory in the Great Contest The soccer World Cup and the great controversy “ are there any similarities? By: Daniel Kuberek, Adventist Record You can hear the crowd from the tunnel “ singing and chanting.

A primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; through. I, the first-person pronoun. A primary pronoun of the first person I. Lord, master, sir; the Lord. From kuros; supreme in authority, i. Of Hebrew origin; Jesus, the name of our Lord and two other Israelites. Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ. From chrio; Anointed One, i. The Messiah, an epithet of Jesus. His resurrection is the pledge of our resurrection. His death is the power by which we are enabled to conquer that lower self, from whose crucifixion and death we shall rise to the higher incorruptible life of the resurrection day. With this earnest and enthusiastic expression of praise to God the argument concludes. Through arguments historical, moral, philosophical; through explanations from the analogy of Nature, and from the theology of Old and New Testament history, the Apostle has led his readers, vindicating the truth and illustrating the manner of the Resurrection of the Dead. He projects his mind into the future, and, standing in thought with ransomed and raised Humanity after death has been vanquished and the grave been spoiled, he joins in the shout of triumphant praise which shall then ascend to Christ and God. Pulpit Commentary Verse Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Who, by fulfilling the Law, has robbed it of its condemning power Romans 8: Matthew Henry Commentary In the gospel, many truths, before hidden in mystery, are made known. Death never shall appear in the regions to which our Lord will bear his risen saints. Therefore let us seek the full assurance of faith and hope, that in the midst of pain, and in the prospect of death, we may think calmly on the horrors of the tomb; assured that our bodies will there sleep, and in the mean time our souls will be present with the Redeemer. Sin gives death all its hurtful power. The sting of death is sin; but Christ, by dying, has taken out this sting; he has made atonement for sin, he has obtained remission of it. The strength of sin is the law. None can answer its demands, endure its curse, or do away his own transgressions. Hence terror and anguish. And hence death is terrible to the unbelieving and the impenitent. Death may seize a believer, but it cannot hold him in its power. How many springs of joy to the saints, and of thanksgiving to God, are opened by the death and resurrection, the sufferings and conquests of the Redeemer! In verse 58, we have an exhortation, that believers should be steadfast, firm in the faith of that gospel which the apostle preached, and they received. Also, to be unmovable in their hope and expectation of this great privilege, of being raised incorruptible and immortal. May Christ give us faith, and increase our faith, that we may not only be safe, but joyful and triumphant.

Chapter 4 : 60 Bible verses about Victory, Over Spiritual Forces

With Christmas just around the corner, the Halton Catholic District School Board will once again be running its Keeping Christ in Christmas student contest! This year, the contest will be open for entries from November 9 through December 2,

The doctrine of divine impassibility has lost favor within Christianity today. Most believe that God suffers. The concern of this paper is with this fourth reason. By looking at Hebrews, especially 2: This passage directs us towards two points crucial in our understanding of how Jesus Christ can suffer while God does not: Christ the exact representation of God was made a little lower than the angels. Not every thing Jesus did or felt revealed the character of God since He is fully human. Jesus ate, slept, drank, etc. Christ suffered not to reveal suffering in God, but rather, God had to be made a little lower than the angels so He could suffer. God as a man knew human pain and anguish first hand and in the same human manner that we experience it, but God does not suffer as humans do. Furthermore, the incarnation was necessary to make Christ perfect; not morally perfect or any other form of perfect. The incarnation was necessary so Christ could fully identify with His brothers so that He might be their high priest. The suffering of Christ was unique. Therefore, the Son of God knew no suffering prior to the incarnation, because prior to being made a little lower than the angels he was not completely adequate to serve as high priest. And because the purpose of His sufferings has now been realized Heb. Yet, the logic that says if Christ was passible, God must be passible seems to demand 1 that if God has been suffering throughout history, Christ was suffering throughout history, and 2 that if God continues to be passible, Christ continues to be passible. Neither statement can be true, for Hebrews evidences that Christ has not been suffering repeatedly since the Foundation of the world Heb. Christ is our sympathetic high priest who truly understands human suffering. And as we see in Heb. Moreover, Christ is our sympathetic high priest Heb. The precise setting of Hebrews is unclear, but we understand that the Christian community to whom Hebrews was written was filled with confusion, struggle, and pain. Christ, because He suffered as a man, can now help us as the exalted One. Additionally, believers are perfect by the perfecting of Christ not the other way around. That is, we need to look at our sufferings through Christ instead of looking at God through our sufferings. So, as we share in the sufferings of Christ Phil. I fear that an overemphasis on the passibility of God molds God into our own image. The main point I gathered from DeYoung is that if God has suffered throughout history, then Christ suffered throughout history, which diminishes the incarnation. Thus, the resurrection is diminished as well. The suffering of Christ was unique, and we cannot keep the uniqueness of the Christ and His work, and hold that suffering is common to God. Through Christ, we too have the victory!

Chapter 5 : What Does the Bible Say About Victory?

Jesus' death on the cross is the winning goal, it's the reason why victory was assured before the first whistle was even blown. Jesus Himself said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will win, even though they die" (John).

We are called to be good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ and "to war a good warfare. That enemy is Satan. The Bible warns us, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour. Many of the angels of Heaven followed Satan in his rebellion against God. Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air" because he and his fallen angels now inhabit the atmosphere above the earth. Though we cannot see them, Satan and his fallen angels are the real enemies of the child of God. The Bible says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. The Lord Jesus said that he was "a murderer from the beginning. Satan deceives people by making them think that all supernatural occurrences come from God. But all "miracles" do not come from God. Satan and his evil spirits can do many miraculous things that are beyond the power of men. Jesus said that false prophets will come in the last days and deceive many people with "great signs and wonders. Have nothing to do with Ouija boards, table lifting, seances, fortune tellers, astrology, witchcraft; these things belong to the kingdom of darkness. The Bible says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" Ephesians 5: When the gospel is preached, Satan is there to spread doubt and unbelief in the minds of those who hear it. He puts thoughts of doubt, fear, and discouragement into their minds. He tries to discourage them so they will not live for God. Satan tempts Christians to commit terrible sins. He tries to deceive them into thinking that it would not be wrong for them to do these things. He uses the things of the world to turn their hearts away from God and from doing His will. He tries to keep them from making a full surrender of their lives to God. The Bible says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Satan held men captive because of sin; but on the cross the Lord Jesus paid for our sins. Men can now choose who they will serve. Those who choose Jesus Christ as their Lord are delivered from the power of Satan. The Bible says, "Giving thanks unto the Father"who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of His dear Son. The Bible says that the Lord Jesus took our nature upon Him that" "through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. But on the third day He arose from the grave with a mighty triumph over Satan and the powers of darkness. The Lord Jesus appeared on the earth for a period of 40 days after His resurrection. Satan and his evil spirits were stripped of all their authority. The Lord Jesus ascended back into Heaven as Victor over all the powers of darkness. He made a show of them openly. The Bible says, "And having spoiled defeated principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them" Colossians 2: Christ was Exalted The Father welcomed His beloved Son home to glory and gave Him the place of greatest honour and power. Jesus Christ was seated on the very throne of Heaven"far above all the powers of darkness. The Bible says, "He God raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion. What Christ did, He did as our Representative. We shared in His death, we shared in His burial, we shared in His resurrection, and we share also in His victory over Satan! The Bible says, " God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We who are in Christ are seated with Him in that position of power and victory "far above all. We have been given authority over all the power of the enemy. We can speak and act in His name. There is a difference between "power" and "authority. Back of the policeman is the authority of the city government, and the driver of the truck recognizes this and obeys him. Satan and his evil spirits have power, but Christ has given us authority. If we are abiding in Christ, we can speak in His name, and the powers of darkness must obey us. They recognize that back of us is the authority of Christ Himself. The Battle is Not Over Satan is a defeated foe. One day, he and his evil spirits will be cast into the lake of fire, and they will never again cause trouble. But meanwhile, he is very active. Satan goes about "as a roaring lion" tempting, deceiving, destroying. No child of God is able in himself to cope with

this terrible foe. Only through Christ can we overcome him. Christ is the Victor over Satan, and we are to be strong in Him. The Bible tells us the secret of how they overcame him. It is a three-fold secret: The Blood of the Lamb Satan is a deceiver and a murderer, but one of his main attacks against Christians is accusing them. He is called "the accuser of the brethren. He tells us that we are no good. He tells us that we are weak and sinful and that we will always be this way. Our defense is "the blood of the Lamb. He has also given us a weapon to use against Satan himself. That weapon is "the word of our testimony. We can say to Satan, "You are defeated! Jesus Christ is Lord! I am one with Him. He knows they are true. They loved not their lives If we are to overcome Satan, we must not love ourselves. If we love ourselves, we will be defeated. We were crucified with Christ that we might no longer live unto ourselves but unto Him who died for us. We can say with the Apostle Paul, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me!" Galatians 2: We can say "No! Not only has the Lord Jesus delivered us from the power of our enemies, but the victorious, risen Christ Himself lives in us. We can be overcomers! The Bible says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them:

Chapter 6 : 1 Corinthians But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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We flew to Boston on Sunday 28th June, the day after singing Evensong to commemorate the th anniversary of the death of Lady Margaret Beaufort, and just two days after several singers had graduated with their BAs. The tour did not immediately feel like a holiday; for one thing, the New England weather was resolutely miserable for all of the first week, and for another we had to perform three times in the first two days! The first two evenings also saw two very successful concerts in Beverly and Wakefield, both medium-sized towns just to the north of Boston. For our next concert we revisited an old friend: Paul in Burlington, Vermont, where the Choir has made enjoyable visits on previous tours. This year was no exception, and for the third concert in a row we performed to a full house. Our only regret was to have left ourselves little time to enjoy the sublime scenery and views over Lake Champlain and the Adirondack mountains. One of the advantages of a choir tour over a normal holiday is the opportunity to make many strong friendships with those who organize our concerts and generously host our singers in their houses. The year the Choir made a special friend in Toby Twining, a well-known East Coast composer who helped set up our next concert, in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The complex harmonies and rhythms challenged the choir, but served to increase our satisfaction upon mastering this very fine work. Thanks to the generosity of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, we Brits were able to lie low over the 4th July weekend and soak up some rays on the beach; the weather turned good just in time! We set off early the next morning on the long route towards New York City. But just before reaching it we attempted a sneaky foray into the military capital of the American Revolution: We met with rather more success than years ago, with a well-received concert in the excellent acoustic of St. Performing on WNYC radio The next morning we finally reached Manhattan, where we had scheduled two days of sight-seeing. At least, that was the plan, before our timetable filled up with an appearance on WNYC radio, a drinks reception in Soho generously hosted by Cambridge in America, and our ensuing visit to a Koreatown karaoke bar. The stress of the Koreatown karaoke was the last straw for tour organizer Edward Turnham, who misused the audio equipment to vent an ill-tempered and occasionally foul-mouthed tirade at the choir, berating their slovenliness, personal hygiene and method of eating asparagus Our New York visit ended on a very grand note, singing the Sunday morning Eucharist at the Cathedral of St. After the service we departed the city quickly in order to perform a concert that evening at St. We were able to spend several hours the following day exploring Independence Hall - scene of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the U. Constitution - and related sights. The end was now in sight as we headed to our final hosts in Arlington, Virginia. This location allowed us three days of sightseeing in Washington D. Our first evening included Evensong at the National Cathedral - a fine building but a challenging acoustic - and an excellent southern-style barbecue organized by Cambridge alumni. Our final performance of tour was given to our hosts at the Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington. But the tour was far from over; to complete it required the obligatory Decani versus Cantoris football match. Thus we hastily arranged a replacement football contest, although by this time half the choir had wilted in the Washington heat. The match was fiercely contested, and ended in the first victory for Cantoris in living memory. By the end of the tour, most of the Choir were thoroughly fatigued in voice and body, but few wanted it to end. The visit was a great success in terms of both music and enjoyment, and it was all due to the commitment of the choir, the great generosity of all those members of the churches at which we performed who organized our visits and put us up in their houses, and the help of the College and the alumni in America.

Chapter 7 : USA | Christs College Cambridge

Whenever a great king won a major victory, he commissioned the writing of a gospel—a vivid retelling of the good news of the vanquished enemy and the victorious king. This glorious good news was told again and again, often from multiple points of views, to exalt the king and encourage his people.

The soccer World Cup and the great controversy are there any similarities? He has full confidence in you, but it goes beyond that. His game plan is unbeatable, and you have a special part in making it happen. The game kicks off. The teams are locked in a very intense contest. However, as the game goes on, there are still periods when it seems as though the opposition is certain to score. Whenever you counter and play deep into their half, they begin hacking at you and your teammates. Everything was meticulously planned, and He has condemned the opposition to eternal defeat. Soccer is a beautiful game. The World Cup is a special event for the whole world, especially the 32 countries involved. In June we experienced the shock and jubilation that soccer can provide. Other countries often considered minnows have replaced them. It hurts God to let His players join the opposition, but He gives everyone on His team the power of choice. He is always willing to welcome anyone from the opposition back onto His team and give them a special role. Striking Similarities Zinedine Zidane infamously headbutted Marco Materazzi in the World Cup final, allegedly after hearing insults about his family. There is going to be a similar attitude among the opposition in the great war in this world. God already knows this; He gave His players plenty of warning beforehand: He still needs His players to go out and represent Him on the pitch, but they are never alone. He has given each of the members on His squad unique skills and qualities that help win this game against the opposition. But the reward for reaching the end goal in the great conflict against the opposition will be so much greater. As the final whistle blows and your whole team cries out in elation, the Coach, Jesus, will greet you with the greatest gift: The players who fought the battle but had to be substituted will greet you at the end. And although the game was tough, your faith in your Coach will be repaid by eternal joy in heaven. Bible quotations in this article are taken from the New International Version, copyright , , by Biblica, Inc. All rights reserved worldwide. We reserve the right to approve and disapprove comments accordingly and will not be able to respond to inquiries regarding that. Please keep all comments respectful and courteous to authors and fellow readers.

Chapter 8 : God's Complete Victory - The Gospel Faith Messenger

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Tweet At the majestic sight of Christ on His throne, the masses of unrighteous outside the city will pause. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God; and books were opened: When the books are opened, each person will see their life pass before them, and with unmistakable clarity they will see the great mercy they have rejected. They will come to a final realization of the great effort heaven has made on their behalf to do everything possible to save them, and they will see the many times they have spurned the efforts of heaven. They will realize that they have indeed chosen this end, willfully and knowingly. The consequences of these choices are eternal Hebrews 6: Across the surface of the earth, every knee will bow. All thoughts of rebellion and victory will fade Romans That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and of things in earth, and of things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father Philippians 2: This is the final coronation of the Son of God. The final judgment will then take place: Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire Revelation The final sentence is death: For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries Hebrews Those people who choose to believe Satan rather than God John 8: They would never be happy among the people of God where there is no room for selfishness. The atmosphere that permeates heaven is an atmosphere of self-sacrifice and joy. Ahead to the next article, The Punishment for those who Reject God. Veith , an international speaker who has studied Biblical issues in-depth in his quest for truth. His popular series Genesis Conflict brings the debate between Creation and evolution to a new climax as he dissects the arguments with a scientific eye. His highly-acclaimed series Total Onslaught sheds light on the state of the world today as we move to a one-world government and an anticipated apocalypse.

Chapter 9 : Christ's Life and Christ Death on Earth | Jesus as Your Saviour and Lord

Revelation tells of the great victory of Christ over Satan and encourages Christians on the basis of this certainty. In the same book, the great struggle between the dragon and the woman (who symbolizes Mary and the Church) describes the battle with the Devil in which Mary and the Church are victorious.

Three Steps To Victory Romans 6: Whenever a pastor deals with one of those subjects, he knows that most of the people will be right with him from the very beginning. It may be Bible prophecy, it may be the Holy Spirit, it may be something about marriage and the family, or it may be something about spiritual victory. That is my subject in this message: How to walk in victory in the Christian life. If you doubt whether that is a popular subject, I invite you to go to any Christian bookstore and see how many books and tapes there are for sale on the general subject of spiritual victory. Radio preachers, the men with the great nationwide ministries, talk about spiritual victory all the time. They do it for a reason. There is a great hunger and a great desire among the people of God to find a way to live in victory. Behind that hunger is the reality that many believers live spiritually-defeated lives. So many Christians go through life struggling from day to day, from hour to hour, from month to month, and so many Christians struggle with the same sins over and over again, month after month, and year after year that they feel like they never make any progress. Are there any secrets? Are there any steps? I think the answer to that question is yes. Seeking a Balance However, there is a problem with much current teaching of the victorious life. So much of it tends to go to extremes. That teachingâ€”which also contains a core of truthâ€”may turn you into a legalist, a rule keeper, a performance addict, and ultimately into an arrogant, proud person with perfectionist tendencies. A third teaching suggests that if you want spiritual victory, you need a crisis experience. Certainly many Christians do come to a moment of decisive surrender to God. But if you take that too far, it may turn you into an introspective and somewhat emotional Christian, who is dependent upon an emotional experience. All three views have some biblical basis. God has done something to make it possible for you to live in victory. Yet there is something you must do. And most of us will have very crucial, deeply moving crisis experiences with God which lift us from one plateau to another. We want to find a solid biblical balance. I want to make a comment before we jump into the text. The general thrust of these verses is very clear. Rather than spending a lot of time on any one verse, I want to survey the entire section. Taken together, this passage presents a great message from the Apostle Paul about how you can live in spiritual victory. It should be a life of ever more continuous victory. The question is, How do you get from where we are to a life of ever more continuous victory? This passage tells us that there are basically three steps to spiritual victory. Everything in this passage fits into one of these three headings. If you want victory, you must know certain things. Christian living is always dependent upon Christian learning. Duty follows from doctrine. If Satan can keep us ignorant, he can keep us impotent. Verses tell us that that you need to know what you were, what you are, and what you now have. What You Were 1. Crucified with Christ 2 2. Buried with Christ 3 3. Raised with Christ 4 4. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. These verses are telling us that if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you were there that day. You were crucified with Christ, you were buried with him, you were raised from the dead. The cross of Jesus Christ is an event that transcends time. It is an event that is so important that it has implications that begin before the universe was created and stretch out all the way to the end of time. Your spiritual history begins at the cross of Jesus Christ. You died with him. You were buried with him. You were raised from the dead and therefore you are united with Jesus Christ. When I baptize somebody, they symbolically portray the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the new testament the word baptism, though it literally means to immerse, has a symbolic meaning. The symbolic meaning is wrapped up in the word identification. When you are baptized, you are publicly identified with Jesus Christ. No turning back, no turning back. It symbolizes what happens to you the moment you say yes to Jesus. It happened historically years ago. What you are 1. Dead to sin 2 2. Freed from sin 7 Paul draws two conclusions from the truth of your union with Christ. Dead to sin does not mean that you do not sin. Although you are dead to sin, sin is not dead to you. What it does

mean is this. Although sin is a reality, it no longer has the power to dominate your life. You are separated forever from the dominating ruling power of sin. You may get a thrill from listening to the lion roar in his cage. Then you have problems. Sin is like a roaring lion. As long as you understand that the power of sin is broken, sin cannot dominate your life unless you choose to let it dominate your life. What you have 1. A brand-new life 4 2. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. God did not save you to give you a better life. He saved you to give you a new life. No, he saved you to give you a brand-new life of a completely different kind. Salvation is not reformation or renovation. You have the resurrection life in Jesus Christ. We all go up and down emotionally. True spirituality begins with a proper understanding of what God has done for you. It all begins with understanding what God did in your life the moment you trusted Christ. He gave you a brand-new life and transferred you from the kingdom of Satan into the Kingdom of God. But how do you make it real? All this truth, this head knowledge, how do you make it real on a day to day basis? Dead to sin, but alive to God. You were dead to sin but now through Jesus Christ you are alive to God. The Greek word is a term from banking or accounting. It means to credit money to a particular account. Reckoning means to count on the fact that God has actually done what he said he would do. It means to count on the fact that if God said it, he meant it, and therefore he did it. Reckoning is not claiming a promise but acting upon a fact. What does that mean spiritually? Everybody by nature is born into the kingdom of Satan and sin. You were born here. You are going to live there all your life until you come to Christ. To reckon means to count on the fact that those things really are true. It means that basically the whole story of your life is basically just two parts: The whole story of your life can be written in two volumes.