

A background image of Earth from space, showing the blue and white atmosphere and the dark surface with city lights. A bright sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare effect.

A TIME FOR...

“Living Victoriously in Christ”

“The first step on the way to
victory is to recognize the
enemy.”

Corrie Ten Boom

1. Sin

Rom 5:12 NLT ¹² “When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, **for everyone sinned.**”

2. Self

Rom 7:18 NLT ¹⁸ “And I know that **nothing good lives in me**, that is, in **my sinful nature**. I want to do what is right, but I can’t.”

3. Satan

1 Pet 5:8 NLT ⁸ “Stay alert! Watch out for **your great enemy, the devil**. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”

Victory from Power of Sin

Romans 7:21-25 NLT

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. **This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.** ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?** ²⁵ **Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...**

Victory from Control of Sin

Romans 8:1-4 NLT

¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ ...He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

The Victorious Christian

“The Christian in Christ...”

1. No longer lives in fear John 14:27
2. Has God’s peace in all situations Phil 4:7
3. Knows God’s love cannot diminish Rom 8:35
4. Does not permit shame or guilt Acts 8:1
5. No longer self-indulgent Gal 2:20
6. Properly deals with temptation 1Cor 10:13

Reasons for NOT living Victoriously?

1. Ignorance - uninformed
2. Lack of understanding - misinformed
3. Unbelief...
4. Unwilling...
5. Isolation/Disconnection
6. Carelessness

How to LIVE Victoriously?

1. Accept failure by human effort
2. Be faithful...
3. Depend on the Holy Spirit
4. Seek Godly guidance/counsel
5. Cultivate a listening heart
6. *Pray... Study... Pray... Study*
7. *Worship*

Victory Guaranteed and for Whom?

1 John 5:4-5 NLT

4 For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

“Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner, but in Christ, I am saved. Outside of Christ, I am empty; in Christ, I am full. Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious. How meaningful are the words, *in Christ*.”

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