

## THE BELIEVER'S VICTORY OVER SATAN

- A. The triumph of Jesus Christ is the surety of the believer's victory. (Matt. 4:1-11; Rom. 5:12-19)
  - 1. Christ defeated Satan at the cross and has given that victory to all believers.
  - 2. In our Lord's exaltation, the believer has the Saviour's victory imputed to him. (Eph. 1:19-23; 2:4-6; Heb. 1:13; 1 Pet. 3:22)
- B. Through God's salvation, the believer is legally set free from Satan's power. (Acts 26:18; Luke 10:17; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:13)
- C. Through his sanctified walk with God, the believer maintains his legally purchased freedom.
  - 1. He must yield to God & resist the devil. (Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8)
  - 2. He must not give ground or foothold to Satan through fleshly sin. (Eph. 4:27)
  - 3. He must put on his provided protection in the whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:10-18)
  - 4. Special warnings for us to heed against Satan's tactics.
    - a. Do not accuse others judgmentally. (2 Cor. 2:1-11)
    - b. Avoid hypocritical actions. (Acts 5:1-11)
    - c. Do not disobey what is known to be God's will. (Eph. 4:17-32)
    - d. Make sure that your testimony is consistently obvious to all men. (1 Tim. 3:7)
    - e. Constantly guard against pride. (1 Tim. 3:6)
    - f. Avoid a striving, contentious spirit. (2 Tim. 2:23-26)

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