

The Triumphant Life

Our Battles

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"Thank God that He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57 ^{GW}

Three Battles in Your Life

1. The Battle _____.

Romans 7:18-25 ^{NLT} – "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. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. 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. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin."

Romans 6:2 ^{NLT} – "Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?"

Romans 6:6 ^{NLT} – "We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin."

Romans 6:11 ^{NLT} – "So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus."

Galatians 5:17-24 ^{NLT} – "The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. v 19-21 – "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these."

v 22-23 – "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

v 24 – "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there."

THREE TRUTHS OF BIBLE STUDY

1. I need to _____.

Proverbs 2:2-6 ^{GW} – "Pay close attention to wisdom, and let your mind reach for understanding, if indeed you call out for insight, if you ask aloud for understanding, if you search for wisdom as if it were money and hunt for it as if it were hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and you will find the knowledge of God. The LORD gives wisdom. From his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

2. I need to _____.

Colossians 2:2-3 ^{NLT} – "I want [other believers] to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

3. I need to _____.

1 Corinthians 13:2 ^{NLT} – "If I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing."

THE SEARCH RESULTS

1. The Christian life is a _____.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ^{GW} – "As all of us reflect the Lord's glory with faces that are not covered with veils, we are **being changed** into his image with ever-increasing glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Philippians 1:6 ^{TLB} – "And I am sure that God who **began** the good work within you will keep right on helping you **grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished** on that day when Jesus Christ returns."

2. God sees me as _____.

Colossians 2:9-10 ^{NLT} – "For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are **complete** through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."

Hebrews 10:14-15 ^{NLT} – "For by that one offering he **forever made perfect** those who are **being** made holy. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so."

John 13:10 ^{MSG} – "Jesus said, 'If you've had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you're clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene.'"



3. I have a role in my _____.

Philippians 2:12-13 NLT – “Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. **Work hard to show the results of your salvation**, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving **YOU** the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

1 Timothy 4:7-8 NLT – “Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ tales. Instead, **train YOURSELF to be godly**. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

2 Timothy 2:21 NLT – “If **YOU keep yourself pure**, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 NLT – “God’s will is for you to be holy, so **stay away from all sexual sin**. Then each of **YOU will control** his own body and live in holiness and honor.”

Romans 6:19 NLT – “I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now **YOU must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living** so that you will become holy.”

Hebrews 12:14 NLT – “Work at living in peace with everyone, and **work at living a holy life**, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.”

Galatians 5:24 NLT – “Those who belong to Christ Jesus **have nailed** the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.”

2. The Battle _____.

Romans 12:2 NLT – “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

3. The Battle _____.

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

Ephesians 6:12 NLT – “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

Matthew 10:16 NLT - “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.”

John 16:33 NLT – “Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows...”

1 Peter 4:12 TLB – “Dear friends, don’t be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead, for this is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you.”

Revelation 21:4 NLT – “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

2 Timothy 1:7 NLT – “God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

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

Colossians 2:14-15 TLB – “He took your list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross. In this way God took away Satan’s power to accuse you of sin, and God openly displayed to the whole world Christ’s triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away.”

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