

In Christ Alone We Have Victory

Eph 2:13

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Thesis: I want to show how in Christ alone we have victory.

- Intro:
1. Victory means success in a struggle or over an enemy.
 2. Can the Christian know spiritual victory in some place other than in Christ?
 3. Let's see what the Bible reveals on this topic.

I. In Christ We Have Victory over this World.

- A. Christ tells us not be consumed with the worry found in this world.
1. Clothes, Food, and Shelter are not things to overly worry about (**Mt 6:31-32**)
 2. Christ is not concerned with earthy things and we should be either (**Lk 12:15**).
 3. A person can lose their soul if they lose their focus (**1 Tim 6:10**).
- B. Christ is the best friend of all (**Jn 15:14**).
1. Christ gets the faithful through the various trials of life (**1 Cor 10:13**).
 2. Christ does not want us to be destroyed by trials but grow by them (**James 1:2-4**).

II. In Christ We Have Victory over the 2nd Death.

- A. Christ saves us from the torture of hell.
1. Only by taking advantage of the sacrifice of Christ can we avoid such a place (**Isa 53:5**).
 2. The Godhead does not desire any to be separated from God (**2 Pt 3:9**).
 3. If man misses heaven, he only has himself to blame (**Mt 23:37**).
- B. Christ's victory brings us to God.
1. By the blood of Christ man is brought to God, without it His blood this would be impossible (**Eph 2:13**).
 2. Christ's victory is a result of God's love (**Jn 3:16-17**).

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Victory through Christ comes by Obedience.
1. Obedience to the gospel involves the forgiveness of sins, sins are that which keep us from God (**Isa 59:1-2**).
 2. Obedience to the gospel includes obeying Christ and His Word in all things (**Heb 5:9**).
- B. Failure to obey results in spiritual defeat.
1. This defeat brings punishment (**2 Pt 2:5-6**).
 2. This defeat means we will never dwell with God, thus we are utterly defeated and without hope (**Eph 2:12**).
 - a. No Obedience, No Victory, No help from God = No Hope
 - b. Only complete and utter defeat.

Application & Conclusion:

1. The God saves through Christ, to uttermost, saves completely those who obey
(**Heb 7:25**)
2. Therefore the question is, will you obey and gain the victory in Christ?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9