

Victory Over Sin & Death

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SUMMARY:

Christ's victory is the guarantee of our victory!

NOTES:

The Victory of Christ over BOTH sin and death – is our guarantee of victory over BOTH sin and death.

Christ was victorious over sin – So – If I give my life to Him and His Holy Spirit moves into my life and begins to control my life – as long as I make my decisions according to Him – I can live above sin!

The 'SEED' OF God is in us! The NATURE of the ALMIGHTY GOD is in us! So, the new birth involves our taking on a new nature by God planting in us the seed or life-giving power of God. To be born again is a deep, radical, inward transformation. Also, this new nature we receive in our new birth stays with us! It continually pushes us to holiness. It is this continual influence of God's nature which enables John to state without fear of error or contradiction that the Christian cannot go on living in continued sin!

1st John 3:8 - ...But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

John 19:30 - When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.

The only power sin has in your life is the power you give it!

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- ❖ Do you agree with some that we "have to sin a little every day" – or do you believe it's possible to live in victory over sin? What do you accept?
- ❖ Do you think Jesus came and died on the cross so that we would continue to live lives that bring us sorrow, trouble, pain, heartache and separation from God?
- ❖ Sin exists in our human nature – what are we to do about that – beyond constantly asking for forgiveness?
- ❖ What do 2nd Corinthians 5:17 & 1st John 3:8 mean?

APPLICATION:

- ❖ Allow the Holy Spirit to control your life ... 5 minutes at a time.
- ❖ Read and apply 2nd Corinthians 5:17
- ❖ Read Romans 6:1-18 – Has sin died in you?

ON YOUR OWN...

Do a personal in-depth study of 1st John. If necessary, ask a trusted Christian leader for help.