

SPIRITUAL WARFARE
KNOW YOUR LORD AND HIS PROVISIONS FOR VICTORY!

1. THE PREMISE FOR OUR VICTORY – Understanding Christ and His work

A. Who HE is – There are over 250 titles & names in scripture given to the Lord Jesus Christ. You can find them listed in topical indexes, Bible encyclopedias, topical Bibles & Systematic theology books. It's an awesome study that will help you immensely to know Christ more thoroughly & personally. Since the focus of this study is spiritual warfare, I need to establish what I think is the most relevant information in answering the question "Who Is Christ?"

1. Jesus (Mat.1:21) – He is the infinite (limitless) God-Man – 100%God & 100% man. "In the beginning was the Word & the Word was with God & the Word was God" (Jn. 1:1) "and the Word became flesh & lived among us..." (Jn.1:14)
2. Jesus is called the Son of God (Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:49; Rom. 1:4)
3. The Messiah (Jn. 1:41: 4:25-26) The Christ (Messiah- anointed one of God (Lk. 9:20)
4. The King of Kings & Lord of Lords (1Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; Rev. 19:16)
5. The Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10)
6. The author & finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:2)
7. The advocate (defense attorney) (1 Jn. 2:1)
8. The great high priest (Heb. 4:14)
9. The head of the church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18)
10. The holy one (Acts 2:27, 31) of God (Mk. 1:24)
11. The Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29, 36, Rev. 5:6, 12; 13:8; 21:22; 22:3)
12. The way the truth & the life (Jn. 14:6)
13. The Lord of glory (1Cor. 2:8)
14. The Lord God Almighty (Rev. 15:3)
15. The Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
16. The Morning star (Rev. 22:16)
17. The Prince of life (Acts. 3:15)
18. Prophet (Lk 24:19; Jn. 7:40)
19. The resurrection & the life (Jn. 11:25)
20. The true vine (Jn. 15:1)
21. The Word of God (Rev. 19:13; Jn. 1:1; 5:7)
22. The Word of Life (1Jn. 1:1)
23. The Door (Jn. 10:7)
24. The Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35, 48)

25-29 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders & His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6)

More names listed below that contrast Jehovah God of the Old Testament with Jesus Christ revealed in the New Testament, shows the truths used to identify Jehovah God in the Old Testament are used to identify Jesus Christ revealed in the New Testament. These show irrefutable evidence that their identities are the same and Christ is absolutely equal to God which makes them one in the same (further answering who Christ is):

	<u>O.T.Jehovah GOD</u>		<u>N.T. JESUS CHRIST</u>
30.	Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12	The Alpha & Omega “First and Last”	Rev. 1:7, 8, 11, 17; 22:13, 14, 16
31.	Isa. 45:22-25	Universal worship which all mankind will render to God	Phil. 2:9-11
32.	Isa. 44:22, 23; Psa 107:2	The “Redeemer”	Eph. 1:7
33.	Isa. 43:11; 45:21	The only “Savior” (Deliverer)	Mt. 1:21; Titus 2:13; Acts 2:21; 4:10, 12; Rom 10:9; Rom. 11:29; Jude 2:5; 2 Pet. 2:20; 3:18 Jn. 8:24, 58; 13:19; 18
34.	Ex. 3:14; Isa 43:10, 13 Deut. 32:39	“I Am”	Jn. 8:24, 58; 13:19; 18
35.	Micah 7:8, Isa. 60:20; Psa. 27:1	The “Light”	Jn. 8:12; 1:9; Lk. 2:32
36.	Gen 1; Job 33:4; Isa 40:28 45:18; Psa. 8:1, 6	“Creator”	Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 17, 1 Cor. 8:6; Heb. 1:2, 10
37.	Jer. 32:18; Isa 40:9; Isa 43: 10; 5:22; Phil. 2:10 Isa 44: 24; Gen 18:1, 14	“GOD”	Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:1; 20:28 1 Jn. 5:20; 2 Pet. 1:1; Tit. 2:13; Jer. 23:6; Heb. 1:8; Jn. 20:28
38.	Ex. 17:6; Isa. 17:10; 2 Sam. 22:32; Deut. 32:4; Psa. 18:2; 42:9; 95:1	The “Rock”	1 Cor. 10:4; Isa. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8
39.	Gen. 18:25; Joel 3:12: Ps 7:11; Ps 96:10, 13	“Judge”	2 Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 5:10 Rom. 14:10; Acts 10:42 Jn. 5:22; Rev. 19:11
40.	Isa. 63:16; 64:8	“(Everlasting) Father”	Jn. 10:30; 14:9; Isa. 9:6
41.	Isa. 7:14; 8:8, 10	“Immanuel” (God with us)	(see #25-29) Mt. 1:23
42.	Ps. 23; 78:52; 80:1	“Shepherd”	Jn. 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4; Rev. 7:17; Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:11

While it is important to “know your enemy” & his tactics, what’s infinitely more important is that you know God through Jesus Christ personally as your savior and Lord & understand what He’s done for us on the cross. Next it’s vital that you understand our, “your” union with (being “in”) Christ & how that gives us power & all we need for a new life-abundant (Jn10:10) fruitful (Jn. 15:1-17; Gal. 5:22-23) & victorious (Rom. 8:31-39; 1Jn. 5:4-5; 2 Cor. 2:14).

B. What He has done through His death, burial, & resurrection

1. Before we can appreciate Christ’s finished work on the cross, it is imperative that we understand why He had to die & why we need it! We need it:

a. Because of our spiritual condition.

- (1) we are all under sin (Rom. 3:9) (also see Ps.14:1-3)
- (2) not one of us are righteous (Rom. 3:10)
- (3) none who understands (Rom. 3:11) darkened understanding (Eph. 4:18)
- (4) none who seeks after God (Rom. 3:11)
- (5) all have turned aside (deserted from God’s way) (Rom.3:12)
- (6) all have become unprofitable, unworthy (Rom. 3:12)
- (7) none who does good (Rom. 3:12) (see Rom. 3:10-18)
- (8) all are guilty before God (Rom. 3:19 ;see Js. 2:10)
- (9) all gone astray & gone their own way (Isa. 53:6)
- (10) all have sinned & fallen short of the glory (perfections) of God (Rom. 3:23)
- (11) desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9)
- (12) dead in our trespasses & sins (Eph. 2:1-4)
- (13) blinded (2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 4:18)
- (14) children of the devil (1Jn. 3:10) father is the devil (Jn. 8:44)
- (15) sons of disobedience (Eph. 2:2; Col. 3:6)
- (16) by nature children of wrath (Eph. 2:3)
- (17) alienated from the life of God (Eph. 4:18)
- (18) futile in mind, ignorant (Eph. 4:18)
- (19) corrupt according to deceitful lusts (Eph. 4:22) The old nature
- (20) separated (as sinners) from a Holy, Perfect, Righteous God (Isa. 59:2; Hab. 3:13)

b. Because we are sinners.

- (1) whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness (1Jn. 3:4)
- (2) all unrighteousness is sin
- (3) whoever is angry with his brother is in danger of judgment (Matt. 5:22)
- (4) whoever has lust for another has committed adultery (Matt. 5: 27-28)
- (5) we’ve “lived out” the works of the flesh (see list in Gal. 5:19-21)
- (6) even “to him that knows to do good & doesn’t do it to Him it is sin”
- (7) “If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves & the truth is not in us (1 Jn. 1:8-10)

c. Because sin comes from our own hearts ...it is within us!!

- (1) Mk. 7:20-23
- (2) Matt. 15:18-20
- (3) Jer. 17:9
- (4) Rom. 5:12-14 – Adam’s sin passed sin & death onto all mankind.
- (5) James 1:13-15

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d. Because all sinners must & will be judged & punished for breaking God's laws since He is Just!

(1) The wrath of God will come upon all who disobey (Col. 3:6)

(2) The soul that sins will die (Ezek. 18:20)

(3) The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)

(4) The unbeliever is condemned already (Jn. 3:18)

(5) All unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8)

(6) "He will by no means clear the guilty" (Num. 14:15)

e. Because we cannot save ourselves through good works or our performance

(1) Eph. 2: 8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

(2) Gal. 2:16) - Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified

(3) Rom. 3:20 - Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

(4) Titus 3:5 – not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(5) Isa. 64:6 "We are all like an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are like *"filthy rags" – our best attempts are unacceptable – like offering God our *used toilet paper"!

2. The fact that God is Holy (Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8) implies that He cannot tolerate sin (Hab. 3:13). He will not allow sin or sinners into His perfect heaven (Rev. 22:14-15). "He will by no means clear the guilty" (Num. 14:18). The fact that God is a Just Judge (Gen. 18:25; Ps. 96:10, 13; Rom. 14:10-12) means that He must punish sin/sinners. Every civilization & culture throughout history has enforced standards & laws by which its society must conduct itself. If anyone, even in our own communities, breaks the law they must be punished. More personally, if someone sins against you you have a sense of justice in that... "They've gotta pay". (ours, unfortunately, degenerates into selfish vengeance). However how much more would a perfect & righteous God require payment? He, in fact, would not be just if he allowed people to get away with _____ (lawlessness, breaking His laws) & let everyone into heaven. On the contrary, His justice requires that somebody has to pay to satisfy what His Holy law demands...the death penalty. (See previous section 1, c) Therefore here's what He did through the cross:

a. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16)

- b. “God demonstrated His love for us, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”(Rom 5:8) Christ died in our place paying our sin debt – what we owe God – “death.”
- c. God poured out the condemnation, judgments & wrath that we deserve, on His own son.
- d. Christ voluntarily laid down His life for us. (Jn. 10:14-18) taking the punishment that we deserve.
- e. Christ was “the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (Jn. 1:29) He was the “Passover lamb” who was sacrificed for us. (1Cor. 5:7)
- f. He bore our sin (Isa. 53:5-6; 1 Pet. 2:24-25) on the cross in His own body.
- g. He became sin for us, who knew no sin, (He was perfect Heb. 4:15) so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” (2Cor. 5:21)
- h. He “imputed” (credited) righteousness to our account (which was bankrupt). (**Imputation**) (Rom. 4:5-6). The great exchange at the cross was that our sin was placed on Him & His righteousness was placed on us, the believing sinner; so that based, not on our own merit, (goodness, works, performance) we are forgiven & given eternal life...heaven as a free gift! (because of His merit)
- i. He has saved us (**Salvation**)
- (1) Past tense ‘have been saved’ from the penalty of sin (Eph. 2:5, 8, 9; 2 Tim. 1:9)
 - from sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11)
 - from self (1 Cor. 6:9-11)
 - from Satan (1Jn. 5:18; Heb. 2:14-15)
 - from God’s wrath (Rom. 5:9)
 - (2) Present tense – being continually saved from the power of sin (**Sanctification**)
 - we are not under the dominion of sin or the law (Rom. 6:14)
 - we are free from the law of sin & death (Rom. 8:2)
 - we are set free from sin (Rom. 6:18; Gal. 5:1)
 - Christ now lives through me by faith (Gal. 2:19-20)
 - (3) Future tense – we will be saved (**Glorification**)
 - from the wrath to come (1 Thes. 1:10)
 - from this corrupted world (Rom. 8:18-23)
 - from the presence of sin – we will be raised incorruptible (1Cor. 15:42-43; 1 Jn. 3:1-3)
- j. He made us alive (**Regeneration**) new birth (Titus 3:5)
- (1) We must be “born again” – meaning born from above (Jn. 3:3)
 - (2) While we were dead in sin He made us alive (Eph. 2:1,4)
 - (3) It is the work of God (The Holy Spirit) imparting new life (eternal life) to the believing sinner...because of the resurrection (1 Pet. 1:3)
 - making us a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal 6:15)
 - making us a child of God (Jn. 1:12; 1 Jn. 3:1-2; 5:1)
 - making us a new man (Eph. 4:24)
- k. He accepts us into His family (**Adoption**) (Gal. 4:4-5)
- (1) Adoption literally means “the placing of a son”this logically follows regeneration in which we have been given a new nature as a child of God.
 - (2) Adoption gives us our position as a child of God (Rom. 8:15-23)
 - (3) We have been predestined to adoption as sons by Christ (Eph. 1:5)
 - (4) God said “I will be a Father to you & you shall be my sons & daughters (2Cor.6:18)
- l. He paid the price (ransom) (**Redemption**) (Rom. 3:24) bought out of (freed) from the slave market of sin
- (1) It is used in the regaining possession of a property (Lev. 25:25)
 - (2) Redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal. 23:13)
 - (3) Accomplished through Christ’s shed blood (Rev. 5:9;Col. 1:14;Heb. 9:12 Eph. 1:7,14)

- (4) We now have forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7; Heb. 10:17-18)
- (5) Redemption – God through the death of Christ, paid as a ransom the price of human sin which the offended holiness & justice of God required. (Heb. 4:10)
- m. He has changed our “status” with God from enemies to friends (**Reconciliation**)
- (1) God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself (2Cor. 5:19)
 - (2) Because of our sin there is offense & animosity in our part toward God (Eph 4:14-16)
 - (3) Friendship with the world is enmity with God (Js. 4:4)
 - (4) Reconciliation is the work of God through the death of Christ by which He provided for the changing of man from the state of rebellion, antagonism & enmity to a state of benefit, fellowship & friendship (Col. 1:20-22; Rom 5:10-11; 1 Cor. 7:11; 2Cor 5:17-21)
- n. He has declared us righteous (**Justification**)
- (1) The law of God makes all law breakers guilty (Rom. 3:9-20)
 - (2) The sentencing is death (Rom. 6:23)
 - (3) It is not to be acquitted, pardoned or paroled (implying one potentially or actually broke the law)
 - (4) Justification is the judicial act of God which, on account of Christ’s death, He declares the believing sinners (now in union with Christ) to be righteous. (Rom. 3:21-26)
 - (5) Having been justified by faith we have peace with God (Rom. 5:1)
 - (6) Having been justified by His blood we shall be saved from wrath. (Rom. 5:9)
 - (7) Having been justified freely now gives us eternal life (Rom. 5:18)
 - (8) Having been justified by grace we become heirs with Christ (Titus 3:7)
- o. He has satisfied (appeased) God through His substitutionary sacrifice (**Propitiation**)
- (1) God’s holy justice demands that we pay for our sins
 - (2) The punishment we deserve is death (Rom. 6:23)
 - (3) God’s wrath is upon all law breakers & must be satisfied (Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; Jn. 3:36)
 - (4) Christ is the only satisfactory payment (1Jn. 2:2; 4:10; Rom. 3:25)
 - (5) Propitiation is the concept that the substitutionary sacrificed death of Christ on the cross has fully satisfied the just demands of a righteous God in respect to judgment on the sinner.
- p. He has completely & totally forgiven us (**Remission**) (Heb. 10:18)
- (1) Remission is practically synonymous with forgiveness – it means “to put away” (Heb. 9:26; Rom. 3:25)
 - (2) “Whoever believes in (Christ) shall have remission of sins” (Acts 10:43)
 - (3) “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Eph. 1:7)
 - (4) “Without the shedding of blood there’s no remission for sins” (Heb. 9:27)
 - (5) “Their sins I will remember no more” (Heb. 10:17-18)
 - (6) “I will forgive their sin...” (Jer. 31:34)
 - (7) God & Christ have forgiven us (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13) so we should forgive others.
 - (8) “If we confess our sins He is faithful & just to forgive...” (1 Jn. 1:9)
 - (9) “I am He who blots out your transgressions” (Isa. 43:25; 44:22)
 - (10) “He will abundantly pardon” (Isa. 55:6-7; Jer. 33:8)
 - (11) “(He) will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:18-19)
 - (12) “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven & whose sins are covered” (Rom. 4:7-8)

NOTE: The more you understand the scope of your salvation (through these terms) the more secure & solid your foundation will be for victory in spiritual warfare. In fact your victory is in direct proportion to your understanding & faith in Christ for salvation, as well as your union with Christ (position in Christ).

II THE POSITION FOR OUR VICTORY – Understanding who we are in Christ

A. Our spiritual need to believe in Christ - The starting point! (How to be “in Christ”)

1. The urgency & seriousness of ones decision
 - a. Now is the day of salvation (2Cor. 6:2; Isa. 49:8)
 - b. There are many other ways that seem right, but lead only to death (Prov. 14:12; 16:25)
 - c. Don't put it off, you don't have a guarantee you'll be here tomorrow (Prov. 27:1) Your life is a “vapor” – too short (Js. 4:14)
 - d. You're in jeopardy of losing you own soul (Mk. 8:36-37)
 - e. “Today if you hear His voice do not harden you heart” (Heb. 3:7-8, 15; 4:7)
 - f. “Seek the Lord while He may be found, call on Him: (Isa. 55:6)
 - g. Those who don't believe are under God's wrath & condemnation (Jn. 3:36)
 - h. Those who reject will die/perish (be eternally separated from God) (Rom. 6:23; Jn. 3:16, 36;5:24)
 - i. No one will escape if they neglect so great a salvation (Heb. 2:3)
 - j. They will be cast into the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:11-15;21:8)

2. Salvation is only found through Christ, His death & resurrection (1Cor.15:1-5)
 - a. There's no other redemption, propitiation, justification, reconciliation . . . provided(Rom. 3:21-26;5:1,10)
 - b. There's no other sacrifice for sins (Heb. 10: 4-18)
 - c. There's no other blood cleansing us from all sin (1Jn 1:7)
 - d. There's no other truth, life or way to heaven (Jn 14:6)
 - e. There's no other mediator between God & man (1Tim. 2:5)
 - f. There's no other name given, by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12)
 - g. There's no other person who's been raised from the dead (Acts 2:31-32 Acts. 4:2; 17-18; Rom. 4:24-25; 6:4-9)

3. God invites all to come to Him (Matt. 11:28-30; Heb. 4:16)
 - a. Come now sinners to “become white as snow: (Isa. 1:18)
 - b. Come to me & you will live (Isa. 55:1-3)
 - c. God is willing for all to come... (2 Pet.3:9)
 - d. “If anyone thirsts (longs) come to Me” (Jn. 7:37-39)
 - e. “Those who come to Me I will by no means cast out” (Jn. 6:35-36,44,65)

4. We must repent – turn from _____ (idols) to serve the true God (1Thes.1:9)
 - a. Christ came to call sinners to repentance (Lk 6:31-32)
 - b. God is not willing that any perish but all come to repentance (2Pet. 3:9)
 - c. “Let the wicked forsake his way” (Isa. 55:7; 2 Cor. 6:17: Prov. 28:13)
 - d. We are to proclaim forgiveness repentance to all (Lk. 24:47)
 - e. “Unless you repent you will likewise perish” (Lk. 13: 3, 5)
 - f. It is commanded (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 26:20;11:18; 20:21)
 - g. People did repent (Acts 11:18; 20:21)
 - h. “The goodness of God leads to repentance” (Rom. 2:4)
 - i. “Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation (2Cor. 7:10)
 - j. God will grant it (Acts 11:18; 2 Tim. 2:25)

5. We must believe in Christ alone for personal salvation – transfer our trust from our “works,” to His work on the cross
 - a. Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn. 3:16-18; 5:24; Acts 16:31)
 - b. Believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved (Rom. 10:9-10) & confess with your mouth (Matt. 10:32)
 - c. God will freely justify the one who has faith in Christ (Rom. 3:26-28;5:1)
 - d. “Faith is counted for righteousness” (Rom. 4:5)
 - e. “By grace you are saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8-9)
6. We must receive Christ as our personal savior (Jn. 1:12) in order to become children of God.
7. We must open up the door (our hearts- our lives) & invite Him in (Rev. 3:20; Eph. 3:17)
8. We must call on the name of the Lord to be saved (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13; Ps. 50:15; 91:15; Jer. 33:3;29:12)

IF YOU HAVE NEVER DONE THESE THINGS – DO IT NOW!!!

B. Our Spiritual Union (Identification) In Christ

(Understanding this is critical to our victory in spiritual warfare)

1. What does Scripture say?

- a. The believer is no longer positionally in the doomed spiritual condition as stated in I B #1a
 - b. The believer is now positionally in Christ (Jn. 14:20; Rom 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17) In chapters 1 & 2 of Eph. we are said to be “in Christ” approximately 17 times!
 - c. Christ is also said to be in the believer (Jn. 14:20; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27)
 - d. The Father & the Son are said to live in the believer (Jn. 14:23; Eph. 3:17; 1 Jn. 4:16)
 - e. The Holy Spirit also indwells us (Rom. 8:9, 11, 16; 1Cor. 6:19; 1 Jn. 4:4)
 - f. Our union is also understood through the concept that we are “partakers” of Christ
 1. “Eating His flesh & drinking His blood” (Jn. 6:53-58)
 2. Made to all drink of one Spirit since being placed into the body (1Cor. 12:13)
 3. Communion of the body & blood of Christ (1Cor. 10:16-18)
 4. They drank of that spiritual rock which was Christ (1Cor. 10:4)
 5. We are partakers of His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:3-4)
 - g. We are said to be one in Christ (Jn. 17:21-23)
 - h. “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him” (1 Cor. 6:17)
 - i. John speaks of this union as “abiding” (Jn. 15:1-17; 1 Jn. 2:6,26;3:6)
2. How is our union with Christ contrasted with being in Adam? (Rom. 5:12-21)
Every person who is born is automatically “in Adam” therefore sin was passed on thereby giving all a sinful nature. Thus we are spiritually separated from God. When a person is born again (regeneration) they are a new creation “in Christ.”

Therefore, by seeing this contrast we will more fully understand our past position and now our present position in Christ.

<u>In Adam</u>	<u>Contrastive Insights</u>	<u>In Christ</u>
(One man, one act, affects all)		(One man, one action affects all)
Old creation	- The relationship-	New Creation
Natural	-1 Cor. 15:45-47	Spiritual
Disobedience (trespass) an offense	- The act- (Rom. 5:12-19)	Obedience, work on cross (an offering)
Sinful rebellion (Gen. 3:6)	-The nature of the act-	Righteous submission (Lk 22:42; Phil. 2:7-11)
The Garden of Eden	-The place of the act-	The cross of Calvary
Self Assertive (pride)	-Motive behind the act-	Self sacrificial (love)
Fallenness (Depravity)) (Deadness, defeated existence)	-The effect of the act-	Restoration (abundant, fruitful, victorious living)
(Condemnation, judgment by Adam's offense (vss.16, 18)	(Rom. 5:15-18)	Grace, forgiveness, justification by Christ's free gift (vss.16-18)
Sin (Sin entered 5:12) All sinned because of inherent sinful nature	- What was imputed? -	Righteousness (Grace gift entered 5:15) all made perfect by faith and given a new nature
Death to all men (5:12-13) reign of death (physical, spiritual, eternal)	(Rom. 5:12-21) (1Cor. 15:21-22)	Life to all believers (5:17); reign of life (abundant life on earth and eternal life in heaven)
Guilt (all are guilty as if they committed the first sin)	-What was declared?-	Innocence (as if they had never sinned)
<u>Condemnation</u> (Immediate judgment pronounced on man)	-Results of the act- (Rom. 5:16-19)	<u>Justification</u> (Immediate righteousness declared upon the believer)

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(Imputed judgment on posterity, all men)	(Rom. 4:1-8, 22-25)	(Imputed righteousness credited to the believer)
(Eternal judgment to all who perish)	(Jn. 3:16-18, 36: 5:24; 6:47)	(Eternal life to all who believe)
Made sinners	-The fruits that come to man- (Rom. 5:19-20)	Made righteous
The law, increasing sin (temporary)	-The source- (Rom. 5:20-21)	Grace abounding (eternal)
Deadness, darkness, Destruction, defeat, Paradise lost	-the Quality of Life & other results-	Blessedness, light, restoration, victory, kingdom recovered (Rom. 14:17)
Sin reigning in death resulting in eternal condemnation, “the curse: (Mal. 4:6)	-The conclusion- (Rom. 5:17, 21; 6:23)	Grace reigning through righteousness to eternal life through Christ, no more curse (Rev. 22:3)
In bondage to the sinful Adamic nature, dead to sin, separated from God? An instrument of unrighteousness to sin? (Rom. 6:13)	-The application- Which are you? What will you be? Which man do you belong to? Which nature controls you?	Saved from sinful nature, born again, alive to righteousness in Christ Separated from sin, for and to God? A weapon of righteousness (Rom. 6:13)

3. What does it mean?

a. Union with Christ means that the believer is joined to Christ in a spiritual union in which:

- (1) We are identified with Christ in all the separate acts of salvation that He accomplished on the cross.
- (2) We have spiritual life (eternal life, the very life of God).
- (3) We have all the powers, privileges, riches of Christ & every spiritual blessing available to us (Eph 1:3-23)
- (4) We have the same status before God that Christ has
- (5) We have the powers of the Holy Spirit for living the new life.
- (6) We are progressively being conformed into the likeness of Christ.
- (7) We are now in the process of sanctification – being “set apart from sin to righteousness (Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Thes. 4:3-4; 2 Thes. 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:21; Heb. 10:14; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18)

b. Union with Christ joins us “together with” Him.

In four different epistles Paul states that the believer was joined with Christ in all the separate experiences that make up his work of salvation for us. To develop this fact Paul uses compound word-forms which all begin with “sun” - a Greek preposition meaning “together-with”. To emphasize the fact of this union we would translate all these forms as “together-with (Christ).”

These compound word-forms are listed in the order of Christ’s experience:

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| (1.) sustauroo | Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20, crucified together-with |
| (2.) sunphuo | Rom. 6:5, planted together-with (his death, resurrection) |
| (3.) sunthapto | Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12, buried together-with |
| (4.) sunmorphidzo | Phil 3:1-21, conformed together-with |
| (5.) sunegeiro | Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:2; 3:1, raised together-with |
| (6.) sudzao | Rom. 6:8, live together-with |
| (7.) sudzooipoieo | Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13, made alive together-with |
| (8.) sunkathidzo | Eph 2:6, sit together-with |
| (9.) sumbibadzo | Col. 2:19, knit together-with |
| (10.) sundesmos | Col. 2:19, a noun meaning “bonds” |

4. What are the practical benefits of our union with Christ?

- a. Christ’s life is the potentially dominant controlling force/power in our everyday living (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3-4)
- b. We are eternally secure in an indissoluble union based on His grace, finished work on the cross (applied to us) & His promises. (Matt. 28:20; Jn. 10:27-30; Rom. 8:28-39; Heb. 13:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:5; Heb. 7:25; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; Jn. 6:27)
- c. We have assurance that we are “in Christ” truly “children of God”. (1 Jn. 5:11-13; Jn. 5:24; 1:12) based on the contrast of our former spiritual condition with our present position in Eph. 2.

<u>Former</u>		<u>Present</u>	
dead in sins	2:1	made alive	2:5
under devil’s power	2:2	raised together	2:6
ruled by lusts	2:3	seated together-with	2:6
children of wrath	2:3	God’s workmanship	2:10
without Christ	2:12	created in Christ	2:10
alienated	2:12	brought near	2:13
strangers to covenants	2:2	access to Father	2:18
without hope	2:12	fellow-citizen	2:19
without God	2:12	members of family	2:19
afar off	2:13	All comes to climax in verse 20	

d. We are free from “ritual” obligations to the law.

- (1) Christ came to fulfill the law (Matt. 5:17)
- (2) He maintained perfect obedience (w/out sin) (Heb. 4:15)
- (3) Christ’s sacrifice made it possible to do what the law could not do, now the righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled in us (by our union with Him). (Rom. 8:3-4)
- (4) Christ is all & in Christ you have all (Col. 2:3-4, 6-7)
- (5) We are complete in Christ (Col. 2:9-10)
- (6) Let no one turn you from Christ (Col. 2:8-10)

- (7) The God-commanded “rituals” have been fulfilled in Christ. (Col. 2:11-14)
- (8) Rituals bring no benefit, carry no obligations for those united w/Christ (Col. 2:16-23)
- (9) We are can now live , being focused on the eternal, enduring things above (Col. 3:1-2)
- (10) We are free to serve God in the newness of the Spirit (Rom. 7:4-6)

e. We have a new spiritual identity (See Bible Encyclopedias & Topical Bibles)

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| (1) Believers (1 Tim. 4:12) | (23) Children of promise (Rom. 9:8) |
| (2) Beloved (Rom. 1:7, Js. 2:5) | (24) Children of the kingdom (Matt.13:38) |
| (3) Blessed... (Matt. 25:34) | (25) Children of light (Eph.5:8;1 Thes 5:5) |
| (4) Brethren (Jn. 20:17; Acts 12:17) | (26) Stewards...(1Pet. 4:10; Tit. 1:7) |
| (5) Children of God (1Jn. 3:10) | (27) Witnesses (Acts. 1-8; 5:32; 26:16) |
| (6) Chosen... (1Pet. 2:9; Acts 9:15) | (28) Faithful Brethren (Col. 1:2) |
| (7) Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28) | (29) Fellow citizens (Eph. 2:19) |
| (8) Disciples (Jn. 8:31; 15:8) | (30) Fellow Heirs (Eph. 3:6) |
| (9) Elect of God (Col. 3:12; Tit. 1:1) | (31) Heirs ... (1Pet. 3:7; Rom. 8:17; Js. 2:5; Gal. 3:29; Heb. 1:14) |
| (10) Epistles of Christ (2Cor. 3:3) | (32) Joint Heirs with Christ (Rom.8:17) |
| (11) Friends... (Js. 2:23; Jn. 15:15) | (33) Lights of the world (Matt. 5:14) |
| (12) Holy... (1Thes. 5:27; 1Pet. 2:9) | (34) Members of Christ (1Cor. 6:15; Eph 5:30) |
| (13) Priesthood (1Pet. 2:9) | (35) Men of God (1Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17) |
| (14) Redeemed (Isa. 51:11) | (36) Peculiar People (Tit. 2:14; 1Pet.2:9) |
| (15) Salt of the Earth (Matt. 5:13) | (37) Kings & Priests (Rev. 1:6) |
| (16) Little children (1Jn. 2:1) | (38) Servants of Righteousness (Rom. 6:18) |
| (17) Sheep (Jn. 10:1-16; 21:16) | (39) Sons of God (Jn. 1:12; Phil. 2:15; 1 Jn. 3:1-2) |
| (18) Servants of Christ (Eph. 6:6) | (40) Ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20) |
| (19) Vessels of honor (2 Tim. 2:21) | (41) Soldiers of Christ (Phil.2:25; 2 Tim.2:3) |
| (20) Vessels of mercy (Rom. 9:23) | |
| (21) Fishers of men (Matt. 4:19) | |
| (22) Workers together with God (2Cor. 6:1) | |

When you contrast this list with what we were called & how we were identified before Christ (See section I. B. 1, a); this list is an exciting evidence of a radical change in our nature & position! It not only reveals who we are now “in Christ”, but it also helps define our very purposes for which God has saved us & left us here on earth to fulfill.

f. We have power over sin! (Rom. 6:1-23) **Sanctification.**

Our position in Christ leads to holiness in our practice.

The teaching of Paul in Rom. 6 is the most important truth that we must have in our understand if we are to be victorious in spiritual warfare. Our “union with Christ” guarantees it! All these previous benefits (of our union) lead ultimately to this one. Read through Rom. 6:1-23! Now! So you can see these points in context.

Paul gives us 3 key words, “know,” “consider” & “present.”
These words help to breakdown the flow of the context more practically regarding the necessary order we need to follow in our lives for victory.

- (1) What do we need to “KNOW”? (6:3, 6, 9)
We no longer need to live in sin (6:2)
We no longer need to let sin reign over us (6:12)
We no longer need to obey its lusts (6:12)
Because:
 - Spirit baptism – a work by which the Holy Spirit places us into Christ & all His work (6:3-8)
 - This (union) “in Christ” status makes the believer to have been:
 - (6:6, 8) crucified together with Christ (Gal 2:20) we died w/Christ
 - (6:4) buried together with Christ
 - (6:5) united together with Christ
 - (6:5) raised together with Christ
 - (6:8) living together with Christ
 - The believer has been taken out of the realm of sin’s domination; “in Christ” sin cannot rule
 - We’ve died to sin & no longer need to live in it (6:2)
 - We should (can) walk in newness of life (6:4)
 - Our old man (sinful nature) was crucified with Christ (6:6)
 - Our body of sin (nature) has been “rendered inoperative”
 - (6:6)deprived of control
 - We are no longer slaves/in bondage to sin (6:6)
 - We are “cleared,” freed from all sin (6:7)
 - We shall now live with Christ because of the resurrection (6:8)
 - Death no longer has dominion over Christ (6:9). Christ conquered death
 - Christ died to sin & He lives to God (6:10). Christ conquered sin
- (2) What we need to “CONSIDER” (6:11) “reckon”- means to “count on” to have absolute, unreserved confidence in what you know is true. Therefore this is a change to embrace by faith that which God has revealed as true... regardless of feelings!
 - We are dead indeed to sin! (6:11)
 - We are alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord! (6:11)
 - We must begin to live as though these things are true... because they are!!!
- (3) What we need to “PRESENT” in obedience (6:13,16,19) meaning “to put yourself at the disposal of God for the sake of righteousness”
 - Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness (6:13)
 - But present yourselves to God, (Rom. 12:1) since you’re no longer dead (to Him) but alive (6:13)

- Now present your members (all of you) as instruments of righteousness to God (6:13)
- Since we are not under law but under grace (6:14-15)
- You will present yourself to someone or something (6:16)
- When you present yourself you become a slave to the one you obey (6:16)
- When you present yourself to sin it brings death (separation)
- When you present yourself to obedience it results in righteousness (6:16,21,23)
- You were slaves to sin (6:17) & you lived like it.
- You have been set free (6:18) start living like it!
- You are now slaves of righteousness (6:18) slaves of God (6:22)
- In the same way you chose to present yourself to uncleanness & lawlessness NOW choose to present (yield) yourself as a slave of righteousness for holiness (6:19)
- Since sin brings only more sin(6:19) bondage, slavery (6:17) shame (6:21) & death (6:21,23) Why do it?
- Pursue, channel all your energies, CHOOSE that which results (or produces fruit) in holiness & everlasting life. Obey God... now that you can!

g. We have: (our union with Christ provides us with):

(1) A new nature – new capacity - new ability (Rom. 6; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10)

(2) A new identity (See section “e”)

(3) A new life (Rom. 6)

(4) A new position (Rom. 6; Eph. 1:4-7)

(5) A new power (Acts 1:8; Eph 3:7, 16, 20; 5:18, Col. 1:11, 29)

(6) A new focus (Heb.12:2)

(7) A new value system (Col. 3:1-2; 2Cor. 4:16-18)

(8) A new hope (1Jn. 3:2-3)

(9) A new unity (Jn. 17:21)

(10) A new joy (Jn. 15:11)

(11) A new peace (Jn. 14:27)

(12) A new master (Rom. 6:14-19)

(13) A new Father (Rom. 8:15)

(14) A new family (1Cor. 12:27)

(15) A new heart (Ezek. 18:31)

(16) A new purpose (2Cor. 5:17-21)

(17) A new motivation (love) (2Cor. 5:14)

(18) A new song (worship) (Ps. 40:3)

(19) A new citizenship (Phil. 3:20)

(20) A new security (Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 1:22)

(21) A new wisdom (Js. 3:17-18)

(22) A new priority (Matt. 6:33)

(23) A new mercy (Lam. 3:22-23)

(24) A new provision (Js. 1:17; Phil. 4:19)

(25) A new “friend” (Jn. 15:14-15)

(26) A new fellowship (1Jn. 1:3)

(27) A new confidence (Phil. 1:6)

(28) A new knowledge (1Jn. 5:20; Jn. 17:3)

- (29) A new commandment (Jn. 13:34-35)
- (30) A new goal (1Cor. 6:20; Jn. 15:8; Eph 1:12)
- (31) A new commitment (Lk. 9:23)
- (32) A new intercessor (Rom. 8:26-27)
- (33) A new “teacher” (Jn. 14:26; 1Jn. 2:27)
- (34) A new source (Jn. 15:1-5)
- (35) A new promise (1Jn. 2:25)
- (36) A new example (1Jn. 2:6; Jn. 13:15)
- (37) A new responsibility (Rom. 7:6)
- (38) A new righteousness (Rom. 4:5-6)
- (39) A new image (Rom. 8:29)
- (40) A new walk (Eph. 2:10; 1 Jn. 2:6)
- (41) A new freedom (Rom. 6:4-12)
- (42) A new standing (Rom. 5:2)
- (43) A new victory (1Jn. 5:4)
- (44) A new future (1Thes. 1:10; 4:13-18)

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ they are a new creation, old things have passed away & all things are (becoming) new” (2 Cor. 5:17)

In light of all these things (as you meditate on them) consider what all God has done for us & provides for us “in Christ”. These things are the basis for our victory over an enemy who’s done nothing for us except try to destroy us! The most simple concluding statement for this study section so far is:

PRACTICE YOUR POSITION!!!

III THE PROMISES FOR OUR VICTORY – Understand What God’s Word says

A. Satan Is Already Defeated by Christ

1. It’s been Predicted (Gen. 3:15)
Christ “will crush Satan’s head” – delivering the final blow (at the cross) while Satan only “bruises His heel”
2. It’s been Portrayed by Christ
 - a. Christ successfully & victoriously overcame all the temptations & attacks that Satan threw at Him (Matt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-13; Matt. 16:23)
 - b. Christ was tempted in everyway as we are & yet without sin (Heb. 4:15)
 - c. Christ’s prayer for Peter even stopped Satan from destroying Peter & his faith (Lk. 22:31-32)
 - d. Christ’s authority during His earthly ministry continually overcame evil spiritual forces (Mk. 1:21-28)
3. It’s been Proclaimed by Christ
 - a. Satan has fallen from heaven (Lk. 10:18) he’s lost out!
 - b. “The ruler of this world will be cast out” (Jn. 12:31)
 - c. “The ruler of this world is (already) judged” (Jn. 16:8-11)
 - d. “I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33)

4. It's been Proclaimed by Paul
 - a. "God... will crush Satan underneath your feet..." (Rom. 16:20)
 - b. Christ' power & authority is far above all principalities & powers (Eph, 1:19-23)
 - c. Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13)
 - d. At the cross Christ disarmed (stripped away) the rulers, principalities & powers of darkness (Satan & his demonic forces) (Col. 2:14-15)
 - e. Christ made an open show of triumphing over them by the work on the cross & His resurrection (Col. 2:14-15)
5. It is Proclaimed in Hebrews
Christ took on a human body in order that, through His death on the cross, "He might destroy him who had the power of death, That is the devil..." (Heb. 2:14-15)
6. It is Proclaimed by John
 - a. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil "(Jn. 3:8)
 - b. "Greater is He that is in you (Christ) than he that is in the world"(1Jn. 4:4)

B. God's Word Promises Us Victory

1. Over Satan
 - a. "The Lord will guard you from the evil one" (2Thes. 3:3)
 - b. "The evil one cannot touch us" (1Jn. 5:18)
 - c. Christ (The Holy Spirit) in us is greater than he that's in the world (1Jn. 4:4)
 - d. The "gates of hell" shall not prevail against the church (us) (Matt. 16:18)
 - e. God will crush Satan underneath our feet (Rom. 16:20)
 - f. Jesus prayed against Satan's attempt to destroy Peter (Lk. 22:31-32)
 - g. You have overcome the wicked one because of being strong in the Word of God (1Jn. 2:13-14)
 - h. the Lord will rescue us from every evil attack (2Tim. 4:18)
2. Over temptation
 - a. Because Christ was victorious over all temptation, He promises to help us in time of need (Heb. 4:14-16)
 - b. The Lord knows how to deliver the godly from temptation (2Pet. 2:9)
 - c. The Lord promises we won't be tempted beyond our ability (1Cor. 10:13)
 - d. The Lord promises a way of escape (1Cor. 10:13)
 - e. The Lord promises that we will be able to endure (1Cor. 10:13)
3. Over the world
 - a. Jesus has overcome the world (Jn. 16:33) that victory is to all "in Christ"
 - b. He will deliver us from this present evil age (Gal. 1:4)
 - c. Those who believe in Christ, are born again will overcome the world by their faith (1Jn. 5:4-5)

4. Over death
 - a. Christ has destroyed him who had the power of death, that is the devil & released those who through fear of death were subject to bondage (Heb. 2:14-15)
 - b. The “sting of death” will not affect those in Christ since He gives us victory over death & hell (1Cor. 15:54-57)
5. Over our sinful nature
 - a. Our body of sin has been rendered inoperative (Rom. 6:6)
 - b. Christ will deliver us from this body of death (Rom. 7:24-25)
6. Over evil
 - a. The Lord will preserve you from all evil (Ps. 121:7)
 - b. Jesus prayed that we would be delivered from evil (Jn. 17:15)
 - c. We are to pray deliver us from evil (Matt. 6:13)
 - d. When Jabez prayed “keep me from evil” ... God granted him what he requested (1Chron. 4:10)
 - e. God will deliver us from every evil work and preserve us for His heavenly kingdom. (2 Tim. 4:18)
7. Over every battle (struggle) we will ever face
 - a. “The battle is the Lords” (1 Sam. 17:47)
 - b. “The battle belongs to the Lord (2Chron. 20:15)
 - c. “Through our God we shall do valiantly” (Ps. 60:12; 18:29-50)
 - d. “No weapon formed against us shall prosper” (Isa. 54:17)
 - e. We are “kept by His power” (1Pet. 1:5)
 - f. Nothing or no one can take us out of His hand (Jn. 10:27-30)
 - g. Christ always “leads us to triumph” (2 Cor. 2:14)
 - h. “If God is for us who can be against us” (Rom. 8:31)
 - i. He has “freely given us all things” (Rom. 8:32)
 - j. No one can separate us from Gods love (Rom. 8:32)
 - k. “We are more than conquerors” through Christ (Rom. 8:37)
 - l. “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38-39)
 - m. “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Christ” (1Cor. 15:57)
 - n. He will strengthen us, He will help us, He will uphold us, therefore we do not need to fear (Isa. 41:10)
 - o. He is able to save us completely in everyway (Heb. 7:25)
 - p. God promises to complete (finish) the work that He has started in us (Phil. 1:6) He’s the author & finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2)
 - q. “He who calls you is faithful who will also do it” (1 Thes. 2:23; Phil. 2:13)
 - r. “He is able to keep us from falling...” (Jude 24-25)
 - s. “You will know the truth & the truth shall set you free” (Jn. 8:32-32)
 - t. Phil. 4:13, 19, 6-9)

This list of verses is just a start. There are hundreds of promises throughout the Word of God that relate to anything & everything you could ever face. You have the responsibility to search the word, find what speaks to your “issues”, meditate on them, pray them into your life & apply them specifically with a plan of action whenever needed!

It is said of Abraham “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief but was strengthened in faith, giving Glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had Promised, He was able to perform” (Rom. 4:20-21).

In 1 Kings 8:56 it says ...”according to all God has promised there’s not one failed word of all His good promises...!

OTHER PROMISES FROM GOD

Deut. 33:27
Ps. 4:8
Ps. 18:2
Ps. 27:1-14
Ps. 31:34
Ps. 40:2
Ps. 46:1
Ps. 68:19
Ps. 91:1-2
Prov. 18:10
1 Jn. 3:22
Rom. 12:21

Isa. 26:3
Isa. 40:29-31
Matt. 6:25-34
Jn. 14:27
Eph. 3:20-21
2 Cor. 1:20
2 Cor. 9:8
2 Cor. 3:5
2 Cor. 12:9-10
2 Pet. 1:3-4

IV THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR OUR VICTORY

Understanding our resources & responsibilities

If we are going to continue to walk in victory & also help others to do so, God's Word gives us many practical applications that we must practice daily.

- A. Review, study & remind yourself of the previous sections of this study (2Pt.1:12-13)
 1. Satan's Strategies Against the Nations, The World, Christians & The Church
 2. The Premise, Position & Promises For Our Victory
- B. Deal with your own mind – control your thought life
 1. Prov. 23:7
 2. Rom. 12:1-2
 3. Eph. 4:23
 4. Phil. 4:8 “change tapes” – replace wrong thoughts with _____
 5. Bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)
- C. Love God and others (Mt. 22:37-40) See other studies on Love
- D. Abide in Christ (Jn. 15:1-17)
- E. Cleanse your life, (heart) with The Word of God (Ps. 119:9-11; Jn. 15:3)
- F. Meditate on The Word of God (Ps. 1; Josh. 1:8-9; 1 Tim. 4:15)
- G. Do not be afraid of Satan, demons, people...
 1. 2 Tim. 1:7
 2. Isa. 41:10
 3. Ps. 27:1
 4. Heb. 13:5-6
 5. Jn. 14:27
 6. 1 Pet. 3:13-14
 7. Isa. 43:1-2
 8. Prov. 1:33
- H. Be sober & vigilant – on the alert
 1. 1 Pet. 5:8-9
 2. Matt. 26:41
 3. 1 Thes. 5:6, 8
 4. 1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7
 5. 2 Tim. 4:5
 6. 1 Cor. 16:3
- I. Solve your problems Biblically, before you go to bed so that you do not give Satan ground (jurisdiction), the rights to get a foothold from which to influence & even control you. Eph. 4:26-27
 1. Resolve problems (see study “Steps to Moving In A Solution-Oriented Direction”)
 2. Reconcile relationships (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 12:18)
 3. Forgive (Col. 3:12-13) don't allow bitterness (Heb. 12:15)
- J. “Make no provision for the flesh” (Rom. 13:14) avoid people, places & things that would lead you into temptation.

K. DO NOT involve yourself in anything occultic such as witchcraft, astrology, divination, drugs, sorcery, magical arts, fortune telling, spiritism (mediums) necromancy...or any & all supernatural or paranormal activities. (See list in “Introductory Thoughts” p. 3)
Observe all these Scriptural warnings:

Gen. 41:1-24	Ps 106:36-37
Gen 44:5, 15	Eccl. 7:14
Ex. 7:6-13 cf 2Tim. 3:8	Isa. 2:6-8
Ex, 7:22	Isa. 3:18-23
Ex. 8:7, 18-19	Isa. 8:19-20
Ex. (9:11-12)!	Isa. 14:9-10
Ex. 20:3-6, 23-24	Isa. 19:3
Ex. 22:18	
Lev. 17:7	Isa. 28:15
Lev. 18:21-30	Isa. 44:24-25
Lev. 20:6, 9, 27	Isa. 47:8-15
Num. 22:7	Jer. 8:1-2 ancestor & nature worship
Num. 24:1	Jer. 10:2-5
Deut. 13:1-10	Jer. 23:33-40
Deut. 17:2-5, 27	Jer. 27:8-15
Deut. 18:9-13	Jer. 29:8-9
Deut. 18:18-22	Ezek. 13:6-10
Deut. 29:29	Ezek. 13:18-20
Deut. 32:16-17	Josh. 13:22
1 Sam. 6:2	Ezek. 21:11-24
1 Sam. 9:8-9	Dan. 1:18-22
1 Sam. 15:23	Dan. 2:1-4
1 Sam. 16:14-23	Dan. 2:20-29
1 Sam. 28:1-25	Dan. 4:1-5:15
2 Sam. 12:22-23	Hos. 4:12
1 Kings 18:27-29	Micah 3:7
2 Kings 9:22	Micah 5:12-15
2 Kings 17:17	Nah. 3:3-5
2 Kings 21:5-16	Zech. 10:2
2 Kings 23:24	Mal. 3:5
1 Chron. 10:13-14	Acts 7:41-43
2 Chron. 33:6	Acts. 8:9-13
Job 1-2	Acts 8:18-24
Gal. 5:19-21	Acts 16:16-18
Eph. 6:10-20	Acts 19:13-20
2 Thes. 2:9-11	1Cor. 10:20
1 Tim. 4:1	1 Cor. 12:1-3
2 Tim. 3:1-15(8)	Rev. 20:10
Rev. 9:20-21	Rev. 21:8
Rev. 12-13	Rev. 22:15
Rev. 16:13-14	Rev. 18:24

L. Destroy & get rid of anything occultic that Satan could use.

1. Acts. 19:13-20
2. Rom. 13:14
3. Eph. 5:11

M. Avoid people that could be used by Satan to cause you to fall (See separate study)

1. Eph. 5:5-7, 11
2. 2 Thes. 3:6
3. 1 Cor. 5: 8-13
4. Rom. 16:17
5. 1 Cor. 15:33
6. 2 Thes. 3:14-15
7. Titus 3:10-11

N. Walk in The Spirit –

1. Be under His influence and control (See separate study)
 - a. Eph. 5:18-20
 - b. Col. 3:16-1
 - c. Gal. 5:16-18
 - d. Gal. 5:25
2. Depend upon His power through continual prayerful acknowledgement
 - a. Zech. 4:6
 - b. Eph. 6:10
 - c. Phil. 4:13
 - d. Because without Him we can do nothing (Jn. 15:4-5)

O. Learn to overcome temptation Biblically (Mt. 6:13) (See separate study)

The time to deal with temptation is not when it is upon you but before hand. We need to prepare a planned response, if we take Spiritual warfare seriously. The Lord knows how to deliver the godly from temptation (2Pet. 2:9) and promises a way of escape (1Cor. 10:13). We must appropriate (obey) the principles He has revealed in Scripture since temptations come from the following 3 sources:

1. The world (1Jn. 2:15-17) This is the temporal invisible and spiritual system of evil dominated by Satan. He uses people, possessions, power, prestige, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life... and all that opposes God & His will to influence and corrupt mankind.

Jn. 16:33

Prov. 1:10-15

Rom 12:1-2

Prov. 4:14-16

2Cor. 6:14—7:1

Prov. 24:1, 19; 23:17; Ps. 73

2Tim. 2:4

Ps. 119:63

2Pet. 1:3-4

Mt. 13:22-23

James 4:4, 6-10

1Jn. 5:4-5

2. The flesh (James 1:13-15) The inward sinful nature motivated by selfish desires deeply longing for security (love) significance, (worth, purpose, recognition) and satisfaction (fulfillment) from anything & anyone other than God.

Lk. 22:28, 40, 42, 46

Gal. 5:16

Mt. 26:41

Ps. 119:9-11

Rom. 6-7

James 4:6-10

Rom. 8:13

I Pet. 2:11

Rom. 12:21

Col. 3:5

Rom. 13:14

2 Tim. 2:22

3. The devil See “Know your Enemy” section) (Jn. 8:44; 1Tim. 5:15; 2Cor. 2:11; 4:4; 1Thess. 3:5; 2Tim. 2:24-26)
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| Mt. 4:1-11 | Js. 4:6-10 |
| Lk. 22:31-32 | 1Pet. 5:5-10 |
| Rom. 16:20 | 1Jn. 2:13-14 |
| Eph. 4:26-27 | 1Jn 3:8 |
| Eph. 6:10-18 | 1Jn. 4:4 |
| Co. 2:13-15 | Heb. 2:14-15 |

P. Resist the devil & he will flee

1. 1 Pet. 5:8-9
2. Js. 4:6
4:7
4:8
4:9
4:10

3. How did Jesus resist the devil? By using scripture directly relating to the temptation in order to refute the attack.(Matt.4:1-11)

Q. Overcome evil by doing good (Rom. 12:21)

1. Eph. 2:10
2. Titus 2:7, 14
3. Titus 3:1, 8, 14

R. Be on the alert against pride (since that’s what Satan knows best) (Isa.14:12-14)

1. 1 Tim. 3:6
2. Prov. 16:18
3. Rom. 12:3
4. 1 Cor. 10:12
5. Gal. 6:3
6. 1 Sam. 2:3
7. Ps 101:5
8. Micah 6:8

S. “Walk by faith not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7)

1. Not your own understanding (speculations, reasonings...which question the absolutes of God’s truth) Prov. 3:5-6
2. Not your own experience or intuition
3. Not your own feelings that go against the truth
4. Not your own heart (Jer. 17:9-10; Prov. 28:26)
5. Not the counsel of the ungodly (Ps. 1:1) which rejects the biblical authority
6. Remember Satan’s 1st tactic in the garden was to get Eve to start questioning God and His word.

T. Build up & strengthen (Rom. 4:20-21) your faith- your victory is in direct proportion to your biblically based faith

1. Rom. 10:17
2. Heb. 11:1-40

U. Test the Spirits (1Jn. 4:1-16) You must be discerning!

1. Do “they” acknowledge Jesus Christ as God come in the flesh?
Incarnation (1-3)
2. Do they overcome the world & sin? Or are they “promoting” it?
Sanctification (4) also see (1Jn. 5:1-5)

3. Do they hear (are they teachable?) & speak (are they teaching?) that which is consistent with the truth of God's Word? (5-6)
Revelation (the whole counsel of God)
4. Do they show God's love? (7-16)
Demonstration (what characterizes their lives?)
5. What gospel are they preaching? (Gal. 1:6-9; 1Cor. 15:1-8)
6. We had better be challenging everything that is being said these days in light of God's word, especially because of the end times warnings of apostasy and the present "emergent church" movement. (2 Thess.2:3; 2Tim. 4:1-5 (Jer. 5:30-31); 1Tim. 4:1-2)

V. "Put on..."

1. The new man created in Christ (Eph. 4:20-32)
2. The armor of light (Rom. 13:12)
3. The armor of righteousness (2Cor. 6:7)
4. CHRIST (Rom. 13:14) everything we need
5. The breastplate of faith & Love (1Thes. 5:8)
6. The helmet of the hope of salvation (1Thes. 5:8)
7. The whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20)
 - a. The belt of truth - Christ is the Truth (Jn. 14:6)
 - b. The breastplate of righteousness-Christ is our righteousness (1Cor. 1:30; 2Cor. 5:21)
 - c. Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Christ is our peace (Eph. 2:14; Jn. 14:27; 16:33)
 - d. The shield of Faith – Christ is our shield (Gen. 15:1; Ps. 33:20)
 - e. The helmet of salvation – Christ is our salvation (Ps. 27:1)
 - f. The sword of the spirit which is the Word of God – Christ is the Word (Jn. 1:1-3, 14)

W. Tear down the strongholds (2Cor. 10:3-5)

"bring down the strongholds in which (men) trust (Prov. 21:22)

1. Identify these fortresses of lies, wrong thinking, beliefs, philosophies... that the enemy has convinced you/them of. Where did they go off track (get derailed)? What all are they in bondage to" (for some ideas see Mk. 7:21-23; Rom. 1:21-32; 1Cor. 5:9-11; 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:17-32; Col. 3:5-17; 2Tim.3:1-9; Js. 4:1-4; 2 Pet. 2:1-22; Rev. 21:8) These things unchecked, unconfessed and unreplaced become strongholds that Satan controls.
2. Correct & replace all wrong thinking & living that goes against the true God & His will, humanistic psychologies, philosophies- any knowledge that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. The WORD OF GOD is the only hope for transforming & renewing ones mind! (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:23; 4:20-32 the "put off-put on" solution). We have the mind of Christ (1Cor.2:16)
3. Test everything by the truth. Who are you going to believe? Man? Your own sinful heart? Or God Himself? (Rom. 3:4). Continually bring every thought captive (2Cor.10:5). Do not let any thought go any further. Evaluate it in light of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and His word. Is this thought pleasing to God? Is it in line with the revealed will of God? If not replace it with the things that are true, just, pure...Phil. 4:8

4. One must learn to trust only in the Lord as their “stronghold” not idols (counterfeits, fakes) (Ps.18:2; 31:2; 46:7, 11, 62:2, 6; 94:22; 144:2)
Also, ultimately HE alone is to be is our only “refuge”- the place we turn to for safety and security, not temporal vices. (Ps. 7:1; 18:2, 30; 46:1; 62:7-8; 71:1, 7; 91:2; 94:22;144:2)

X. Exercise your power & authority (in Christ) Live it out as though it were true... because it is.

1. Jn. 15:4; Phil 4:13
2. 1Jn. 4:4
3. Lk. 10:19
4. Acts 16:18

Y. Learn Spiritual Warfare Prayer

1. Pray without ceasing (1Thes. 5:17)
2. Watch & pray (Matt. 26:41; Mk. 13:33; Lk. 22:40, 46)
3. Pray in the Spirit always (Eph. 6:18) Depending upon His intercession to bring your prayers in line with God’s will (Rom. 8; 26-27)
4. Pray Scripture into your life...Pray

a. Pray:

- that God’s kingdom would come & that His will would be done... (Mt. 6:9-13) in order to replace Satan’s kingdom.
- that God would tear down any/all strongholds (2Cor. 10:3-5).
- that God would rebuke Satan (Jude 9).
- that God would put a hedge of protection around _____ (Job 1:10) Also see Hosea 2.
- that our faith would not fail (Lk. 22:31-32) but be victorious in overcoming the world system. (1Jn. 5:4-5)
- that God would bind Satan (Mk. 3:27) because we can’t
- that God would cancel & take back any /all ground that we’ve given to Satan by our sin (Eph. 4:26-27) and unrepentance. Ask Him to reveal anything that needs to be dealt with and that He would remove any & all unwanted entities & influences. In fact confess and repent as soon as God convicts you of any sin! “Today ff you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts (Heb. 3:7-8, 13, 15)
- that God would keep us from potentially destructive temptations (Lk. 22:40) (Mat. 6-9-13) & deliver us from evil.
- that God would give us wisdom in these matters (Jas. 1:5).
- that Satan would not in any way hinder God’s people from doing God’s work (1Thes. 2:18).

b. Pray that we would:

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| Js. 4:6-10 | 2 Cor. 2:11 |
| 1Pet. 5:6-9 | Eph. 6:10-20 |
| 2Cor. 10:3-5 | Lk. 21:36 |
| Rom. 12:1-2 | Lk. 22:31-36 |
| Rom. 12:21 | Eph. 4:3 |
| Rom. 6:13, 19 | 1Jn. 4:1-6 |
| Rom. 13:12-14 | 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor.13:5 |

5. Pray in Faith (believing) & perseverance
 Js. 1:5-6 Lk. 11:5-10
 Heb. 11:6 Lk. 18:7-8
 Mk. 11:24 Mt. 21:22
6. Pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ
 Jn. 14:13-14 Prov. 18:10
 Jn. 16:23-24 Jn. 15:7, 16
7. Pray by His authority against all demonization
 Acts 5:16 Matt. 28:18-20
 Acts 8:7 Lk. 10:17-20
 Acts 16:18
 Acts 19:19
8. Pray with the understanding of the blood of Christ (not a magical formula – but powerful nevertheless)
 Acts. 20:28 1Pet. 1:18-19(21)
 Eph. 1:7 Rev. 1:5
 Eph. 2:13 Rev. 5:9
 Col. 1:14 Rev. 12:10-11
 Heb. 9:11-15, 22
9. Pray in accordance to His (God's) will
 1Jn.5:14-15
10. Pray for one another (see "4b" above) Have accountability partners
 Eph. 6:18d 1 Sam. 12:23
 Js. 5:16 Heb. 3:13
11. Pray daily for victorious living in the Spirit's power (3 key words)
- a. ADMIT
 - (1) Humble yourself – honestly acknowledge who you are (& what you lack) in light of who God is (Js. 4:6-10; 1Pet. 5:5-11)
 - (2) Confess your sin & repent (1 Jn. 1:7-10; Prov. 28:13)
 - (3) Be honest with God about your weaknesses, struggles, anxieties, doubts, fears, deficiencies... (1Cor. 2:2-5; Jn. 15:5)
 - (4) Now acknowledge the Lord as your Source of all sufficiency (2Cor. 3:4-6a), The True Vine that you must stay connected to (Jn. 15: 1-17). Lord I need to rely upon your _____ (power, promises, presence, peace, provision, protection, purposes, precepts...
 - b. COMMIT (Ps. 37:5; 10:14; Prov. 16:3; 2 Tim. 1:12)
 Give it all over to God
 - (1) Lord, I dedicate my _____ to you (Rom. 12:1-2)
 - (2) Lord I present my _____ as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:13, 16-19)
 - (3) Lord You are sovereign over my _____ (marriage, life, family, time, health, wealth...I relinquish control of my (control, rights, feelings, agenda...) & lay it at your throne. Help me to faithfully fulfill my responsibilities for Your Glory.
 - c. SUBMIT (Lk. 22:42)
 Lord I surrender all...for your will to be done (Js. 4:7) not mine (Lk. 22:42... on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10. I yield control to your spirit, have your own way... I will obey your promptings to live according to your will...

Z. Be a faithful ambassador & witness for Jesus Christ to everyone, everywhere you go!

1. The gospel is the power of God resulting in salvation to those who believe (Rom. 1:16)

2 Cor. 5:17-21

Acts 1:8

Matt. 28:18-20

Mk. 16:15

Lk. 24:46-48

Jn. 20:21

Lk. 10:1-24

Matt. 4:19

2 Tim. 2:2

1 The. 2:2,4

Eph. 6:19-20

1 Pet. 3:15

Rom. 1:16

Rom. 10:9-17

Jn. 4:34-38

Matt. 9:35-38

2. Your testimony of how Christ saved you is a very powerful tool to confirm the validity of Scripture in the lives of real people and is said to also overcome Satan. (Rev. 12:10)

3. The reason that our preaching the gospel & making disciples is our most important purpose in this world is, because Christ's work on the cross & his resurrection are the only guarantee for the defeat of Satan & his demonic forces. (No wonder he's shutting up" the Christians). The proclamation of the cross is the only thing that sets people free. There is no other hope for victory in spiritual warfare...do not be silent anymore! "Declare His glory among the nations & proclaim the Good News of His salvation from day to day." (Ps. 96:2-3)

CONCLUSION: These principles are not a "formula" they are a lifestyle. Obviously much more could be said about all of these & many more appropriate Biblical principles. This is at least a starting point for you to continue to build your thinking from a Biblical foundation in dealing with Spiritual Warfare. Be sure to look up all these verses referenced in this study because you can't go wrong with Scripture, since it is your only weapon. While God will certainly give you further insights into spiritual warfare, DO NOT deviate from these basics. The moment you minimize/cease to apply these A-Z principles, victory will slowly slip away. Be not weary in well doing! (Gal. 6:9; 1Cor. 15:57-58)

"If God be for us , who can be against us!" Rom. 8:31

FURTHER BIBLE STUDIES RECOMMENDED FOR PRACTICALLY APPLYING SCRIPTURE

Thought Life

Biblical Change

Handling Temptation

Tearing Down Strongholds

The Armor of God

Topical Reference Guide

The Balanced Christian Life

Principles of Prayer for Victoriously Living in the Spirit

Preparing a Planned Response

Identifying Spiritual Battles

Steps to Solution-Oriented Direction

Building Your Faith

How to Walk in the Spirit

How to Apply Scripture

Discerning the Extent of Demonization

