

Victory Over Sin Sermon Series
Lesson 5 – Decisive Victory
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“Men may profess to believe the gospel; but unless they are sanctified by the gospel their profession is of no avail. If they do not gain the victory over sin, then sin is gaining the victory over them.” Christ Object Lessons p. 51, Ellen G. White

Who is the sinful flesh naturally against?

Galatians 5:17

17 For the flesh lusteth [desire] **against** the Spirit, and the Spirit **against** the flesh: and these are contrary (opposed,opposite) the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

Lust (Greek) = epithumeō [ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o]

From G1909 and G2372; to **set the heart upon**, that is, **long for** (rightfully or otherwise): - **covet, desire**, would fain, lust (after).

In other words, our sinful flesh’s heart is set against the Spirit of God and the Spirit of God’s heart desires is against the flesh. **The flesh and the Spirit directly oppose each other and can NEVER be united in brotherhood.**

1 Corinthians 2:14

14 But the **natural** (flesh/carnal) man **receiveth not** the **things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are **spiritually discerned (investigated or examined)**.

The natural man or flesh naturally rejects the Truth of God’s Word. The things of the Spirit of God is foolishness or **absurdity** to the flesh. In other words, the Word of Truth is **ridiculous or wildly unreasonable (Google’s English Dictionary)** to the sinful nature of man! The flesh is discomforted by the convictions of the Holy Spirit. The flesh hates reproof from the Spirit of God. This is the condition of all who are unconverted and operate in the flesh including those who profess God with their lips but their heart is far from Him.

God’s Truth can only be spiritually discerned or investigated by those who have been wholly converted in the spirit of God. It is impossible to understand the Word while still operating in the flesh. It is impossible to investigate the TRUTH while still partaking in a LIE. It is impossible to study the Word of truth while being entertained by the devices and attractions of Satan.

What is going through the mind of sinful flesh as it is glued to the distractions of Hollywood, NBA, NFL, etc? Is it on the spiritual things of God? Absolutely not! The flesh is being fed by the food for the flesh and is very pleased. **The flesh is naturally attracted to the pride, rebellion, silliness, and lies of man.**

Why does the flesh hate the law and is naturally disobedient to the Ten Commandments of God?

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

So the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, because God's law is spiritual and spiritual things

are spiritually discerned. The Bible makes it clear, that we are naturally opposed to God.

Romans 8:7-8

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

The flesh is separate from God. It does not have the will, desire, and ability to keep the law of God. The natural, sinful condition of man does not please God. **The flesh only has an appetite to sin against God - Nothing else.**

How do you defeat your sinful flesh and have VICTORY over sin?

1 - Christ had victory over sin so we can have victory

1 Peter 4:1 - 3

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves [weapons of spiritual battle] likewise with the same mind**: for he that hath **suffered in the flesh** hath **ceased from sin**;

2 That he **no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.**

3 For the **time past of *our* life** may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in **lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries**: [Remember these are the works of the flesh]

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through Him** [Jesus] that loved us.

“**More than conquerors**” is a great description of the type of victory. Victory is “nike” in the Greek. **Hupernikaō** (*hoop-er-nik-ah'-o*) is “**More than Conquerors**” with means in to “**gain a decisive victory**” – Strong’s Greek Dictionary

Decisive Victory is war terminology that means to permanently incapacitate and overthrow the enemy in which he is unable to fight his opponent. In other words, it is a total knock out in which the enemy cannot get up and fight again.

1 John 5:4-5

4 For whatsoever is **born [again] of God overcometh** the world: and this is the **victory that overcometh the world**, *even* our faith.

5 Who is he that **overcometh the world**, but he that believeth that **Jesus is the Son of God?**

John 16:33 **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: **but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**.

2 - You must come to Christ in humility and faith with a sincere desire for transformation and allow Him to come into your heart.

Revelation 3:20-21

20 **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Isaiah 57:15

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and **humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the **humble**, and to revive the **heart of the contrite ones**.

Psalms 34:18

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

James 4:6

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

3 - After you come to God in humility, He will give you the spirit of repentance and confession

Mark 1:15

15 And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

Repentance is a spirit of humility with the determination to turn from sin and be converted through Christ Jesus.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:19

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

4 - You are nothing without Christ

John 15:3-5

3 **Now ye are clean(pure) through the word which I have spoken unto you.**

4 **Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**

5 **I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

5 – Crucify the flesh daily with Christ

Galatians 5:24

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Crucified the flesh = utterly destroy its power.

At the cross of Christ we exchange our sins for eternal life through Jesus Christ.

We take up our cross and follow Jesus, crucifying the flesh on a daily basis.

Luke 9:23 If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Galatians 2:20 I am **crucified** with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 6:4 - 6

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified** with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should not serve sin**.

1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

6 - Renew body, mind, and spirit – be a living sacrifice

Romans 12:1 – 2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a **new creature [creation]**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**.

7 - Study God's Word Daily

John 5:39 **Search [Gk: Investigate] the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

Acts 17:11

11 These [Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might **not sin against thee**.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein **day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou

shalt **make thy way prosperous**, and then thou shalt have **good success**.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study [Gk: Be diligent] to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**.

Rightly Dividing [Greek]: G3718, ὀρθοτομέω, orthotomeō [*or-thot-om-eh'-o*]

From a compound of [G3717](#) and the base of [G5114](#); to **make a straight cut**, that is, (figuratively) to **dissect (expound) correctly** (the divine message): - Strong's Greek Dictionary

Thayer's Greek Definition - "To make straight and smooth, to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly."

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Readiness of mind (Greek) prothumia [*proth-oo-mee'-ah*]

Thayer Definition:

- 1) zeal, spirit, eagerness
- 2) inclination

You must have a zeal and eagerness with a ready and willing mind to study and accept the Truth by faith as written in the Holy Bible.

Review: How to defeat your sinful flesh and have victory over sin?

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What are more ways you MUST do in order to defeat your sinful flesh and have VICTORY over sin? -

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