

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Our Authority"

Colossians 2

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Remember our definition - Authority** - *It is the power or right to control command. It is legal power.*
2. **John 12:31**
 - a) *"now will the ruler of this world be cast out"*
3. **John 14:30, 16:11**
4. **Ephesians 2:2**
5. The Good News is we have authority.
 - a) **Hebrews 2:6-9**
6. **Vs 9**
 - a) *"But we see Him" (Jesus)*
7. **Hebrews 12:2**

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS PURCHASE OF AUTHORITY

I. THE MAN JESUS CHRIST

1. **Genesis 3:15** is known as the *"protoevangelium"*
2. **Galatians 4:4** Big Verse

II. THE PAYMENT FOR SIN

1. **VERY IMPORTANT:** In order to **conquer Satan**, Jesus had to **conquer death**, because death is Satan's weapon.
 - a) **Genesis 2:15-17**
 - b) **Ezekiel 18:4**
2. That's what Jesus did!!!
 - a) Jesus entered the realm of death, and beat the devil on his HOME field.

3. *Ephesians 2:1-3*

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** People fear death because death is the last enemy.

5. *1 Corinthians 15:26*

A. IN STEPS JESUS

1. *Colossians 2:13-14* WOW!!!

2. We were dead in our trespasses and sins without hope.

a) Why???? Because we had a record (certification) of all our sins posted against us.

3. *Vs 14*

a) "*record of debt*"

4. *John 19:17-22*

a) **The Jews** wanted Jesus dead because **He claimed to be God**.
(Blasphemy)

b) **The Romans** wanted Him dead because they believed He committed **Treason against Rome**.

c) All Satan wanted was for the "*Seed of the woman, who would crush his head*" to be dead.

5. BUT there was another record of offenses nailed to Jesus Cross.

a) **GOD NAILED THEM THERE!!!**

b) This was the record bearing the name of every person who has ever lived or will ever live.

6. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

7. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When a criminal had finished his sentence and paid his debt to society, his record of offenses was taken off his cell door and stamped with one Greek word "**Tetelesti**" or "**Paid in Full**".

a) This then was given to the former criminal as proof that he paid his debt to society and was now free.

b) AND those charges were gone forever.

8. *John 19:30*

a) "*It is finished*" - "tetelesti" - "Paid in full"

9. Colossians 2:14

a) *"that stood against us"*

B. VICTORY CELEBRATION

1. Jesus death took care of our sin problem.

a) God's wrath against sin has been satisfied.

b) Our debt has been paid.

2. **QUESTION:** But what about our authority.

a) **Authority** - *It is the power or right to control command. It is legal power.*

3. **THIS IS BIG:** Jesus dealt with the question of who is in charge in the universe.

4. **QUESTION:** So what happened between the time of Jesus death and His resurrection?

5. Matthew 28:18

6. **Luke 16:22-26**

a) **"hades"** - was the temporary abode of those who died before the cross.

7. **Ephesians 4:8**

a) **Luke 23:43**

8. 1 Peter 3:18-20

C. PROOF OF PURCHASE

1. **THE RECEIPT** of our Salvation is the Resurrection

2. **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

D. SATAN DISARMED

1. Colossians 2:15

2. **Hebrews 2:14**

III. OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1. When we don't know who we are in Christ, we don't know how to relate to our enemy.
2. **WOW!!!** When we don't know our IDENTITY in Christ we become POWERFUL CHRISTIANS living POWERLESS LIVES.

A. WE ARE COMPLETE

1. Colossians 2:9-10
2. Ephesians 1:20-22
3. Ephesians 2:6
4. Colossians 2:15
 - a) "*triumphant*" - Picture of Roman military returning from Victory with the spoils of war.

B. USING OUR AUTHORITY

1. **REMEMBER** - We cannot beat Satan in our own authority.
 - a) Why? Because we have no authority.
2. **LISTEN UP:** The devil's strategy is to keep you from living in the Power of Christ.
3. **OUR POWER COMES FROM OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD**
 - a) Psalm 119:165