

Faith in the Last Days

*To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelations 3:21)
Christians are victorious in Christ, and they overcome anything Satan puts in their life. We will discuss what we need from God to be victorious in Christ.*

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is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13)

Summary

We are victorious in Christ, filled with God's love, and Heaven is our home. We have overcome the power of Satan's fear because the Lord is with us and we have overcome the world. We live through the indwelling Holy Spirit with love, peace, and joy directly from God, knowing he will give us his strength to endure. *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)*

Through the power of God we are victorious. Be faithful to the Lord.

Victory in Christ

God Fights for Us

For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory. (Deuteronomy 20:4) Victory is defined as standing strong for God through temptations and adversity. We know God will protect our soul from Satan and his demons, because he is always with his people and he fights for us and he gives us this strength and wisdom. We depend on the Lord and we pray for his strength to stand strong and endure.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4) From the world's view it appears the Satan is having victory over God's people; but from God's view, the spiritual view, Christians are living in victory as long as we continue trusting the Lord. The Holy Spirit lives in the believer giving us power over Satan, his demons, and his followers. Satan has no power over our eternal soul.

Spiritual Protection

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. (Matthew 10:28) God protects our souls for eternity, our heavenly home – victory means this world cannot take away our faith and trust in Lord. We continue to walk with the Lord into our heavenly home and God won't let the world stop us. We have overcome the world when we know heaven is our home, and we know this world is not our home.

Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they

will be raised as spiritual bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44) From the Word we become more concerned about our eternal soul than we do about our temporary flesh. This flesh is nothing more than a suit we wear during our short earthly life. When Christ returns we will have a new body, probably much like our present body, except we will be young, never aging, no sickness or pain – perfection forever.

Overcoming Fear

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 118:16) We live in a sinful world where Satan is trying to destroy God's people, and he does this by placing fear in our hearts. The Bible states 365 different times; "do not fear." God does not want his people to live in fear, but to know that he is with us and will never forsake us. ***The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31:8)*** We are to give our fear to the Lord and let the Lord guide us through life through the Holy Spirit, and when he is ready he will bring us home to be with him forever.

Power of God's Love

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27) Love is the foundation of the Christian life. As we worship and obey the Lord he changes our heart to the heart of Jesus, a heart of love. Our first love is God, our family, church family, and even our enemies. The more of God's love we reflect to others the more our heart opens to receive God's love. We give in order to receive.

God gives his people the power through the Spirit to control their thinking, and this is critical because our thoughts program our brain. We have the power to change what is wired in our brains by what we think about. What we think about the most wires the most in our brain, and what we think about the least unwires from our brain. This God given feature of the brain is called neuroplasticity, or renewing of the mind. ***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)***

Whenever negative for sinful thoughts or emotions occur, capture that thought and pray, praise God, thank God, talk to a Christian friend, or do whatever you need to do to change the thought. Don't let the world control your thinking, let God control your thinking.

Live Free in Christ

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10) The Lord promises us life to the full, if we serve him, give him control, give him priority, become ambassadors for Christ, and eternally minded. This sets us free knowing heaven is our home and the Lord will always be with us and give us his strength to endure whatever we have to endure. God's love in our hearts gives us confidence, security, and calms our fears.

The apostle Paul lived life to the full even though he was flogged 5 times, beaten with rods 3 times, stoned, spent many years in prison and was executed during the reign of Nero. Paul was closer to the Lord than he was to the world around him. This verse reveals how close the Lord will be to us when we need his presence. ***I know what it***

represent Christ in everything we do and everything we say. Reading and meditating on the Word, prayer, having fellowship with our Christian family, and walking in the Holy Spirit, all help us to represent Christ.

4. Eternally Minded

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; (Ecclesiastes 3:11) We are created by God to live with him in heaven forever, therefore he created us with eternity in our hearts. God has created us with eternity in our hearts but Satan tries to destroy the thought of eternity in heaven with our Lord. Since we have authority over Satan and his demons through the Holy Spirit, we can train ourselves to be constantly aware that we are eternally destined. The more we are eternally minded and live for our eternal life, the more victorious we can be over Satan and his evil people.

5. Control Your Thoughts

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7) Our thoughts are important because they reflect our heart, and God looks at the heart. *The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.* (Genesis 6:5)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. Satan tries to control our thoughts by our justification and by our emotions. We overcome Satan's attacks by capturing each thought to the obedience of Christ.

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:43-45) We are to love everyone including our enemies, because there is no room in the heart of a Christian for hate. We hate sin, but we never hate people. Direct your hate toward sin from Satan and his demons.

Love is powerful because God is love (1 John 4:8). Mothers have sacrificed their life to save her child, husbands have sacrificed their life for his family, and soldiers have sacrifice their life to save his fellow soldiers – and all Christians should be willing to sacrifice their life for God, who sacrificed his Son for our life. A heart filled with God's love destroys the fear from Satan. *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,* (1 John 4:18) Faith in Christ comes from knowing his perfect love for us and his desire to be with us in heaven.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38)

We reflect God's love to others and we are able to receive more love from God. We must give in order to receive, this is the nature of God, and he designed all creation to give and receive. The more we give the more we receive, and this how God's love and his strength, grows in our heart.

Living a Life Faithful to God

We are saved by faith, we cannot please God without faith, and faith shows our love for God. *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* (Hebrews 11:6) For

by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

The following steps will identify a life living in faith that is pleasing to God. We show our faithfulness to God by trusting him to lead our life through his Word and through the Holy Spirit. Below are steps that lead us to freedom in Christ.

1. God's Servant

Becoming God's servant is the main step in being free in Christ and living in victory. When we live as God's servant we put everything in his hands. We pray, and we leave the answer in God's hands and in his timing. We trust the Lord to walk according to his will, and since we are the servants and he is the master, the results are left in his hands. We stop trying to control things and we give God our best in all we do.

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. Colossians 3:23-24) Give God your best in all you do, pray for his help and guidance and remember the outcome is in his hands. Whatever life brings to us we keep walking according to his will, knowing God is in control. This reduces the stress and fear of trying to control things in life, including people. God changes people, we don't change people. By our words and actions we minister to everyone, showing them Christ, pointing them toward the kingdom.

2. God has Priority

You shall have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3) If we don't give God priority we cannot fully become his servant. If we give

ourselves priority over God, then we have become our own God. If we are not careful in following the Spirit, making Godly wise choices, we can become our own God, and this shows our lack of faithfulness to God. Even though we strive with all our heart to follow Christ through the Spirit, we are not perfect and sometimes we make a wrong choice in thought, word, or action. Remember God's grace, we walk with a repentant heart continually getting close to the Lord. We pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome. We ask for forgiveness with Godly sorrow and a repentant heart, and he remembers our sins no more. *I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. (Isaiah 43:25)*

The following verse is telling us that we are to love the Lord more than anyone including our own life. *If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison--your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26)* The word "hate" is use only for comparison between our love for family to our love for God. When we love God the most, we have more of his love in our hearts to give to others. We give God priority because we know his love for us is perfect, and we walk in his will, living in his love.

3. Ambassador for Christ

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20) It is important to see ourselves as ambassadors for Christ, because it helps us to live for eternity and realize we live a foreign land. It helps us to realize our time here on earth is temporary, and when we finish our divine ambassadorship, we go home where we belong, in heaven with our Lord. Being an ambassador for Christ means that we strive to