

LESSON 24

HOW TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY IN LIFE

Required Bible Reading:

Ephesians 1-3

Luke 10:19

Colossians 1:15-20, 2:15

Matthew 18:18; 28:18

Mark 16:15-18

As Christians, we have spiritual authority in this world. Jesus has already done all He is going to do in this earth. He has delegated to us the authority He had on the earth, to do what He did, when He was on the earth. That is why He will do no more for us, because whatever we would ask of Him, we can do, through the authority He has given us.

The Word of God is full of “In Him,” scriptures that tell us who we are spiritually in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 2:7** says, “*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.*” This means we are supposed to think the same way that Christ did, because we have the same authority Christ does. He delegated it to us. He is in us and we are in Him. It is a good idea to go through the Bible and find all the “in Him” or “in Christ” scriptures. It is your spiritual authority and your spiritual inheritance. There is no reason to be sick. In Him we are healed, because of the stripes He took. However, this is not just about healing.

We must realize that when Christ died at Calvary, He did not die for our sins or our healing alone. There was so much more involved when Christ died and rose again. He paid for our healing, our prosperity, our sins, and our spiritual authority. It is all wrapped up in the word *salvation*.

When you were born again, you traded your old life for a new one. God actually moved you from one Kingdom, or we could say, from one family to another—from the kingdom or family of darkness, to the Kingdom or the family of God. At the moment you traded families, you traded fathers. Instead of having Satan as your father, you now have God as your father.

And like a good father, God has given us a spiritual inheritance. **Ephesians 1:11** states, “*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance.*” He gave us the family name—the name of Jesus! And in that name, is where our authority is. **Ephesians 2:4-6** says, “*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*” Look where we are seated. We are seated in heavenly places!

Spiritually, we are seated in the highest place possible, in Heavenly places with Christ Jesus, far above all principalities, all powers, and all dominion. You can’t get any higher. That’s as high as you can get. And that’s where our authority comes from.

We are the body, and Christ is the head. We have the same authority that He does. You don't say, for example, "Here comes Steve, and look, here comes Steve's head too." No! There's no distinguishing between the two. From Christ, the head, we get our authority, and through the body, we exercise that authority.

Authority is always measured by the power behind it. For example, when traffic lights go out in big cities, a traffic cop goes out to direct the traffic. They have their white gloves on, directing who can go when and where and people obey them. Now, there's no difference between me and that traffic cop besides the authority that we have. I have no authority to go out there and do that, no one is backing me up. On the other hand, that police officer has all the power of the United States government behind them. They have someone backing them. We have someone backing us too and He is greater than the United States government. He's greater than Satan and all the powers of hell combined. He is the greater one and He lives in you!

God has given us the authority to determine how to live. He has already provided for us. It's not just one area of life He took care of, but every area of our life where we will ever have a need. **2 Peter 1:2-3** says, "*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.***"

He has already provided everything that we will ever need in this life (His authority) and godliness (His righteousness). You may wonder, "How do I live a victorious life?" First, you must **know** and **understand** your authority in Him. Second, you must **walk** in that authority. You must know the will of God and the Word of God for your situation. Why is this necessary? Because, you can't pray any other way than by the Word of God and expect to get results. You won't. The Word of God is God's will and we can only expect results when we pray God's will.

Know the Word, know your authority, stand in faith, and receive.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

When faced with problems of lack, sickness or thoughts of being separated from God, begin to confess that these things are a curse of the law. Say, I am redeemed from the curse of the law through Jesus Christ and the authority He has given to me.

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL 24 LESSONS !

