



Rooted in Scripture - Pointing to Jesus

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Victory and Spiritual Authority

Living Under the Reign of the Risen Christ

The Short Answer

Jesus has defeated sin, death, and the powers of darkness through His cross and resurrection. Believers share in His victory by trusting, obeying, praying, resisting evil, and remaining humble under His authority.

Matthew 28:18-20 • Luke 10:17-20 • Colossians 2:13-15 • James 4:7-8 • Revelation 12:10-11

Opening Memory Anchor

Christ's authority is absolute; believers stand in His victory with humility, not hype or self-exaltation.



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1. Jesus Has All Authority

After His resurrection Jesus declares that all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Him. Christian confidence begins with who Jesus is, not with a believer's personality or forcefulness.

Read the related passages in context, and ask what they reveal about God, people, Jesus, and faithful response.



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2. Victory at the Cross

Colossians says that Christ disarmed rulers and authorities through His cross. His victory addresses sin's guilt, death's power, and the enemy's accusation.

Christians fight from His victory, not for a victory He has not yet won.

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3. Resist, Do Not Pretend

James calls believers to submit to God and resist the devil. Resistance includes repentance, truth, prayer, obedience, and refusing temptation.

It is not a license for dramatic claims, fear-driven behavior, or blaming every hardship on a specific demon.

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4. Authority Is for Service

Jesus' authority forms humble servants. He warns His followers not to rejoice merely in power but in belonging to God (Luke 10:20).

Any use of Christian language to control, intimidate, exploit, or silence people contradicts Christ's character.

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5. Test Spiritual Claims

Scripture is the final authority for claims about spiritual warfare, guidance, deliverance, and power. Christians should test teaching carefully and avoid certainty where Scripture is not clear.

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6. Freedom and Responsibility

Christ frees believers from condemnation, but freedom is not permission to continue in sin. Growth involves confession, wise boundaries, community, and practical steps of obedience.

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Want to Go Deeper? Already and Not Yet

Jesus reigns now, yet the final removal of evil awaits His return. Christians experience real help and victory while still groaning in a fallen world.

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8. Stand Firm

Put on God's armor, pray, stay in Scripture, participate in the church, and seek wise care when struggling. The ordinary means of grace are not weak; they are God's provision.

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9. Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your victory. Keep me humble, truthful, watchful, and steadfast. Help me submit to You, resist evil, and serve others in Your love. Amen.

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