

How to Walk in Victory

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I. Introduction.

- A. Victory denotes battle. (Matthew 12:25)
- B. God is trying to do something through us as a demonstration for the ages. (Ephesians 2:7)
- C. The battle is in our hearts.
- D. Victory only comes through Christ. (1 John 1:5)

II. The plan of salvation. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- A. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- B. Jesus died for the penalty of sin. (Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 1:8)
- C. Jesus was raised for victory over the power of sin. (Romans 5:10)
 - 1. We can 'lose our salvation' in this regard even though we keep our seat in heaven.
 - 2. We are to walk with God daily. (Luke 9:23, 2 Corinthians 7:10)
 - 3. The first years of a new believers' life are precarious. (Psalm 56:13)
- D. Jesus will return to save us from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5, 1 Peter 5:8, Hebrews 10:35-36, 10:39, 9:38)
 - 1. We are called to be Christ's image. (Romans 8:28)
 - 2. Our calling is wherever we are at.

III. What are we doing to cause loss of victory?

- A. We may not be keeping God's commandments. (John 16:33, 14:21)
- B. We may be waiting impatiently for God's provision in an area.
- C. We may be living in known sin or in ignorance. (1 John 1:9, Matthew 5:45)
- D. Get anything that God lays on your heart squared away.
- E. It is better to live a clean life than to try to fix a dirty one.
- F. Live by the facts and do what He wants you to do.

Application questions

1. What are the three aspects of salvation?

2. How can it be said that we can lose our salvation without losing our security in Christ's final plan in us? Explain.

3. Which of the things causing loss of victory stood out to you? What might you do differently to guard yourselves from any of these areas?
