

A THREEFOLD VICTORY

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There is constant warfare between a Christian's flesh and his spirit. Yet, a "**threefold victory**" is within our grasp.

Victory over sin. "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! {Romans 6:14,15} The gospel is God's power to save {Romans 1:16}. It can help free us from bondage to sin if we choose to be released, {Romans 6:16-18}.

Victory over Satan. "I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one." {1 John 2:13,14} Satan has no answer for truth. At every turn, our Lord defeated him with the word. So can we! {Matthew 4:1-11}

Victory over the world. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" {1 John 5:4,5} Faith is the key to victory over the world. Without faith, it is impossible for God's children to please Him {Hebrews 11:6}. We cannot fully understand this unless we define the type of faith being discussed. Bible faith is obedient faith. When God's children hear and follow His instructions, they exhibit the type of faith that helps to defeat the world. Carefully read Hebrews 11, and you will see that true faith motivates us to act. God's word gives us the instructions necessary to defeat the world. However, it is of little value if we don't use it properly.

God's children lived in a world of sin and darkness. Most of the world has rejected His truth, mercy, and grace that He sent to free them from the burdens of sin. God sent the Son, His Son died on the cross, and the Holy Spirit revealed the plan of salvation giving all the opportunity of salvation. Next move is man's. Have you experienced this "**threefold victory**"****