

Introduction: Jesus' Victory and Our Ongoing Role

Jesus defeated **Satan, sin, and death**, but the **church is called to apply that victory** (Matthew 24). Misunderstanding the "already but not yet" nature of this victory leads to confusion about the presence of evil in the world. The goal: Understand **what Jesus has done** and **what we must still do**.

Point 1: God's Original Design and the Fall

- **Genesis 1-3, Psalm 8:** Humanity was created to have dominion and extend God's order over the earth.
- **The Fall introduced Satan, sin, and death** into the picture through deception and disobedience.
 - Satan lied and undermined God's goodness.
 - Sin entered through human choice to disobey God.
 - Death followed as the natural and spiritual consequence.

Point 2: Jesus' Victory Over Sin

- **Hebrews 2:** Jesus became human to defeat sin, Satan, and death.
- **Mark 1:21, Matthew 1:21:** Jesus came to save us from sin, not just forgive it.
- **What He did:**
 - **Jesus lived a sinless life**—a model for overcoming temptation (Hebrews 4:15).
 - **He forgave sin** and inspired righteousness in others (e.g., John 8 – the woman caught in adultery).
 - **He linked forgiveness with healing**, showing the integrated nature of sin, sickness, and spiritual brokenness (Mark 2:9–11).

Point 3: The Three Aspects of Sin Jesus Defeated

- **Penalty of Sin**
 - Jesus bore our griefs and punishment (Isaiah 53:4–5).
 - **Romans 4:5–8:** Righteousness is credited through faith, not works.
 - Jesus became our substitute—He paid the full price once and for all (Hebrews 10:14).
- **Power of Sin**
 - Sin enslaves through guilt, separation from God, trained behavior (the flesh), and demonic influence.
 - **Romans 6:1–6:** Believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection; our "old self" is crucified. The power of sin is destroyed - Rom 6:6
 - **Four powers broken:**
 1. **Guilt** – Removed through forgiveness.
 2. **Separation from God** – Restored relationship through the Spirit.
 3. **Flesh (habitual sin)** – Crucified with Christ.
 4. **Devil's power** – Defeated; his only tool now is deception.
- **Presence of Sin**
 - Though the power and penalty are broken, the presence of sin remains in our mortal bodies.
 - **Romans 6:11–13, Romans 8:1–6:**
 - We must "reckon ourselves dead to sin."

- We are to set our minds on the Spirit, not the flesh.
- Sin remains in the world, but we are not its slaves.

Point 4: Living in Ongoing Victory

- We are in a “**now and not yet**” **tension**—the battle is won, but the enemy still resists.
- **1 John 1:8–9; 3:6–9**: Ongoing tension between our spiritual nature and earthly bodies. Sin remains with us BUT we must be becoming more and more like Jesus in righteous behaviour..
- Victory involves daily participation:
 - Believing the truth about Christ’s work.
 - Resisting the devil through Scripture and faith (James 4:7).
 - Walking in the Spirit and choosing righteousness.

Conclusion & Life Applications

- **Acknowledge the reality**: We still see evil, sin, and death, but Jesus has rendered them powerless.
- **Rest in His complete forgiveness** - there is now no condemnation (Rom 8:1)
- **Jesus has done the work**, but we must walk it out:
 - **Resist the devil**: Recognize and reject lies.
 - **Reckon yourself dead to sin**: Set your mind on things of the Spirit.
 - **Walk in victory**: You are forgiven, empowered, and secure in Christ.

Scriptures Quoted in this talk:

Mat 24:14 NKJV - "14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Rev 20:10, 14 NKJV - "10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ... 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

Gen 1:26, 28 NKJV - "26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ... 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.""

Psa 8:4-6 NKJV - "4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,"

Mat 28:18-20 NKJV - "18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Gen 2:16-17 NKJV - "16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.""

Gen 3:1-5 NKJV - "1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.""

Heb 2:9 NKJV - "9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."

Mat 1:21 NKJV - "21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.""

Jhn 8:1-12 - the woman caught in adultery

Jhn 8:11 NKJV - "11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.""

Mat 9:2, 5-6 NKJV - "2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven

you." 5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.""

Exo 20 - the 10 commandments

Rom 3:19 NKJV - "19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God."

Gal 3:19, 23-24 NKJV - "19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. ... 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

Isa 53:4-5 NKJV - "4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Rom 4:5-8 NASB95 - "5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. 8 "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.""

Rom 5:1-2 NKJV - "1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Heb 7:27, 9:12, 25-28, 10:10 NKJV - "27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."

Heb 9:12, 25-28 - "12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ... 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another-- 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

Heb 10:10 - "10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Rom 6:1-3, 5-6 NKJV - "1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ... 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in

the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, **that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**"

Rom 6:11-13 NKJV - "11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

Rom 8:2, 5-6 NKJV - "2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ... 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

1Jo 1:8 NKJV - "8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

1Jo 1:9 NKJV - "9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1Jo 5:18 NIV - "18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them."