

Introduction: Living in the Tension of “Already” and “Not Yet”

Jesus has defeated **sin, Satan, and death** (Colossians 2:15), yet we still struggle with them daily. Two biblical truths:

- **Truth 1:** Jesus rendered these enemies powerless (Hebrews 2:14; Rom 6:6, 2 Tim 1:10).
- **Truth 2:** Full destruction only happens at the end (Revelation 20:10-15).

We must live in the middle, relying on God's power while facing daily battles - putting these things “Underfoot”.

Point 1: Victory Over Death – But Sickness Still Exists

- **Jesus healed everyone who asked** – healing reflects God's will (Matthew 8:16–17; Hebrews 1:1-3) BUT **Paul and others still experienced illness** (Galatians 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:20).
- We live in a fallen world; full physical healing only happens at the end of time, but we still **pray in complete faith** and expectancy and can experience it now (Mark 11:23). **Faith is in God's Word**, not in circumstances or feelings.

Point 2: Sin Has Been Defeated – But Not Eradicated

- We are forgiven, but **not sinless**. We are being sanctified (1 John 1:8–9; Hebrews 10:14).
- A Christian life must show **ongoing transformation** (1 John 3:6–9).

Point 3: The Devil Is Defeated – But Still Active

The Five main strategies of the enemy:

1. **Fear and intimidation** (1 Peter 5:8).
2. **Mental and emotional “fiery darts”** (Ephesians 6:16; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5).
3. **Temptation and prolonged sin** (Ephesians 4:26–27).
4. **Unforgiveness** opens a door (2 Corinthians 2:10–11; Matthew 18).
5. **Occult practices and intoxication** (Galatians 5:20 – *pharmakeia*).

We must **resist with truth, faith, and confession** (James 4:7, 1 John 1:9).

Conclusion & Life Applications

1. In Christ, we are “**perfect forever**” BUT “**being made holy**” (Hebrews 10:14).
2. **Keep fighting** against sickness, sin, and the devil—not in your strength but by faith and grace.
3. Confess sin quickly, resist the devil, forgive freely, reject fear, and stand on God's Word. The final victory is assured, but the battle continues.

Questions

1. What helps you most when you're tempted to sin or feel spiritually weak?
2. How can we stay strong in faith when we don't see instant victory over deliverance?
3. Which of the devil's strategies (fear, lies, temptation, unforgiveness, or occult) do you think Christians most underestimate today, and why?
4. How can we tell the difference between God's truth and the lies the devil tries to tell us?