

*A Walk That
Defeats the Enemy*

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INTRODUCTION

After iniquity was found in his heart and he was cast out of heaven (Luke 10:18), Satan became the prince of the power of the air. This meant that he was above us as the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), invisible and inaudible but supernatural as an angelic creature. Therefore, Satan has a tremendous advantage over man.

To the Pharisees who accused Jesus of being an illegitimate child, the Lord said, "You are of your father the devil, and his lust you do." He was saying, "You are murderers from the very beginning. You do not abide in truth, neither is there any truth in you. When you speak a lie, you speak of your own, because you are of the father of all lies."

There isn't one ounce of truth in Satan. In any moment that we walk in the flesh, there is no truth in us. It may appear to be truth, it may seem like truth on the surface, but it is not truth.

If we do not abide in truth, there is no truth in us. This is why we have so many problems in the world today. This is also why Christians do lustful things—and lust is anything outside of the will of God.

Though our weaknesses and failure can seem overwhelming at times, they can be overcome through Christ. This booklet will detail Satan's defeat and how we can overcome the devil's emotional attacks as we learn to see that every place the sole of our foot shall touch is ours (Joshua 1:3).

Chapter One
THE SERPENT EATS DUST

“And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:13-15).

Before the woman fell in the garden, her name was “*Ishshah*,” which means created in beauty. After the fall, her name became “Eve,” which means more than “mother of all living.” It means “a brand-new person living.” She became that because God killed an animal. Blood

was shed as God took the skins of an animal and clothed her nakedness, along with Adam's (Genesis 3:21), representing what Christ would do on the Cross for us.

God then addressed Satan and called him "the serpent." In Genesis 3:1 and 3:14 and 2 Corinthians 11:3, he is called "the serpent." In Revelation 12:9, he is called "that old serpent." Why? Because he is filled with poison.

In the Word of God, Satan is compared to both the cobra and the viper. The cobra's poison is a neurotoxin, which affects the central nervous system.* Spiritually, it speaks of Satan's attack on the emotions. The viper's bite carries a hemotoxin, which goes into the bloodstream and refers to the lifestyle that involves letting down standards and being deceitful. It is illustrated by the married man who secretly hangs out in barrooms until late at night.

As the cobra (affecting emotions) and as the viper (influencing lifestyles), Satan is a crafty, cunning serpent.

The Belly of Satanic Emotions

"And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the

field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life” (Genesis 3:14).

It is very interesting that in Genesis 3:14, God uses the word “belly,” and it means belly; but in spiritual terms, “belly” is used as a metonym, a way of describing that for which there are no specific words. For example, there was no Hebrew word for “emotions,” so the Bible translators used “belly” and “reins” (kidneys). In the physical process of digestion, we eliminate what we receive into our bodies. What comes out of our emotions is only a result of what we have received.

According to Ezekiel 28:15, iniquity was found in Lucifer’s heart. Iniquity is emotional rebellion against God. So what did God do with Lucifer? He said, “I curse you, and you will crawl with your emotions.”

Lucifer was to crawl in the dust. In the New Testament, the Greek word *bathos* (“depth” in Romans 8:39) speaks of the dust. Regarding mankind, it speaks of living in Adam’s lower nature, which has its roots in the kingdom of darkness. For Satan, it means his entire life will be experienced in his emotions. That is what Satan passed on to Eve. By nature, the woman responds to what she receives. Satan fell into

emotional rebellion (iniquity), which Eve received from him at the Tree of Knowledge (Genesis 3). Adam followed in a vain attempt to cover her; and as a result of original sin, we were all born with an old sin nature.

“My reins shall rejoice when thy lips speak right things” (Proverbs 23:16). “Reins” speak of emotions because they simply respond to what is taken in. Emotions cannot think. The word “belly,” as with the word “reins” in the Bible refers to something that receives what we take in. What comes out of our kidneys or with our bellies is a result of what we take in. Therefore, our emotions are very happy when we speak properly, when our confession is faith (Romans 10:6).

Satan’s emotions replaced his thinking when he found out that hell would be prepared for fallen angels (Matthew 25:41) and that they would have no opportunity for salvation. God foreknew that they would choose to live in rebellion forever, and that is why salvation was not available to them.

Satan, as Lucifer, received tremendous knowledge in his position in heaven. Besides being the worship leader of all the angels, he also taught them doctrine. In Revelation 4:6,

when the Bible describes angels as being “full of eyes,” it means that they are full of spiritual perception with the Word of God; so Lucifer was a tremendous teacher.

Yet, when he was permitted to attend a meeting of the determinate counsel of the Trinity (Acts 2:23), he became indignant at what was said. By an eternal decree from the throne of God, Lucifer heard that fallen angels would be sentenced to hell. At that moment, he stopped thinking with God and began thinking with his emotions. That is iniquity (Ezekiel 28:15). Though he was the most brilliant of all the angels, Lucifer fell into emotional rebellion, and iniquity took the place of doctrinal thinking.

Activated Lust Patterns

That is exactly what emotional people do when they do not respond to God’s love, God’s nature, and God’s truth. They stop thinking, and their emotions are aroused by one of six different lust patterns—approbation lust, power lust, monetary lust, sensual lust, pride, and preoccupation with the details of life. These lust patterns develop and manifest themselves in an individual’s relationship with people and circumstances.

Now, get this picture: Satan is in the garden, cursed. He cannot think properly. So what does he do? He functions in supernatural emotions and transfers them to Eve. He couldn't get at Adam, because Adam was the thinker as well as the head. So he went after Eve. Eve quickly took care of Satan's desire to get at Adam. She was very beautiful, and Adam didn't want to live without her.

This is the iniquity of Satan. Each of us was conceived in sin and formed in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). So often, that is why precious babies cry when they have no urgent needs. They use their emotions and learn to manipulate ours with their tears. Later, they go astray, telling lies as soon as they are able (Psalm 58:3).

Satan's entire program—in political and social arenas, and in every area of marriage and family—is to cause people to function without objective thinking through worldly living. For example, think of all the commercials on television. Their purpose is to affect the emotions, not the thought life. And we are continually bombarded with this kind of stimulation daily.

In our emotions, we get angry, start missing church, and begin to represent Satan's kingdom. We know what the Word of God says, but we

don't care because we have iniquity—rebellion against the Word of God. We exalt self, honoring self-consciousness at the Tree of Knowledge instead of God-consciousness through the light of the Word.

**For more about this analogy, read Table of Grace, by Pastor Carl H. Stevens, Grace Publications, 1998.*

Chapter Two

SEEING SATAN IN HIS PROPER PLACE

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy [Spirit] teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, be-

cause they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:10-14).

“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way” (Psalm 25:9).

“My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad” (Psalm 34:2).

Walking on Satan's Head

Here is a beautiful secret of the Spirit-taught Christian: Every place the sole of your foot shall touch shall be yours (see Joshua 1:3).

“And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen” (Romans 16:20). This passage is telling us that Satan will be crushed not only by God's feet—he will be crushed by *our* feet.

All of Satan's kingdom is emotional. There is nothing wrong with emotions as long as they respond to truth. In Joshua 1, Canaan typifies the head of the enemy, and the promise is that *every* place your feet shall touch will be yours. Why? Because we are stepping on a defeated foe.

Yet, how are we to take advantage of Satan's defeat? Second Corinthians 5:7 says this: We are to walk by faith. As we walk, who is under our

feet? Satan. Every step that we take manifests Satan's defeat in his emotions, causing the world to enter into emotional rebellion. For this reason, people need to use drugs for their emotions, liquor for their emotions, promiscuity for their emotions. Maybe your problem isn't in any of those areas. It may be just negative emotions.

Every place you walk by faith is yours. Your walk of faith pleases God, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Every place you step upon becomes yours.

So, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Galatians 5:16a says, "Walk in the Spirit." What are we to do? Walk. Go forward. Take advantage of Satan's defeat and frustrate him, as we are just sinners saved by grace. And when we walk in the Spirit, we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16b).

Overcoming Iniquity

"Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me" (Psalm 119:133).

Iniquity is the emotions of Lucifer influencing the emotions of the woman. Eve was deceived because she responded to Satan instead

of thinking with God. The serpent didn't tackle Adam; he deceived Eve, and Adam willfully sinned so he could be one with her.

The Word of God will guide our steps into victory over the emotional rebellion of Satan. Each step we take tells Satan, "You are defeated! Jesus Christ made a show of you openly in His Ascension and His Session when He took His place on the throne in heaven. He embarrassed you as your demons tried to stop Him from going up." (See Colossians 2:15.)

So now, all that God's people need is to be Spirit-taught. It is the Spirit that quickens us, for "the flesh profiteth nothing," His words are spirit and life (John 6:63).

Satan is the father of all lies (John 8:44), and he doesn't want you to know that you can defeat him in any area you desire. All you need is to see that you have crushed him—YOU did it! That will take care of his lies.

Yes, God finished the work. God is in you, and greater is He who is in you than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). Take another step with God in a problem area, over a detail of life, and he is crushed again. All of hell comes against you, but the gates of hell cannot prevail (Matthew 16:18). You take another step, and then he

says to his forces, “Let’s get out of here! I am helpless because that one is walking by faith and in the Spirit.” And there is something else: You are walking in the love of God (Ephesians 5:2).

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you” (Romans 8:11).

When we walk in the Spirit, the same Spirit that quickens us spiritually is the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. The only way Satan can triumph over us is by lying to our emotions to keep us from thinking with Christ’s mind.

For this reason, Philippians 2:5 says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” We have the mind of Christ through the Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Chapter Three

WALKING, NOT WRESTLING

“And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

“That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap....And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan” (Joshua 3:15-17).

In this passage, notice that the priests had to put their feet in the water *while* there was a flood going on! Furthermore, they had to stand there until every Israelite had “passed clean over” the Jordan into Canaan. It happened because of their walk. The priests stepped on the head of the devil and crushed his rebellion, which could

infect their emotions. Rebellious emotions rob Christians of godly thinking, causing us to enter into cycles of wrong feelings. Our feelings could all be in the flesh if they are not derived from the Word of God.

“Thou madest [man] to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:6).

This is a great verse with a brand-new correlation: The Father gave all things to the Son, who is the head of the Church, and put all things under His feet. Who has His feet? The Body of Christ. Where is everything today? Everything is under our feet. So with every step we take with God, we crush Satan’s purpose, frustrate his plan, and embarrass a supernatural being. So what does Satan do? He flees. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

We resist Satan by walking with God, not by wrestling against the flesh. God gives more grace to the humble, but He goes to war against the proud. James 4:10 says, “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” “Humbling” ourselves means we submit to a spiritual walk that goes forward by the Word, by the Spirit, and by faith, in love. We serve one an-

other with a faith that serves by love. We walk—we do not stand still.

Fear Not, Go Forward

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever.

“The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward” (Exodus 14:13-15).

God said to Israel, “Don’t worry about the Red Sea—stand still, and I will fight for you.” The battle is God’s, and He will fight for us. He tells us to move forward by walking. Oh, I will tell you this: Satan does *not* like this message.

What did Satan do to Jesus? His kingdom pierced Jesus’ hands and His feet (Psalm 22:16). The devil went after the Lord’s feet because he did not want Jesus (who, at that time, was both God and man) to win the victory by crushing him and dealing with the devil’s emotions once and for all.

If we could really grasp this truth, we would

be revolutionized and renewed in our minds. Ephesians 4:23 exhorts us to “be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”

Light for Our Feet

When the Word of God is given entrance, it brings light and understanding to those who do not have proper doctrine. Then, God will not allow our feet to be moved (Psalm 66:9). He will keep our feet from being moved as we continue walking in faith, in the Spirit, in love, and in wisdom (Colossians 4:5).

Walking in wisdom means we apply what we know to crush Satan’s attack against us. Instead of receiving counsel from the natural mind, which profits us nothing, we can have strategic understanding and tactical know-how through the Word and through being Spirit-taught.

Psalm 119:105 says that the Word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Proverbs 20:27 says the human spirit is a lamp. The Word and the Holy Spirit light our lamps. Where does the light shine? Beneath. It is for our feet so that we can walk without stumbling.

In Luke 11:5-11, Jesus spoke about the value of “importunity.” If someone knocks at your

door all the time and you never let him in, he might get awfully tired of bothering you. But what is the Christian to do? If we will just keep walking, the joy of the Lord is our strength. Keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking. When we are tempted by Satan, we just keep walking.

The Word is a light unto our feet just as it was for Jesus, in Matthew 4, when he was tested by Satan in the wilderness. “It is written....” That is what the Lord kept answering to every one of Satan’s challenges. At last He said to the devil, “Get thee hence!”—and we can too, because it is written.

Throughout that encounter, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13, 6:16, and 8:3. Deuteronomy was the book Moses wrote during the last nine months of his life, a time when he wasn’t allowed to go into Canaan because of sin. He recovered, magnificently trained Joshua to take his place, and wrote this masterful, amazing book. Early on, Moses’ temper caused him to murder a man (Exodus 2:12). But his weakness became his strength, and he became the meekest man on the earth (Numbers 12:3). Then, in a relapse of anger because of Israel’s stubbornness, Moses struck the stone when God told him to speak to it.

Regarding Moses' relapse, God told him, "I understand why you did it Moses, though it wasn't right. You misrepresented My heart. But you have put up with Israel's rebellion for forty years. Get up now. Once you have rebounded, you will write one more book: Deuteronomy. Then, you are coming up to heaven—a far better place than Canaan. There you would still have had to drive out your enemies. Where I am taking you, there will be no enemies."

Chapter Four
CLEANSED IN THE WAY

The Word of God says that Jesus Christ washed the apostles' feet (John 13:3-5). That spoke of rebound. They didn't need to be washed all over, but because their feet became dirty from walking in the earth, they continually needed to be cleansed. Likewise, we have to be cleansed through rebound every day of our lives.

Who washed the apostles' feet? Jesus did. And He said, "Happy are ye if you do the same thing." If someone fails, we don't wash their feet literally, but we use the water—the Word of God—to edify. For instance, if you were to do something against me, I would completely forgive you and forget it. When you do the same for me, we wash each other's feet through "the washing of water by the word" (Ephesians 5:26).

Satan hates this principle.

How beautiful are the feet of those who

preach the Gospel (see Isaiah 52:7). This should have meaning to us now more than ever. We have beautiful feet to preach the good news, but there is far more to its connotation than that. By knocking on doors and preaching the gospel, as we go into cities where sin abounds, we have the potential to crush what Satan has been doing there for years.

Our feet are not beautiful just because we preach the gospel; they are beautiful because we crush the head of the god of this world in the process. The prince of the power of the air is what Satan is in the angelic contest. But we have been seated far above Christ (see Ephesians 1:21 and 2:6), and that puts Satan under our feet.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. I am covered by the Blood. Adam has been put out, and God has come in to dwell. I don't have to give a place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27).

Satan crushes his prisoners under his feet (Lamentations 3:34). They become prisoners through receiving a lie and the wisdom from below. The prayer of Psalm 142:7 is "Bring my soul out of prison." We don't want to be under Satan's feet, because he is defeated. Yet, we will be imprisoned by a lie when we do not walk in

wisdom, in the application of the knowledge of truth.

Choosing Sufficient Grace

According to James 3:15, wisdom from below begins in the world system. Satan's world system is sensual (*psuchikos*), and it is transferred to the soul of the Christian. Then it is devilish (*daimoniodes*), speaking of demonization. This is not "possession." A Christian cannot be possessed by demons, but he can be hypnotized, which is what commentator Kenneth Wuest says "bewitched" means, in Galatians 3:1. The Christian becomes hypnotized with what the world would do, regarding human solutions, human fears, and human worries. These things are transferred to the soul, into the memory center, and the person lives in human solutions rather than divine solutions.

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient

for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Paul received grace to deal with his thorn. The human solution for Paul was prayer to have the thorn removed. That was one time when God said, “Pray all day, you are not going to get an answer. The thorn stays, but I will give you my grace.” Paul then accepted the divine solution.

It is beautiful to read Isaiah 60:13: “I will make the place of my feet glorious.” His righteousness was fulfilled in me, not by me (see Romans 8:4). I don’t have to add to it, I just have to live in it.

When the prodigal son came home, he didn’t have any shoes for his feet. Shoes speak of protection for our feet, so we don’t have to walk on serpents with our flesh.

Jesus’ Feet of Brass

“And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters” (Revelation 1:15).

Jesus’ feet were as polished brass. Correlate that to the brazen serpent of Numbers 21:9. The

children of Israel looked to the brazen serpent to be healed from the serpents' bites. Brass stands for judgment. Polished brass stands for no condemnation. Jesus Christ was judged for our sins, and now we go free. His feet are like polished brass, meaning Christians do not face condemnation because we have passed from death unto life (see John 5:24; Romans 8:1).

Glory be to God, when we get to heaven we will see our Savior's hands and His feet. There will be no blood, but we will see the wounds in His hands that served, and we will worship Him. We will see the wounds in His feet that walked on the earth and crushed the devil forever.

He will show us His hands and His feet not only to show us that He is our Savior, but also to remind us of where Satan is: in the bottom of the pit—because of those precious feet and those precious hands and the precious wounds in His side. Oh, what a Savior!

Chapter Five

ASCENDED LIFE,
ULTIMATE VICTORY

“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out” (John 12:31).

At the Second Advent Jesus Christ will come back, and this will all be literally true, though it is spiritually true today. In His Ascension and His Session, with the presentation of the Blood, Jesus Christ totally defeated Satan. According to Colossians 2:15, He “spoiled principalities and powers” and made a show of them openly in the angelic conflict. When Jesus ascended, all the demons of hell tried to stop Him, but He publicly ridiculed them. He passed through millions of demons and just went right up in the Ascension, representing us in the Finished Work as the God-man who perfected our faith with His perfect humanity that never sinned. Jesus made a show of the demons and triumphed over them.

Genesis 3 says that Satan would bruise His heel. Satan bruised Jesus' heel by having the enemies put nails in His hands and feet and pierce His side with a sword. But now, Jesus is in heaven glorified. He has crushed Satan's head. As far as we go, all things were put under Jesus' feet. He is our head, and we are His Body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1:22-23).

As our head, Christ has put all things under our feet, so all we have to do is walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), which comes from the Word of God. We walk in the Spirit so that we do not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). We walk in love (Ephesians 5:2), and we walk in wisdom (Colossians 4:5). God orders our steps by the Word so iniquity (emotional rebellion) will not have dominion over us (Psalm 119:133).

The Psalmist said, "We took sweet counsel together and walked unto the house of God in company" (Psalm 55:14). That speaks of going to church.

Why is everything under our feet? At Calvary, Satan's head was crushed. The Hebrew word *patsa* (Isaiah 1:6) means "wounded" and *shabar* (Jeremiah 30:12) means "smashed to pieces." Satan has been wounded; he has been

smashed to pieces (see Isaiah 13:18; Leviticus 11:33). Satan's only authority and power today is to send lies and projections, appealing to the emotions with human needs.

Even Death Has No Sting

Nothing from Satan's kingdom should have dominion over the Christian because all things are under Jesus' feet and, therefore, under our feet. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" (Psalm 23:4). Even death has no dominion when we walk in Jesus Christ before God (Genesis 17:1).

A Chinese missionary was visiting a Christian lady who lay dying, just three weeks after her daughter had died. "Oh my God, there is my daughter! There is Lily," she told him. "The Lord is allowing me to see Jesus. He is standing for me just as He did for Stephen (Acts 7:55)—and my daughter is standing with Him."

Then the woman cried and said, "Take me home, Jesus!" Even death is a beautiful thing when we understand that every single thing is under our feet.

We are His creation, created in Christ Jesus unto divine good. He has ordained that we should walk in His steps. As we have received

Jesus, we are to walk in Him. Why? Because the devil has not a single thing to do with the Lord.

The devil has been judged (John 16:11), and this world and its system have been judged. This is why we don't love the world, and this is why the Cross separates us from it. This is the reason we walk with the Word of God (Psalm 37:23), in the Spirit, love, wisdom, grace, and nature of God. As we do, Satan cannot touch us.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7b). To resist, here, doesn't mean what we usually think of, as in taking a firm stance in a defensive mode. It means that we just keep walking. We are under tremendous pressure, and we just walk by faith. Someone hates us? Walk in love. The flesh comes against us? Walk in the Spirit. Satan tries to attack our feelings? Walk in the application of the Word (Colossians 4:5). As we walk, we take sweet counsel with other believers and go to church faithfully. We walk in the land of the living, fellowshiping with others who reveal the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 27:13).

Satan has taken the world and turned it into a wilderness. He has destroyed the cities, and has kept shut the doors of the prisoners (see Isaiah 14:17). He imprisons people through im-

morality, drugs, negative moods, weird emotions, and causes people to live in the flesh. Then he makes sure that the doors are not open, that they can see no way out, and that they remain his prisoners.

We Are Seated Above

“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

“Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:19-23).

“Even when we were dead in sin, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ

Jesus” (Ephesians 2:5-6).

God is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all we could ask or think, according to His divine ability that works in us. The prince of the power of the air was over us, but now we are far above, with Christ. Seated together with Him in heavenly places, we are above the devil.

Now the demons have to submit to us. God has assigned angels to serve us, but we have authority over demons if we understand positional truth. We are far above them. It is no contest. They have been openly defeated. All they have going for them are their lies and projections and an ability to affect the imaginations and the subconscious and unconscious mind of man.

Demons will attack our emotions so we can “feel” something that distracts us or so we won’t “feel” in love with our spouse. We don’t “feel” happy because the weather is bad or because the business isn’t prospering. We don’t “feel” friendly because we don’t “feel” good. They attack our emotions and bring in iniquity—spiritual negativity against the light, life, and love of God.

But we have a divine solution: the Word and the Spirit, unchanging promises from a personal God who loves us unconditionally with unend-

ing love.

More Than Conquerors

“Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name” (Psalm 142:7).

“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place” (2 Corinthians 2:14).

A real Christian delights in his victory. God always causes us to triumph and manifest the savor of His knowledge always and in every place. For some we are the savor of death, to others the savor of life (2 Corinthians 2:16), but we are always a sweetsmelling savor to God.

We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us (Romans 8:37). If I can communicate this truth so you can receive it in your heart and mind, you will walk in love, walk in faith, walk in grace. Walk in mercy, forgiveness, power, and peace. Walk in joy. Walk in intercession. Walk courageously in the midst of the battle, knowing that the battle is the Lord's. If you will let God control your emotions, your emotions will be very happy when your lips speak the right things (Proverbs 23:16).

Thanks be unto God who gives us not victo-

ries but the victory—because it has been won. We have an overwhelming victory (see Romans 8:37).

“But thanks to be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

Satan is wounded, and do you know what wounds him? Our feet.

God said, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you...thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

This is what we have going for us. Every victory I have in my family life wounds Satan because he tries to separate, to divide, and to corrupt the home. For example, a couple came for counseling and the woman said, “I have been going out on my husband for five months. I am sick of it. I’ve been playing games, and I

want to get right.” When her husband found out the truth, he forgave her instantly. Truth came in, he forgave her, and she totally repented. He reflected the nature of God who forgave us.

Every time we bring our thoughts into subjection to the Word and let the joy of the Lord be our strength, regardless of how our partner feels, we walk in Calvary’s love, and we are triumphant. We put another wound in the one who wounded the Savior’s feet and hands and side. Yet, Christ’s fresh wounds are glorified in heaven. Representing us forever and ever, He is our High Priest and the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The most beautiful thing is that He defeated Satan.

By the way, we are not only conquerors. A mere conqueror is someone like Alexander the Great who lost his joy for living after he conquered the world at age 28.

We are not only conquerors. Everything has been conquered for us. Sins have been paid for; they are conquered. Death has been paid for; and he that dieth once dieth no more. We have been given peace, for He is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). He is our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption forever (1

Corinthians 1:30).

We are not only conquerors. According to Romans 8:37, we are *more* than conquerors! He doesn't cause us to triumph "sometimes." He causes us to triumph *all* the time. We are the savor of His knowledge in every place we go when we understand that we have a victory that cannot be revoked.

CONCLUSION

Satan flees when we confess this message. This is the Glorious Gospel. This is the full Gospel. Glory to God, we have His power and more than seven thousand promises. Jesus Christ is in us. Every debt has been paid. He doesn't impute sin. Even if He must discipline us, He does it in love (Hebrews 12:6, 11) to bring forth peace.

No matter what happens, the Lord is our friend. He is on our side, and He is just waiting to be gracious to us, to exalt His mercy (Isaiah 30:18). We are the apple of His eye. To Him, we are His children, and kings and priests forever. He is for us. There is not a thing we can do to make Him turn against us. We can break fellowship, but He still stays inside us, waiting for us to return to Him.

Satan gets so wounded by us. He was already under God's feet. Now when we walk, the devil is under our feet, too. How would you feel if

you knew you were defeated? Hell knows it has been beaten. The demons actually started to whine when they met Jesus. “Ohhh, don’t send us to hell before our time! Please let us go into the pigs” (see Luke 8:26-35). The demons knew where they were going. Wouldn’t you feel wounded if you knew you were going to hell forever?

We are sinners saved by grace. When we live in our victory and walk in faith, Satan feels wounded. “Oh, I can’t even get to them like I used to,” he complains. He hates overcomers who use rebound until they finally become mature.

Glory to God, the mature Christian is more than a conqueror. He is relaxed because he has perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:7), the mind of Christ, and God’s eternal plan for his life.

Every believer can have a ball in the plan of God. Praise Jesus, the enemy is under our feet.