

Christian Doctrine

Sin (Part 6)

How Can We Be Victorious over Sin?

Living in Victory

In our last lesson, we looked at being on guard against sin. In addition to being on guard, we need to actively take steps to ensure victory over sin on a daily basis. Scripture gives us several ways that will ensure we live victoriously over sin:

➤ ***Cling to God's Word***

God's Word will warn us of sin and lead us in the way of godliness (II Tim. 3:16-17). We must dig into God's Word, meditate on its words, and make its truth part of our lives (Ps. 119:9-11).

➤ ***Be Filled with the Holy Spirit***

As believers, we have the Holy Spirit living inside us (I Cor. 6:19-20). Galatians 5:16 says, "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." When we walk in the Spirit we become "filled" with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). This means that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to influence and control everything that we think or do. Surrendering to the Holy Spirit always results in holy living (Gal. 5:22-25).

➤ ***Put on the Armor of God***

Ephesians 6:11-17 tells us that we must put on the armor of God in order to "stand against the schemes of the devil." This passage gives us six pieces of armor that are essential for victory in the midst of temptation.

Notice these verses that give us additional keys for victory:

- > Rom. 13:14 – Do not put yourself in tempting situations.
- > Phil. 4:8 – Guard your thoughts; do not dwell on evil things.
- > II Tim. 2:22 – Flee youthful lusts; avoid tempting situations.
- > Titus 2:12 – Deny fleshly desires, do not fuel them.
- > I Pet. 2:11 – Abstain from fleshly desires; do not give into sin.

As believers, we do not have to give into temptation and live in the hurt that is caused by sin. We can live free and victorious over sin! Our lives can be an example to the world of the power of God working in each one of us! (Note Rom. 6:22; I John 5:4; Eph. 4:22-24; II Cor. 10:4-5)