

# **Union and Victory**

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## **Introduction**

I once observed a container floating in the vastness of the open sea. At one point the water entered the container and it began to sink. I thought to myself how a little container was being filled up and surrounded by such a massive and immeasurable supply of water. The believer's union with Christ can be described in a similar way. The spiritual union each believer has with Jesus Christ is comparable to a container that is filled with ocean water. The container is in the water and the water is in the container. Furthermore, as the container was filled with the unending supply of ocean water, so each believer who is in union with Christ has an endless supply of power and victory for living. This is what we want to address in this study. Our spiritual union with Christ completely fills us up or provides us with the spiritual resources that are necessary for daily living and victory.

## **Complete In Him**

Colossians 2:10 says:

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”

The idea of the word “complete” means to be fully supplied with Christ's saving and sanctifying grace. Charles Spurgeon gives a good definition of our completeness. He says we are: (1) complete without the aid of Jewish ceremony, (2) complete without the help of philosophy, (3) complete without the inventions of superstition, (4) complete without human merit.

We might add that we are complete without psychology, psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and pop-psychology. We are complete without legalism and asceticism. We are complete without rock music, pragmatism, and the church growth movement (Rick Warren's Saddle Back Church). We are complete without Christendom, the cults, and the carnal inventions of man. We are

complete without human strength, will power, and determination. We are complete without secular humanism, self-esteem, self-love, self-concept, self-worth, self-image, self-acceptance, self-actualization, self-belief, self-potential, self-confidence, self-help, self-improvement, self-fulfillment, self-development, self-enrichment, self-discovery, self-enhancement, self-identification, self-advancement, self-expression, self-importance, self-realization, self-affirmation, and self-celebration. We are complete in Him! Jesus is all I need!

“Jesus, only Jesus,  
He is all I need;  
Thru this world of sorrow  
His hand will lead.”

### **Lovers**

The Bible teaches that the believer possesses a spiritual and intimate union with Jesus Christ. Union speaks of two people who are joined together. They are two people who are living together in a loving and intimate relationship which can best be described as the union of a marriage relationship (“married to another – Rom. 7:4). The believer is actually portrayed as being married to Jesus Christ and possessing a loving and intimate relationship with Him. Christ dwells in our hearts by faith (Ephesians 3:17) and we are to possess a growing, deep, and committed relationship with Him.

A marriage speaks of the union of two people who are deeply in love with one another and who share their lives. In a marriage union there is to be mutual interaction, communion, fellowship, help, and assistance. This is how the Bible pictures our union with Jesus Christ. We have a marriage with Jesus Christ. We possess a spiritual and intimate union with the Lord that can never be severed. The believer’s victorious union and safety with Christ is expressed in these lovely words:

“Loved with everlasting love,  
Led by grace that love to know;  
Spirit, breathing from above,  
Thou hast taught me it is so!

Oh, this full and perfect peace!  
Oh, this transport all divine!  
In a love which cannot cease,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Heav'n above is softer blue,  
Earth around is sweeter green!  
Something lives in ev'ry hue  
Christless eyes have never seen:  
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,  
Doubt, and care, and self resign,  
While He whispers in my ear—  
I am His, and He is mine.

### **Union**

Jesus describes our union with Him in John 14:20 when He stated: “ye in me, and I in you.” This union is further described as being “in Christ” (1 Cor. 1:30) and “Christ in you” (Col. 1:27) or “I in you” (John 15:4). What a wonderful relationship this is with Christ! We share Christ’s life and have an intimate and personal awareness of His life in us and with us. This union which exists between Christ and His people allows Christ to become the believer’s source of life, strength, and victory. When you throw a sponge into the ocean the ocean goes into the sponge and the sponge goes into the ocean. This is one way to illustrate our union with Christ.

As Christians share Christ’s life in the heavenlies or throne room of God (Eph. 1:3; 2:5), they receive everything that they need for salvation, service, and sanctification. Every spiritual blessing that we have originates from our union with Christ for the Bible teaches that we are “blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” - Eph. 1:3). This union with Christ is also experienced on earth (Gal. 2:20) and becomes the source or spring from which every spiritual blessing flows into our life. Here is a working definition of union. Union is an intimate and spiritual oneness (togetherness) between Christ and His people (the Church) which allows Christ to become their source of salvation, strength, victory, and fellowship.

The Bible speaks of the believer being in union with Christ in relation to His death, burial, resurrection (Rom. 6:3-4), and ascension (Eph. 1:3). Our union or relationship to Christ's death (the GROUND of victory – Rom. 6:6) and our union with the resurrection of Christ (the POWER of victory – Rom. 6:4-5; Gal. 2:20) and our union with the ascension of Jesus Christ (the AUTHORITY of victory – Eph. 1:19-23) brings each believer into a place of full victory and authority over Satan and all sinister beings in the universe. From the divine viewpoint, God sees us as having participated in all of Christ's victorious work over sin and the devil. When applying these glorious truths to our lives we can effectively resist the devil and have daily victory over self, sin, and Satan. Our spiritual union with Christ, the spiritual relationship we have with Him, is the key to experiencing daily victory in our lives. Many believers fail to understand about their union with Jesus Christ and miss God's way to live victoriously. Union is the key that unlocks the door to victory.

### **Identification**

The primary word associated with this spiritual union with Christ is identification. We are identified with Christ's Person and work of salvation and victory. The doctrine of identification with Christ becomes the basis for the doctrines of sanctification and eternal security. Union with Christ produces a moral and spiritual change in the believer that can be likened only to death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. True victory over sin in the daily life can come only from an understanding and appropriation of this truth.

Identification with Christ is accomplished by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) and is termed as being baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). The Holy Spirit is the person who brings us into this vital and living union with Jesus Christ when we believe on Christ for salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not an *experience* but a *placement* in Jesus Christ. The Spirit's ministry and work at the time salvation unites each believer to Jesus Christ bringing them into a living, indissoluble, and saving union with Jesus Christ. This union can be understood as a *spiritual location* and *relationship* that each believer now possesses in Christ. Where we are is the secret of victory! We are identified with Christ or possess a union with His

death, resurrection and ascension and therefore share in His victorious work and life.

### **In Christ**

These two words describe the believer's spiritual union, position, and identification with Christ. When a person possesses a spiritual location of being "in Christ" they have all the spiritual riches they need for living. Our union with Christ emphasizes where we are ("in heavenly places in Christ" – Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:3) and what we have ("all spiritual blessings" – Eph. 1:3) and who we are (a new creation in Christ – 2 Cor. 5:17). As God's children, we have all the vast resources of heaven's wealth at our disposal. We don't have to work for spiritual wealth for it has already been deposited for us "in Christ."

Just one little word ("in") has made all the difference! Only two letters joined with the word "Christ" reveals our privileged position before God's throne and the endless, spiritual power that is at our disposal. These two words are the master key to Christian living that give access to all the spiritual blessings that are available to us (Eph. 1:3). Outside of Jesus Christ we are spiritually dead and have no spiritual life or assistance for victorious living (Eph. 2:1-2). But "in Christ" we have spiritual life and are identified with Christ and all of the spiritual blessings and resources that He provides for our lives (salvation, righteousness, redemption, forgiveness, power, peace, strength, joy, satisfaction, victory etc.). In Christ we share His life and Christ becomes everything *to* us and *for* us. All of Christ's resources are made available to us, they are at our disposal, but we must take possession of them by faith and appropriate them into our lives. We must avail ourselves to the vast storehouse of riches that Christ has for us.

Ruth Paxson has this helpful outline concerning the meaning and extent of being in Christ:

#### **IN CHRIST**

Denotes our position – where He is, we are

Defines our privileges – what He is, we are

Describes our possessions – what He has, we have

Determines our practice – what He does, we do.

Being “in Christ” means that we possess a sanctifying union with Christ and victorious position in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Yes, everything becomes new in regards to our spiritual position, possessions, and practices.

Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer said:

“To be in Christ means to be a partaker of all that Christ has done, all that He is, and all that He will ever be.”

Scripturally speaking, the believer’s union with Christ is taught by the various Biblical expressions “Ye in me, and I in you” (John 14:20), “together” (Eph. 2:6), “partaker” (1 Pet. 5:1), “joint-heirs” (Rom. 8:17), and being “in Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17). These Bible words and expressions describe the believer’s spiritual union (togetherness) with Christ, which comes about at the time of salvation (1 Cor. 12:13), and lasts throughout their entire Christian life (Rom. 8:38-39). Oh what a salvation that Christ liveth in me! Our union with Christ is a place of position, provision, privilege, power, perfection, protection, and personal fellowship. Since the believer possesses a union with Jesus Christ he is credited with positional righteousness and perfection (1 Cor. 1:30; Jude 1) and stands completely and forever accepted before God’s holy presence in the beloved Son (Eph. 1:6). An old couplet reads:

“Nearer, nearer, nearer to God I cannot be;  
For in the person of His Son, I am as near as He.  
Dearer, dearer, dearer to God I cannot be;  
For in the person of His Son, I am as dear as He.”

In this study, we are emphasizing the victory side of our union with Christ. Each Gospel believer can now live by the resurrection power of Christ’s life (Phil 3:10) on a daily basis (Gal. 2:20) since he is spiritually identified to Christ’s risen and victorious life (Rom. 6:8-13).

### **The Spiritual Operation**

Colossians 2:11-13 goes on to explain how we came into this spiritual union with Christ: “In whom also ye are circumcised with the

circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh (*the body controlled by the sin nature*) by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

The spiritual circumcision or operation that occurs at the time of our salvation is the baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) whereby we become united or spiritually identified with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what saves us and then enables us to live a sanctified or holy life. “In whom” (Col. 2:11) or in Christ means that we have gone through a spiritual operation whereby the old person that we once were under the control of sin has been put to death (“our old man is crucified” – Rom. 6:6). As a result, we have been given a new victory over sin through our union and identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection life so that we can “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

This spiritual “circumcision” or operation was “made without hands” (Col. 2:11) meaning it was not accomplished by the legalism related to man. Rather, it was accomplished by the operation of God (Col. 2:12). God did it all! And God continues to do it all (“yet not I” – Gal. 2:20). This means you can’t possess salvation or salvation through legalism which is best described as man’s personal effort to gain and sanctification (Rom. 7:11-25) and ultimately salvation (Acts 15:1) through his own strength and ability. Because believers are “in Christ” they have everything that they need for salvation and victory. This is because each believer has already passed through the spiritual operation that caused us to share in Christ’s victorious death, burial, and resurrection life.

The Holy Spirit baptizes or immerses us in the death, burial and resurrection life of Jesus Christ, so that we have complete fullness in Him (John 1:16; Eph. 1:23), or have everything that we need for victory over sin and Satan. We have already shared in Christ’s victory and we can claim this truth by faith and walk in the daily power of the risen Christ, or as Paul said, “the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:10). The result of our saving and regenerating operation with Christ

is expressed in the words of Colossians 2:13 which stated how we were “quickened together with him” or made alive because of our identification with the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. To be made alive speaks of the new birth.

Someone expressed the new birth in this way:

“To be born again or regenerated means that the circuit breakers are repaired and we are put back into contact with God.”

This is the secret of Christian living! Have you ever really discovered this secret? We are made alive when we were raised with Him. We were given a new birth that consists of sharing Christ’s life and nature (Col. 2: 13 – “quickened together with him”). With Him I possess life and victory, and out of Him I can only experience death and defeat. The new birth is in view in Colossians 2:13. We have been given the very life of Jesus when we were identified with Him by the Spirit’s baptism. I have His life. Christ’s risen life is within me to give me a stable, steady, and spiritual life. This means I don’t need psychology, psychoanalyses, psychotherapy and all the other quack remedies for living. I have Christ - what want I more! One man in our church received a paper, prayer rug that was sent through the mail system. It was designed to fold out so that a person could kneel on this special prayer rug and sense God’s presence and receive God’s help. Of course, we don’t need these marketing gimmicks when we realize our completeness in Christ.

“By various maxims, forms, and rules,  
That pass for wisdom in the schools,  
I sought my passions to restrain;  
But all my efforts proved in vain.

But since my Saviour I have known  
My rules are all reduced to one,  
To keep my Lord by faith in view,  
This strength supplies and motive too.”

### **The Past Connection**

Our union with Christ has both a past and present reality attached to it. First, there is the believer’s past connection or union with Christ.



When the believer is united or joined to Jesus Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he immediately is made to share in the history of Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. We experienced an identifying death with Christ, being co-crucified with Him (Rom. 6:3, 5-6; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; Col. 2:12). We also experienced a co-burial and resurrection with Christ (Rom. 6:4-5, 11; Col. 2:12). We also were raised with Christ into the heavenlies (throne room of God) – a co-ascension (Eph. 1:3; 2:5). Although Jesus Christ accomplished all these things in the past the believing sinner is seen to share in Christ's past, historic, and saving work.

Each believer is seen to take part in the history of Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. To state it simply, God reckons this experience to be true for all believers who come to faith in Christ. When Christ died, was buried, rose again, and ascended back to the Father each believer participated or shared in these same historic events. When Christ died, I died. When Christ was buried, I was buried. When Christ arose, I arose. When Christ ascended back to the Father, I went back to the Father with Him. The believer participated in what Christ did and therefore he can share in the spiritual benefits of Christ's past work which include the defeat of the old man and sin, the power of the risen Christ, and the victory and authority of the ascended Christ (Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:12).

### **The Present Connection**

There is the believer's present connection or union with Christ. Since the believer has shared in the resurrection of Christ he now possesses a living relationship with the risen Lord who is now seated at the right hand of God (Eph. 1:3; Col. 3:1). The believer is viewed as being spiritually seated with Christ in the heavenlies (God's throne room) sharing Christ's very own life. This is a present reality that should have a profound impact on the believer's life today. Our heavenly association with Christ speaks of a position and union of victorious exaltation and authority over the enemy (Eph. 1:20-22). Our union with Christ in Heaven gives us a place of positional authority and victory over the devil.

Of course, this union or togetherness which the believer shares with Jesus Christ can also be experienced down here on earth as we live

day-to-day. This is because the apostle Paul proclaimed, “Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). The position of victory that we have in Heaven over the enemy is experienced in our lives down here on earth, as we apply the power of Christ’s life to our own life and claim our co-victory and co-authority over the enemy. So, union with Christ not only guarantees us victory over the enemy, but in a practical way supplies each believer with the power to put his position into practice, as he yields to the life of the risen Christ who lives within Him (Rom. 6:4; Phil. 3:10).

Charles Baker summarizes:

“It thus appears from the Divine viewpoint that God saw every believer hanging upon Calvary’s cross with Christ; that He saw every believer buried with Christ in Joseph’s tomb; that He saw every believer being raised from the dead to live jointly with Christ in a new creation; that He looks upon every believer today as being seated with Christ at His own right hand; and that He will some day glorify every believer with Christ when He is manifested in glory.”

Christ died and rose again. That’s history. But when I put my faith in Jesus Christ I become part of that history. I die with Christ reckoning the defeat of the old man I used to be (Rom. 6:6) and I rise with Christ now open to a new way of life (Rom. 6:4-5). Life now takes on a whole new perspective. Christ’s amazing love and saving work has captured me, delivered me from the miry clay, a horrible pit, and identified me with Christ. Once again, the Bible teaches that the believer is spiritually united with the crucifixion of Christ (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20), the burial of Christ (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12), the resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:5; Col. 3:1) and the ascension of Christ (Eph. 1:3; 2:5). The term “heavenlies” (Eph. 1:3; 2:5) refers not only to the place where the glorified Jesus resides but also that sphere of spiritual existence in Christ that believers share. The idea of “heavenlies” points to the spiritual union that believers share with Christ in Heaven (a new position of victory) but also to the unseen union that they share on a daily basis with Christ (a new power for daily victory).

This heavenly or invisible relationship is naked to the physical eye but open or unveiled to the spiritual eye of faith. We share a spiritual or

invisible union with the risen Lord both in Heaven and in our daily experience. We live and operate in the heavenlies even though we possess a union with Christ in our own hearts down here on earth. In other words, our union and position I Christ within the heavenlies (the believers' spiritual sphere of existence with Christ in the throne room of God) is translated to the earthlies, or down where we live today for Christ also dwells in our hearts by faith (Eph. 3:17). All of this means two things. First, we are victors over every force that lies under Heaven because we are seated with Christ as the great Victor. Second, we can apply this victory to our lives as we share His risen life of power on a daily basis. Union with Christ is the key to victory.

J. B. Stoney wrote:

“When I rest in the Lord Jesus,  
Then I begin to find all my joy and strength in Him,  
And I occupy myself with Him.

This is the first step, or foundation, to true devotedness.”

### **The Heavenlies and Authority**

Now think of the greatness of what is being said in the following verses. Ephesians 1:19-23 says: “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.”

This is another wonderful truth that we must claim today that stems from our union with Christ. Because the believer has ascended with Jesus Christ into the heavenlies we too have authority over Satan. The importance of this truth cannot be overestimated and must be dealt with in relationship to union with Christ. Christ ascended back to the Father after He arose from the grave. Christ is seated above every wicked spirit as the mighty Victor. Because of our union with the ascended Christ, we are a co-sharer in His position of authority and victory in Heaven over Satan and all His demon forces who is

said to be “far above all principality (rule), and power (authority), and might, and dominion, and every name that is named” (even Satan). The believer is in the heavenlies with Christ (Eph. 1:3; 2:6) and it’s here in Christ that he takes his stand of authority over Satan and all his demonic hordes. The Bible says that “all things under his feet” which means that we are a co-sharer of this heavenly authority that Christ’s possesses because of our union with Christ. One writer said: “Satan, along with all of his wicked spirits, all the hosts of darkness, are already – this very moment – under your feet!” What a victory!

“I’m in the heavenlies in Christ,  
I’m in the heavenlies in Christ,  
The place of power and prayer  
In Christ I’m seated there,  
I’m in the heavenlies in Christ.”

The heavenlies is a place or residency where Christ dwells but it is also a spiritual position from where God’s people derive their spiritual authority over Satan. Our spiritual identity with Christ’s authority gives us, as children of God, the authority to repel the enemy’s attacks. God’s people are seated with Christ in the heavenly sphere and share in His present victory and authority over Satan (Eph. 1:3; 2:6; Col. 2:10). Because of our ascension with Christ Satan is a defeated foe under Christ’s feet and our feet as well since we are spiritually united with Christ (Eph. 1:22 – “And hath put all things under his feet”).

Instead of looking up we must actually remember to look down from the place of victory that we possess with Christ in Glory. Therefore, we can deal with Satan and his demons on the basis of Christ’s delegated authority. 1 Peter 3:22 echoes the same truth when speaking about Christ: “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.” Did you catch that? All spiritual authorities (including Satan) are made subject to Christ. Christ has full authority over the entire spirit world and it is proven by His ascension into Heaven. But lest we forget, we must remember that we are there with Christ sharing in His present victory and authority over the entire spirit world. We are “in Christ” and therefore “in the heavenlies” (Eph. 1:3; 2:5) co-sharing this victory and authority over the enemy.

This means that Satan has no power, no rights, and no authority over the believer in Christ! In the realm of our daily, Christian living Satan should no longer possess power and authority over our lives. We must stand firmly on the territory that Christ has already conquered (Eph. 6:14). Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension brought total defeat to Satan. Satan and his cohorts have no choice but to retreat when we insist upon our rights as God's children. Our responsibility is to confess our sins (1 John 1:9) and keep our accounts current with God. We must stand on the promises of the Word (2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 1:20) and wear the armor of God (Eph. 6:13-20). Then we must boldly pray and exercise our victorious authority over the enemy.

Michael the archangel realized the Lord's authority over Satan when saying, "The Lord rebuke you" (Jude 9). It's true that believers in Christ are "far above" all created beings (Eph. 1:21). This means we possess authority over the enemy. Nevertheless, how we exercise this God-given authority is important. Like Michael the archangel, we must remember that Satan is a powerful being that cannot be shoved around with some kind of magical words. We must remember that our authority is based upon our position in Christ and we can act boldly only as we are dependent upon Christ and pray in the authority of His name. In other words, we experience our victory and authority that we have in Christ by claiming Christ's power and provision through faith and prayer. Our authority over Satan is experienced in a daily and practical manner as we go about communicating with the Lord Jesus and claiming our victory in Christ through wearing the armor and through aggressive prayer.

"Satan cannot touch my heart  
While I'm living in the glory;  
This disarms each fiery dart,  
Living in the glory of the Lord.

Yes, I'm living in the glory  
As He promised in His word;  
I am dwelling in the heavenlies,  
Living in the glory of the Lord."

## The Victorious Verses

Here are some key verses that point to our spiritual union and victory with Jesus Christ.

John 14:20

“At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”

Romans 6:4-5

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection.”

Galatians 2:20

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Ephesians 2:6

“And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 6:10

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

2 Corinthians 2:14

“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.”

1 John 4:4

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

As already stated, our new spiritual union, relationship, and identification with Christ is often described as being “in Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17) or “in the Lord” (Eph. 6:10). In other words, when we are placed

in union with Christ we automatically receive a new position or standing before God in Christ whereby all the saving and victorious benefits of Christ's work and life are transferred to our own personal lives. What Christ has done for us becomes our own experience since we share His life and receive a positional standing of forgiveness, righteousness, justification, redemption, and sanctification in Jesus Christ before God's presence (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:25; 1 Cor. 1:30).

Since the believer shared this union with Jesus Christ he has received complete salvation and victory. Nothing has been left out! We have everything in Christ from A-Z or from salvation to sanctification. In fact, 1 Corinthians 1:30 speaks of the believer being "in Christ" (union) and how Christ becomes our "sanctification" which includes not only positional holiness before God but also the way to experience practical holiness in our daily lives through His risen life and power (Phil. 3:10), In ourselves we are a defeated foe but in Christ we share His life. We are positionally sanctified or made holy in God's sight. But at the same time we are transformed from one degree of sanctification to another as we share the power of His indwelling life through the Spirit's ministry (2 Cor. 3:18).

### **Filled Up!**

Colossians 2:10 once again states, "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." The word complete (pleroo) means "to make full, to fill up, to fill to the top, to render full," and "to have full measure." I can't add anything to this! I have all that I need in Jesus Christ to live victoriously since He is "the head of all principality and power." We are victors in the Victor! When the Bible says that we are "complete in him" (Col. 2:10) it means we are filled and overflowing with victory since we have received the full measure of victory and authority in Christ. This is because we possess a spiritual union with Christ's victorious work over sin and Satan as stated in Romans 6 and Colossians 2:11-14.

The chorus written by Alfred B. Smith spells out the wonder of our completeness or fullness in Jesus Christ.

“Filled to overflowing,  
Hearts a-glow and showing  
Christ to those who do not know Him;  
Sanctified and holy, Yielded to Him only,  
Vessels for the Master’s use.”

John 1:16 adds, “And of his fulness (pleroma – “that which fills”) have all we received, and grace for grace.” The word “fulness” speaks of the abundance of Christ’s spiritual resources for our Christian lives. The Christian life is a constant reception of one evidence of God’s grace replenishing another, which means that His strengthening, empowering, and sustaining grace continues to supply our every spiritual need. In other words, the fullness of God meets our needs as we experience our completeness in Christ. Our fullness of life comes from Christ’s fullness because we are joined with Him in a newfound union. We partake of the divine nature and very life of God through Christ (2 Peter 1:4).

Of course, this does not mean believers become God or absorbed into deity but simply share His life and the victory and authority that He has over all other powers. Oh to grasp of the fullness of God! Oh to experience our complete victory and power in Him! Oh to know what we have in Christ! We are filled and overflowing with His victory and when we stand in the victory, authority, and power of the great Victor, we will discover that we possess everything that we need for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3 says, “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

A man stopped me in the mall during the Christmas season and told me that he had something amazing to show me. It had something to do with creating better nails. Well, it wasn’t what I was looking for at the Christmas season and it wasn’t so amazing! But I have something amazing to share with you today. A hell-bound sinner has been forgiven of all his sins (Col. 2:13 – “forgiven you all trespasses”) and has been raised with Christ into the heavenlies (“raised together with him” – Col. 2:13) gaining full acceptance before God and victory over every sin and the devil himself. Now this is truly amazing! Yes, it’s amazing grace!



The secret to Christian living is simple. We possess a living union with Christ that gives us a newfound victorious position. The believer shares all the spiritual blessings and virtues of Jesus Christ since he has a spiritual union with Him in the heavenlies. We have a spiritual identification with Christ's own, personal, risen life and therefore should rely upon His resurrection power for victory, fruit bearing, and life transformation. Colossians 3:1 states that we should seek those things which are above (Christ's virtues and way of living, along with the victory and authority we have in Christ). What are you seeking these days? We need to seek the above life instead of the below life! This brings us to our next

### **The Above Life**

Colossians 3:1-2 says:

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

The word "if" can be better understood as "since" because Paul is not doubting his union with Christ but stating a fact or confirming the settled reality of this spiritual identification with Christ. Let us remember that Christ calls us to things above because we have been put to death and raised from the dead to live with Him in the heavenlies (Col. 3:1, 3). How glorious and wonderful! The heavenly life, or our union with the heavenly Christ, does not take us away from the earthly; rather, it takes the earthly out of us! The call to the heavenly life is not an escape, but an engagement to a new way of living here on earth as Christ manifests His presence in our personal lives (Gal. 4:19; 2:20; Col. 1:27) and confirms the realities of our heavenly union with Him.

A.T. Pierson said:

"From the moment of faith in Christ, being thus bound to Him and identified with Him, there should be an *absolute cessation of all known sin* – nay, more, the level of earth should be left below and behind for a new level of an essentially heavenly life – lived in Christ."

The secret to victory is our union with Jesus Christ ("where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" – Col. 3:1). Where is our victory? It's

“where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.” We must know *where* we are if we want to experience victory! We must go to the throne room if we want victory! We must enter confidently and with complete assurance that we are identified with Christ in the heavenlies, the One who is the great Victor and supplier of the needs of our souls (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:14-16). Each believer is seated with Christ in Heaven. He stands as a victor in Christ’s victory and possesses His daily power to overcome sin and provision to deal with life’s difficulties. Our mind must be fixed upon Jesus Christ and His victory, power, person and sufficiency. It is in the throne room where we find daily help and assistance.

Hebrews 4:14-16

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

The Christ within the heavenlies, as our High Priest, is not only our Savior but the supplier and provider of victory and every spiritual need we have in life. Christ’s heavenly existence in the throne room speaks of His complete victory, authority, power and resource which He can now share with each one of us. Every spiritual blessing that we have comes from the heavenlies (Eph. 1:3). This is because the resurrected and ascended Lord is able to supply His children with everything they need for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). In fact, our identification with Christ in the heavenlies reassures us that His victorious and spiritual provision is constantly available to us as His children. But our experience and identification with Christ in the heavenlies (God’s throne room) is experienced and actualized in our earthly lives as Christ dwells within our hearts (John 15:1-5; Eph. 3:17) and confirms the reality of His heavenly victory, authority, position, power, provision, and ability to meet our every need.

Roy Laurin said:

“Everything has what we call a center of gravity, for gravity tends to draw all things to a common center. Owing to gravitation all bodies on the earth are drawn toward its center. In the spiritual realm of our

position every Christian has a center of gravity. It is Jesus Christ. Since He is risen and seated with Christ, the spiritual center of gravity is “where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.”

The words “set your affection” (phroneo) in Colossians 3:1 means, “to seek or strive for something earnestly.” It centers more on the mind than it does the feelings. A person’s actions are the result of his thinking (Phil. 4:8). Therefore, the believer is to engage in heavenly thinking by changing his earthly point of view. We are to think on those things that are above – Christ’s character, life, authority, victory, and our position and union with Him. We need an upward attraction!

John Phillips said:

“The psychologist says to all such, ‘Look within.’ The opportunist says, ‘Look around.’ The optimist says, ‘Look ahead.’ The pessimist says, ‘Look out!’ God says, ‘Look up!’ We are to set our affection on things above.”

“Rise my soul, behold ‘tis Jesus!  
Jesus fills thy wondering eyes:  
See him now in glory seated,  
Where thy sins no more can rise.”

Believers are to be fixing their attention decisively toward “things above” which specifically involves centering their lives on the ascended (Eph. 4:10), glorified (John 17:5; Phil. 2:9) Christ who is seated at the right hand of God (Ps. 110:1; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:33; 5:31; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22). Seeking things above means we must focus on Christ’s character, joy, peace, holiness, and righteousness instead of our own earthly living. In seeking things above we learn to actively meditate on Christ’s virtues and victory instead of our own self and sins. We begin to bind ourselves to His ways and values.

Here are a few explanations of what it means to seek things above.

Curtis Vaughan said:

“To seek the things that are above is to desire, to strive for the things above. It is to see to it that our interests are centered in Christ, that

our attitudes, our ambitions, and our whole outlook on life are molded by our relation to Him.”

Homer Kent has also stated it well:

“The apostle is referring to those thoughts which find their source and their direction in the new life which believers share with Christ above. These are the concepts which are wholesome and edifying because the regenerated life which Christ bestows has provided new goals, new insights, and a new mindset whose object is holiness.”

In Colossians 3:2 Paul also wrote, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” In short, we should live for eternal things and not the temporary earthly things that are mentioned in Colossians 3:5-9. The believer’s response to their position in Christ and union with Him should be one of continually seeking the “above things” of Colossians 3:10-15 instead of the below things of this life (Matt. 6:19-21). God wants us to live above this world. We are in the world but not of the world. Earthliness can become a detrimental problem.

Someone said:

“We are not only bogged down in it, but we help to create the swamp.”

For this reason, we need to set our minds on things above. In other words, we should constantly possess a new way of thinking and continually be forming new goals that are in line with the character and life of Jesus Christ. Our affections, desires, longings, and wills should be directed toward Jesus Christ since we have a living union with Him in Heaven. In addition, we should be reflecting upon our victory, authority, and provision through the heavenly Christ.

Why should the believer set his attention on heavenly things and no longer live for earthy things? It’s because the old person we used to be with its interests, affections and desires has been crucified with Christ (Col. 3:3). The concept that we have died with Christ (“For ye are dead”) refers to the believer’s identification with Christ’s death and the victory achieved over sin and Satan through His death on the cross (Rom. 6:6). We have died in Jesus Christ to all that we once were as children of Adam and now we have a new spiritual identification with the risen life of Jesus Christ in Heaven.

I have often stood beside a person who was dead. All that was left was a corpse. I am aware that he or she is now dead to my voice or touch. I can have no more influence in that person's life. The same is true about my old manner of life or the "old man" I used to be (Rom. 6:6). The old man should no longer have any more influence or control over my life because we have *positionally* put off the old self with its slavery to sin and sinful inclinations and have put on the "new man" that was created as a result of the new birth, through our life-giving connection with the risen Christ (Col. 3:8-10).

The Bible teaches that because of our death with Christ we have become dead to the appeal of the old and inadequate way of living, and are now alive with Christ in Heaven, possessing a new way and a new order for living. The old person under the power of sin no longer has to surface in my life since I have moved out of the sphere of the old ways into the new life with Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). The old life should no longer control us or appeal to us since we are raised with Christ and are seated with Him in the heavenlies. I now have a new set of values based upon an entirely new perspective. If we can put it in modern lingo, "The old things just don't turn us on anymore." We must keep our eyes and minds on the heavenlies where all of our spiritual blessings exist and originate from through our identification with Christ.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace."

This will be true when we are experiencing our risen life with Christ! We have a new set of values and standards that comes from another world, which is Heaven, the place where we share our union with Jesus Christ. We are now one with Jesus Christ ("Christ, who is our life" – vs. 4) and share His life and nature in Glory. As a result, we should now live and act according to His person and experience His power in our lives. Never forget that the Christian life is a shared life! Because of this we should think like Christ and live as He wants us to live since we are sharing His life. The underlying thought of our heavenly union with Christ is this. We should allow His life to work itself out and express itself in every thought we think, deed we do, or

decision we make and in this way we “work out your salvation” which is the salvation already residing within us (Phil. 2:12).

The things that are on earth such as material wealth, worldly honor, power, pleasures, personal sins, and selfish living must not overtake our heavenly thinking. When we set our mind on the heavenly Christ, His person, power, provision, and program for our lives, it's then that we will no longer live as if this world was all that mattered. Instead, we will see this world against the background of the larger world of eternity! Heavenly things should be the practical pursuit of the Christian life. We are to give the heavenly things a large place in our thinking. No, we do not withdraw ourselves from society and live in some kind of monastery. But the world no longer has the charm and delight it once had when we reflect upon the heavenly things related to Christ's virtues and values. We no longer live for the moment but begin to live the life of the heavenly Christ and look ahead toward the great eternal day.

Dear friend, our lives are many times too earthbound. Our lives need to become heavenly oriented as we think and act on Christ's glorious power, victory, character, and ways. The old adage which says, “You are too heavenly minded to be any earthly good” is simply not true. The believer needs to be heavenly minded or he will become earth bound to the pressures of sin, self, and Satan. He will become swamped in taxes, turmoil, and tough times. He will become sidetracked by fortune, fame, and failure.

Spurgeon said in his characteristically quaint way that the third chapter of Colossians begins in Heaven (vs. 1-4) and ends in the kitchen (vs. 5-25) or in the everyday norm of living. This is because our heavenly union with Christ is to have a positive earthly affect on our lives. It should lead us to put off the old person and put on the new person that we are in the risen Christ (Eph. 4:22). By realizing our identification with Christ and acting upon it, our *condition* should be made to agree with our *position*. Thus, holiness is the outcome.

Someone wrote these words concerning the believer experiencing daily victory in the risen Christ of Heaven.

“There is no glory halo  
Round his devoted head,  
No luster, marks of sacred path  
In which his footsteps tread.

But holiness is graven  
Upon his thoughtful brow,  
And all his steps are ordered  
In the light of heaven e’en now.

For he doth live in touch with heaven  
A life of faith and prayer;  
His hope, his purposes and his all,  
His life is centered there.”

### **Hid With Christ**

The ideal that our life is “hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3) is a very important and liberating truth for daily Christian living. This statement implies supply, safety and secrecy. First, our union with Christ in God in Heaven supplies us with everything that we need for life and victory. H. C. G. Moule writes this concerning our hidden life with Jesus Christ in Heaven: “There it lies, and there it lives; and so if you would live it out, using this wonderful life-power for spiritual triumph and service here on earth, you must go evermore to find it there; you must ‘seek’ it; you must ‘with him continually dwell’, in steadfast recollection, simplest reliance, and ceaseless secret reception of the divine supply.”

Second, the fact that our life is “hid with Christ in God” means that we are safe and secure in Jesus Christ who is the eternal God. We have a double safety (John 10;28-29) and we have nothing to fear. Nothing! What security!

Third, this statement suggests that there is also a secrecy about our life that we possess in Christ which the unsaved cannot understand. The idea of concealment may be in the writer’s mind. Our life is hid and therefore unseen by man. Our life in Jesus Christ is hidden to the understanding of the unsaved. Some of the outward effects can be seen but the understanding about the believer’s union with Christ is lacking. Those outside of Christ fail to understand the glories and

blessings of living in a close relationship with Jesus Christ. They do not understand what a believer experiences with Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 2:14).

The world does not comprehend the believer's spiritual life. Men do not understand us. They think it is strange that we do not live like they do. They do not comprehend our thoughts, our motives, or our ways ("therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not" – 1 John 3:1). Unsaved people do not understand and they also misunderstand the believer. Today there is secrecy about the Christian life. But someday there will be a visible display of the true spiritual condition of God's saints when they are outwardly glorified with Christ (Col. 3:4) at His return for the Church.

Each believer should keep his mind on the heavenly Christ for it's through Christ we have a heavenly pattern for life, a heavenly power for life, a heavenly program for life, and a heavenly prospect for life. The point is this, I have everything going for me both now and throughout eternity! Psychology can't add anything to what Christ has done for me and is doing for me and is going to do for me!! I have everything!! For this reason, I should concentrate on the eternal and not the temporal by focusing on the heavenly Christ and the victory, power, and virtues that flow forth from Him. As the living vine, Christ lives out His life through the branches, which are the lives of individual believers (John 15:1-5). Our union or identification with Jesus Christ is likened to the analogy of a vine providing all the nourishment and provision that is needed for the branches to survive. As the vine (source of nourishment and blessing), Jesus Christ provides everything for the Christian life. The answer to it all is Christ! It's Christ not psychological solutions; it's life and completeness in the risen Christ - not cults.

As John Phillips once again says:

"That is the supreme fact, the great liberating truth before the blazing light of which all cultic teaching dissolves like shadows before the rising sun."

A cultist came to my door one day and was trying to offer me something! I told him that I have everything that I need in Jesus Christ! What can you offer me that Jesus has not already given me!!



He was somewhat puzzled by my response. Dear friend, we are complete in Him, we are filled up and overflowing! We have full measure, complete sufficiency, and total safety. I have been “quickenened together with him” (Col. 2:13) and share His life today. Out of this new union with the risen Lord I have joy, peace, victory, and eternal blessing beyond measure. I lack nothing and have everything! And you can’t add anything to everything!

Recently, while reading J. Sidlow Baxter, I came across this statement: "Far too many Christians live their life on the battery system." He went on to explain that as a boy he had ridden on battery driven street cars. "When the battery was charged all was well; but when it went dead, so was the street car. Baxter goes on to make this comparison: There are Christian believers who seem to run their spiritual life and service on that system. They go to a convention on the deeper life and when they return they are altogether different, for three weeks. Or they read some powerful Christian biography and as they close the book they say, ‘Now my life will never be the same.’ Nor is it, for three weeks. Some Christians go from crisis to crisis, convention to convention, seminar to seminar, book to book, but have a lot of dead spots in between. They seem to rely on these experiences rather than on Christ."

Our union with Christ means that God places us in a spiritual oneness with Christ’s person and work. As a result, we receive a new position and power with the living Christ whereby the old bondage to self, sin, and Satan himself has been broken over our lives (Luke 11:21-22; Heb. 2:14-15). Satan wants us to think that we are defenseless in light of his awesome power. But we must know the Biblical basis for our invincible position that we have in Christ. We must claim our heavenly union in Christ. All of Christ’s victory over sin and Satan has become ours in Christ. Since we are in Christ we can communicate with His life on a daily basis (Rom. 6:8), experience our living union with Him, and claim our position of victory in the risen Christ.

“Tis done! The great transaction’s done.  
I am my Lord’s and He is mine!”

This is what occurred when the Holy Spirit joined us to Jesus Christ. We became identified with Christ, sharing an eternal union of salvation and victory with Him

Miles Stanford has written:

“We take our position, not by attempting to get into it, but simply by seeing that we are already positioned in the Lord Jesus. We abide in Him by resting in the fact. We have been in this risen position ever since our new birth. As we come to realize this truth and to ‘stand in our standing’ in Him, we begin to experience the daily benefits of our life that is hid with Christ in God. Our attitude becomes, ‘I see my position in the Lord Jesus, and I abide there; I rest in Him, not only as my Savior, but as my life.’ Faith in our position will bring growth in our condition.”

Jesus said in John 17:23 – “I in them.” The believer is said to be in Christ and Christ in the believer. This speaks of close spiritual intimacy and vitality of life (John 15:5). With my spiritual union with Christ I can rely upon His daily power to help me (Rom. 8:1-2; 2 Cor. 2:14; 5:17; Gal. 2:20). Because we have a spiritual identification with Christ and possess this new position in the Lord we can stand on victorious ground. This is because we actually share His resurrection life and power which is called “the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe” (Eph. 1:19). I repeat for emphasis. Satan wants us to think that we are defenseless in light of his awesome power. But we must know the Biblical basis for our invincible position that we have in Christ. We must claim the victorious inheritance we have (Joshua 1:2-3) through our union and position of victory and authority with Christ in the heavenlies.

Again, Jesus has been raised as the great Victor (Eph. 1:20-22) and today stands exalted and in full authority over every power in the created universe! Everything is “under His feet” (Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:8) even as we speak! He is the sovereign power and potentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and will someday return to demonstrate that He is Lord Phil. 2:10). The exalted position of Christ suggests that He is the great Victor over death, hell, the grave, and every force that opposes Him. Everything is under His feet! And since we are in Christ (our position) and are a co-sharer of this victorious union with Him, we too can claim Christ’s victory as our own victory. In short,

this means that in Christ we can also claim to be a victor and possess authority over every wicked foe in the universe! If every demon and the devil himself are under Christ's feet, they are also under our feet, since we have a position in Christ and are identified with His victory and authority in the heavenlies.

In his great spiritual allegory *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan paints a word picture of a man "who looked no way but downward." This poor creature was groveling on his knees in the dirt and filth, working constantly with a rake, trying to unearth some choice jewel that would enrich his life. All the while a bright diadem of great worth was in reach just above him. The tragedy of it all is summarized by Bunyan in these words, "There stood One over his head with a celestial crown in His hand, and proffered him that crown for his muck rake; but the man never looked up as he continued gathering to himself the straw, the small sticks, and the dust of the floor!" In a similar way Christians can look downward instead of looking upward and remembering where their victory lies. The victorious crown is ours in our great Victor Christ. We don't have to remain stuck in the mud of worldly defeat and despair.

In *Philippians 2:9-14* Christ is seen to be above all and His name stands for the highest authority figure in the entire universe. You can't get any higher than this!! Jesus Christ has complete authority over the hordes of hell and every evil force in the world. He has defeated every foe upon the cross and then rose again to prove that He always will be the Mighty Victor. Thus, the believer's spiritual union, position, or standing that he has with Jesus Christ in the heavenlies guarantees that he too has authority and victory over the devil and this evil world. Believers are not only told to look up but we must also learn to look down! We must not only keep looking up (*Luke 21:28*) but also keep looking down!

### **Born Crucified**

*Galatians 2:20* once again says: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The Bible teaches that we are born crucified. In other words, when we are born again spiritually, we have

already died or been crucified to the Law's condemnation over our lives (vs. 19 – "dead to the law"). We have also been born crucified or dead to the old person that we used to be under sin's bondage (Rom. 6:6 - "our old man is crucified with him" and Rom. 6:8 – "we be dead with Christ"). Yes, I have been crucified! Nevertheless, I live! We are born again but born already dead! We are born crucified! We are born again but dead to our old enslaving relationships with the Law and sin. This is the wonder of the ages!

When our spirit is made spiritually alive (Rom. 6:11, 13; Eph. 2:1) we know that we have already been crucified with Christ and lost our relationship to the Law's condemnation, sin's slavery, and Satan's power. We have been born again possessing our great, victorious riches in Christ. We are a born again as victors in Christ who can now live free from sin's bondage and Satan's power over our lives. A principle is learned from what God told Joshua: "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you" (Joshua 1:3). Joshua already was given the land. All He had to do was possess it! In a similar way, we are already victors in Jesus Christ. Christ has already given us the victory. All we must do is claim it to be ours and possess it.

The Bible says: "... reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin" (Rom. 6:11). I am to know that my victory over sin has already been provided. My death and resurrection with Christ, the great Victor over sin, assures me that I'm no longer bound to sin's shackles and bondage. I've died the death with Christ and have been released from sin's power. I am risen with Christ, alive with His resurrection life and power, which means I can now face sin and Satan victoriously. Oh what a wonder that Jesus loved me! Oh what a wonder that I can be free! Jesus said, "free indeed" (John 8:36).

"I'm free from the fear of tomorrow,  
I'm free from the guilt of the past,  
For I've traded all my shackles,  
For a glorious song,  
I'm free, praise the Lord, free at last."

## Together

An old tract called "The Seven Together" summarizes the completeness of our union with Christ. It says we are:

- (1) crucified together with Christ (Gal. 2:20);
- (2) dead together with Christ (Col. 2:20);
- (3) buried together with Christ (Rom. 6:4);
- (4) made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5);
- (5) raised together with Christ (Col. 3:1);
- (6) sufferers together with Christ (Rom. 8:17);
- (7) glorified together with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

## Victors!

Because of our spiritual union with Christ in His death and resurrection the believer shares in Christ's victory over sin (Rom. 6) and Satan (Col. 2:15). It must be restated for clarity. Victory belongs to us through our spiritual identification with Christ in His death, resurrection, and ascension. The doctrine of our "togetherness with Christ" will keep us from having to go to the church alter every week to pray and get victory over sin. Togetherness with Christ grants us daily victory and power. Our togetherness with Christ means we have already died to sin and we are already victors in Christ.

This means we cannot do something that has already been accomplished for us. We can claim our participation with the death of Christ as the *ground* of our victory and stay close to the cross. The cross and the blood of Jesus Christ is a great threat to Satan and His kingdom (Rev. 12:11). Through our resurrection with Christ we can claim His daily *power* for present victory (Phil. 3:10 – "the power of his resurrection"). Thus, union with Christ speaks of our sharing in Christ's victory over sin and Satan and also sharing His present day power so that we can live unto God. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Miles Stanford again writes:

"We must always remember the power that we have because we have a union with the Victor, Jesus Christ, who defeated Satan and now we now share in His powerful life on a daily and moment-by-

moment basis (Gal. 2:20). We should not have an inadequate concept of our Biblical union with Christ and position in Christ. We must know that “we are in him” (1 John 5:20) and claim the victory we have through our union with Christ.”

Dear friend, we are on the victory side and Satan is on the losing side! We are the victors and Satan is the loser! 2 Corinthians 2:14, “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.” It’s also worth repeating: “If God be for us, who can be against us” (Rom. 8:31). What is more, “We are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

“We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us so.  
The Christ who dwells within us is the greatest power we know  
He will fight beside us though the enemy be great.  
Who can stand against us?  
He's the Captain of our fate.

Then we conquer never fear, So let the battle rage.  
He has promised to be near until the end of the age.  
We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us so  
The Christ who dwells within us is the greatest power we know.”

**Shout it from the rooftops!**



**Shout it from the heavenlies!**