

**Victory Over Sin Series**  
**Lesson 1 - From Defeat To Victory**  
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*Do we have to overcome sin? Are we going to be sinning til Jesus comes? At Jesus' second coming is He looking for sinners or those who won victory over sin?*

***Is our road to righteousness and Heaven a “balancing” act? True or False: As long as I have more good than bad – I WIN! Heaven!???***

*How do we overcome and have total victory over sin? These are some of the questions plus more that we are going to answer during our new sermon series Victory Over Sin!*

**1 Chronicles 29:11**

11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and **the victory**, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

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

**Victory (Greek)** - “nikos [*nee'-kos*] From G3529; a *conquest* (concretely), that is, (by implication) *triumph*”.

**Victory (English)** - “the overcoming of an enemy or antagonist.” - Merriam-Webster.com/dictionary

**Our greatest enemy is SIN and our greatest antagonist that tempts us to sin is Satan and his demonic evil angels.**

**Not only is sin our greatest enemy, but it is our greatest problem because we are all born into a world of sin.**

**Psalms 51:5**

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**“Shapen in iniquity,” means that we were wounded in our flesh with an intense natural desire to sin. In other words, in our flesh we naturally conform to the sin around us and in us. We all have a fleshy desire and propensity to sin.**

**Romans 3:23**

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**God made us to reflect and glorify his holy character, but sin has corrupted his original purpose for us. Sin has damaged and marred us. As a result, “we come short of the glory of God.” What does this mean?**

**Short (Greek)** - 1) behind, 1a) to **come late or too tardily**; 1a1) to be **left behind in the race** and so **fail to reach the goal**, to fall short of the end. 1a2) metaphorically **fail to become a partaker**, fall

back from. 1b) to be **inferior in power**, influence and rank; 1b1) of the person: to be inferior to; 1c) to fail, be wanting; 1d) to be in want of, lack; 2) to suffer want, to be devoid of, to lack (be inferior) in excellence, worth – Thayer's Greek Dictionary

**Sin in our flesh causes us to be left behind, late, a failure, lack power, and defeated in our purpose and goal of glorifying God.**

**The Bible gives us a clear definition of sin, so there is no confusion, no guessing or conjecturing.**

### **What is sin?**

**1 John 3:4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

**Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

### **What law is the Bible referring to?**

**Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Here Paul gives us an example of the law, Thou shalt not covet is the tenth commandment of God's Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20:1 – 17 and repeated in Deuteronomy 5:6 – 21.

### **Ten Commandments in summary**

1) Have no other God's before Me. 2) Thou shalt not make any grave image or any likeness nor bow down and worship them 3) Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain. 4) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall thy labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the sabbath of the Lord thy God and thou shalt not any work. [It is a day of rest and memorial of God's creation and salvation.] 5) Honor thy father and mother 6) Thou shalt not kill 7) Thou shalt not commit adultery 8) Thou shalt not steal 9) thou shalt not bear false witness 10) Thou shalt not covet...

**In summary sin is the disobedience of God's law, the Ten Commandments.**

### **What is the ultimate result of remaining in sin and being defeated by sin?**

#### **James 1:15**

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

#### **Romans 5:12**

**12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

#### **Romans 6:23**

23 For the wages of sin *is* death....

The final result of remaining in SIN is eternal death which means ceasing to exist with **NO** possibility

of living again. This is TOTAL DEFEAT. There is NO Victory in sin. It is just miserable defeat. All in sin will NOT finish the race. They will NOT make it to the finish line. They will ALL fall short. They will not make it.

In a mountainous region, China hosts an annual popular extreme marathon that is approximately 62 miles long each spring known as the Ultramarathon. This is one of the world's longest marathons and requires preparation, strength, and endurance to make it to the finish line. This race comes with a lot of prestige and pride for those who finish. The 2021 race of 172 runners had an unexpected temperature drop and cold freezing rain and hail. Most only had shorts and a tank top. As a result many runners suffered greatly and 21 died. This was shocking and caused great mourning for those who lost their lives. (Reference: Alexandra Stevenson and Cao Li, 21 Runners Dead After Extreme Weather Hits Chinese Ultramarathon, May 24, 2021, New York Times)

We are all like runners running the most extreme race and marathon that has spiritual and eternal consequences. From the beginning of the race we all have a major problem. Spiritually speaking, we are all weighed down with two 600 pound solid steel balls and chains wrapped around our feet and padlocked together. And to make matters worse our arms and heads are locked down in rugged stocks. Movement to run is impossible. The shouting of grunts, screams, and crying are deafening as people try to move and break free, but to no avail. The elements are cold and icy. Our bodies violently shake and shiver uncontrollably. It is dark and most miserable. Death is all around us. The horrible stench of dead bodies is unbearable. It is the most hopeless condition. No one has the power nor strength to make it to the finish line. Defeat and death are sure. **This is what it is like in our sinful condition.**

### How does Paul describe the struggles and reality of our sinful condition in our flesh?

#### **Romans 7:14-24**

- 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
- 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
- 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.
- 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) **dwelleth no good thing**: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.
- 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
- 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, **evil is present with me**.
- 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
- 23 But I see another law in my members, **warring against the law of my mind**, and bringing me into **captivity to the law of sin** which is in my members.
- 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

There is nothing within our sinful flesh that can deliver us from sin. No human being regardless of their profession and promise can deliver you. Why? They do not have the strength because they are in the same condition. How can someone free you from bondage when they are in bondage themselves?

### “O wretched man that I am!” Who has the power and strength to deliver us from our sinful state of misery, pain, and death?

#### **Romans 7:25**

25 I thank God through **Jesus Christ our Lord**. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

**Matthew 1:21**

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall **save his people from their sins**.

**Acts 3:26**

26 **Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**

**1 John 3:5**

5 And ye know that he was manifested to **take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.

**Galatians 5:1**

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the **yoke of bondage**.

**How does Jesus make this possible?**

**1 John 1:7**

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from **all** sin.

**Hebrews 9:22**

22 And almost all things are by the law purged **with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission**.

**There is life in the blood. Red Blood Cells pick up oxygen from the lungs and deliver it to every cell of the body and take away the waste that comes from each cell.**

**Shedding of blood represents death.**

**Romans 5:6-10**

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life**.

“Think of the great gift God has made for you. Think of what he has done to secure your salvation. Your sinful condition demanded a sacrifice. In your spiritual destitution you had nothing to offer. But Christ came to the world, and on the cross offered himself as a sacrifice for you. Herein is love. God has given you a proof of his love that defies all computation. We have no line with which to measure it, no standard with which to compare it. God invites you to let your gratitude flow forth in gifts and offerings. He calls upon you to be his merciful helping hand. Can you refuse the request of One who has done so much for you?” {Ellen White, Review Herald, April 18, 1912 par. 8}

**Acts 4:12**

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Jesus is the only way to our salvation that connects us to heaven and eternal life.**

**John 14:6**

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Psalms 86:11** Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

**From Defeat to Victory**

**What must we do in order to walk in the truth and be cleansed and delivered from the bondage of sin?**

**1 John 1:9**

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unrighteousness is breaking the law of God that leads to eternal death. Righteousness is the gift of salvation from God that takes us from guilty to not guilty through the blood, holiness, and advocacy of Jesus Christ.

**Acts 2:38**

**38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 3:19**

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

**Repent – Coming to God in humility recognizing your sinful state and weakness with a sincere desire to turn from SIN and be set free.**

**Converted – to turn to Jesus who cleanses us from sin and gives us power to overcome sin and have total victory over sin. Jesus takes us from defeat to victory!**

**In order to make this a reality in our lives we must have faith in God's gift of salvation.**

**Romans 3:22** Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

**Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**God has made the provision, but we must make the decision! All and any sin is still bondage, but our faith in Christ will save us. Are you still in bondage?**