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*Experiencing the Presence of God  
in Your Everyday Life*

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# Foreword

The Church of Jesus Christ suffers from an inadequate identity. The Church, the Body of Christ, is the most important, influential and powerful force in the universe outside of God Himself. The world, and much of the Church, does not realize this. That is why it is not the most prestigious, although the most potent factor or agent, in all creation.

Although much of the Church has not understood its position, through Her God-given identity with Christ, God has given the Church power and authority over all the power of the enemy. (See Luke 10:19.)

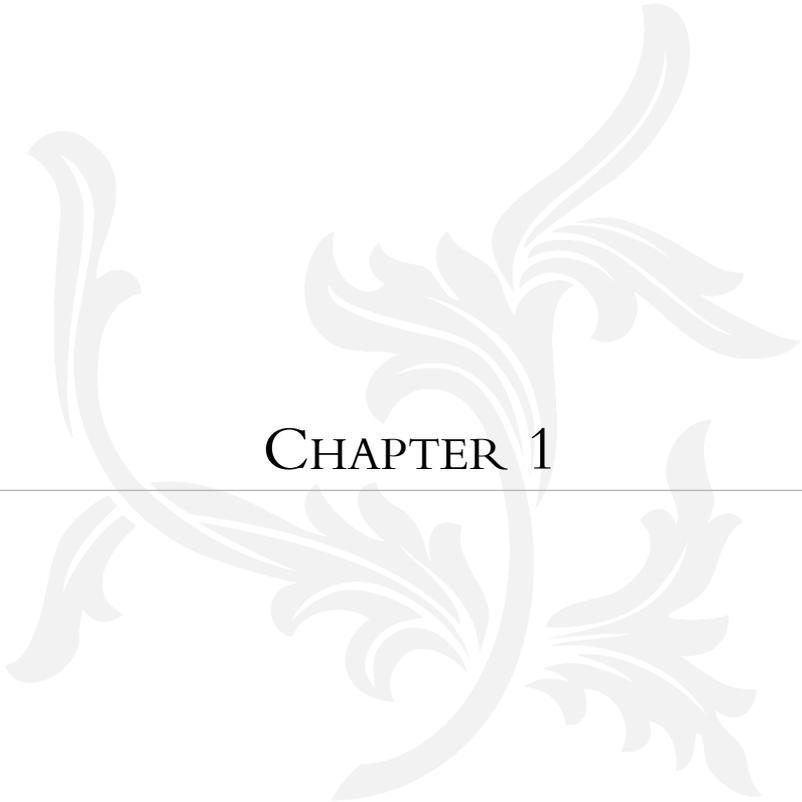
When the Body of Christ fully appreciates the Lordship of Christ, continually walks in the Spirit, constantly ministers in the power of the Holy Ghost, persists in wearing the whole armor of

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God and living as Christ's follower or disciple, only then is this celestial power and authority available and effective.

In his book, *Living in His Presence*, Richard Booker has expounded some important Biblical secrets for exercising this power and authority.

*Paul E. Billheimer*



# CHAPTER 1

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## CHAPTER 1

# The God-kind of Life

The cry of every human heart is to live a fulfilled and contented life free of the fear of want and death. In trying to obtain this life of contentment and immortality, we human creatures grasp for many straws that we think will help us find it. Some of the straws we grasp for are money, pleasure, power, prestige, fame, humanitarianism, self-gratification, freedom, accomplishments, security, greatness, friendship, and so forth. Whatever straw we are holding onto inevitably breaks. When this happens we reach out for another, and another and another. Before we realize it, our life is over, and instead of having contentment and immortality all we've got is a bunch of broken straws.

*There is a person who claimed to be able to provide this life for us. This Person is Jesus Christ. Jesus said that He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. The apostle John recorded this statement by Jesus in John 10:10. The Greek*

word that John used for *life* in this verse is “zoe.” This word refers to the kind of life that comes only from God. It is the eternal life of God breathed into us so that we might live forever with Him.

Jesus said that He could and would give this eternal life to all who would come to Him. He can do this because He has this life within Himself and desires to share it with us. Jesus said this is an abundant life.

Whenever we come to Jesus, He shares this life with us by giving us the Holy Spirit of God. *Thus, it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive and become partakers of the very life of God Himself.* When this God-kind of life controls us, we find fulfillment, contentment, and freedom from the fear of want and death. We often speak of this as “life in the Spirit.” This abundant life in the Spirit also enables us to have authority, power, and victory over sin, satan and eventually death itself. So you see, this is just the kind of life for which we are all seeking. God’s life is not like the broken straws of the world. And He will share it with anyone and everyone who will come to Him through Jesus Christ.

## **Why I Wrote This Book**

I wrote this book to help you learn how to receive and enjoy this God-kind of life. You receive this life simply by turning from your sins and asking Christ to come and live in you through the Holy Spirit.

Now all Christians have received this God-kind of life, but unfortunately not all Christians are experiencing and enjoying its full blessings. *The purpose of this book is to help you learn how to live in the God-kind of life in the Holy Spirit in the here and now.*

The apostle Paul expressed my prayer for you as you read this book. He said, “I pray for you constantly, asking God, the

glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you wisdom to see clearly and really understand who Christ is and all that he has done for you. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future He has called you to share. I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to Him! I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in Heaven, far, far above any other king or ruler or dictator or leader. Yes, His honor is far more glorious than that of anyone else either in this world or in the world to come. And God has put all things under His feet and made Him the supreme Head of the church—which is his body, filled with Himself, the Author and Giver of everything everywhere” (Eph. 1:17-23 TLB).

## **A Look at What's Ahead**

You will begin in Chapter Two by learning that *God really does want you to have this abundant life in the Spirit*. You'll see that, through Jesus Christ, you have been given a position of authority and rule over the fear of want and death.

In Chapter Three, you will discover your *identification with Christ* in all that He has done on your behalf. What Jesus did in the flesh of His human body is available for you in your spirit. God considers you one with Christ in His crucifixion, burial, resurrection, ascension and exaltation. His victory in the flesh becomes your victory in the spirit.

Then in Chapter Four, you'll learn how to *appropriate Jesus as Lord of your life*. You see, Jesus did not come just to help us out when we get into trouble. He certainly does this and we appreciate it

when He does, but He has something else much more wonderful in mind. He actually desires to live His own glorious life through us. So when we give our life completely to Him, His God-kind of life becomes real to us.

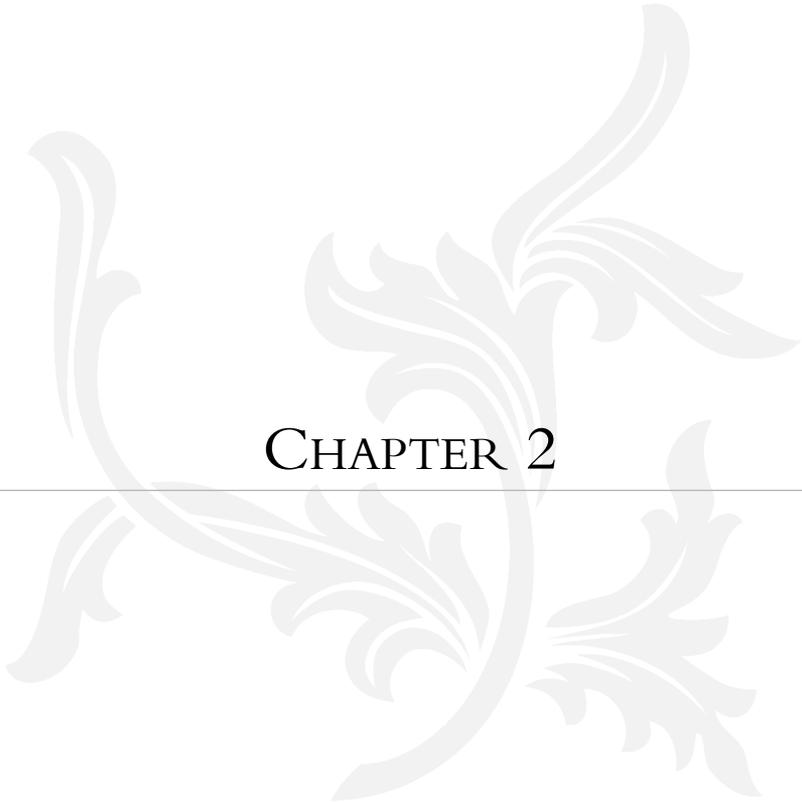
As you continue on to Chapter Five, you'll learn how to live *in this God-kind of life*. You can't actually live it yourself, but you can live in it. The Bible calls this "walking in the Spirit." (See Galatians 5:16,25.) As you walk in the Spirit, the very life of God is manifested to you and through you. The Holy Spirit begins to live the character of Jesus Christ through you. The apostle Paul spoke of this as the "fruit of the Spirit." (See Ephesians 5:9.) The result is that your life will be filled with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance (self-control). This is truly an abundant life.

And there's even more. In Chapter Six you will learn how to *minister in the Spirit* in order to share this abundant life with others. God will give you power so that you can hear His voice, do His will, and walk in His ways.

When you begin to minister in the Spirit, you soon encounter *spiritual warfare*. So in Chapter Seven, you'll become acquainted with your spiritual armor and learn how to use it to stand in the victory Jesus Christ has provided for you.

Finally, in Chapter Eight, you'll discover what it really means to *live as Christ's disciple*. You'll learn the real meaning of the word disciple, how to be a *disciple*, and the marks of true discipleship.

In addition, there is a *review exercise* at the end of each of the following chapters to help you highlight and reinforce what you have learned in the chapter. The review exercises may be completed on an individual or group basis. May God help you learn what it means to be *seated in heavenly places*. (See Ephesians 2:6.)



## CHAPTER 2

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## CHAPTER 2

# Knowing Your Dominion

When God made Adam He gave him *dominion, or rule, over planet earth*. We read in the book of Genesis, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Gen. 1:26).

### **God-given Dominion**

God had given Adam and Eve the title deed to planet earth. *They had a divine mandate and legal right to rule the earth for the glory of God*. But this right to rule was effective for Adam and Eve only as long as they lived in obedience and loving fellowship with God. They were in authority over everything on planet earth just as long as they themselves lived under God’s authority.

## **Dominion Lost**

But, as the Genesis account records, satan tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. (See Genesis 3.) And when Adam and Eve yielded to the temptation, they lost their position of rule and authority. The effect of this is that *Adam transferred the title deed of planet Earth to satan*. Satan then became the ruler and master of everything on planet Earth, including Adam and Eve. Adam, therefore, not only lost the divine right to rule planet Earth, but he himself came under the dominion of satan.

## **The Rule of satan**

Jesus spoke of satan as the “prince of this world.” (See John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11.) In Second Corinthians 4:4, Paul referred to satan as the “god of this world.” To the Ephesians, he spoke of satan as the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). John wrote that, “the whole world is in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19 RSV). In these and many other places in the Bible, *we learn that Adam and Eve and all of their descendants came under satan’s dominion*.

## **A Deadly Bondage**

What does it mean to be under satan’s dominion? Basically, it means that we become his slaves and must do whatever he tells us to do. The Bible tells us that the work of satan is sin (see 1 John 3:8). Satan wants us to sin. He wants us to disobey God. And since we are under his authority, this is exactly what we do. The Bible says that all of us have sinned and the penalty for our sin is death (see Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Paul said it this way to the Romans, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12 NKJ). *All of Adam’s descendants*

*have inherited his slavery to satan, his tendency toward sin and his fear of death.*

Now, of course, satan doesn't tell us that we are his slaves. We wouldn't want to hear that, would we? That would make us very upset. Why? Because, in our pride, we like to think we are our own person doing our own thing. So satan lets us believe this, and we go through life serving him while thinking we are our own masters.

*But the Bible says, "Nobody does their own thing."* We're either doing God's thing or satan's thing. We're either slaves to God or slaves to the devil. Paul wrote to the Romans, "Don't you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal). The one to whom you offer yourself—he will take you and be your master and you will be his slave" (Romans 6:16 TLB). Peter wrote "a man is a slave to whatever controls him" (2 Peter 2:19 TLB). Jesus said, "You are slaves of sin, every one of you" (John 8:34 TLB).

*Even though we don't like to hear it, and most won't acknowledge it, we are all born into this world as slaves to satan, slaves to sin, and slaves to the fear of death.* This is why we can't keep our New Year's resolutions. This is why we can't break the hold of self-destructive habits. This is why we are all afraid to die.

## **A Just Restoration**

We've all got a problem. We need to be set free from this bondage. But our freedom must come in such a way that God's justice will not be violated. You see, God can't just suddenly change all the rules. God can't say to satan, "Too bad, satan. You have to play by the rules, but I don't. So the deal is off. I'm giving it all back to Adam."

God must abide by His own laws of justice. *Dominion over the earth was given to man, and it was lost by man. Therefore, it can legally only be recovered by a man.*

But what man? As we've just learned, Adam and all of his descendants are slaves. And a slave has no legal standing. A slave cannot go into court and appeal his case. There is no offspring of Adam, no seed of man, who can take the case for us.

Yet, somehow, a human must be found on whom satan has no claim, someone not in bondage to him, someone who can go into the courtroom of Heaven and represent us, someone who can dismiss satan's legal claim on us. *We need another Adam.* We need one who would be tempted, just as the first Adam, but who would not yield to the temptation. Therefore, he would be able to restore dominion, rule, and authority to us.

## **The Promise of Deliverance**

*And this is just what God promised He would provide for us.* He gave this promise immediately after Adam and Eve sinned. This promise of a coming deliverer is recorded in Genesis 3:15. God is speaking to satan through the serpent, and He says, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (RSV).

Now this is a most interesting statement. God says to satan that he will have a seed. This just means that satan will have spiritual children who will be under his dominion and rule. *Satan's seed, or children, will be constantly at war with another seed whom God identifies as the seed of woman.*

God says this seed of woman is a he. Then He begins to talk about a continuous spiritual war between the seed of satan and the seed of the woman. This war will eventually come down to a

personal confrontation between the two. Satan will bruise the heel of the seed of the woman. This will be painful but not fatal. The seed of the woman will then recover and bruise the head of the serpent (satan). The bruise to the head will be a fatal blow from which satan will not be able to recover.

Now the curious part about this whole statement from God is His referral to the “seed of woman.” *Whoever heard of a woman having her own seed?* That’s not the way life is reproduced. The seed comes from man. But in this case, God says the One who will deliver the fatal blow to satan will come from the seed of woman.

## **The Virgin Birth**

The prophet Isaiah also spoke of this seed of woman. He said, “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). The word *Immanuel* means “God with us.”

*Isaiah explained that the seed of woman refers to a virgin birth.* He said that it would be God Himself coming to planet Earth as a baby boy, born of a virgin. The virgin would not be the mother of God, but would be the mother of the man God became. This son, born of a virgin, would be the One who would take dominion from satan and restore it to us.

*Now in the New Testament, we learn the identity of this seed of woman.* We read the following in Matthew 1:18-25: “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to

you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘*Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her first-born Son. And he called His name Jesus” (NKJV).

Paul also added this statement in his letter to the Galatians, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman...” (Gal. 4:4 NKJV).

I hope you fully realize the significance of what we have just read. These verses, along with many others, tell us that *Jesus Christ is the Creator-God, Who came to the earth as a man, born of a virgin, in order to destroy the power of satan and restore dominion over planet earth to man.*

## **Jesus—The Seed of Woman**

Jesus had to be born perfect without sin as Adam was created perfect without sin. *This is why He could not be born of the seed of man.* If He had been born of the seed of man, He would have inherited Adam’s sin nature passed down through his blood line. This would mean that Jesus would be satan’s slave just like the rest of us. Yet legally, according to God’s justice, He had to be a real human to take our place. So quite logically, at least in God’s mind, He was born of a virgin.

Now what human mind would ever think up “that” as a solution? Well, of course, none! No one would ever think of a virgin birth. And even if they did happen to stumble upon the idea, they sure wouldn’t suggest it to anybody. They would be laughed out

of town. Only God would come up with this solution. This is just one more proof that He is the real author of the Bible.

So Jesus was born perfect, without sin, as Adam was created perfect and without sin. *Through His own test of obedience similar to Adam's, Jesus would set us free from bondage to satan, sin and the fear of death.* He would restore dominion over planet Earth to all who would come to Him.

This is what Paul had in mind when he wrote, "...since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Jesus] came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive....And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Jesus] was made a quickening spirit" (1 Cor. 15:21-22, 45).

## **Dominion Challenged**

*Jesus is a man on whom satan has no claim.* He is a man who can legally and morally challenge satan. He is another Adam.

This, of course, presents satan with a real problem. He must figure out some way to get dominion over "this Adam" just as the first one. He must get this new Adam (Jesus) to rebel against God just as he did the first Adam. Satan becomes obsessed with this one scheme. He marshalls all of his demon forces and uses every bit of his cunning to get Jesus to sin.

We find this struggle of the ages coming face to face out in a hot desert. The two contestants are battling for dominion over man and planet earth. *Satan is tempting Jesus just as he did Adam in the garden.* But where Adam was in a perfect environment, Jesus was hot, tired, hungry and thirsty from forty days of fasting in the desert. He was vulnerable, and satan knew it.

You can read about this clash in Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV). This is what happened. Satan approached Jesus and said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread” (see Matt. 4:3). Now this is an interesting temptation. You see, no matter how hungry I am, I can’t turn stones to bread. *But the Son of God can.* And satan knew it. That’s why he tempted Jesus in this way. Instead of yielding to the temptation, Jesus responded by telling satan that, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).

But satan didn’t give up so easily. He tried again. This time he took Jesus up to the top of the temple, and said, “[Jesus], if You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down [from the top of this temple]. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” Again Jesus resisted the temptation and said, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God’” (Matt. 4:6-7).

Well, by then, satan was discouraged, but he was not yet ready to give up. So he tried once again. He took Jesus to the top of a mountain and in a fleeting moment of time, flashed all the kingdoms of the world before Jesus. Then satan said, “[Jesus], all these things I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me” (Matt. 4:9).

With this temptation, satan was offering Jesus the title deed to planet earth. But the price was to become satan’s slave, just as with the first Adam. *Now Jesus did not question satan’s right to offer Him these kingdoms.* He knew that Adam had legally handed them over to satan.

But once again, Jesus resisted the temptation and said, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Angels then came and ministered to Jesus. He then returned victoriously to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Temptation in the Garden**

But satan was not about to give up. There was too much at stake. So he tried again in the garden of Gethsemane. Satan's temptation was so strong that Jesus agonized and He sweat great drops of blood from His forehead (see Luke 22:44). There, all alone, Jesus as the Son of God cried out, "Father, if there's any way, take this cup from me." (See Matthew 26:39.)

In this cry of desperation, Jesus was looking ahead to the cross. *But He was thinking about more than His physical suffering.* He was thinking about His spiritual suffering. He was thinking about His soul being cut off from fellowship with His heavenly Father.

*For the first time in all eternity, the unity between God the Father and God the Son would be broken.* This is because Jesus would become sin for us. God's eyes are too holy and pure to even look upon sin. So Jesus knew that the Father would have to turn His face from Him. This is what Jesus was agonizing over. To bypass the cross was His greatest temptation. Yet He said, "Nevertheless, not my will Father, but yours be done." (See Matthew 26:36-46.)

## **Jesus Our Representative**

Shortly afterwards the Roman soldiers came and took Jesus. After several mock trials and a number of horrible beatings, they crucified Him. *There on the cross and for the next three days and nights, Jesus annulled and reversed the consequences of the failure of Adam four thousand years earlier when Adam handed dominion over to satan.* Jesus experienced death and separation from the Father on our behalf. He took on our sins as He became our innocent substitutionary sacrifice. Isaiah prophesied this would happen and said, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our

iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:4-5).

The weight of all of our sins was more than Jesus could bear. So as the Son of Man (representative of all mankind) He cried out to God, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (See Matthew 27:46.) This was not a question but a cry of desperation and anguish as fellowship between Jesus and the Father was broken.

Finally, Jesus dismissed His spirit and died. They took His body down and put it in a burial tomb. This was necessary because the penalty for sin is death. This is the physical and spiritual death. Spiritual death is separation from God. Jesus had to pay the full penalty for us. Paul wrote in Romans 8:32 that God spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all. (See Psalms 68:18; 88:6; Acts 2:31.)

## **Satan’s Colossal Blunder**

This was satan’s bruise to the heel of Jesus in fulfillment of Genesis 3:15. His heel was literally bruised as He pushed Himself up on the cross. But spiritually speaking, His heel was bruised as He was cut off from the Father and died as our sin substitute.

*But in his frantic effort to tempt Jesus to sin, satan made the most colossal blunder of all time.* Here is where he went wrong. Since satan had dominion over man, he had the power of death over man. A slave owner can kill his slaves if he so desires. Therefore, satan had the legal right to destroy sinful man under his dominion. But Jesus had never sinned. Jesus was not under his dominion. Therefore, satan had no legal rights over Jesus.

So when Jesus allowed satan to take His life, satan became a murderer. He killed an innocent man. In God’s justice, the penalty for murder is death. Now when a person is waiting on death row to be executed, he has no dominion over anybody. And

so in Hebrews 2:14, it says that *Jesus, through His death, destroyed him [satan] that had the power of death.*

## **Dominion Restored**

So three days later, when some women went to where Jesus was buried, they were greeted by an angel who said, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay” (Matt. 28:5-6 NKJV). Jesus had risen because He had never sinned. Therefore, death had no hold on Him.

After His resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven where He presented His own blood as the legal evidence of satan’s guilt. *Then Jesus sat down on the throne of the universe showing that He has dominion over satan, sin, and death.*

The apostle Paul wrote the Ephesians that God the Father has given Jesus a position “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....”(Eph. 1:21-22).

He wrote to the Philippian Christians, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11 NKJV).

Peter wrote of Jesus “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him”(1 Peter 3:22 NKJV).

*Through His resurrection, Jesus delivered the final blow to satan’s head. And the good news is that His victory is ours.* Paul said it this

way to the Colossians, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements [ordinances] that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it” (Col. 2:13-15 NKJV).

## **The Handwriting of Ordinances**

In these verses, Paul mentioned a document called the handwriting of ordinances. He says this *handwriting of ordinances* was against us. The handwriting of ordinances was also called a Certificate of Debt.

When criminals were put in jail in Rome, their crimes and the numbers of years penalty were listed and nailed to their cell door. Each year the jailer would go by the cell door and mark off the time served until the debt had been paid. This was the Certificate of Debt. It stayed nailed to the cell door until the debt was paid in full. Then the jailer would take the Certificate of Debt to the judge who would stamp it “paid in full.” Then the prisoner would be set free.

This is what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. The handwriting of ordinances that was against us was all of our sins. We all have a Certificate of Debt bearing our name with our sins listed. The penalty for our sin is bondage to satan, sin, and death. *But God took that Certificate of Debt and nailed it to the cross of Jesus.* And when it was over, the Judge hanging on the cross cried out, “It is finished” (John 19:30). This was His victory cry. He meant that our sin debt had been paid in full. When we appropriate this

payment in our own life, we are set free from the penalty and bondage of sin.

## **The Parade of Triumph**

Paul went on to say that Jesus disarmed or spoiled principalities and powers. The word *spoil* means “to carry off as a captive.” It refers to an ancient military practice. When a general conquered his enemy, a great homecoming parade would be given in his honor. This was called the *parade of triumph*. As the general came into the city, he would strip the opposing king, whom he had taken captive, of all his armor and march him down the main street as part of his parade. The whole city would turn out for the parade to cheer the general and celebrate the victory. Then they gave him the keys to the city.

Now this is just what Jesus has done for us. *He has disarmed satan and taken him captive*. When He returned to Heaven, God the Father had prepared a big homecoming parade for Him. It was the great parade of triumph. All the angels of Heaven came out to meet Him. They joined together in singing, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing” (Rev. 5:12 NKJV). Then God the Father gave Jesus the keys to death and hades (see Rev. 1:18 NKJV).

The great grip of fear that satan has on people is the fear of death. *But the Christian no longer needs to fear death*. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die....” (John 11:25–26 NKJV).

Because of what Jesus has done for us, Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:55-57).

Not only do Christians have dominion over death, but *we also have dominion over satan*. When we receive and walk in the God-kind of life in the spirit, we are able to exercise authority over satan. The apostle John said it this way, “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” (1 John 4:4).

Through the God-kind of life in the Spirit, *we also have power over sin*. Paul wrote to the Roman Christians, “For sin shall not have dominion over you....” (Rom. 6:14 NKJV).

*If you are a Christian, sin has no power over you, satan has no authority over you and death cannot hold you*. Paul summarized this with one grand statement, “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ....” (2 Cor. 2:14 NKJV).

Dear reader, you can join the parade of triumph by receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. You can say to satan, death and sin, “I know you seek (your name). That old man is not here. He is risen as a new creation in Christ.”

In these next chapters, we are going to be learning how to walk in this triumph, how to walk in victory, and how to walk in dominion. May God bless you as you continue in your reading.