

Victory Over Sin

Daily

1 Cor 15:57 But thanks be unto God, Which **giveth us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Thank You Lord for the victory which You have given me in the Victor, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor 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.

Victory is not something to be **achieved**; it is something to be **received**. We are incapable of overcoming the enemy in the strength of the flesh. If we are to have victory, then God in His grace must provide it.

Rom 6:10 The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. 11 *In the same way, **reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin** but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**.*

Two things we are told to **reckon** on here as believers: that we are **dead to sin and alive to God**. Rom 6:11 *In the same way, **reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin** but **alive to God** in Christ Jesus.*

Reckoning does not make something true, it is **the recognition and acknowledgement of what is true**. This is truth: Rom 6:6 “we **know** that **our old self was crucified with Him**”.

My portion is to **reckon myself dead to sin and alive unto God**. His portion is to **make it real in my experience**.

Appropriation of the victory of Christ demands more than just one *act* of faith – it requires an *attitude* of faith. It is a moment – by – moment reckoning, and your reckoning for this moment is never adequate for the next. Ian Thomas (Gal 5:16 So I say, **live** by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the

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Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.)

Appropriate: to set aside for your practical possession something which already belongs to you.

Consider a soldier in the heat of battle. He does not take a shot at the enemy once in the morning and perhaps once more at night. No! He must wage war continually. Likewise, when we are in the heat of spiritual battle, we must reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God continually.

There is **no climactic experience** by which the **evil influence of the flesh may be eradicated once and for all**, though the flesh itself in its subtlety would like you to believe it, in the interests of its own self-preservation! Only be persuaded that the flesh no longer exists, and you are not likely to cause it any further inconvenience as it perpetuates its wicked activities in your soul. Nothing could please the devil more than that! Ian Thomas

In obedience to Your Word, I reckon myself dead to sin and alive unto You. I ask You to make it real in my experience today and every moment of the day.

How can we receive His victory? In the very same way that we received Christ. In 1:12 But as many as received Him...*I now by faith receive Your life of victory, with all its rest and joy and fruitfulness, I rest in Christ's victory.*

A continual walk with the Spirit is cherished too much for it to be lost by license. *Lord, I cherish continual fellowship with You far more than enjoying the pleasures of sin for a short time.* (Heb 11:25)

Lord's Day

Rom 6:1 What shall we say, then? **Shall we continue in sin** that grace may abound?

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2 **God forbid!** How shall **we that are dead to sin**; live any longer therein.

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into **his death**? (**The death He died He died to sin once** for all v10)

4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may walk about in newness life**.

9 For **we know** that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.

10 The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

11 **In the same way, reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lord, I reckon on the fact that I myself am dead unto sin and alive unto You. I ask You to make it real in my experience today, all day, and every day.

Monday

Our reckoning on the finished work of our death to sin, in Christ at Calvary, **is God's one way of deliverance, there is no other**.

C Usher

*Lord, I thank You that there is a **way** to be free from the reign of sin and I thank You that You have provided that way.*

When we **reckon**, the Holy Spirit **makes real** (experientially). When we **continue to reckon**, **He continues to make real**. R Paxton

2 Pet 2:7 And if He rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) — 9 if this is so, then **the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials**.

Lord, I thank You that You not only know how to rescue us from trials, You have also provided exactly what we need to rescue us

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from those trials. 1 Cor 15:57 But thanks be unto God, Which **giveth us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, I am faced with a situation that I cannot possibly meet. Thine enemy the Devil, has brought it about to cause my downfall, but I praise Thee that Thy victory is an all-inclusive victory, it covers this situation too. I praise Thee that I already have full victory in this matter. W. Nee (1 Cor 15:57)

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide **the way** of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

What is the way of escape? How does God rescue us from trials? Is it our own strength? Is it the flesh? No! It is in **reckoning ourselves dead indeed unto sin.**

Our source of victory is **not** my effort plus Christ's help, nor is it Christ's strength plus my help. NO! It is Christ and Christ alone!

*Lord, I thank You that you have provided **the way** of escape, and I appropriate that way by reckoning myself dead unto sin and alive unto You. Now I look to You to rescue me from temptations which would result in sin and broken fellowship with You.*

*O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.*
Author E. M. Bartlett

Tuesday

Through faith, God makes real in experience what through grace He has made real in fact. R Paxton

When I, by faith reckon myself dead to sin and alive unto God, God in His grace makes it real in my experience.

The blood procures our **pardon** for **what we have done** (sinned); the cross procures our **deliverance** from **what we are** (sinners).

How do I appropriate the work of the Cross? By **reckoning** myself dead to sin and alive to God.

Lord, I am a sinner by birth and a sinner by practice. I reckon on the fact that I am now dead to sin "in Christ" and alive unto You. I ask You to make it real in my life today.

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 **Put on the full armor of God** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

How do we **put on the full armor of God**? By **reckoning** ourselves dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

2 Kings 6: 8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "**Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.**" 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. **Time and again Elisha warned the**

king, so that he was on his guard in such places. *Lord, just as you sent Elisha to warn the king of Israel that the enemy was lying in wait for him, may You please warn me ahead of time when my enemy, the Devil, is lying in wait for me. Then I can put on Your full armor and reckon myself dead to sin.*

Wednesday

The divine way of emancipation from sin (via the cross and reckoning on Rom 6:6) is just as offensive to the child of God as the divine way of forgiveness (via the blood and reckoning on Rom 6:11) is to the lost. MJ Stanford

*Thank You Lord, that You have so worked in me that I do not consider Your way of emancipation from sin offensive. In fact I consider it altogether delightful! Thank You! My way was complete failure! Thanks be unto God which **giveth me** the victory through my Lord Jesus Christ!*

The divine way of emancipation from sin is **by the cross** and **reckoning** on that fact that we are dead to sin. It is offensive to the child of God because we think we can obtain the victory by ourselves. “Surely there is **something** that I can do to defeat the enemy!”

The divine way of forgiveness is offensive to the lost for the same reason (the flesh). “Surely I can please God and obtain favor with Him and eternal life by living a good life.”

The blood is **sufficient** for my **sins**, but it can do nothing for my old man. The blood deals with sin, **the cross must deal with the sinner**. W Nee

How does the cross deal with the sinner? “I am crucified with Christ”. When I reckon on the fact of Rom 6:6 (For we **know** that our old self was crucified with Him), the cross deals with me, the sinner. **Reckon** yourself dead indeed unto sin.

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2 Cor 10:3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are **not carnal**, but **mighty through God** to the pulling down of strong holds.)

How does the world and contemporary Christendom wage war against sin? Spiritual disciplines, making vows, trying to live a “good life”, practicing self-denial, making covenants, promises, etc. and etc. How do we? **By reckoning** on facts!

Reckoning is no magic formula, it is simple obedience to God’s instruction in Rom 6:11 *In the same way, **reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin** but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**.*

Thank You Lord for revealing the wicked Haman¹ living within the palace. He can’t be coddled, he can’t be pacified, he can’t be reformed, he must be hanged. And You must be on the other end of the rope to hold him in the position of death. I can’t do it, but You and You alone can. So, I ask You to keep him in the position of death and me in the position of life and victory. ¹ *If I Perish I Perish* by Ian Thomas

As my Substitute, You went to the cross alone to pay the penalty for my sin. As my Representative, You took me to the cross with You, and there I died to the practice of sin. Lord, I thank You that in You I have died to both the penalty of sin and the practice of sin.

Thursday

As our Substitute He went to the cross **alone** to pay the penalty for our sins. As our Representative, He took us to the cross **with Him**, and there in the sight of God **we all died together with Him**. (Author?) Reckon on the fact.

The blood cannot take us out of Adam. There is only one way. Since we came in by birth, we must go out by death. (Author?) *Lord, I thank You that there is a way out, and You provided that way. Now I reckon on that way and I reckon myself dead indeed*

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unto sin and alive unto You. Only You can make it real in my experience. I ask You to do so today.

We may be **forgiven** because He died in our stead, we may be **delivered** because we died with Him. (Author?)

Rom 6:6 For we **know** that **our old self was crucified with Him** so that the body of sin might be **rendered powerless**, that **we should no longer be slaves to sin** 7 because anyone who has died has been justified from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

There must be an entire surrender of self – a real yearning desire to be free from all known sin – a looking unto Jesus Christ by faith to destroy the practice of sin in us; and a taking of Christ to be our whole life – literally our Life. (Author?) Reckon yourself alive to God in Christ.

Titus 2:11 For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It (**grace**) teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Those who fail to understand, appreciate, and appropriate grace (not Law) will fail to live a godly life in Christ Jesus. Lord, please enable me to understand, appreciate and appropriate Your all-sufficient grace. Thank You Lord that Your grace teaches me to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions.

There is an allegory of the sea captain who, in mid-ocean, is charged with a capital offense, put in chains, and replaced by another. As the ship sails on, the chained one seeks to assert his old authority over the crew. Some of them might be foolish enough to respond, but there is no need to, for he has been judicially deposed. It is now simply a matter of acknowledging the new captain, and refusing the threats and orders of the condemned one. The death sentence is not yet carried out beyond his being held in the place of death, his power broken, but he will be

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executed when the ship reaches port. In the meantime, he causes a lot of trouble.

This is a picture of the Adamic nature, held in the place of death, replaced by the new Source at the helm of our ship. Our attitude toward the old man is to be this: *"Lord, I reckon on Your crucifixion on the cross as being Satan's undoing. I reckon that You are now the Captain of my life, he (Satan) has been deposed. When he demands and shouts orders, I ask You to respond and hold him in place of death." When I reach the heavenly port, the conflict will be over! In the meantime, Lord, I rest in You and reckon myself alive unto You. Thank You!*

Friday

The victorious life is simply a life fully surrendered to God, with Christ dwelling within and in complete control – a life in which the only desire is to bring glory to Jesus Christ. (Author?)

Psa 121:7 The LORD will keep you from all harm (sin) — He will watch over your life; 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. *Lord, I know that You alone can keep me from sin. I am incapable, but You are fully capable. I trust You to keep me from sin today.*

He will keep us safe from the power of sin if we let Him. Christ can do this and He will do it. He does it in every life that trusts Him to do it. (Author?) *Lord, I trust You to keep me safe from the power of sin. I know that You can do it, and You are very willing to do it, and You will do it in every life that trusts You to do it. Thank You!*

God will not give all that He would until we surrender all that we are and have. (Author?) *Lord, I say along with the king of Israel, "Just as You say, my Lord the King. I and all I have are Yours." 1 Kings 20:4*

Father, I believe that You are able and willing to deliver me from all sin. Christ died to set me free, not only in the future, but in the here

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and now. I believe that You are stronger than sin and can keep me from yielding to it. Lord, I trust You to keep me from it. I have tried keeping myself and have failed miserably. I am totally incapable. So now, I trust You. I give myself to You. I keep nothing back. (Author?) Now I reckon myself dead unto sin and alive unto You, and I look to You to make it real in my experience today.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Lord, I present my body to You as a living sacrifice. May You use it today to bring honor to Yourself.*

The key to our deliverance from the works of the flesh is not our strength or ability. Freedom comes by means of explicit faith. As we reckon on Calvary's crucifixion of the Adam-life, the Holy Spirit applies the finished work to that life thereby holding it in the position of death: inoperative. Green Letters p148

Saturday

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my **Shepherd**; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; **we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.** *Lord, I thank You that I am one of Your sheep-fold and You are my Shepherd. Sheep are not equipped to fight, they can only rest in the providential care of the Shepherd. Please enable me to rest in the providential care of my all-loving, all-providing, all Victorious Shepherd, Who said, "I will fight for you, you need only be still".*

Jude 24 To Him Who is able to **keep you from stumbling.** *Lord, please grant that this day I would not yield to any temptation. I ask You to keep me this day from any and every sin. I know that You are able to keep me from stumbling, so I trust You to do so today.*

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Lord, I submit myself to You. I have tried in every way I could think of to manage myself, and to make myself what I know I ought to be, but I have always failed. Now I give it up to Thee. Take entire possession of me. Work in me all the good pleasure of Your will. Mold and fashion me into such a vessel as seems good to You. I leave myself in Your hands, and I believe You will, according to Your promise, make me into a vessel of Your own honor, "made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." Here I must rest, I trust myself to You, continually and absolutely.

(Author?)

On March 10, 1974, almost 30 years after the end of World War II, Lt. Hiroo Onoda finally handed over his trusty sword and rifle and became the last Japanese soldier to surrender.

Onoda had been sent to the tropical island of Lubang in the Philippines in 1944, with orders to conduct guerrilla warfare and prevent enemy attack on the island. When the war ended, Onoda continued to defend the island territory for the defeated Japanese army. He hid in the jungle, living off the land, stealing food and supplies from the local citizens, evading one search party after another, and killing at least thirty nationals in the process.

Thousands of dollars were spent trying to locate the lone holdout and convince him the war was over. Leaflets, newspaper, photographs and letters from friends were dropped in the jungle. Announcements were made over loudspeakers begging Onoda to surrender. Still he refused to give up his fight.

He was only persuaded to surrender when his former commanding officer travelled to his hideout on the island of Lubang in the north-western Philippines and convinced him that the war had ended.

There is a lesson here for us. We continue to fight against our enemy, the devil, in the strength of the flesh, not realizing that the war has already been won! Satan was defeated at Calvary, yet he continues to wage war against believers, but from a defeated

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position (like Onodo). Believers fight back using various means of warfare, not realizing that our Commander and Lord has fought the good fight and has defeated the enemy. Our portion is to rest in our Victor and in our position of victory, and appropriate that which is already ours “in Christ”. (The weapons of our warfare are **not** **carnal** but **mighty** through God. 2Cor 4:5)

Lord, I acknowledge Your victory over the enemy of my soul and I rest in Your complete victory today.

Why do I wish to live a life free from sin? Because it brings glory to the Lord. When I sin it grieves the Lord and quenches the Spirit and makes Him sad, it grieves Him. When I live a life free from sin by allowing Him to live His life in and through me, it ignites Him and rejoices His Spirit and makes Him joyful! *Lord, I reckon myself alive unto You and I ask You to live Your life in and through me today and make it real in my experience today and every day.*