

# **The Victorious Christian**

***Romans 8:1-17***

*For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. What a wretched man I am!*

**Romans 7:19, 24**

**Resources God gives us to enable victory.**

**1. We have confidence because of the sacrifice of Christ.**

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **Romans 8:1***

*because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free*

*from the law of sin and death.*

## **Romans 8:2**

*For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,*

## **Romans 8:3**

## **2. We have power for victory through the Holy Spirit.**

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*You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

## **Romans 8:9**

*Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. The sinful mind is hostile to God,*  
**Romans 8:8, 7**

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*  
**1 John 4:4**

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38*

***When you become a Christian  
God removes the sin  
from your life and He comes to  
dwell within you through the Holy  
Spirit.***

## What does the Holy Spirit empower us to do?

1. He gives us power to control the flesh.
2. The Holy Spirit empowers us to conquer death.

*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. **Romans 8:11***

### **The Holy Spirit gives us power to:**

- The power to give a bold witness
- The power to love people
- The power to know and be in the truth

- Anything commanded to do in Scripture, He enables us to do it through His power

## **Three things you can do to receive more power from the Holy Spirit**

### **1. Choose what you really want**

*For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,*

**Romans 8:13**

***The spiritual growth of a believer is in exact proportion to their continuing willingness to yield to the prompting of the Spirit.***

### **2. Govern your thought process**

*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. **Proverbs 23:7***

*Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.*

**Proverbs 4:23**

*Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. **Romans 8:5-7a***

### **3. Pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit.**

*If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the*

*Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

**Luke 11:13**

*Do not put out the Spirit's fire;  
Do not quench the Spirit. (NKJV)*

**1 Thessalonians 5:19**

*I will walk in my house with  
blameless heart. I will set before  
my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of  
faithless men I hate; they will not  
cling to me. Men of perverse heart  
shall be far from me; I will have  
nothing to do with evil.*

**Psalms 101:2-4**

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sinful nature, you will die; but if by  
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**Romans 8:13**

**3. We have a positive motivation through our relationship to the Father. Resources God gives us to enable victory.**

*because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

**Romans 8:14**

*For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”* **Romans 8:15**

*The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.*

**Romans 8:16**

*Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

**Romans 8:17**



*Set your minds on things above,  
not on earthly things. For you died,  
and your life is now hidden with  
Christ in God. **Colossians 3:2-3***