

VICTORY OVER SIN

WHAT IS SIN?

The sin that corrupted Lucifer was self-generated pride. Sin originated in the free will of Lucifer in which—with the full understanding of the issues involved—he chose to rebel against the Creator. Not content with his position, he desired to be higher than God. Renamed Satan, he brought sin to the human race in the Garden of Eden, where he tempted Adam and Eve with the same enticement, “*you will be like God.*” Genesis 3:5

Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. **1 John 3:4 NLT**

SIN LEADS TO DEATH

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **Romans 5:12 NLT**

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. **Romans 3:20 NLT**

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. **Romans 3:23 NLT**

GOD’S GRACE AND OUR FAITH

²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. ²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law. **Romans 3:24-28 NLT**

God treated Jesus like we deserve to be treated, so He could treat us like Jesus deserved to be treated.

STEPS TO VICTORY OVER SIN:

WE MUST KNOW TRUTH, RESIST DARKNESS, AND PURSUE GOD.

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died

and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. ¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace. **Romans 6:1-14 NLT**

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. **Proverbs 28:13 NLT**

THE POWER OF THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT HAS FREED YOU!

¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. **Romans 8:1-5 NLT**

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:9 NLT**

God will not do our part, and we cannot do His part.

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT**

Next steps for me today...

- **Know who you are in Christ and what He has done for you.**
- **Resist the darkness and steer clear of what leads to sin.**

- **Pursue God with all your heart and be used for His Glory.**