

Remnant Life Church
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“Spiritual Warfare –
You Have Every Right to Be Victorious”
Luke 10:17-20

Spiritual warfare encompasses satan’s rebellion against God and the manifestations (or visible aspects) of that rebellion in the created order of the world. But at the heart of this warfare is the fact that God is sovereignly in control of His creation, and He has already decided that satan’s rebellion will ultimately fail.

We have examined in some detail the origins and history of spiritual warfare beginning at the creation and satan’s rebellion, the fall of man into sin in the Garden, the battle through the OT, how it intensified in the NT through the life of Jesus, the spiritual struggles of the first Christians, and finally, the end of the battle with satan’s ultimate defeat

Today, we are going to look at what is the foundation of your victory and why you can believe the truth of **I John 4:4** - *...the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

Each of us is comprised of two parts

- The material and immaterial
- It can be called the outer and inner
- Or the physical and the spiritual

You, meaning both parts, were created in the image of God

- **Gen 1:26-27** - *Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*
- Because you are created in the image of God you have the God-given ability to think, reason, feel and choose
 - It is your mind, your emotions, and your spirit that are often referred to as the soul
 - There is much theological debate regarding how much they are combined or separate
- When you invite Jesus into your heart, your soul/spirit comes into union with God and at the moment you become a child of God you become spiritually alive in Him
- Adding the body, or the outer part of you to the inner part, makes you physically alive

When God created Adam, he was both physically and spiritually alive

- But sin separated Adam from God and that sin was grafted into the line of all humanity
- So when you are born you are, of course, born physically alive, but you are spiritually dead
 - **Psalm 51:5** – *Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*
 - Until they are at the age of accountability, a child is innocent

- But when you are born-again, your spirit is reunited with God
- You are therefore no longer alive in Adam, but alive in Christ
 - Rom 5:12, 14-15 ...just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!
- And since life in Christ is eternal, the spiritual life you have in Christ is also eternal
- You belong to Him!

If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you are a child of God!

- **I John 3:1-2** - *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*
- To be a child of God means that you are not a child of the world
 - What we are witnessing right now in our country is a result of those who are children of the world
 - They are without Christ and their actions show that as so much of what we are becoming and have become is in complete defiance of the Bible

Because you are a child of God that also assures us of our identity

- **Romans 8:16-17** - *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 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.*
- What does that mean?
 - The heir of an estate means that all the possessions and property of the father belong to the son
 - The authority and power of God belongs to His Son, Jesus Christ
 - But we are co-heirs with Christ, meaning that same authority and power is ours as well
 - That is why you have the right, given to you by God, to be victorious and defeat the plans of satan you encounter in the battles of your life

But how do we know for sure that we have that authority and power to fight satan, his demons, temptation, and evil?

- And more importantly, not just fight but be victorious

Turn to **Luke 10:17-20**, but before I read this passage, first the context:

- Jesus has just fed the 5000
- Peter has made his declaration that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
- The transfiguration possibly on Mt. Hermon has occurred
- Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit

- And Jesus tells the disciples that there is a cost to follow Him

A short time later, Jesus selects 72 of His followers, in addition to the 12, and sends them out to minister ahead of Him in the surrounding towns.

READ – [Luke 10:17-20](#)

Next week I want us to look carefully at these verses because it is here that we are given, but Jesus, the right to be victorious

- It is by His words and His authority that you are able to defeat what satan tries to bring into your life
- Every single thing he wants to do is a lie and twisted perversion of the truth of who you are in God as His child