

Remnant Life Church  
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“Spiritual Warfare –  
Your Authority Given by Jesus”  
Pt 1  
Luke 10:17-20

You have a God-given right to be victorious against the forces of satan, evil, sin, and temptation – the components of a spiritual battle

Both parts of your existence, both the physical and spiritual, were created in the image of God

- When you invite Jesus into your heart, your soul/spirit comes into union with God and at that moment you become a child of God you become spiritually alive in Him

It was sin that separated man from God in the Garden and imbedded the sin nature into the very fabric or lineage of mankind

- When you are born you are 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 you come to the age of accountability
- But when you are born-again, your spirit is reunited with God
  - You are therefore no longer alive in Adam, but alive in Christ
  - And since life in Christ is eternal, the spiritual life you have in Christ is also eternal
  - Now you belong to Him!

To be a child of God means that you are not a child of the world

- What we are witnessing in our country today 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

And because you are a child of God that also assures you of your 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

**READ – Luke 10:17-20**

*V 17 – The seventy-two (70) returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”*

- A group sent out by Jesus to the surrounding towns and villages
- They have just experienced something wonderful and, apparently unexpected
- Something that had never happened to them before
  - What we are reading here is an example of the overwhelming power of God
  - His instructions to them were to “heal the sick” (10:9)
  - He said nothing about casting out demons as He did to the 12 disciples recorded in the previous chapter (9:1)
  - The authority of God in the believer will transform the life of the unbeliever
    - In will move in their lives
    - Wherever God’s presence is found, the power of evil cannot remain
  - These seventy disciples learned a truth that the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century must be reminded of
    - When you boldly do what Jesus tells us to do, you can anticipate that He will bless you in ways beyond your expectation.
    - He church must not be like the world looking for satisfaction and joy in the things of the world
  - Spiritual victories will bring the most satisfying joys in your life.