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## LIVE TRIUMPHANTLY

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I was searching my heart today to remember how we celebrated Easter when I was a child. In the archives of my memory, there were no Easter egg hunts or chocolate bunnies but only a barrage of choir practices as Dad prepared for the Easter musical. Special occasions simply meant more time at church, and I loved church.

It was many years before I grasped the full nature of Jesus' death and Resurrection. It was far beyond good music. Although we usually sang, "Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes," it was only as a young adult that I began to grasp the meaning of the Resurrection.

The Resurrection declares Satan's defeat. In Colossians 2:15, we read "(Jesus) having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." Various translations and Bible scholars write that Jesus robbed, stripped, disarmed or paralyzed principalities and powers. I like all of these words because it gives the depth of Satan's loss and leads us to see the overwhelming victory of the death of Jesus Christ. I always tell the group I am teaching that Jesus DE--FEETED Satan. It's just a play on words, but it gives us a great visual image.

All of hell knew Satan's defeat! Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan<sup>1</sup>, and His triumphant Resurrection proved Satan's loss and man's victory.

Satan had authority on the earth that he had acquired from Adam. When Jesus was tempted by Satan, Satan promised to give Jesus power or authority over the kingdoms of the world which he

## GAME OVER

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You don't understand, you foul, worthless, scum enemy. You don't understand at all. In the game of life, those in Christ always win. There is no other option.

You cannot steal our salvation. You cannot take our peace of mind or silence our testimony. Some may go to their reward, but that's just it, they are rewarded. And those of us who are alive and remain will rise up and fight you that much harder. See this blood? See it? Look closely now because it's Jesus' blood. Jesus' blood, still living on the altars of heaven, a reminder of His victory and your awesome defeat. It's His blood which seals the covenant He cut with His flesh that opened the door to our freedom.

You walked right into His game plan, too stupid to know it. He had you right where He wanted you then, and He has you right where He wants you today. Under our feet. Under His power. Triumphed over. Revealed for the thief, the snake, that you really are.

Liar. Deceiver. We know all about you. And you cannot go against the Name that is above all names. You cannot rise above the throne of heaven. You cannot outweigh, out-manuever, out-play Him. He's forever on his A-game. Forever holding the ball.

He's the Referee. The Start and the Finish lines. He owns the goal. He keeps the score. You just watch. Just watch and see as the earth fills with His Presence. As He exposes everything you've done. You can't avoid it. You can't prevent it. You

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said had been delivered to him. Of course, Adam's sin had given Satan this authority.<sup>2</sup> Jesus' death and Resurrection stripped Satan of this authority and left him with one major weapon to destroy mankind—LIES.

In John 8: 44, we read that Satan is the father of lies. In Genesis, we note that Satan tricked Eve, causing her to question God's Word. God had commanded that Adam and Eve should not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said that if you eat of this tree you will die (speaking of spiritual death which opened the door to physical death.) Satan contradicted the command of God and promised them that they would be as gods knowing good and evil, adding deception to his arsenal of weapons.<sup>3</sup> Indeed, they would know good and evil, but now, they would be trapped in Satan's kingdom, losing their place in the Garden of Eden.

The writings of the apostle Paul warn us to be aware of Satan's wiles and devices (schemes and tactics).<sup>4</sup> Then he gloriously teaches us that we are fully armored to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Through Christ's death and Resurrection, we are fully armored. We are able to stand against Satan's schemes.<sup>5</sup>

The first piece of God's armor that the apostle Paul emphasizes is the belt of truth. Here is the truth that brings such joy to our heart. Satan lost. Jesus won. The songwriter Robert Lowry said it well, "(Jesus) arose a Victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign."<sup>6</sup> Did you note that this song said Jesus and the saints will reign?

What a glorious truth! Resurrection brought victory to mankind. All who will believe in Jesus' death and Resurrection, declaring him Lord over their lives, can live triumphantly. How is this possible? It is possible by wearing the armor of God.

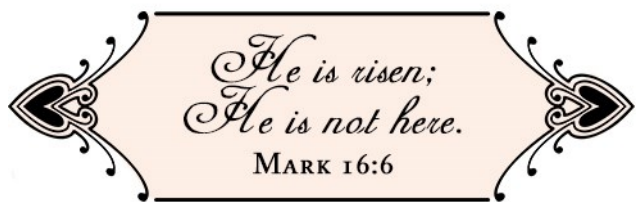
There are six pieces of armor mentioned by the apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus. He tells us to embrace the truth of God! Be dominated by righteousness! Always represent

<sup>1</sup>Jn 3:8 <sup>2</sup>Lk 4:5-6 <sup>3</sup>Ge 3:1-5 <sup>4</sup>Eph 6:11;2Co 2:11 <sup>5</sup>Eph 6:16-18 <sup>6</sup>"Christ Arose" <sup>7</sup>Eph 6:11-18

the gospel of peace! Continually stand in faith! Wear God's saving helmet! Carry the sword of God's Word. And finally, he finishes this list with a very important reminder. PRAY ALWAYS!<sup>7</sup>

Wearing this armor is the path of victory, and the armor belongs to us because we are in union with Christ. Through His death and Resurrection, we win. **IN UNION WITH HIM, WE ARE VICTORIOUS!**

Celebrate the victory of Easter! Rejoice in Christ's Resurrection! Satan has been defeated. Christ arose and we are victorious! Hallelujah to the Risen Lord.



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can't run and hide from it. You can't turn His Light off. What He has said He will do, He will do, because He has the ultimate power to do it, and we, His church, will fan the flames.

He's got our backs, and we've got His. Nothing will ever come between us. Not life or death, nor principalities or powers, nor might or dominion or any other name. Not governments. Not terrorists. Not anything that man creates.

Even at our lowest, in Him we're higher than you. Even at our weakest, in Him we are more powerful than you. Try to silence us, and we will speak His Word that much louder. Grow bolder. More confident. Prophecy more often. Worship more openly.

No weapon formed against us will prosper. No tongue of judgment, succeed. No sickness and disease will drag us under. No height nor breadth, nor any other creature shall come between us and the love of our Father. The love which saved us, which drew us out of your grasp and set us high upon a Rock, the gold in our grasp, eternity in our sights, a dance in our footsteps.

**Love 1. Hate, 0.  
Game over.**