You are a Victorious Follower of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe! Because of what Jesus did on the cross for you - and because you have opened your life to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, God has a plan for you to live in spiritual victory! Thank you for your heart!

You are more than just a Believer in Jesus. You are becoming a true, faithful Follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our training is designed to help you realize and obtain the very real victory that you have in Christ. Jesus designed you, not for spiritual failure but spiritual greatness! You can and will live spiritually victorious!

**Key Memory Verse: Colossians 2:15 (New International Version)**

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he (Christ) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**This Coming Week's Reading: Mark 10-12**

**Objective:** The goal of this lesson is to teach Followers of Jesus all of the spiritual benefits that come to us because of Christ's death and victory through the cross.

**Key Definitions / Concepts:**

Your spiritual life will deepen and you will build a stronger foundation if you clearly understand the powerful paradox of the cross. What the world and the devil intended as a spiritual defeat, Christ used to gain us spiritual victory! We triumph (Colossians 2:15), we gain and live in spiritual victory through the cross. Here are 10 "spiritual victory" benefits of the cross that Christ now offers us.

1. **The Victory Of Peace With God**

You not only have peace with God forever, but you can have your hearts and minds protected and covered with the perfect peace of God!

**Philippians 4:6-7 (The Living Bible)**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.
Peace, even God’s Perfect Peace is your gift from God, as you keep your mind focused on Him and the promises He has given you.

**Isaiah 26:3 (King James Version)**

Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Jesus endured the cross so that you could have the peace of God and you could be at peace with God - forever!

### 2. The Victory Of Provision From God

As a blood-bought, beloved, adopted Child of God you have the assurance and the victory of knowing that all of your needs are met and provided for by your Great, Good and Generous Heavenly Father - and He is committed to meeting every single one of your needs FOREVER!

**Philippians 4:19 (New International Version)**

And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:32 (New International Version)**

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (New International Version)**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Whenever you realize that you are facing an area of need, call upon the Name of the LORD and remind Him that you are His covenant child and that He has promised to meet all of your needs. Don't worry about anything, pray about everything and thank Him by faith that since He gave you Jesus, that, in Christ you have everything that you need. Continue to praise Him and watch with wonder as God blesses and meets all of your needs! Look to the cross of Christ. Praise Him for His eternal provisions for all of your needs: spiritual, mental, emotional, physical and financial.

God is going to take very good care of you. He promised. You have the victory of His provision. His resources are inexhaustible!

### 3. The Victory Of Power And Authority From God
Jesus has been given all of the power and authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:28) Now, He has delegated all of that power and authority to us - His Followers. He wants us to use it to advance His Kingdom and make disciples of Him. Through prayer and fasting we can access all of the resources of heaven and earth to obey the Lord’s commands.


I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 (New International Version)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.


I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Matthew 10:1b (New International Version)

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Matthew 10:7-8 (New International Version)

As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Jesus has commanded us to go out into the whole world and:

• Share the good news of His salvation with every single person.
• Love and forgive others - even our enemies - just as He did.
• Heal the sick, raise the dead, and do even greater works than He did!
• Set people free from the oppression and influence of our spiritual enemy.
• Make disciples who will in turn make more disciples of Jesus.
• Meet the needs of those that we meet.
• Work for justice and righteousness.
• Become fishers of men ... win people to Him for His glory.
We can't begin to do this in our own strength, ability, wisdom and authority. We MUST have His help! He has promised us everything that we need. With His power and authority we can:

- be His witnesses (Acts 1:8)
- act like Jesus
- become like Jesus
- do everything that He told us to do - including make disciples
- bind and loose what He bound and what He loosed (Matthew 18:18)
- live holy lives
- live and die for Jesus without compromise
- represent Him well.

Claim the power and authority that God tells you is yours in Christ. Recognize that you have His power and authority because of the cross of Jesus!

4. **The Victory Of Protection From God**

Your God is committed to protecting you against all evil! Claim His protection! Praise Him for His angels who guard you and look after you. Praise Him for His shed blood that covers and protects you from all evil influence. Praise Him that no matter what negative spiritual forces or others do to you ... "no weapon formed against you shall prosper!"

**Psalm 34:7 (New International Version)**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**Isaiah 54:17 (New King James Version)**

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.

Our God has got us covered! Read **Psalm 91** and see how well the LORD is going to protect you and cover you with His mighty hand. Jesus died to give you this kind of divine protection - forever!
5.  The Victory Of The Presence Of The Lord

The last words of the great spiritual leader John Wesley were these: "Best of all, the LORD is with us!" He was right! We have the assurance of God's continual presence with us and among us and in us!

Matthew 28:10 (New International Version)

... I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Hebrews 13:5 (New International Version)

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

We can count on Him! He will never leave us alone! We have the victory whenever we stop and remind ourselves that HE IS HERE! No enemy, no spiritual force can stand in His Presence very long. We grow bold and we spiritually win - whenever we are conscious of His very real Presence! He is always RIGHT HERE!

Jesus died on the cross to make it possible for us to experience His Presence - all of the time! His presence assures us of His ultimate victory - and ours!

6.  The Victory Of Overcoming The Devil's Power And Influence

Jesus has secured phenomenal victory over Satan at the cross. He wants you to join Him in executing that victory over the enemy in the everyday affairs of your life. His power working in you will cause Satan to be defeated every day and in every way as you do what God says and partner with Him.

James 4:7 (New International Version)

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Romans 16:20 (New International Version)

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

It is God's power that crushes Satan under your feet - but it is your feet that God uses. Praise the Lord! Jesus died so you could crush Satan under your feet in daily victory.

By God's grace and by God's power you are going to win mighty victories against the enemy! You will partner with God and you are going to be more than a conqueror - you are going to be a spiritual OVERCOMER!

Satan and his imps will be no match for you and God! This is all possible because of the victory that Jesus won at the cross!
No attack against you will succeed! You and Jesus will overcome Satan in all of his lies, schemes, and his personal attacks on you. Because of Jesus, you will overcome!

1 John 5:4-5 (New International Version)

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world! Only the one who believes ...

In the cross of Jesus, God overcame all the powers of Satan and hell so that they no longer pose a threat to those who stand firm in their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Check out Colossians 2:13-16. Jesus continues to win ... through the cross!

7. **The Victory Of Healing**

As we noted last week, Jesus purchased your healing with His wounds, His stripes, and His Blood shed on the cross. You have every right to come to God and ask Him to fully heal you, in every way, because of what He promised you in His Word.

1 Peter 2:24 (New International Version)

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Psalm 103:1-3 (New International Version)

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

When Jesus was here on earth He never turned anyone away who came to Him for healing. He healed them all, of all and any kind of need they had!

On the cross, Jesus bought and paid for your full healing. By Jesus' stripes, you are healed! That is why we pray for healing. Thank God for your healing and claim healing because of what Jesus went through and did for you on the cross! Jesus died so that you could be healed spiritually, emotionally, relationally, mentally and physically!

8. **The Victory Of Praise**

Because of all that Jesus did on the cross for you and me we can unleash the power of God through the awesome weapon of praise unto the Lord! Discouragement, defeat, despair and all kinds of disease [physical, spiritual, emotional, etc] flee when we really begin to exercise our faith, we rejoice, we "sing for joy" and "sing praise" to our Mighty God! Read Psalm 149 out loud to see what a mighty weapon "praise to God" really is.
Throughout the Bible we see miracles happen when, by faith, people give themselves over to giving God great and glorious praise!

9. **The Victory Of Living In Joy**

We are to consider it "pure joy" when we face trials (James 1:2). We are to rejoice and give thanks to the LORD, no matter what is going on in our lives (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It is "the joy of the LORD that becomes our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). The power and victory of the cross becomes ours and impacts our everyday plane of existence when we give God great praise and choose to live in joy! God wants our lives "anointed with joy" (Psalm 45:7). God responds in powerful ways and gives us victory when we give Him praise.

10. **The Victory Of Personal Sanctification**

Jesus died on the cross to sanctify you! He died so you could be cleansed from sin and purified within. He died so that you could be immersed, filled, "baptized" with His Holy Spirit. God wants to sanctify you - that means to "set you apart for holy and special service." Jesus died so that you could be totally empowered by the Holy Spirit and so that you could become holy like He is - so that you can become more and more like Him!

Holiness = Becoming Like Jesus

**Hebrews 13:12**

And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

**BECAUSE OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST, WE HAVE VICTORY IN JESUS. WE CAN AND SHOULD LIVE CONSISTENTLY IN SPIRITUAL VICTORY!**

**Discussion Question**

• In what area of your life do you need to claim the victory of the cross?