

“We Are in A Battle”

“Blessed is the man who perseveres (persists, endures and continues) under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the victor’s crown, the life God has promised to those who love him.” – James 1:12

I. Engaging in the Battle

We need tools in spiritual warfare. The world, the flesh, and the devil can and will be continuously defeated if we use the weapons of our warfare. The Lord has provided all the tools we need. The Lord Jesus Christ has provided all of our victory. He used the same tools He has provided for us in winning the battle. His victory is our victory.

No one wants to encounter a fight; conflict is something that we attempt to avoid. Being a Christian a follower of Jesus conflict is just a part of living as a Christian. You will always have opposition to what you believe and what you stand for as a Christian.

I want you to know that what we fight is a battle, because the war was won by Jesus.

II. What was Jesus’ mission? Why did Jesus come?”

Several times in Jesus’ life, He shows that He was a man on a mission. He had a purpose, which He intentionally fulfilled.

Even at a young age, Jesus knew that He “must be about [His] Father’s business” ([Luke 2:49, KJV](#)).

In the last days of His earthly life, Jesus “resolutely set out for Jerusalem,” where He knew He would be killed ([Luke 9:51](#)). It could be said that the mission of Christ’s time on earth was to fulfill God’s plan of saving the lost.

Jesus put it this way in [Luke 19:10](#): “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

III. Jesus completed His Mission

John 19:28-30 New King James Version (NKJV)

It Is Finished

After this, Jesus, [a]knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

The War between Jesus and the devil was won by Jesus. But His followers would still have a battle.

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IV. There is a difference between a war and a battle

A battle is a small part in a war and a war is made up of several battles.

• **Battle is actual fighting that takes place while war is more of strategy and planning.**

• Battle is the real action of a war.

• The outcome of a battle does not decide the winner of a war.

(1) The Bible teaches we have an enemy

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

(1) principalities, (2) powers, (3) rulers of the darkness of this age, (4) spiritual *hosts* of wickedness. The fight is in the heavenly *places*. *Not with Fresh & Blood*

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV) Be sober (Be Clam Be restrained), be vigilant (watchful observant) because your **adversary (enemy, opponent)** the devil walks about like (resembling,) a roaring lion, seeking whom he may **devour (consume, destroy)**. **Resist (Fight, Battle)** him, **steadfast (unwavering committed)** in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1. Remain Clam and restrained mentally
2. Stay Watchful to what God is saying and doing
3. The devil is the adversary, the enemy which want to bring adversity
4. Seeking to destroy you (Your Faith) The battle is for the Faith you have in God and His word.
5. We are instructed to be Steadfast, Unwavering, and committed in your Faith.

The Message Bible Puts it this way 1 Peter 5:8-9 (MSG) Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce and would like nothing better than to catch you napping.⁹ Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith.

(2) The War is the Lord's But the fight in the battle is ours

Exodus 14:13-14 (NKJV) And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians

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whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

1. We are to stand and to position ourselves by.
 - a. **Not being afraid** (feeling fear or anxiety; frightened)
 - b. **Stand still** (Remain in Worship to God)
 - c. **See the deliverance of the LORD** (WITH EYES OF FAITH)
 - d. **You shall hold your peace** (Shut your mouth to any negative words)

Colossians 2:15 (NKJV) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15 (MSG) ¹⁵ He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham fake and bogus authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

- a) **Jesus Defeated the enemy, He won the War!!!**

The only authority the devil has over you is what you give them.

(3)How Do We Overcome the Enemy?

1 John 5:4 (NKJV) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

- **Stay on Point (The Word)**
- **Believe in the Promises of God**
- **Fight the GOOD Fight of Faith**

Colossians 2:7 (MSG) You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start *living* it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.