

SPOKEN.

WHEN WORDS CHANGE THE WORLD.

PART 7

Acts 19:11-20

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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In his book the screw tape letters, C.S. Lewis revealed one of the schemes of Satan and his demons. The scheme is "We will make mankind believe that we do not exist." That way mankind will war against themselves and against one another rather than war against us. Satan and his team of demonic hordes are a real illuminati.

The devil is alive and well on planet earth. He is the mastermind for every terrorist attack. He is the master mind for every school shooting. He is the mastermind for every divorce. He is the mastermind for every abuse and addiction. He is the mastermind for every crime. He is the mastermind for every suicide. He is the mastermind for every false religion.

He is the god of this world.(1 John 5:19).

When he is allowed to gain a foothold in your soul through lies and deception, he can gain control of your mind, your emotions, and your will.

The movie the war room pulled back the veil on the devil again for this generation in the church. God keeps using various people in the church to remind the church that the devil is real.

C.S. Lewis

Hal Lindsey

Neil Anderson

Frank Peretti

Jim Logan

What do we need to do to experience victory over the devil?

In His 13 epistles to the churches, Paul uses the phrase “In Christ” 84 times.

The word “in” means fixed position in place, time, or state.

Why does Paul use this phrase so many times?

He was emphasizing over and over who we are in Christ. It must be important if Paul uses the phrase 84 times in 13 short letters.

One inherent attribute of our new identity is our authority.

Eph. 2:4-6

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, NKJV

Our human authority is determined by our position.

Our spiritual authority is determined by our position in Christ.

Our position in Christ is fixed in place, time, and state. It changes who we are to the devil.

If you are in Christ, the devil knows who you are!

Rev 12:17

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. NKJV

Is this comforting or conflicting?

To me it's like discovering that your name is on a terrorist list that uses suffering to terrorize people.

Comfort comes from knowing your who you are in Christ; your inherent attributes as a Christian; your authority because of your position in Christ.

Because of your position in Christ you have authority to defeat the devil and he knows it. He knows who you are. Do you know who you are?

So the devil does not want you to understand he exists and he does not want you to understand who you are. He wants you to continue to fight your self and one another rather than fight him. He wants you to be content with just being a citizen in Christ's Kingdom rather than becoming a soldier for Christ's Kingdom.

His strategy appears to be working in the USA.

So what needs to change?

1. Accept that you are a soldier for Christ
- 2 Tim 2:3-4
- 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
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Because Christ is in you, you are an elite soldier for Christ's kingdom.

- 1 John 4:4
- 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
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You are a mighty warrior. Accept that you are a soldier for Christ?

2. Go to basic training to be trained as a soldier of Christ
(Our church provides basic and advanced training in spiritual warfare)
 - Learn how to defend your soul

Eph. 6:10-13

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 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. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
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1 Peter 5:8-10

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

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- Learn how to attack the devil's strongholds in the souls of men

2 Cor. 10:4

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds....

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Heb. 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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3. Deploy with other soldiers in Christ

Matt. 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. NKJV

2 Tim 2:1-3

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. NKJV

- Join a unit(group)
- Enter the devil's country
Invite people to group.
- Engage the devil

Attack the devil's fortresses in people's souls with the sword of Truth and the power of prayer

Eph. 6:17-18

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

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4. Trust in the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ

Be strong in the Lord to do your part and trust in God to do His part through the gospel.

Rom. 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

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Invitation

If you are in Christ Satan knows who you are. Do you know who you are?

Will you....

- Accept by faith you are a mighty warrior in Christ
- Go to basic training for Christ
- Deploy with others to advance the Kingdom of God
- Trust in the power of the gospel

If you are willing to accept by faith your new identity in Christ and become a soldier of Christ for His Kingdom, receive prayer.

If you are oppressed by the devil, receive prayer.

If you are burdened for others who are oppressed by the devil, receive prayer.