

# Victory in Jesus

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## 1. Occupied

- a. What about God's Temple? **John 2:19-21, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17**
- b. What is the message that was kept secret for centuries? **Colossians 1:25-27**
- c. The Holy Spirit will be where? **John 14:16-17**
- d. Jesus said that He will be where? **John 14:18-20, 15:5,7**
- e. The power of God works where? **Ephesians 3:20-21** to accomplish what?
- f. Why does God work **in us**? **Philippians 2:13**
- g. What does God want to put **in us**? **Ezekiel 36:26-27**
- h. Where do Jesus and The Father want to make their home? **John 14:23**
- i. When will this work **in us** be finished? **Philippians 1:6**
- j. God is knocking... **Revelation 3:20**. How will you respond?

## 2. Denied

- a. Matthew 26:31-35, (Luke 22:31-32)
- b. Matthew 26:40-41, 69-74
- c. Matthew 16:24 (Luke 9:32)

## 3. Crucified

- a. Galatians 2:20
- b. Matthew 26:36-44 (Luke 22:42-44)
- c. Luke 23:34

## 4. Surrendered – See “**The Power of the Will**” handout.

## 5. Empowered

- a. Luke 10:19 – power over power OR authority over ability?
- b. **2 Corinthians 12:9**
- c. **Philippians 4:13**
- d. Ephesians 1:19-20
- e. *“I pray that from [God’s] glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home **in your hearts** as you **trust** in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work **within us**, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”* (Ephesians 3:16-21 NLT)

# The Power of the Will -- the governing power in the nature of man

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“The tempted one needs to understand the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man the power of decision, of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. Desires for goodness and purity are right, so far as they go; but if we stop here, they avail nothing. Many will go down to ruin while hoping and desiring to overcome their evil propensities. They do not yield the will to God. They do not choose to serve Him.

God has given us the power of choice; it is ours to exercise. We cannot change our hearts; **we cannot control our thoughts, our impulses, or our affections.** We cannot make ourselves pure, fit for God's service. **But we can choose to serve God, we can give Him our will; then He will work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure.** Thus our whole nature will be brought under the control of Christ.

Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in the life. **By yielding up the will to Christ, we ally ourselves with divine power.** We receive strength from above to hold us steadfast. **A pure and noble life, a life of victory over appetite and lust, is possible to everyone** who will unite his weak, wavering human will to the omnipotent, unwavering will of God.” (*Ministry of Healing, page 176*)

The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent... Christ says, I am at your right hand to help you. As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings. (*Christ's Object Lessons 332-333*)

♥ **We cannot control our thoughts, our impulses, our affections**  
Romans 7:21-23; Matthew 26:41; John 5:19,30; John 15:5; Romans 9:16.

♥ **We can choose to serve God**  
Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 30:19.

♥ **We can give Him our will**  
Matthew 7:21; Acts 9:6; Matthew 26:39,42; Psalm 40:8; John 6:38; 1 Cor. 15:31; 1 John 2:17; Romans 8:13.

♥ **Then He will work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure**  
Psalm 143:10; Phil. 2:13; 2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 30:21; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; John 10:27; Psalm 32:8.

♥ **Thus our whole nature will be brought under the control of Christ**  
Ezekiel 36:26-27; 2 Corinthians 10:5; John 15:4.

♥ **By yielding up the will to Christ, we ally ourselves with divine power**  
Revelation 3:20; 2 Corinthians 4:10,11; Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Ephesians 3:16-21;

♥ **A pure and noble life, a life of victory ... is possible to everyone**  
1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 1:21; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Philippians 4:13; Rev. 15:2, 14:12; Heb. 13:20,21;

♥ **To God be the Glory**  
Galatians 2:20; EGW MS16, 1900; Ephesians 2:1-10; Jude 24, 25