



# *Secrets to Hope & Happiness Bible Study Series*

## **Abiding in Christ and the Victorious Life - 9**

**(1) WHAT THREE FOLD INVITATION DOES JESUS OFFER ALL WHO ARE BURDENED WITH THE CARES OF LIFE?**

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**WHAT IS THE RESULT IF WE ACCEPT?**

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*Matthew 11:28-29*

The Lord loves and seeks an abiding, personal relationship with each of us! (Isaiah 43:1-5; Jeremiah 29:11-12; Matthew 10:29-30)

**(2) WHAT MUST HAPPEN TO OUR CARNAL NATURES ON A DAILY BASIS SO THAT CHRIST MAY LIVE WITHIN US AND CONTINUE TO GIVE US HIS PEACE?**

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**WHAT WILL BE THE BASIS OF THE LIFE WE NOW LIVE?**

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*Galatians 2:20 (also see Colossians 2:6-7)*

After tasting of the Lord's goodness (Psalm 34:8) it will be our desire not to lose this experience. The problem is after surrendering to Christ, we now have two natures struggling for supremacy within us. There

is a battle between the carnal nature and the divine nature of Christ (Colossians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 2:16). We must daily surrender the carnal nature and desires to Jesus.

**(3) IN ROMANS CHAPTER SEVEN PAUL DESCRIBES THE STRUGGLE. ONCE CHRISTIANS, HOW DO WE SEE THE LAW OF GOD? (vs 12)**

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**THOUGH WE INTELLECTUALLY KNOW THE LAW IS GOOD, WHAT IS OUR NATURE? (VS 14)**

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**WHEN WE ATTEMPT TO OBEY THE LAW ON OUR OWN ACCORD, WHAT EVENTUALLY IS ALWAYS THE RESULT? (VS 19)**

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**WHO IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN DELIVER US FROM SIN AND GIVE US VICTORY? (VS 24-25)**

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**(4) WHEN IT COMES TO BEARING GOOD FRUIT, HOW MUCH CAN WE DO WITHOUT CHRIST?**

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*John 15:5 (also see Romans 7:18)*

There is nothing good naturally within us, victory over sin can only come through Christ's righteousness in us by faith. Even the desire for good must come from the Lord! (Philippians 2:5, 13).

**(5) WHAT THEN IS THE KEY TO EXPERIENCE CONTINUAL VICTORY OVER SIN IN OUR LIVES? 1 JOHN 3:6**

**(6) WHAT IS OUR ROLE TO PLAY IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST SIN?**

*Romans 13:14*

*James 4:7*

Though we can do nothing good on our own we still have a part to play, then after the victory comes we must realize it is 100% by Christ. This is hard for our human minds to comprehend but the fact remains that we are not capable of anything right doing (Isaiah 64:6). We may grit our teeth and think we can overcome, but when it is us doing it in our strength, sooner or later we will fail. If it is Christ in us He will never fail!

**(7) PICK OUT THE PHRASES FROM THE FOLLOWING VERSES THAT DE-**

*I am so thankful for that Jesus loves me and wants a personal relationship. I accept His invitation to come learn of Him and experience the rest He offers.*

Circle One:      Yes      Undecided

*I realize that there is now a spiritual battle going on within me and there is no good thing in me naturally. I choose to die daily to self so that Christ can live within me. I ask you Jesus to fill me I may reflect Your glory.*

**SCRIBE OUR SOURCE OF ALL RIGHT ACTIONS (RIGHTEOUSNESS).**

*Philippians 1:11 (also see 3:9; Romans 5:7-19)*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

**(8) WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS TO KEEP OUR DAILY ABIDING CONNECTION WITH CHRIST?**

*Galatians 5:16 (also see 17-26; Acts 5:32)*

*Romans 10:17 (also see 2 Timothy 2:15)*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 (also see also 15-24)*

*Acts 22:14-15 (also see Mark 5:19)*

*Philippians 4:8 (also see 4-7)*

*Isaiah 58:10-11*

Always remember! your greatest struggle is not against sin itself but rather to stay connected to Christ so that He can work the victory in you. We are promise if we seek Him with all our heart we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13)!

Circle One:      Yes      Undecided

*I realize that my greatest struggle is not with temptation but to stay connected to Jesus. By God's grace I choose to abide in Him by walking in the Spirit through Bible study, prayer, sharing my faith, and focusing on pure and heavenly themes.*

Circle One:      Yes      Undecided

**OTHER RELEVANT TEXTS:** John 15; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 3:16-17; Romans 3:22; 1:17; 4:6, 13; 5:1; 9:30; 8:1-17; Isaiah 45:24; 26:3; Jeremiah 23:6; 24:7; 29:13; Hebrews 11:6; 3:7-8; 4:16; 1 Peter 1:3-8; Philippians 1:6; 2:5, 13; 4:13; Acts 6:4; Luke 18:1; John 14:15; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Joshua 22:5; 24:15; Deuteronomy 10:12-16; 30:6