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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your prayers – cards – and get well notes.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus,”

Philippians 4:6-7.

From the very beginning of this last physical attack which started February 2022, I knew in my spirit that it was an attack of the enemy against the flesh and not just some random virus, bug, disease, or malfunction of an internal organ. Knowing that it was a spiritual attack gave me *God's Peace* that victory would reign in the end after the battle. I thank God for all of the prayers that have been offered up to Him for my healing. The attack was meant to slow down the work of the Gospel of Jesus. It was a satanic counter-attack for the stand, work, and mandate given to us by our Heavenly Father several months ago. As I stand in prayer every morning for you, many of you have stood in prayer for me. Thank you! Thank you and God bless you for your prayers, cards, and lovely notes of well-wishes. God is faithful to those who pray. Today, I am walking in the Goodness, Power, Grace, and Healing of our Heavenly Father. Praise His Name!

Christian Television Network

We have received good responses from the Christian Television Network's interview on Jen Mallan's program, *“Come Home”* which was broadcast March 16th. If you watch the program and promo, please keep in mind that I am not a preacher, teacher, public figure, or an announcer, I am a vessel of clay and I was nervous. Again, the radio and television interviews are not about me or this ministry, but are about the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ! The Internet links for a Promo, testimony, and program are at the bottom of page 2.

Easter

Most of the world will celebrate Easter this month. There are probably as many different customs, rituals, celebrations, and traditions being observed as there are families that commemorate the Sabbath day, from sunrise services, graveside meetings, fasting, church services, children's plays, and even parades. In days gone by it was common to celebrate Easter with the buying and giving of Easter Lilies, wearing a new Easter Bonnet or new clothes, baptizing babies, have a foot washing service, flying a kite, and eat plenty of chocolate bunnies. As most families, we would color and hide eggs for the kids. It became harder and harder the older they got, until one day, we realized that they were too old to play that game because it was more work than play. One of our current family traditions is to have an Easter Egg Coloring Contest with the grandparents, children, and grandchildren, with prizes for different categories. All in fun, but the competition has become fierce as the children and grandchildren have grown up and now display their artistic talent and original designs that far outpaced the grandparents (that being me). But I wouldn't have it any other way. The most important tradition is that of the family unit going to church together. What a blessing it is to see three generations worshipping God as their Lord and Savior. *Thank you Father!!!*

As far as a Christian is concerned, the resounding theme for the Easter event is, or should be, the *“HE'S RISEN – HE'S RISEN – HE'S NOT IN THE GRAVE – HE'S ALIVE!!!”* Too many times we

(the Church) rush through the Easter Holiday because there is a schedule to keep, usually it is to get to the dinner table with family or friends, or at least, beat the crowd to a local restaurant. I think we have all fallen into that trap at one time or another. However, at some time during the season, we really need to go back to the Scriptures and read the harmony of the Gospels concerning the Resurrection of Jesus. I say His resurrection as opposed to His crucifixion because I have seen so many people get burdened down thinking about the cruelty, pain, and suffering of Jesus on the Cross that they lost their JOY of His resurrection. Yes, the crucifixion was cruel, painful, and He did suffer, but so has everyone else that was put to death on a cross. The celebration of Easter is not the death of Jesus, but the marvelous, miraculous, miracle of Jesus being raised from the dead in triumph over death, Hell, satan, and the grave!!

While the battle for souls was fought and won by Jesus after His death on the Cross, the aftermath, conclusion, or the final results should be our rallying cry – *“VICTORY – VICTORY – SATAN HAS BEEN DEFEATED!!!”* If we really believe that Jesus died on the Cross, was raised from the dead, and now sits on His Throne at the right Hand of God the Father, then we need to live *OUR* Victory and shout that *“SATAN HAS BEEN DEFEATED AND VICTORY IS OURS!”* That battle for eternal life and death is over. Jesus fought it, won, and gave us His victory.

The question is, *“Are you walking in victory?”* While doing a little computer tract file maintenance last week, I ran across the writing that follows. It had been a long time since I read it, so I stopped what I was doing and read it anew. As I read it again, my heart was stirred and moved by the Holy Spirit. I thought to myself, Wow, what power there is in our Victory because satan was defeated by Jesus and we are the beneficiaries of the defeat of our enemy.

SATAN IS DEFEATED!

“And having spoiled principalities and powers [satan and his demons], He [Jesus] made a show of them openly [to the righteous dead in Abraham's Bosom], triumphing over them in it,”

Colossians 2:15.

There can be no permanent or lasting victory in the lives of God's Children until they see and take possession of the fact that Jesus Christ defeated satan! The Children of God, as a whole, have not overcome the satanic flood-tide that confronts them. The Good News is that they can overcome the enemy when they learn, understand, and wield the power and victory that the risen Savior has given to them. This power of our victory is in His Word and in our mouths when we speak His Word. The 353 Old Testament prophecies concerning our Messiah's birth, life, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and Heavenly reign are a clear and ringing testimony of the LORD's plan of redemption for man from the beginning of time. The Heavenly Father sacrificed His Son, Jesus, on the Cross of Calvary, and when sin's price was paid in full by the death of the sin-less Son of God, the Power of the Holy Spirit raised Jesus up alive from the grave leaving the tomb *EMPTY*, in *VICTORY* after He defeated *ALL* of the powers of *Hell*. This should *SHOUT* to us, that it *IS* God's will that we live in *VICTORY!* Oh, Praise His Holy Name. Our Father's family is in its last post-resurrection battle. To approach this spiritual conflict from any other viewpoint other than a Victorious Jesus and a defeated satan is to court disaster, defeat, poverty, disease, and death. Therefore, we need the clearest possible

understanding of the extent to which the Child of God can wield the Victorious Sword of God's Word over the satanic invasion. All around us, we see the flood of satanic power rising, threatening to destroy everything in its path. We see it in the unrest of the human spirit. The total rejection and intolerance of Biblical principles, standards, and values have infiltrated our nations; our churches, our schools, our homes, and our own lives. Life is now without limits. Many join this self-fulfilling parade of unbridled freedom, while others are growing perplexed and are living in fear wondering when this parade will run off the cliff into the abyss.

Within the religious world, we see the same threatening rise of satanic power that is endangering the basic principles of our faith, the plumb line of Truth and morality, the Bible itself. However, God is calling and releasing a military company of overcomers who are instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, stemming this flood-tide of end-time satanic power. ***"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him,"*** Isaiah 59:19(b).

God intervenes, through prayer, when the flood-tide threatens to overwhelm. How does He stem the tide? What are the means He uses to do it?

In 2 **Thessalonians 2:7-8** we read: ***"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He [God the Holy Spirit] who now letteth will let, until He be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His Mouth [His Word], and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming."***

Who is the restraining One who is keeping this evil power in check? **The Holy Spirit!** What is the "Standard" that the Holy Spirit lifts up to stop the enemy? Whose Battle Flag is it? It is the Standard of the LORD, Jesus Christ – the **Word of God!** The fact that satan was defeated at Calvary and left with an empty tomb must be understood, appropriated, and boldly proclaimed by the saints. There appears to be a considerable amount of vagueness in the minds of many of God's children regarding this most important fact. If the Standard of Jesus is to be raised high as the instrument of satan's defeat, we need to be very clear in our minds regarding it. God's Word tells us of this conquest of Jesus over satan.

In **Hebrews 2:14-15** we see that the Cross has destroyed satan's power over man ***"Forasmuch then as the Children [of God] are partakers of flesh and blood [of Jesus], He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him [satan] that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them [the righteous] who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*** Jesus' resurrection took satan's power of death, **Hell**, and the grave away from him, **by force!** Satan did not give them away, Jesus **TOOK** the Keys from him. Jesus **"spoiled"** satan's kingdom, or, **"disarmed"** him.

You cannot state anything stronger than that! The Greek word 'disarmed' means, ***"Rendered powerless, put out of action, strip by violence, and plundered"*** Then, why is satan so active today? Because the saints of God have not yet anchored their hearts to the totality of Jesus' victory and have not applied this fact to their spirit. Jesus Christ has provided deliverance for every soul from satan's power. Accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior is required first; then, we need to proclaim satan's defeat by living, praying, and speaking with our God-given faith. **THAT RESPONSIBILITY RESTS UPON US!**

SATAN - A USURPER

Since the resurrection of Jesus after Calvary, satan has been a usurper of man's authority. He has no rights whatsoever. We need to fully realize what that means. If he has no rights, then whatever

position he holds, he maintains it as a usurper - an outlaw. He is a usurper and he can be resisted wherever his power is felt and/or manifested. He has no right to any life, to any place, to any organization here on the Earth. It is the duty of every Christian to oppose him. Leaving satan unchallenged is to rob Jesus of the power that He took from satan after His death on the cross. To withhold the Standard of God, the proclamation of the devil's defeat, is also to rob men of their opportunity to get out from underneath the destructive burden that satan puts upon them. The fact that his defeat is not clearly understood accounts for much of the deadness and lack of true aggressive labor in soul winning. In addition, it causes passivity among many spiritually minded believers and leaders, regarding the evils that exist in the world. If Calvary and the empty tomb stand for satan's overthrow, why are we not practically applying it to those evils daily? Jesus Christ has stripped satan of his power! Why have we allowed the enemy to make such strides in false teachings, lies, defeat, sickness, poverty, and death?

Satan fears empowered Christians more than anything else in this world. He knows that once the united saints enter into God's Word, thoroughly understand its power, and walk carrying the Banner of Jesus' Victory, he has already been defeated. He will not see us coming; he will see Jesus in us! Oh, he may growl, fight back, or change his tactics, but he is still defeated.

Satan has done everything possible to hide the real significance and power of Calvary and the resurrection of Jesus. He is lying about it, ridiculing it, trying to disprove it, and using every other means within his grasp to deceive the believer. He strives to hinder, slow down, or stop the Church from entering into its true spiritual maturity and power of God's Word! If he cannot keep the truth from the believer, he will attempt to persuade the believer that it is just a mental concept and not a spiritual truth in an effort to keep it's reality in the mind instead of entering experientially into the battle in the full power of the Holy Spirit. Satan does not fear doctrine [about the Cross], but he does shake at its reality.

Sink deep into Jesus' death and resurrection if you desire to be free from satan's entanglements. Satan is a defeated foe, the reality of that is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. **"Buried with Him – Raised with Him,"** the devil cannot follow you there; he loses you forever. The Cross, the death, the resurrection, and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior raise you above the evil one. It gives you spiritual battle weapons that satan does not have. Walking in the Standard of God's Word gives you the power to walk in Victory, in Peace, and in Love. Possess the Kingdom, in Jesus' Name, and for His Glory!

"And I [John] heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ [chosen one]: for the accuser [satan] of our brethren is cast down [from Heaven], which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death," Revelation 12:10-11.

WOW – "Father, what wonderful Words, what a wonderful promise, and what wonderful **VICTORY** you have given us!"

Your Covenant Brother in the **VICTORIOUS JESUS CHRIST,**

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