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It is imperative that we should know that the Cross of Christ is the only ground upon which we can ever hope to triumph over Satan. It was there – Calvary – that God in the person of His only begotten Son met the rebel archangel and his fallen hosts, and gained that victory which He hands over to us to endorse. This is clear from the following Scriptures:

Colossians 2:15 – “Having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it” – that is, in His Cross.

Hebrews 2:14-15 – “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Notice: “through death” – destroy – and deliver....”

This makes it clear what Christ on the eve of Calvary meant when He said, “...This is your hour, and the power of darkness” (Luke 22:53). And in John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.” So also in First John 3:8, “...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

So the progressive unfolding of God’s Word leads us eventually to this: “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son” (Col. 1:13).

This is the position – in Christ – which does not make us immune from the assaults of the devil, but which gives us God’s weapon of victory against him. And wield it we must if we would overcome.

We are not told to be “dead to the devil,” but to overcome him (Rev. 12:11; 1 John 2:13-14; Eph. 6:13). We are to be “dead to sin” and flee from it, but the devil is to be made to flee from us by resisting him. Thus we see that the Cross of Christ is an open door into an equipment and an enabling in Him which gives us “power...over all of the power of the enemy...” (Luke 10:19).

**We Are to Enforce the Victory!**

God waits for us to put into force the victory of His Son at the Cross against Satan, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we should honestly seek to do so. The greatest thing I have ever learned about prayer is to use the Scriptures in prayer. Ask God to give you discernment to know the work of the devil and weapons to use against him. Nothing so much as this perhaps will prove to you the infallibility of His God-breathed Word.

God is in His sword. If you will use it in faith, it will do all that it says. Do not reason away the Truth!