



Sunday January 17, 2021
Overcoming Part-2: Cross Plus Identity

Living victoriously over the flesh, the world, the devil.

We have established that every believer can live an overcoming victorious life over the flesh, the world, and the devil.

We now want to establish the basis for living an overcoming, victorious life. On what basis can we state that every believer can live this kind of life?

There are two important basis that we wish to emphasize: the Cross of Jesus Christ and our identity in Christ, that is who we are in Christ.

Overview:

The Cross - we must be established in what Jesus accomplished for us on the Cross. On the Cross, the power of sin over us was broken, satan was defeated and we were redeemed.

Identity – we must be established in our new life in Christ and our new identity in Christ. We must know, understand, and live out of who we are, what we have and what God has done for us in Christ.

There are several free APC books that deal with each of these in detail. We present some important highlights here to remind and establish us in truth that forms the basis for us to live overcoming, victorious lives.

THE CROSS - POWER OF SIN BROKEN

The Bible makes it clear that on the Cross, Jesus not only paid the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, but Jesus also broke the power of sin, so that we could live free from the dominion of sin. This is especially brought out for us in Romans 6. We will refer to a few selected verses from this chapter.

Romans 6:6-7,14

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.



Our old man, the old sinful nature controlling us, was crucified (put to death) with Him. So that the body of sin (the power of sin) was broken and done away with. Hence we are no longer slaves (in subjection) to sin.

Just as a dead man is free from sin – we are dead and so we are free from sin.

Hence Paul can boldly declare, that we who live under grace, we are living under a finished work where sin will not have dominion over us.

There is no sin that can control us. This is truth. This is what Jesus accomplished for us on the Cross.

We have to learn how to walk in the completed work of Christ, which we will learn to do in the coming weeks.

THE CROSS - SATAN DEFEATED

Another important truth we must be established in is that Satan has been defeated.

Hebrews 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

According to what the Scriptures teach us, satan has been crushed, expelled, condemned, disarmed, destroyed and rendered powerless!

Whatever Jesus did on the Cross, Jesus did it not for Himself, but for us. The victory He won was for us. It is our victory. We can walk in this victory every day of our lives.

THE CROSS - REDEEMED

The third important truth we must be established in is that through the completed work of Christ on the Cross, we have been redeemed.

Colossians 1:13-14

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,



14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

To be redeemed means that a ransom was paid for the purchase of our complete freedom. Instead of being slaves, we have been elevated to a new state of glory in God's Kingdom, and we are now the complete possession of the One who redeemed us.

As redeemed people we must be absolutely certain that our former master, satan has no claim over us. None of the things from the 'old life' can have any control over our lives. We are the redeemed, purchased possession of God. We are God's property.

However, the Scriptures provide instruction for us on how to live out of the redemption in Christ. This does not happen automatically. We will learn how to do this in the upcoming messages.

In addition to the Cross, we must also be established in our Identity in Christ.

IDENTITY – OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

As we are all aware we are new creatures in Christ. God has brought us into union with Christ. We are in Him and He is in us.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

As new creatures in Christ – who we are, and what we have - our identity and capability has changed.

We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

We are the righteousness of God and hence free access into God's presence.

We have received abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness and so we reign in life through Christ.

We are seated in heavenly places in Christ and so have authority and dominion given to us in Christ.

We are empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit.

And so much more.



APPLICATION

We have to be established in the finished work of Christ on the Cross and the new life we have in Christ – and we have to live out of that.

When we face temptation and addictions to sin – we live out of the truth that the power of sin over our lives is broken.

When satan comes against us in any form or fashion – we resist satan and his demons, knowing that Christ has conquered them on our behalf and we have authority over these demonic forces.

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Romans 6:6-7,14; Hebrews 2:14; Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1) Discuss the 3 aspects of Christ's completed work on the Cross, that were highlighted, as the basis for our ability to walk victoriously over the flesh, the world and the devil:
A) Power of sin broken, B) Satan defeated, and C) We are redeemed
Why is it important to understand and be established in these truths?*

2) How does being a new creation in Christ, form the basis of our ability to live overcoming victorious lives over the flesh, the world and the devil. Discuss.



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>