

Colossians 2 PROVES You Have All Power Over The Devil

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In this program I will guide you into a life with Jesus , where you always have victory. The devil will not dare to touch you.

You don't need to ask other people around you to pray for you all the time. Because most people don't have the confidence in the unique heavenly position you have in Jesus.

Most of us have been in the situation where we are feeling like we're in a spiritual battle we just can't win?

That no matter how hard you pray, read your Bible, or try to live for God, those feelings of fear, doubt, and accusation just refuse to let go?

It feels like you're fighting an invisible enemy who always seems to have the upper hand.

You take one step forward only to get knocked two steps back.

You feel the weight of your past, anxiety about the future, and that constant, nagging voice telling you that you're not good enough, not strong enough, and you're never going to be free.

It's a relentless, exhausting fight that leaves you feeling defeated and powerless—a victim in your own life.

What if I told you that this entire experience, as real as it feels, is built on a lie?

What if I told you the Bible reveals a spiritual, legal transaction that already secured your total and complete victory?

That 2,000 years ago, an event took place that not only pardoned you but completely disarmed the very enemy that comes against you?

In the book of Colossians, the Apostle Paul pulls back the curtain on the spiritual realm to reveal a truth so powerful, it can completely revolutionize your understanding of spiritual warfare.

He shows us that you aren't the victim in this fight; you are the victor.

You're not fighting **for** victory; God is inviting you to learn how to fight **from** a position of victory that's already been won.

Today, we're going to break down one of the most powerful passages in all of scripture, Colossians chapter 2, and we're going to see, once and for all, how Christ's triumph makes you the victor, not the victim, in every spiritual battle you will ever face.

Section 1: The Original Mandate - Dominion by Design

Before we can really get the magnitude of what Christ did on the cross, we have to go back.

Way back to the beginning.

We need to understand God's original plan for humanity.

When God created the heavens and the earth, his final, most glorious act of creation was us.

And He didn't create us to be spiritual servants,
cowering in a corner.

He created us to rule.

Genesis 1:26-28 lays out this divine blueprint.

God says, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Just think about that for a second.

God's very first words to humanity weren't about limitation; they were about dominion.

That word "dominion"—in the original Hebrew, it's *radah*—means to rule, to reign, to have authority over.

You were created in the image of God to be His representative on earth, exercising His authority and stewardship.

God blessed Adam and Eve and commanded them: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and *subdue* it; have dominion..."

You were designed for dominion.

Created to walk in authority.

Your spiritual DNA is encoded with the image of the King of the universe.

You weren't made to be pushed around by circumstances, to be a slave to fear, or to live under the thumb of a defeated spiritual enemy.

You were made to walk in power, to subdue the earth, to bring order from chaos, and to reflect the glorious authority of your Creator.

This was the original design.

This is who you were always meant to be.

This was our high and holy calling: to be bearers of divine authority, ruling and reigning on the earth as God's representatives.

But, as we all know, that's not where the story stayed. Something catastrophic happened.

And to understand what happened to us, we first have to understand the story of the one who orchestrated our fall.

Section 2: The Cosmic Treason - How Authority Was Lost

Long before humanity's fall, there was another one—a fall from the highest place in creation.

Before he was the devil, he was Lucifer, a being of unimaginable beauty and wisdom.

The prophet Ezekiel gives us a glimpse in chapter 28, describing him as "the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."

He was in Eden, the garden of God, covered in every precious stone.

He was the "anointed cherub who covers," placed by God on His holy mountain.

Think about it.

Lucifer wasn't some low-level angel.

He was arguably the highest of all created beings, the guardian cherub, whose whole job was to exist in the immediate presence of God's glory.

Some theologians even believe he was created with inbuilt musical instruments, the worship leader of heaven.

He had everything a created being could ever want—beauty, wisdom, position, and closeness to God.

But it wasn't enough.

Ezekiel 28:17 tells us where it all went wrong: "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor."

Pride took root.

The prophet Isaiah, in chapter 14, records the five arrogant "I will" statements that sealed his fate:

- I will ascend into heaven,
- I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...
- I will sit on the mount of the congregation...
- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
- I will be like the Most High.

He wasn't content being the most glorious *created* being; he wanted to *be* the Creator.

He wanted to steal God's throne.

And God's response was swift and final.

Ezekiel 28 says,

- I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God...
- I cast you to the ground...
- I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And
- I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.

Lucifer was violently thrown out of heaven.

Stripped of his glory, position, and authority.

He went from the anointed cherub to Satan, the adversary.

He became a defeated, dethroned, and disempowered enemy.

He had no legitimate authority left.

And this is where humanity's story takes a tragic turn.

Cast down to earth, Satan, now powerless on his own, found Adam and Eve in the garden.

He couldn't force them to do anything; they held the dominion God gave them.

So, he turned to the only tool he had left: deception.

In Genesis 3, he doesn't use force.

He just slides in with a question to create doubt: "Has God indeed said...?"

He tempted them with the exact same lie that caused his own fall: the desire to be "like God."

He promised them knowledge and power outside of God's perfect plan.

And when Adam and Eve chose to believe the serpent's word over God's Word, they didn't just commit a sin.

They committed cosmic treason.

In that moment, they willingly gave up their throne of authority.

They took the keys to the dominion of the earth—the keys God had placed in their hands—and they handed them over to God's defeated enemy.

By obeying Satan, they made him their master.

And through that one act, sin, death, and darkness flooded the world.

Humanity, created for dominion, was now in bondage to a trespasser.

Satan, who had no authority of his own, gained an illegitimate foothold on earth because humanity gave it to him.

For thousands of years, we lived under the oppressive regime of this illegal ruler, bound by sickness, fear, poverty, and death.

This is the great problem of the human race.

We were created to rule, but we handed our authority to a created being.

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And this is the state of spiritual warfare so many people feel trapped in.

They feel the effects of this fallen world, the enemy's oppression, and they don't know there's a way out.

They don't know the story didn't end in Genesis 3.

If you're tired of feeling like a victim and you're ready to understand the victory that's already been secured for you, do me a favor and hit that subscribe button.

Because what we're about to unpack next is the single greatest event in human history—the divine checkmate that changed absolutely everything.

Section 3: The Divine Checkmate - The Legal Transaction on the Cross

For centuries, humanity suffered.
The dominion lost in the garden seemed gone forever.
But God had a plan.

A plan not just to forgive sin, but to legally and eternally take back the authority that Adam gave away.

This plan centered on Jesus Christ and reached its ultimate fulfillment on a Roman cross.

This brings us to our key scripture for understanding our spiritual authority:

Colossians chapter 2, verses 13 through 15.

I want you to hear this not as poetry, but as a legal declaration from the courtroom of heaven.

Paul writes: *"**And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us.**

And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."*

This is one of the most jam-packed passages in the entire Bible.

It describes a cosmic legal event that every single believer needs to get.

Let's break it down, piece by powerful piece.

First, Paul reminds us of our condition before Christ: "dead in your trespasses."

That's not "spiritually sick" or "making bad choices."

It's spiritually dead.

Totally unable to save ourselves.

But God, in His mercy, "made you alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."

This is the miracle of the new birth, the foundation of our salvation.

But Paul doesn't stop there.

He goes deeper into the legal side of our freedom.

He says God did this by "having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us."

What is this "handwriting of requirements"?

The Greek word is *cheirographon*.

In the ancient world, this was a technical term for a handwritten certificate of debt.

It was a legal IOU, listing everything a person owed.

Spiritually speaking, this *cheirographon* was the official record of our sin.

Imagine a scroll listing every single time you broke God's law—every selfish thought, prideful action, every failure.

This document was the legal basis for your condemnation.

As Paul says, it was "against us."

It was the devil's primary evidence in heaven's court, the legal document he used to accuse you and demand your punishment: death.

So what did God do with this certificate of your debt?

Scripture says He "wiped it out."

This implies total obliteration, like wiping wet ink off a page so it's gone forever.

He didn't just put a line through it; He completely erased the record of your debt.

But then He did something even more dramatic:

"He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

In the Roman world, when a criminal was crucified, a notice called a *titulus* was often nailed to their cross listing their crimes.

When Jesus hung on that cross, God the Father took the certificate of debt that listed all of your sins—past, present, and future—and He symbolically nailed it to His Son's cross.

The cross became the public announcement that your debt was paid in full.

When Jesus cried out, "It is finished!", He wasn't just saying His life was over.

He was shouting that the debt was paid, the record was cleared, and the legal case against you was closed forever.

Canceling this debt is what leads to the final, triumphant declaration in verse 15.

This is the knockout blow.

Because the legal grounds for condemnation were gone, the power of the accuser was broken.

Paul writes: "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

The word "disarmed" here literally means "to strip off."

Picture stripping a defeated soldier of his armor, his weapons, his uniform.

At the cross, Jesus didn't just defeat Satan; He stripped him of his weapons.

And what was his primary weapon?

That "handwriting of requirements."

It was the law, and our failure to keep it, that gave the enemy the legal right to accuse us.

But when God nailed that debt to the cross, He disarmed the enemy.

He took away the only weapon he had.

And this victory wasn't a secret.

The Bible says God "made a public spectacle of them."

This language brings to mind a Roman Triumphal Parade.

When a general won a huge victory, he'd return to Rome and lead a massive parade.

The conquered kings and generals, stripped of their armor and authority, would be chained to his chariot and dragged through the city to show their complete and utter humiliation.

This is the picture of what Jesus did in the spiritual realm.

The cross, which looked like Jesus's ultimate defeat, was actually His moment of greatest triumph.

It was His victory parade.

Before all of heaven, all the angels and spiritual beings, God paraded a defeated, stripped, and shamed devil, publicly declaring his defeat and the end of his authority over the children of God.

This is the legal reality of your salvation.

You're forgiven.

The charges are dropped.

The evidence is nailed to the cross.

And the enemy who accused you has been publicly disarmed and disgraced.

Section 4: Your New Reality - Living From Victory

So what does this ancient legal transaction mean for you today, right now, as you face the pressures of your life?

It means everything.

This isn't just good theology; it's your new reality.

Your entire approach to spiritual warfare has to shift from one of desperate struggle to one of confident enforcement.

This brings us to the most important phrase you need to tattoo on your spirit:

****You are not fighting FOR victory; you are fighting FROM victory.****

The war is already won.

The decisive battle happened at the cross.

Jesus isn't in heaven, wringing His hands, hoping you can just hold on.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father—the place of all authority—and He has already secured your triumph.

Your job isn't to try to defeat the devil.

Your job is to enforce the defeat Jesus already accomplished.

Think of it like this.

A police officer stands in a busy intersection.

That officer can't physically stop a ten-ton truck with his bare hands.

But when he holds up his hand, that truck stops.

Why? Because of the authority he represents.

He's operating under the authority of the government.

He's simply enforcing the law.

In the same way, in your own strength, you're no match for spiritual darkness.

But you aren't operating in your own strength!

Because of what Christ did, you've been deputized.

You operate in the delegated authority of the King of Kings.

When you speak the name of Jesus, when you declare the Word of God, you are enforcing the supreme law of the universe, established by the blood of Christ.

This changes everything.

The enemy's only real weapon now is deception.

Since he was disarmed, all he has are lies.

He can't change your legal standing, but he can try to trick you into living like it hasn't changed.

He'll whisper thoughts of condemnation, fear, and inadequacy, hoping you'll believe them and, by believing them, give him power in your life.

Your authority is rooted in your identity.

Because you are "in Christ," you are a child of God, a co-heir with Jesus, seated with Him in heavenly places, far above all principalities and powers.

This is your spiritual position right now.

You are not under the enemy's feet; he is under yours.

So, how do we make this practical?

When that thought of condemnation hits—"You're a failure, look at what you did last week"—you don't have to entertain it.

You don't have to argue.

You can exercise your authority and say, "No.

That accusation is based on a debt that's been canceled.

The list of my failures was nailed to the cross.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

I reject that lie."

When a spirit of fear tries to grip your heart about the future—"What if you lose your job?

What if you get sick?"

—you stand in your authority and declare, "No.

God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Jesus defeated every power of darkness, and I am in Him. Therefore, I refuse to fear."

When you feel sickness attacking your body, you can lay your hands on yourself and say, "In the name of Jesus, I enforce the victory of the cross over my body.

By His stripes, I was healed.

Sickness, you are part of the curse that was broken, and you have no legal right here."

Do you see the shift?

It's not begging God to do something.

It's thanking Him for what He's already done and commanding the enemy to get in line with that finished work.

You aren't a victim hoping for a rescue.

You're an authorized official enforcing a verdict that's already been decided in the highest court in the universe.

The battle is real, but the outcome isn't up for debate. Christ already won.

Section 5: Declaration and Prayer

Understanding this is one thing; walking in it is another.

We start walking in this authority by agreeing with what God has already said.

Faith is just our "Amen" to God's "It is finished."

So right now, wherever you are, I want to lead you in a declaration.

This isn't a magic formula.

This is you, aligning your heart and your voice with the truth of God's Word.

Say this out loud with me, with faith.

Repeat after me:

"Heavenly Father, I thank you for the victory of the cross.

I declare that I am dead to sin and alive in Christ.

You have forgiven all my sins.

The record of debt that stood against me has been wiped out.

It has been nailed to the cross.

Therefore, there is no condemnation for me, because I am in Christ Jesus.

Because the charges were canceled, the enemy has been disarmed.

Satan and all his powers were made a public spectacle at the cross.

They are defeated.

I am seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above all rule and authority.

I am not a victim; I am a victor.

I do not fight for victory; I fight from victory.

I have authority in Jesus' name to enforce His victory in my life.

I reject every lie that tells me I am weak, defeated, or condemned.

My identity is in Christ, and in Him, I am more than a conqueror.

Amen."

Now, let me pray for you.

Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, I thank you for every single person listening right now.

Thank you for the glorious, complete, and irreversible victory won at the cross.

I pray for a revelation of Colossians 2 to explode in their spirits.

I break every chain of condemnation, every lie of the enemy, and every yoke of fear that has held them captive.

Open the eyes of their hearts to see their true position in Christ—seated, authoritative, and victorious.

I declare over them that they are no longer slaves to fear but are sons and daughters of God, walking in the power of their inheritance.

From this day forward, may they stop seeing themselves as victims and start operating as the victors you created them to be.

Give them boldness to stand firm, to speak your Word with authority, and to enforce the triumph of Jesus in every area of their lives.

We give you all the praise and glory for the finished work of Christ.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

****(Conclusion)****

We've journeyed from the garden of Eden to the cross of Calvary.

We saw God's original design was for you to walk in dominion.

We saw how that authority was tragically handed over through deception.

But most importantly, we have seen the glorious, legal, and eternal truth of Colossians chapter 2.

The cross wasn't a tragedy; it was a triumph.

It wasn't a defeat; it was a disarmament.

It was the moment your debt was canceled and the enemy's power over you was broken forever.

My challenge to you today is to stop handing the devil his weapons back.

Every time you agree with a thought of fear, you're handing him a weapon.

Every time you partner with a feeling of condemnation, you're handing him a weapon.

Every time you see yourself as a powerless victim, you're forgetting the public spectacle that was made of him 2,000 years ago.

Your authority is not based on your feelings.

It's not based on your performance.

It's based on the unshakable, finished work of Jesus Christ.

Live from that place.

Pray from that place.

Fight from that place.

You have the name of Jesus, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

You have everything you need to walk in the victory that's already been won.

You are not the victim. You are the victor. Colossians 2 proves it.

Now go, and walk in your God-given authority.