

Although Satan is a defeated enemy who will ultimately be cast into the Lake of Fire, the Devil is still very active in his warfare against the Lord and His people – who were his former subjects (Col. 1:13). A Christian can and should experience victory against Satan. Remember: The Battle is already won, and our victory or loss over Satan's attacks will not change the outcome, but his attacks can hinder our spiritual progress and testimony if we are not careful.

Key verse: 1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

Sober – to abstain from wine, or strong drink, to be discreet, to be watching, calm, quiet, moderate in desires and actions, restrained, temperate, not overcome by emotions. – Protect your heart and mind from Satanic attacks that will expose you to him.

Vigilant – to keep awake, to watch, to be careful. We are watchful for Satanic traps: (Matt. 26:41)

Adversary – an opponent, an enemy. Satan is always present to attack or to resist God's people. (Zech. 3:1)

The Devil – the accuser, the slanderer. The Devil accuses God to man (Gen. 3:4,5), man to God (Job 1:8-11); and to each other (John 8:44; Rev. 12:10).

For the Christian to have victory over the Devil we must be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might! (Eph. 6:10; Phil. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:1) – We are weak BUT HE is strong!

We must put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11-18) – We put this on by prayer, by faith, and surrender to God. Every piece of God's armor represents Jesus Christ! Paul used a Roman Soldier's armor as he describes the various pieces:

- A. Belt of Truth – (Eph. 6:14) – Remember Jesus is the way, the TRUTH, and the life; Remember that Satan is a Liar and the Father of it. A Christian defeats the Devil with the TRUTH!
- B. Breastplate of Righteousness – (Eph. 6:14) – Remember Jesus is our righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21); Remember Satan works unrighteousness. A Christian defeats the Devil with RIGHTEOUSNESS!
- C. Shoes of Gospel-Peace – (Eph. 6:15) – Remember Jesus is the Good News (Rom. 1:16); Remember Satan does not want you to share the Gospel. A Christian defeats the Devil when he shares THE GOSPEL!
- D. The Shield of Faith – (Eph. 6:16) – Remember Jesus' words is a shield for us (Pro. 30:5); Satan wants us to lean upon our own understanding, and our own resources. A Christian defeats the Devil by exercising faith in God through His Word!
- E. The Helmet of Salvation – (Eph. 6:17) – Remember that we are saved by grace through faith in the LORD and SAVIOUR Jesus Christ! Jesus is our Salvation. Satan always works with doubt, and fear, anxiety, and confusion. (cp. Heb. 13:6)
- F. The Sword of the Spirit – (Eph. 6:17) – Remember Jesus used the Word of God in defeating Satanic temptations. (cp. Matthew 4:1-10)

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

We may experience victories against Satan but we must always remain on the alert for his next attack UNTIL we graduate the glory!