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Victory in Jesus^{TC}

*"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 15:57*

Eugene Bartlett, Sr. | Traves Cottrell

I heard an old, old story; How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary, to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins, and won the victory

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever
He sought me and bought me; With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't, to me the victory

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever
He sought me and bought me; With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
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I heard about a mansion; He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold, beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there, the song of victory

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Your Grace Is Enough

*"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for My power is made perfect in weakness."..." 2 Cor. 12:9*

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to
mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice
God
You use the weak to lead the
strong
You lead us in the song of Your
salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children

Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

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Your grace is enough
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So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches down to us
Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Colossians 2:8-15 – English Standard Version (ESV)

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Mighty to Save

“...Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of His strength? “It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save.”” Isaiah 63:1

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I Give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

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He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light & let the whole world see
We're singing, for the glory of the Risen
King....Jesus

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We're singing, for the glory of the Risen
King

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He conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Offering: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:25

John Newton and Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Colossians

Christ is Everything

Colossians 2:8-15

[8] See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. [9] For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:8-15

[13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

The Big Idea

Christ united Himself to humanity, which allows us to be united to Him and share in His life.

1. Secular philosophies and externally-religious practices cannot provide the life that comes through Christ. (8-10)
2. Baptism is a symbol of burial and new life. (11-12)
3. Christ's apparent defeat is actually His greatest victory. (13-15)

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Paul warns the believers that there are deceptive teachings that they will encounter (see the warning against “persuasive arguments” in 2:4). In the whole letter, Paul seems to have two extremes of false teachings in mind. One is overtly religious, “Judaizing”, in its tone. This “human tradition” teaches that avoiding certain foods and habits are keys to spirituality (2:16ff). Another false teaching is more secular, even pagan, drawing on “elemental spirits” and draws on ascetic practices that are harsh on the body but are ineffectual on a spiritual level (see 2:23) [con’t next slide]

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The problem with the two types of false teaching that Paul rebukes is that they are not centered on Christ. Thinking that extreme discipline can help us spiritually bases on our righteousness on our own strength or goodness. To correct this, we must understand what Christ did. He is the fullness of God now in flesh. To accept full humanity, Christ first needed to redeem the human nature (and body). Just as He redeemed His human body, when you are united to Him (v.10) then your humanity is also redeemed. He has authority over every power that would resist His redemptive work.

Baptism is a symbol of burial and new life.

[11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by *putting off the body of the flesh*, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Apparently, the “Judaizing” group that wanted to mislead the Colossians were saying that they should be circumcised to be spiritually mature. However, Paul counters by saying that they needed a “circumcision made without hands” also called “the circumcision of Christ”. In other words, they are to put on Christ (by believing in Him, not only for the salvation but for their spiritual maturity) and by doing so they will not rely on their flesh for life or feed its desires (3:5-10).

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The “circumcision of Christ” is where we put away our old body of flesh by believing in Him. Because we have killed our flesh, we have a burial, which is baptism. The key is the “with Him” of our baptism. The baptism itself is not a meritorious work. Instead, as we have been united to Christ by our faith, then we bury the old human nature because it only has death (Gen. 3). Then, we are also “raised with Him” through faith, meaning that we have been given eternal life in our new humanity, which is united to Christ. Our baptism symbolizes this death and resurrection in us, while reminding us of His death and resurrection.

Christ's apparent defeat is actually His greatest victory.

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To be made alive with Christ by faith is only part of the gospel's power. To be resurrected is not necessarily good news if we still have to face the wrath of God (3:6). So, God also forgives us of all our trespasses. Sin is rebellion against God and it is also a breaking of His commands. So, we have a legal, "debt" of sin against us that must be removed. (con't)

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How does God remove the "debt" of sin? Through the triumph of the crucifixion and resurrection, Christ pays the penalty of our sin, satisfies the wrath of God, and overcomes the power of death by resurrection. The "rulers and authorities" are any power (human or spiritual being) that would raise any claim over us as believers. We are no longer in the "domain of darkness" (1:13-14) because we belong to the Son and His kingdom. He has forgiven our sins & defeated our enemies (Rom. 6:11).

Living the Christ-centered life:

Where have you looked to improve your life or find peace?

We tend to look for life improvement and even try to find “peace” through earthly remedies that are either only temporarily (or at a surface level) helpful or based in harmful worldviews. Have you looked to Christ for help with your life? He can give true, satisfying life.

Have you identified with Christ through baptism?

Our baptism represents Christ’s death for our sins and His resurrection, His victory over death. Our baptism also pictures our death to our own efforts (the old self) and our new life (eternal life) we have in Christ.

Have you had your sins forgiven?

Christ’s defeat of sin and death means that He can offer to you the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We will all be raised to stand before God. Are you prepared for that moment by having your sins forgiven in Christ?



Is Christ everything in your life?

He can be everything today!

Amazing Love

“But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved” Eph. 2:4

Billy James Foote

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were
condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were
condemned
I'm alive and well
Your spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for
me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

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Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
You are my King

Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for
me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You
In all I do, let me honor You

Because He Lives (Amen)

"...Because I live, you also will live" Jn. 14:19

Matt Maher, Gloria & William Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe, I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
Every fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hands

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
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Let my song join the one that never ends

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