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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. One of the great ministries that God has given us to help us in our Christian walk is music. Great Hymns and Choruses. Book of Psalms. No Preachers in Heaven. Only singers.
- b. All Great Hymns minister to us by teaching us truths in a musical way.
- c. It is easier to remember words when they are put to music.
- d. Look at the Truth behind a great Gospel Song. "Victory In Jesus"
- e. Writer:
- f. Eugene Monroe (EM) Bartlett, Sr. He was born on December 24, 1885 in Waynesville, Missouri.
- g. In 1918, he established Hartford Music Company, which became one of the first publishing companies for Southern Gospel music. He served as company president from 1918 until 1935. In additional to establishing the music company, he also established a shape note school, the Hartford Music Institute in 1921 and began publishing a monthly quartet magazine, The Herald of Song.
- h. Over the chorus of his career, Bartlett wrote more than 800 songs. Some of his songs include "Just a Little While," "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," and "Take an Old Cold Tater and Wait."
- i. In 1939, Bartlett had a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. After the stroke he was left virtually bed ridden. Although he missed traveling and performing, Bartlett continued to study his Bible during this difficult time. Although he dealt with the physical strains of his

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limitations, he also looked towards the eternal victory he knew was approaching.

- j. During this difficult time after his stroke, he wrote the words to Victory in Jesus. The song first appeared in a songbook paperback "Gospel Choruses."
- k. Victory in Jesus was the final song Bartlett wrote. The hymn also became his best known and most embraced song.
- I. Bartlett died on January 25, 1941.
- m. In 1973, he was inducted into the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee.

II. <u>EVANGELISM (PREACHING) (I HEARD AN OLD OLD STORY)</u>

- a. List of verses:
- b. Romans 10:1-14
- c. 1 Corinthians 1:21-25 (NKJV) 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- d. We must preach the Gospel
 - i. Preachers.
 - ii. Teachers,
 - iii. Share the message with those you know.

III. THE INCARNATION (HOW A SAVIOUR CAME FROM GLORY)

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a. Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV) 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

b. John 1:1-18

c. John 16:27-28 (NKJV) 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

IV. THE ATONEMENT (HOW HE GAVE HIS LIFE ON CALVARY TO SAVE A WRETCH LIKE ME, I HEARD ABOUT HIS GROANING, OF HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD ATONING)

a. Isaiah 53:3-6 (NKJV) 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every

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- one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- b. 1 Peter 2:24-25 (NKJV) 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- c. 1 John 2:2 (NKJV) 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
- d. Colossians 2:13-14 (NKJV) 13 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, 14 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.

V. REPENTENCE (THEN I REPENTED OF MY SINS AND WON THE VICTORY)

- a. What is repentance?
 - i. To Turn from one way to another, To change directions, to Repudiate what you once held to. To make amends for past wrongs.
- b. Do we have to repent?
 - i. "The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell." — William Booth
 - ii. Jesus preached it:

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- 1. Matthew 4:7 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- iii. Peter preached it:
 - 1. Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."
- c. How to Repent
 - i. The Prodigal Son
 - ii. David in Psalm 51
 - iii. Admit your sin, You take full ownership, you turn from it.
- VI. SANCTIFICATION (TRANSFORMATION) 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.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV) 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but

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you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- b. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- c. Apostle Paul
 - i. Galations 1:22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. 23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God in me.

d. John Newton

- i. "John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy."
- e. GLORIFICATION (HEAVEN) 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.
 - i. Revelation 21-22

VII. THE HYMN OF VICTORY (CHOROUS)

- a. O Victory in Jesus,
 - i. 1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV) 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. My Savior forever,

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i. John 10:28 (NKJV) 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

c. He sought me and He Bought me with His redeeming Blood,

i. 1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

d. He loved me ere I knew Him and all my Love is due Him,

i. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

e. He plunged me to Victory beneath the cleansing flood

i. Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.