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Well, I've picked an interesting topic this month: ready for battle. Because of this, Christians find themselves in a really interesting predicament.

They are definitely heaven-bound according to 1 Thessalonians 4:

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall



we ever be with the Lord.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

There's no doubt about where we will end up once all of this earthly stuff is over. *Heaven is a stopover point for Christians.* Most Christians probably believe that they will spend their eternity in heaven, but the Bible doesn't teach that. It teaches that we will go there, but that something else will take place after we spend some time there. You can find mention of this in Ephesians 1:

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (Ephesians 1:10)

At some point in time, or eternity, a time that's called "the fullness of times," God will gather together in one (one earth) all things in Christ. Where will all of these people get gathered from? This verse says, "both which are in heaven and which are on earth." There you have it. All people, in Christ, whether in heaven or on earth, will be gathered together in one (place). That settled, we need to know where will they be gathered to?

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Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Peter 3:13)

We will all end up on a new earth, and so too, will God and His Son.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Revelation 21:1-3)

God's city, the new Jerusalem,

will come down from God out of heaven and find a new home on the new earth. All people welcomed into eternity, will dwell with God on the new earth.

Not only are they eternity-bound with a victory over the devil assured, but, while on this earth, ***they must endure the heckles of a defeated enemy.***

Thou therefore endure hardness [hardships], as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:3)

What's this, hardships? Why, this just doesn't make sense, especially after you read Romans 8:

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors [Super Christian Conquerors] through him that loved us. (Romans 8:37)

Why in the world do we have to suffer hardships when our

victory in Christ is assured, and when we are Super Christian Conquerors? The answer is quite simple. ***Christians who don't know their legal, godly rights as sons and daughters of God have no recourse but to have hardships.*** That's right! If you don't know that you were freed from the satanic grasps of a satanic citizenship, you have no choice but to become abused by it, even after your citizenship has changed. It did change when you became born again.

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (Ephesians 2:6)

You are seated in the heavenlies even if you don't know or believe it. ***Only when you finally accept this truth will you claim what is rightfully and***

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spiritually yours. Then, and only then will you reject the shackles of satan and accept your liberty in Christ. Most Christians are enslaved to an old, worldly citizenship. They don't know what is rightfully theirs, which means that they can't claim it either. ***The day you start claiming what is rightfully yours as God's child will be the day you start to walk in true deliverance.***

The human being was created out of believing and love. He is a product of the ultimate form of creation, and he is God's pinnacle masterpiece. When God said, "Let us make man in our image," God was saying, let us make a man of believing and love. You are a result of God's dream to have believing men and women. Until you start to live a life of believing and love, by choice, you cannot fulfill your dreams and destiny, and you

cannot reflect your godly design. Once you are born again, you have the ability to manifest this new and different life. All believing and love comes from God, the Believing and Loving One. The gift of holy spirit enables your new life.

It is a direct contradiction to God's creation of mankind to walk according to the citizenship of the world and contrary to believing in God and loving like He did and still does. ***Sense knowledge believing and love are counterfeits of godly believing and love.*** All sense knowledge believing and love are built upon reason. They will always fall short of their true counterpart's intentions.

We are heaven-bound, and we are seated in the heavenlies. Then why are we taught that we must be soldiers, warriors, or men and women at battle with the devil?

Think about it for a minute. I have taught that you must be prepared to do battle with satan and his devils. Many others teach the same, but what does it really mean?

If you think back to Jesus' life, you will realize that he didn't kill anyone. In fact, he didn't wound anyone. He was beaten to a pulp before satan hung him on a tree to die, but that was the extent of the "battling." What type of battling did Jesus use if he didn't use knives and staves? What type of battling should we be using if we are to follow his examples?

To become ready for battle, you must understand the techniques of war. First of all, you are at battle - that is no lie. A battle rages in the spiritual realm and you often find yourself caught right in it's midst.

Secondly, you must understand that your enemy is a defeated enemy. He has already been

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defeated. Just because satan can inflict; sickness, disease, torment, pain, suffering, hardships, and so forth, these have no bearing on our victory over him. *I'd like to say that the only reason satan gets away with his methods today is because Christians don't know what they have been given.* They don't know what they are in Christ. They are basically ignorant of their legal, spiritual rights and responsibilities. Until this changes, Christians will be among the most enslaved people around.

Would you like to change the tide of this ocean of deceit, deprivation, and enslavement? I would. I am really tired of seeing others hurt and I'd like to be part of the solution, solving people's misery of entrapment and bondage by resolving their citizenship misunderstanding. If I have you so far, then hear me well. Once

you realize that you are at battle, and that you battle a defeated enemy, you must understand the tools of warfare. If the tools of warfare are not knives, staves and other man-made weapons, what are they? They are words. That's right. That's exactly what Jesus used. He used words.

These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. (John 8:20)

No one could touch him, but they wanted to. They wanted to get rid of him because of the words he spoke.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)

If you are ever going to make a difference spiritually, you must understand the power of WORDS! Jesus did. He even told us the way for God and Him to make their abode with us. We pass down HIS words. That's our job and especially our tools of warfare. We must keep the words of Jesus Christ! Our true power lies in our usage of words as is stated in the next verse.

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. (1 Timothy 4:6)

These words make you grow up in God. Nothing else can do it.

You can go to church 24/7, and pray until you are blue in the face, but if you don't

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understand that your real weapons are words used properly, you will forever be afflicted by

satan. Don't you think it's time to stop that? I do. You were made out of believing and love and the only missing ingredient, after you are born again, an ingredient to make you master over this crazy ole world, is the right words on your lips.

I know people who get sick, and seem to stay sick way too long. Wouldn't you like to know how to remove sickness as soon as it shows up? Here's how. Understand that devils place sickness on and in a human body. Nothing else does.

Christians can remove a sickness just as surely as a devil can put it on. How? You tell it to leave in the name of Jesus Christ!

That's how. It's that simple, but you have to believe in the words.

You don't have to just believe.

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In other words, when you tell the sickness to leave, understand that you are exercising your spiritual rights over a defeated enemy, one who knows you are his master.

The sickness will then leave. This works for all forms of devilish torments; financial torment, physical torment, spiritual torment.

All respond to words. I see people get sick, and then not lift a finger except to take another pill.

There is nothing wrong with taking a pill, but there is something drastically wrong with not commanding the disease off or out of the body.

Look at it this way.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places

in Christ: (Ephesians 1:3)

I really don't believe that people understand this verse. I know I don't understand it fully, but I do understand one thing out of it: God has ALREADY given us **ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS!** There is nothing else left to give unto us. That being the case, we need to start claiming what is already ours. Many people sit around trying to believe for things. That's crazy. You don't have to believe for another thing in your life. You simply need to start claiming the promises. Try it. **Stop crying to God for things and start speaking your met needs into existence.**

The next time you are tempted to turn to man for help, try God's way first. Try speaking your need into existence by using the name of Jesus Christ. It's that easy. Why? Because God's already given you EVERYTHING. Believe what I am saying! If you believe these

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words, you can truly start acting as the devil's master.

I hope you'll agree that we, as Christians, are in an interesting predicament. We've learned that we are bound to experience hardships at times throughout our lives. We've learned that we are heaven-bound and that we are Super Christian Conquerors. We've also learned that we are at battle with an enemy, but that our weapons are words, not man-made weapons. Finally, we've learned that the most powerful addition to our heavenly citizenship is the proper usage of words. Jesus Christ provided us with ample examples. *If you plan to be battle-ready, the secret of your success lies in your ability to recognize who you are in Christ and what words you put on your lips.* Change the tide of human, spiritual enslavement by putting

the devils of deceit and despair in their place. Once they realize that you know who you are, they have to back off. You are their master! That's being battle-ready.

Love in Christ!

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