

- I. **In His earthly ministry the victorious Christ defeated the devil and destroyed his works:** [Matt. 4:1](#) Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. [2](#) And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He became hungry. [3](#) And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves of bread. [4](#) But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God." [5](#) Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the wing of the temple, [6](#) And said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down; for it is written, "To His angels He shall give charge concerning You, and on their hands they shall bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." [7](#) Jesus said to him, Again, it is written, "You shall not test the Lord your God." [8](#) Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9](#) And he said to Him, All these will I give You if You will fall down and worship me. [10](#) Then Jesus said to him, Go away, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." [1 John 3:8](#) He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- A) For Him to accomplish His ministry for the kingdom of the heavens, the Lord Jesus had to defeat God's enemy, the devil, Satan: [①](#)This He had to do as a man; hence, He stood as a man to confront the enemy of God. [②](#)The devil's temptation of the first man, Adam, was a success; his temptation of the second man, Christ, was an absolute failure.
- B) In His ministry on earth, the Lord Jesus destroyed the works of the devil: [①](#)In [1 John 3:8](#) the Greek word translated "destroy" may also be translated "undo," or "dissolve." [②](#)For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo and destroy the sinful deeds of the devil, that is, condemn, through His death on the cross in the flesh, sin initiated by him, the evil one; destroy the power of sin, the sinful nature of the devil; and take away both sin and sins. [Heb.2:14](#) Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil. [⌋](#)
- II. **In His crucifixion the victorious Christ cast out the ruler of this world, destroyed the devil, caused the rulers and authorities to be stripped off, and nullified death:** [John 12:31](#) Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out. [Matt. 27:51](#) And behold, the veil of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken and the rocks were split.
- A) In His work on the cross, Christ cast out the ruler of this world and judged the world: [①](#)The ruler of this world was cast out when Satan was cast out by Christ's work in His death. [②](#)Simultaneously, the world system related to Satan was judged. [③](#)The base of Satan's rebellion was shaken, and the strongholds of Satan's earthly kingdom were shaken.
- B) In His crucifixion Christ destroyed the devil: [①](#)In verse 14 the Greek word translated "destroy" can also be rendered as "bring to nought, make of none effect, do away with, abolish, annul, discard." [⌋](#)
[②](#)In His humanity and through His work on the cross, Christ has destroyed the devil.
- C) In His work on the cross, Christ caused the angelic rulers and authorities to be stripped off, to be made a display of openly, and to be triumphed over in the cross by God: [Col.2:15](#) Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it. [①](#)Colossians 2:15 portrays the warfare that took place at the time of Christ's crucifixion. [②](#)God openly shamed the evil angelic rulers and authorities on the cross and triumphed over them in it.
- D) Through His devil-destroying death, Christ nullified death, making it of none effect. [2 Tim.1:10](#) But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel. [⌋](#)
- III. **The resurrection of the victorious Christ declares that He is victorious over death:**
- A) It was not possible for the Lord to be held by death: [Acts 2:24](#) Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it. [①](#)The Lord Jesus is both God and resurrection, possessing an indestructible life; death cannot hold Him. [②](#)The Lord Jesus defeated death and rose up from it.
- B) The resurrected Christ is "the living One," and He has "the keys of death and of Hades": [Rev.1:18](#) And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades. [①](#)As the living One, the Lord became dead, but now He is "living forever and ever" [②](#)The resurrected Christ has the keys of death and of Hades; death is subject to Him, and Hades is under His control. [⌋](#)
- IV. **In His ascension the victorious Christ "led captive those taken captive":** [Eph.4:8](#) Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."
- A) The Amplified New Testament renders He led captive those taken captive as "He led a train of vanquished foes":
[①](#)Vanquished foes may refer to Satan, to his angels, and to us the sinners.
[②](#)This indicates Christ's victory over Satan, sin, and death; in His ascension there was a procession of vanquished foes, led as captives from a war for a celebration of Christ's victory. [2 Cor.2:14](#) But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.
- B) As believers, we are now in the heavens, for when Christ ascended to the heavens, we were in the train of captives led by Him to "the height": [①](#)Christ has released us from the usurping hand of Satan and brought us to the heavens where we are now sitting, not as captives but as sons of God and members of Christ. [②](#)In His ascension the victorious Christ has brought us to the highest place in the universe. [⌋](#)
- V. **The victorious Christ will come as the fighting General with His army to fight Antichrist, the kings under him, and their armies at Armageddon:** [Rev.19:11](#) And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. [13](#) And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. [14](#) And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean. [15](#) And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. [19](#) And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse and with His army. [20](#) And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, who in his presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. [21](#) And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeds out of the mouth of Him who sits on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.
- A) Christ is "called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war":
[①](#)Christ is faithful and true both to God and to those who believe in Him. [②](#)In His faithfulness He defeats and destroys those who oppose God and persecute the believers. [③](#)He is also true in carrying out God's economy and in caring for those who believe in Him. [④](#)He is righteous, and in righteousness He will defeat Antichrist and judge the rebels who

follow him.

- B) The fighting General, the Warrior, is the Word, and His fighting will be the speaking of the word of God; as the Lord fights, He speaks for God and expresses God.]

Experience ① : Pray-reading the Word and singing hymns to experience that the ruler of this world, Satan the devil, has been cast out

In His work on the cross Christ also cast out the ruler of this world and judged his world. This indicates that Christ's work in His death included the casting out of Satan, the ruler of this world. Satan thought that he was wise in having the Lord Jesus crucified. Actually, by doing this Satan caused himself to be cast out. The cross was the way used by God to cast out Satan. The New Testament reveals that Satan has formed an evil, satanic system called the world. Through the world, the satanic cosmos, Satan has systematized fallen mankind under his usurping hand. Satan uses the world to keep people from the purpose of God and to distract them from the enjoyment of God. But this evil world system, the kingdom of darkness, was judged through Christ's work on the cross.

Perhaps you will say, "How could the devil have been destroyed when he is still so prevailing?" It is a lie to say that the devil is prevailing. The Bible never says this. Do not believe in this lie. The Bible says that the devil has been bruised, destroyed. His head has been crushed. Are you going to believe your feelings or God's Word? God's Word tells us that through His death on the cross Christ has destroyed the devil. This is an accomplished fact, a fact that is included in the holy Word as the testament bequeathed to us. We need to take this bequest by faith according to the holy Word. By His mercy, the Lord has opened our eyes and has shown us the all-inclusiveness of His death. And through experience we do realize that death, sin, the devil, the fear of death, and slavery were all truly crossed out in Christ's crucifixion.

For junior/senior high students

While you are a junior/senior high school student, you need to experience the fact that Christ has cast out the devil on the cross. Satan the devil is tempting man through this world, the evil system, to distract them from God's economy. When Satan comes to tempt you, he does not come saying "I am Satan the devil!" Because Satan comes to you through this world in the deceiving way, you may not notice in the first place that it is Satan. So you need to recognize the principles of temptations by Satan. The first principle of temptation by Satan is the "independence from God". Satan may try to tempt you by whispering you such as, "You are no longer an elementary school kid, so you can be independent from God a bit more, can't you?", "You can do well in anything without any God's help, can't you?" He is telling you as if becoming independent from God seems good. You should follow the pattern of the Lord Jesus, and reject Satan by using God's word. You should never have any conversation with Satan to cast him out. It is impossible for you to cast out Satan by your own strength or ability. Hymnal 568 verse 1 says, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word; Just to rest upon His promise; Just to know, Thus saith the Lord. Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er, Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more." And please read the chapter 10 of Romans. [Rom10:10](#) For with heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation. [11](#) For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes on Him shall not be put on shame." [12](#) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; [13](#) For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." After you read these verses, you should declare to Satan in this way. "Satan, I call upon the name of the Lord and I trust in Him! You have been proud without trusting in the Lord so you became a devil Satan, the enemy of God. You are my teacher by your negative pattern. I deny any words you say and I say Amen to any words from God!" The second principle of temptations by Satan is "pride". Satan guides you to see your tiny success or ability so that you may be proud of it. You should experience to expose and cast out Satan by knowing your small pride comes from Satan.

Effectiveness of the cross to cast out Satan is included in the all-inclusive Spirit. And such Spirit is embodied in God's words and hymnals, so you can touch the Spirit when you exercise your spirit to pray-read the Word or to praise by singing hymns. When you touch the Spirit, you are able to experience casting out the demons in your faith. Hallelujah! Every time the devil tries to tempt you, please experience the fact the devil has already been cast out.

Experience ② : God sweeps away the unrighteousness with the war at Armageddon in the end of this age and the Kingdom of God will come.

Christ of victory, come as a fighting General with His bride, the overcoming believers who are His army, to fight Antichrist, the kings under him, and their armies at Armageddon.

[Revelation 19:13](#) also says, "His name is called The Word of God." The Word of God is the definition, the explanation, and the expression of God. As the Word of God, Christ speaks for God not only by imparting life as grace to God's chosen people in the Gospel of John, but also by executing God's judgment upon the rebellious people in the Revelation of John. Even as the Lord fights, He speaks for God and expresses God. The fighting of Christ is the speaking of the Word of God. God is righteous and sovereign. He is also a God of order and He cannot tolerate disorder and rebellion. As Christ fights against the enemy, He will speak that God is sovereign, righteous, and orderly. He will declare that God is the God over everyone and that He does not tolerate rebellion against His authority. Hence, the Warrior is the Word. His fighting is the speaking of God's Word.

Suppose I come into the meeting hall and find everything is in a mess. Without saying a word, I begin to clean up the hall. My act of cleaning says that I am a neat person and that I cannot tolerate a messy environment. There is no need for me to say anything, because my cleaning speaks for me. Likewise, the Lord's fighting in the war at Armageddon will be a powerful speaking. It will tell Satan, Antichrist, the false prophet, and the entire universe that God is sovereign and that no one can rebel against Him. God is a God of order and He will sweep away all rebellion. The Word of God is mentioned both in the Gospel of John and in the Revelation of John. In the Gospel of John the Word of God does not speak anything related to fighting; rather, He speaks redemption, light, life, and building. In the Gospel of John the Word of God speaks not only life and building, but also fighting. Before God can have the building He desires, He must first clean up His universe. In this book Christ's fighting is also His speaking for God. As the Word of God, His fighting proclaims to the whole universe what kind of God He is. God is not a God of confusion—He is the sovereign God, a God of order who does not tolerate rebellion. By His fighting Christ declares this to the universe.

For Young Working Saints

[Rev. 19:11](#) And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. [13](#) And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. [15](#) And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. [19](#) And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse and with His army. [20](#) And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, who in his presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone.

In order to have your business life blessed by the Lord, you must abolish unrighteousness. For God's rich blessing is based on God's righteousness. Since this world is the kingdom of Satan, it is full of unrighteousness. You must not tolerate unrighteousness, saying that we can't help doing some injustice.

Testimony of a brother: In the company where I work as vice-president, two female employees (Miss A and Miss B) got married recently. Miss A is an ordinary employee. Miss B is an employee who cannot work at all and Miss B's boss and her other colleagues were commenting that "Miss B cannot work at all, it would be better for her to take another path instead of staying here." I bought a cake for the celebration of Miss A's getting married with other employees. Later, I learned that Miss B has also gotten married. Miss B's boss said, "She does not need a cake, because vice-president is doing it out of courtesy." I said, "No matter what her job performance may be, the celebrating of getting married should be fair among all, I shall buy a cake for her as well." I train to be righteous even on such small matters in the company. Because God cannot bless me without righteousness.