

Keys to Spiritual Victory

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Introduction



I. Premise: Remembering the mercies of God (Rom.1-11)

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- 1. Love (5:5; 8:39)
- 2. Grace (4:4; 5:2)
- 3. Holy Spirit (5:5)
- 4. Peace (1:7; 2:10)
- 5. Faith (10:17)

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- 6. Comfort (8:28)
- 7. Power (1:16)
- 8. Hope (5:2; 8:24)
- 9. Patience (5:3; 8:24)
- 10. Kindness (2:4)

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- 11. Righteousness (3:21,22)
 12. Forgiveness (3:25;4:7,8)
 13. Reconciliation (5:9,10)
 14. Eternal life (5:21;6:22,23)
 15. Freedom (6:18; 7:5,6)

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16. Resurrection (8:11,23)17. Intercession (8:27)18. Security (8:30)
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- A. The Prerequisite (vs.1a)
- "brethren"—a Christian.

Therefore I urge you, brethren, (Romans 1a)

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¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of <u>blood</u> nor of the <u>will of the flesh</u> nor of the <u>will of</u> <u>man</u>, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

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- ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

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²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

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

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⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; (Romans 10:9)

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⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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- Gospel is offensive, the cross is offensive (I Cor.1:23; Gal.5:11).
- It's offensive because of the kind of people God saves. God only saves sinners, sinners who repent (Luke 5:31,32). "And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" (Is.64:6)