

# CHRIST THE VICTOR



-Week 2-

Jesus died **FOR** us.

**Implication: Faith in Jesus results in the COMPLETE forgiveness of our sins.**

*“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all of our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:13-14)*

*He has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12)*

Jesus lived and died **WITH** us.

**Implication: Through Jesus... we find the strength and hope to carry on in the midst of our fallen world.**

*“Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad - for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.” (1 Peter 5:12-13)*

Jesus lives **IN** us!!

*“And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” (Romans 8:10-11)*

**Implication: Through Holy-Spirit-given-resurrection-power, we can experience victory over sin NOW!**

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

## **For Further Reflection:**

*\*Read through Colossians 2:13-14 again.*

- Spend some time thanking Jesus for the forgiveness that can be found in Him.
- What encouraged you as you read these verses?
- Do you ever struggle to believe you are completely forgiven?

*\*Pastor Josh mentioned the importance of knowing that Jesus lived and died WITH us.*

- How might it be encouraging to know that Jesus endured the same types of pain, disappointment and temptation that we did?
- In what ways do you need to get a sense of the hope of resurrection in your personal circumstances?
- Pastor Josh mentioned that the cross is God’s best response to human suffering. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

*\*Read through Romans 8:10-11 again.*

- How might it change the way we live if we know that we have access to Holy Spirit power that can defeat the hold of sin in our lives?
- Spend some time in prayer: Allow Holy Spirit to examine if there are areas of sin that you need to hand over to Jesus.

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*Congratulations to everyone who was baptized today.  
What a statement of faith to follow Jesus in the waters of baptism. Please know that as your Heritage Family, we will be praying for you!*

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