

Now that you have seen the "BATTLE MAP" and God's goal for all of us (Christ-likeness), let's look into the "MASTER BATTLE PLAN," GOD'S WRITTEN WORD, for some practical help. Please check the Scriptures and write in the answers. (The King James Version was used.)

SATAN IS OUR ENEMY! He wants to rob us of the "JOY THAT JESUS GIVES":
THE JOY OF OUR SALVATION
THE JOY OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE
THE JOY OF OUR SHARING THE GOSPEL

WHAT ARE SATAN'S "MANEUVERS" AGAINST US?

- Satan is a murderer and a _____ (John 8:44)
- He prevents our being a good soldier for Jesus Christ by getting us entangled with the _____ of this _____ (II Tim. 2:3, 4).
- Satan weakens our _____ life (Eph. 6:18).
- He hinders our _____ (Acts 1:8).
- He robs our Bible _____ time (II Tim. 2:15). How do you spend MOST of your spare time? Recreation _____ Church _____ Hobbies _____ Friends _____ Bible study _____ TV _____ How should we spend our spare time? _____ Why? _____

HOW DOES SATAN TRY TO "BRAINWASH" US?

- **SATAN SAYS:** "Give in to fleshly desires! You only live once. Live it up. Enjoy yourself. No one is watching. God won't care."
GOD SAYS: "He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap _____" (Gal. 6:7, 8). (Also see II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 6:19, 20; Heb. 12:5.)
- **SATAN SAYS:** "Cool it! You have plenty of time left to live for Christ later in your life."
GOD SAYS: "Walk not as _____ but as _____, the time" (Eph. 5:15-17). (Also see James 4:13-17 and 1 John 2:28).
- **SATAN SAYS:** "You can't be a witness and win souls to Christ! They won't believe. Don't be a fool. Let them live their own lives."
GOD SAYS: "Follow Jesus and He _____ make you _____ of _____" (Matt. 4:19). He that wins souls is _____ (Prov. 11:30). (Also see Dan. 12:3; Isa. 55:11; Rom. 10:14.)
- **SATAN SAYS:** "You can't live a Christ-like life! You still sin. You are too weak. You can't win. Look at the hypocrites; give up."
GOD SAYS: "You _____ do all things through Christ, who _____ you" (Phil. 4:13). (Also see I John 1:8-10; 2:1; Heb. 12:1, 2.)

VICTORY over the world, the flesh and the devil is yours for the taking, by:
A. Believing God's "Victory Promises"
B. Following God's "Combat Instructions".

WHAT ARE GOD'S "VICTORY PROMISES"?

- **CONCERNING TEMPTATION OR TESTING:** Temptation is common, but God is _____, and will _____ allow more than you can bear and will make a way of _____, that you may be able to _____ it (I Cor. 10:13). All things work together for _____ to them that _____, to them who are the called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28).
- **CONCERNING PERSECUTION OR SUFFERING:** Rejoice that you are counted _____ to suffer shame for His name (Acts 5:41). When His glory shall be revealed, you will be _____ with exceeding _____ (I Pet. 4:12-14). After you have _____ a _____ God will strengthen you (I Pet. 5:8-10)
- **CONCERNING OUR SOURCE OF VICTORY:** If God be _____, who can be _____ (Rom. 8:31)? We are more than _____ through Him that loved us (Rom. 8:32-39).

WHAT ARE GOD'S "COMBAT INSTRUCTIONS"?

1. **WE SHOULD _____ WE HAVE "ETERNAL" LIFE** (I John 5:13). What is our proof? Because God _____ and He can not _____ (Titus 1:2). What can we do to lose our "ETERNAL" life? Sin _____ Stop believing _____ Nothing _____ (John 5:24; 10:27-29; II Tim. 2:13; Heb. 13:5).
2. **WE MUST _____ OUR SINS TO GOD** (I John 1:9). (Note: This means we must admit, agree with God about our sins and claim His forgiveness.) WHY must we do this? To maintain our Salvation _____ or Fellowship _____ (I John 1:3-7).
3. **WE MUST _____ OUR _____ UNTO GOD** (Rom. 12:1, 2). We _____ ourselves unto God as those that are _____ from the dead, and the members of our bodies as instruments of _____ unto _____ (for His use and glory) (Rom. 6:13).
4. **WE SHOULD REALIZE WE ARE _____ FOR CHRIST** (II Cor. 5:20). Let the redeemed of the Lord _____, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psa. 107:2). If we are ashamed to speak for Jesus in this world, He will be _____ of us (Mark 8:38).

WE MUST TAKE, AND USE THE SHIELD OF _____ (Eph. 6:10-16). The source of this is the _____ of _____ (Rom. 10:17). God's _____ in our _____ is the only protection from _____ in our lives (Psalms 119:11).
WE MUST BE ARMED WITH AND USE THE _____ OF THE _____ which is the _____ of _____ (Eph. 6:17). The only way we can overcome Satan is if the _____ of _____ abides in us (I John 2:14). Joy and victory comes by being "SATURATED" with and "OBEYING" the _____ of _____ (Psalms 119:9, 15, 16; II Tim. 3:16, 17).

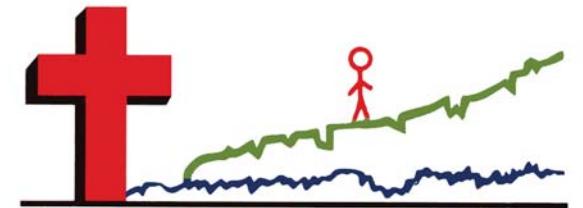
HOW CAN WE BE "SATURATED" WITH GOD'S WORD?

- Look up all the Scripture references on this "Battle Map" and UNDERLINE them in your study Bible. Use red for the "Salvation" verses and green for the "Growth" verses.
- Show and explain this "Battle Map" to other Christians to help them grow spiritually.
- A major step in your Christian growth is to join and regularly attend a "BIBLE TEACHING" church and be baptized as a public testimony of your faith in Christ.

A "Battle Map"

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A "BATTLE MAP" FOR THE CHRISTIAN WALK



The **NATURAL (unsaved) man** *CAN NOT* live a Christian life because he is **DEAD** in sin. Most people are **NATURAL (unsaved)** and on the **BROAD ROAD** to destruction. They are trusting their *good works* to earn their salvation. In contrast, *few* people take the **NARROW ROAD**. This is **FAITH IN THE SHED BLOOD (DEATH) OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS** as the *ONLY* payment for their sins. Salvation is not even by a "combination of faith in Christ *and good works.*" It must be by **FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE!** Good works should *follow* as our "thank you" to God for our salvation (1 Cor. 2:14; Matt. 7:13, 14, 21-23; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; Eph. 2:8-10).

When we trust Christ **ALONE** as our Saviour, we are God's "children" by *spiritual birth*. This establishes our eternal "RELATIONSHIP" with God which is permanently guaranteed by God's written Word. Christ is our *Saviour FOREVER* (Gal. 3:26; John 5:24; Heb. 13:5).

In addition to saving us from the "penalty" of sin (the Lake of Fire), God also wants to save us from the "power" of sin in our present daily life. Our life, after we trust Christ as our Saviour, *can be* a daily "WALK" with God. Every day *can be* **OVERFLOWING** with the "JOY THAT JESUS GIVES." Satan will fight our daily "WALK" with God to steal this **JOY**. This study explains that "BATTLE" and is a "MAP" for our victory (John 10:10; 15:7-11).

THE BABY CHRISTIAN has trusted Christ as his Saviour but is still "IMMATURE" in his "WALK" with God and his understanding of Spiritual truths. He must learn how to **WALK BY FEEDING HIMSELF** from the Bible, God's Word. All new Christians are "BABES" at birth which is normal. However, to **REMAIN** a "BABE," beyond the normal time of "BABYHOOD" will lead to a **CARNAL WALK AND DEFEATED LIFE** (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

Maximum JOY, PURPOSE and FULFILLMENT in life comes to the child of God only as he **GROWS** from "Spiritual Immaturity" (Babyhood) toward "Christ-likeness." *This is God's goal for us.* "Spiritual growth" is a gradual development just like "physical growth." As a "BABE," we should desire the "milk" of God's Word (simple truths). Then, as we grow we *CAN* take on a diet of the "strong meat" (deep truths) (Rom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:13, 14).

The "WISE" baby Christian will make an "EARLY DEDICATION" of his LIFE to Christ. As he had previously committed his soul to Christ, trusting Him as Saviour, he will also **YIELD** his LIFE to Christ, trusting Him as **LORD (ruler)**. The "WISE" baby Christian will want God's very best for his life. Therefore, he will **PRESENT HIS BODY** to God for His use and glory, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SALVATION**. To make the most of his life, he will immediately seek to understand and obey the will of the Lord for his life from God's Word. The indwelling Holy Spirit can then fill (control) his life (Rom. 6:13; 12:1, 2; Eph. 5:15-20).

THE GOAL: Our growth toward Christ-likeness.

THE METHOD: Learning and obeying God's Word.

THE RESULTS: Our joy and God's glory.

THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN has trusted Christ as Saviour AND "LORD" (ruler). His **WALK** with God is growing from **IMMATURETY TOWARD CHRIST-LIKENESS**. The *victorious Christian* learns and claims the promises of God's Word for **VICTORY** over sin and Satan. His life will "SPARKLE WITH EXCITEMENT AND JOY UNSPEAKABLE" as he **EXPERIENCES** this victory (Rom. 6:17, 18; John 13:17; 1 Pet. 1:8).

We will all have "BATTLES" with the "WORLD." the "FLESH" and the "DEVIL". Here is how we *can* gain the victory!

THE "WORLD": We *can overcome* the world by a *strong faith*, which comes from knowing and believing God's Word (1 John 5:4; Rom. 10:17).

THE "FLESH": We *should recognize* the fact that our **OLD SIN NATURE WAS CRUCIFIED** with Christ on the cross and we need not be a slave to sin (Rom. 6:6; 11-13; Gal. 2:20; 5:16, 24).

THE "DEVIL": We *should realize* that the Holy Spirit lives in **ALL** of God's children and is **MORE POWERFUL** than Satan! Therefore, we can **RESIST** the devil and God says he will flee! (1 John 4:4; Eph. 6:10, 11; 1 Pet. 5:8, 9; James 4:7).

Just think, —*YOU AND I CAN* actually know, live harmoniously, and have daily fellowship with the God of the Universe and His Son, Jesus Christ! **WE CAN** have a fruitful life for His glory as we "walk worthy of the Lord" and "grow up into Christ in all things." This would allow God to give us **HIS BEST** in "all areas" of our lives — our home, school, church and social life, our love, marriage, sex and family life, our military, college, work and financial life (1 John 1:3, 4; Col. 1:10; Eph. 4:11-15).

THE DEFEATED CHRISTIAN has trusted Christ as Saviour, but he is **NOT ALLOWING** Christ to be the "LORD" (ruler) of his life. He is remaining Spiritually "immature". His daily **WALK** is **CARNAL** (fleshly) and controlled by his old sin nature. His diet has not progressed from **MILK** to **MEAT** Bible truths (1 Cor. 3:2, 3; Heb. 5:12).

The religious life of the carnal Christian is *shallow and self-centered!* Satan **USES** carnal Christians to bring division and confusion into the church to ruin its testimony of love and unity (1 Cor. 3:3, 4; 14:33; Eph. 4:1-3).

The defeated Christian has little (if any) *genuine, lasting JOY*. His life is empty of *real PURPOSE and FULFILLMENT*. He is a "SLAVE" to his sinful desires and habits. He is a **DELIGHT** to the devil, but he **GRIEVES** the Holy Spirit of God, within him (Rom. 6:12; Eph. 4:30).

A "delayed dedication" and **WALK WITH** the Lord would bring *SOME* growth, joy and fruitfulness for God's glory. However, the more delay, the *more loss and shame* for the carnal Christian both now and when he meets Christ face to face (Rom. 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15; 1 John 2:28).

WHICH REPRESENTS YOUR PRESENT LIFE?

(Check one)

1. NATURAL (unsaved, trusting good works) _____
2. BABY (saved, but immature) _____
3. VICTORIOUS (saved, growing and fruitful) _____
4. DEFEATED (saved, but not victorious) _____

I am trusting Christ as my SAVIOUR. I now trust Him to also be the LORD (ruler) of my daily life.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____