Scripture: Colossians 2 v 15

"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

Subject: The Conquest of Christ.

No one has ever accomplished what the Lord Jesus did. He was triumphant throughout his earthly life, overcoming every temptation Satan put before him. Hebrews 4 v 15 says. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin."

The Apostle John tells us in his first epistle chapter 3 v 8 says "He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Note the words emphasizing the purpose why Jesus was manifested or God in flesh dwelling among us, he came for the purpose to destroy the works of the. devil.

The Apostle Paul lists the works of the flesh in Galatians 5 v 19 to 21 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

We can conclude that the works of the flesh are in fact motivated by the devil and can be attributed to him for their originality. The root of all humanities problems stem from the works of the devil, having persuaded Eve and Adam to ignore the warning given by the Lord, the influence of the devil prevailed in the lives of our first created parents deceiving them by his crafty ways.

To bring about a change in the hearts of people required the works of the devil to be destroyed. The Person sent to do this was the Lord Jesus Christ, he came to

destroy the works of the devil. To destroy the words of the devil is to make His works noneffective.

When someone is regenerated, born again, converted the devils work in ineffective in their life, Jesus gives power to them to make the works of the devil noneffective.

There are some points I want to consider in relation to Christs Conquest of Satan. Let's observe that.

1. Christ Conquest was Complete.

The stripping of Satan was a complete work accomplished by Jesus. Jesus went through life overcoming every temptation the devil put before him. In Luke 4 Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the worldliness where he fasted for forty days and nights. At the end of the forty days Satan came to Jesus using his guile to tempt Jesus into obeying what he said.

Jesus would naturally be hungry at this point having not eaten for forty days, the devil tempted his hunger pains by suggesting he turned a stone into bread. Jesus could have turned a stone into bread if he had wanted to, he did not respond to Satan by obeying him but told Satan that the word of God is what is to be obeyed.

Jesus overcome every temptation by standing firm on the word of God, each time he was challenged by Satan, Jesus quoted the word of God.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in all points like we are, but remained without sin, the devil could not cause Jesus to sin, he remained sinless, having lived a sinless life, going to the cross sinless, yet bearing the sin of the whole world on the cross and securing our salvation.

John 14:30, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

The NIV says "I will not speak much more with you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me." Jesus was never subject to Satans power or rule, he was completely free of any sin and the contamination of sin.

The basic problem because of sin in human nature is that the devil has a hold on mankind, from the moment Adam and Eve disobeyed God the devil has had a hold on mankind. It is comforting to know that the only one the devil has had no hold is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is through Christ that sins hold on people can be broken, Jesus breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets captives free, his blood can make the foulest clean his blood avails for me.
Christs conquest of Satan is complete.

2. Christ Conquest was Communicable.

It is good to know that the victory of Christ over Satan is our victory, the hold Satan had over us is broken by receiving the Lord Jesus into our lives. Of ourselves we have no power to overcome sin, we are incapable of gaining victory in our own strength, but as the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4 v 13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

Further the Apostle Paul says In Romans 8 v 37 to 39, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."

And then the Apostle Peter writes, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

These verses show to us the value of knowing the Lord Jesus as our saviour, and experiencing his life flowing through us, the Apostle Paul says that the life we now live, we live by the faith of the Son of God who gave his life for us .

3. Christ Conquest is Continuous.

The conquest of Jesus is an everlasting conquest, Christ can never know defeat, he is the all-conquering saviour and will always be so. He has a name written which says that he is King of kings and Lord of lords.

He is King and Lord over every realm, all are subject to him. Jesus will reign throughout the eternal ages, and we will reign with him.

We know that earthly monarch's reign for only the length of their time how're long or short it may be. All reign for a limited time, "Jesus will reign forever, his reign will never come to an end, Isaac Watts hymn says, "Jesus shall reign where're the sun doth its successive journey run, His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more."

The Hallelujah chorus says
"The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and His Christ.
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords."
The Conquest of Jesus is Complete, it is Communicable, it is Continuous..