**Victory in Jesus!**

**Hebrews 10**

**Colossians 2:13-15** *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them,* ***triumphing*** *over them by the cross*.

**SIX STAGES** of the Christian life:

* **Stage 1:** We become **aware** of our sin! **Verses 1-8**
* **Stage 2:** We realize Jesus is **THE ONLY WAY**! **Verses 9-18**

**Why is Jesus the Only Way?** The solution to our dilemma was the God-Man, Jesus the Christ. For this Substitute to qualify He had to meet two conditions:

1. He had to be **fully human** to substitute for humanity. He had to be one of us.

**Hebrews 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death*.

1. He had to be **fully Divine** to endure God’s infinite wrath, since a mere creature could not endure it.

**1 Timothy 2:5** *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men*…

* **Stage 3:** We must **persevere** in our faith! **Verses 19-25**

**Four conditions** necessary to draw near to God:

1. A **sincere** heart!
2. Full **assurance** of faith!
3. Hearts **sprinkled from a guilty conscience**!
4. Bodies **washed** with pure water!

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** *Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God*.

* **Stage 4:** We must heed God’s warnings **to turn away from sin**! **Verses 26-31**
* **Stage 5:** We should expect **hardship** and **persecution**! **Verses 32-36**

*“God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars*.”
 |— **Elbert Hubbard**

**2 Timothy 3:12** *Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted***.**

**In John 15:18-21** *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first….if they persecuted me, they will persecute you also…They will treat you this way because of my name*…”

* **Stage 6:** We must **cling to our hope in Christ** particularly during these evil days! **Verses 37-39; Heb. 6:19-20**

**Hebrews 6:19-20** *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf***.**