

The Triumphant Life

A triumphant life is the result of entering God's R.E.S.T. after having received new life in Christ.

- A revelation of God's love, empowers us in our identity with a strategy of faith, causing us to triumph in His eternal purpose for our lives.
- A triumphant life is the result of entering God's R.E.S.T. after having received new life in Christ.
- Revelation - God's truth revealed in His word.
- Empowerment - His word is powerful, alive, and unfailing.
- Strategy - Believing His word and fully obeying.
- Triumph- We obtain what His word promises.

2 Peter 1:2-4 New Living Translation

2 May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. 3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

Matthew 22:14 New Living Translation

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

- Not everyone who is called into a relationship with God through the proclamation of the gospel will be chosen.
- Who then will enter?

Promised Rest for God's People

Hebrews 4:1-3 New Living Translation

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. 2 For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God.[a]

3 For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, “In my anger I took an oath: ‘They will never enter my place of rest,’”[b] even though this rest has been ready since he made the world.

- Pay attention to the only two places God has for us to enter.
- 3 For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, “In my anger I took an oath: ‘They will never enter my place of rest.
- My anger/ My rest
- To enter into His rest doesn’t require the hearing only of His word, or the confession of faith alone, but faith and love proven by obedience.

Hebrews 10:26-31 New Living Translation

26 Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. 27 There is only the terrible expectation of God’s judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. 28 For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God’s mercy to us. 30 For we know the one who said, “I will take revenge. I will pay them back.”[a] He also said, “The Lord will judge his own people.”[b] 31 It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 4:4-15 New Living Translation

3 For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, “In my anger I took an oath: ‘They will never enter my place of rest,’”[b] even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. 4 We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: “On the seventh day God rested from all his work.”[c] 5 But in the other passage God said, “They will never enter my place of rest.”[d] 6 So God’s rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. 7 So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts.”[e] 8 Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about

another day of rest still to come. 9 So there is a special rest[f] still waiting for the people of God. 10 For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.

- "By God's divine power I have received everything I need for living a godly life. I have rested from my labors.
- I no longer work for love, I'm resting in His.
- I no longer work for an identity, I'm resting in His.
- I no longer work for faith, I'm resting in His.
- I no longer work for an eternal purpose, I'm resting in His.
- I don't have to work for what's already mine!

11 So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

- The key to rest is revelation, what did God say?

12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

- Lord allow your word to come in and cut away that which is soulish and leave what is spiritual.
- Lord allow your word to come in and distinguish between that which can be seen in my life's movements or joints, and that which cannot be seen which produces life in me or marrow.
- What is a bone marrow transplant?
- A bone marrow transplant (BMT), or stem cell transplant, replaces unhealthy, diseased blood-forming cells with healthy ones, essentially rebuilding the body's blood and immune system to treat cancers and severe blood/immune disorders.
- Let your word expose and uproot my innermost thoughts and desires that would prevent me from being called but not chosen.

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Christ Is Our High Priest

14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

The Invitation to Receive Rest

Matthew 11:28-30 New Living Translation

28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

- We need to establish that there is absolutely no rest outside of revelation, so what is God saying? Did you believe and obey?
- So in this offer of rest from Jesus where does He offer His word?
- "Let me teach you."
- He's saying allow my word, which is powerful and alive and sharper than a two-edged sword, to come and cut heavy things from your life.
- Be released from the heaviness of soulful burdens, and instead sustained by that which gives life.
- Soulful burdens are earthly things that weigh down your mind and your will, and can affect your emotions.
- If we listen to Jesus and obey we will find rest for our souls. The rest/revelation/ life giving strategies will come from His life giving Spirit.

The Triumphant Life = Obeying the Revelation of the Spirit = Listen & Understand

Revelation 2:7 New Living Translation

7 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11 New Living Translation

11 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.

Revelation 2:17 New Living Translation

17 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

Revelation 3:1-6 New Living Translation

3 “Write this letter to the angel[a] of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit[b] of God and the seven stars: “I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. 3 Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. 4 “Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine. 6 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3:12-13 New Living Translation

12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. 13 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3:19-22 New Living Translation

19 I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. 20 "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. 21 Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. 22 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."