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Becoming Victorious in Battle

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I. Introduction

We have been taught since we are little that we need to be better than others, and to live a life of victory, (the worldly victory). As for Christians, we need to pursue the life of “spiritual victory”. Who are the targets for our battles? What are their weapons? Where is the origin of battle power from? How can we win against the enemies? What kind of reward does the victorious gain? Let’s answer the questions from the below answers from the “Bible.

II. The Target of the Battle

The confusion from Satan causes the members today to be weak and the church work stagnant. Therefore, in the spiritual battles, we must recognize that our target in the battle is against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph 6:12). He walks about like the roaring lion, seeking for whom he may devour (I Pet 5:8), and he accuses our brethren before our God day and night (Rev 12:10). The work of the devil is to destroy God’s plan of salvation so that members will not be able to enter the kingdom of Heaven (Rom 8:30).

III. Enemy's Weapon

The devil uses thoughts as weapons. It records in Revelations that the devil uses the mouth of the dragon, beast, and false prophets to confuse members (Rev 16:13-14). Mouth means words and thoughts. In order to avoid confusion from the devil, members must on one hand diligently pursue to grow into adults in the truth so that they can discern what is right or wrong so that they may not be tempted (Heb 5:12-13). On the other hand, members must be careful to avoid those who have departed from the truth. He causes divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you learned (Rom 16:17).

The devil also uses lust and desires as weapons. The devil tempts members through the desires of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life. (I Jn 2:16) In order to avoid the temptation from Satan, members must diligently pursue spiritual cultivation. Put away the old man through actions and determine to wear the new man. This new man is made through the image of God, with mercy and holiness from the truth (Eph 4:20-24). If members can actively pursue a renewal of life, they can depart from the destruction that comes from lust and desires. They can have part with God's essence and become victorious against Satan's temptations.

IV. Sources of the Power of Battle

We all have the flesh, which is often weak; therefore, we will not be able to win against our ferocious enemy, which is the devil. However, Jesus will overcome them (Rev 17:14), He must be king forever and ever (Rev 11:15). Therefore, members must rely on Jesus, for He always lives to make intercession for the members (Heb 7:24-25). Members must also rely on the power of the Holy Spirit because He makes intercessions for us with groaning which cannot be uttered, according to the will of God. (Rom 8:26-27)

V. Conclusion

Our church is the True Church, which has the Truth, Holy Spirit, and miracles and wonders. These are all treasure that are the best weapons in the spiritual battle. We have the Truth, but do we often read and study the Bible and follow the teachings? (Mt 7:21) We have the Holy Spirit, but do we submit to His guidance? We have miracles and wonders, but are we willing to reply on the mighty powers of God when we encounter illness and afflictions?

The victory belongs to God at the end of the last battle. Members will become victorious through the blood of Jesus (Rev 12:11). Therefore, we must be faithful until death and give our lives so that we can become the victor at the spiritual battle. God will reward those who are

victorious, which is to be seated on the throne with the Lord Jesus (Rev 3:21), so that they can enter into the eternal heavenly kingdom.

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UKGA Current Status

UKGA

Thank God for His grace and guidance. In addition to a total of 11 churches and houses of prayer in the UK, the number of places of worship has been increasing in recent years. Since 2014, 3 places of worship have purchased their own properties as permanent locations for services. In order to glorify the name of the Lord, our brothers and sisters are dedicating themselves, whether in manpower, time or money, and complement one another with love.

To sustain the development of the church, 4 ministers were ordained to serve the local churches in the first half of this year and another 6 will be ordained before the end of this year. Currently, the UKGA offers training to those brethren who will be ordained and have planned to improve the training provided to the church board members next year. May we all become faithful and wise servants to the Lord!

Apart from the evangelical and spiritual convocations and seminars held regularly by the local churches, an overview of the seminars held by the UKGA during the first eight months of this year is set out below:

January to March

19 members attended the **Pre-marriage Counselling Seminar** and studied how to establish a godly family with their spouses after marriage. The theme of the **National Adult Theological Training Course** was “There is life in the Bible.” The IA-sent Pr Steve Hwang and the UKGA preachers gave lectures during the course. It was the first time the participants were divided into 2 classes. The total number of participants was 120. This year’s **National Married Couple Fellowship** was held with the theme of “Being heirs together of the grace of life” so as to encourage every couple to draw closer together and walk on the heavenly journey hand in hand. Over 130 members attended the fellowship.

April to June

The **Evangelical Training (South Region) Seminar** was held at London Church, studying the doctrine of baptism together. The theme of the **National Sister Fellowship** was “The role of women,” reminding the sisters of their roles at church, in the family and in society. This year’s **National Evergreen Fellowship** was held with the theme of “Renewed day by day.” The number of participants reached 176. In addition, the **4th Literary Ministry Seminar** was held at Leicester Church, offering workshop-based training. Since 2013, Bro Daniel Chu has been coming to the UK to assist the divine work. He also conducted seminars relating to **Counselling and RE Teacher Training** at various locations in the UK for over a month this year.



July and August

Taking advantage of the school holidays, the **National Student Spiritual Convocation** was held at the end of July. The Junior Youth Class and Intermediate Youth Class were held at Sunderland Church whereas as the College Youth Class was held at Portsmouth Church. There was over a hundred students attending. In the first three weeks of August, the **Youth Theological Training Course** was held at three churches in Elgin, Edinburgh and Gifford Park at the same time with the theme of “One Hope” for this year. The lecturers were the IA-sent Pr Timothy Yeung and the UKGA preachers.



The UKGA's Preacher Joseph Shek retired early this year. At present, there are 5 full-time preachers in the UK. They are not only responsible for the pastoral and evangelical ministry locally, but also have engaged in overseas ministry such as Europe and Africa. As such, Elder Simon Hsu, the UKGA Board members and other brethren are also assisting the pastoral visits to the local places of worship. May the Lord add to their strength in order to serve Him diligently to glorify Him and benefit men.

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Indonesia Ministry

Indonesia GA

Bible Course

Indonesia GA holds a Bible Course every year for members from J1 students to social youth. The Pre-elementary Bible Course is for J1 students; the Elementary Bible Course is for J2 students; Advanced Bible Course is for college students and social youth. These bible courses were conducted in certain venues and dates as follows:

1. Pontianak Church Elementary Bible Course

This event was held June 21 to 28 at Pontianak Church. There were a total of 27 students and 7 students received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 4. Counselors: 8.

2. East Java Elementary Bible Course and Pre-elementary Bible Course

This event was held June 26 to July 2 at Malang Church. In total, 13 students attended the Elementary Bible Course and 2 received the Holy Spirit; 20 students attended the Pre-elementary Bible Course and 4 received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 4. Counselors: 4.

3. Central Kalimantan Elementary Bible Course

This event was held June 28 to July 5 at Palangka Raya Church. In total, 26 students attended it and 11 received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 3. Counselors: 5.

4. National Pre-elementary Bible Course

This event was held June 24 to 28 at Cianjur Church. 110 students attended it and 17 received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 4. Counselors: 34.

5. National Elementary Bible Course

This event was held June 21 to 28 at Indonesia GA. 120 students attended it and 8 received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 4. Counselors: 40.

6. National Advanced Bible Course

This event was held August 3 to 12 at Bandung Church. 33 students attended it and two received the Holy Spirit. Instructor: 4. Counselors: 3.

In addition, the National Elementary Bible Course on June 21 to 28 at GA in Jakarta was held for the senior high school students. The Student Spiritual Convocation Guide, which has six themes in series, published by USGA, was used as the teaching materials. This year, the topic was on the fourth theme “Living in the Words of God” which includes the following content:

- Doctrines: Holy Communion
- John chapter 1 to 10
- God’s Way
- The benefits of reading the Bible

The program of the course is as follows:

Bible course started from 8:00am to 12:00pm. There were also sessions for morning prayer, afternoon prayer, and choir practicing, elective classes, which divided into six groups for playing guitar, playing violin, role play, photograph, design, and choir were arranged in every afternoon. The instructors of these groups were the counselors. Each student can choose and join one group they are interested in for their afternoon class. On the last day of the Bible Course, each group presented what they have learnt.



Activities related to life training, such as a Health Forum facilitated by a doctor, were arranged at night time. Bible sharing within each team and evening prayer were followed by the activity. The students were divided into ten groups and each group was taken care of by three to five counselors. These counselors were college youth and social youth. Their responsibilities were to care the growth of students' spirituality during the course, to accompany them during classes, lunch and dinner time, to approach them, and to be good listeners to them, etc. Due to the vacation period, the college youth were in charge of the classes in the morning and afternoon; the social youth accompanied the students and led the Bible sharing for each team at night. Some youth who just graduated from high school were in charge of the facilities during the course, such as managing the air conditioning, checking on the toilets, taking turns to stay up late at night, and watching over the sick students, etc.

Thank God that the Elementary Bible Course was smoothly carried out. Many students and college youth sacrificed their vacation for learning the Bible and serving God, and the social youth also came over to church after work in haste to accompany the students. May the Bible Course glorify God and edify men.

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 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
10/28-11/21	Taiwan GA	Taiwan GATTP	HH Ko
10/2-4 10/7-11 10/16-18 10/23-25	Hong Kong CB	Autumn Spiritual Convocation (Kowloon/ Hong Kong/Tsuen Wan/Tai Po)	Shi Ming Pan
10/5-10/19	India CB	Residential Pastoral	Joel Chong
10/1-10/29	West Malaysia	Pastoral Attachment & National Malay Speaking Spiritual Meeting	Sabah Preacher
10/12-10/18	New Zealand	Sermon preaching training - East Auckland	Daniel Chin
9/27-10/14	Philippines	Theological Training	IA Lecturer
10/13-10/27	Kampuchea MC	Spiritual Meeting/ Conduct sacrament, pastoral, evangelism	Dn Luke Yip
10/10-10/12	Japan CB	Autumn Spiritual Convocation	CJ Chang SH Ho
10/7-10/26	Thailand	Spiritual Convocation	MM Wang
10/28-10/29	US	IA Standing Committee Meeting	IA SCO
10/14-10/23		TTP Theological Training	Fuming Tse
10/3-8, 9-13, 14-18 10/19-29	Canada	Bible Seminar (Vancouver/Edmonton/Calgary) National Adult Theological Seminar (Toronto)	Ming Yang Chao
10/30-11/1		Bible Seminar - Montreal	CCC
10/24-10/26	France	Spiritual Convocation	FF Chong
10/2-10/4	Germany	Autumn Convocation – Heidelberg	HH Ko/ BQ Wang
October		Training for church board/ RE Seminar/Bible Study (Rheinland)	HH Ko
October		Special Service (Rheinland)	Simon Ho/ Thomas Chan

10/30-11/1	Austria	Autumn Spiritual Convocation (Salzburg)	HH Ko/ FF Chong
October/ November	Spain	Visit & Concern (Madrid/Albacete/ Barcelon)	CJ Hsieh/ BQ Wang

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