

The War for Freedom (Colossians 2:13-15)

“This nation will remain the land of the _____ only so long as it is the home of the _____.” (Elmer Davis - WWII Director of the United States Office of War)

“You will never know how much it has _____ my generation to preserve your _____.” John Quincy Adams

From before time, there has been an ongoing battle between good and evil, between God and Satan in the decisive battle for the war for freedom.

Battle Plans of Satan

See 1 John 5:19

1) The _____ Plan

_____ → *But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*
(2 Corinthians 11:3)

- a) Satan's Target - _____
- b) Satan's Weapon - _____
- c) Satan's Purpose - _____

2) The _____ Plan

_____ → *The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he (Job) is in your hands; but you must spare his life."* (Job 2:6)

- a) Satan's Target - _____
- b) Satan's Weapon - _____

c) Satan's Purpose -

3) The _____ Plan

_____ → *Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)*

a) Satan's Target - _____

b) Satan's Weapon - _____

c) Satan's Purpose -

Battle Plan of God

The battle plan of God can be summed up in one word - _____.

One of the prime objectives of Jesus' coming was to _____ the _____

...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8b)

1) _____ on the Cross as a _____

See 1 Peter 2:24

The power to escape the _____ on the cross was available to Jesus. But _____ held the Savior to the cross.

2) _____ on the Cross as a _____

See Hebrews 2:14

Through Jesus suffering and death, He dealt the _____ to Satan and his followers. By His resurrection, He served notice that their _____ is sure.

3) _____ from the Dead as a _____

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54b-56)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God’s great triumph over _____, _____ and _____. Jesus Christ rose from the dead as a victor, a _____ who lives forever to _____ with His saints.

4) _____ to Heaven as a
Triumphant _____

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

Jesus is always pleading our case before the Father, like a defense lawyer on our behalf. His _____ for us is stronger than Satan’s _____ against us.

Battle Outcome

Because of the greatest _____ ever in _____, victory was won over the armies of darkness.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (Colossians 2:13-15)

- _____ in Christ (v. 13)
- _____ in Christ (v. 14)
- _____ in Christ (v. 15)

Making It Personal:

- How have you responded to the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on your behalf? Are you depending on Him as Savior and surrendered to Him as Lord?
- How are you using the freedom that you have in Christ?
- What adjustments do you need to make to more gratefully use the freedoms and opportunities that you have been entrusted with by God?