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The Place Of Victory: Continuous Growth

1 Corinthians 15:57 - But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Every Way, The Follower Of Christ Is Different From The Unbeliever

The Process Of Renewal Is An Ongoing Maturation Process

2 Corinthians 5:17 - This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

<u>Galatians 6:15</u> - It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.

A New Creation Demands A New Lifestyle

Ephesians 4:25-31 - So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. ²⁶ And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil. ²⁸ If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. ²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Believers We've Obtained A New Citizenship

<u>Philippians 3:18-20</u> - For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

Deal With Our Anger Immediately In A Way That Builds Relationships

Proverbs 15:1 - A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

Matthew 12:34 - ... For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.

Change The Heart And You Change The Speech

- 1) Our Responsibility Is To Not Disappoint Heaven By The Way We Live.
- 2) Our Privilege Is The Blessed Hope To Come.

<u>Psalm 133:1</u> - How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!