

## VICTORIOUS LIFE IS A GIFT

### Romans 6:23

**Introduction:** Ah, Christmas, all the gifts under the tree, a time of excitement and anticipation. Birthdays also are reasons for gifts and times of excitement. All of us love to give and receive gifts. God has a gift He wants to give to every person, but not every person seems to want it and some people don't know about it yet. That gift is a wonderful life, a **VICTORIOUS** life.

1. **A Gift** is not something "accomplished."
2. **A Gift** cannot be received "gradually."
3. **God does "the giving"** and His gift is placed **inside** the recipient.
4. **Some struggle** before being willing to yield to Jesus in order to receive God's gift.
5. **Instantly** upon complete surrender to Jesus, God's gift is placed inside.
6. **There is NO feeling** involved in receiving God's gift. God is taken at His Word (trusted) and that is all that is required.
7. **Feelings** may follow after receiving God's gift, those of joy, elation, excitement, contentment, peace, etc.
8. **A Decision** by the recipient then is made: to be totally consecrated to God or to be partially consecrated, totally surrendered or partially surrendered.
9. **The Majority** of recipients (Christians) want the benefits of God's gift without their total surrender, therefore there is little spiritual growth.
10. **Jesus Christ is indeed** in the heart (inside) every believer, but not always LORD.
11. **Re-Conversion is not** needed but a recognition and acceptance of the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus, allowing Him to be Master of one's heart/life.
12. **Wanting to surrender all to Jesus** is not enough (that's our part) but it is God who gives the gift of eternal, Victorious life.
13. **After one surrenders all to Jesus**, it is then up to Jesus to enable us to live as He expects us to live.
14. **Our part is to let go, then God will do His part.** Don't try to help! Remember it is a **GIFT!**

