• We must remain in good spiritual condition. Be ready to fight.

• We must stay clear-headed. Keep watch on ourselves.

• We must remain resolved.

• We must live by faith.

## "Victory in the Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 7:24-25

I. There are no \_\_\_\_\_\_ to growing up in Jesus Christ.

II. Growing-up in Christ involves a lifetime of \_\_\_\_\_ within between indwelling sin and the Holy Spirit.

• The Romans 7:14-25 experience is a picture of what I am because of the indwelling presence of sin and my new nature.

• Awareness of God's law will make this struggle a reality in the believer's life.

• The law cannot rescue me. The law states what God requires and forbids. It stirs up in our fallen natures the impulse to do what is forbidden. The law fails to give us any sort of power to resist sin.	V. The physical body serves as a base of for sin.
	• Sin can get mastery over the Christian ("sold into bondage to sin"). Don't let it be master (Rom. 6:13, 14; 8:2; 8:13; Gal. 5:1).
<ul> <li>We need outside help. Do you cry in longing for help?</li> </ul>	• Learn from the story of the apostle Peter.
III. The "normal Christian life" is a conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil.	<ul> <li>VI. Jesus Christ alone is the one who can our sin problem.</li> <li>He solves it in our justification.</li> </ul>
IV. The will always be a part of the believer's life in that there will always be worldly, selfish patterns of thinking, feeling, and believing.	He solves it in our sanctification.
	<ul> <li>He solves it in our glorification (v. 25, yearning for final deliverance at the resurrection).</li> </ul>