ARMOR OF LIGHT

The Secrets of God's Protection

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To all who labor to hear the whispers of the Spirit and translate them into simple words

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Foreword

Ike Christian has served our church in ministry for the last twenty-five years as a teaching pastor and in many other ways. He is a good friend like few others and of great understanding in the Word of God. After an accident years ago, he spent much time copying out Scriptures. As a result, his knowledge of the Bible is profound. This book is more than mere information but contains keys to living a victorious and overcoming life. With great pleasure I recommend *The Armor of Light*. Your life will be changed forever.

—STEVE GRANDY Senior Pastor Jubilee on the Ridge Church Paradise, California

Preface

Like so many, I grew up in spiritual darkness. My family went to a Christian church, but it was not a Bible-teaching church, so I received little light from God's Word to guide me. After I left home for a secular college, I adopted the philosophies of my peers, followed my desires, made lots of mistakes, and quickly found myself confused and oppressed. I knew the answer was spiritual, but my Sunday School Christianity didn't seem to have the answers.

Fortunately, someone shared the simple Gospel with me, and (after asking dozens of questions) I accepted Christ as my Savior and was born again. Then I began to read the Bible in earnest, and it made sense for the first time. Thus began my journey out of the cave of spiritual darkness.

The Lord once said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and that certainly applied to me. The consequences of unenlightened decisions followed me for years, and ignorance kept me in the dark about God's love, power, and blessings. When I accepted Christ, despite my new desire to live in His light, the darkness did not release its grip immediately. I hungered for a book like this one that would get me up to speed quickly.

As a new Christian, I pleaded with the Lord to make me wiser than the unseen enemies attacking my mind.² I felt condemned for a past I

¹ Hosea 4:6

² Psalm 119:97-104

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could not change and for which I barely felt forgiven. In pursuit of answers and inner peace, I did one thing right—I meditated in the Bible day and night.

You can find more on my story and how God used a nearly fatal accident on an oil rig to radically change my lifestyle at...

https://michaelchristian.us/accident

As I read and hand copied God's Word consistently for many years, the Lord gradually freed me from the grip of bad attitudes, low self-esteem, and self-undermining ways of thought. Truly I was transformed by the renewing of my mind. I discovered who I was in Christ and set priorities more like His.³ Meditating in the Bible's wisdom drew me closer to an awesome God, but I still had to fight my way upstream against the cultural currents, like a salmon hurtling rapids, to step into my destiny as a child of God.

I pray that you won't be the victim of darkness, ignorance, your past life, and invisible forces you cannot see any longer—you can live victoriously in the light of a bright, new day in Christ!

-MICHAEL CHRISTIAN

³ John 8:31–32, Philippians 2:5, Romans 12:2

Introduction

You can't fight a war with your eyes closed. Putting on the armor of God is about opening your spiritual eyes and turning from darkness to light.⁴ Jesus said, "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."⁵

The apostle John described the glorious impact of the light of Christ, "And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." The darkness cannot understand, overpower, or extinguish the light that's in Jesus Christ. For this reason, when we fill ourselves with His light, we have victory over the darkness and everything in it. However, our eyes need to adjust to living in the light.

The parable of the cave

Two boys knew each other only by the sound of their voices. One lived in a cave, and the other under the sun. One day the boy in the cave invited the other to come play with him. As he walked out of the sunshine into the darkness, he exclaimed, "It's so dark in here, I can't see anything!" His new friend responded, "Just wait a few minutes, and your eyes will adjust to the dark."

They played a while, then the boy from the outside invited his friend to come see the sun and the blue sky. Once in the light, the boy

⁴ Acts 26:18

⁵ John 8:12, see also John 12:46

⁶ John 1:5

from the cave complained, "It's so bright out here. The light hurts my eyes, and I can't see anything!" His friend replied, "It will be okay. Just wait a few minutes, and your eyes will adjust to the light."

Once his eyes were accustomed to the sunshine, the boy could see for miles. "Wow! I didn't know there was so much out here. Just look at these colors! We don't see like this in the cave. In this light I can see forever."

When all we know is spiritual darkness and shades of gray, our mind adjusts to the darkness, and we think it's normal. But when we move into the light of Christ, it takes time for our mind to adapt. But when it does, we can see like we've never seen before—all the way to eternity!

My story

When I became a Christian, I thought I would never have another bad day. But I quickly found myself like those in the Parable of the Sower who received the good seed on stony ground. My new life sprang up with joy, but the heat of misunderstanding and trouble tried to wither me before I could become grounded and established. Plus, it was hard to grow roots in Christ through the stony places of brokenness, pain, and self-centeredness in my heart. I had to fight for my spiritual life, and I am thankful to those who stood by, prayed, and mentored me in those challenging early days. This was not an easy time.

As it slowly dawned on me that my Yes to Jesus had thrust me into a spiritual conflict, I became frustrated with the Lord. Why had He made things this way? Was I a sacrificial pawn in some cruel, cosmic chess match between God and the devil? Why was I being attacked for doing what was right for once? It made no sense. I found myself plunged into a struggle for which I had no training, no equipment, and little success. Higher education had failed to prepare me for spiritual realities.

Gradually, through the light of God's Word, I learned to identify my enemy, resist him, and stand my ground. The Lord set my feet on a solid rock and taught my heart to make war, not against people, but against the adversary of all that is good.

But more than that, as I relaxed and matured in Christ, I discovered I could thrive in the light by focusing on the Lord and His Word rather than worrying constantly about the dark side. While that realization did not stop the resistance completely, it allowed my spirit to flourish in a

positive, peaceful framework without rejecting or ignoring the struggle. Paul said:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

—Colossians 3:1

As I've journeyed, I've learned some things that have set me free from inner turmoil, sin, discouragement, bad attitudes, low self-esteem, and ignorance of the ways of the Lord. Every chapter deals with a separate subject, but at the end of each one I relate a spiritual secret that will help you live in faith, victory, and peace.

Reborn as warriors

Although God is best described as a Father, He is also a warrior. As His children, we have been reborn in His image, and we are warriors. Because of Jesus, we have a full set of weapons to live victoriously—the blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, and the Word of God. Plus, the Lord has given us His armor, the armor of light, to make us strong in battle.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on *the armor of light*.

—Romans 13:12 (italics added)

But our Father does something more: He fills us with Himself so we can experience His love. Our battle becomes His battle—the battle is the Lord's⁷—and He fights through us. When we feel overwhelmed, His Spirit rises within us to fight another day and win. The inner light of Christ gives victory over darkness in all its forms.

Overview of the book

This book offers you nineteen secrets of thriving in the light of Christ. It describes the victory of Jesus, our covenant with God, how to receive light from the Word, the mysteries of the spiritual realm, and what you should know about holy and unholy angels. It includes chapters on your right to use the name of Jesus, the necessity of prayer, the

^{7 2} Chronicles 20:15

blood of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, wisdom, controlling your tongue, how to tell if it's God or the devil, and many other helpful subjects.

The armor of light

The final chapter is devoted to putting on the armor of God as the armor of light. The frequently-discussed pieces of Roman armor are simply metaphors for the seven light-filled *revelations* from God's Word that make up the real armor. After you read this chapter, you'll better understand the process of defending yourself.

So, welcome to spiritual boot camp! With a little faith, effort, and practice, you'll learn to use the weapons of your warfare to protect yourself and your family and live an overcoming life.

A non-linear book

Each chapter is written to more or less stand on its own. Though the first six chapters are foundational, read the book in any order you wish. I've found that I grow the fastest when I pursue the subjects in which I'm most interested, and then double back on the others. You'll find nuggets of truth to help you in every chapter.

The Victorious Living Series

Originally, I wrote this book as one rather full volume. To make it easier to digest, I've split it into a three-part series called *Victorious Living*. Each volume builds on the one before it. *The Armor of Light* is Volume 1.

Volume 2 is entitled *Tearing Down Strongholds: How to Fight the Good Fight of Faith.* In it I identify life's most common battlegrounds—the mind, the flesh, personal relationships, and fighting the good fight of faith. It teaches you how to use the shield of faith to extinguish the flaming thought arrows the enemy shoots into your mind. If left to burn, these will build strongholds in your mind, will, and emotions that will hold you in bondage for years. You need strategies for tearing down these strongholds, overcoming your flesh, protecting your relationships, and keeping the Word of God between you and your problems. The book includes original illustrations, prayers, and a life secret at the end of each chapter.

Declarations of Truth: How to Pray God's Word with Authority is Volume 3. The perfect companion to Volumes 1 and 2, Declarations of Truth provides inspired prayers and Scripture-based affirmations to help you demolish personal strongholds in over fifty areas of life. Breakthrough comes as you wield the sword of the Spirit—the uttered Word of God. As you declare Scripture aloud, you create seismic shifts in your spiritual atmosphere.

Read with Bible in hand

Christians today are often not familiar with the Bible. To help you locate important verses, I have footnoted extensively. It's one thing for me to share a scriptural principle, but that thought takes on life-changing authority when you read it for yourself in your own Bible. You must know God's truth (and apply it) before it can set you free.

God-given freedom

God gave you a purpose, and it's something you are good at doing that helps other people. It satisfies you in a way nothing else will. He knows who He designed you to be, what fulfills you in the core of your being, and how to stir up the gifts He gave you. As you do your part to serve Him, He frees you to be who He called you to be. By putting on the armor of light and pursuing your God-given dreams, you will live in Jesus' joy and victory.



The Ultimate Showdown!

"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house." —Matthew 12:29

In ancient wars, opposing armies sometimes sent their top warrior into the no man's land between the armies to fight a man-to-man, winner-take-all battle. This was the battle of champions. You may be familiar with young David, who represented the army of Israel against Goliath, the supersized Philistine warrior. David prevailed in the name of the LORD and killed the giant with a sling and a stone.

A thousand years later another young man, a direct descendant of David named Jesus, stood up as *mankind's champion* against the leader of the demonic underworld. This was the greatest spiritual battle of all time as Jesus, the Spirit-filled Savior, confronted the devil and his fallen angels. Kingdom faced off against kingdom—the purity, integrity, and might of the heavenly Man against the evil trickery of hell itself. Jesus defeated the devil by His cross and resurrection and forever freed those who believe in Him from the enemy's domination.²

Jesus fought for mankind

When Jesus died on the cross, though, it looked as if heaven had lost and evil had won. Despair settled over Christ's disciples. Had they

^{1 1} Samuel 17

² Colossians 1:13

believed for three years in vain? But when Jesus rose from the dead, He had defeated the devil in the bowels of hell, taken from him the keys of death and Hades,³ and released from their cells the souls of the righteous dead. He then led them in a triumphant victory procession from the underworld into the third heaven itself, entering through the beautiful gates into the glorious City of the New Jerusalem. For the first time, the gates of the kingdom of heaven opened wide for men.

When you become a believer in Jesus, your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. As one of His registered representatives, you carry a divine power of attorney—the official right to use the name of Jesus.

There's never been such a magnificent parade. It was more impressive than the victory celebration of any human conqueror because Jesus, as an army of One, paid the ultimate price, invaded, conquered, and plundered hell of the souls of the righteous. I can imagine Abraham rejoicing to see Christ's day, David dancing before the Lord like he never had before, the prophets prophesying of the good things to come, and the people of God singing and shouting at the top of their voices. And Satan and his forces were powerless to stop Him!

What just happened? The ultimate battle for the souls of men had been fought and won by Jesus. By overcoming the devil, He restored what man lost: our *relationship* with God and our *authority* under God.

The name of Jesus is above every name

As earth's undisputed Champion and King, Jesus earned a name that is above every name. Paul described Jesus' victory like this:

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name

³ Revelation 1:18

⁴ 2 Corinthians 2:14–16, Ephesians 4:8–10, Daniel 7:13–14

which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

-Philippians 2:8-11

God gave Jesus "the Name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." No other religious leader laid down his life for mankind, defeated the devil, made atonement for sins, and opened the way for mankind to enter heaven. We cannot say such things about Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, Mary, or anyone other than Jesus.

When you struggle with fear, guilt, or doubt, remember the victory Jesus won for you and all mankind. When you need help with addiction, demons, sickness, poverty, trouble, or persecution, call on Him who has proven power over all evil. Jesus' name has authority reverberating through three realms—heaven, earth, and hell itself. To Him every knee must bow!

Everything in your life needs to be built on the victory of Jesus. He is that solid rock foundation that cannot be shaken or moved in the storms of life.

You have authority in the name of Jesus

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us *in Your name*." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the *authority* to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

—*Luke 10:17–20 (italics added)*

When you become a believer in Jesus, your name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. As His registered representative, you carry a divine power of attorney—the official right to use the name of Jesus. As a believer, you possess authority from the third heaven to use in the second heaven and on earth. I'll explain the three heavens in Chapter Four.

All authority in heaven and earth belongs to Jesus. If He has *all* authority, then other forces and powers have *none*. Fortunately, He shares His authority with those who believe in Him.⁵ Christ has transferred us out from under the devil's dominion into the kingdom of God, so we are no longer the devil's victims.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

-Colossians 1:13

Father, thank You for a right relationship with You because of what Jesus did for me. I put my trust and faith in Him. Therefore, in Jesus' mighty and powerful name I command the forces of darkness, including ________, to depart from me and my family. We are under God's protection. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

You are raised to God's right hand

Not only do you have the right to speak in Jesus' name, you have a new position in Him. When you accepted Jesus as Savior, you became one with Him. As believers, we are spiritually united with Jesus in His death, burial, *and resurrection*. When He was crucified, we were crucified with Him. When He was buried, we were buried with Him.⁶ When He was raised, we were raised with Him to His place of authority at God's right hand, far above all "principalities and powers" (the demonic spiritual forces in the second heaven).

...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under

Matthew 28:18–20 If this is a new concept to you, I strongly suggest you read one or more of the excellent books that explain the authority that belongs to believers. This teaching is foundational to your life, and I can only touch on it here. Not only are you saved, you have authority over the darkness.

⁶ Romans 6:3-6

His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

—Ephesians 1:19-23 (italics added)

Our elevated spiritual position in Christ is at God's right hand. We are no longer beneath (or subject to) these forces. We are above them, seated with Christ on His throne. Our body may be here on earth, but in our born-again spirit we are seated with Him *positionally* and *spiritually*. That means the authority of Christ, originating at God's right hand, operates through us over the demonic realm within the sphere of our influence. The enemy is beneath our feet. Even if we are the little toe of the left foot of His body, we are still seated in heavenly places in Christ!⁷

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

-Ephesians 2:4-6 (italics added)

Heavenly Father, thank You for raising me with Christ to a position at Your right hand. Seated in Him, I am near enough to whisper my prayers in Your ear. You are near enough to assure me of Your presence. I am blessed in Christ and don't have to put up with demonic insults. I have the right to command the enemy away from my life, my family, and my household in Jesus' name. As I pray in faith, my path is prepared before my family and me. Thank You for giving us power over those things that hinder Your work and kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

These are deep concepts that may take years to wrap our minds around. Our spirit will understand, but it may take time for our understanding to catch up. When a new thought goes over my head—and it's happened many times—I put it on the shelf, so to speak, and come back to it another time.

Binding and loosing with the keys of the Kingdom

Jesus knew His authority would be transferred to the Church. Therefore, He declared that the gates of hell would not be able to prevail against it. Further, He promised to give us the keys of the kingdom of heaven, the keys of binding and loosing. As Christ's disciples, we have the right to bind and loose in the second heaven.

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you *the keys of the kingdom of heaven*, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

-Matthew 16:18-19 (italics added)

Keys represent authority, the right to bind or loose, lock or unlock, forbid or permit. Everyone desires to prevent evil from happening, and this passage gives us great hope. But how do we use these keys?

First, we have to *believe* that we really have power to bind and loose. When I was young in the Lord, I could quote the above Scripture, but I didn't act like I believed it. In my heart I still thought that as soon as heaven (God) bound the problem, it would be bound on earth. Since I was failing to exercise my authority in Christ, I would pray and continue to struggle.

But Jesus said, "And whatever *you* bind on earth will be bound in heaven." However, I did not feel worthy, qualified, or powerful enough to bind anything spiritual, especially creepy things I could not see, so I stood in faith for the Lord to do the binding for me. But that's not the way it works. Jesus transferred His authority to *us*. In His name, *we* must first bind on earth, and then it will be bound in heaven.

While I was a new Christian, others prayed for me, and I experienced many dramatic breakthroughs even though I personally did not bind or loose. But as I became older, others' prayers no longer had the same effect. It was time for me to pray for myself.

For example, after my mother taught me to tie my shoes, I still fussed in a vain attempt to get her to do it for me. She refused and held her ground, and I've been tying my own shoes ever since. It's the same

way with binding and loosing. Once you've learned to bind and loose, you need to do it for yourself and not make a fuss for God or someone else to do it for you. (Yes, sometimes you need reinforcements, but not every day.) As you mature in your spiritual authority, you'll be able to pray for the young ones who don't yet know how to pray for themselves.

...the authority of Christ, originating at God's right hand, operates through us over the demonic realm within the sphere of our influence. The enemy is beneath our feet!

We have been given the right to speak into the spiritual atmosphere of the second heaven and "bind" the demons coming against us. We do the speaking on earth in Jesus' name, trusting God's Word, and God and the angels do the binding in the second heaven. We also have the right to "loose" the Holy Spirit's grace, freedom, love, joy, peace, and protection.

While many understand the words "binding and loosing" in the sense of "forbidding and permitting" (such as the exercise of church authority by the Jerusalem council of Acts 15), the meaning of Jesus' words is not limited to the exercise of organizational authority. Only I can forbid or permit things of a personal nature to inhabit my spiritual atmosphere and that of my family. I have the right to command what is not of God to leave in Jesus' name.

Purifying our spiritual atmosphere

Jesus employed the keys of the kingdom to take charge of His spiritual atmosphere. In Matthew 4:10, He ordered Satan to get away from Him: "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" In His name we can do the same.

Jesus did not allow His spiritual atmosphere to be polluted by evil spirits any more than you want the wrong people hanging around your children. We purify our space by *commanding* those things that work iniquity to depart from us. (Please be more diplomatic with people.)

Jesus quoted David, saying, "Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity!"8 It's so much easier to live as a Christian in clean air.

Jesus spoke many parables about the great separation of the last days, when He separates wheat from tares, good fish from bad fish, and sheep from goats. When He judges the nations, He will order the sheep to stand on His right hand and the goats on His left. Then He will command those on His left, "Depart from Me..."

As a "royal priesthood," God gave us the right to pray like a priest and command like a king.

Without taking anything away from this glimpse of future judgment, Jesus revealed a helpful principle—we can purge our "heavens" like He did. We use the keys of the kingdom to bind and loose through our words of command.

Many years ago, I was given these prayers to purify my atmosphere.

Let all unclean, impure, and unholy spirits depart from me, in the name of Jesus.

All spirits that are not Christians, called by that name and walking that path, depart from me, in Jesus' name. You will not inhabit my body, and you will not inhabit my mind.

Honestly, for a season, I spent too much time binding and rebuking things. As I matured, I learned to keep my eyes focused on Jesus and not on the dark side. Lighting a candle is more effective than cursing the darkness. Nevertheless, our Lord trusts us with great spiritual authority in His name, and we need to use it to command evil forces away from us and our families.

⁸ Luke 13:27, Psalm 6:8

⁹ Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43, 47–48, 25:31–46

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We bind and loose *by faith* in our partnership with God. When we speak a command on earth to bind something, we *trust* it will be bound in the second heaven. We believe the Lord and the holy angels will back us up by binding the demons. We are Christ's disciples, purchased by His blood, having the mind of Christ and the right to use His name. We operate as sons and daughters of God *in partnership with God*. To move in this kind of faith, we must be guided by the Holy Spirit.

While young, Jesus was the apprentice of his earthly father Joseph, the carpenter. At the same time, He was also the apprentice of His heavenly Father, the Carpenter of Creation.

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."

-John 5:19-20

God desires for us, as maturing sons and daughters, to learn wisdom by spending time with Him and seeing what He does. We do not know everything, so as we step out in faith to do what Jesus did, the Holy Spirit teaches us wisdom. A father always knows when it's time to give the keys of the car to a trusted son or daughter trained by him.

Jesus has done everything He is going to do about the devil. He won the decisive victory, obtained our right standing with God, disarmed principalities and powers, ¹⁰ filled us with the Holy Spirit, gave us His authority, and empowered us to do the works He did. Now we must learn to use the authority He shared with us in His name to defeat the spiritual resistance hindering the gospel.

Though there are gaps in our knowledge and we need much grace, the Holy Spirit is here to guide us. The keys of binding and loosing are to be used in company with the Lord, and we are not expected to do these things apart from Him.

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We use our authority to purify our lives first. Then we intercede for those around us. Intercessors often discern things they cannot share but pray about in secret. In this way, they do not offend those who might misunderstand a vocalized prayer to bind a demonic influence.

Pray like a priest, command like a king

Jesus gave us power to cast out demons and promised that nothing shall by any means hurt us. Like Him, we must stand against evil. Our job is to "speak to the mountain." God's job is to back us up and cause it to move. Our authority does not extend over other peoples' free will, but we can prayerfully (silently) rebuke the ungodly spiritual forces influencing their poor choices. Are you willing to grow into the man or woman of God Jesus died for you to become? Ready or not, we are partners with the Lord. As a "royal priesthood," God gave us the right to pray like a priest and command like a king.

Your faith in Jesus Christ makes you a partaker of His victory. The key battle has already been won. Today, you don't fight *for* victory—you fight *from* victory. As a born-again child of God, the Spirit of Christ's victory lives big in you. Just as Jesus refused to be a slave to bad habits, addictions, and attitudes, you also long to be free because *His* Spirit now lives in you.

Through the ultimate showdown, Jesus restored man's original authority and dominion, but none of that is accessible until we enter a covenant relationship with Him. In the next chapter, we'll look at the life of Abraham and see how to make covenant with God, so we can live in the light of His protection.

SECRET #1: Having defeated Satan decisively and eternally, Jesus gave you who believe the authority to command evil spirits to depart from you and your family in His matchless name!

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To control my tongue
To know the mysteries of the kingdom

About Michael Christian

Shortly after graduating from college, Michael Christian experienced a work-related accident in which he narrowly escaped death and suffered a serious concussion. In order to heal and restore his mind, Mike was inspired to hand copy Bible verses for four hours a day. In doing this, he quickly received healing for his brain. But rather than stopping, he continued on copying Scripture to renew his mind in the knowledge of God. This began his love for the Bible, which reveals itself in his passion for the Word of God and depth of insight as a Bible teacher. Michael met and married his wife Debbie at Jubilee Church in Paradise, California, where he served for twenty-five years as an Associate Pastor. The Christians have two married sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and two grandsons. Pastor Mike's interests range from Bible teaching to computers, graphic design, audio and video production, and construction. His hobbies include photography and gardening.