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1. Rest in the **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Work of Christ

* Jesus **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** over sin, death and the devil through His death and **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 5, 7-11)

1. Resist the world, your own sin and the devil by **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Jesus and **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to His grace and power (v. 3-4, 10-11)

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2. Rest in the **Finished** Work of Christ

* Jesus **Triumphed** over sin, death and the devil through His death and **Resurrection** (v. 5, 7-11)

3. Resist the world, your own sin and the devil by **Trusting** in Jesus and **Testifying** to His grace and power (v. 3-4, 10-11)

* We should expect fierce **Opposition** to our message, since Jesus **Divides** the good from the evil (v. 17; Ps. 2)

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