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The Whole Gospel, to the Whole Man, to the Whole World

(All of Christ, in and manifesting as all of redeemed humanity)

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News from our **“On The Road Again,”** trip

We won't be on the road again until October 9 when we will be conducting our semi-annual Woman's Retreat at **Pawley's Island.**

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If anyone want Scott and I to **come to your area**, just call us and we will put it on our calendar. Our number is 502-245-4581.

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Events

We are having a “**Day Apart**” for women on **Aug. 1** at the Pearce’s house in Louisville, Ky. I hope that you can come. Call: Sylvia at 502-245-4581

Also we have a **weekly Bible Study** at the Pearce house as well. Be sure to come on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and for now, we are studying Colossians. All are welcome.

The
Lancaster House Church
Hosted by: Bob & Midge Gerlach
Are conducting a:
Adult
THREE DAY
WEEKEND
RETREAT
WITH
SYLVIA PEARCE
and
BURT ROSENBERG
OCT. 23,24 & 25, 2009

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Be sure to sign up for the [Pawley's Island](#) woman's Retreat, you will be blessed.

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Letters

Hi

I recently came across Various writings on the site Liberating Secret.

I can absolutely identify with many things that have been written from various authors about their journey in the Faith. The difference, I haven't found that Place of rest in Christ, And I have been on this journey for 25 years.

A little bit about me I am 45 I live in the Detroit area I work at a Engine plant for Detroit Diesel, I prayed to Receive Christ as My Lord and Savior when I was 20 in the Navy, This Journey in the Faith started out Joyful and at Restful until I got out of the Navy in 1985, and it has been a downward spiral ever since, me and my wife were predominantly going to Pentecostal type churches mainly Assembly of God. Since we have moved we haven't attended much.

Here is the Problem in a Nut shell, I feel like I am trapped in Rom 7 and I cannot get out. Outside of the Bible I have read what you have written as well as other folks who are of the same mind set such as Bill and Annabelle Gilliam, Bob George, Norman Grubb, Brian Coatney and others... I am hearing and seeing what is being said, and I see truth there but none of it seems to sink into my spirit to become my reality, it is like unbelief just rules my heart and I don't know how to get out.

Any words of truth would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Hugh Forrester

My dear Brother in the Lord,

Your problem is common among most Christians who don't know the difference between soul and Spirit. Heb. 4:11-12 says that to enter into His rest, there is a laboring process. That sounds like an oxymoron, but it really means a labor of faith, and not of works, although, I

Thes. 1:3 calls it a “work of faith.” Have you read my testimony in Treasures of Darkness. It is on the Liberating Secret web site, chapter 10-- “A Severe Mercy.” Also read chapter 9...In these chapters I explain the process of faith. The Bible also calls it the law of faith in Rom. 3:27. Not law --(performance) , but the principle of how faith works (i.e.) The law of gravity works like this... the law of aviation works like that... etc. But how does faith work? You take a leap of faith and declare the ridicules, “I am crucified with Christ, I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Then the counterattack takes place, the appearances looks the opposite, and feels the opposite. It seems like a lie most of the time. This is training you not to live by your 5 senses, but instead live by the Spirit, so say it again. Do nothing to try to make it happen... The appearances’ look worse, by this time you don’t care, you must say it. So you say it again because God says it about you otherwise you call God a liar, and it is the spirit truth about you anyway. We are so use to looking at ourselves negatively and critically, that It seems really ridiculous, but don’t give up, you are laboring to enter in. Regardless of how it looks, and how it feels, it is the truth, and the truth will set you free. Now, what you take by faith, takes you and becomes your new consciousness. When you take food, it takes you and becomes your energy etc. When a persons takes drugs, sooner or later it takes him and he becomes a addict. He thought that he could control it, but no the law of faith even works on the flesh level too.

The only way to get out of Romans 7 is to leap out (say you are already out). Paul’s problem in Romans 7 was that he thought that, he the vessel, had the power to deliver himself. How could Paul be his own savior? Finally he realized that he had to be delivered from trying to be his own deliverer, and realize that Christ had already delivered him through the cross.

Romans 4 17-21 tells us how Abraham went through his process of faith—

- 1. The call to faith: “So, shall your seed be”,**
- 2. Counterattack: “His body was now dead” and so was Sara’s womb—**
- 3. Blind faith anyway—“Against hope believed in hope”**
- 4. Gained strength (faith has its own substance)—“Staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief.”**
- 5. Praise God before he saw it—“but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.”**
- 6. Abraham possessed it inwardly before it was manifested outwardly—“Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was about also to perform.”**

This is why God calls Abraham “the father of our faith” simply he called the things that be not, as though they already are. And this is basically because they really are already the reality, Abraham just had to believe it against all appearances.

Discerning soul from Spirit is paramount to this process. In Spirit you are already there, but your soul (flesh) which is subject to outer appearances, feelings, and thoughts of unbelief is what seems to rule you. Satan attacks our souls with thoughts of unbelief, feelings of fear and despair. Are you going to listen to him, or are you going to declare the truth of what God says about you? Let these negative feelings spring you into faith, by declaring the opposite. All negative soul reactions are really God’s way of calling you to faith. I called them “God’s calling card.” When you are off of self gazing, out of nowhere the Spirit manifest His rest in you. But you say it is done, before you see, feel or think it. Say it! “I are whole, complete, lacking nothing!”

Simply say that you are already are in rest, and don’t believe your feelings, because Christ is your rest!!

On my website, I have a article called, “How do you Identify yourself?” That may be helpful to you too.

**Yours in Christ,
Sylvia Pearce**

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Small Pearls

My Struggles Are About Him

by Max Lucado

What about your struggles? Is there any chance, any possibility, that you have been selected

to struggle for God's glory? Have you "been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Philippians 1:29)?

Here is a clue. Do your prayers seem to be unanswered? What you request and what you receive aren't matching up? Don't think God is not listening. Indeed he is. He may have higher plans. Here is another. Are people strengthened by your struggles? A friend of mine can answer yes. His cancer was consuming more than his body; it was eating away at his faith. Unanswered petitions perplexed him. Well-meaning Christians confused him. "If you have faith," they said, "you will be healed."

No healing came. Just more chemo, nausea, and questions. He assumed the fault was a small faith. I suggested another answer. "It's not about you," I told him. "Your hospital room is a showcase for your Maker. Your faith in the face of suffering cranks up the volume of God's song."

Oh, that you could have seen the relief on his face. To know that he hadn't failed God and God hadn't failed him--this made all the difference. Seeing his sickness in the scope of God's sovereign plan gave his condition a sense of dignity. He accepted his cancer as an assignment from heaven: a missionary to the cancer ward. A week later I saw him again. "I reflected God," he said, smiling through a thin face, "to the nurse, the doctors, my friends. Who knows who needed to see God, but I did my best to make him seen."

Bingo. His cancer paraded the power of Jesus down the Main Street of his world. God will use whatever he wants to display his glory. Heavens and stars. History and nations. People and problems. Rather than begrudge your problem, explore it. Ponder it. And most of all, use it. Use it to the glory of God.

Through your problems and mine, may God be seen.

Matthew 10:40

Jenny Fienning

"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

How many of us have acquaintances, friends, family that we are asking our Father to bring to Himself? Have we "felt" it is a losing battle? Do we feel our Father must be asleep at the wheel on this person? There is no more we can do ...

Whew!! Is our Father glad there is nothing more YOU can think of to do... now He can bless you with Himself and show you that He woos, His timing is everything, and it is ALWAYS His Desire to bring every human being unto Himself...

This scripture was opened up to me some years ago when my dentist was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. I was living too far away to be there for him. He was from Abraham's lineage.. but I had never really shared my faith in Jesus with him...yet I knew genuine love and respect from this man. He loved our family and had come to my sister's wedding earlier in the year that he passed from this world... I had asked my dad to make sure he talked with our dentist about this matter (life and death)... Dad said he hadn't really done that.... So, when he left this world I was devastated that I had not bluntly shared Jesus and the Cross with him....

Then, one night the Lord just said within me... "He is safe with me" ... And, I rested and no longer took condemnation that was knocking at my door concerning this matter... Within a few days, the Holy Spirit led me to this scripture which is also confirmed in Luke 10:16. This man had genuinely received and loved our family.. He had listened to our stories about how the Lord met our every need...how Jesus always was surprising us, leading us through difficult situations..

So, here we are, Jesus... Thank you for revealing Yourself by us... How we love You!!

Tradition

T. Austin-Sparks

From the latter days of the Apostles till now, the history of Christianity is a history of prisons. This history is not of literal or material prisons, though there have been not a few of these. It is a history of prisons, which are the result of man's long established habit of bringing the Spirit into bondage.

How many times has the Spirit broken loose and moved in a new and free way only to have that way brought under man's control and crystallized into another form, creed, organization, denomination, sect, order, community, or the like! The invariable result has been that the Spirit's free movement and life has been cramped or even killed by the prison of the framework into which He has been drawn or forced. Every time we seek to express something divine in word or form, we at once limit it. When that expression or form becomes the established and recognized formula, we have, in effect, put fetters on the Spirit. God gives a vision, and every God-given vision has unlimited potential and possibilities. But all too soon

the vision is laid hold of by men who never received it by the Spirit. Then the grapes of Eschol turn to raisins in their hands. So very many of the living fruits of the heavenly country have suffered in this way and become dried, shrunken, and unctionless shadows of their early glory.

Successors, sponsors, or adherents build an earthly organization on a living movement of the Spirit, born with fire in the heart of some prophet. They imprison the vision in a tradition. A message becomes a creed; a heavenly vision becomes an earthly institution; a movement of the Spirit becomes a work, which must be kept going by the steam of human energy and maintained by man's resourcefulness. Any real (or seeming) departure or diversion from the recognized and traditional order of creed or practice will sooner or later become heresy, to be violently suspected, repressed, and cast out. What was, at its beginning, a spiritual energy-producing living organism, expressing something that God really wanted and to which He gave birth has too often become something which the next generation has to sustain and struggle hard at to keep going. The thing has developed a self-interest, and it will go hard with anyone or anything interfering or seeming to interfere with it. The Spirit has become the prisoner of the institution or system, and as a result the people become limited spiritually.

All along the way the Spirit must be referred to and deferred to. In anything in which the Spirit may have His liberties limited, the Spirit will be a rebel. And if He is in us, He will make us to rebel against unspiritual restrictions.

What Is Truth?

By Michael Daniel

What is truth? The question asked by Pontius Pilate echoed through the ears of a beaten and soon to be tortured man who would give his mortal life. The ransomed had not even a remote clue as to why, even though they had lived with the man and seen his works of power, all so evidently and obviously not of this world.

What is truth? Could there be a more important question? Yet once the question passed the lips of the Roman magistrate, he would hasten away even before having the slightest possibility of hearing a response. Did Pilate truly think Jesus had the answer? Was he remembering his wife's warning to, "Have nothing to do with this man!" and wanted out of Jesus' presence none too soon? Did Pilate really want to know the answer, or was the question posed in mere, flippant sarcasm? Could the truth be that Pontius Pilate was absolutely terrified of the truth, were Jesus to be the one to actually know?

And could it be that we are still so utterly fearful of the truth that we, just as Pilate, still run from the question before we can hear the answer? Have we dwelt so long in the house of habit that we have made our home in the isle of illusion?

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths!” In the words of anxious children, anticipating their arrived destination; “Are we there yet?”

The chains and bars and fetters imprisoning us in the world and the systems therein strangle the life of the truth from us and drown us in a putrid poisoned pool of pandering, posturing and pleasing the self. We hear what we want to hear. We see what we want to see. Have we become so paralyzed and hypnotized; self absorbed in the futile pursuit of worldly pleasures that we dare not for an instant tarry to hear the wondrous way to total freedom in the only absolute answer to; “What is truth?”

How long? How long will we desire to be deceived? How long will we listen to lies? How long will we cater to our own character? How long will we have our ears tickled by false prophets, materialistic messengers and profiteering politicians? When will we cease from self? Will we ever, as those who profess Christ as Lord and Messiah be obedient to the declaration of dependence and in unbending, uncluttered, unconditional faith;

“Deny your self; take up your cross, and follow Me!”

A few titles that may warrant uncomfortable but very necessary scrutiny, should give us insight into how the way of Christ’ self-denial proclamation has been so arrogantly twisted and perverted.

“Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential”

“8 Steps to Create the Life You Want: The Anatomy of a Successful Life”

“Love Your Life: Living Happy, Healthy, and Whole”

“Reposition Yourself: Living Life Without Limits”

“Become a Better You: 7 Keys to Improving Your Life Every Day”

Is there one iota of denying yourself in any of what you just read?

And what of the Beatitudes and the selfless assurance of:

“Take no thought what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, or what you shall put on; for you

Father knows you have need of these.”

It should be painfully obvious that attempting to improve or create or love YOUR life is not only causing you to focus on yourself, it is also causing you to feed a life that has been “Crucified with Christ”. Is it not, attempting to fortify and fuel a false, delusional life apart from God rather than knowing and being one in the Only Life that is God? Do we live and move and exist in the flesh or in the living Spirit of Almighty God?

There is an old saying among cowboys:

“You can kick a dead horse from now till the cows come home, but he ain’t gonna get up and you ain’t never gonna ride him.”

Will we continue to be choked by the fleeting and false comfort and security of the fists of the world? Will we still attempt to ride the dead corpse, kicking that which can never get up or be or have life? Will we hurry away in terror of, or will we stand, be still and dare to hear and know the answer to;

“What is Truth?”

11-20-08

The World’s Poison

By Michael Daniel

In every aspect and in absolute actuality, the world calls those who would save it from itself not only enemies, but pure poison. The world must hate what it fears the most and the dread threat of those who call not the world their home and have no desire for the world or the things of it are destined to be vehemently hated if not expurgated. Such it was with Christ Himself and all who; “Take up the cross”.

It is hateful to the world that in order to truly know Christ and; “Come after Him”, one must; “Lose his life”. The one that would save the world from its suicidal, self-destruction is the very one that it so viciously desires to rid itself of once and for all. The world sees that soul as its mortal and eternal enemy; as poisonous and threatening to it as the most deadly viper.

So why, if in fact the one who can ultimately heal the world and bring about peace, harmony, rest and fulfillment, is the world so abhorrent and terrified of that soul? Why can the world not admit to its inadequacy and inability to fix itself? The answer is not only painfully simple, it is simply painful. The world loves itself!

The world is so passionately, completely and vainly in love with itself that the very thought of needing someone or something not of the world to right its wrongs and solve its problems is inadmissible and can never be envisioned. That thought is to the world as painful and agonizing as heart surgery performed without the use of anesthetic. So in the unending circle of egomaniacal effort, the world continually attempts to remedy itself.

The obvious thorn in the world's side is that the world can never have enough of itself. The world is so enraptured with its self and is ravaged with such self-adoration, it must ever increase. It must spawn and grow and overtake, not because it needs more space or more *anything*, but simply because the world cannot ever be satisfied, no matter how much of it there is. It must constantly convince itself of its necessity and beauty and by any means justify its selfish appetite, self-preservation and expansion.

Ironically, a most dire fear of the world is that of being exposed. There is nothing more unstable and unsure of itself than the world, and it must constantly reassure its self that it is competent and capable. No matter how many times it fails, the world will never admit defeat and as with all who secretly know how out of control and unesteemed they are, the haunting doubt echoes; "Mirror, mirror on the wall...?"

So will the world ever know that the world's poison is in reality...the world's
antidote? 11-27-08

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Quotes

Freedom contains double possibilities. Life can go downward into lack and destruction, or upward into fullness and completion. We liberate mere possibility into manifested reality—How?—By the spoken word of faith, we bring mere possibility out of freedom unto actualized manifested reality. **Sylvia Pearce**

Fear is faith in reverse, and faith once aroused to believe the worst can be reversed to believe the opposite. **Walter Lanyon**

Frequent Trips through hell burns the ugly off, and that is why we are so beautiful. **Fran Giles**

If God's gifts are our blessings, and the devil's assaults are also our blessings, what remains to harm or depress us? If good is good, and evil is equally good to the enlightened, then a realm of life is entered where we rejoice always, in everything give thanks, and in all things are more than conquerors. **Norman Grubb**

Justice demands the punishment of the sinner, but it may also accept the vicarious sacrifice of another as in the case of Christ. To deny the freeness of mercy is to annihilate it because it returns to a matter of debt and then it is no longer mercy. **Unknown**

Every negative has its hidden resolve in God, and faith is the key that makes manifest the negatives, hidden positive. **Sylvia Pearce**

Faith looks beyond the pain, wrapped in veil of time, and sees God's eternal purposes beyond it all. **Sylvia Pearce**

'With all sorts of doubts I am familiar, and the result of them is, has been, and will be, a widening of my heart and soul and mind to greater glories of the truth I cannot say I never doubt, nor until I hold the very heart of good as my very own in Him, can I wish not to doubt. *For doubt is the hammer that breaks the windows clouded with human fancies, and lets in the pure light.*' **George McDonald**

C.S. Lewis once said that there are two equal and opposite errors that we can fall into regarding Satan and his demons. One is to act like they don't exist; the other is to be unduly and overly interested in them.

"True and perfect obedience is a virtue above all virtues...obedience has no cares; it lacks no blessing...When I give my will up to the care of my Lord and Master and have no will of my own, God must will for me; for if He were to neglect me, He would be neglecting himself. So it is with everything; where I do not chose for myself, God chooses for me. What will he choose for me? That I shall not choose for myself." **Meister Eckhart**

Meekness is not weakness but power under restraint, for we see ourselves as we really are, and see him as he really is." **Fred Williams**

St. John of the Cross says: "(This wound is delectable (i.e. delicious)." John of the Cross goes on to say: "After the dark and painful night of the spirit there is...a divine awakening...the soul uses a similitude (i.e. an example) of one that awakens from his sleep, and says, 'how gentle

and loving is...thine awakening, O Word and Spouse, in the center and depth of my soul... wherein alone, secretly and in silence, Thou dwellest as it's Lord. This divine awakening is an inspiration of the Word manifesting His dominion, His glory and His intimate sweetness."

Faith builds Heaven in the midst of Hell's despair!

"Good must be sucked out of the bitter root of seeming evil." **Brian Coatney**

"Life's disappointments are veiled love's appointments." From "Streams in the Desert", Feb. 1st.

"Sometimes God calms the storms, and sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child."

The expression of true everlasting life procures itself contented as the vessel or container of Christ alone. **Jennifer Cormack**

In the pasture of the King, freely bloom two trees. One offers sacrificial unified life; the other cloaks itself in the good works of death. If the sheep of the pasture cannot produce their own righteousness, then conversely they cannot produce their own iniquity. Will you be so entwined by the false independence of goodness you fail to express the true liberty you possess? The only good and just King tarries for your reply. **Jennifer Cormack** Short Story Excerpt

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Poems of the Month

Noble Bird

It doesn't try to be what it ought to be,
eagle, hawk—bird that flies free—
bird that hovers, soars with liberty,
compelling us in admiration to see
how we can duplicate its squinting mystery.

How can such an entity,
set its tone, but by Christ's decree,

that—as men, in envy, look to see
how earth below less devastatingly
can weigh us down only when we flee

upward, into light and cloud of Thee—
the masses of our minds by degree
grow smaller, only as flight into the heavenly
city's splendor answers the plea
once made for rescue from evil's enormity?

Frankly, it only works if we
relax the knuckles that bitterly
held onto shoulders wearily
not yet wings supporting us in felicity,
wings making us birds as well in reverie.

This new flight, astoundingly,
presses its demands in serenity,
from appearance to spirit reality—
despite the loud groans of matter's verity—
looking down with heaven's crown of perpetuity.

Brian Coatney/7-8-09

Cookie

The last five minutes in the oven
make the cookie great,
but who can wait?

After thinking of a cookie,
cookie eaters find they hate
the time from batter to the plate.

To brown a cookie perfectly,
get the texture right, takes a certain trait

that cookie devils do berate,
who tempt us to pull the tray out now
before heat and chemistry mate
to give a cookie that we'll love to rate.

So cravings must step back,
and in anticipation's glow abate,
until the perfect moment, perfect state,

which makes time disappear,
lust and all its arguments deflate:
the perfect coolie's never late!

Brian Coatney/7-9-09

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Prayer Request

We want to thank everyone who answered our Urgent Prayer request for Dave, our technician. There was a wonderful and humbling response to his need. Some gave financially to him, some gave him work, and gratefully others were before the Lord on his behalf. We thank you all. By faith all the money will be here by the 3rd of August. So, we give praise to the Lord for what he has received and even for the unseen.

Please pray for Christ, Our Life's World Vision child. Her name is **Eranda Lici** from Albania; she is in the 5th grade. Her favorite subject in school is her national language...she wants to be a teacher when she grows up and her favorite color is red. Pray for her to know the Lord as her fullness.



World Vision Albania partners and supports churches and faith-based organizations in the areas of social justice and education. The Christian Commitment sector aims to reinforce Christian witness, through life, deed, word and sign in the communities where World Vision Albania works.

50 church members and Faith-Based Organizations gained skills in designing and implementing transformational community outreach programs/projects. A joint advocacy initiative on support of people with disabilities has increased collaboration among Faith-Based Organizations and churches and World Vision Albania.

Some 1100 students, youths and adults attended Christian summer camps and other activities held by World Vision Albania in partnership with local churches.

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This Month's Article

Temptation and Its Beneficial Effects

... by Norman Grubb

Nowhere is the true significance of temptation more clearly seen than in the historic forty days on the mount of temptation. There “see the Christ stand,” we might say with Browning. We watch that tremendous scene, the last Adam, the Word made flesh, come to fight and win the battle that the first Adam lost. We see Him with His human instincts, passions and powers, true Man in spirit, soul and body. We watch the battle raging over forty days, the last word that can be spoken on the subject of temptation and its proper meaning and value. We see this Man complete in manhood’s powers, forty days “tempted of the devil”. Temptation had started before then, of course. We catch a previous glimpse of it, when by a subtle solicitation through the channel of His enlarged and illumined spirit, the young lad of twelve might have been led away by the devil in disguise to follow the trail of false favor in place of filial obedience to His parents. But now He was a Man in the fullness of His power, and the only Man in history to whom those tremendous words had been or could be spoken, but a few hours before: “Thou art My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Consciously anointed by the Holy Ghost, knowing in Himself that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him to fulfill the greatest commission ever given to man; to be the world’s Savior, to be the Man of Destiny whose Name had been on the inspired lips of sage and prophet since the world began, the longed-for Messiah, there was still one thing needful, a final, irrecoverable choice of free will, a voluntary self-dedication of every power of spirit, soul and body to this one end. And for that the devil was necessary. As light cannot be seen to shine except in contrast to darkness, nor heat felt to warm except in contrast to cold, so man cannot know his nature fixed God ward except by his refusal to fix it devil ward. So Jesus met Satan on that mount. His body had natural instincts. Only through a right use of these instincts could He be preserved fit for its exacting ministry: He must eat, drink, sleep. In the fierceness of the conflict and the choice to be made, He had not eaten food for forty days. He was hungry; and then the suggestion stabbed home to Him: “Your new powers over nature. Use them. Make bread.” In a moment the battle was joined. Was His body to be master or servant? Was He to move at its dictates, or was it to move at the dictates of the Spirit who controlled Him? The word was spoken. Not a powerless negative, a mere “No” which leaves the nagging temptation unrelieved; but a triumphant positive that swallows up the negative: “Man lives by every Word of God.” That temptation was the highway, the only highway to bodily victory. It “drove” the Savior to a choice: that Spirit should control body, not body Spirit. It was settled. Henceforth His body was an instrument for God’s glory: His appetites were the natural means by which it could be kept in working order.

Soul greater than body, as spirit than soul. In the soul repose all the vast powers of the personality – to think, to will, and to feel. All the mighty achievements of man, in art, in

science, in literature, in action, flow from the soul. The genius, the leader, the inventor, the discoverer, has all great souls. And none so great as the human Jesus. Satan knew this; for to only one Man has he offered complete world dominion and promised Him the attainment of His objective, showed Him “all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time”; said to Him “all these will I give Thee”. The condition? That He commit Himself into the hands of “the prince of this world” (as He later calls Satan), absorb the spirit that is in the world, and act according to “the wisdom of this world”; for what we worship we assimilate and incarnate. In other words, all the powers of that greatest of human personalities, mental, emotional, volitional, would become the vehicle of world dictatorship, based on the age-old methods of conquest and compulsion, the only technique of government known to man and the spirit that works in man. The alternative? The worship and service of God; and that meant the subordination of this same soul-powers to the ways of His Spirit, to the carrying out of an alternative technique of ultimate world dominion, which was in the wildest sense improbable and fantastic, and as totally removed from the way of the natural man as light from darkness. Truth, love, self-giving, meekness, faith, expressed through the concentrated soul-forces of a personality totally given to them, without weapon, without possession, without name, without friend at court, involving even the ignominious death of this “self-styled” king, were to establish a kingdom that would swallow up all other kingdoms and crown Him King of all other kings and Lord of all other lords. What a drama was enacted on that mountain, worthy of the pen of the greatest of poets. History was in the balance, and that temptation of the human soul was the material from which the plan of the ages took its shape, in which the foundation of the kingdom of God was laid. It was the choice that fixed a destiny; not just His own, but of a multitude which no man can number, of a kingdom that shall never be destroyed.

Yet spirit is deeper than soul. It is the inner ego. It is the essence of a man. It is that which expresses itself through body and soul. It is the “I” which talks about myself. God is a Spirit, and the Father of spirits. It is the spirits of just men made perfect who dwell with Him. It is the center of my being where God walks and talks with me; His Spirit bearing witness with my spirit, joined unto the Lord, one spirit. And if body and soul must be fixed in God through the stabilizing processes of temptation, so almost must the spirit. Body and soul may be in God’s service, yet even in fulfilling His will in our innermost spirit we may still seek to be in the center of the picture; glory must come to us; people must be drawn to us; our honor and dignity must be upheld; and the impress of the servant, more than of his Lord who sent him, is left on the service rendered. So Satan sought to reach the spirit of the Savior, when he could not touch body or soul. Let them flock around Him as the miracle worker, as He descends through the air upheld by supernatural power. Let them all see who He is: the Son of God with power. The masses will be at His feet. The ear of the nation will be open to Him.

They will be as clay in His hands, to be molded to His pattern. The alternative? To give Himself to show forth Another as life's final meaning; to point to Another; so that from thought and work and action stands forth the outline, not of the visible Jesus, but of the invisible Father. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father"; "I have manifested Thy Name unto the men Thou gave Me.....I have given them the words Thou gave Me.....and they have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they believe that Thou didst send Me." To worship any flesh, even the flesh of Jesus, is idolatry. To revere the human Jesus as provider of bread and healer of sicknesses would save no soul, found no new kingdom of the Spirit. To do this, in His flesh, His words, His works, they must see not a man, but God the Spirit, the Word made flesh. And so, on the one hand, He even tried to distract attention from Himself as a miracle worker; on the other, when at last acknowledged by Peter as Son of the Living God, the triumphant cry burst from Him: "Blessed art thou, Simon, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven"; adding, as He foresaw through the centuries the world-wide Church which was to be founded on that same principle of inner revelation: "And I say also unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock (a man who has by revelation concerning Christ penetrated through flesh to Spirit) will I build My Church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Thus, on the pinnacle of the temple, that final battle of the spirit was fought and won. Satan's weapon of temptation was turned to his own confusion and made the means of confirming the Son as the Servant of the Father. The high road to man's salvation was now opened. The body was not for self-indulgence, nor the soul for self-aggrandizement, nor the spirit for self-exultation; but the whole Man, Christ Jesus, driven by the Spirit to face Satan's plausible alternatives, by virtue of the very conflict and the choices entailed, came out of that forty days confirmed in His own consciousness and declared before heaven and hell, in spirit, soul and body, to be the Son of God with power, His Father's willing Servant and the world's Savior. Only once more had such a battle to be fought; shorter, sharper, ever fiercer, in three hours of bloody sweat; this time to gather strength by conflict and conquest to be the offering for the sin

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Q & A

Dear Sylvia,

My minister continues to preach that we Christians still have the Old Nature as well as the New

Nature. I'm confused, can you help?

**Love,
Carol**

Dear Carol,

I understand most all Christian leaders believe that we Christians still have a sinful nature. Ask your minister to show you that in the Bible. He can't. He may tell you to look at Romans. 7 and make it the normal Christian life, but he is misinterpreting the text. It is a learning experience and transition period for Paul after he was saved. Before Paul could really move into Romans. 8 as his experience he had to discover what and who he wasn't. Nothing can be experientially know except by opposites. So," he had to discover who he was NOT" before discovering who he really was. I always say that Romans. 7 is the only chapter in the Bible that is a LIE! Strong, but true. Paul was not lying about his experience, but he was believing the lie of independent-self. You are right, we are literally in Romans 8, but if we still think that we can keep the law by our own power, we are stuck in Romans 7, and cannot experience the victory of Romans 8. Somewhat like the Children of Israel who had legally rights to the promised land, but refused to inherit their inheritance, or "possess their possessions." Heb. 3 tells us that they had "a evil heart of unbelief." As a man thinks, so is he. So, if you think that you have a separate life of your own, then you will suffer the defeat of Romans 7 even though you have inherited Romans 8. Before we can move into Romans 8 as a living reality, we, like Paul, have to renew our minds to the truth about ourselves, and leap by faith into the gained victory of Romans 8.

Many try to win their Romans. 7 case by saying that it is talking about Paul's pre-salvation experience. That cannot be true. In Paul's auto-bio in Phil. 3:6, he says that "as touching the law, blameless". He is saying that before he was a Christian as a Jewish Pharisee he keep the law perfectly. Paul's Roman 7 text says that he could not keep the law at all, and actually did the things that he didn't want to do. So then, Romans. 7 has to be his experience after he was saved.

And then some say that Christians can never get out of Romans 7, for it is our permeate condition. That has to be wrong too, because, the great victory chapter, Romans 8, wouldn't be in the Bible at all if that were true. Paul certainly lived the victorious Christian life throughout his life-time "Christ always causes to Triumph in Christ," and "in all these things we are more than conquerors."

Here are only a few of the verses that say Old Man out, New Man in, I'm sure there are many more.

Rom. 6:6 says the Old Man is out!

Col. 3:9-10 says that we HAVE put off the old Man with his deeds, and HAVE put on the New Man.

Eph. 4:22 says you HAVE put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and you HAVE put on the New man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The Romans 7 text is important because it is Paul's "desert of self-discovery." Wrong self discovery, so that he can discover his right-self.

See my commentary on Romans 7 on The Liberating Secret web-site.

Love you dearly,
Sylvia

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