**The Victorious Christian Life of Overcomers** -Rev 3 Pt 5e Flesh © 2023 WF Cobb Truthbase.net ***DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

*Rev 3:21 To who* ***overcomes*** *I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,* ***as I*** *also* ***overcame*** *and sat down with My Father on His throne 22 who has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

**I. There is a war** between God (who wants what's **best** for us: Victory>Glory)

 and satan (who wants what's **worst** for us: defeat>enslavement) *{& we're losing)*

Following God wholeheartedly leads to conquest and peace *(e.g. Caleb).*

Failing to fully follow God is actually following satan into captivity and regret *(Israel)*.

**A. We must use the weapons and methods God provides** to achieve **spiritual** victory *(in our souls 1st)*

*1Jn 4:4 You are of God..have* ***overcome*** *them cz He who is* ***in you*** *is* ***greater*** *than he who in the world*

*2:14 cz you are strong Heb 11:34 the Word of God abides* ***in you*** *and you have* ***overcome*** *pft wicked one*

*1Thess 5:23 Now may the* ***God*** *of* ***peace*** *Himself* ***sanctify*** *you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at The Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **WHY?**

 *Eph 3:10*

**B. How do you know you're living the Victorious Christian Life?**

There is so much preached about how you can't live the victorious Christian life on your own, and that you must trust in God to do it, that born-again “believers” ignore the 613 NT commands which God gave us to guide us to our responsibility and **freedom** *Jn 8:32*.

These **ignorant** **defeated** believers keep resting/waiting for God to give them the victory without stepping into the water, that they reframe staying on the shore or in the boat

 as the *“Normal Christian Life”* and forfeit their victory to satan *(our adversary)*.

We sing *“Trust and Obey”*, and Jesus weeps.

**Bonus**: Why did Peter go swimming? *We always have all* ***grace*** *we need to* ***do*** *His will -2Cor 9:8* he fell **cz** he failed to **believe** that what God commanded He/he was able to **do**? *Mt 8&14 little faith*

*Rm 4:19* ***not*** *being* ***weak in faith****, he pondered* ***not*** *20 He staggered* ***not*** *at the promise of God thru* ***unbelief****; but was* ***strong in faith\*****, giving glory to God; 21 being* ***fully persuaded*** *that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform/****do****. 22 Thus it was imputed to him for* ***righteousness****. \**Heb 11:34

What ever happened to *“****take up*** *the whole armor that you may be able to stand in the evil day”*  (temptation to self-centered living)

 and then *“having* ***done*** *all, stand”*{in the **unity** the HS has created -Eph 6}?

Or *2Pt 1:5* *“giving all* ***diligence*** *ADD to your faith: virtue...****self-control\*****...endurance, godliness..love*

 *(\*Acts 24:25 Righteousness, Self-control judgment to come, & Gal 5:21 no inherit Kgdm)*

*2Pt 1:8 neither barren nor fruitful {glorify God -Jn 15}* vs *9 blind, forgot rcvd cleansed*

 *{1Pt 1:22 purified souls by obeying the Truth}*

 *1:10 never fall, 11 abundant entrance to Kingdom*

*Eph 4:20 But you have not so learned Christ,*

*21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the* ***TRUTH*** *is in Jesus:*

*22 that you* ***put off****, re: your former conduct, the old man*

 *which grows corrupt acc to the* ***deceitful*** *lusts,*

*23 and be* ***renewed in the spirit of your mind****,*

*24 and that you* ***put on*** *the new man*

 *which was created acc to God, in* ***true*** *righteousness and* ***holiness.***

*25 Therefore, putting away lying, Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*

 *for we are members of one another...*

But before you ***put on*** the “breastplate of righteousness” and “the armor of Light”,

 you need to put off/cast off the works of darkness

*Rm 13:11...love {neighbor as self v9} fulfills the law*

 *12 And* ***do this****, knowing...now it is high time*

 *to awake out of sleep; for now our* ***salvation*** *is nearer than when we first believed.*

*12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand.*

 *Therefore let us* ***cast off*** *the works of darkness,*

 *and let us* ***put on*** *on the* ***armor*** *of Light.*

*3 Let us walk/behave properly, as in the day, not in revelry/parties and drunkenness,*

 *not in w-caprice and lust, not in strife and envy.*

*14 But* ***put on*** *the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

Before you can **be** **transformed** by the **renewing** of your **mind,** you need to **submit** as a daily sacrifice, and **put off** the old *Rm 12:1-2a*. Early believers where taught to put off, and put on.

Modern born-again “believers” are taught to trust in their initial confession of faith, and stand/sit more comfortably in their corrupting sin which is rotting their flesh, and ruining their future. *pres/eternal*

**Obedience isn't optional, it's optimal; Disobedience is deadly and demonic** *(Gen 3 &4 -Cain).*

*Dt 6:17 You shall* ***diligently*** *keep the commandments of the LORD your God,*

 *His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.*

*18 And you shall* ***do what is RIGHT and good in the sight of the LORD****, that* ***it may be well*** *with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers*

*24 And the LORD commanded us to* ***observe*** *all these statutes, to* ***fear*** *the LORD our God,*

 ***for our good always****, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.*

*25 Then* ***it will be RIGHTEOUSNESS for us****,*

 *if we are* ***careful to observe all*** *these commandments before the LORD our God,*

 *as He has commanded us.*

**II. Overcomers obtain** blessings/glory; **Succumbers suffer** loss *(temporal and eternal -Rm 2)*

 *Slumberers/Sluggards*

*Rev 3:I Sardis: know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*

*2 Be watchful, strengthen what remains about to die, I've not found your works* ***PERFECT*** *before God*

*3 Remember1...received\* & heard; hold fast and* ***REPENT****...if you will not* ***wake/heed****, I will come...*

 *impv pft \*aggressive acceptance -WH impv impv*

It should be obvious to any unbiased student of the Scriptures that the recipients

 are all born-again believers who have:

 received/taken to oneself *pft \*aggressive acceptance WH {gospel Truth}*

 heard/perceived/understood *aor*  *-Rm 10:14 “births faith” WH*

 and are commanded to hold fast/guard*1* *impv {keeping a present possession -obvi!!)*

 and strengthen*1* *v2* what remains, *aor impv to establish, give support to, fix down, make firm*

 and **REPENT*1*** *impv \*cz their works are not **perfect** in the sight of God *v2.*

The **corrective** in each church is never believe or have faith, but **act** on that belief

and have works (Js 2:26 w/o which faith is dead, and cannot save *{not justification aspect but sanctification/glorification = reward/inheritance Col 3, not escape from the Lake of Fire -Rev 10:15)*

Js 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. *{not non-existent, but unfruitful}*

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.”

 Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is **dead**?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see: faith was **working** together w/ his works, and by/*ek* works faith was made **perfect**?

**Ephesus**: -left 1st love...+do 1st works +be other-centered vs self-centered {service=meet needs}

*2:12 I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;*

*3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake*

 *and have not become weary.*

*4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

*5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen;*

 ***REPENT*** *and* ***do*** *the first works, or else I will come to you remove lampstand unless* ***REPENT***

# **Self-Preservation** is a Natural Temporal Desire opposed to the Spiritual Eternal Choice of Self-Sacrifice

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 *(power, pleasure, possessions)*;

C) in an aversion to risk, conflict & transparency and a devotion to comfort & acceptance.

**Smyrna**: +have no fear of opposition/persecution *(faith in provision-protection)*, +but be faithful to death

*2:8...dead, and came to life 9 I know your works, tribulation, and* ***poverty*** *(but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of satan. Do not* ***fear*** *any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be* ***tested****, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be* ***faithful until death****, and I will give you the* ***crown of life****. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the 2nd death*

*Heb 2:14...that thru death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

*15 And* ***deliver*** *them who thru* ***fear*** *of death were all their lifetime subject to* ***bondage****.*

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 ***fear*** *Him able to* ***destroy*** *soul and body in* ***Gehenna****.(not Lake of Fire; see What the Gehenna)*

**Pergamos**: -tolerate false teaching: esp immoral/pleasure, and rebellion/insubordination *(people rule)*

*2:13 I know your works, and where you dwell, where satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even...Antipas My faithful martyr...where satan dwells.*

*14...a few things cx you, cz you have there those who hold the teaching of Balaam... stumbling block before Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols* (pagan worship*), and to commit sexual immorality.*

*15 you also have those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans* (people rule)*, which thing I hate.*

*16* ***REPENT,*** *or else I will come to you quickly and will fight cx them with the sword of My mouth.*

*17 To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.*

**Thyatira**: -tolerate false prophetess: esp immorality; +but **hold fast** what you have

*2:19 “I know your works, love, service,* ***faith****, and your patience; works, are more than at first.*

*20 Nevertheless I have a few things cx you, cz you allow that woman Jezebel a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

*22 sickbed, those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they* ***REPENT*** *of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who* ***searches the minds and hearts****. I will give to* ***each*** *one of you acc to your* ***works****. 2Cor 5:10*

*25 But* ***hold fast*** *what you have till I come. 26 he who* ***overcomes****, and* ***keeps*** *My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—27 ‘He shall* ***rule*** *them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ as I also have received from My Father;*

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**Sardis:** -hypocrisy, defiled; but remember, be watchful, strengthen, **perfect** works, be holy & **worthy**

3:1 I know your works, that you have a reputation that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 Be watchful/on guard, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die,

 for I have not found your works **perfect** before God *(.….or else......****CONSEQUENCES****)*

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and REPENT. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a **thief**, and you will not know what hour...

 *suffer loss...****blot/cross out*** *name*

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not **defiled** their garments;

 and they shall walk with Me in **white**, **for** they are **worthy**. *See* ***Worthy to Escape*** *Truthbase.net*

5 He who **overcomes** shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot/**cross** out his name from the Book of Life; but I will **confess** his name before My Father and before His angels.

*Rev 20:15 anyone not found* ***having been written******PFT*** *in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire*

**Philadelphia**: keep command to persevere in trials, hold fast what you have, don't lose crown!

*3:8 “I know your* ***works****. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have* ***kept My word****, and have* ***not denied My name****.*

*9 I will make those of the synagogue of satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have* ***loved*** *you.*

*10* ***Cz*** *you have* ***kept*** *My command to persevere, I also will* ***keep*** *you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to* ***test*** *those who dwell on the earth.*

*11 Behold, I am coming quickly!* ***Hold fast*** *what you* ***have****,* ***that*** *no one may take your crown.*

*12 He who* **overcomes*,*** *I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God*

**Laodocia**: -lukewarm poor, blind, naked; +be zealous to **repent**, hear/**invite** fllshp w/ Christ

*3:15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.*

*16 So then, cz you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

*17 Cz you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’*

 *and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—*

*18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

*19 As many as I love, I* ***rebuke and chasten****. Therefore be* ***zealous and REPENT****.*

*20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,*

 *I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

*21 To him who* ***overcomes*** *I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,*

***as*** *I also* ***overcame*** *and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

*From Bondage Breaker sermon:* **Our Desire for Self-Preservation opens the Door to Bondage**

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*in you, whom you have from God, and* ***you are not your own****?*

*20 For you were* ***bought/purchased*** *at a price;*

 *therefore* glorify God *in your* ***body*** *and in your* ***spirit****, which* ***are God’s****.*

**III. Warfare with the resources of Christ/HS overcomes the World, Flesh, and Devil***-****Eph 6***

*(World: “If Loving you is Wrong, I don't Want to be Right” and “Torn Between 2 Lovers” -below)*

If loving you is wrong I don't wanna be right;

If being right means being without you; **I'd rather live a wrong doing life**
Your mama and daddy say it's a shame; It's a downright disgrace;

But long as I got you by my side, I don't care what your people say

Your friends tell you it's no future in loving a married man
If I can't see you when I want, I'll see you when I can,

If loving you is wrong, **I don't wanna be right** ***x2***

Am I wrong to fall so deeply in love with you,

 Knowing I got a wife and two little children depending on me too
And am I wrong to hunger for the gentleness of your touch,

 Knowing I got someone else at home who needs me just as much

And are you wrong to give your love to a married man,

And am I wrong for trying to hold on to the best thing I ever had

**I don't wanna be right**, If it means sleeping alone at night...

I don't wanna, I don't wanna, **I don't wanna never, never, never be right** - *1972 Lyrics.com*

**A. Victory over** **The World** *(faith? 1Jn 5:4)*

*1Jn 5:19 We know...the whole world lies under the* ***control*** *of the wicked one. Lk 4:4 delivered to me...*

*1Jn 2:16 all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life— is not* ***of*** *the Father but is* ***of*** *the* ***world.***

*1Jn 5:1 Whoever* ***believes*** *that Jesus is* ***the Christ*** *is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God,*

 *that we keep His commandments and His commandments are* ***not burdensome****.*

 *4 For whatever is* ***born of God overcomes the world****. (present tense)*

 *And this is the* ***victory*** *that* ***has overcome/overcomes*** *(aor-snapshot)* ***the world****—our* ***faith****.*

 *5 Who is he who* ***overcomes the world****, but he who* ***believes*** *that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Jn 16:32...you will be scattered...and will leave Me alone.

 And yet I am not alone, **because** the Father is **with** Me.

33 These things I have spoken to you, that **IN ME** you may have **peace**.

In the **world** you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome the world**.*pft!*

*2Tim 3:12 Yes, and all who desire/purpose to live* ***godly*** *in Christ Jesus will suffer* ***persecution****.*

*11...what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.*

*13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and* ***being deceived****.*

*14 But you must continue/remain in the things which you have learned and been* ***assured*** *of..*

*15...known Scriptures, which are able to make you wise* ***eis*** *salvation* ***thru faith*** *which is in Christ*

*16 All Scripture inspired by God:* ***profitable*** *for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for* ***training...***

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A1. **Embrace reality** that our citizenship is in heaven,

 and we're just sojourners here.

*Php 3:20 our citizenship is in heaven,*

 *from which we also* ***eagerly wait*** *for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ*

Jn 5:37 the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never **heard** his voice or seen him face to face, 38 and you do not have **His Word in your hearts**,

 cz you do not **believe** me-the One He sent to you.

39 You search the Scriptures cz you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me! 40 Yet you **refuse** to come to Me to receive this life. *Cf Acts 7:51 always* ***resist*** *HS as fathers did so do you*

41 Your approval means nothing to me, 42 cz I know you don't have the **love of God** within you. *(cf 1Jn 5:3 this is the* ***love of God****, we keep His commandments & His commandments are not burdensome)*

43 For I have come to you in My Father's name, and you have rejected Me.

 Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them.

44 No wonder you can't **believe**! For you gladly receive honor/**glory-doxa** from each other,

but you don't **seek**/care about the honor/**glory-doxa** that comes from the One who alone is God.

 *Heb 11:6*

A2. **Loyally love**, obey, and serve Jesus, not the transient world/mammon\* *Mt 5:8 no holy...no see*

Mt 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal/**devoted** to the one and **despise** the other. You **cannot** serve God and mammon.

**Torn Between Two Lovers**

There are times when a woman has to say what's on her mind,

 Even tho she knows how much it's gonna hurt
Before I say another word, let me tell you "I love??? you",

 Let me hold you close, and say these words as gently as I can

There's been another man that I've needed, and I've loved,

 But that doesn't mean I love you less
 And he knows he can't possess me, he knows he never will,

 There's just this empty place inside of me that only he can fill

Torn between two lovers, feeling like a fool,

 Loving both of you is **breaking all the rules** **x2**
You mustn't think you failed me just because there's someone else,

 You were the first real love I ever had
 And all the things I ever said, I swear they still are true,

 For no one else can have the part of me I gave to you

Torn between two lovers, feeling like a fool, Loving both of you is **breaking all the rules** **x2**

I couldn't really blame you if you turned and walked away,

 But with everything I feel inside, I'm asking you to stay

**Torn between two lovers, feeling like a fool,**

 **Loving both of you is breaking all the rules x3!!!**
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*1Jn 2:15* ***Do not love the world*** *or the* ***things*** *in the world. depend*

 *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is* ***not*** *in him.* {\*Mt 6:24 devoted or despised}

*16 For* ***all*** *that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*

 *—is not of the Father but is of the world.*

*17 the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the* ***will*** *of God abides forever.*

Js 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is **enmity** with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an **enemy** of God.

Gal 6:14 God forbid that I should glory, save in the **cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom/which the world is **crucified** to me, and **I to the world**. 15...new creation 16...peace & mercy/*hesed*

*CZ of that cross, my* ***interest*** *in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died. NLT*

Col 2:2 (Paul prays) that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love *aor ptcp,*

and *attaining/****eis*** all riches of *(sourced in)* the full carry/bear *(ie message)* of synthesized reasoning,

 *Heb 6:16 hope, ie reach the result*

*\* **to/eis** the e-knowledge *(ie experience)* of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,

 *experiential K shared Kgdm Blessings*

3 in Whom are hidden all the treasures of/*gen*=sourced in wisdom and knowledge.

4 Now this I say lest anyone should **deceive** you with persuasive words.

6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in *union with* Him,

 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith *f-s,*

 as you have been taught, abounding in it *dat-f-s* with thanksgiving.

2:8 Beware lest anyone **capture** you thru philosophy and empty deceit, acc to the tradition of men, acc to the basic principles of the world, and not acc to Christ.

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths

2:18 Let no one **cheat** you of your reward, taking delight in false humility...vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the **Head**, from whom all the Body,

 nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments,

 grows with the increase that is from God. *cf Eph 4*

**20 Therefore, if you died\* with Christ from the basic principles of the world,** *(cf Rm 6:3-4)*

21 **Why**, as tho living in the world, do you subject yourselves...22 which all concern things which perish... 23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and harsh treatment of the body, but are of **no value** cx the indulgence of the **flesh**. *3:1*

Rm 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him thru baptism into death\*, that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness** of life.

*5* if we have been united together in the likeness of His death\*, certainly also in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was **crucified\*** with Him,

 so that the body of sin might be **done** away with, that we should **no longer** be slaves of sin.

 Rm 8:13 For if you live acc to the flesh you will die;

 but if by the Spirit you **put to death\*** the deeds of the body, you will live.

Col 3:1 If then you were **raised** with Christ...

A3. **APP:** Col 3:1 If then *{cz you were crucified with Christ 2:20}* you were raised with Christ,

 **seek** those things which are **above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 **Set your affection** on things **above**, not on things on the earth.

3 For you **died,** and your life is hidden **with Christ** **in God**.

4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him **in glory**.

3:5 So **PUT to death**\* the sinful, earthly things lurking within you/belonging to your earthly nature. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil **desires**/longing/cravings. *5:24#*

*Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.* NLT/NIV

#5:24 Now those who are **of**/belong to Christ have **crucified the flesh**\* with its passions & **desires**

6 Cz of these things the **wrath** of God is coming upon the **sons of disobedience**

8 But now you yourselves are to **PUT off all these**\*:

anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy/slander, unwholesome/abusive/saucy language out of your mouth.

9 Do not **lie** to one another,

 since you have **PUT off the old** man with his **deeds**

 10 and have **PUT on the new** man

 who is **renewed** in/by **knowledge** acc to the image of Him who created him,

A4. Col 3:12 Thus, as the choice/elect of God, holy and beloved, **PUT on**\* compassionate mercies, beneficence, humility, meekness, longsuffering 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also **must** do.

14 above all these things **PUT on love**, which is the bond of **perfection** 15 **peace rule hearts**

15 And let the peace of God **rule/umpire** in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful. 16 Let the Word of Christ **dwell in you richly**:

 in/by all wisdom, teaching and admonishing/warn *(right mind)* one another**;**

 in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And **whatever** you do in word or deed, do **all** in the name/power/purpose of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father thru Him.

A5. We are to embrace the identity of being in the world, but not of ***(possession/source)*** the world

Jn 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own.

Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, thus the world hates you.

Phil 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always **obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work** out your own **salvation** with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who works in you both to will/desire and to do for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing *(esp re His will),*

15 so that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault

 in the midst of a crooked and perverse (crooks & perverts) generation,

 among whom you shine as lights in the world,

16 holding fast/take heed/give attention to the **Word of Life**,

 so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Jn 17:9 I pray for them. not for the world but for those whom You have given Me...

10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am **glorified in/by them**.

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep** thru/by Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I **kept** them in/by Your name.

 Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost

 except the son of perdition, that Scripture might be fulfilled

Jn 17:13 ...these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled\*pft in themselves

 \*16:24; 1Jn 1:4; 2Jn 12; Rev 3:2 works

14 I have given them Your **Word**;

 and the world has hated them because they are not **of** the world, just as I am not **of** the world

15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world,

 but that You should **keep** them from the **evil one**.

16 They are not **of** the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 **Sanctify** them by Your **Truth**. Your Word is **Truth**.

18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I **sanctify** Myself, that they also may be **sanctified by the Truth**.

A6. **Sanctification/Holiness** is a determined, purposeful obedience via HS *eis* glory *Acts 7:51 vs Phil 2*

1Pt 1:13 Therefore {in light of the coming glory v11) gird up the loins of your mind,

be **sober** *(reality-based watchfulness, prayer, and arming self w/ righteousness cx devil)*

and *rest/set* your **hope** fully *(set affections Col 3:1)* upon the grace/glory that is to be brought to you

 impv at the revelation of Jesus Christ; *(v7 salvation=praise, glory, honor to us)*

14 as **obedient** children, not **conforming** yourselves to the **former lusts**, as in your ignorance;

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy** in all your **conduct,**

16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

17 And since you call on the Father, who without partiality **judges** acc to each one’s work, **conduct** yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in **fear;**

 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold,

 from your aimless **conduct** received by tradition from your fathers,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world,

 but was manifest in these last times for you

21 who thru Him believe in God,

 who raised Him from the dead *(basis of faith)*

 and gave Him **glory**, *(baisis of hope)* so that your faith and **hope** are in God

22 Since you have purified your souls in/by **obeying the ruth** thru the Spirit

*eis* sincere **love** of the brethren, **love** one another fervently with a **pure heart**

**B. Victory over Lusts of** **The Flesh**/eyes/pride-ego requires arduous reprogramming **values**/actions

Gal 5:16-26 Fruits of **Flesh** vs HS, esp **love** (other-centeredness vs self-preservation/gratification)

Temptation of lusts of flesh and mind – [worth and value] ambition, people pleasing, ego-driven

*Eph 2:2 acc satan's world 3 we all once conducted ourselves in the* ***lusts\**** *of our flesh, fulfilling*

*the desires/****things willed*** *by the* ***flesh*** *and of the* ***mind,*** *and were by naturally children of wrath*

 \*passionate focus on deceitful desires *E4:22 Mk 4:19*

**7 Deadly Sins/Desires**: {**pride1** greed/covet2 lust3 envy4 gluttony5 wrath6 and sloth7} *versus*

**7 Virtues**: {**humility1** charity2 chastity3 gratitude/contentment4 self-control5 patience6 diligence7}

Yielding/obeying/succumbing to the **sins of the flesh** *Gal 5-Rm 6* results in guilt/shame,

 which causes us to **hide** from others, and not develop honest/transparent relationships,

 which results in hypocrisy, **deceit,** and **distrust**.

Thus there is no Biblical fellowship (*walking* ***in*** *the Light 1Jn 1:6-7* common light vs darkness)

 and no God glorifying **unity**, since were always **deceitfully** hiding in the dark

 in **fear** of being exposed, all of which lead to **disunity**

 (cx HS goal-esp self on throne, bitterness, ingratitude)

*1Cor 15:56 sin 57 But thanks be to God, who* ***gives us the victory*** *thru our Lord Jesus Christ*

*1Jn 1:9 If we* ***confess*** *our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins*

 *and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Gal 5:16 But I say, walk/****march*** *by the Spirit, and you will* ***not gratify the desires of the flesh****.*

**Fruits of the Flesh** *from* [*http://www.truthbase.net/sermons/title/****deadly-desires****-part-ii-the-****exit-named-delight-of-denial****/*](http://www.truthbase.net/sermons/title/deadly-desires-part-ii-the-exit-named-delight-of-denial/)

**Loss of Reward/Inheritance** Gal 5:19 Now the outworkings of the desire for the temporal

are obvious: self-centered gratification of needs and wants, *adultery* *flesh*

 random indulgence of impure and sexual thoughts, *porneia*

 being unfit for approaching and serving God, *uncleaness/impurity* {see Defilement below}

 self-indulgent pleasure craving, *lewdness/sensuality/wanton caprice* (WH)

20 doing what comes naturally to get what you want, *idolatry*

 seeking power and control **(security** and **significance)** apart from God's provision, *witchcraft*

 friction and hostility caused by exercising personal preferences, *hatred/contention*

 harassing or nagging until you get what you want, *discord*

 resenting someone because they have what you want, *jealousy*

getting angry or irritable or in a bad temper when things don't go your way, *outbursts of wrath*

 self-promotion at the expense of others, *selfish ambitions*

 being quick to contend with others particularly in taking sides, *factions/divisions*

 choosing what you want **independent** of Christ and His Body,

21 being **discontent**

 because you don't have something you think would contribute to your happiness, *envy*

 depriving others of their rights in order to reach your objectives, *murders*

 escaping responsibility or reality by dulling your senses, *drunkenness*

 deriving greater delight and satisfaction from things that are created rather than from the Creator, *partying/orgies*  *cf Rm 1*

and any other **self-seeking** rather than **God-glorifying** attitudes and actions, *cf 1Cor 10:31*

 of which I tell you, as I have also told you in time past,

 that they who do such things shall not **inherit** the kingdom of God.  *Cf 1Cor 6:9&10*

 *Eph 5:5, 6 +wrath*

*See also: truthbase.net/sermons/title/dangers-of-****defilement***

## **I. Defile = be made unclean or unfit** *(indistinct=common)* **for service,**

##  originally **by** contact with prohibited foods and activities,

## but now **by** embracing a set of thinking, values, and responses

###  that renders a believer indistinguishable from worldlings, ie, **unholy**.

## God doesn’t enable, use, **bless** or reward those that look just like everyone else

###  cz it’s not obvious that the person is being blessed for following Christ,

##  and cz His faithfulness, love, and justice **require** Him to discipline a person

###  in such a condition of disobedience.

## **II. Our ideas of what’s good/bad right/wrong need to be based upon God’s Revelation.**

 When we respond appropriately, we’re worshipping. *{= response to Revelation}*

G. **Wickedness**: desires and purposes contrary to God’s desires and purposes,

 influenced by demons *(Eph 6:12)* from which God will turn us *Acts 3:26* as we submit

Acts 3:23 *(Dt 18:19)* And it shall be that very soul who will **not hear** that Prophet

 shall be utterly destroyed/cut off from among the people.’

26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you,

 in/by turning away every one from **your iniquities/wickedness**.

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities,

 against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of **this age**,

 against spiritual hosts/armies of **wickedness** in the heavenly places.

*Gal 5:16 But I say, walk/****march*** *by the Spirit, and you will* ***not gratify the desires of the flesh****.*

Rm 6:11 Likewise (die to sin, life for God – as Christ) you also,

 reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. *Phil 2:13*

13 And do not **present/yield** your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin,

 - but **present/yield** yourselves to God *cf Rm 12:1-2* as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

*What we do deceives our heart (cz congruent values) which deceives our mind (depraved=no longer know)*

**By what process does a person become depraved?**

A person becomes depraved by just following the inclinations of his lower nature,

 the base desires and impulses within himself,

 and ignoring the voices of his higher nature (i.e. his conscience, mind, intellect).

In other words, a person arrives at that state by doing things he knows are wrong,

 developing habits of doing things he knows are wrong.

As time passes he becomes more and more entrenched in habits of doing wrong things,

 more and more entrenched in habits of following base impulses and desires

 *(e.g. yielding to temptations such as lust, sexual immorality, gluttony, lying, stealing, etc.)*

and descends further and further into depravity.

**How can a person keep from becoming depraved?** By listening to conscience

 and having the moral strength to resist temptation. (HS?)

If he is unsure about what is right and wrong, the Bible tells us what is right and wrong. *Solitaryroad.com*

*Rm 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are* ***in union with*** *Christ Jesus,*

 *who do* ***not walk*** *after/acc the flesh, but after/acc the Spirit.*

*4 That the* ***righteous requirements*** *of the law might be fulfilled in us,*

 *who do* ***not******walk*** *after/acc the* ***flesh****,*

 *but after/acc the* ***Spirit.*** *Phil 2:13*

 *6 For to be carnally* ***minded*** *is death;*

 *but to be spiritually* ***minded*** *is life and peace.*

*13 For if you live acc to the flesh you will* ***die****; {see: “Ain't Gonna Reign No More” truthbase.net}*

 *but if by the* ***Spirit*** *{see: “Subway Named Desire” truthbase.net}*

 *you put to* ***death*** *the deeds of the body, {“Exit Named Delight of Denial”} 1Cor 10:13*

 *you will* ***live****. way of escape*

**C. The Devil** *(cf Job; A&E Gen 3 ; Jesus Lk 4 “It is written” vs “it is not written”-satan)*

*1Pt 5:4 elders...Chief Shepherd...crown of glory 4 likewise submit yourselves to your elders...*

 *all be submissive to one another, and be clothed with* ***humility****,*

 *for “God resists the proud, but gives* ***grace*** *to the* ***humble****.”*

*6 Therefore* ***humble*** *yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time,*

 *7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

*8 Be sober, be vigilant; cz* ***your adversary the devil*** *walks about like a roaring lion,*

 *seeking whom he may devour.*

*9 Resist him, steadfast in the* ***faith****, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced …*

*10 God of all* ***grace*** *called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while...*

*Js 4:7* ***Submit*** *yourselves to God.* ***Resist*** *the devil, he will flee from you. 8 draw, cleanse, purify*

 *Ex 3:5 shoe Mt 15:8 lips hearts*

*Rm 8:35 who... tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

*36 killed...sheep 37 Yet in all these things we are* ***more than conquerors*** *thru Him who loved us*

**III. Bondage is Broken by Acting on the Truths of the Bible**

 -*From* **The Bondage Breaker** *Ch 12* by Neil Anderson

A. Name It and Claim It (Identify/Discover Ps 139:23-24, Confess Sin & Claim Forgiveness 1Jn 1:9,

 **Renounce** Lies & Practices Ac 19:17-20)

B. Choose to **Believe** and **Live** the **Truth** Jn 8:32

C. **Forgive** As You’ve Been Forgiven Mk 11:26 Eph 4:32

D. Replace Rebellion with **Submission** Rom 13:1; Eph 5:21

E. Replace Pride with **Humility** 1Pt 5:6; Phil 2:3; 2Tim 2:26

F. Replace Enslaving Habits with Freeing **Habits** Js 5:16; Rom 6:20-22; 1Pe 2:16; Gal 5:1

G. **Renounce** Any Possible Satanic Ancestral Influence Ex 20:4-5

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**1. Who Are You?** -23 Your hope for growth, meaning and fulfillment as a Christian is based on understanding who you are\*—specifically your identity\* in Christ as a child of God.

 *(and meant to be)* \**saved sinner or saint who sometimes sins*

**2. The Whole Gospel** -41 Many Christians are not living free and productive lives cz they don’t understand who they are and the dramatic change that occurred in them *when* they trusted in Christ.

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**3. See Yourself for Who You Really Are** -57 When your belief system is intact and your relationship with God is based on Truth, you will have very little trouble working out the practical aspects of daily Christianity. *(cf role of HS – Phil 2:13 to desire & do)*

**4. Something Old, Something New** -73 Despite the fact that all believers at times still live acc to the old self, like Paul, they are new persons—new in rlshp to God and new in themselves. *2Cor 5:17*

 *in union w/ JC*

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