

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for the day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that “man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, of that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (II Thes. 2:3-4).

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# THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT, WHAT IS IT? IS IT THE END TIME, OR MORE LIKE, "THE ALL TIME," DECEPTION?

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Recently I ran across an article written by Douglas Groothuis entitled, "Intercessors For America." It was published by the "Moody Monthly" in February of 1986. Even though it was written over 20 years ago it is still apropos to the ever looming problems of heresy and deception in the Christian Church today. What I would like to do is bring some light on the subject without pointing my finger at any one church or fellowship.

Let me begin by quoting some statements posed in Groothuis's article: "A self-appointed advocate states: "Broader than reform, deeper than revolution, this benign conspiracy for a new human agenda has triggered the most rapid cultural realignment in history." This woman is talking about what she calls the THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY, or as some might call it, The Age of Aquarius, i.e. The New Age of enlightenment.

"The New Age sees humanity poised on the edge of a worldwide transformation. But for individuals and society to be transformed, the modern mindset must first be radically changed. We must throw off our materialistic world view and embrace a "new consciousness." The essential idea behind this new consciousness is the "All is one," This is called "monism," meaning one."

A New Age philosopher says that in the highest state of consciousness, "all boundaries and dualisms have been transcended and all individuality dissolves into universal, undifferentiated oneness."

**Secondly**, "New age philosophy teaches pantheism, that "all is God." The Christian view of a personal God is abandoned in favor of an impersonal energy, force, or

consciousness. As in Eastern religions the New Age god is more an "IT" than a person, The "Force" of "Star Wars" fills this role."

**Thirdly**, "New Age thinking claims we all are God, whether we realize it or not. The God of the Bible is dethroned, and humans are crowned supreme. The Father in heaven is replaced by "the divine within," This is one theme in an actresses book named, OUT ON A LIMB. She writes, "Each person is a universe. If you know yourself, you know everything." Another New Age writer says, the goal is "to awaken the god who sleeps at the root of our human being."

"To New Age advocates, all religions are but different paths to the same truth: "That all is one, all is God, and we are God." Consequently, Christianity is squeezed into their mold. Christ becomes one of many mystic masters whose mission was to alert people to their own divinity. To New Age people, being born again doesn't mean spiritual rebirth through faith in Christ, but reincarnation—being born again and again in different lives to atone for one's own sins and realize one's own godhood.

**The fourth** tenet of the New Age movement tells us how. What's demanded is a "consciousness revolution"—a new way of looking at experiencing life. This may be attained through durg experiences, Eastern meditation, yoga, martial arts, hypnosis, or biofeedback. Other techniques include consciousness-raising seminars by mind control, body therapies such as rolfig, bioenergetics, and applied kinesiology.

After the change, a person supposedly realizes the perfection and unity of all things. And in mystical experience of oneness, a person's recognition of such ethical categories as good and evil evaporates.

**The fifth** underlying theme of the New Age is that as self-realized gods, we inherit the supernatural. New Age disciplines teach that, as lords of our own universe, we create our own reality by the power of our thoughts. Extrasensory perception,

telepathy, and all manner of occult experience open wide before us. The prerogatives of the God-Head are ours for the taking says many New Agers. Yet is it they that say it, or is it the author of all evil, the 'Age Old' deceiver, Satan himself?

Douglas Groothuis continues to say, "As unbiblical as these ideas may be, they are spreading through our culture like a contagious disease." I couldn't agree more.

"Despite its name, the New Age is not new. It simply echoes the essence of all spiritual error; we our own gods; we do not need God. This was the tempter's first bait (Gen. 3:5). People find New Age groups compelling for several reasons."

**First**, they offer a spiritual view of life. Unlike atheistic humanism, it emphasizes a spiritual dimension. That is, we are not just evolved apes, but potential gods. Atheism looks to reason and technology to save humanity, whereas the New Age sees human consciousness as an unlimited source of supernatural power.

**Secondly**, the New Age shakes hands with secular humanism in its belief that people have the answers within. It shouts "amen" to the ancient lie that "man" is the measure of all things."

**Thirdly**, it offers hope in time of hopelessness, countering the prophets of doom with a message of human potential and social transformation.

But the New Age is riddled with old delusions, while turning God into an impersonal energy source, it crowns feeble mankind with deity. Rather than recognizing and repenting of evil, a New Age follower attempts to transcend good and evil through a change of consciousness.

The prophet Isaiah, who watched a holy nation crumble, warned; "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil" (5:20). And Jesus taught that the problem, not the answer, lies in man's heart (Mark 7:21-23).

Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation speaks of our alienation from God and our desperate need for redemption through Christ. Those who trust in humanity will

fail; apart from God, our potential is for destruction. God's plan is to forgive us of our sin and transform us into his Son's image that we might obey him.

The intriguing snares of the occult world beckon the unwary as inhabitants of the demonic realm masquerade as nature spirits, ascended masters, and other spiritual beings willing to guide us into the broad path of the New Age.

In communicating Christ to a person enamored by the New Age, we must define our terms carefully. Many groups have perverted Christian terms by their own definitions.

We must stress the need for redemption by Christ over the idea of self-realization. We must say with Isaiah, "Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?" (Isa. 2:22).

Finally, we must not fail to love and pray for the individuals involved in this spiritual error. As we walk in the footsteps of our Lord, in reaching out to the lost, ***they may find a new consciousness of the Savior and a new age of Christian truth.***

Thank you, Mr. Groothuis for your most excellent article in which I sadly say is even more true today than when you first wrote it in 1986. What I would like to do is show why the ancient prophecies of Jesus quoted in Matthew 24 are fitting right in line with what Mr. Groothuis has written, and hopefully bring to light as to what makes the New Age lies so dangerously deceptive.

This new age thinking denies the triune God as the one absolute, and declares man as the only real absolute. "**Man** is the measure of all things, and with man all things are possible." The ancient lie is repeated, "we will find life and salvation within ourselves," apart from the one true God! They ask, "should not an age in which man is progressing so remarkably in science, technology, industry, education, and culture banish the illusion of God and give all the glory to **MAN**?"

There are statements of truth throughout, yet without Christ and His Cross, the truth becomes the lie, and man believing the lie to be the truth is doomed to spend eternity separated from his Creator. It is so subtle! Yet, the counterfeit must look and sound like the truth with an onion skin's difference. Like the serpent in the garden, Satan takes the truth and twists it into the lie.

If I looked at myself in a mirror, I would know that I, the one standing in front of the mirror, is the true living person and the mirror only a reflection of me, yet the reflection looks like the real me, but is not me. That is easy to understand, yet these New Age lies are so close to the great union truths of oneness with Christ (John 17:19-23; Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20) that if we are not kept by the Spirit of Truth, Himself, we would all be deceived. The lie and the truth are only one hair's width apart, yet it is a difference between heaven and hell. More than ever before in history we need discernment from the Holy Spirit of Truth; the Spirit of Wisdom; and of discernment which comes from Christ's very own mind. Brethren, you already have "the mind of Christ," depend on His wisdom, His understanding and His knowledge, and not your own.

Listen to what our Lord says in the book of Matthew, "If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; **believe it not**. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive** the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers; **believe it not**" (Matt. 24:23-26).

Derek Prince wrote in his book, "They shall Expel Demons" that there are two major deceptions concerning the devil: The two names are 'fear' and 'ignorance.' One twin gives Satan too much power by fearing and fighting him, while the other and opposite twin is born out of our ignorance of Satan's evil devices, therefore he is ignored completely. So the two are:--giving him power by too much attention, or giving him power by totally denying him as a reality. Either

extreme gives him permission to chew you up and have you for lunch. When all the time as heirs of the Kingdom of God, we are meant to as I John 2:13 says, "overcome the evil one."

## HOW SATAN OPERATES

Before we discuss how the sons of God, "overcome the evil one," let us first look at just what satan, "the accuser of the brethren" is, and how he operates. Jesus say of him in John 8:44 when referring to the judgmental Pharisee's, "You are of your father, the devil, and the *lusts of your father you will do*. He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth**, because there is **no truth in him**. When he speaks a lie, he speak of his own ; for **he is a liar** and the father of it." Then the Apostle John says again in Revelations 12:9, "the **great dragon** was cast out, that **old serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan, which deceives the whole world;**"

So his main agenda is to deceive or to twist the truth into a lie, and then make you believe the lie, as if it were the truth. Since he is not the Creator of reality, but only a created counterfeit, he cannot bring into being anything real and true, he then must take what God almighty has already created and twist, or tweak it into his own non-truth, and then con us into swallowing it as if it were the truth.

I have often called him "King Counterfeit." His quest from the beginning is to be like God Almighty. Satan wants to be all powerful; he wants to be lord over all creation; he wants to be believed as the truth say-er; he even wants to pose himself as the savior of the world. Yet all he can ever be is a fraud, a counterfeit, a con artist; an imitator of God; a twister of truth; masquerading as the real thing when in truth he can be nothing more than a liar, and deceiver, and when not believed, (he gets his power from us believing his lies), he is a relentless "accuser." One of Satan's strongest means of deception is through religion, that is, posing himself to be righteous and a proponent of truth, when in fact he is a only a false light filled with his own falsehoods, and ironically believing his own lies.

Why am I so emphatic about Satan's evil ways, it is simply because he has taken the precious truths that belong to the Children of God and twisted and perverted them so that when we Christians hear anything even vaguely close to sounding like a New Age truth, we throw the baby out with the bath water. Or, very slowly through the compromises of our church leaders, the world's views slip in and now, just as the New Age guru's predicted in 1986, the lie is accepted as truth while all along our holy minds are being brain washed with satanic thoughts, yet sadly so, all in the name of Jesus.

### CHRIST AND TRUE ONENESS

It was Jesus, Himself who declared in John 17:2-23 "That they all may be **one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in **oneness**. So Jesus prayed that prayer for his bodily members (you and me) to know **oneness** in the same sense that He and His father knew **oneness**, and he prayed that all important prayer to his father, right before his crucifixion.

So, oneness is not a devilish thought-up idea at all, satan happened to steal away something very precious to all believers, and that is our oneness with Christ. Paul declares in Galatians 2:20 that, "It is no longer I that lives, but Christ that lives in me, and the life I live, I live by the faith of the son of God who loves me and gave his life for me." The royal crown of the Gospel itself rest in this great declaration of faith concerning our oneness with Christ. Our oneness with Christ is what gives us authority over satan in our daily lives, so no wonder he has perverted and twisted man oneness with Christ into his own devilment.

New Age oneness doesn't have a Cross hearing Savior: it doesn't have a daily Cross where we lay down our lives for others; and it doesn't have self-sacrifice as the premise for life for others. It is Cross-less and Savior-less since we become our own saviors through our own self-empowerment. New Age oneness propagates self-centeredness, self-deification; self-realized fleshly powers, self-government and self-glorification. All these qualities of fallen man manifest because he is broken off from his dependency upon and union with the divine Will. Although, hardly realized, all these self-activities are secretly generated by the "spirit of error" which is the devil, Himself.

Years ago I heard an interview with the High Priest of the Satanic Church on the Oprah Winfrey show. He said a very startling thing. Here is a quote from the transcript: Oprah asked him, "The way you explain this (Satanism) is very much the same way a lot of people who are into metaphysics and now into the New Age movement. Is New Age thinking the same as what you are saying? The High Priest of Satan answered, "Yes, it is the same, except we Satanist have a more precise grasp of what it actually is." "I don't think that they (New Agers) quite understand the facility in themselves, that they are trying to seek out. You see a vagueness in the New Age culture, there is attribution of old religious values to pagan gods or to Mother Nature." "We Satanist believe that the responsibility for the determination of one's virtue and for the recognition of one's vices is entirely internal, within your own soul. With your own self. So we do not either excuse our behavior by saying some sort of god or devil made us do it, not do we attribute our virtue to some gift that was inculcated into us by some god." "There's not outside factor that controls our behavior. We are responsible for our own behavior and our own ethics and principles and that's what a lot of people can't accept or it's frightening to them and it's much more comforting to think that there's something out there who you can either blame or who will save you, from yourself."

Shockingly, the Satanic Priest said that unknowingly New Ager's are immature Satanist's, by worshiping their own selves.

We Christians need a fresh interpretation of how Satan gets his expressions of sin and unbelief through us. Satan needs agreement from us Christians, in order to use us as his instrument of sin and unbelief (Rom.6:12-13). He continually has that power and agreement with the unsaved, that is why they are called sinners. However, Satan deceitfully has agreement with God's Saints who unknowingly agree with him believing his lies of self-performance. When Christians rely on themselves instead of trusting in the Holy Spirit's power and the life of Christ within them.

### **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN INDEPENDENT CREATED BEING**

We Christian must first understand what creation is, and how it is meant to function. All creation is meant to contain and express the Creator in all its infinite forms of expression. All creation is created to contain, God, yet in no way be God. **Only God** Almighty can be God, and is God. All creation whether, vegetable; minimal or animal, including mankind as well as angelic beings, are dependent derivative beings and not independent from God in any way.

For **Only God** is an Independent Being; **Only God** is self-sufficient; **Only God** is self-generating; **Only God** is autonomous; **Only God** is All Powerful, **Only God** is Omni Present (present in all things, yet not the thing); and **Only God** is the One Uncreated Being that ever existed, or ever will exist. There is no other being in the whole universe that is independent from Him and His eternal purposes, including satan himself. In that since and that since alone, He is the only Self-Exiting/independent-Self in the whole Universe.

Therefore, man, devil, angel, as well as all created forms, are not and cannot be independent-self-acting-selves, only God is that. Since God created man and evidently angels to be free beings with the possibility of rebelling against His predestined plan for us, we, like the angels, took the rebellious path and fell from our first created state of being. Instead of containing God and worshiping the

Creator, we exchanged the truth for the lie and worshipped and served the creation instead of the Creator (Romans 1:25). That is true Pantheism, that is, serving and worshipping the creation instead of our Creator. Yet, hear what the verse in Romans says, "CHANGED THE TRUTH FOR THE LIE!" What truth? What lie? The truth being that only God is an independent-being! What? The created human form is not just its own self doing its own living independent from God or Satan? No! And we never will be. We are temples containing a God, but we have never been our own god. Christians were slaves to satan (Romans 6:17) before salvation and now slaves to Christ (Romans 6:18). But never been just self active selves. No! No! And million times No! That is the lie.

Where did this lie come from? Here is where we must ask the right questions-- Who is the liar?, Who is a deceiver?, and Who is Mr. King Counterfeit? Why-- It is the originator of all falsehood, Satan himself. Jesus said it, "a liar and a murderer from the beginning. What beginning? When time first came into being. There is no time in eternity. I believe time was brought into being when the eternal being Lucifer, first conceived in his heart, a deadly evil plan of rebellion against his Creator, and declared that, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High," Isa. 14:12-14. The name Lucifer means light bearer, which means to contain, bear and express light. He was the "son of the morning, an "anointed cherub," "perfect in all his ways," "til iniquity was found in him." He was lifted up in his heart because of his beauty, and "corrupted his wisdom (glory), by reason of his brightness" (Isa. 14:14; Eze. 28:14-17).

Lucifer already had it all, yet being a humble container, containing the all of God wasn't enough, he, himself wanted to be the Creator.

### **A conversation with Satan**

Bare with me as I spin an imaginary conversation with Satan. "It wasn't enough for you to contain and express God's Light and be named the number one "light bearer" in the universe, oh NO, you the dependent creature, wanted to be what only God could be. Pride was found in you. You weren't satisfied being a humble container, you said in your heart, I, the container, will be the content, I will be God. You wanted to usurp God and be the only INDEPENDENT BEING. YOU WANTED TO BE ALL-POWERFUL! YOU WANTED YOUR OWN SELF-EXISTENCE--YOU WANTED TO BE SELF-GENERATING--YOU WANTED TO BE GOD ALMIGHTY." What a joke, and what a fatal decision!

'How great is your fall O' Lucifer'. You are now the prince of darkness. You turned your glory inside out, and the light that was in you imploded into darkness, 'If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is your darkness' Matt. 6:23.

You changed the truth about your creation into the lie, and worshipped and served your own created form instead of the Creator. And the darkness that you brought into being is the Genesis of all sin and death. As Lucifer, your LIFE once had no end, because you had eternal life, but now your LIFE has ended, and now your DEATH will have no end." WHAT HELL! How is it that you could call this lie the truth, except you, yourself are self-deceived?"

Satan didn't answer me back, because what I said to him is truth, and the Liar doesn't know the truth. If he could receive it, the light of the truth would put out his darkness, and he couldn't bare that. It would make him the liar, and Jesus the truth. He would never admit to that, because he emphatically thinks that what he says and thinks, is truth.

Satan, himself is the author of the New Age, yet it is not New at all, it is as ancient as Lucifer, himself. This same lie came down in the consciousness of all us

humans at the fall. We inherited Satan's own thinking when we too rebelled against our Creator, and ate from that forbidden tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. How can a tree be KNOWLEDGE? Think about it! We ate a tree of satanic knowledge. A new knowledge came into man, the knowledge of the lie of independence. We humans through Adam's fall have inherited a Satanic consciousness and we foolishly think that we too are independent beings with our own self-sufficiencies.

However, mankind is redeemable, unlike Satan. He had a spirit/heart choice which fixed him as a devil, while mankind's choice came through a fleshly deception, and therefore not fixed in our spirits. Thank God, the promise of the "seed of the woman" preceded our deserved consequences of thrones and thistles, which Jesus was so gallantly bore as a crown of thrones on the Cross. What a redeemer! What a Savior!

Now do we see why the New Ager think that they can become God, and they think that creation is God, and they worship themselves as God, and scorn the Savior, Jesus Christ as the only "way, truth, and life" John 14:6? No one but the Savior and God, Jesus Christ could be the redeemer of mankind. He, being perfect man and God, humbled himself as the sin bearer and was made sin at the Cross, in order that man could be brought back home in oneness with God, and be made again the righteousness of Christ, (II Cor. 5:21). Hey, we humans are now the "LIGHT BEARERS." Jesus told us that, "we are the light of the world" Matt. 5:14. No wonder Satan hates us, we now bear the light that he lost due to his own foolishness.

Actually the whole mystery of the Gospel is that the savor lives in us, for the Bible says, the Christ in us is our only hope of glory (Colossians 1:27. Hey, God made right, what Satan stole away. We have always been God's dwelling place, we were just stolen property, bought back by the Cross of Calvary.

Now, look what we Christians have inherited in Christ. We are organically a new race of being (II Cor. 5:17); we have a new identity (Galatians 2:20); we contain Christ's own righteousness (Romans 3:22); His contain His victory over Satan (Heb. 2:14-15); we contain His peace, joy, love, long-suffering (Galatians 5:22); we contain Christ's own mind (I Cor. 2:16); We have His wisdom, sanctification and redemption (I Cor. 1:30); we live by His faith (Galatians 2:20b), and the best of all, which sums it all up—Christ is our LIFE (Colossians 3:3-4). He is not just apart of our life, He is it. Actually, Christ is all and in all believers (Colossians 3:11), for we are a bodily form of Christ himself (Eph.5:30). Since this is the truth concerning us Christians, then can you see why satan wants us to be ignorant of our God given identity and authority?

How can we believers be so foolish as to still think that we the human should have our own power, our own life, our own goodness, our own good works, our own efforts in service our God? Since Jesus Christ is the only life in us, and the Bible says that "we are dead," and Christ is your life,(Col.3:3), then how can a dead person possibly serve Christ by his own self-effort? Isn't that still thinking a little New Agy. Didn't Christ, himself show us that he lived by another's life, and not of his own? "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwellest in me, he doeth the works (John 14:10). Proof enough for me.

The New Age movement says that humans have the power in themselves, they say that the human container is God. But aren't we Christians saying the same thing when we also are believing in our own fleshly self-sufficiency's instead of believing in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us? Yes, the New Age says there is "divinity within," I told you that the lie sounds very much like the truth, didn't I? II Peter 1:3-4 says that we Christians have within us divine power which gives us all things pertaining unto life and godliness, Whereby, we are given precious promises that as we take these promises by faith, we might be partaker of a divine nature.

Now be not confused, we humans are the container, Christ is the content, big difference—we are not saying that our created human form is God, New Agers are saying that-- we are saying that Jesus Christ is living within us and he is the power, He is the life, and He is the wisdom. All worship and praise goes to Him, not us. Now this is the right order—Jesus, the only power and life living in a weak human vessel, expressing Himself through a dependent human branch, and loving others through us, his bodily temple. All creation got turned around to the right order by Christ at the Cross. The creation takes its rightful place as humble container, and Jesus gets worshipped and praised as our Lord, our God, and our only source of ETERNAL LIFE.

Now there is another point that needs to be looked at, and that is the great deceptions that our churches are falling into, and that is what many call, "Universalism," or another term for it is "Ultimate Reconciliation." I have written extensively on the subject in a booklet called, "There Must Be Heresies Among You." You can find it In our Liberating Secret web-site bookstore.

However, basically it is the idea that every person whether they are righteous or unrighteous, will eventually be saved, because a loving God wouldn't want anyone to perish. Sounds like a good thing and, these days, it seems politically correct, however it is NOT, and I repeat, new age teaching is not "Biblically correct". Oh, yes, the devil can quote scriptures too—Hey, Jesus, himself preached more about hell than any other New Testament preacher including Paul. C.S. Lewis rightly declared that Jesus was "either a liar, a lunatic, or the Son of God." There is nothing in between.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father, but by me" John 14:6. And Luke said in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." No other name has the authority won at Calvary, but Jesus who is made Lord of all creation, for by his gained intercession He is able to save us to

the uttermost them who come unto God by him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" Heb. 7:25. Now are we Christians suppose believe that Jesus is equal with all the other so called saviors and gurus of the world? **Preposterous!**

My friend told me the other day that he heard a well known church leader say, "It is in the name of Jehovah, Ali, Higher Power, or Jesus whereby man shall be saved." Blasphemy! Yet it is creeping into even our main line churches.

You might ask, how do we keep from falling into these deceptions? You can't keep yourself, do you see, that is believing in human ability again--Christ keeps you. Put your trust in the Holy Spirit of truth with you to guide you into all truth, and praise Jesus for his "keeping Power"—it is far greater than any of Satan's attacks. Know what Jude verse 24 says, "Now unto **HIM** that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." I love Ron Block's song entitled "I'm not hanging on to Jesus, He is hanging on to me."

I asked the question at the beginning of this message, "How do we Christians overcome the evil one?. So, then how do we overcome the evil one and get victory in our daily lives? Revelation 12:11 tells us how. "They overcome him by the blood of the lamb, and the word of their testimony and they loved now their lives unto death." Jesus also said, "Whatsoever you say, you shall have" (Mark 11:23).

Let me ask. What is your word concerning your identity? Who do you say that you are? What is your testimony, or confession? Do you think of yourself separate from Christ, and you think that you are expected to fight Satan when he attacks. Are you fighting Satan? You will lose every time if you fight Satan, because you are using "carnal weapons." Why do I say, "carnal weapons?" As long as we Christians are fighting Satan's attacks by our own strength we are using fleshly warfare. But,

if the “weapons of your warfare” are Spiritual you can know that **the power is in the finished work of the Cross** (I Cor. 1:18), and power of your testimony will be: “Christ, you are my life, **you** handle Satan’s pulls, I do not have the power to resist evil whenever it comes. I am only a weak vessel, but praise the Lord you are the life dwelling within me. I’m not just me, I am joined to you—You are the “new me” Romans 6:6 (NAS). And the blood of your Cross has already overcome Satan, so you, Lord, do it, and I will confess that it is already finished. I will identify myself with the devil’s lies no more, I will believe you when you say that by your Cross, “I am whole complete lacking nothing” James 1:4.

It’s as simple as that. It is not by striving to become, it is resting and being. It is all by faith! It is through the power of the Cross, that Christ has already overcome the flesh (Gal. 5:24), the devil (Heb. 2:14) and the world (Gal 6:14). Rest in His victory, shout the victors cry, and laugh at the impossible. There will be a battle, the devil doesn’t give up easily. Remember, it is “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of host” Zach.4:6.

Be of good cheer, in Christ you have overcome the flesh, devil and the world, too. Oh yes, there is one condition, it is yours only if you believe it. **You simply affirm, and God will confirm.** Heirs of the Kingdom die to achieving and live by receiving.

Dare to believe, dare to take a leap of faith, dare to discover your new liberated life in Christ, by knowing that you no longer live, but it is Christ who live **as** you. WHO ME??? YES YOU!!

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