

Spiritual Warfare

Article 1

By God within (Jesus Christ) we cast out or expel from our or another's being that which is not God-like. If you find within your heart a thought of sin or selfishness, by the use of the Spirit of God within you, you cast that thing out as unworthy of a child of God, and you put it away from you.

Beloved, we should do this with our own bodies. When sickness or the suggestion of sickness is present with us, we must cast it out as evil; it is not of God. Dominate it! Don't let Satan dominate you. Put it out! It is not honoring to Jesus Christ that sickness should possess us. We do not want disease, so don't accept it. We want to be like Jesus. We are in him and he is in us.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world". 1 John 4:4

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit". 1 John 4:13

"Whosoever will confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believe that love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:15-16

"Jesus said, "I said ye are gods" John 10:34

It is with the attitude of heart that we are in Jesus Christ and He manifests himself in the flesh through us to the world. This the life of a follower of Christ.

Evil is real. The devil is real. He was a real angel. Pride changed his nature. God is real. The operation of God within our heart changes our very nature until we are new in Christ Jesus, new creatures in Christ Jesus. The power of God, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of dominion. It makes us the representatives of Christ. **It does not make us God Himself but it does make us Christ-bearers. It makes us not subject to the forces of the world, or the flesh or the devil.**

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13

*"If ye shall ask anything in my name, **I will do it.**" John 14:14*

The forces of the world, or the flesh, or the devil are all under the followers of Christ feet. All the power resides in the name, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

Each of us in our own strength, our own intellect are no match for the world, the flesh or the devil.

It is all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Beloved, God wants us to come, to stay, and to live in that abiding place which is the estate of the followers of Christ. This is the secret place of the Most High, in Christ Jesus. This is the secret place. Praise God!

The Word of God gives us the key. It says "That wicked one toucheth him not" 1 John 5:18. When the Spirit of God radiated from the man Jesus. Satan could not get close to Christ, he had to speak to him from a distance. The Spirit of God is as destructive of evil as it is creative of good. It was impossible for the evil one to come near Him.

It is the same with the followers of Christ. It is not only in our Spirit that we need to be rid of sin, not only in our soul that we are to be pure but also our body to be held blameless. It is God in our all in all. **It is just God that we need.**

The complaint of the devil concerning Job was: "Hast thou not made a hedge about him?" Job 1:10. He was not able to get through that hedge to touch the man. Do you know that the radiation of the Spirit of God around the Lord Jesus was His safeguard? The artists paint a halo around the head of Jesus. They might just as well put it around His whole body because the radiation of the Spirit of God is from all of the being.

The Spirit of God radiates from the follower of Christ because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and makes them impregnable to any touch or contact of evil forces. We are subjective forces. The Spirit of God radiates from the follower of Christ as long as their faith in God is active.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world... even our faith." 1 John 5:4

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:5

The reason people become sick is the same reason that they become sinful. This doesn't mean they decided one day to go out and commit every infraction against the Holy Spirit they can think of. It means they surrender to the suggestion of the thing that is evil, and it takes possession of their heart.

Sickness is just the same. There is no difference. The suggestion of oppression is presented, and becoming frightened, the disease secures a foothold. "In the name of Jesus Christ I refuse to accept this thing".

*"Behold I give you power ... over **all** the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:9*

So the prayer of the apostle comes to us with a fresh understanding.

"I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless [without corruption, defilement] unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it". 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts His Spirit bears witness with our spirit. But we must also give our mind and body. Any area of our life that is not fully surrendered to the obedience of Jesus Christ is a target for Satan, our adversary who goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Father in the Name of Jesus Christ help us Lord to give you our mind and our body; no longer relying on our own intellect which is so inferior to yours. Teach us Lord to be true followers of you and to go about like Christ doing good and preaching the gospel. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.