

"Sin Cannot Be Subdued In Any Other Way"

"The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God."
Galatians 2:20

There is no way except by being spiritually immersed into Christ's death and life—that we can ever get a victory over our besetting sins. If, on the one hand, we have a view of a suffering Christ, and thus become immersed into His sufferings and death—the feeling, while it lasts, will subdue the power of sin. Or, on the other hand, if we get a believing view of a risen Christ, and receive supplies of grace out of His fullness—that will lift us above sin's dominion.

If sin is powerfully working in us, we need one of these two things to subdue it. When there is a view of the sufferings and sorrows, agonies and death of the Son of God, power comes down to the soul in its struggles against sin and gives it a measure of holy resistance and subduing strength against it. So, when there is a coming in of the grace and love of Christ—it lifts up the soul from the love and power of sin into a purer and holier atmosphere.

Sin cannot be subdued in any other way. You must either be immersed into Christ's sufferings and death—or you must be immersed into Christ's resurrection and life. A sight of Him as a suffering God—or a view of Him as a risen Jesus—must be connected with every successful attempt to get the victory over sin, death, hell, and the grave. You may strive, vow, and repent—and what does it all amount to? You sink deeper and deeper into sin than before. Pride, lust, and covetousness come in like a flood—and you are swamped and carried away almost before you are aware! But if you get a view of a suffering Christ, or of a risen Christ—if you get a taste of His dying love—a drop of His atoning blood—or any manifestation of His beauty and blessedness—there comes from this spiritual immersion into His death or His life a subduing power—and this gives a victory over temptation and sin which nothing else can or will give.

Yet I believe we are often many years learning this divine secret—striving to repent and reform, and cannot—until at last by divine teaching we come to learn a little of what the Apostle meant when he said, "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." And when we can get into this life of faith—this hidden life, then our affections are set on things above. There is no use setting to work by 'legal strivings'—they only plunge you deeper in the ditch. You must get Christ into your soul by the power of God—and then He will subdue—by His smiles, blood, love, and presence—every internal foe.

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Call To Worship

Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood;
Hear and sing, ye sons of God;
Justice satisfied indeed;
Christ has full atonement made.

Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet;
Here all Deity can meet,
And, without a jarring voice,
Welcome Zion to rejoice.

Should the law against her roar,
Jesus' blood still speaks with power,
"All her debts were cast on me,
And she must and shall go free."

Peace of conscience, peace with God,
We obtain through Jesus' blood;
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest;
WE BELIEVE, AND WE ARE BLEST.

(Words by William Gadsby)
(Tune: "Depth Of Mercy", pg.233)

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Judy Ward; Cindy Brantly; Emily Dubose;
Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams; Lydia Headrick

"OUR SINS WHEN LAID UPON CHRIST WERE YET PERSONALLY OURS, NOT HIS; so His righteousness when put upon us is yet personally His, not ours. What is it then? Why? "*He was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*" **2 Cor. 5:21**

It is therefore a justifying virtue **ONLY BY IMPUTATION**, or as God reckoneth it to us; even as our sins made the Lord Jesus a sinner -nay, sin, **BY GOD'S RECKONING OF THEM TO HIM.**

It is absolutely necessary that this be known of us; for if the understanding be muddy as to this, it is impossible that such should be sound in the faith."**(John Bunyan)**

Happy Anniversary This Week:

Donald and Brenda Kay Richardson - **June 26**
Aub and Sheri Ward - **June 27**

Happy Birthday This Week:

Haley Taylor - **June 27**

From William Mason's "Evening Thought'

"Lacked ye any thing? And they said, nothing." Luke 22:35.

Precious words to me! One is unwilling to speak of oneself. There is danger of pride and self-seeking in it. Yet, with a view to our Lord's glory, a sincere desire to exalt his grace and goodness, and to encourage fellow Christians' confidence therein, a poor sinner may speak of his experience. With tears of thankfulness, I record the goodness of my Lord to the chief of sinners. Upwards of twenty years ago, when it pleased him to call me by his grace, and make me happy in his love, my name was cast out—friends became foes—their hands were against me—they withdrew their favours from me, and derided me. Under narrow circumstances, tender feelings for a large family, carnal reasonings of my corrupt nature, and strong temptations from the enemy, I was often sore distressed. But my Lord was gracious. Many, and many a time, did he bring this text to my mind; and, as it were, with all love and tenderness, asked me, Lackedst thou any thing? I was constrained with gratitude to reply, nothing, Lord. Christ is a most precious master to serve! I have proved it. O! trust the Lord, ye his saints: for they who trust him lack nothing. So these disciples found it, though sent out in want of every thing. The hearts of all men are in the Lord's hands. He will open them, to administer to the wants of his people. O for stronger faith in him, greater love to him, and more ardent desires to please him. We have here a reproof; against all that care and anxiety about the things of this life, which so often distress our minds. What shall we say to the spirit and conduct of many professors? They have all the same anxious cares and solicitous concerns about the world, which the men of it have. But Christ charges us, "Take no thought for your life, neither be doubtful of mind," etc. (Luke 12:22, 29.) Do they act as if they ever heard, or give the least credit to Christ? O! say they, we must do our duty, and provide for our families. God forbid any Christian should neglect this! But must we therefore act like those who know not God? Plainly, such will be rich. They are anxious to get a fortune: they want to be independent. Of whom? Of God. Start not! This spirit works in us all. Over some it prevails. They do not like to live so dependent on God, as every day to come to him with, "Give us this day our daily bread." O! there is more atheism and infidelity in the pursuit of such than they are aware of. How many have forsaken Christ for the love of the world! They who will be rich, fall into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in perdition. (1 Tim. 6:9.) "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul." Lam. 3:24.