

The Ongoing Battle

1) There is a battle for your soul if you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour

* Too many try to clean up on their own, but without Christ it is worthless...

Phi 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

The Bible says that you must be a new creature...

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You become a new creature by the operation of God...

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

How do you receive this operation?

You have to be willing to turn from your sin to God...

Act 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

You have to call upon Him...

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Bible teaches that there is a great celebration in Heaven each time this operation is performed...Why?..Because one more soul has been won in the battle....

Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Reasons why people lose their soul....

1) Blinded by the God of this world

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2) Want to hold onto sin

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

3) Looking for truth in the wrong place

Psa 36:9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

4) Don't want to face the truth

Isa 30:9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD:

Isa 30:10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

**The only way to be clean is to turn from darkness to light....

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2) For Your Service

* Satan can never have your soul so he does everything in his power after you are saved to fight for your service...We can still serve sin after we are saved....

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

How does this happen? Because after you are saved you have two natures....Two fighting for control of your life within you...You now have the flesh and the Spirit to contend with and they are at odds with each other....

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The one you yield to determines the outcome of the battle...

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

God always gives you a way out...You don't have to say yes to sin...

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

The greatest Christian in the Bible (Paul) said he fought with the flesh all the time...

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

We must keep in mind that we can't serve both the flesh and the Spirit..The Bible is clear on this issue...

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

3) You have to realize the problem and be ready for battle

1) Realize that Satan only has three offensive weapons to use against you...

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

A) The Lust Of The Flesh

1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

Pro 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

B) The Lust Of The Eyes

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Psa 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

Num 33:52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

C) The Pride Of Life

Pro 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

Pro 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

2) Realize you have a besetting sin

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

When you realize which sin it is that gives you the most trouble, stay away from it...

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts *thereof*.

Any activity that you have to stop and question, just don't do it! Don't presume anything...

Psa 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SIN

A) Sin Will Age You

Psa 39:11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

Psa 31:10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

Psa 32:3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

B) When You Turn From Sin, They Will Turn On You

Psa 35:7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

Psa 35:8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

Psa 35:11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

Psa 35:12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.

Psa 38:20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.

C) Will Set Traps For You

Psa 31:4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

Psa 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

Psa 25:15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

D) Sin Will Deceive You

Sin will lead you to believe that all those that seem to be doing well have no repercussions for their actions...

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

How do they get away with it?...Why hasn't God done anything to them? They are not part of the family...

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Those that are not His only enjoy the briefness of this life for a season...

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

YOU CAN WIN THE BATTLE....

Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

