

Part 3 Fight like a Christian... the power Within! The Holy Spirit...we continue our study on How to fight like a Christian...we have spent two Sunday's Studying the Words! Our power comes believing the truth, which combats the lies of the enemy ...**God has equipped to win in the war of the Spirit worldfor our battle is not against flesh and blood...**

Eph 6: 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
NLT

- **SATAN'S... great weapon is the lie...in order to lie one must know the truth...and that is what makes him so dangerous...he intentionally deceives....**

When condemning the Religious for their hypocrisy...Jesus reveals this tactic...

*John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires He was **a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!*

- **The author of the lie becomes the father...and we are led astray by his lying words...**
- interesting "**from the beginning**" **start of this creation...** still doing it today!! doing what murdering, lying ...started with Eve
- **it is what led the world astray... They meaning humans in general...after that including you and me**

So lets take a look at this particular former Angelic being...

2 Corinthians 11:14 ...for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

*****The prophet Ezekiel gives us a fuller picture... verse 1-10 describe a human leader of this nation which warred with Israel...verse 11 changes and speaks of the supernatural power behind this natural power**

*EZE 28:11 The word of the LORD came to me: ¹² "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: " `You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom (in a good way) and perfect in beauty. ^{EZE 28:13} You were in Eden, the garden of God; (before man) every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ^{EZE 28:14} You were anointed as a **guardian cherub, (a protector not of God ..who needs no protection but of people for they are less than you!!)** for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. (you walked in closet proximity to the throne of God) ^{EZE 28:15} You were (scrupulous or pure) in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. (something changed)*

- **He was of the highest created beings, perfect in beauty, full of wisdom, shining in splendor...it became his undoing..**

*****His Fall at some point things changed in his heart..**

EZE 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, (He was beautiful) and you corrupted your wisdom (wisdom in a bad

way...crafty) because of your splendor. (Means in Hebrew shining)...you were a radiant being...

***** The question is...Why... Did He become Proud?**

- **Did he not want to serve God...by serving a being lower than himself???**

PS 8:4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? ⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.....

- **Human beings were made lower ...not less than but of lower capabilities than angels...but they have been crowned with their own type of Glory (way to shine) and their own type of honor...image bearer of God!**
- **The these higher Angels were to serve them...**

HEB 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

- **That would include Satan.. for it is a principle of God...the greater serves the lesser...the stronger serves the weaker...the have serve the have not's..the powerful serve the powerless...**
- **He would have none of it!!**

*****What he Did Ezek 28:16 A**

EZE 28:16 Through your widespread trade (enticed angels to go with him, trades in lies and deception) you were filled with violence, (Warred against angels) and you sinned. ...(fell short of your call)

***** The Result...He was expelled from the presence of God... What Happened Ezek 28:16B**

REV 12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

*****What is His plan? God gave it to us...through the Prophet Isaiah**

*ISA 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down (*forced out*) to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ^{ISA 14:13} You said in your heart, **"I will** ascend to heavens; **I will** raise my throne above the stars of God; **I will** sit enthroned (*place my throne*) on the mount of assembly, (*all those assembled angels ,human, even God*) on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. ^{ISA 14:14} **I will** ascend above the tops of the clouds; (*this is where he operates today as we will see but he want to be in the place of God*) **I will** make myself like the Most High."*

It appears he wanted the place of Jesus! For he knew him in preincarnate form...

*****Where he rules today..he influences the world's operation ...to deceive people from serving God to serving him...using people to achieve his goals draw away from Jesus!**

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who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

- **We followed (Kata) forced to walk in the way of the devil believing lies... leading to disobedience to God...which leads to a life of sin... which dooms us to wrath**
- **And like Satan we were under judgment as pawns of the enemy...just as he is under judgment for rebelling against God... already dead ie..separated from God...**
 - **But God loved us to much to leave us that way... His love for us rescued us!!**

Eph 2: 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ (Spiritually alive permantely with a resurrection)even when we were dead in transgressions (He did this while we were still dead)—it is by grace(undeserved love) you have been saved (healed). ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus... (Higher than Satan to the heavens)

¹⁹ *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.....*

- **and he seals the deal himself...**

Listen... Eph 1: 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.... ...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Upon entrance into Salvation...you were placed **in Christ...** lets look at this... you a Glass ...having believed...you were put in Christ... and sealed by the Holy Spirit

What does a seal mean?... **First A seal pictures absolute ownership.**

- The ancients would put their seal on animals and even slaves to prove ownership. In fact the branding of animals is thought to have begun as early as 2000BC and the branding of cattle and horses is still done today.
- The same idea is embodied in copyrights. The words “all rights reserved” means that only the copyright holder is entitled to the benefits of the sale of the published material.
- The indwelling Holy Spirit seal us to Christ that we belong to Him. **Sealing also pictures authenticity...**
- A seal attests to the authenticity of a signature...as a signature proves the genuineness of a letter...
- the indwelling Holy Spirit proves that the believer is genuine.

The third picture sealing represents is Assurance...

- the seal is the assurance that the contents are protected and secure
- Today we send registered letters needing a signature to receive and open the seal of the envelope it is sent in...as a means to secure the contents...
- The Holy Spirit guarantees us to be delivered to Heaven...aka postage stamp
- Therefore He guarantees to take us through whatever we are going through to get us there...there is no easier softer way...He is God..

But there is more...Not only does he get us home He is with us on this earth journey...We have living ongoing Relationship with the Holy Spirit..

Romans 8:26 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

• ***He also teaches us and empowers us..***

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

****** Now The Devil has a great flaw...he is without the Holy Spirit in him therefore lacks the Holy Spirit's guidance and power it is our ace in the hole!!**

NLT 1 Cor2:10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. ¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Because the Holy Spirit gives gifts spiritual power, Wisdom, understanding and gifts....and produces fruit in our lives ...which cannot be produced without him!! we possess great weapons !!!

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

- **You know what this means? It means we can only overcome the passions and desires that war against us by the power of the Holy Spirit....producing life giving fruit in us!**
- **Two since we have a spiritual enemy who wars against us ..we now have the power to overcome him....**
- **which means ...these are probably our best weapons against him!!**
- **He has no patience...when you are patient...you will outlast him**
- **He has no love...when you love he can't take it!!**
- **He has no self control...and tries to talk you out of it too! that's how you know it is him...his way is always indulge!**
- **He has no Joy! that is why Joy is our strength...He loves misery and tries to get us to indulge**
- **He is not kind, good or faithful...these defeat his intentions...**
- **That is what resisting the devil is all about....the fruit has nothing to do with law or rules...it has to do with relationship with the Holy Spirit!!**
 - **Our submitting to him...growing fruit...is our resistance to the devil and he will flee**

You may suffered setbacks of every kind...these aren't setbacks...there regrouping...

- **Our disappointments are instructional... Our failures were not final...Merely stop signs... delays and obstacles...**
- **And that they will prove to be strategically necessary!!**
- **For through them they would learn some of life's greatest war weapons... such as Faith, patience perseverance and hope...long suffering**
 - **We come to see defeats as the avenue for change in direction...**

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We are more than conquerors of anything the enemy throw at us...

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

And we have the Holy Spirit who has been given to overcome all the attacks of the enemy!! His words and crafty wisdom.. The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth...

what do we do in the battles...we learn to stand in our position and throw Holy Spirit fruit at the enemy!!

- 1. in our battles we learn..to pray through doubt until we hit faith**
- 2. in our battles we learn...to overcome evil with good..**
- 3. in our battles we learn...to persevere, and keep on marching**
- 4. in our battles we learn...to be strong in Him..not in our selves**
- 5. in our battles we learn...to stand firm..when we want to quit**
- 6. in our battles we learn...to be victorious through prayer air strikes..**
- 7. in our battles we learn...to war against that which wars against us**
- 8. in our battles we learn...to walk out our talk**
- 9. in our battles we learn... to grow in compassion for others who are struggling in their own battles**
- 10. in our battles we learn..to conquer that which previously conquered us..fears, substances, pride...**
- 11. in our battles we learn...to trust the character of God, when we don't understand his ways**
- 12. in our battles we learn...that we will win!**
- 13. So we can and should run to our humble God when in need...**
- 14. In our battles we to to cry out for more of the Holy Spirit!!**

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Eph 2:7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

NLT 1 Cor2:13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. ¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

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***How does the enemy control humans??....

- **In Fact Love is our major weapon!!...**

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love **never fails**. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

- **love is to powerful for Him..it is of God!!**
- **even gifts will go...but love never fails!!**

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- **Jesus work on earth...1st Destroy what Satan is trying to do ...2nd draw men to myself...to God to restore them to their designed place!!!**

*JN 3: 8 He who **does** what is sinful is of the *devil*, because the *devil* has been sinning from the beginning. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.**

*JN 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world (this corrupted system); now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, *will draw all men to myself.*"*

- A. The Holy Spirit lives in me...and if he lives in me I should experience him... and experience him more than only a doctrine in the Bible...more than Just words on a page...but a real living relationship...that has communication and interaction!**

*EPH 4: 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom *you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

- **we can make him mourn and suffer...!!**

*LK 4:5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor (*your own shining from me*); it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. (*Adam handed to me by**

rejecting God...I as a higher being took control ...though the devil never owns it...) ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

- **If you serve me it is yours!! you will be fulfilled...**

⁸ *Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”*

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not only a liar but disguises himself

... Job 38:1-6 God speaking to Job when job has questioned the integrity of God concerning his plan and reason for allowing Job to go through all the troubles he had. after many chapters God responds...

*JOB 38: 38 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ² “Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³ **Brace yourself like a man**; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴ “**Where were you** when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, **if you understand**. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—*

Job where were the humans when I did all this? the answer not yet created...So you have no idea of that which you speak...for I made the planet and all the universes with a plan for you to inhabit them...I surely know what I am doing in your one little life..

*****However the angels were There at that time for the very next verse in Job...Says...**

JOB 38:7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

- **Imagine the angels watching what God is doing and giving him great glory for his abilities and skills...being full of Joy...and to this day they continue to watch And to this day they continue to watch and serve... apparently Satan sang also...apparently pleased with the work of God...**
- **Apparently Morning Star is a designation of certain angels..of which Satan is called one..For he is later called one of them..**

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- **Because of this love... Jesus came and rescued...how? by making dead people live again...what is the only healing for someone dead? life!!!!....**
 - **And making us alive he has positioned us and we have been seated...in the heavenlies... higher than the Demonic...making us able to deal with our earthly experiences...with Spirit power!!!**
 - **we have been given every heavenly blessing to deal with every earthly problem....and our spiritual enemy...**
 - **So we are able to overcome him...though we wrestle with him...close personal fighting,,,**
- A. First A seal pictures absolute ownership The Holy Spirit is a down payment...that is what deposit means...and He guarantees...our inheritance...an inheritance is something that has been kept for you until you are ready to receive it...**
- B.the difference is we receive our inheritance after we die....for Christ has already died and secured our heavenly inheritance...which will come into our possession after we die...**
- C. but not fully until all have been redeemed...and the new heaven and new earth is established...and our earthly bodies are resurrected!!**
- D. We are guaranteed to get home safe**

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We are fighting for the people of our home earth!!! while we fight our way to the throne of God in the heavenlies!!!!!!

But that is not all... In War there are casualties...and death... Some do not make it home safely!! But not so in the Kingdom of God...Even the severely wounded Get Home!!! ^{Eph 6:10} **Finally, be strong**

in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand... **What does verse 13 mean...**

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Lets look at this...in a practical Way....

- **Before Jesus we lived in the earthly realm... and operated Dead spiritually...which means absolutely no power to deal with the Spiritual...**
- **Yet our enemy was Spiritual and could exercise that realm in warring against us in the natural...we were hopelessly outgunned ...therefore defeated and under his control...and on a personal level operated only by our flesh nature...**
- **Among other powers he had Air superiority**
- **Get two volunteers...**
 - 1. walk around on the floor of the Sanctuary...us earthlings**
 - 2. the enemy operated in the air...or supernatural above us...greater firepower...**
 - 3. He is a stronger/higher being...with air superiority... until we became citizens of a stronger Kingdom! thereby accessing the Air support of that Kingdom...**
 - A. and our realm is now seated with Christ in the Heavens...Get a chair on the stage...put the person on the floor ...on that stage on the ladder.....above the enemy...**
- **we are now higher Spiritual beings then the enemy...because we have God!**
- **while still being earth dwellers!!**
- **another volunteer on a ladder...**

1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome **them**, because **the** one who is in you is greater than **the** one who is in **the world**.

So as we live we gain territory ...ie souls, and when we die we win!

2 cor1: ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the

glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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2 Cor 10: ³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

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In Genesis chapter three we are introduced to this being...

Gen 3:3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.....

- **two things we are told about him in this verse... the first... He is referred to as a Serpent...this is a figure of speech...it is not what he looked like but refers to his character...**

As 2 Corinthians 11:14 describes him...as an angel

- **Just as he is referred to a serpent in:**

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

- **The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" in Genesis 3:1 is *Nachash* (from the root *Nachash*, to shine, and means a shining one. Hence, in Chaldee it means *brass* or *copper*, because of its *shining*.**

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- **1) we like Adam and Eve believe what the enemy says so we follow him...**
- **2)we fall for the lie...that what the world offers is better...than what God offers...so we chase after it ...only to be disillusioned..**
- **3) we fulfill the desires of our flesh nature in that which is destructive to us, believing the lie it is beneficial to us...**
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children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

⁷ Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. ⁸ But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. ¹⁰ So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. ¹¹ This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

- Jesus appeared to destroy the work of the devil...
- There is a real personal devil...his work is to
- **“Destroy” does not mean annihilate ...we see the enemy still at work today...it means to render inoperative...or to rob it's power...**
- Once a person is a child of God...the power of the enemy is greatly decreased and hindered ...
- when it comes to controlling and influencing our lives to act in defiance to God...it has not the power it once wielded

Paul expounds on it this way...

- **But God loved us to much to leave us that way... His love for us rescued us!!**

Eph 2: ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ (Spiritually alive permantely rwith a resurrection)even when we were dead in transgressions (He did this while we were still dead)—it is by grace(undeserved love) you have been saved (healed). ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus... (Higher than Satan to the heavens) ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household...

- **Because of this love... Jesus came and rescued...how? by making dead people live again...what is the only healing for someone dead? life!!!!....**

- And making us alive he has positioned us and we have been seated...in the heavenlies... higher than the Demonic...making us able to deal with our earthly experiences...with Spirit power!!!
- we have been given every heavenly blessing to deal with every earthly problem....and our spiritual enemy...

Lets look at this...in a practical Way....

- Before Jesus we lived in the earthly realm... and operated Dead spiritually...which means absolutely no power to deal with the Spiritual...
- Yet our enemy was Spiritual and could exercise that realm in warring against us in the natural...we were hopelessly outgunned ...therefore defeated and under his control...and on a personal level operated only by our flesh nature...
- Among other powers he had Air superiority
- **Get two volunteers...**
- 4. walk around on the floor of the Sanctuary...us earthlings
- 5. the enemy operated in the air...or supernatural above us...greater firepower...
- 6. He is a stronger/higher being...with air superiority... until we became citizens of a stronger Kingdom! thereby accessing the Air support of that Kingdom...
- B.and our realm is now seated with Christ in the Heavenlies...Get a chair on the stage...put the person on the floor ...on that stage on the ladder.....above the enemy...**

*1 John 5:18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot **harm** them.*

- His lies do not harm us, by making us continue to believe his lies to disobey God word and believe his word
- John 17: ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.
- we are now higher Spiritual beings then the enemy...because we have God! ...while still being earth dwellers!!
- another volunteer on a ladder...
- So we are able to overcome him...though we wrestle with him...close personal fighting,,,

Eph 6:10 **Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.** ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand...

What does verse 13 mean...

- **it is our position that enables us to overcomeTo stand means to confront from a position...stand in your higher ground and fight from there...**
- **The word Stand means to take your position and hold it!!**
- **we have the high ground...the greater position and therefore the greater power..**
- **His Word is our Sword!!! wield it!!**
- **Prayer is our long distance canons...fire them**

- obedience keeps our advancing steady!!! stop wandering all around...

But that is not all... In War there are casualties...and death... Some do not make it home safely!! But not so in the Kingdom of God...Even the severely wounded Get Home!!!

Listen... Eph 1: 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.... ...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

E. First A seal pictures absolute ownership The Holy Spirit is a down payment...that is what deposit means...and He guarantees...our inheritance...an inheritance is something that has been kept for you until you are ready to receive it...

F. the difference is we receive our inheritance after we die....for Christ has already died and secured our heavenly inheritance...which will come into our possession after we die...

G. but not fully until all have been redeemed...and the new heaven and new earth is established...and our earthly bodies are resurrected!!

H. We are guaranteed to get home safe

We are fighting for the people of our home earth!!! while we fight our way to the throne of God in the heavenlies!!!!!!

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so as

end

Upon entrance into Salvation...you were placed **in Christ...**

A. lets look at this...

- you a Glass ...having believed...you were put in Christ...
- and sealed by the Holy Spirit...

We are sealed.

What does a seal mean?...

- **First A seal pictures absolute ownership.** The ancients would put their seal on animals and even slaves to prove ownership.
- In fact the branding of animals is thought to have begun as early as 2000BC and the branding of cattle and horses is still done today. A brand is registered with the particular state in which the owner lives and that brand shows legal ownership.
- The same idea is embodied in copyrights. The words “all rights reserved” means that only the copyright holder is entitled to the benefits of the sale of the published material.
- There is a precious spiritual parallel. The indwelling Holy Spirit shows that we belong to Christ. “All rights are reserved “ to HimOnly He is entitled to the benefits of ownership...

Sealing also pictures authenticity...

- A seal attests to the authenticity of a signature...as a signature proves the genuineness of a letter...
- Graphology, the scientific study of handwriting, is a fascinating subject.
- While some argue about whether handwriting reveals personality traits...
- Forensic graphology...the technical study of handwriting is considered to be reliable and accepted in a court of law.
- It is often used in judicial proceedings to determine the authenticity of a signature or document
- Though someone might be able to copy your signature accurately, it is highly improbable that they can copy the lines exactly or press on the paper with the same amount of pressure as you do.
- The spiritual parallel is obvious. The indwelling Holy Spirit proves that the believer is genuine.

The third picture sealing represents is Assurance...

- **By assurance we mean that sealing pictures security.... So the seal protected the contents; it made the contents secure**
- Today we send registered letters needing a signature to receive and open the seal of the envelope it is sent in...as a means to secure the contents...
- The spiritual implication is clear we are sealed eternally in Christ...we are put in Christ...by the Holy Spirit who has promised to deliver us securely to the Father in Heaven,,,,,
- Sealed once and for all time!!
- The Holy Spirit guarantees us to be delivered to Heaven...aka postage stamp
- Therefore He guarantees to take us through whatever we are going through to get us there...there is no easier softer way...He is God..

But there is more...Not only does he get us home He is with us on this earth journey...We have living ongoing Relationship with the Holy Spirit..

B. The Holy Spirit lives in me...and if he lives in me I should experience him... and experience him more than only a doctrine in the Bible...more than Just words on a page...but a real living relationship...that has communication and interaction!

EPH 4: 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- **we can make him mourn and suffer...!!**

Romans 8:26 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

- He teaches us and empowers us..

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

- **it is interesting that ..though we cannot see the Holy Spirit we can know him...and will know him!**
- **The world cannot see him either...but they also cannot know him...**
- **Listen I can never claim a relationship with someone whom i did not experience any interaction or communication with in my life...and it is no different with God!**

RO 8: 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

- This is the Holy Spirit of Promise ...the promise Jesus made in..
The seal will be made evident as the Spirit works in us to produce Spiritual fruit...which will manifest in the earthly realm...
...people will be able to see the seal...they will be able to see the fruit of the Spirit in your life...

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

- We gain spiritual power to overcome our fleshly passions and desires...

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

because the Holy Spirit gives gifts spiritual power and gifts....and produces fruit in our lives ...which cannot be produced without him!!

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- **You know what this means?**
- **It means we can only overcome the passions and desires that war against us by the power of the Holy Spirit....**

- **Two since we have a spiritual enemy who wars against us ..we now have the power to overcome him....**
- **And It means the Devil has none of these qualities!**
- **which means ...these are probably our best weapons against him!!**
- **He has no patience...when you are patient...you will outlast him**
- **He has no love...when you love he can't take it!!**
- **In Fact Love is our major weapon!!...**
 - **1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.**
 - **love is to powerful for Him..it is of God!!**
 - **even gifts will go...but love never fails!!**
- **He has no self control...and tries to talk you out of it too! that's how you know it is him...his way is always indulge!**
- **He has no Joy! that is why Joy is our strength...He loves misery and tries to get us to indulge**
- **He is not kind, good or faithful...these defeat his intentions...**
- **That is what resisting the devil is all about..**
 - **the fruit has nothing to do with law or rules...it has to do with relationship with the Holy Spirit!!**
 - **Our submitting to him...growing fruit...is our resistance to the devil and he will flee**

God loved and He gave...we believe and receive...

1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

We are more than conquerors of anything the enemy throw at us...

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through him** who loved us.

When it is said in Gen 3: 15, "thou shalt bruise His heel", it cannot mean His literal heel of flesh and blood, but suffering, more temporary in character. When it is said (verse 15), "He shall crush the head", it means something more than a skull of bone, and brain, and hair. It means that all Satan's plans and plots, policy and purposes, will one day be finally crushed and ended, never more to mar or to hinder the purposes of God. This will be effected when Satan shall be bruised under our feet (Romans 16:20). This, again, will not be our literal feet, but something much more real.

And we have the Holy Spirit who has been given to overcome all the attacks of the enemy!!
The Holy Spirit is overwhelming Firepower...

what do we do in the battles...we learn to stand in our position and throw Holy Spirit fruit at the enemy!!

15. in our battles we learn..to pray through doubt until we hit faith
16. in our battles we learn...to overcome evil with good..
17. in our battles we learn...to persevere, and keep on marching
18. in our battles we learn...to be strong in Him..not in our selves
19. in our battles we learn...to stand firm..when we want to quit
20. in our battles we learn...to be victorious through prayer air strikes..
21. in our battles we learn...to war against that which wars against us
22. in our battles we learn...to walk out our talk
23. in our battles we learn... to grow in compassion for others who are struggling in their own battles
24. in our battles we learn..to conquer that which previously conquered us..fears, substances, pride...
25. in our battles we learn...to trust the character of God, when we don't understand his ways
26. in our battles we learn...that we will win!
27. So we can and should run to our humble God when in need...
28. In our battles we to to cry out for more of the Holy Spirit!!

You may suffered setbacks of every kind...these aren't setbacks...there regrouping...

- Our disappointments are instructional

- Our failures were not final...Merely stop signs... delays and obstacles...
- And that they will prove to be strategically necessary!!
- For through them they would learn some of life's greatest war weapons... such as Faith, patience perseverance and hope...long suffering
- We come to see defeats as the avenue for change in direction...

Be the last person standing in your battles...

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

- **What does verse 13 mean....To stand means to confront from a position...stand in your higher ground and fight from there...**
- **we have the high ground...the greater position and therefore the greater power..**
- **James 4:7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Stand and he will run...

end more Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. NLT

1 Cor 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

*John 10:10 The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.ESV*

- **holding onto the truth continually is the way to stand up under temptation...**

How?

John 8:31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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Lying is all about distorting, or denying the truth...which by implication means you know the truth ..What

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

6:11 Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. NLT

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”NIV free from believing lies

- **and something begins to happen...we sin less because we don't believe lies anymore that sin is good for us...**
- **and the main tactic of the devil ...lies don't harm us anymore because we don't believe them!**
- His lies do not harm us, by making us continue to believe his lies to disobey God word and believe his word
- **We learn to trust his word even when we don't understand what is going on...**

*PR 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your **heart** and lean not on your own understanding; ^{PR 3:6} in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

yet we still struggle in this world...we are still susceptible to believing lies.....and the enemy is relentless..

so lets go there for a bit to really understand his tactics

First we must realize that the devil/Satan is not a fable, allegory, or myth but he is a historical salient being one with a beginning and will have an end and whom Jesus and every NT writer referred numerous times too.