

Part 6 Paul's Transition From a Pharisee. The resurrection and Defeating Satan.

Paul early on still saw his resurrection and the Lord's coming as physical events to be experienced on planet earth as a social event, like the old testament Jews.

Towards the end of the book of Acts, Paul testified that the purpose of the father's was the pursuit of the resurrection as attainable before the physical death of the body. As also he conveyed to us in Romans to "recon your body to be dead" as an act of faith. Then in Colossians 3

that "you have put off the old man with his deeds,¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" as a past tense fact.

Paul also says "but Satan hindered us" speaking of still not being fully delivered as he later said in Colossians that Christ "has delivered us from the power of darkness and ^[c]conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love" as a foregone conclusion, and something we must contend earnestly for as Pinnacle in the faith. Resurrection is just a first step.

Paul had to experience Satan's opposition to help those overcome as he would, saying "lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain".

Paul had still not attained the plateau of the spirit of the place above the voice of Satan the accuser who is toothless without the law. But the fact is we have been delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the Kingdom, if you are able to receive it. Even Peter attained that plateau saying that Satan is experienced by the brotherhood in the world, distinguishing where their focus is on.

Christ in His temptation showed us that we defeat Satan with word, quoting one scripture to eradicate another, showing that Satan likes you on the lower application of the scriptures because you are still attached to physical fulfillments and works of the flesh being blind to the greater works of the cross where the curse is eradicated and the spiritual polarity is reversed.

All of our victories and accomplishments come from the cross and there is no future saving act from God or that would insult the Son who said "it is finished" if in fact it is not. Then both the Father and the Son would be liars but they are "Spirit and truth."

The concept of one verse being more powerful than another should not be strange. You have heard of "Jacobs Ladder". The Ladder is fulfilled in Christ too by His own words saying "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter^[9] you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." We know Christ "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God". So it should not be strange that we go up by steps to the degree that you are able to attain. Even as Paul said to press on to lay hold of why Christ laid hold of us, it is His sayings that take us all the way to the Father, one revelation at a time to experience the Godhead unhindered.

This is the oneness and the "koinania" 1 John is wrote about. John also refers to these steps as to children, the young, and the fathers as seen here "I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ I write to you, fathers,

Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,

because you have overcome the wicked one." By these standards Paul was still a babe because Satan hindered him. He hadn't learned to do combat with Word to overcome Satan. Or as Paul had learned and taught of "the shield of faith that is able to ward off all the fiery darts of the wicked one. To overcome means to never do battle with again, and the truth of the matter is, if you find yourself struggling with sin and Satan, you don't know the tools of our trade. Word. And chances are, you use lower level verses and carnal concepts in your thinking and are not transformed by the higher level of the Word, unveiled by the Holy Spirit. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, nor are they physical, but they are mighty through God for pulling down strongholds and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God". Why? Because if we expire and dismantle

lower level thinking, Satan has no defence. You can gain mastery over each level of faith with a word

Much like Moses was instructed to speak to the rock for water but used a stick, a physical work, and their struggle lasted 40 years. "How much **worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot". And insult the Spirit of Grace. But this people do if they do not realize that Christ who through the eternal spirit shed His blood to secure our inheritance now as being "The Kingdom of God at hand". There is the storehouse for our goods to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Why? Because their are consequences to go about your life Willy Nilly. Once saved always saved?

2 Therefore we must give ^[a]the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just ^[b]reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation". And ⁴ For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ ^[c]if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God.