

JOH 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

IS THE CHRISTIAN WALK EASY?

MAT 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

IF HE IS TO GIVE US REST, IT MUST BE EASY. I NEVER HEARD OF RESTING, AS FAR AS THE WORLD IS CONCERNED, AND ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING AT THE SAME TIME. WELL, WE ARE NOT OF THE NATURAL WORLD, WE ARE OF THE SUPER-NATURAL WORLD. JESUS SAY, "DO NOT LABOR ANYMORE AND GIVE ME YOUR BURDENS".

1PE 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

AND

MAT 11:29-30 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

TO BE YOKED IS TO BECOME JOINED OR LINKED; A YOKE IS AN ARCHED DEVICE FORMERLY LAID UPON THE NECK OF A DEFEATED PERSON.

PRIOR TO SALVATION WE WERE JOINED OR LINKED TO SATAN AND EXPOSED TO THE WORLD'S POWER AND NATURAL FORCES. WE WERE UNDER THE YOKE OF BONDAGE TO SIN. IT WAS ALWAYS AN ENDLESS BATTLE. **WE** FOUGHT THE FIGHT. **NOW** WE PUT ON THE YOKE OF FREEDOM. **HE** FIGHTS THE BATTLE.

JOH 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

FREE FROM WHAT? YOUR LABOR AND BURDENS. WE KNOW SATAN IS THE GOD OF THIS WORLD. RIGHT? SO WHAT!!!!

WE ARE IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF IT. "GREATER IS HE WHO IS IN ME, THAT HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD." IF WE ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD, OF WHAT WORLD ARE WE?.....THE HEAVENLY WORLD!

EPH 2:5-6 Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

WHERE DO WE SIT? IN HEAVENLY PLACES!!!

1JO 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

WHO DID JESUS OVERCOME? SATAN. HOW? THROUGH OUR BELIEVE IN JESUS. WHO ELSE WAS OVERCOME?.....SELF.

MAT 28:18 Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

IF ALL AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO JESUS IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH AND **HE** HAS OVERCOME THEM (THAT IS SATAN AND HIS DEMONS) AND GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN US, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD, WE NATURALLY HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY. LOOKING INTO THE WORD A LITTLE DEEPER, WE NOTICE.

EPH 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

WHO IS THE CHURCH?.....WE ARE, WE WHO ARE BELIEVERS. ALSO:

EPH 1:20 Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

WHO WORKED IN CHRIST? THE FATHER, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHAT DOES THIS DO FOR US? IT GIVES US CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

EPH 2:5-6 Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

ACCORDING TO THE TWO ABOVE PASSAGES, IF WE ARE BORN AGAIN, THEN DEATH MUST HAVE ENTERED IN. WE HAVE TO DIE TO SELF TO BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD. THUS SITTING TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES **IN** CHRIST JESUS.

NOW...HERE IS A GEM IF YOU CAN RECEIVE IT.

EPH 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

LET ME SIMPLIFY IT FOR YOU. GOD GIVES TO HIS HOLY PEOPLE VAST RESOURCES OF HIS POWER WORKING IN US WHO BELIEVE. AGAIN, IS HE ABOVE ALL POWER?

EPH 1:21 Far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

WE WILL NOW BROADEN OUR THINKING INTO THE ONENESS OF THE BELIEVER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1CO 12:12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

WHAT THE SPIRIT IS GIVING US, IS A RELATIONSHIP. CHRIST JESUS IS NOT HERE PHYSICALLY ON EARTH TO DO HIS WORK: THEREFORE, HE HAS ELECTED YOU AND ME, THE BELIEVERS, TO FUNCTION AS HE DID PRIOR TO HIS DEATH.

ROM 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

WE ARE HIS FEET, HANDS, AND MOUTH, NOT HIS HEAD: FEET, HANDS AND MOUTH ONLY. WHY NOT HEAD?

EPH 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

DO NOT TRY TO DO HIS THINKING FOR HIM. HE IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE. REMEMBER, FEET DO NOT THINK, NOR DO OUR MOUTHS AND HANDS: ALL THEY DO IS GET US IN TROUBLE. HE STATED "YOUR THOUGHTS ARE NOT MY THOUGHTS AND YOUR WAYS ARE NOT MY WAY: IN FACT, MY THOUGHTS ARE HIGHER THAN YOURS". ALSO, HE SAYS, "I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES, WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING."

WE MOAN AND GROAN BECAUSE THINGS ARE NOT WORKING THE WAY WE WANT THEM TO. THEY WILL NOT BECAUSE HE SAYS THEY WILL NOT. WHERE DOES HE SAY THAT?

ISA 50:11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled--this you shall have from My hand: you shall lie down in torment.

ASK HIM TO GUIDE AND DIRECT YOU. HE SAID TO REST: IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH YOUR HEAD, YOU ARE NOT RESTING. WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY ABOUT OUR BATTLE?

EPH 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

WE HAVE AUTHORITY OVER SPIRITS, NOT PEOPLE. WE WERE NEVER TOLD TO PRAY TO THE FATHER ABOUT THE DEVIL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. WE HAVE AUTHORITY AND POWER AS CHRISTIANS.

JAM 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

AND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

ISA 54:15-17 Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. "Behold, I have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD.

DO NOT LET FEELINGS ENTER IN ABOUT YOUR AUTHORITY. POLICEMAN MAY NOT **FEEL** LIKE EXERTING HIS AUTHORITY BUT HE STILL HAS IT.

ARE WE UNDER THE POWER OF SATAN? IF SO, THAT IS DARKNESS. OUR LIVES SHOULD NOT BE REFLECTING DARKNESS. WE ARE NOT IN DARKNESS.

COL 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

WHERE IS THAT KINGDOM? HEAVEN...IF CHRIST IS ABOVE ALL THINGS AND WE SIT WITH HIM AND HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY OVER THE POWER OF DARKNESS, THEN WE DO TOO.

WHAT IS THIS GREAT GIFT WE RECEIVED FROM THE FATHER, BECAUSE OF ONE MAN'S SIN? THE ANSWER IS FOUND IN....

ROM 5:16-17 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

LET US PARAPHRASE THE ABOVE THIS WAY. IF ONE MAN BY HIS SIN MADE DEATH A KING, WE, ON WHOM GOD HAS Poured HIS LOVE AND HIS GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE ALL THE MORE CERTAIN THAT ONE JESUS CHRIST MAKES US LIVE AND BE KINGS.

ANOTHER THOUGHT....ADAM, BECAUSE OF HIS ONE SIN BECAME THE KING OF DEATH FOR ALL; YET, THE KING OF KINGS, JESUS CHRIST, FREELY GAVE HIS LIFE SO THAT WE WOULD BE KINGS OF LIFE. WHAT IS MEANT BY KINGS OF LIFE?

COL 2:12-15 Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

FOR MORE UNDERSTANDING, LET US ALSO READ:

MAT 18:18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

WHOM DO WE BIND OR LOOSE?.....SATAN....LET US NOW LOOK AT..

PSA 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

PSA 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

WHAT DID GOD DO? HE SENT HIS WORD (JESUS), HEALED AND REDEEMED US. AND GAVE US AUTHORITY OVER THE ENEMY.

LUK 9:1-2 Then He (JESUS) called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

LUK 9:6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

THEN WHAT DID JESUS DO?

LUK 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

LUK 10:9 "And heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

SUPPOSING YOU HAD BEEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, ONE OF THE SEVENTY WHO WERE CHOSEN? WHAT HAPPENED?

LUK 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

WHERE IS THE POWER? "IN JESUS NAME". LET US NOT GET BIG-HEADED, LISTEN TO WHAT JESUS SAID TO THEM.

LUK 10:19-20 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

MORE PROOF:

JOH 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

HE DID NOT SAY TO PRAY. HE SAID, "HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME" SHALL DO THE WORKS IN HIS NAME.

JOH 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

THE INTERPRETATION FROM THE GREEK WORD USED IN THIS PASSAGE FOR "ASK" EXPLAINS THIS VERSE. THE DEFINITION IS "DEMAND FOR SOMETHING DUE". NOT ASK AS A FAVOR, BUT DEMANDING THIS OF THE DEVIL.

BACK TO JOHN 14:13, HOW DOES JESUS DO WHAT WE ASK IN HIS NAME? HE IS UNABLE TO DO IT AS HE IS NOT HERE ON EARTH. WE USE HIS NAME. HIS NAME IS THE POWER THAT MOVES THE OBSTACLES (SATAN)

FROM OUR PATHS. JESUS IS VERY EMPHATIC ABOUT THIS PROMISE.
JESUS REPEATS JOHN 14:13.

JOH 14:14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

LET US LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE:

ACT 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

WHICH THE MAN DID. HE ROSE UP AND WALKED.

ARE THERE ANYMORE RIGHTS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

LET US READ DEUTERONOMY 28:2-14

(PLEASE READ IN YOUR BIBLE)

IF WE ARE NOT RECEIVING THESE BLESSINGS THAT THE LORD PROMISES TO US THE BELIEVERS, WE ARE ALLOWING SATAN TO INTERFERE. WE ARE NOT CONFESSING THAT WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED FROM THE ENEMY; THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEALED; THAT WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS; WE ARE NOT REIGNING IN LIFE BY JESUS CHRIST; WE ARE NOT USING THE POWER BESTOWED UPON US BY JESUS HIMSELF THROUGH HIS NAME.

THE SCRIPTURES TELL US WHAT TO DO:

ISA 43:25-26 "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Put Me in remembrance; let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted.

OUR CHALLENGE IS ALWAYS THE QUEST FOR TRUTHS. HOW DO WE ARRIVE AT TRUTHS? ONLY BY EXPERIENCE! AT THIS POINT OF TIME IN OUR LIVES, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT BEYOND SOME FAR OFF PLACE, NOT BEYOND DEATH. BUT IT IS NOW. FOR THE WORD STATES THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU. HE, JESUS, STATES YOU CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS YOU ARE BORN AGAIN. BEING BORN AGAIN IS A BEGINNING, NOT AN ARRIVAL. IF YOU ARE BORN AGAIN, BUT BELIEVE YOU ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT, BEING SUCCESSFUL IN THE FLESH, YOU ARE BEING SELF-RIGHTEOUS.

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NOT EXPERIENCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. USE YOUR RIGHTS TO OVERCOME THE ENEMY, IN THE NAME OF JESUS. HONOR JESUS BY LETTING HIM HAVE THE VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE, HAVING ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED IT FOR YOU ON THE CROSS.

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