

## The Devil Cannot Win Against God's Love and Faith

As Christians, we have been given two powerful weapons to defeat the attacks of Satan against us: they are God's Faith and His Love. These two forces of God win every time, when put into operation by a believer in Jesus. Every born-again believer in Jesus has faith and love. We received the nature of God in us when we received Jesus. Our new nature will believe God and love like God.

You might ask, "Then why do so many believers struggle in these two areas?" The Bible tells us that when a Christian receives Christ, they receive a new spirit; but they have to renew their mind. We didn't get a new mind - we received a new spirit. Our new spirit's nature is to believe and love; but if the mind is not renewed to the new nature, it will live out the old sinful desires of the past.

2 Peter 1:2-4 KJV Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, [3] According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

In these verses we see that through revealed knowledge, we become partakers of God's Divine Nature. As our minds are renewed with knowledge of who we are in Christ, the Divine Nature will be lived out through us. Notice in the last part of verse 4 that God says we escape the corruption that is in this world through lust.

Let me give you an example: If somebody does you wrong, the old person you used to be would want to do them wrong. But now it is different, because your mind is renewed with the Divine Nature. The Divine Nature demands love and prayer for the person, instead of hate and getting even.

Matthew 5:43-45 KJV Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. [44] But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; [45] That ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

In these verses we see the Divine Nature at work. You might say that 'if I do these things, I will lose in this life.' Wrong! I've found out that when we live in the Divine Nature, God is always there to bring His good life to us in the middle of the persecution. Now I'm not saying that you won't suffer when people persecute you. Jesus suffered, and Paul suffered; and the Bible further says this:

2 Timothy 3:12 KJV Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

The Bible says this as well:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 KJV Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; [4] Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Paul says this about the persecution that he suffered.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 KJV We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Paul received Jesus' comfort at the time of his persecution. Paul was hated by so many people, but the Divine Nature gave him comfort.

Now I want to finish by saying this: as Christians, the two weapons we must never put down are faith and love. You will be persecuted, because the devil hates you. People might be used by the devil to persecute you. So I close this Newsletter like Paul closed his letter to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 6:10-19 KJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the

helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:  
[18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and  
watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [19]  
And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my  
mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Love you,  
Pastor Paul