

Our Victory - Humanity and Divinity Combined

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“It is at an immense cost that we have been placed on the high vantage ground where we can be liberated from the bondage of sin, which has been wrought by the fall of Adam. . . . Never can we understand the value of the human soul until we realize the great sacrifice made for the redemption of the soul upon Calvary. **Adam’s sin in Eden** plunged the human race into hopeless misery. But in the scheme of salvation a Way (John 14:6) has been provided for all to escape if they comply with the requirements.

A second probation has been granted by the sacrifice of the Son of God. We have a battle to fight, but we can come off victor through the merits (worthiness) of Christ’s blood.

“For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God . . . !”

Romans 6:10-11, 6:1-6*

God saw that it was impossible for us to overcome and gain the victory in our own strength. The race has ever been growing weaker in every succeeding generation since the fall . . . and without the help of Christ we cannot resist the evil of intemperance. How thankful we should be that we have a Saviour and that He consented to lay off His royal robes and leave the royal throne, and to clothe His divinity with humanity and become a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. . . .

After His baptism, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and was tempted of the devil. Christ commenced the work of redemption just where the ruin began, and the future welfare of the world depended on that battle fought by the Prince of Life in the wilderness.

Thanks be to God that He came off victorious, passing over the same ground where Adam fell and redeeming Adam’s disgraceful failure. Satan left the field of battle a conquered foe. **This victory is an assurance to us** that through Divine help we may come off victorious in our behalf (Desire of Ages, p.160-161) on our own account in the conflict with the enemy . . .

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“Like the twelve apostles, the seventy disciples whom Christ sent forth later received supernatural endowments as **a seal** of their mission. When their work was completed, they returned with joy, saying, “Lord (*Adoni* – Sovereign King), even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” Jesus answered, *Why are you surprised . . . for I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*” Luke 10:17-18.

Henceforth Christ’s followers are to look upon Satan as a conquered foe. Upon the cross, Jesus was to gain the victory for them (Romans 6:10); that victory He desired (desires) them to accept as their own. “Behold,” He said (says) . . . “**I give unto you _____ (your name) power* to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**” Luke 10:19.

- Ministry of Healing, p.94

Satan *had* felt that all the power of this fallen planet was in his possession, but when Christ came to measure strength with the prince of darkness, Satan found One Who was able* to resist his temptations.

The words of Christ are “The prince of this world cometh, and (but) hath nothing in Me !” . . .

All heaven was watching the result of the controversy between Christ and Satan. . . . Now the question is, will we take advantage of the situation and come off more than conqueror through Him Who loved us? —Manuscript 26, 1887 {Christ Triumphant, p.214-215}

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“Satan left the field as a conquered foe. Our Saviour passed over the ground and was victor. He was fainting on the field of battle. There was no bosom to cradle His head, and no hand to pass over His brow. Angels came and ministered unto Him. Just such help we may claim. Christ saw it was impossible for man to overcome in his own behalf. So He came to bring moral power to man. This is our only hope.

Victory Through Christ -

We see the importance of overcoming appetite. Christ overcame, and we may obtain the victory as Christ did (by faith in the promises of God). He passed over the ground, and there is victory for man. What has He done for the human family? He has elevated man in the scale of moral value. We may become conquerors through our Sufficiency.

There is hope for the most hopeless, [in Christ](#). “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” There we have the rich promises of God. **What did Christ come here for?** To represent the Father. What a heart of love and sympathy! He came to bring Eternal Life (I John 5:10-11), *and* to break every band (yoke – Isaiah 10:27). When God gave His Son, He gave all heaven *in that one gift*. He could give no more.

- Temperance, p.286

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“The enemy had cast his shadow athwart our pathway, and clothed God with his own satanic character. But Christ came to reveal the Father, to roll back the shadow that Satan had cast over humanity, that men might behold God clothed in the divine attributes of His nature.

Our Saviour does not promise that those who follow Him shall have no difficulties. Satan will continually seek to misrepresent God to every mind. The apostle says, “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. 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.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Satan would make the Christian warfare as hard as possible for every one who is determined to follow Christ; for it is his purpose to fasten every soul in deception.

Christ came to our world because He saw that it was impossible for man to overcome in his own behalf. He came to be the head of the church, to give his own life, that man might have everlasting Life (live forever – Romans 6:10-14).

He withstood all the temptations and devices of the enemy, and step by step passed over the ground where Adam fell, and redeemed his disgraceful failure. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Satan was on his track at every step, and in the wilderness he assailed Him with the three leading temptations with which man is overcome, --**appetite, presumption, and ambition**. All over the world we see how appetite has controlled the reason, and beclouded the perceptions of men, and has taken the foundation from the character.

Through the indulgence of appetite, men have come to [a position where it is impossible for them to discern the light of God](#) (the revelation of divinity – what it looks like for God to dwell in a man – Desire of Ages, p.160-161 and ref: I Timothy 3:16). The world is full of the wrecks of humanity because of indulgence of appetite.

After Jesus had endured a fast of forty days, the tempter came to him, and said: “If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That men shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.” {RH, July 5, 1892 par. 10}

ref: I John 3:1-3
and John 6:63

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“Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God. They ate of the forbidden fruit, and were driven from Eden. We might well rejoice if this had been the only fall. But since the fall of Adam, the history of the human race has been a succession of falls.

Looking upon this earth, Christ saw that men were so weak in moral power that it was impossible for them to overcome in their own strength. Therefore He left His heavenly home, and walked a man among men. He brought to us divine aid; and as we accept this aid, [we can claim certain victory through Jesus](#) of Nazareth.

When we think of the conflict before us and the great work that we must do, we tremble. But we may remember that our Helper is Almighty. We may feel strong in His strength. We may unite our ignorance to His wisdom, our feebleness to His might, our weakness to His unfailing strength (I Corinthians 1:29-31). Through Him we may be “more than conquerors !”

Through the power of appetite (the fleshly desire for that which our God has forbidden) Satan has gained control of men and women. How difficult it is to obtain the victory over appetite when once it is established. How important that parents bring their children up with pure tastes and unperverted appetites. Parents should ever remember that upon them rests the responsibility of training their children in such a way that they will have moral stamina to resist the evil that will surround them when they go out into the world. {RH, July 9, 1901 par. 7}

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“Satan comes with his temptation upon the point of appetite, the same point upon which Adam stum-bled and fell. Christ fasted forty days and forty nights. The race had degenerated and had been growing weaker and weaker. **The Son of God saw that it was impossible** for man to overcome in his own behalf, and therefore He comes to our world and gives man divine power that he might obtain the victory !

Here we see that **Satan’s first attempt was upon the point of appetite**, and he seeks to overcome Him. But Christ was to pass over the ground where Adam fell and redeem his disgraceful fall. He met Satan every time with, “**It is written . . . not with ink, nor on tables of stone, but in the fleshy tables of hearts renewed . . . Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**” (ref: II Corinthians 3:1-3). – 9MR p.231

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“Our condition through sin is unnatural, and the power that restores us must be Supernatural, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God (Deity, divinity) in Jesus Christ. Only through the blood (Romans 6:10-11) of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace* alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature.

- {MH 428.4}

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“In contemplating the incarnation of Christ in humanity, we stand baffled before an unfathomable mystery, that the human mind cannot comprehend. The more we reflect upon it, the more amazing does it appear. How wide is the contrast between the divinity of Christ and the helpless infant in Bethlehem’s manger!

How can we span the distance between the mighty God and a helpless child? And yet the Creator of worlds, **He in Whom was the fullness of the Godhead bodily** (ref: Desire of Ages, p.160-161), was mani-fest in the helpless babe in the manger. Far higher than any of the angels, equal with the Father in dignity and glory, and yet wearing the garb of humanity!

Divinity and humanity were mysteriously combined, and **man and God became One** (John 17:21). **It is in this union that we find the hope of our fallen race**. Looking upon Christ in humanity, we look upon God, and see in Him the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person (ST July 30, 1896).

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“The Saviour took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity and lived a sinless life, that men might have no fear that because of the weakness of human nature they could not overcome. Christ came to make us “partakers of the divine nature,” and **His Life declares that humanity, combined with divinity, does not commit sin**. - {MH 181.2}

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“**Apart from divine power**, no genuine reform can be effected. Human barriers against natural and cultivated tendencies are but as the sandbank against the torrent. Not until the Life of Christ becomes a vitalizing power in our lives can we resist the temptations that assail us from within and from without By becoming One with Christ, man is made free. Subjection to the will of Christ means restoration to perfect manhood.”

- Ministry of Healing, p.130-131

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“As a result of Adam’s disobedience, **every human being is a transgressor of the law, sold under sin.** Unless he repents and is converted, he is under bondage to the law (Romans 6:23), serving Satan, falling into the deceptions of the enemy, and bearing witness against the precepts of Jehovah.

But by perfect obedience to the requirements of the law, man is **justified*** (Romans 5:1). **Only through faith in Christ is such obedience possible.** Men may comprehend the spirituality of the law, they may realize its power as a detector of sin, but they are helpless to withstand Satan’s power and deceptions, unless they accept **the atonement** provided for them in the remedial sacrifice of Christ, Who is our Atonement--our At-one-ment--with God (John 17:21).

- ST, July 23, 1902 par. 13}

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“It is not now the work of the sinner to make peace with God, but to accept Christ as his peace and righteousness (Jeremiah 23:5-6). **Thus man becomes One with Christ and One with God** (John 17:21). There is no way by which the heart may be made holy, save through faith in Christ . . . !”

- YI, December 6, 1894 par. 3}

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“The transforming grace* of God leads men to take upon themselves the yoke of Christ (be joined in union to Him), and to become “laborers together with God.” **Thus through grace*** (G5485 – the divine Influence) **man becomes One with the Father** (ref: John 17:1-7), and gives to the world unmistakable evidence of what the Truth can do (John 17:17-19) in sanctifying the receiver (John 18:37). Enlightened by daily partaking of the Word, man becomes a spectacle to the unfallen worlds, to angels, and to his fellow men.”

- 19 Manuscript Releases, p.251