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Rom. 6:11 "Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Dead with the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be no answer back. No fault finding. No criticising if we will reckon ourselves dead with the Lord Jesus Christ. When our feelings are hurt, how we fly up! The Lord says, "Yield yourselves unto God." As wrath rises up in you cast it on one side and reckon yourself dead with Christ. Paul is talking about the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And keep yourself from idols; anything that comes between you and your consecration and love of God becomes an idol. Build yourself up in this most Holy faith. You know, they build one brick on another; the Builder doesn't stick a building up all at once.

Look yourself over. See what you need and where you fail and fall before the grace and power of God. There is something for you to do. You have to throw your strength, your power, your love, your prayer, etc. on the side of God. "Keep yourself in the love of God."

God furnishes the grace, the presence and power. "Keep yourself in the love of God." We have a part with Him. We are not only co-laborers in the Harvest Field, but we are also co-laborers with Him in the subduing of this nature of ours. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the Paradies of God." Rev. 2:7

We think of overcoming a temptation, but the most victorious overcoming is that spirit and grace of God given to us that enables us to overcome ourselves. If you do, you will become an heir with Christ of all those great promises that are given to them that overcome. We pay too little attention to these things. Christians go on, day after day, without a thought of denying themselves anything; without a thought of overcoming that subtle something that would run away with the mind. We don't seem to know how and yet God has placed at our disposal all the grace necessary to meet the standard laid down in the bible. God wants a Holy people. He doesn't want us to have a part in the things of the world.

Sometimes folk step on the very brink of destruction when they take a chance of having a good time in sin, even though it be for one day or night. It doesn't pay to trifle with the Lord.

May the Spirit of the Lord come upon us and remind us that we have a great part in this spiritual program. If we do this we will not have that condemnation that renders so many Christians spiritually impotent before the powers of Satan. God wants us to settle this thing once and for all.

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Isaiah 9:5-7 "For every battle of the Warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire, for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the Government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVER-LASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Sometimes as I read a scripture like this I marvel in myself at those divine powers even in the Godhead and imparted to His prophets and saints where they were able to see even the finest, most minute details of the affairs of the world in the great end times. So often we remind our friends that we are in those days and times when we may look for the fulfillment of a scripture like this. I scarcely like to call such things even to the attention of the people, and yet we find them in our newspapers and over the radio everyday.

"FOR EVERY BATTLE OF THE WARRIOR IS WITH CONFUSED NOISE....."

One verse, one flash of divine inspiration in the mind and in the heart and thought of the Prophet. He sees the conditions that prevailed and were to prevail in the last days of time as the warriors of all nations prepare themselves for the great battles that lie before them.

It is not in my heart to speak of those things this morning. They come on us all too soon and bring the sword thrust of sorrow and distress into the ten thousand times ten thousand hearts of the people of the world, but as my scripture continues, it brings the balm of Gilead into your soul and mine, and reminds us of a coming Age when all swords shall be beaten into plowshares and men make war no more.

Your heart cries and mine cries unto God that He will hasten the day when men shall make war no more. Our world today is filled with the instruction in war -- with the labors in war and bloodshed. I suppose while men and nations destroy the marvelous fact of the peace of God, of the Golden Rule, and that spirit manifested by the Lord Jesus Christ -- in honor preferring one another -- that always there will be war. But while there may be war among the warriors with garments rolled in blood, unto you and unto me a CHILD has been born, unto us a SON is given; and the Government shall be upon HIS shoulder; and HIS Name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

We could exhaust all the superlatives of our language as we try to describe unto you some of the grace and joy of that peace that the PRINCE OF PEACE brings into your heart and mine. We may realize in this life many real things. Possibly the realest thing outside of the love of God in life is sin. Sin is terrifically real. My heart has beat fast this week as I have seen, on the front pages of our newspapers, how that sin, when it has conceived, brings forth death and how, in the heart that knows nothing of the PRINCE OF PEACE and the lovely things HE brings into our heart -- those hearts of sin are ready to destroy the lives of childhood in its purity and in its innocence. Seattle has been stirred as we have realized the reality of sin among us.

We may also know there are some CERTAIN things in our lives. Possibly the greatest Certainty, as concerning sin, is that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Already the shadow of death hangs over those who have committed an offense against the law. The wages of sin is always death; unconfessed sin. Sin may be unknown in the heart of some, but it is not unknown to God. It cannot be hidden. But unless that sin is confessed to God and your heart has been washed in His precious blood from all the stain of sin, be sure your sin will find you out. How blessed it is for you and for me to know that the greatest gift that can come to us today through the Prince of Peace is the gift of eternal life. We all want to live, and somehow, in the deepest recesses of our nature there is a great heart cry for that spiritual power that is mentioned in the second verse of my text: "UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN". He is a personal gift to you and upon His shoulders the government shall be.

How swiftly time rolls on. The time and seasons change. They come and they go, and we are hastening to that moment when the Government of the world shall be upon the shoulders of Him whose right it is -- even upon the shoulders of the PRINCE OF PEACE. As I read my bible this morning I thought of that glorious title applied to the SON OF GOD -- the PRINCE OF PEACE. Around us we are in the midst of terrific Babylonish confusion. The world has become a Babel of strife and war and scorn and contempt, but how marvelous is the peace of God -- and the peace of God is not some gift separate from Him. In the gifts enumerated of the Spirit of God, peace is not mentioned but Paul makes this statement to us: For He, Himself, is our peace who hath broken
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down the middle wall of partition, -- who has blotted out the sin that separated between God and man and in Jesus Christ, God has taken of the human race and of Himself, and of these two He has made one new man, so making peace. It takes that new creation, that new man of the heart, that new birth, before you and I can understand what the peace of God really means.

There are other certain things that pertain to your life and mine and one of the greatest certainties is that within us lie the issues of life. I do not mean merely physical life, but eternal life -- this physical life lived in the presence of God and in the new birth becoming a child of God, then broadening out into that life lived in the eternities with Almighty God. The issues of eternal life lie in your own heart and the decisions that heart is to make.

Also there lies within us the issues of eternal death, a separation from God throughout the eternal ages. The separated ones live in darkness forever but those who have walked with God and made the choice of eternal life will live with Him in the eternal glories, world without end. This will bring about within your life greatest joys.

We may think it is wonderful to enjoy ourselves on the highways or in the halls of pleasure, but be assured the greatest, most wonderful choice any of us can make is that choice that leads us into the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you and I make that right choice.

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