

Don't be bullied

Do not allow yourself to be bullied by the darkness of the flesh in others or yourself, darkness that will pull you down and rob you of any real meaning. The flesh blames and condemns.

Instead, stand firm in the promises of God that build you up. The Spirit edifies and encourages.

Believe the word of God. Say to yourself:

I am a new creation.

I am born again by God.

Christ dwells in me.

Christ is my life.

His Spirit lives in me.

I shall fear not the world.

I Abide in Christ's love.

Christ has come to me.

I am Led by the Spirit.

I am a temple of God.

Christ will never leave me.

The Lord is my shepherd.

I shall not want.

In Christ I am untouchable by the darkness.

In Christ I am anxious for nothing.

In Christ I walk in the light.

In Christ I walk by the aid of the Spirit.

In Christ I am putting to death the deeds of the body of flesh in order to walk with Christ.

In Christ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

In Christ I Rejoice in all things

In Christ I give thanks in all things.

In Christ I am loved beyond all human understanding.

In Christ I am immortal.

In Christ I have been raised up with Him.

In Christ I am already seated with Him on His throne.

In Christ I have already been declared victorious over the flesh, sin and the world.

In Christ I no longer live for myself but for Him who died and rose again on my behalf.

Whenever I feel unloved, alone, abandoned, afraid, not wanted, persecuted, judged unjustly, denied, cheated, lied to, vulnerable, and life is seen as futile; it is because my mind is on the flesh and I have forgotten Christ is my life. Our suffering and our arbitrary judgments show us what we have to put to death of the flesh in us.

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognise this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless indeed you fail the test? 2 Corinthians 13:5

The darkness out there wants us to live in the darkness, don't be fooled, put your flesh to death and believe in the promises of God.

If we are not constantly putting to death what is earthly in us by the Spirit according to Romans 8, we are blind to the work of the Spirit in our sanctification.

How foolish is it to be overconfident about our spiritual maturity.

A good sign of spiritual maturity is to know how little we realise we don't understand about the darkness of the flesh that still remains in us, and how much we are as a consequence then targeted by the darkness in the world and others.

True knowledge about ourselves keeps us humble. Humility is the work of the Spirit of God assisting our sanctification. Humility means we are less inclined to want to deal with the speck in another's eye, and instead, attend to the hidden log that is blinding our own spiritual insight.

One day we will be able to say with the Lord: John 14:30

"For the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me."