



The Human Nature of Christ

**"The great, grand work of bringing out a people who will have Christlike characters, and who will be able to stand in the day of the Lord, is to be accomplished."
— Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 129.**



Why Study The Human Nature Of Christ ?

Some have wondered if understanding **why Jesus came as a babe {as men and women come into this world}** really matters. They say that a farmer along the Nile in Egypt, or a young man in Sudan, or a young woman in college, **have greater things on their mind than getting it straight about Christ's humanity – as long as they know that Jesus died for them.**

{A Fork in the Road by Herbert Douglass ,pg. -11}





**“He who seeks to transform
humanity must himself
understand humanity.”
Education, 78.**

A silhouette of a person standing with a tripod, facing a bright light source. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the light creates a strong glow behind them, casting a shadow on the ground.

The only safety now is to search for the truth as revealed in the word of God, as for hid treasure.

The subjects of the

1. Sabbath,
2. the nature of man,
3. and the testimony of Jesus
{1T 300.1}

are the great and important truths to be understood; these will prove as an anchor to hold God's people in these perilous times.
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“The **humanity of the Son of God** is **everything** to us. It is the golden linked chain which binds our souls to Christ and through Christ to God. **This is to be our study.**

Christ was a real man, and He gave proof of His humility in becoming a man. And **He was God in the flesh.**

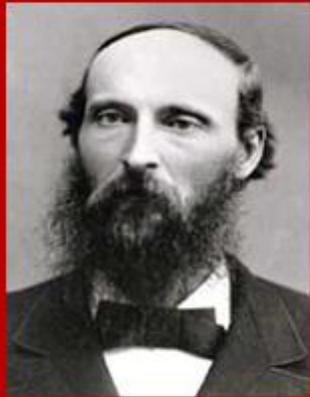
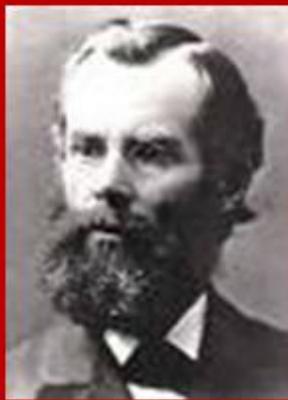
When we approach the subject of **Christ's divinity clothed with the garb of humanity**, we may appropriately heed the words spoken by Christ to Moses at the burning bush, **‘Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.’**

Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 7, 904, 905.

We must come to the study of this **subject** with the **humility of a learner**, with a contrite heart. And the **study of the incarnation of Christ is a fruitful field, and will repay the searcher who digs deep for hidden truth.**”

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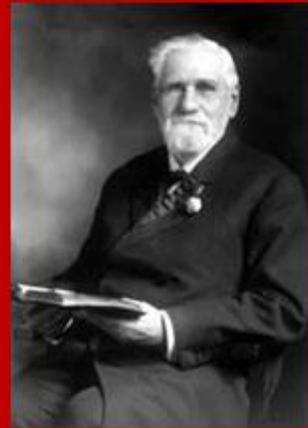
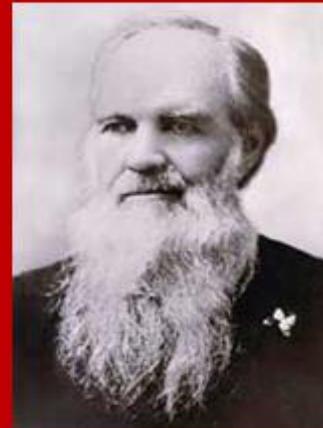
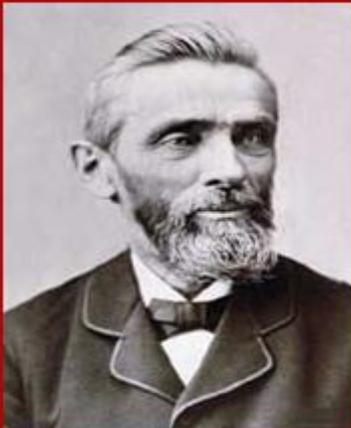
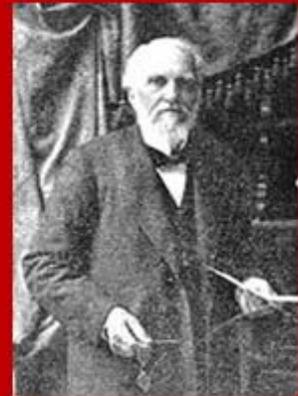
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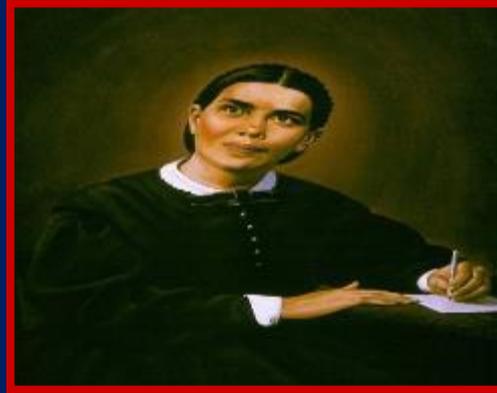
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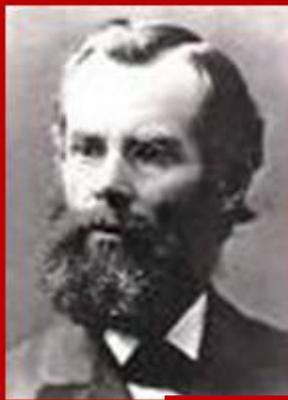




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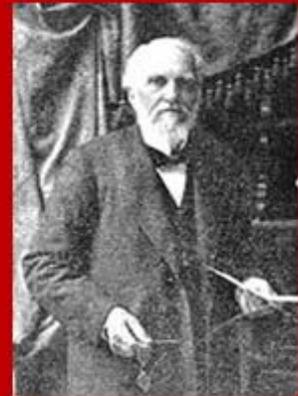
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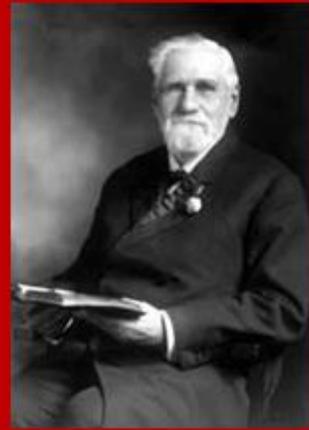
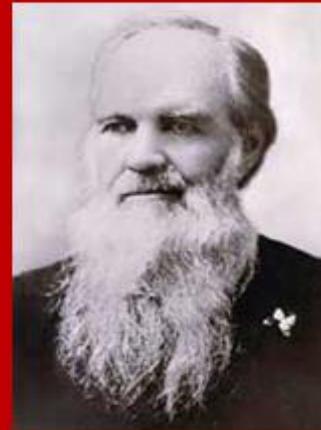
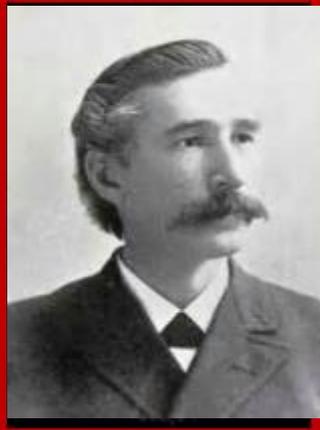
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Satan Has Made Charges Against God

1. God **was unfair** to make laws that created beings could not keep. COL: 314; FTLB: 114.

2. God demanded self-denial and sacrifice from His created beings but **would not Himself exercise such unselfishness** toward His created beings. PP: 70, 1SM: 341.



3. God was **severe, exacting, and harsh**. SC: 11, 5T: 738.

4. God was the author of **sin, and suffering, and death**. DA: 24.

5. If God were fair and good, He would **never have permitted created beings to transgress His law**. PP: 131, 132.

6. God made **faulty laws** and that for the good of the universe, those laws should be changed. PP: 69.





THE FALL

When man sinned, all heaven was filled with sorrow.... Out of harmony with the nature of God, unyielding to the claims of His law, naught but destruction was before the human race. Since the divine law is as changeless as the character of God, there could be no hope for man **unless** some **way** could be devised whereby his transgression might be pardoned, his nature renewed, and his spirit restored to reflect the image of God. **Divine love had conceived such a plan**.... – {TMK 18.3}



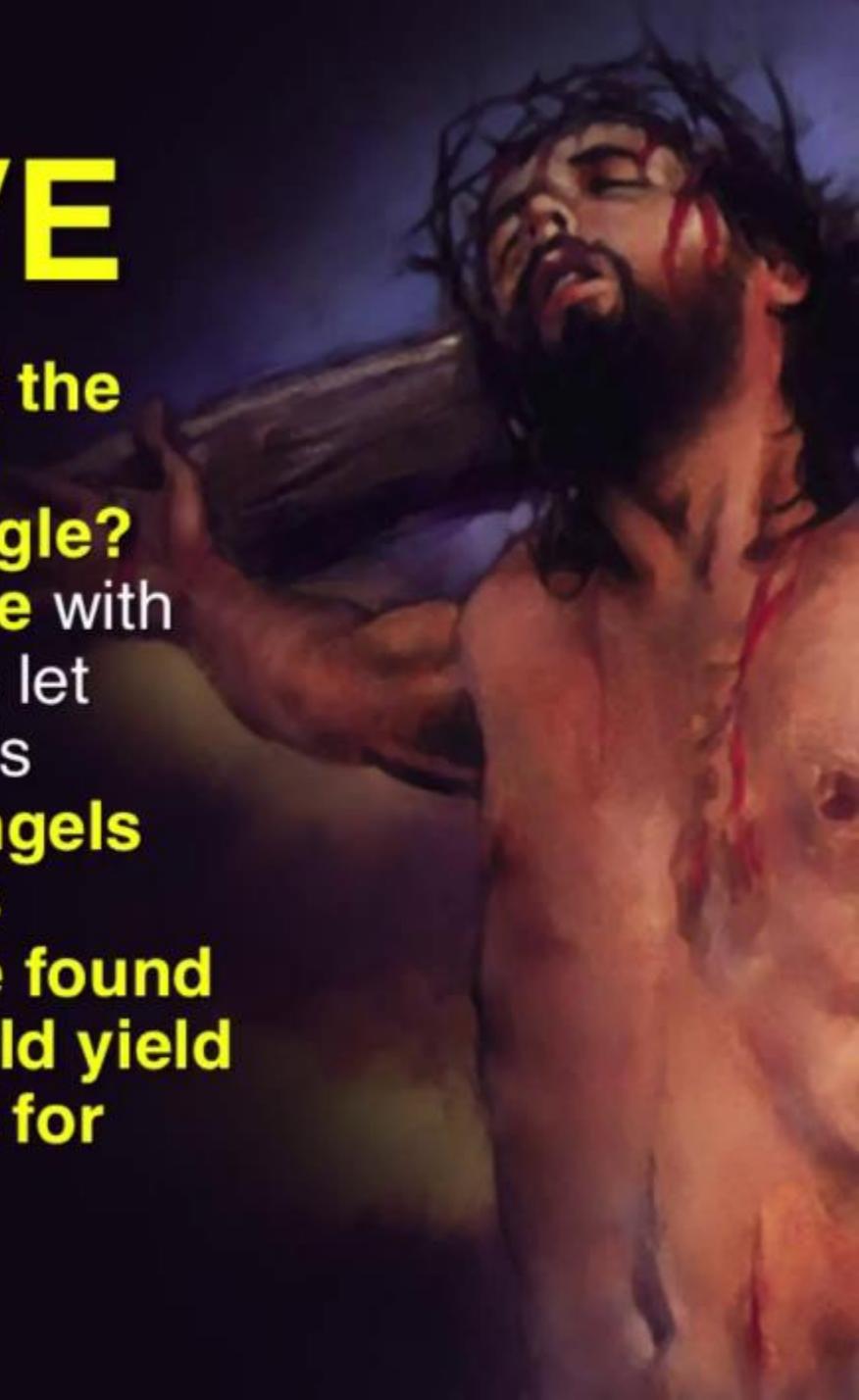
GOD'S LOVE

In the work of creation Christ was with God. He was one with God, equal with Him.... He alone, the Creator of man, could be his Saviour. **No angel of heaven could reveal the Father to the sinner, and win him back to allegiance to God.** But Christ could manifest the Father's love, for God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. {TMK 18.4}

John 3:16

GOD'S LOVE

Said the angel, "**Think ye that the Father yielded up His dearly beloved Son without a struggle?** No, no." It was even a **struggle** with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give His darling Son to die for them. **Angels were so interested for man's salvation that there could be found among them those who would yield their glory and give their life for perishing man...**





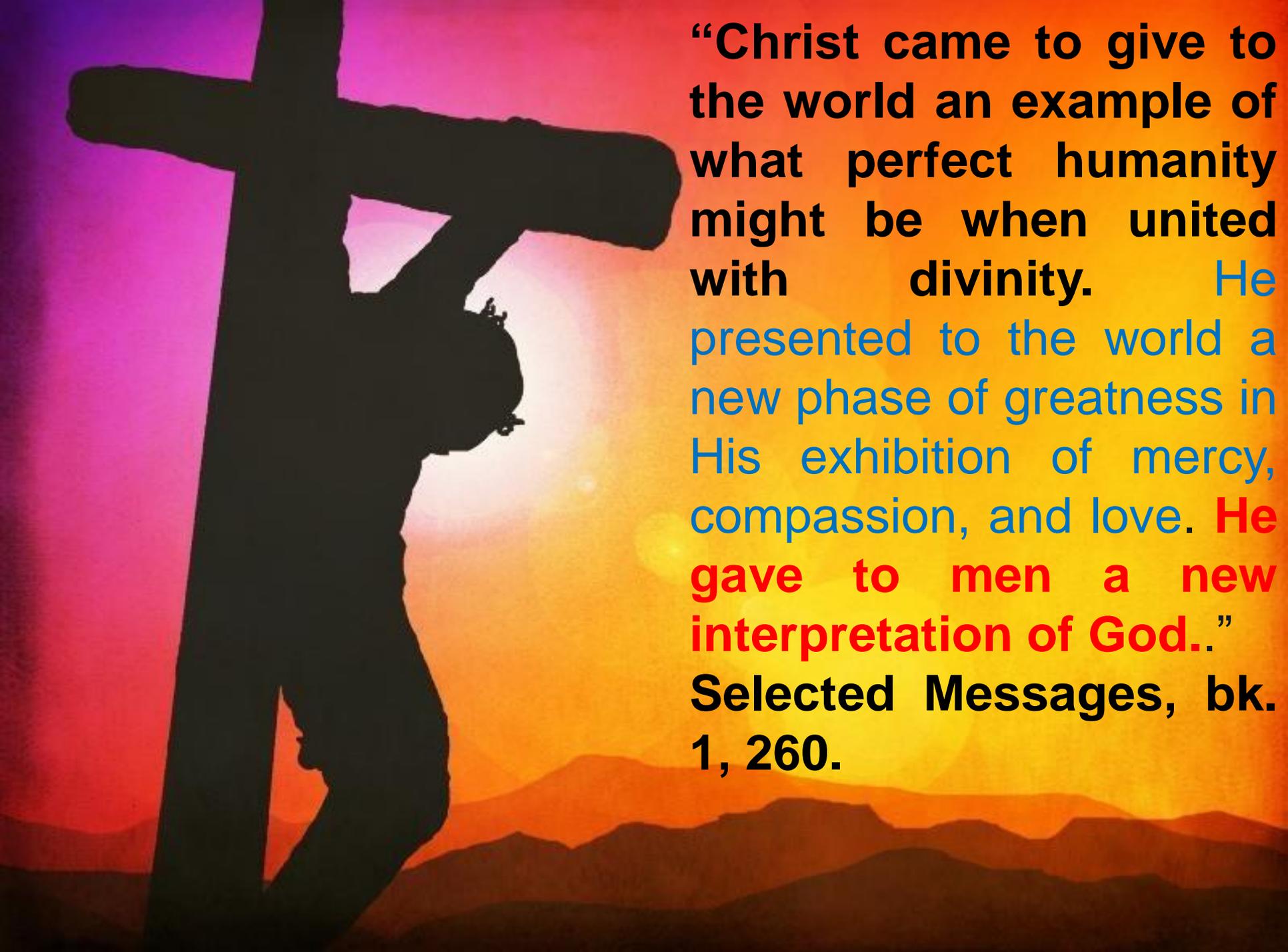
But the **plan of redemption** had a **yet broader and deeper purpose** than the *salvation of man*. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the **law of God** as it should be regarded; but it was to **vindicate the character of God before the universe.**

“How would the Charge
against God be answered?”

Christ came to represent the Father. We behold in him the image of the invisible God. He clothed his divinity with humanity, and came to the world that the erroneous ideas Satan had been the means of creating in the minds of men, in regard to the character of God, might be removed

{Signs of the Time, January 20,
1890 par. 5}



A silhouette of Christ on the cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise, with a gradient of colors from purple and pink at the top to orange and yellow at the bottom. The sun is visible as a bright, glowing orb in the center-right, casting a warm light across the scene. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

“Christ came to give to the world an example of what perfect humanity might be when united with divinity. He presented to the world a new phase of greatness in His exhibition of mercy, compassion, and love. He gave to men a new interpretation of God..”

Selected Messages, bk. 1, 260.

**Satan, the fallen
angel, had
declared that no
man could keep
God's law, and
he pointed to the
disobedience of
Adam as
proving the
declaration true.
ST April 10,
1893. {TA 58.3}**



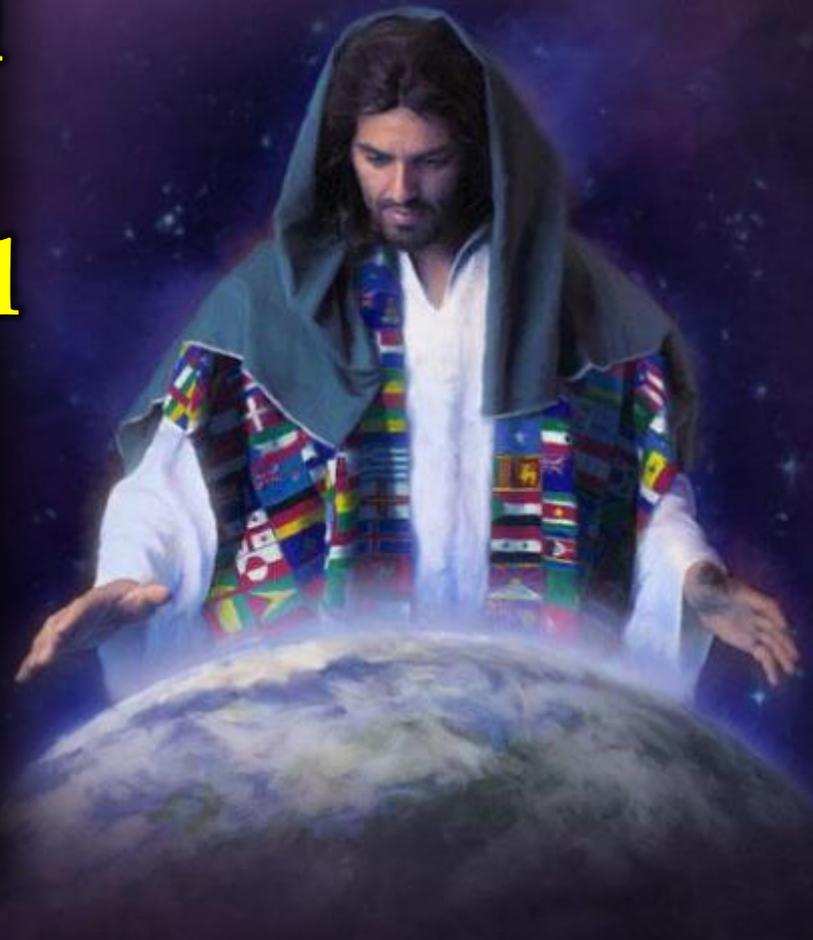
Satan had made the boast that he would gather the world under his banner of rebellion. He declared that man could not keep the law of God. Christ came to prove this assertion false.

**{ST, August 9, 1905
par. 9}**



**(Christ's words):
Satan has declared
that man cannot
keep the law. I will
show that his
statement is false;
that man can keep
the law..."**

{18MR 133.3}



We are ever to be thankful that **Jesus has proved to us by actual life** that man can keep the commandments of God, contradicting Satan's falsehood that man cannot keep them.



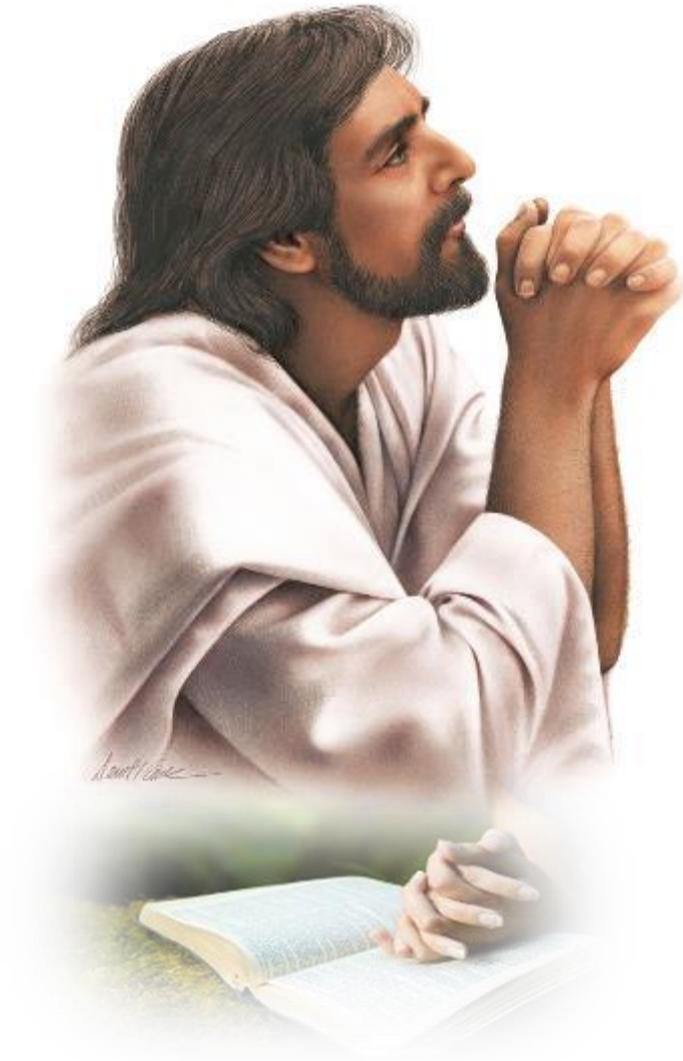
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{Signs of the Time, January 16, 1896 par. 2}





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{BEcho, December 1, 1893 par. 4}



**Divinity and humanity
were mysteriously
combined, and **man and**
God became one. It is in
this union that we find the
hope of our fallen race.**

**The Signs of the Times,
July 30, 1896.
{7ABC 443.3}**



Our Fallen Human Nature Connected With Christ's Divinity

Though He had no taint of sin upon His character, yet He condescended to connect our fallen human nature with His divinity. By thus taking humanity, He honored humanity. Having taken our fallen nature, he showed what it might become, by accepting the ample provision He has made for it, and by becoming partaker of the divine nature.--Letter 81, 1896. {3SM 134.2}

John 1:1-3...14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.....14 And the **Word was made flesh,** and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



JESUS CHRIST - Two Natures in Him

**Christ's Divinity
(100%)**

IMMORTAL

Cannot Die

**Christ's Humanity
(100%)**

MORTAL

Died At Calvary

“As a member of the human family He was mortal, but as a God He was the Fountain of Life to the world. He could, in His **divine person, ever have withstood the advances of death, and refused to come under its dominion**; but He voluntarily laid down His life, that in so doing He might give life and bring immortality to light. . . . What humility was this! It amazed angels. The tongue can never describe it; the imagination cannot take it in. **The Eternal Word consented to be made flesh! God became man!**” Review and Herald, July 5, 1887.

**JESUS CHRIST -
Two Natures in Him**

**Christ's Divinity
(100%)**

IMMORTAL

Cannot Die

Sinless Nature

**Christ's Humanity
(100%)**

MORTAL

**Died At
Calvary**

Fallen Sinful Nature

He took upon his sinless nature our sinful nature, that He might know how to succor those that are tempted.--Medical Ministry, p. 181.

CARNAL SINFUL FALLEN FLESH

“This love was manifested, but it cannot be comprehended by mortal man. It is a mystery too deep for the human mind to fathom. Christ did in reality unite the offending nature of man with His own sinless nature, because by this act of condescension, He would be enabled to pour out His blood in behalf of the fallen race.” Manuscript Releases, vol. 17, 26.

sinful nature

A RIGHT CONCEPTION OF SIN

Chapter 1 -- SIN AND THEOLOGY

By Richard S. Taylor

Sin, as one doctrine of the Christian system, is the common denominator of the other doctrines. The doctrines relating to sin forms the centre around which we build our entire theological system.

If our conception of sin is faulty, our whole superstructure (*of beliefs*) will be one error built on another, each one more absurd than the last, yet each one necessary if it is to fit in consistently with the whole erroneous scheme.

If we are to end right we must begin right. Many, perhaps most, of the errors which have protruded themselves into Christian theology can be finally traced to a faulty conception of sin.

To reason from a false premise is to start an endless chain of false conclusions.

1) The false doctrine of original sin states that “to Sin is not a choice, we are born sinners, we will always be sinners.”

Practically displayed in a false philosophy of health: “Disease is caused by faulty genetics; lifestyle doesn’t matter because we have no choice in the matter.”

**Example: Someone defending a transgression of the natural law—
“We are going to die anyway...I might as well enjoy myself a little while I’m here.”**

Sin as Nature

2) The false doctrine of the unfallen nature of Christ states that “Christ did not need to overcome sin in the way we do, therefore we do not need to overcome. It was easier for Him to not commit sin than for us.”

Practically displayed in a false philosophy of health: “It is perfectly acceptable not to live a healthy life in all aspects because we are not required to be perfect.”

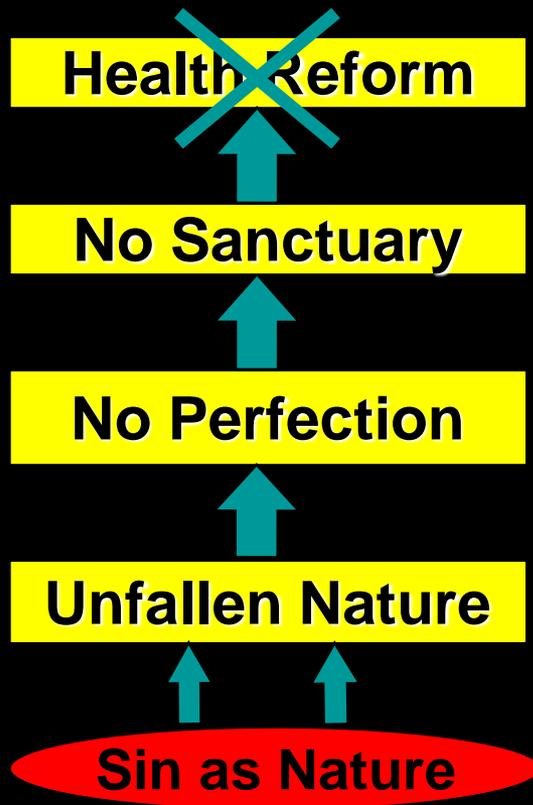


Example: “A little wine here or there...a few puffs of cigar smoke...a little pepperoni on my pizza, even though I know it’s bad for my health...is not going to make me lose my salvation. God knows my heart. I’m a good person.”



3) The false doctrine of the imperfectability of Christian character states that “We will never be perfect...striving to daily obtain perfection of character and victory over besetting sins through Christ is tantamount to salvation by works!”

Practically displayed in a false philosophy of health: We can keep making unhealthy lifestyle choices because “we don’t need to be perfect.”



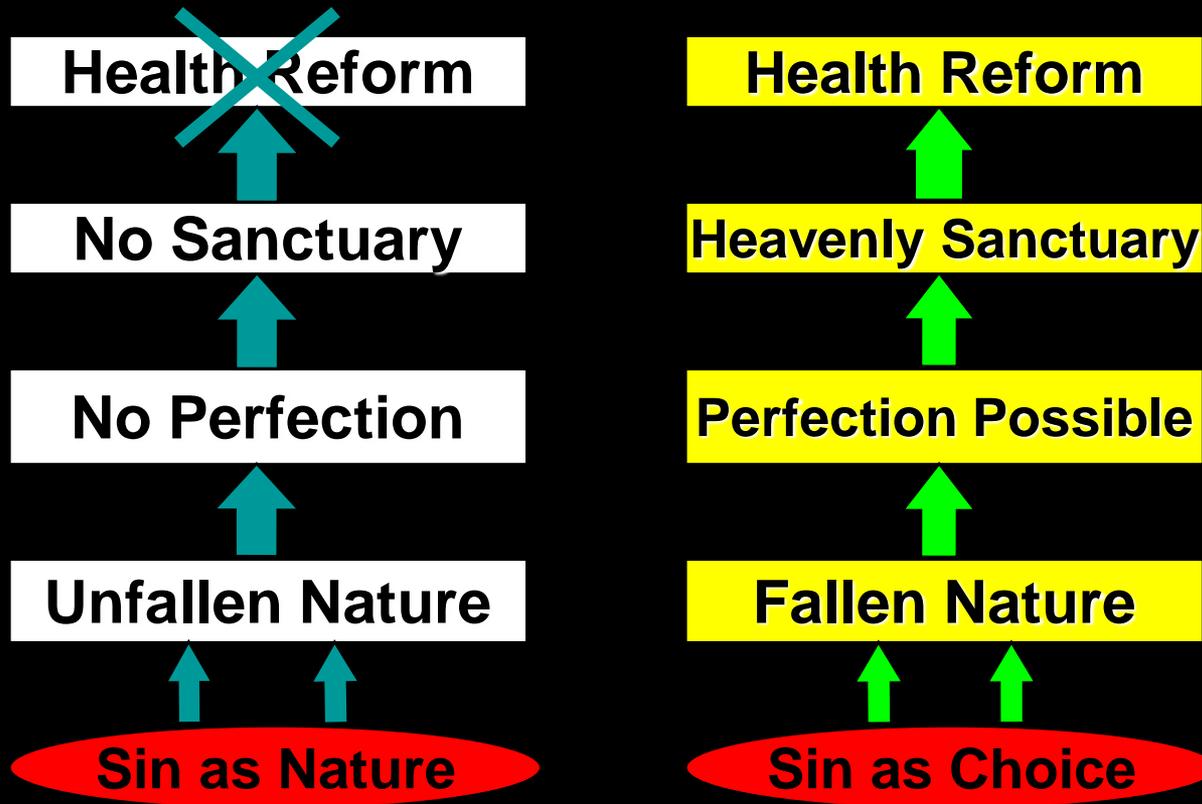
4) The false doctrine of salvation by justification alone states that “We are saved and made righteous once and for all. We can then return to our sins because we are no longer under the law.”

Practically displayed in a false philosophy of health: “All we need to do is ask to be healed and we can get a pill, a high tech treatment, a knee replacement, etc. We can then continue living the unhealthy lifestyle that ‘9 times out of ten’ resulted in our illness.”

Example: A COPD (primarily tobacco-related lung disease) patient stating “I need a breathing treatment so I can go take a smoke break.”

"To reason from a false premise is to start an endless chain of false conclusions."

"If we are to end right we must begin right, and to begin right we must grapple with the question of sin in its doctrinal significance then we may proceed to build our system of theology with confidence, knowing that our conclusions will be based on correct premises."





**What is the Biblical
Definition of Sin ?**

Definition of sin

1 John 3: 4

Whosoever committeth sin
transgresseth also the law: for
sin is the transgression of the
law.



Identifying particular Sins

Vs

Defining what Sin is

✚ Proverbs 21:4. An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

✚ Proverbs 24 9. The thought of foolishness is sin

✚ Romans 14:23 “for whatsoever is not of faith is sin”.

✚ James 4:17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin

✚ 1 John 5: 17. All unrighteousness is sin:

✚ 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

The Law of God



What are the characteristics
of the law?

Romans 3:20

“for by the law is the knowledge of sin” (KJV)

Romans 7:7

“I had not known sin, but by the law: (KJV)

Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light;
and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (KJV)

Psalms 119: 96

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy
commandment is exceeding broad

The law of Jehovah is exceedingly broad. Jesus... plainly declared to His disciples that this holy law of God may be violated in even the thoughts and feelings and desires, as well as in the word and deed.

**Mind Character
Personality Vol. 1 pg. 32**

1 Chronicles 28:9 for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts:





**The law of God is
the mirror to show
man the defects in
his character.**

The Review and
Herald, March 8,
1870



God and His Law

Romans 7:12. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment **holy, and just, and good.**



The law is the transcript of God's character. It presents his righteousness in contrast with unrighteousness.

The Review and Herald July 25, 1899

Transcript : A written or printed version of material originally presented in another medium

Leviticus 11 ⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for **I am holy**:

Deuteronomy 32 ⁴ He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, **just and right is he.**

Psalms 34 ⁸ O taste and see that **the LORD is good**: blessed is the man that trusteth in him

Our only definition of sin is that given in the word of God; it is "the transgression of the law;" {The Great Controversy Chap 29 Origin of Evil pg 493 }

There are **many ideas** in the world as to what is sin... But what does the word of God **define** it to be? John writes, "**Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.**" Without the law we have no knowledge of **what sin is.....** God's law not only covers every deed of outward life, but also penetrates to the intents and purposes of the heart.

{Bible Echo, November 5, 1894 par. 3}





“Those who have allowed their minds to become beclouded in regard to **what constitutes sin are fearfully deceived.** Unless they make a decided change they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works.”

Testimonies Vol. 9, p267

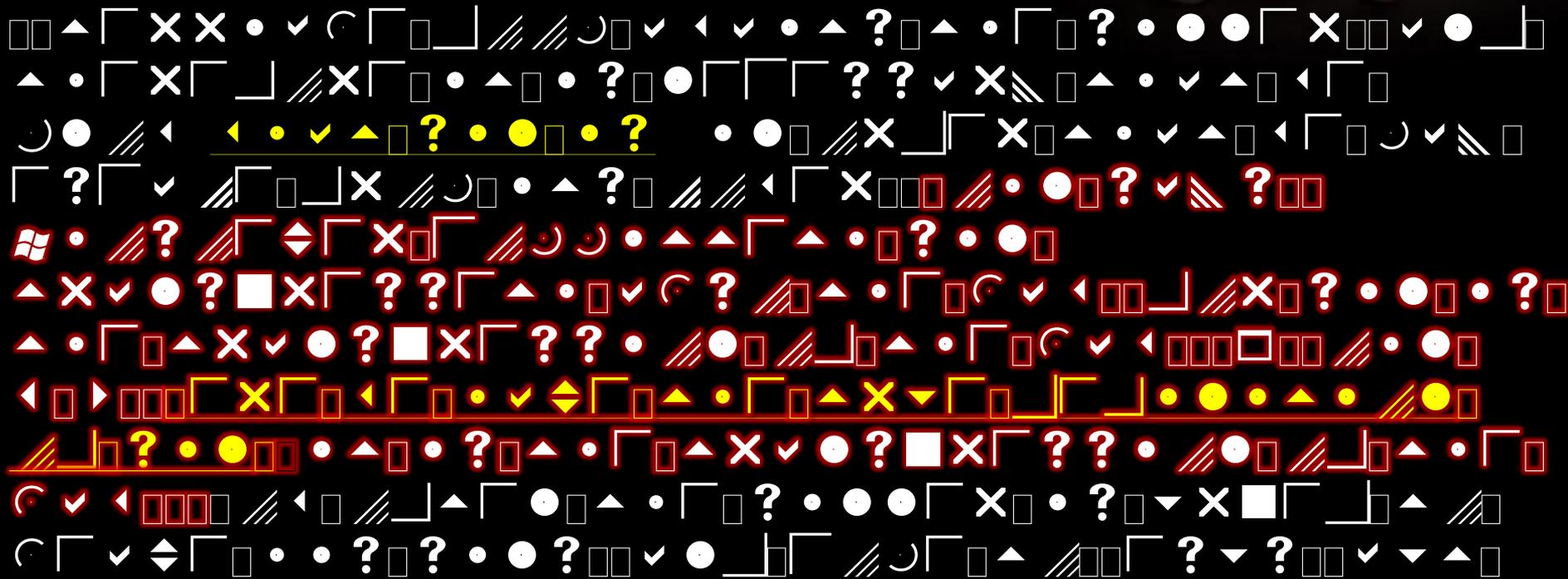
You need not talk about getting along without any law, and yet know what sin is. **The only definition of sin given in the Bible is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).**

{Manuscript Releases
Volume Nine 249.1}





SIN



**FACE TO FACE WITH THE Real Gospel by DENNIS E.
PRIEBE ,pages 37-38**

If **sin is our nature**, then we have no control over that, and **we are sinners by nature**. **If sin is our character**, then we do have control over the choices we make, and we are sinners by choice.

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On the same basis, if **sinlessness** means a “**sinless nature,**” then that is possible only at the second coming of Christ, because we retain our sinful natures until that time. **However, if sinlessness means a “sinless character,”** then that is possible whenever we choose not to sin.

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Our **definition of sin** is the determining factor. If we mean nature when we use the word sin, then there can be no sinlessness until the second coming of Christ. **If we mean character when we use the term sin, then sinlessness is a possibility before the second coming of Christ.**



Leaving us an Example....

What did Satan know about the Flesh that Jesus received?





Clad in the vestments of humanity, the Son of God came down to the level of those he wished to save. **In him was no guile or sinfulness; he was ever pure and undefiled; yet he took upon him our sinful nature.**

Clothing his divinity with humanity, that he might associate with fallen humanity, he sought to regain for man that which, by disobedience, Adam had lost for himself and for the world.

{Review and Herald, December 15, 1896 par. 7}

KEYS TO VICTORY

“The Son of God, who is the express image of the Father’s person, became man’s Advocate and Redeemer. He humbled Himself in taking the nature of man in his fallen condition, but He did not take the taint of sin.”



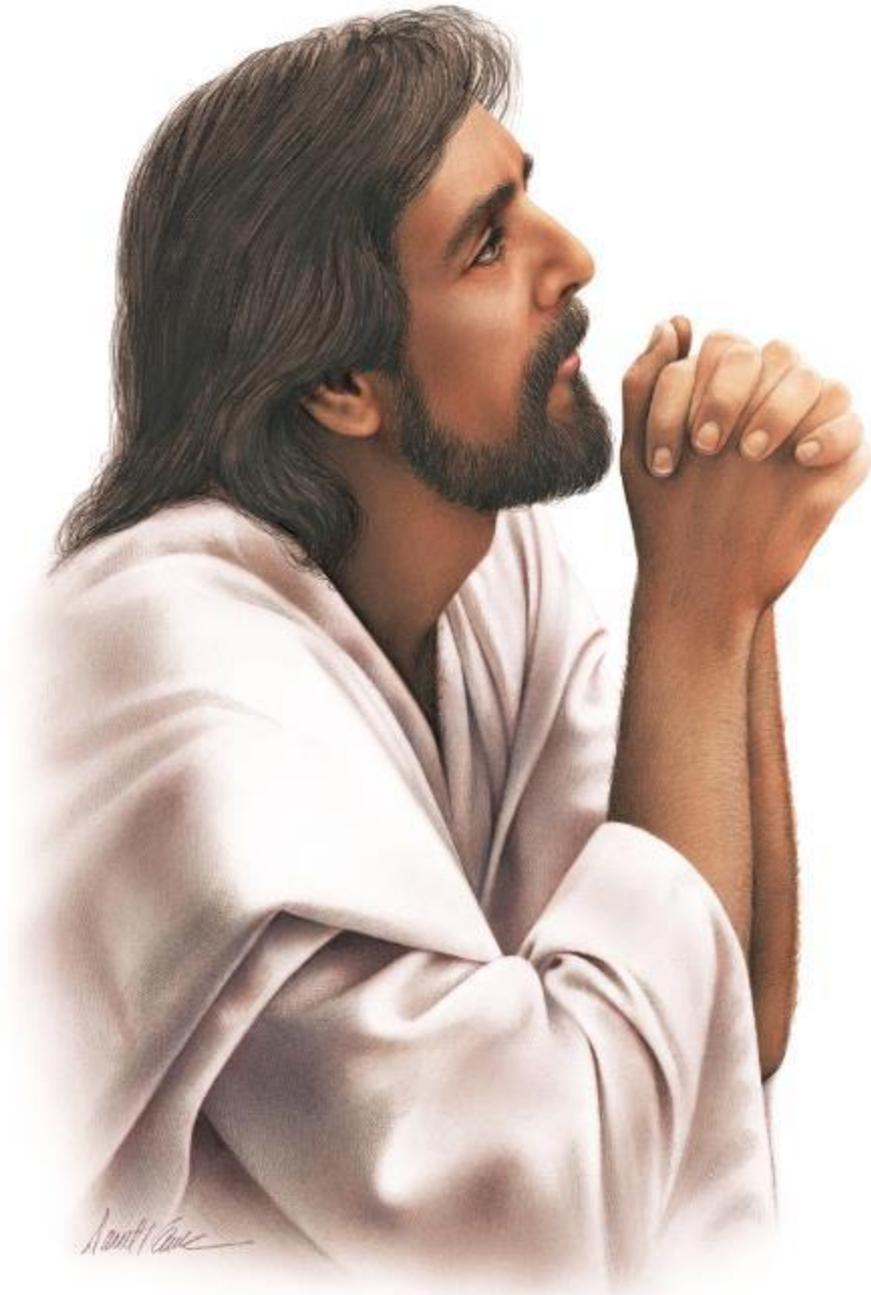
Fallen Nature

By taking upon **Himself man's nature in its fallen condition**, *Christ did not in the least participate in its sin.* He was subject to the **infirmities and weaknesses of the flesh with which humanity is encompassed**, "that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by the prophet Esaias, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was in all points tempted like as we are. **And yet He was without a spot.** {16MR 116.3}



HOW WAS JESUS TEMPTED?

To get a clearer understanding of the nature which Christ received at birth we must understand how He was tempted. The manner of his temptation reveals the type of nature in which He faced them in.



The Bible says That Jesus was tempted as we are. It is believed by some persons that Jesus had only Innocent Infirmities such as hunger, thirst and tiredness and therefore tempted in accordance with these infirmities. And he was only tempted in the wilderness.



Hebrews 4: 15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.



If Jesus was tempted
as we are; what is
temptation and how
are we tempted?



Temptation

Is the feeling or emotion to act in accordance with an instinct or desire which is contrary to the will of God. The risk or possibility of sinning

James 1:14-15



But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.



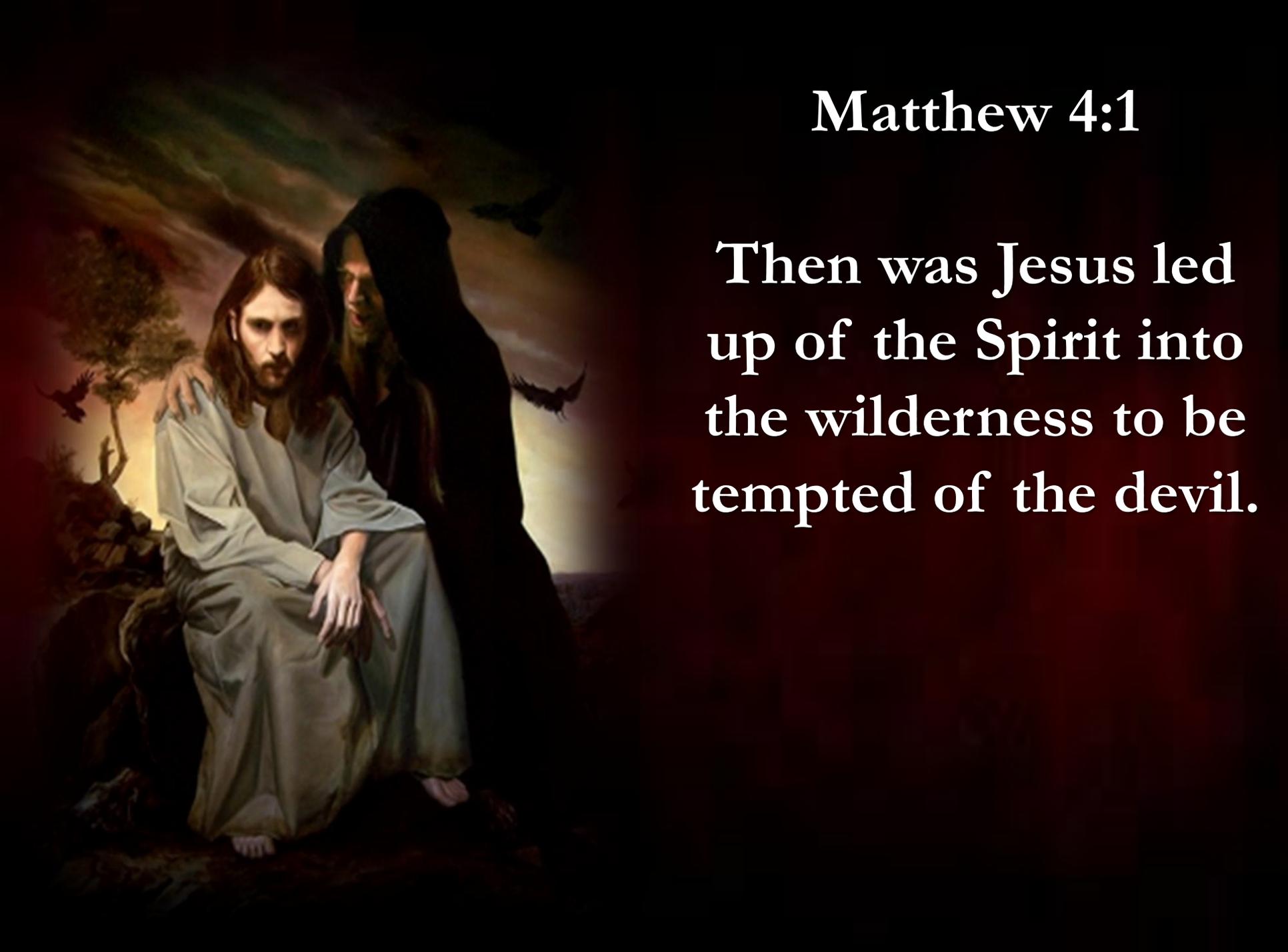
When Jesus was on earth He operated as a
human and not as God



James 1:13 Let no man say when he is
tempted, I am tempted of God: for God
cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth
he any man:

Matthew 4:1

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.



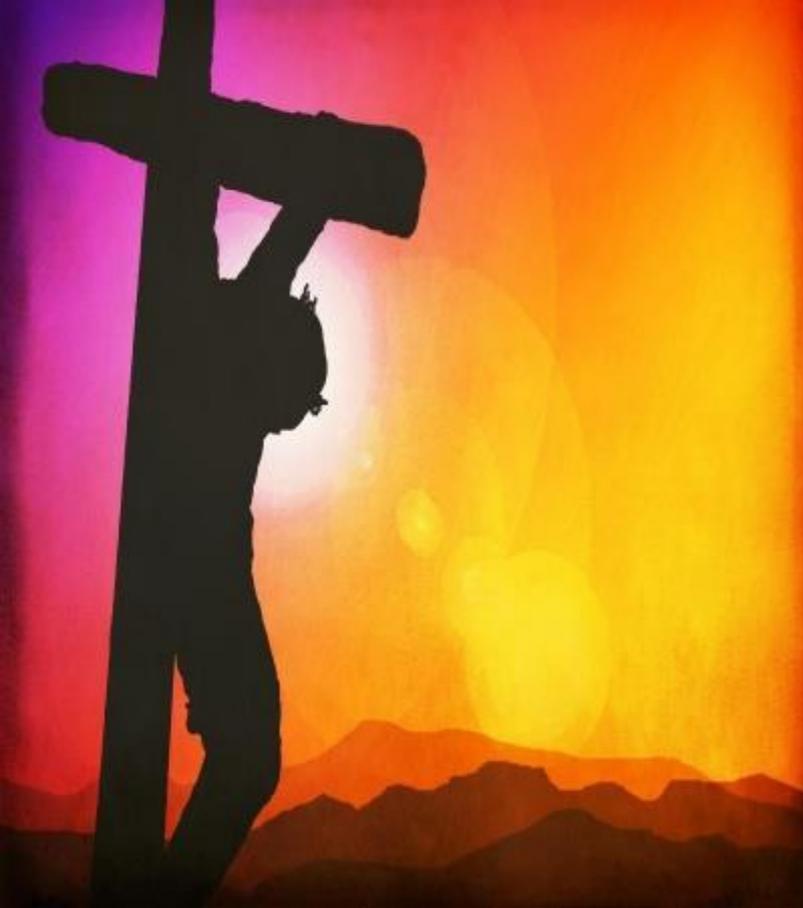
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**{Signs of the Time,
January 16, 1896 par. 2}**





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Does the life of
Christ prove that he
took our fallen
nature?





Christ knew that Adam in Eden, with his superior advantages, might have withstood the temptations of Satan, and conquered him. Review and Herald, August 18, 1874



• Adam's Advantages before the fall

- 1) A perfect environment where all his needs were readily and sufficiently supplied
- 2) Perfect faculties mental and physical

Made directly from the hand of God
Adam had;

1) A natural instinct and ability to obey the will of God with no internal inclination to disobedience.

2) No need to learn righteousness

3) No need for an external source of mental and spiritual strength to live righteously



He (Jesus) also knew that it was not possible for man, out of Eden, separated from the light and love of God since the Fall, to resist the temptations of Satan in his own strength.
{Review and Herald, August 18, 1874}



"The great work of redemption could be carried out only by the **Redeemer taking the place of fallen Adam**. With the sins of the world laid upon Him, He would go over the ground where Adam stumbled."

Review and Herald, February 24, 1874

We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour; **He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve.**

{*Review and Herald*, March 9, 1905 par. 4}

“Those who overcome will follow the example of Christ by bringing bodily appetites and passion under the control of enlightened conscience and reason.” -

Review and Herald, March 4, 1875





Those who overcome will follow the example of Christ.

What is the example of Christ, how did he overcome?

Sis White answers this question by saying “by bringing bodily appetites and passion under the control of enlightened conscience and reason”. Isn't she implying that Jesus had to do this? Bodily appetites and passion are not Innocent Infirmities or an exempted nature, bodily appetites and **passion is what our nature posses.**



The sparks that light the
flame of temptation are;

ENTICEMENT

(via deception or influence)

&

Drawing away by own lust

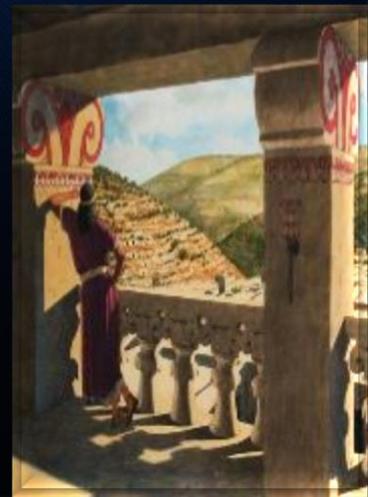
Temptation and sin has its root in self gratifying, doing ones own will, pleasing ones self.

What is the purpose of the will?

Will: Used to express desire, choice, willingness, consent



Eve and David were both tempted to sin and they yielded to their temptations. Both choose freely to disobey God's clear and direct command and gratified themselves



Did Jesus have a will
as all human being
do? Was he tempted
to use his will to
satisfy human desires



Luke 22:42

Father, if thou be willing,
remove this cup from
me: nevertheless not my
will, but thine, be done.

Luke 6:38

For I came down from
heaven, not to do mine
own will, but the will of
him that sent me.





“The **human will of Christ** would not have led him to the wilderness of temptation, **to fast, and to be tempted of the devil.** It would not have led him to **endure humiliation, scorn, reproach, suffering, and death.** His human nature shrank from all these things as decidedly as ours shrinks from them... **What did Christ live to do? It was the will of his heavenly Father”**

(Signs of the Times, October 29, 1894).

“Behold, a virgin shall be
with child and shall
bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name
Emmanuel, which
being interpreted
is, God with us.”

–Matthew 1:23



But although Christ's divine glory was for a time veiled and eclipsed by His assuming humanity, **yet He did not cease to be God when He became man.** {5BC 1129.3}

Christ had not exchanged His divinity for humanity; **but He had clothed** His divinity in humanity (RH Oct. 29, 1895).

The divinity of Christ is our assurance of eternal life.

{YI, February 11, 1897 par. 6}



“Many have no real faith in Christ. They say, ‘It was easy for Christ to obey the will of the Father; for he was divine.’ But God’s Word declares, ‘He was tempted in all points like as we are.’

Christ was tempted according to his elevation of mind; but he would not weaken or cripple his divine power by yielding to temptation.



Signs of the Times, October 14, 1897.

When did Jesus use His Divine Power?

Jn 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

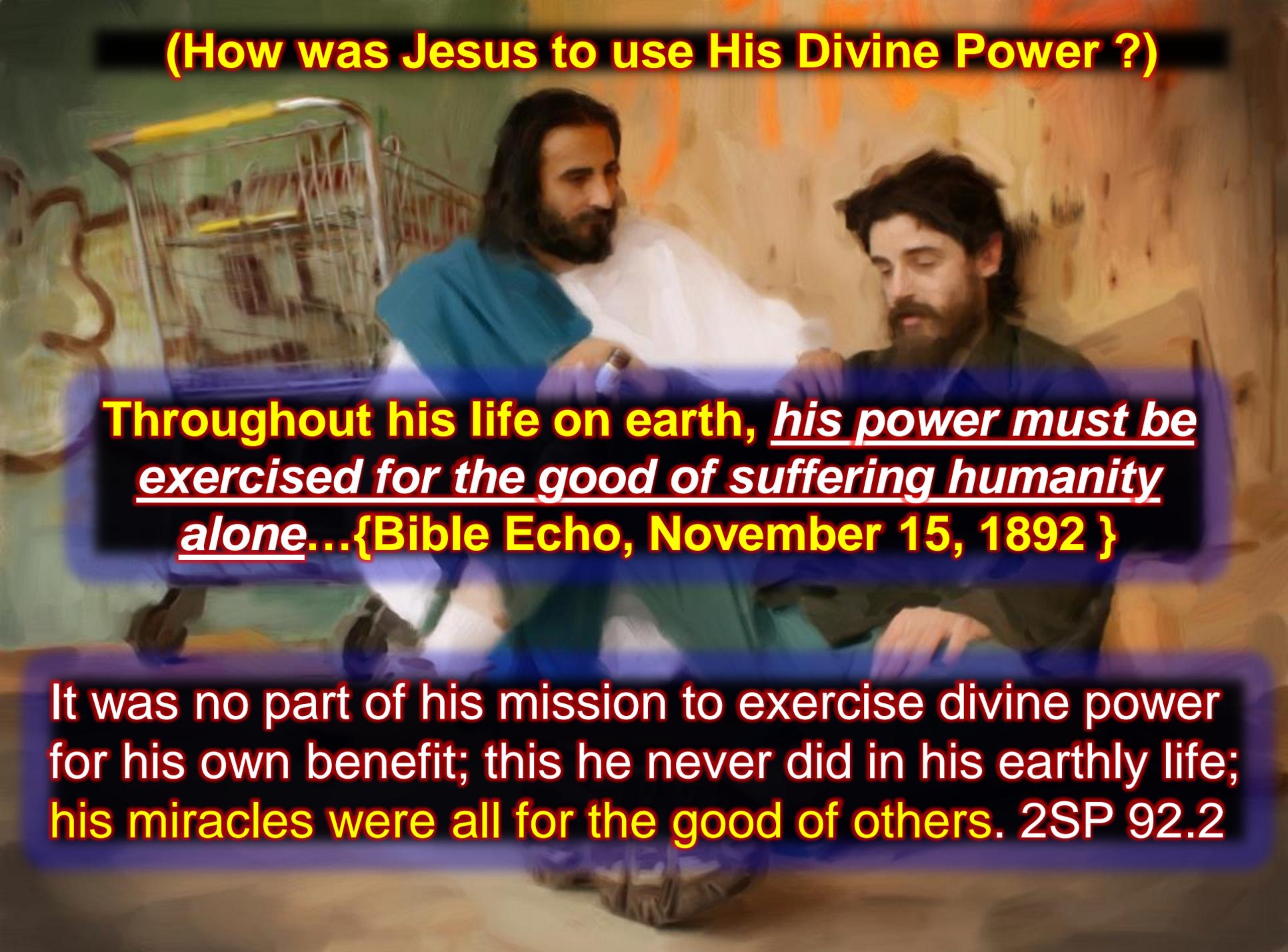
With intense and painful interest all wait for the test of **Christ's divinity**, the evidence that is to substantiate His claim to be the Son of God, or to extinguish the hope forever. {DA 536.2}

The world's Redeemer was equal with God. His authority was as the authority of God. He declared that he had no existence separate from the Father. The authority by which he spoke, and wrought miracles, was expressly his own, yet he assures us that he and the Father are one.--The Review and Herald, Jan. 7, 1890, p. 1. {7ABC 439.1}

The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men. {DA 143.1}



(How was Jesus to use His Divine Power ?)



Throughout his life on earth, his power must be exercised for the good of suffering humanity alone...{Bible Echo, November 15, 1892 }

It was no part of his mission to exercise divine power for his own benefit; this he never did in his earthly life; his miracles were all for the good of others. 2SP 92.2

“Christ was not to exercise **divine power for His own benefit**. He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission.” *The Desire of Ages*, 119.

OMNIPOTENT

OMNISCIENT

OMNIPRESENT

DIVINITY

Divinity

- Inactive for Himself

Humanity

- Active

Yet into the world where Satan claimed dominion God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, **subject to the weakness of humanity. He permitted Him to meet life's peril in common with every human soul, to fight the battle as every child of humanity must fight it, at the risk of failure and eternal loss.**-The Desire of Ages, p. 49.



Hebrews 5:7-8, matthew 24:36

Omniscience Knowledge of the past

It is the capacity to know everything that there is to know. Having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding; perceiving all things.

Luke 2:52 And **Jesus increased in wisdom and stature**, and in favour with God and man

The child Jesus did not receive instruction in the synagogue schools. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. The very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses for Israel He was now taught at His mother's knee.

(The Desire of Ages pg 70.1)



Simon Dewey

He learned a trade, and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph. In the simple garb of a common laborer He walked the streets of the little town, going to and returning from His humble work. **He did not employ His divine power** to lessen His burdens or to lighten His toil. {DA 72.3}

Heb:5:7: Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8: Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9: And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;



Omnipotent-All Powerful



John 5:19-20,30

In becoming man's substitute, and conquering where man had been vanquished, Christ was not to manifest his divine power to relieve his own suffering, for fallen man could work no miracles in order to save himself from pain, and Christ, as his representative, was to bear his trials as a man, leaving an example of perfect faith and trust in his Heavenly Father. 2SP 92.4

the Eternal Son of God, just as mighty, just as infinitely gifted with all the resources of power, and He was found in fashion as a man. {15MR 25.3}



“If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” But by such an act as this, Christ would have **broken** His **promise** that He would never exercise His divine power in order to escape any difficulty or suffering that man in his humanity must meet.

Omnipotent-All Powerful

John 5:19-20,30

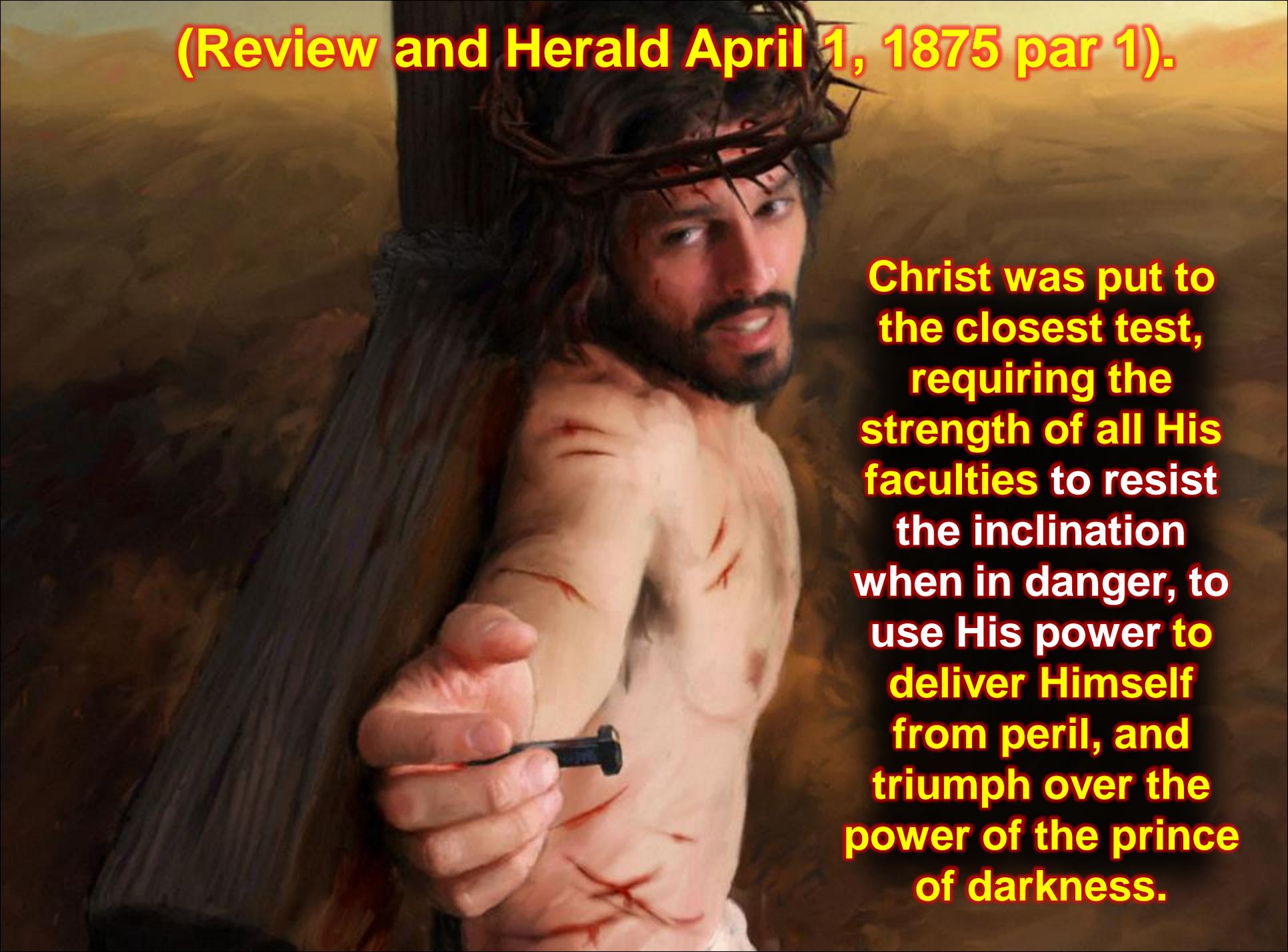
"if Thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread." Such an act of creative power, urges the tempter, would be **conclusive evidence of divinity**. It would bring the **controversy to an end**.

And He knew that in a moment, by the flashing forth of His divine power, He could lay His cruel tormentors in the dust. **This made the trial the harder to bear**.



The Desire of Ages, 119.

(Review and Herald April 1, 1875 par 1).

A painting of Jesus Christ with a crown of thorns, showing wounds on his chest and arm, holding a nail. The background is a dark, textured landscape.

Christ was put to the closest test, requiring the strength of all His faculties to resist the inclination when in danger, to use His power to deliver Himself from peril, and triumph over the power of the prince of darkness.

(Review and Herald April 1, 1875 par 2).

It was as difficult for him to keep the level of humanity as it is for men to rise above the low level of their depraved natures, and be partakers of the divine nature.



Omnipresent

Luke 4:18-19,28-30

The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. **Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally.** {Desire of Ages. p. 669.2}



Matthew 26:67-68, 27:42

The archdeceiver hoped that under the force of despondency and extreme hunger, Christ would lose faith in his Father, work a miracle in his own behalf, and take Himself out of his Father's hands.

Had He done this, the plan of salvation would have been broken; for it was contrary to its terms that Christ should work *a miracle in his own behalf*. { Bible Echo, November 15, 1892 }

THIS DAY WITH GOD, PAGE 263

Christ never murmured, never uttered discontent, displeasure, or resentment. He was never disheartened, discouraged, ruffled, or fretted. He was patient, calm, and self-possessed under the most exciting and trying circumstances.



"Letters have been coming in to me, affirming that Christ could not have had the same nature as man, for if He had, He would have fallen under similar temptations. If He did not have man's nature, He could not be our example. If He was not a partaker of our nature, He could not have been tempted as man has been....

His temptation and victory tell us that humanity must copy the Pattern; man must become a partaker of the divine nature.

{Review and Herald, Feb. 18, 1890:}

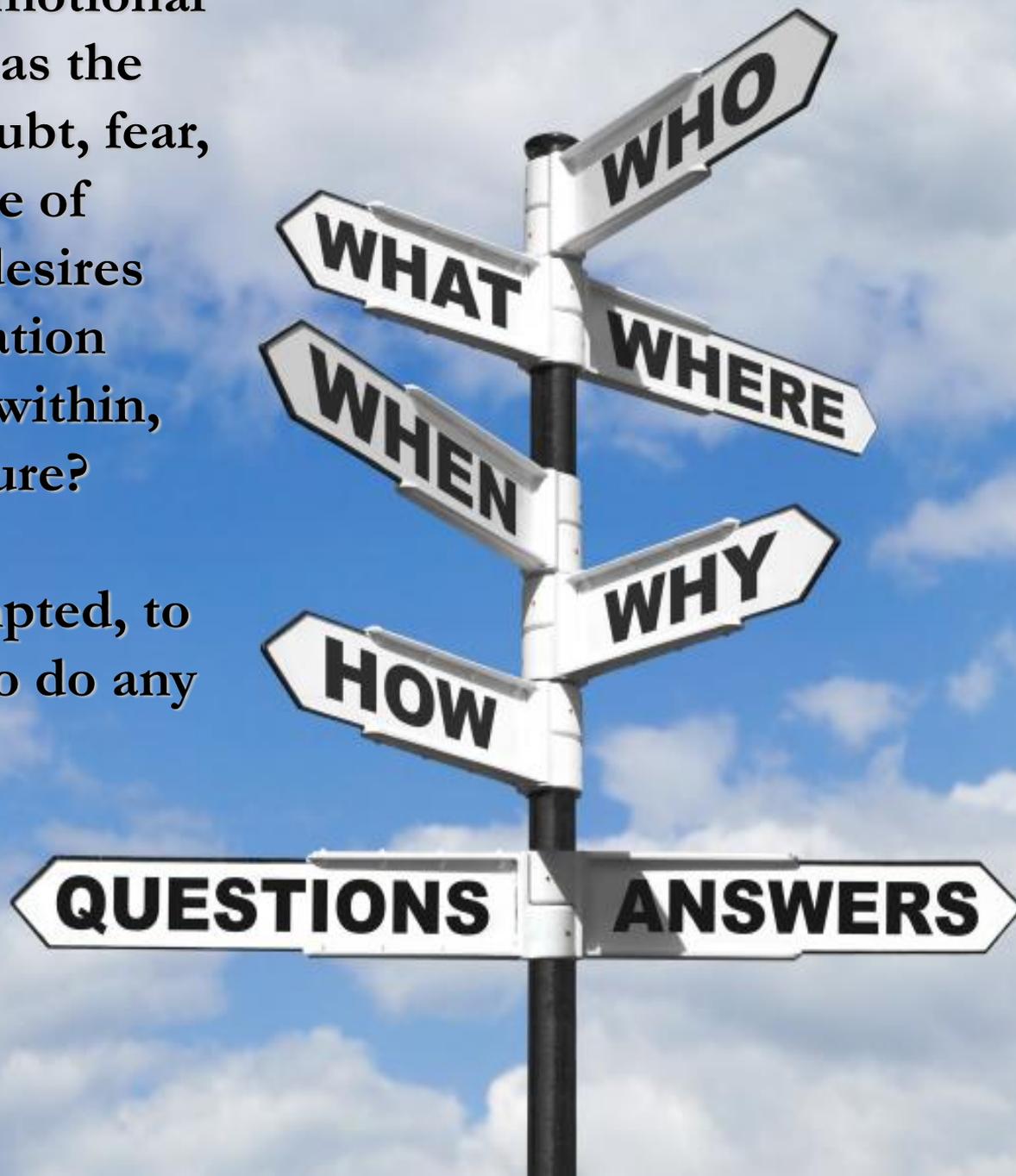


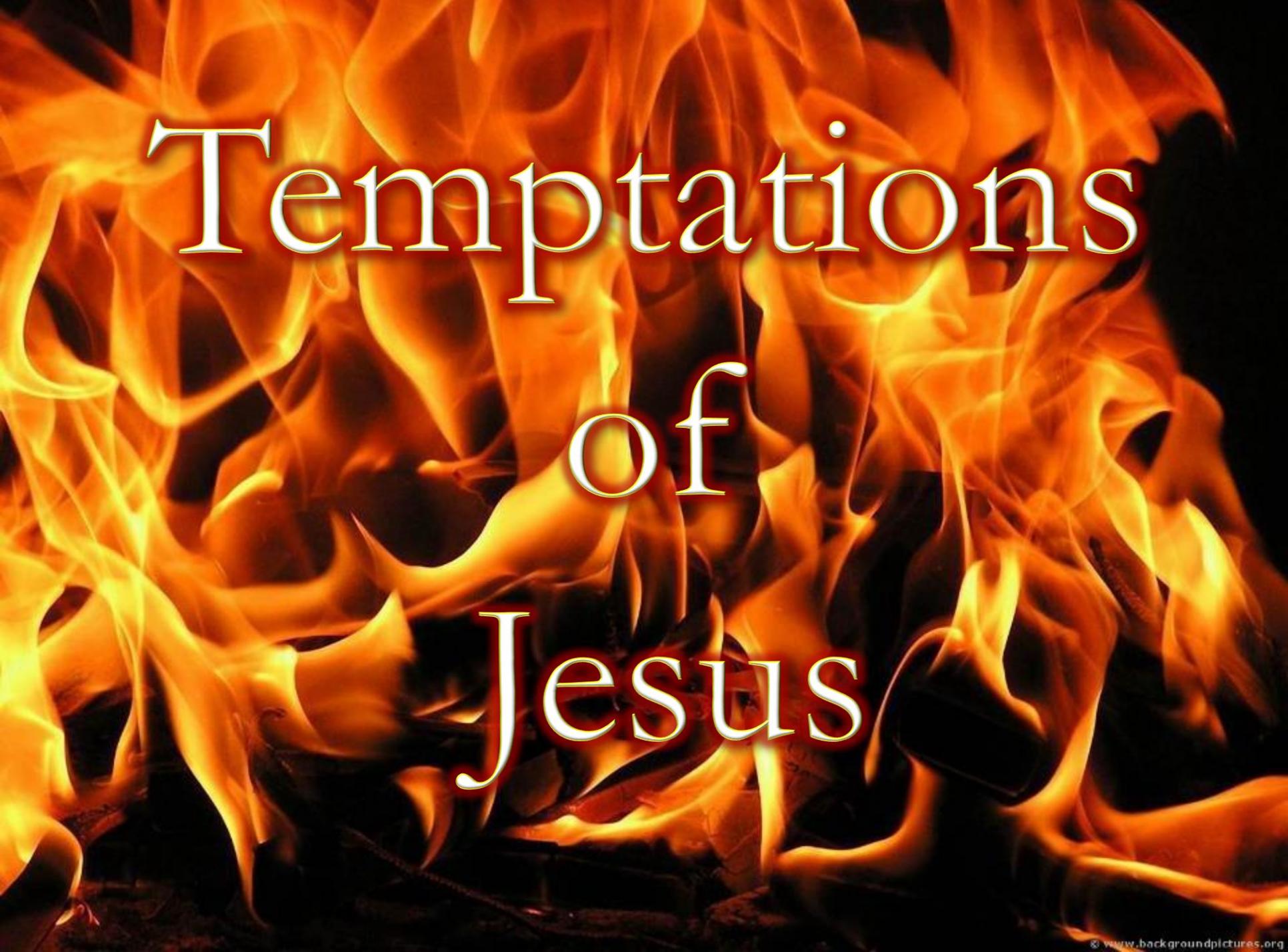
How can we copy the “pattern” if we must live with a different nature than he had?

Did Jesus have emotional encounters such as the temptation to doubt, fear, presumption, love of vanity, youthful desires which are temptation stimulated from within, from a fallen nature?

Was Jesus so tempted, to express his will to do any of these sins?

Let us examine the evidence.





Temptations
of
Jesus

Temptation
to
Doubt & Fear

Even doubts assailed the dying Son of God. He could not see through the portals of the tomb. Bright hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the tomb a conqueror and His Father's acceptance of His sacrifice.

He was tempted to fear that sin was so offensive in the sight of His Father that He could not be reconciled to His Son. The fierce temptation that His own Father had forever left Him caused that piercing cry from the cross: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"



{Testimonies for the Church Vol. 2 (1868-1871) chap 29 pg 209-210}



Temptation to Presumption The sin of presumption lies close beside the virtue of perfect faith and confidence in God. **Satan flattered himself that he could take advantage of the humanity of Christ to urge Him over the line of trust to presumption.** Upon this point many souls are wrecked. Satan tried to deceive Christ through flattery.....

He then urged Christ to give him one more proof of His entire dependence upon God, one more evidence of His faith that He was the Son of God, by casting Himself from the Temple.....**Satan's object in tempting Christ was to lead Him to daring presumption, and to show human weakness that would not make Him a perfect pattern for His people.** {1Selected Messages book 1 chap 40 283.2}



Temptation to Vanity



This last temptation was the most alluring of the three. Satan knew that Christ's life must be one of sorrow, hardship, and conflict. And he thought he could take advantage of this fact to bribe Christ to yield His integrity. Satan brought all his strength to bear upon this last temptation, for this last effort was to decide his destiny as to who should be victor.

He claimed the world as his dominion, and he was the prince of the power of the air. He bore Jesus to the top of an exceeding high mountain, and then in a panoramic view presented before Him all the kingdoms of the world that had been so long under his dominion, and offered them to Him in one great gift. He told Christ He could come into possession of the kingdoms of the world without suffering or peril on His part.....

Temptation to Vanity



Satan promises to yield his scepter and dominion, and Christ shall be rightful ruler for one favor from Him. All he requires in return for making over to Him the kingdoms of the world that day presented before Him, is, that Christ shall do him homage as to a superior.

The eye of Jesus for a moment rested upon the glory presented before Him; but He turned away and refused to look upon the entrancing spectacle. He would not endanger His steadfast integrity by dallying with the tempter.

Vanity is one of the strongest principles of our fallen nature; and Satan is constantly appealing to it with success.

{RH, May 26, 1885 par. 7}

{1Selected Messages Book 1 pg 286.1}

Tempted as a Child



Jesus was interested in children. He did not step into our world a fully matured man. Had He done this, children would not have had His example to copy. Christ was a child; He had the experience of a child; He felt the disappointments and trials that children feel; He knew the temptations of children and youth. But Christ was in His child life and youthful life an example to all children and youth. {Counsels on Sabbath Work 54.2}



If you have hardships, so had He. If you have conflicts, so had He. If you need encouragement, so did He. Satan could tempt him. His enemies could annoy him. The ruling powers could torture His body; the soldiers could crucify him; and they can do no more to us.
{20MR 72.2}



**Jesus was sinless and had
no dread of the
consequences of sin.
With this exception His
condition was as yours.
You have not a difficulty
that did not press with
equal weight upon Him,
not a sorrow that His
heart has not
experienced.
{20MR 72.2}**



His feelings could be hurt with neglect, with indifference of professed friends, as easily as yours. Is your path thorny? Christ's was so in a tenfold sense. **Are you distressed? So was He. How well fitted was Christ to be an example!**

{20MR 72.2}

“You have not a difficulty that **did not press with equal weight upon Him**, not a sorrow that His heart has not experienced... . **Jesus once stood in age just where you now stand.** Your circumstances, your cogitations at this period of your life, **Jesus has had.** He cannot overlook you at this critical period. He sees your dangers. **He is acquainted with your temptations.** He invites you to follow His example.”
Manuscript Releases, vol. 4, p. 235)



Tempted as a Youth

Jesus has said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me [let no one place any obstruction in the way of the children’s coming to me]; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” **Jesus has passed through the trials and griefs to which childhood is subject. He knows the sorrows of the young.** By his Holy Spirit, he is drawing the hearts of the children to himself, while Satan is working to keep them away from him. {RH, December 17, 1889 par. 6}

He was acquainted with the sorrows and temptations of childhood. He experienced the dangers and snares to which the youth are exposed.{Youth Instructor, February 22, 1900 par. 7}





Those who claim that it was not possible for Christ to sin, cannot believe that he took upon him human nature.

Christ was actually tempted, not only by Satan in the wilderness, but all through his life, from childhood to manhood.

In all points he was tempted as we are; and because he successfully resisted temptation under every form, **he gave man a perfect example, and through the ample provisions Christ has made,** we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **{Signs of the Times, October 10, 1892 par. 4}**

Tempted as a Youth

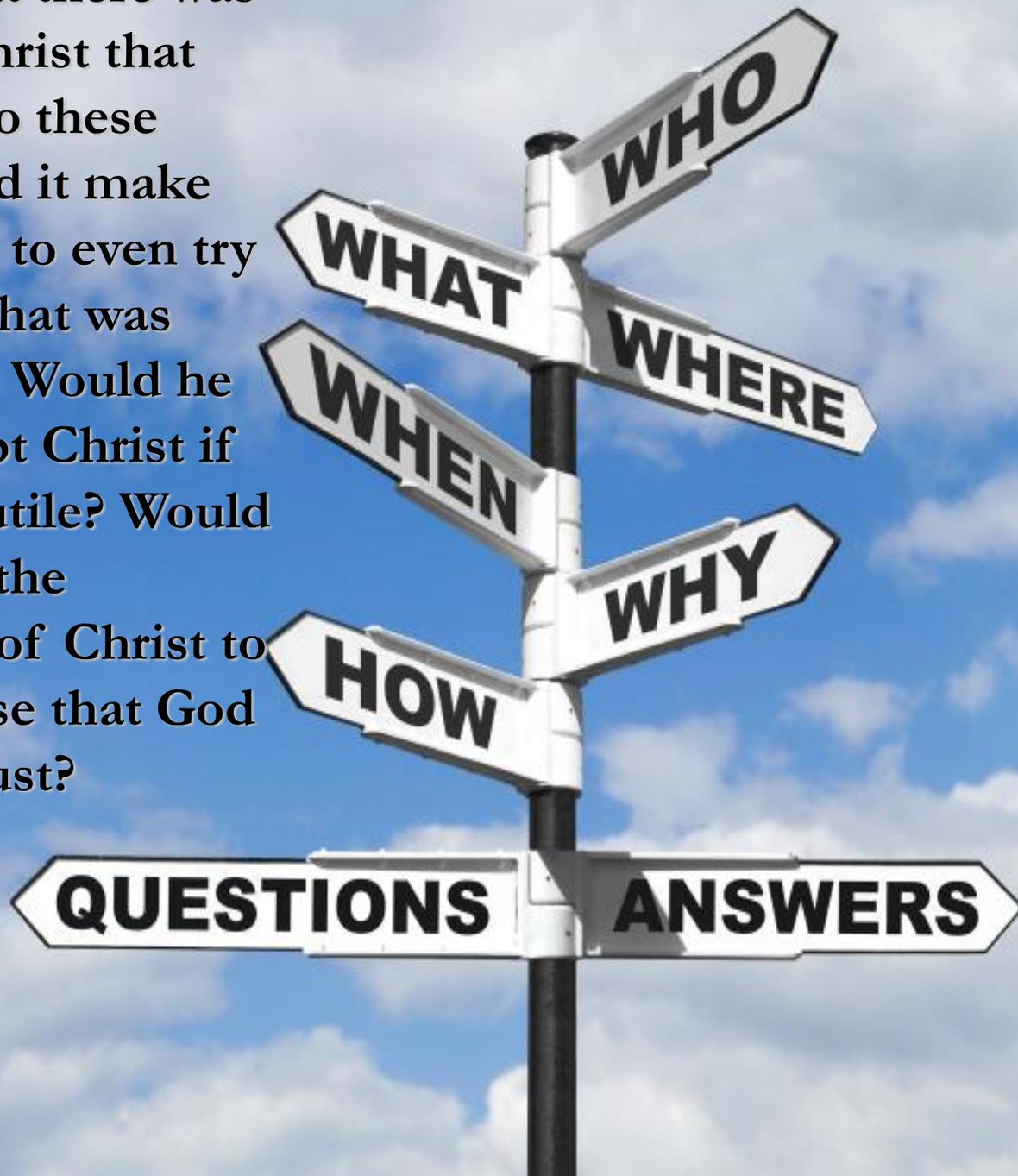
Christ assumed our fallen nature, and was subject to every temptation to which man is subject. Even in His childhood He was often tempted.

Through life He remained unyielding to every inducement to commit sin. When in His youth His associates would try to lead Him to do wrong, He would begin to sing some sweet melody, and the first thing they knew they were uniting with Him in singing the song. They caught His spirit, and the enemy was defeated.



—Miscellaneous Collections Sermons and Talks
Volume Two Manuscript 80, 1903, p. 12. {17MR 29.4}

If Satan knew that there was nothing within Christ that would gravitate, to these temptations would it make any sense for him to even try to tempt Him? What was Satan's objective? Would he have tried to tempt Christ if He knew it was futile? Would he not have used the exempted nature of Christ to strengthen his case that God is unfair, and unjust?



The Son of God in His humanity wrestled with the very same fierce, apparently overwhelming temptations that assail man--temptations to indulgence of appetite, to presumptuous venturing where God has not led them, and to the worship of the god of this world, to sacrifice an eternity of bliss for the fascinating pleasures of this life.”

(Selected Messages , vol. 1, p. 95)





Why did Satan attack Christ so carefully and so powerfully upon particular points?

“Satan showed his knowledge of the weak points of the human heart, and put forth his utmost power to take advantage of the humanity which Christ had assumed in order to overcome his temptations on man’s account”

(RH 1 April 1875).



Satan's object in tempting Christ was to lead Him to daring presumption, and to show human weakness that would not make Him a perfect pattern for His people. **Satan thought that should Christ fail to bear the test of his temptations, there could be no redemption for the race, and his power over them would be complete. {1SM 283.2}**



Tempted
as
we are!

The Saviour came to our world to bring to every tried, tempted soul strength to overcome even as He overcame. I know the power of temptation; I know the dangers that are in the way; but I know, too, that strength sufficient for every time of need is provided for those who are struggling against temptation.

*Messages to Young People
Chap. 20 - Resisting
Temptation pg 81.1*

Why should
we not
perfect a
Christlike
character?
YI 240





We are enjoined to strive for perfection of character. The divine Teacher says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." **Would Christ tantalize us by requiring of us an impossibility? Never, never! What an honor He confers upon us in urging us to be holy in our sphere, as the Father is *holy in His sphere!** He can enable us to do this, for He declares, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." This unlimited power it is our privilege to claim. {ST, September 3, 1902 par. 5}

TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Doubt & Fear



Presumption

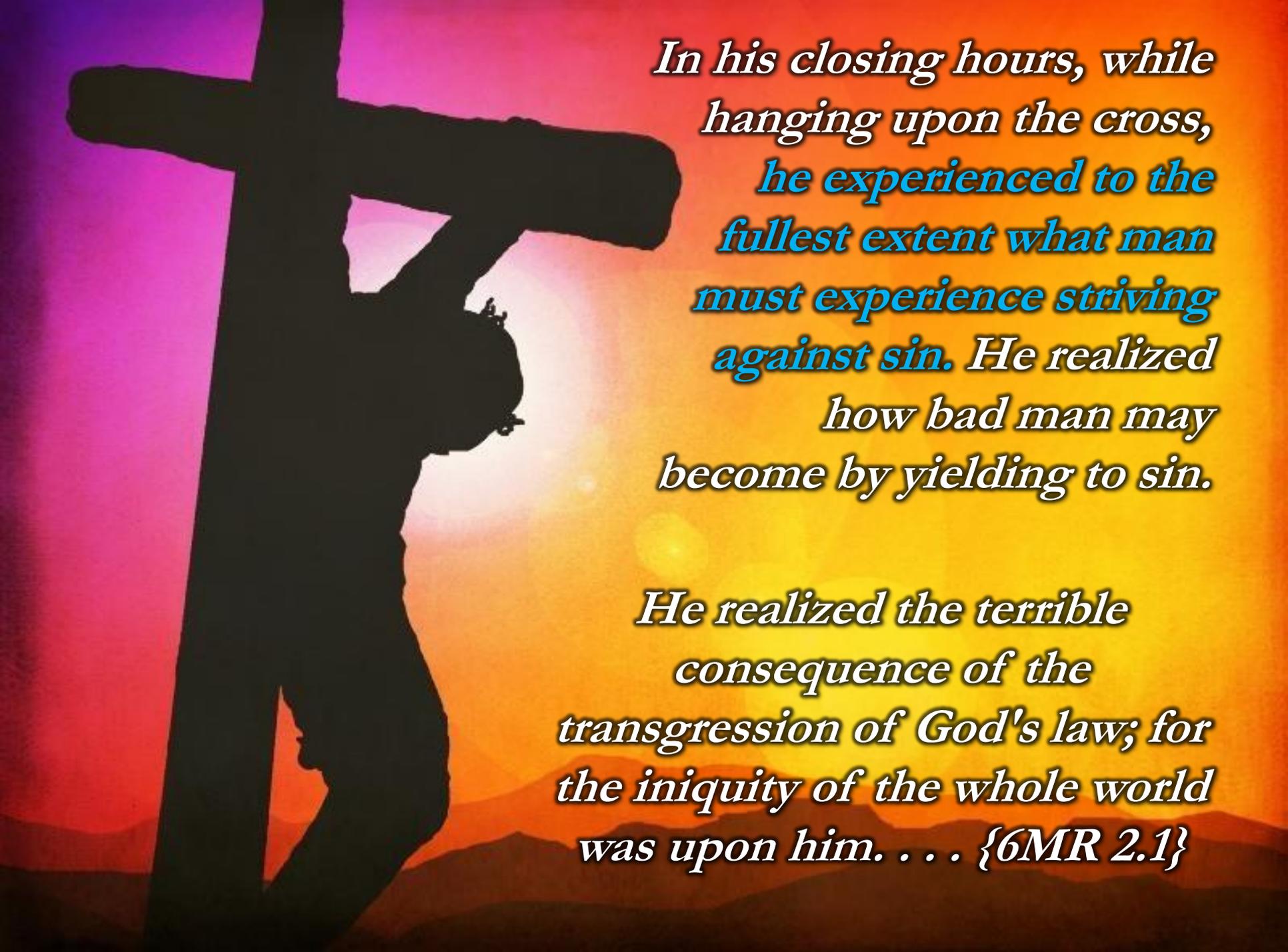


Vanity & Appetite



Childhood

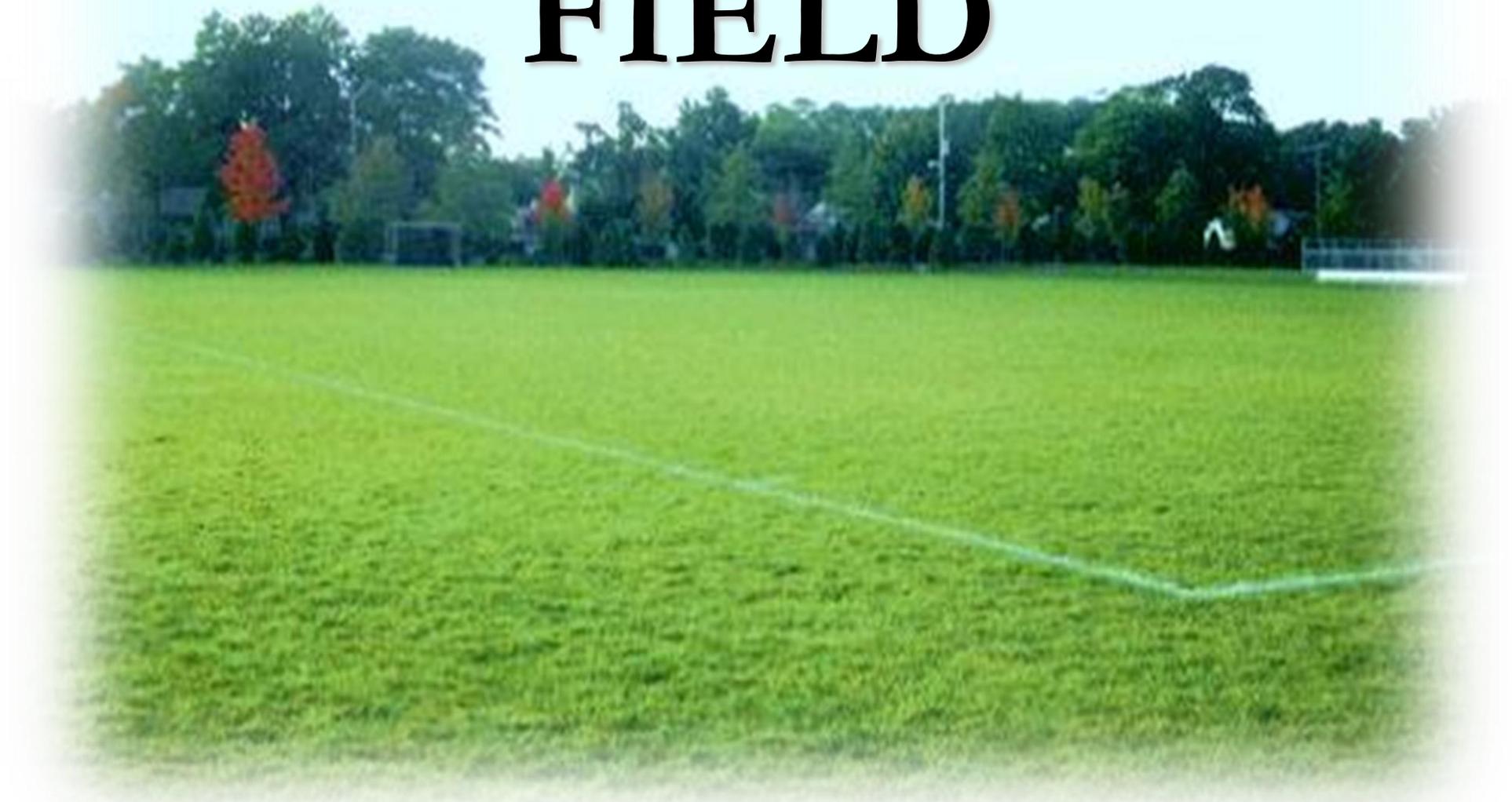


A silhouette of Jesus on the cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise, with colors ranging from deep purple and pink on the left to bright orange and yellow on the right. The sun is visible as a bright, glowing orb in the lower right quadrant, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

In his closing hours, while hanging upon the cross, he experienced to the fullest extent what man must experience striving against sin. He realized how bad man may become by yielding to sin.

He realized the terrible consequence of the transgression of God's law; for the iniquity of the whole world was upon him. . . . {6MR 2.1}

A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD





"Christ was tempted by Satan in a hundred-fold severer manner than was Adam, and under circumstances in every way more trying."

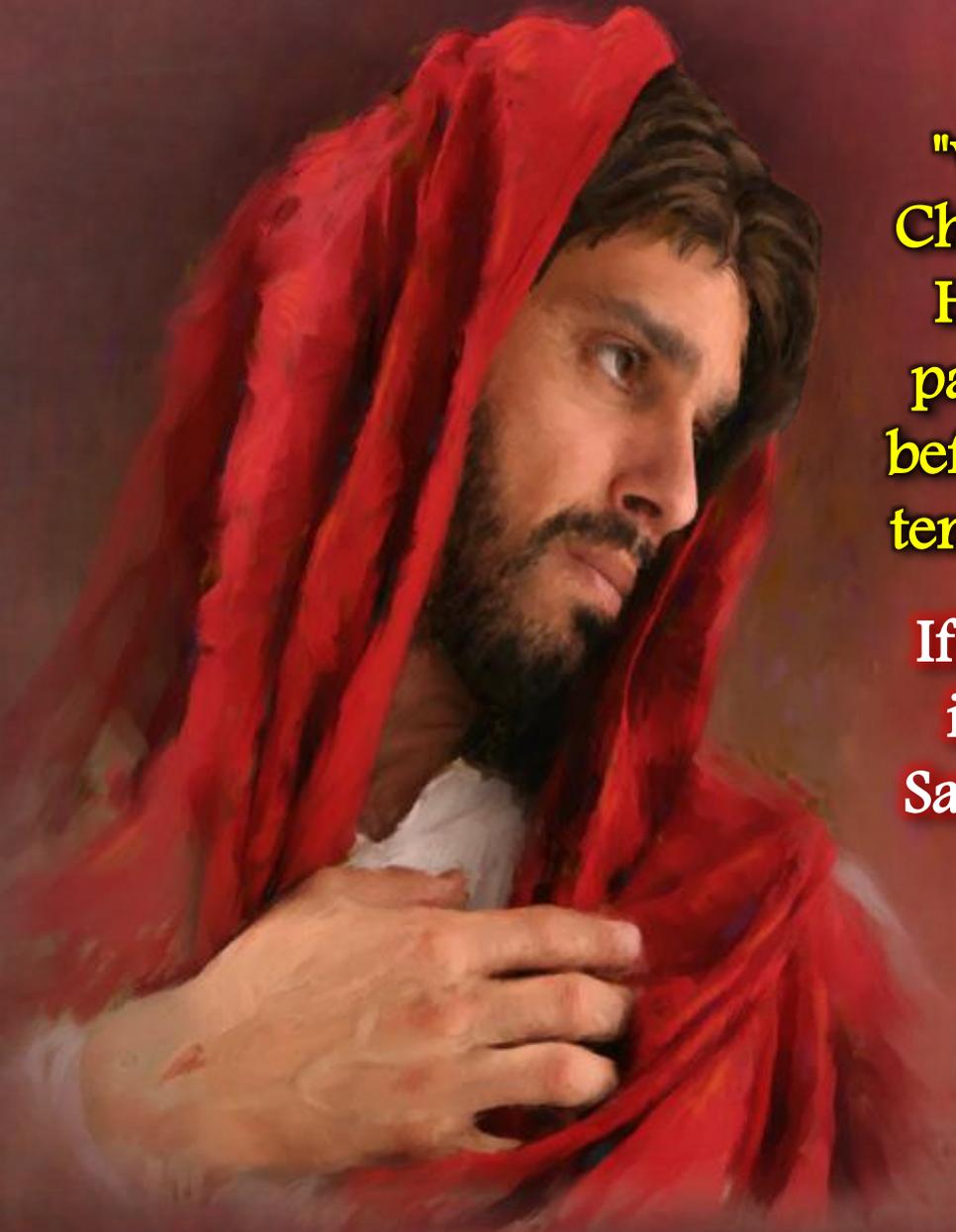
Youth's Instructor, June 2, 1891



“Many claim that it was impossible for Christ to be overcome by temptation. Then He could not have been placed in Adam’s position; He could not have gained the victory that Adam failed to gain. **If we have in any sense a more trying conflict than had Christ, then He would not be able to succor us. But our Saviour took humanity, with all its liabilities. He took the nature of man, with the possibility of yielding to temptation. We have nothing to bear which He has not endured.”**

The Desire of Ages, 117.

This makes all the sense in the world. It makes clear why



"we need not place the obedience of Christ by itself as something for which He was particularly adapted, by His particular divine nature, for He stood before God as man's representative and tempted as man's substitute and surety.

If Christ had a special power which it is not the privilege of man to have, Satan would have made capitol of this matter."

Selected Messages Vol. 3 pg 139



The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan's temptations without divine power to combine with his instrumentality. So with Jesus Christ; He could lay hold of divine power.

{Our High Calling- Christ Humanity a Golden Chain Chap 42 pg 48.6}

What method did Jesus use
to overcome in this world?

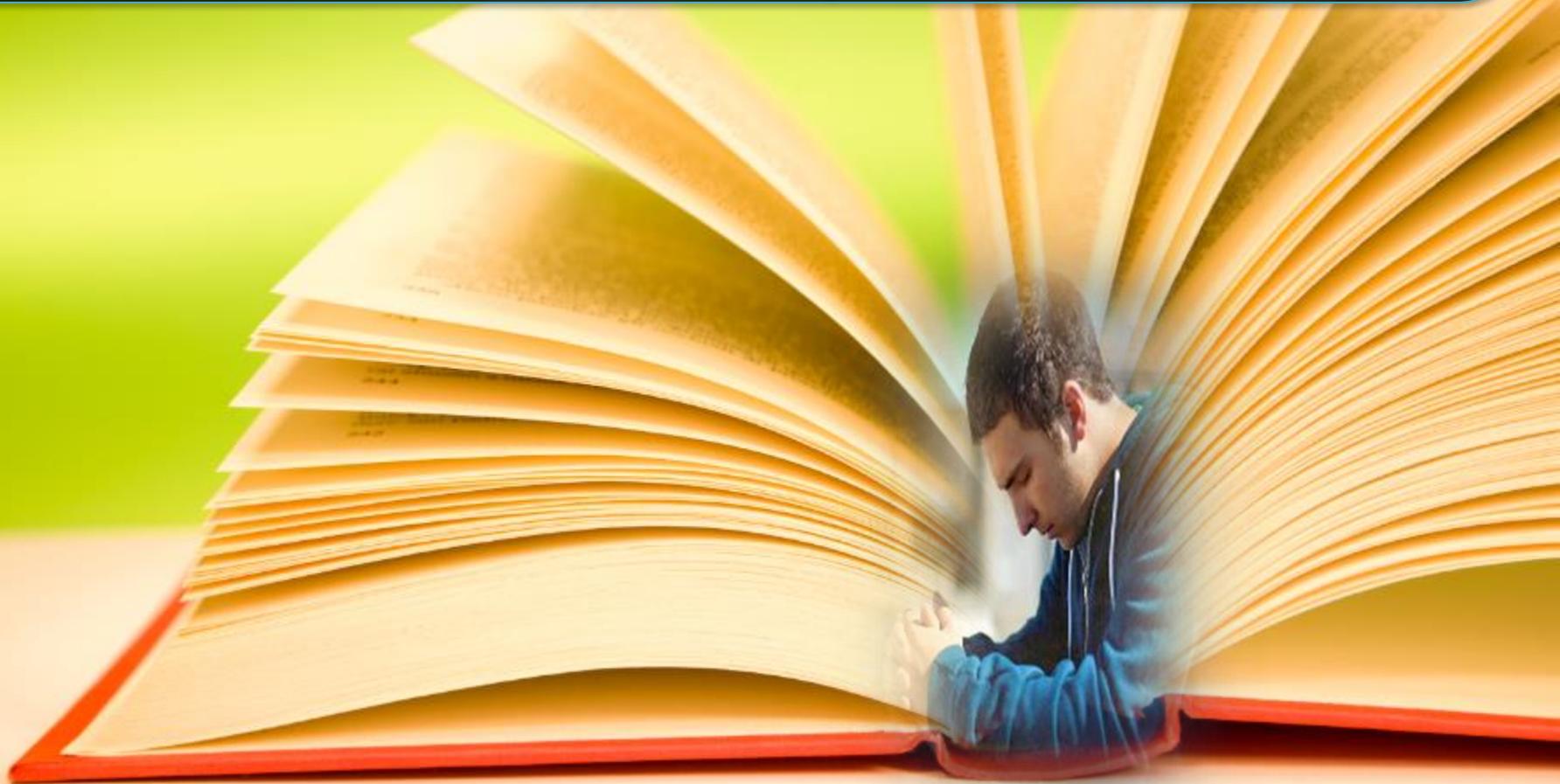




Christ took upon himself human nature, **but daily he linked it with the divine nature**. He devoted whole nights to prayer, leaving an example for all humanity; **for as he relied upon God**, the Source of all strength, **so are we to be invigorated and refreshed, to be strengthened for duty and braced for trial, through communion with God.**

{ST, November 21, 1895 par. 2}

Build a **wall of scriptures** around you, and you will see that the world cannot break it down. **Commit the Scriptures to memory**, and **then throw right back upon Satan when he comes with his temptations, "It is written."** This is the way that our Lord met the temptations of Satan, and resisted them.
--RH April 10, 1888. {LDE 67.2}



As one with us, a sharer in our needs and weaknesses, He was wholly dependent upon God, and in the secret place of prayer He sought divine strength, that He might go forth braced for duty and trial.....

As a man He supplicated the throne of God till His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity.

Through continual communion He received life from God, that He might impart life to the world. His experience is to be ours.

{Desire of Ages 363.1 }





Bear in mind that Christ's overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord.

When we give, to His human nature, a power that it is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity. His imputed grace and power He gives to all who receive Him by faith.

The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man.

1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;



He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but as a man to obey God's Holy Law, and in this way He is our example. **The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could do, through faith in God's power to help in every emergency.** Man is, through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset. {Our High Calling- Christ Humanity a Golden Chain Chap 42 pg 48.6}



The Lord now demands that every son and daughter of Adam, through faith in Jesus Christ, serve Him in human nature which we now have.

The Lord Jesus has bridged the gulf that sin has made. **He has connected earth with heaven, and finite man with the infinite God. Jesus, the world's Redeemer, could only keep the commandments of God in the same way that humanity can keep them.**

{Our High Calling- Christ Humanity
a Golden Chain Chap 42 pg 48.6}

We are not to serve God as if we were not human, but we are to serve Him in the nature we have, that has been redeemed by the Son of God;

through the righteousness of Christ we shall stand before God pardoned, and as though we had never sinned.

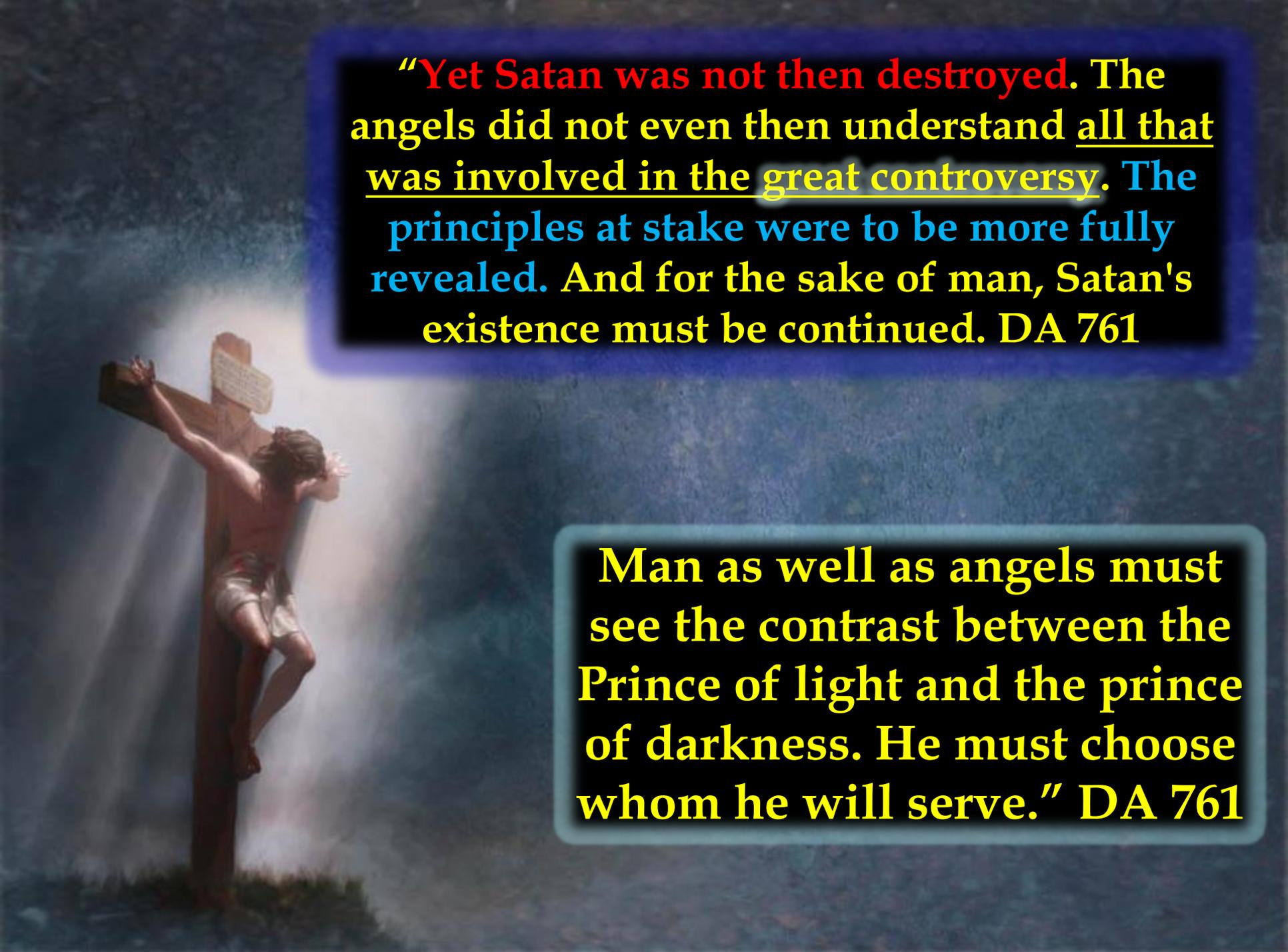
The humanity of the Son of God is everything to us. It is the golden chain that binds our souls to Christ, and through Christ to God.

{Our High Calling- Christ Humanity a Golden Chain Chap 42 pg 48.6}





“In their fallen nature people can do the very things God expects them to do through the help provided for **them**. They can walk and work and live by faith in the Son of God. God is not pleased with those who are satisfied with a mere animal life. He has formed human beings after the divine similitude. He designs that they shall possess the character of God by obeying His law, the expression of His divine character. {CTr 53.4}



“Yet Satan was not then destroyed. The angels did not even then understand all that was involved in the great controversy. The principles at stake were to be more fully revealed. And for the sake of man, Satan's existence must be continued. DA 761

Man as well as angels must see the contrast between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness. He must choose whom he will serve.” DA 761



The Lord has sent to our world a message of warning, even the **Third Angel's Message**. **All heaven** is waiting to hear us **vindicate God's law**, **declaring it to be holy, just, and good.**{RH, April 16, 1901 par. 16}

THE WARNING
AND
THE PROMISE



“Are there those here who have been *sinning and repenting, sinning and repenting*, and *will they continue to do so till Christ shall come*? May God help us that we may be **truly united to Christ**, the living vine, and bear fruits to the glory of God.” —Review and Herald, April 21, 1891.

We need not retain one sinful propensity.
(7BC 943.1)

Heaven can never be gained by an
imperfect obedience; for this
would place **all heaven in**
jeopardy, and make possible a
second rebellion.



Signs of the Times, December 30, 1889.

**“Jesus came to
this world to
save His people
from their sins.
He will not save
us in our sins,
for He is not the
minister of sin.”**

**Signs of the Times,
February 15, 1892.**





“But though we are carnal, we are to reckon ourselves **“dead indeed unto sin,** but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. . . .”

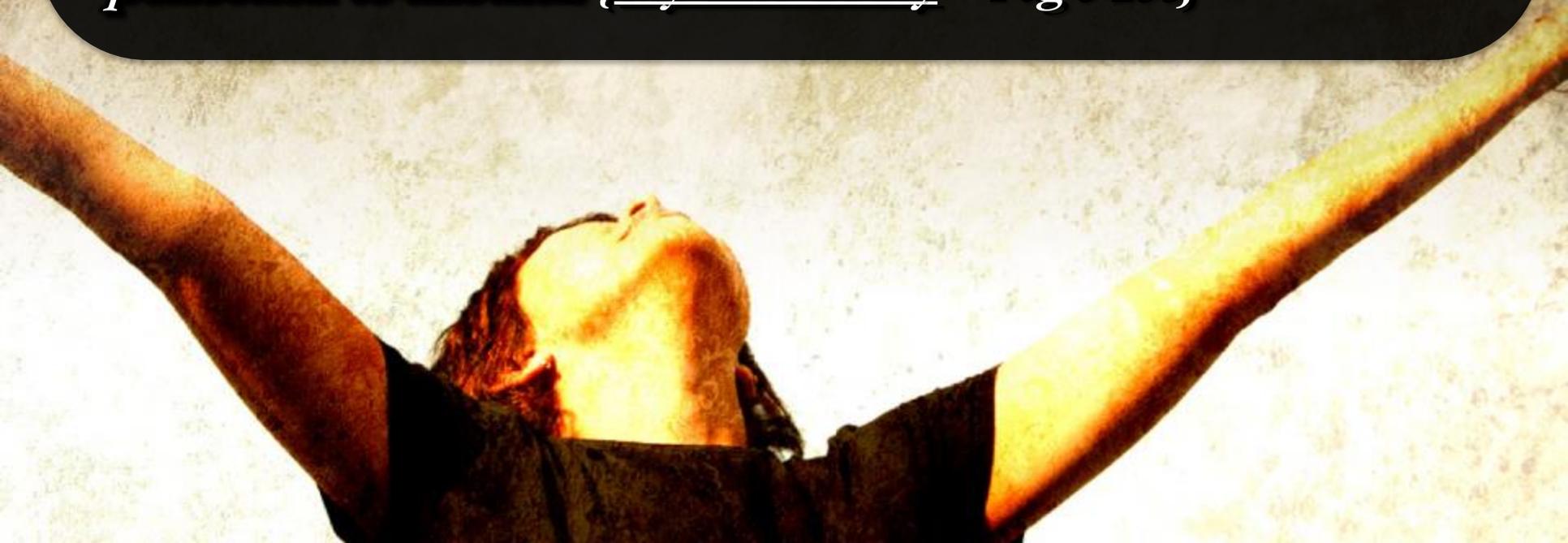
{ST, October 1, 1894
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*Every
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{Messages to Young People :
Page 429 90. Sowing Wild
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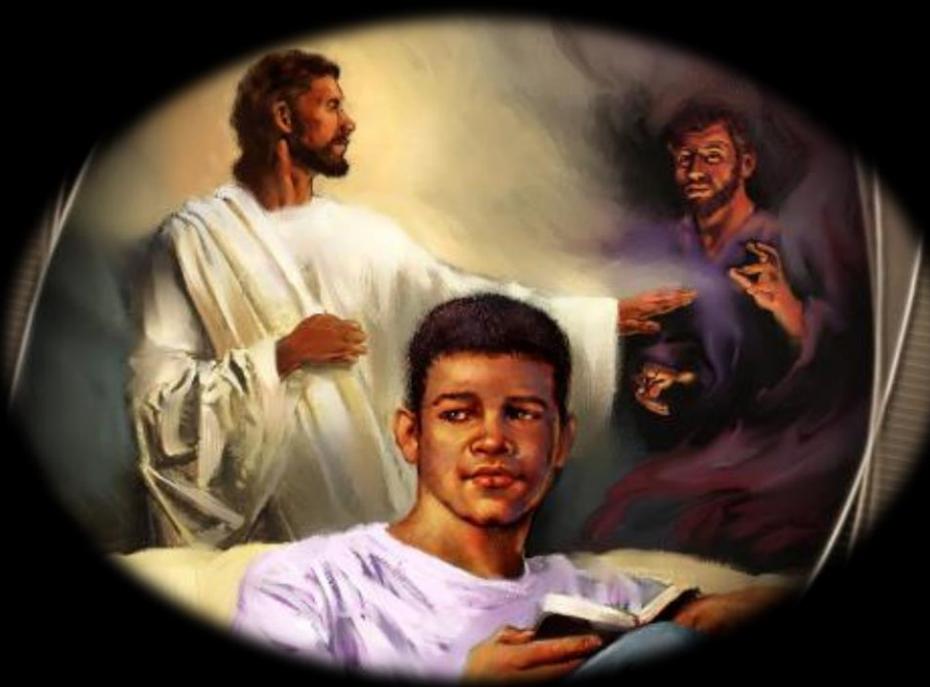
No one who truly loves and fears God will continue to transgress the law in any particular. When man transgresses he is under the condemnation of the law, and it becomes to him a yoke of bondage. Whatever his profession may be he is not justified, which means pardoned. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Through obedience comes sanctification of body, soul, and spirit. This sanctification is a progressive work, and an advance from one stage of perfection to another. {My Life Today - Page 255}



If Satan seeks to divert the mind to low and sensual things, bring it back again and place it on eternal things; and when the Lord sees the determined effort made to retain only pure thoughts, He will attract the mind, like the magnet, purify the thoughts, and enable them to cleanse themselves from every secret sin. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

The first work of those who would reform is to purify the imagination. If the mind is led out in a vicious direction, it must be restrained to dwell only upon pure and elevated subjects. When tempted to yield to a corrupt imagination, then flee to the throne of grace and pray for strength from Heaven. In the strength of God the imagination can be disciplined to dwell upon things which are pure and heavenly.—

*{Mind, Character, and Personality Volume 2 : Page 587 chap 25.
Imagination Harnessing the Mind}*



*If Satan sees he is in danger of losing one soul, he will exert himself to the utmost to keep that one. **And when the individual is aroused to his danger, and, with distress and fervor, looks to Jesus for strength, Satan fears he shall lose a captive, and he calls a re-enforcement of his angels to hedge in the poor soul, and form a wall of darkness around him, that heaven's light may not reach him.** {Messages to Young People pg 53}*

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is shown from the side, reaching her hands up towards a bright, glowing light source. Her hands are being held up by several other hands that appear to be reaching down from above. The background is a soft, hazy blue and white, suggesting a celestial or divine atmosphere.

*But if the one in danger
perseveres, and in helplessness
and weakness casts himself
upon the merits of the blood of
Christ, Jesus listens to the
earnest prayer of faith, and
sends a re-enforcement of
those angels which excel in
strength to deliver him.*

*{Messages to Young
People pg 53}*



*Satan cannot endure to have his powerful rival appealed to, for he fears and trembles before His [Christ's] strength and majesty. **At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles.** . . . And when angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, Satan and his host fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost.—{Review and Herald, May 13, 1862}*

Summary

As one with us, a sharer in our needs and weaknesses, He was wholly dependent upon God, and in the secret place of prayer He sought divine strength, that He might go forth braced for duty and trial

When the individual is aroused to his danger, and, with distress and fervor, looks to Jesus for strength, Satan fears he shall lose a captive.

If the one in danger perseveres, and in helplessness and weakness casts himself upon the merits of the blood of Christ, Jesus listens to the earnest prayer of faith, and sends a re-enforcement of those angels which excel in strength

And when angels, all-powerful, clothed with the armory of heaven, come to the help of the fainting, pursued soul, Satan and his host fall back, well knowing that their battle is lost.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I
SHOULD SLIP AND
FALL?



It was through self-sufficiency that Peter fell; and it was through repentance and humiliation that his feet were again established. In the record of his experience every repenting sinner may find encouragement. Though Peter had grievously sinned, he was not forsaken. The words of Christ were written upon his soul, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Luke 22:32. In his bitter agony of remorse, this prayer, and the memory of Christ's look of love and pity, gave him hope. Christ after His resurrection remembered Peter, and gave the angel the message for the women, "Go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him." Mark 16:7. Peter's repentance was accepted by the sin-pardoning Saviour.

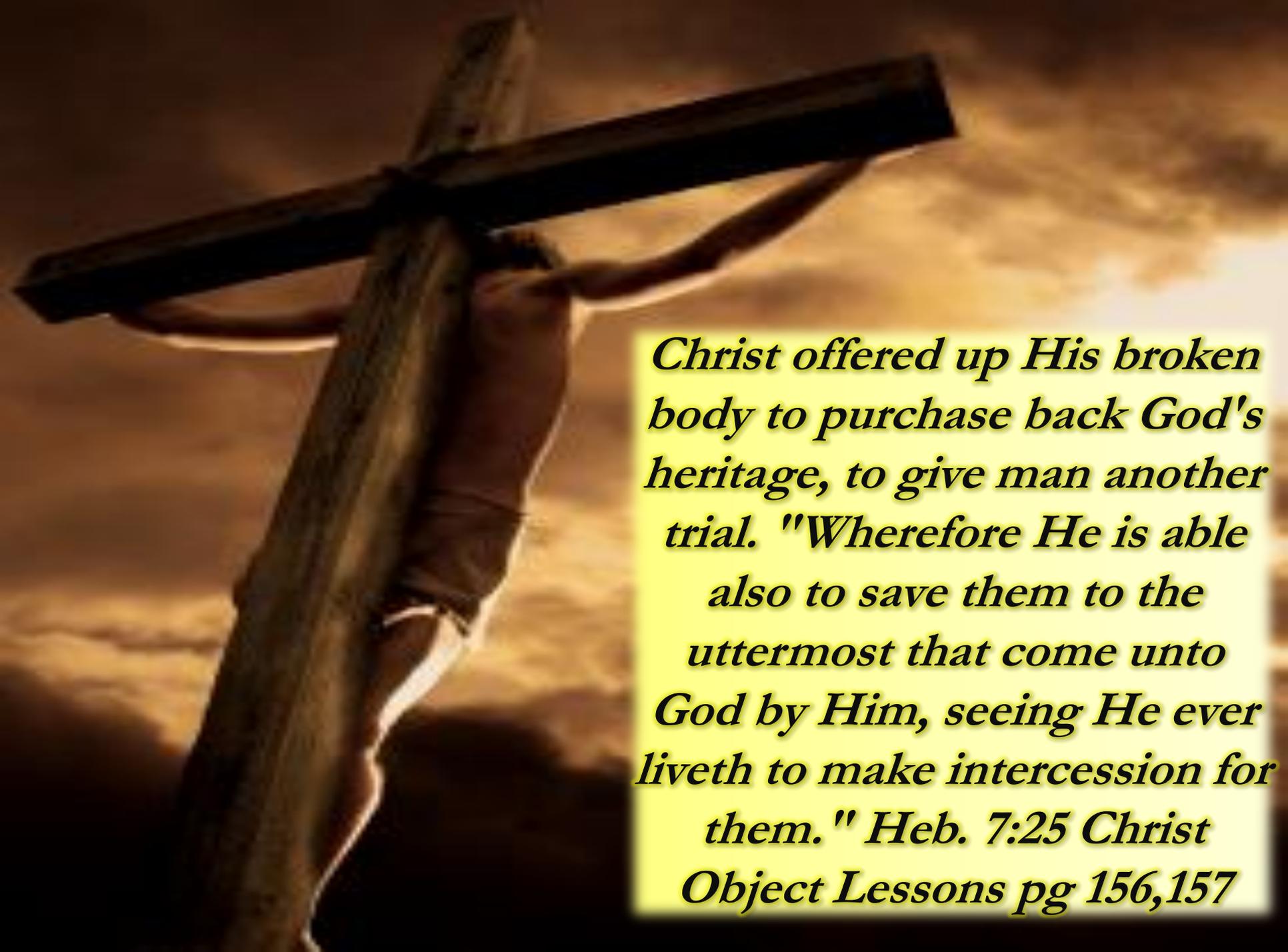
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The same compassion that reached out to rescue Peter is extended to every soul who has fallen under temptation. It is Satan's special device to lead man into sin, and then leave him, helpless and trembling, fearing to seek for pardon.

But why should we fear, when God has said, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me?" Isa. 27:5. Every provision has been made for our infirmities, every encouragement offered us to come to Christ.

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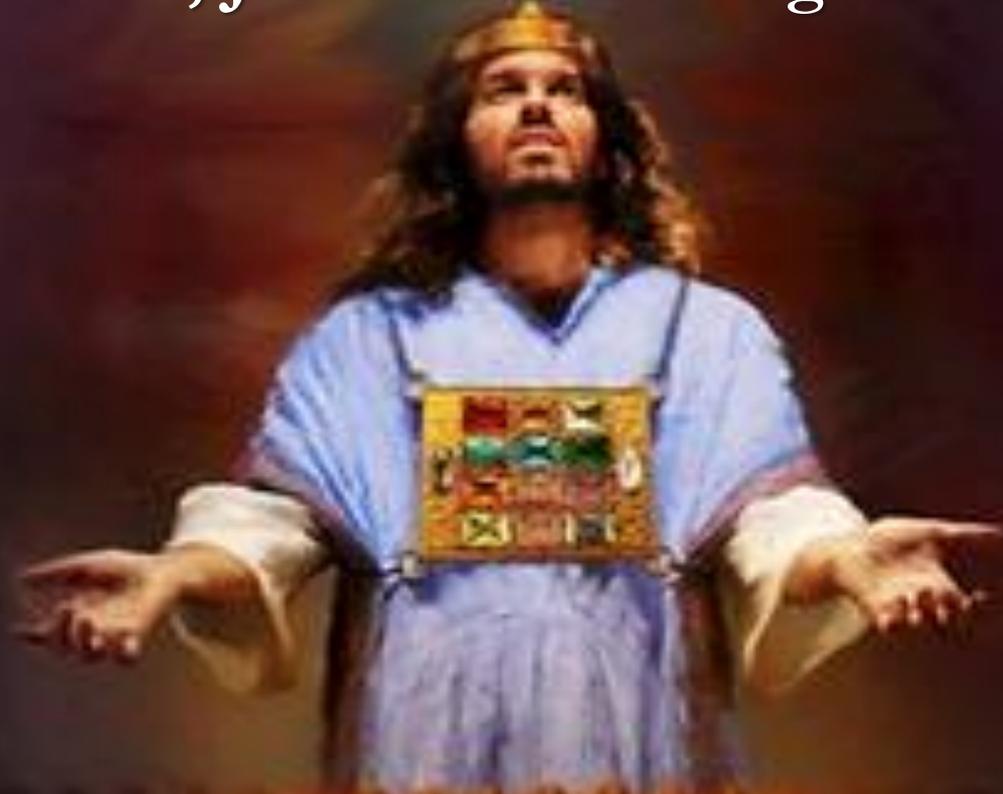


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Christ offered up His broken body to purchase back God's heritage, to give man another trial. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 Christ Object Lessons pg 156,157

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:



OUR
ENCOURAGEMENT



*Satan is constantly at work, but few have any idea of his activity and subtlety. The people of God must be prepared to withstand the wily foe. It is this resistance that Satan dreads. **He knows better than we do the limit of his power and how easily he can be overcome if we resist and face him. Through divine strength the weakest saint is more than a match for him and all his angels, and if brought to the test he would be able to prove his superior power.** Therefore Satan's step is noiseless, his movements stealthy, and his batteries masked. He does not venture to show himself openly, lest he arouse the Christian's dormant energies and send him to God in prayer.*

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James 4:7.
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



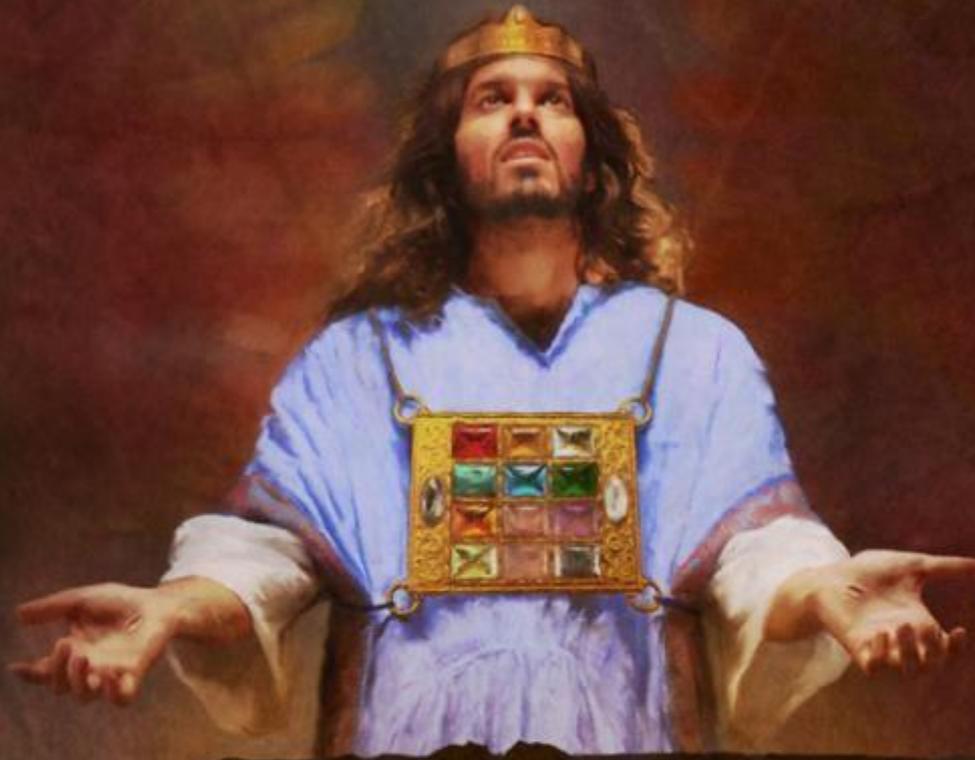


1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

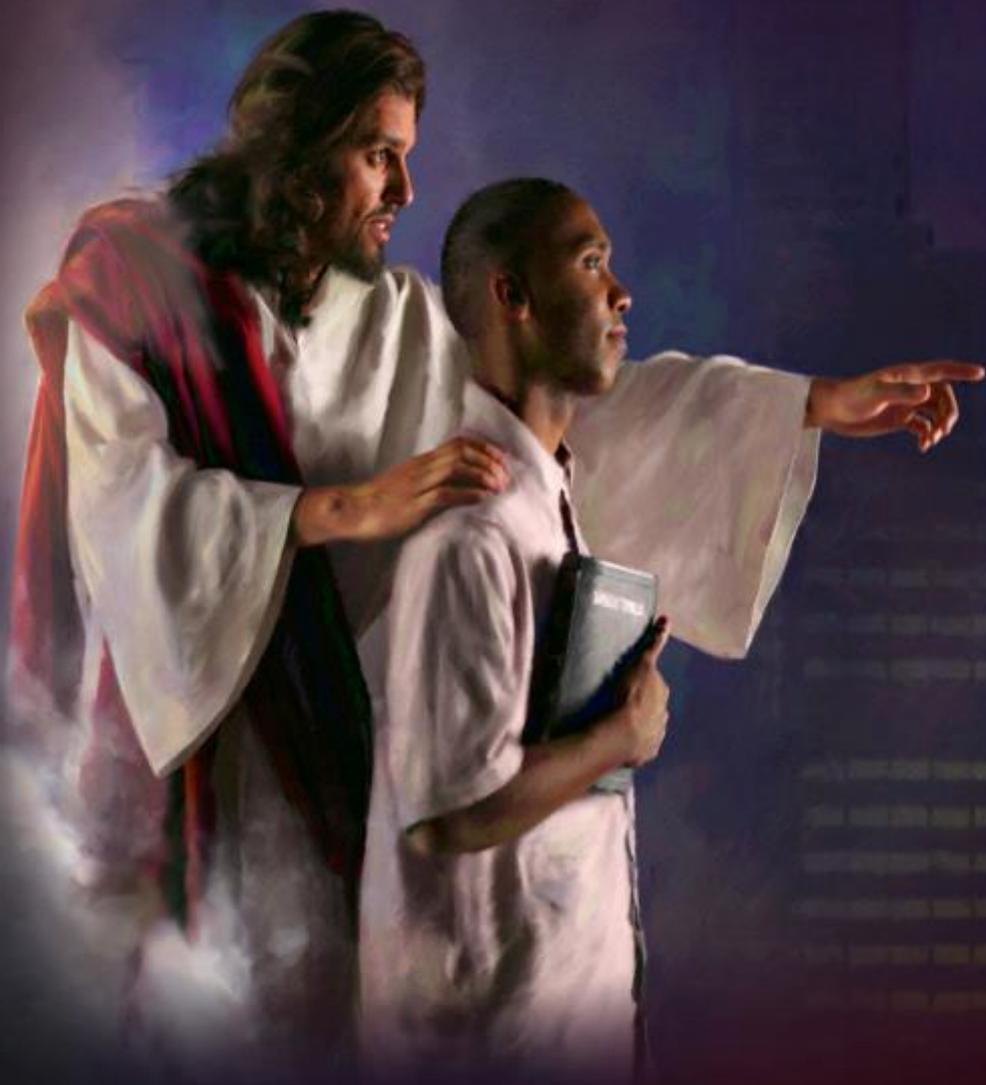
2 Peter 2: 9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:





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 180.5}

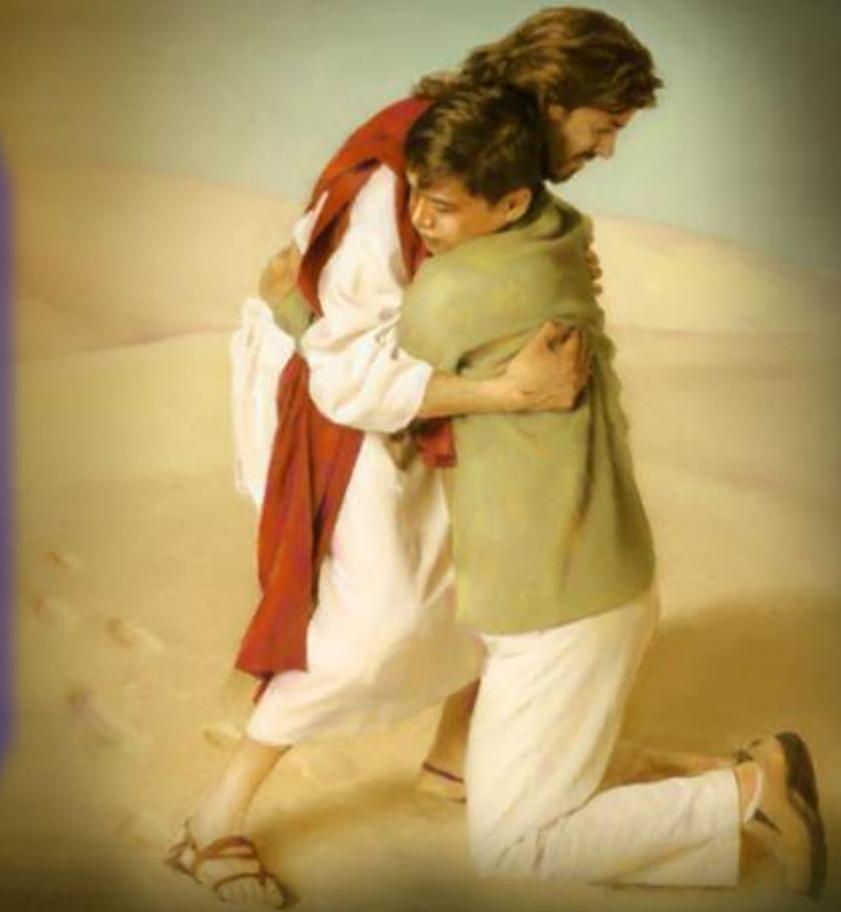


He bore my soul's disgrace, that in His name I might be an overcomer, and be exalted to His throne. Tell of His power, sing of His matchless love. In every trial He will be near you, and will give you grace and power according to your need.

**—Review and Herald,
July 19, 1892**

Signs of the Times, May 2, 1900.

“Christ came to our world to show us how to live true, upright lives; and all who are Christians will carry out His principles.”





**We can overcome.
Yes; fully, entirely.
Jesus died to
make a way of
escape for us, that
we might
overcome every
fault, resist every
temptation, and sit
down at last with
Him in His throne.**

{OHC 353.4}

Titus 2:11-14, Jude 24,
2 Pet 1:10, 1 Pet 2:21,22

Every one who
by faith obeys
God's
commandments,
will reach the
condition of
sinlessness in
which Adam
lived before his
transgression.

{ST, July 23, 1902
par. 14}





Heb 3:12,18-19, Matt 9:27-29

He who has not sufficient **faith** in **Christ** to believe that he can **keep him from sinning** has not the **faith** that will give him an **entrance into the kingdom of God**.

{RH, March 10, 1904 par. 26}