

- 874 • Ps. 149:4 (The meek are beautified with salvation)
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 876 • “This yoke, [which] you are afraid [to] put upon your neck because you fear
 877 it will gall, Jesus says is easy. The burden you dare not touch—it is light. All
 878 that is required on your part is to resolutely lay hold upon it, and you will find
 879 it a support rather than a grievous burden. That cross which seems to you so
 880 inconvenient an instrument to lift, which seems too heavy to be raised, when
 881 you cheerfully lay hold upon it and lift it, it will lift you and be a support and
 882 strength to you....”⁶³
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 884 • “The yoke and the cross are symbols representing the same thing,—the giving
 885 up of the will to God.”⁶⁴
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 887 • “We are to take his yoke of submission, restraint, and obedience, in meekness
 888 and lowliness of heart. Those who yoke up with Christ will find rest and
 889 peace.”⁶⁵
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 891 • “The meekness and lowliness of Christ is the Christian’s power. It is indeed
 892 more precious than all things which genius can create or wealth can buy.”⁶⁶
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 894 • “In the world the Christian will be slighted and dishonored, and will consent
 895 to be least of all and servant of all. He will submit to be injured, to be
 896 despitefully used and persecuted, but wearing the yoke of Christ he will find
 897 rest unto his soul, and the yoke will not be galling.”⁶⁷
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 899 • “When you find your work hard, when you complain of difficulties and trials,
 900 when you say that you have no strength to withstand temptation, that you
 901 cannot overcome impatience, and that the Christian life is uphill work, be
 902 sure that you are not bearing the yoke of Christ; you are bearing the yoke of
 903 another master.”⁶⁸
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⁶³ White, E. G., *Upward Look*, p. 376.
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THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE BY DAN AUGSBURGER

“I have come that they may have life,
 and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

1. Christ’s Character: The *Promise* of Power

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation;
 old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Cor. 5:17

–“God has made every provision whereby our thoughts may become purified,
 elevated, refined, and ennobled.”¹

How possible is this experience according to the Bible?

- -Matt. 5: 48 (Be perfect as God is perfect)
- -Col. 1: 28 (Paul desired to present each person perfect in Christ)
- -Col. 4:12 (Epaphras prayed that the people might be perfect)
- James 1: 4 (Let patience have its perfect work that we might be perfect)
- -Eph. 1: 4 (We have been chosen to be holy and without blame)
- Eph. 3:14-21 (Paul prayed that believer’s would be filled with God’s fullness)
- -1 Pet. 1:15,16 (We are to be holy since God is holy)
- -Heb. 13:21 (Seek to be perfect in every area of life)
- 1 Cor. 15:34 (Awake to righteousness and don’t sin)
- 1 John 2:1 (John urged his disciples not to sin)
- -Eph. 5: 27 (God seeks an unblemished church where there is no spot or wrinkle)
- Rom. 6: 12 (Don’t let sin reign in your bodies)
- 1 Thess. 5: 23,24 (God himself will sanctify us)
- -Heb. 12:14. (Without holiness we won’t see God)
- -“Before the believer is held out the wonderful possibility of being like Christ, obedient to all the principles of the law. But of himself man is utterly unable to reach this condition. The holiness that God's word declares he must have before he can be saved is the result of the working of divine grace as he bows in submission to the discipline and restraining influences of the Spirit of truth. Man's obedience can be made perfect only by the incense of Christ's righteousness, which fills with divine fragrance every act of obedience. The part of the Christian is to persevere in overcoming every fault. Constantly he is to pray to the Saviour to heal the disorders of his sin-sick soul. He has not the wisdom or the strength to overcome; these belong to the Lord, and He bestows them on those who in humiliation and contrition seek Him for help.”²

¹ White, E.G., *Youth Instructor*, October 28, 1897.
² White, E.G., *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 532.

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2. Independence: The *Peril* of Power

“All who were slain by her were strong men.” Prov. 7:26

What do we learn about Satan from the following:

- -John 8:44; Rev. 12:9 (He is a liar)
- -Genesis 3:4,5 (He brought Eve down through lies)
- -Rom. 6:16; Luke 16:13 (We either obey Satan OR God)
- -2 Tim. 2:26 (Satan has taken many captive to his will)
- -John 8:34 (Committing sin is proof of slavery to sin)
- John 1:12 (We can choose to be God’s children)
- -“There are but two powers that control the minds of men—the power of God and the power of Satan.”³
- -“Satan takes control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God.”⁴

Notice the power Satan has over us:

- Prov. 5:22 (Solomon recognized bondage)
- 2 Pet. 2:19 (Peter also spoke of bondage)
- 2 Tim 2:26 (Paul spoke of the same thing)
- -“Every soul that refuses to give himself to God is under the control of another power. He is not his own. He may talk of freedom, but he is in the most abject slavery. He is not allowed to see the beauty of truth, for his mind is under the control of Satan. While he flatters himself that he is following the dictates of his own judgment, he obeys the will of the prince of darkness.”⁵

Notice the way Satan works compared to the way God works:

- Matt. 23:25-28 (Pharisees cleaned outside of cup)
- Joel 2:13 (We need to rend our hearts; not our garments)
- Matt 6:5, 16-18 (Even our spiritual lives—i.e. pray/fast—are mainly for show)
- “As the leaven, when mingled with the meal, works from within outward, so it is by the renewing of the heart that the grace of God works to transform the life. No mere external change is sufficient to bring us into harmony with God. There are many who try to reform by correcting this or that bad habit, and they hope in this way to become Christians, but they are beginning in the wrong place. Our first work is with the heart.”⁶

What happened in the garden at the time of Adam’s fall?

- Gen 3:4,5 (Eve was deceived)
- Rom 5:12 (By one man’s sin the whole world plunged into sin)

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³ White, E.G., *Temperance* p. 276.
⁴ White, E.G., *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 79.
⁵ White, E.G., *Desire of Ages*, p. 466.
⁶ White, E.G., *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 97.

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- Gal. 5:6 (Faith will be seen in our love)
- -1 John 5:4 (Faith overcomes the world)
- Eph. 6:16 (Faith is the shield that repels the enemy)
- -Here is faith, naked faith, to believe that we receive the blessing, even before we realize it. . . . But many suppose . . . that they cannot have faith unless they feel the power of the Spirit. Such confound faith with the blessing that comes through faith. The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. When thick clouds of darkness seem to hover over the mind, then is the time to let living faith pierce the darkness and scatter the clouds. True faith rests on the promises contained in the Word of God, and those only who obey that Word can claim its glorious promises.”⁵⁹
- “The Lord is my helper, therefore I shall not be moved from my steadfastness. My life is hid with Christ in God. Because he lives, I shall live also. Let us pledge ourselves before God and the angels of heaven that we will not dishonor God by speaking words of discouragement or unbelief. If we talk faith, we shall have faith; we shall be confirmed in faith. Close the door to distrust, and open the door wide to faith. Invite into the soul temple the heavenly Guest. Let every word we utter, every line we trace with the pen, give evidence of unwavering faith. Let us not think that Jesus is the Saviour of some one else, but that he is our personal friend.”⁶⁰
- “Faith is simple in its operation and powerful in its results. Many professed Christians, who have a knowledge of the sacred word, and believe its truth, fail in the childlike trust that is essential to the religion of Jesus. They do not reach out with that peculiar touch that brings the virtue of healing to the soul. They allow cold doubt to creep in and destroy their confidence. He who waits for entire knowledge before he can exercise faith, will never be blessed of God. ‘Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’”⁶¹
- “Faith, saving faith, is to be taught. The definition of this faith in Jesus Christ may be described in few words: It is the act of the soul by which the whole man is given over to the guardianship and control of Jesus Christ. He abides in Christ and Christ abides in the soul by faith as supreme. The believer commits his soul and body to God, and with assurance may say, Christ is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. All who will do this will be saved unto life eternal. There will be an assurance that the soul is washed in the blood of Christ and clothed with His righteousness and precious in the sight of Jesus.”⁶²

Adopt Christ’s Lifestyle

- Matt. 11:28-30 (Christ’s yoke of obedience and service is to be worn in the garb of meek lowliness)
- Ps. 37:11 (The meek will inherit the earth)

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⁵⁹ White, E.G., *Amazing Grace*, p. 207.
⁶⁰ White, E.G., *Review and Herald*, June 9, 1896.
⁶¹ White, E.G., *Spirit of Prophecy*, Vol. 2, p. 322
⁶² White, E.G., *Ellen G. White 1888 Materials*, p. 495.

781 p. 70) How many there are who have given all to God! They have made a
782 full surrender to Him and desire only to do His will. Yet they are often filled
783 with disappointment because of a conscious lack and failure. The secret of
784 this failure is here disclosed. They have given all, but they have not taken
785 all.”⁵⁶

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787 What important point does Rom. 13:14 add?

- 788 • Rom. 13:14 (We must put on Christ and make NO PROVISION for flesh)

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790 What did Jesus mean when he said “You are already clean because of the Word...”?

- 791 • -John 15:3 (We are clean through the Word)
- 792 • -John 17:17 (We are sanctified through Word)
- 793 • Eph. 5:26 (God wants to cleanse through Word)
- 794 • 2 Tim. 3:15-17 (Scripture is given for salvation)
- 795 • Col. 3:16 (Encourage and learn from each other through the Word)
- 796 • Jer. 15:16 (God’s word will become rejoicing of our hearts)
- 797 • Ps. 119:9-11 (Our lives become clean as we hide God’s word in our hearts)
- 798 • Prov. 7:1 (We need to lay up God’s word in our hearts)
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- 800 • “The Bible is not studied as much as it should be; it is not made the rule of
801 life. Were its precepts conscientiously followed, and made the basis of
802 character, there would be steadfastness of purpose that no business
803 speculations or worldly pursuits could seriously influence. A character thus
804 formed, and supported by the Word of God, will abide the day of trial, of
805 difficulties, and dangers. The conscience must be enlightened, and the life
806 sanctified by the love of the truth received into the heart, before the influence
807 will be saving upon the world.”⁵⁷
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- 809 • “The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character. Christ
810 prayed, “Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.” John 17:17. If
811 studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy
812 attribute. The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, and the faith that springs up in
813 the heart works by love to Christ, conforming us in body, soul, and spirit to His
814 own image. Then God can use us to do His will. The power given us works from
815 within outwardly, leading us to communicate to others the truth that has been
816 communicated to us.”⁵⁸

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818 What do we learn about living by faith from the following references?

- 819 • 2 Peter 2:9 (God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation)
- 820 • -Rom. 10:17 (Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God)
- 821 • -Col. 2:6 (Walk in the same way you received Jesus originally)
- 822 • -Hab. 2:4 (Genuinely righteous people live by faith)
- 823 • Gal. 2:20 (We live by faith in what Jesus has done for us in the past and what
824 He is doing now)
- 825 • Heb. 10:38 (To please God we must live by faith)
- 826 • Heb. 11: 1 (Faith rejoices in what is hoped for even before it is received)
- 827 • 2 Cor. 5:7 (We need to be rooted and built up IN Him)

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⁵⁶ MacGuire, M., *The Life of Victory*. pp. 102-104.

⁵⁷ White, E.G., *Our Father Cares*, p. 301.

⁵⁸ White, E. G., *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 100.

84 • -“This will, that forms so important a factor in the character of man, was at
85 the fall given into the control of Satan; and he has ever since been working in
86 man to will and to do of his own pleasure, but to the utter ruin and misery of
87 man.”⁷

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89 What has been the practical result of Adam’s fall?

- 90 • Gen. 6:5 (Every thought is corrupt)
- 91 • -Isa. 1:5,6 (From sole of foot to top of head is corrupt)
- 92 • Isa. 6:5 (Even Isaiah saw himself as corrupt)
- 93 • -Isa. 64:6 (Even our best efforts—our righteousnesses—are filthy rages)
- 94 • -Job 14:4 (We cannot of ourselves bring a clean thing out that which is
95 unclean)
- 96 • Matt. 19:25,26 (God can do the impossible for us)
- 97 • -Jer. 13:23 (The leopard reminds us that we cannot change ourselves)
- 98 • Ps. 51:1 (Sin is present from the first moments)
- 99 • -Jer. 17:9 (Our hearts are deceitful above all things)
- 100 • Rom. 3:9-18 (Here is a long description from Paul)
- 101 • -Rom. 8:7 (Carnal mind isn’t subject to God, nor can it be)
- 102 • -Eph 2:1 (We are dead in trespasses and sin)
- 103 • -Rom 7:21-24 (We struggle against a great, almost irresistible, power)

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105 The following are also true:

- 106 • Ps. 78:8 (We are stubborn and rebellious)
- 107 • Jer. 28:16 (We have taught rebellion)
- 108 • Acts 7:51 (We resist the Holy Spirit)
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- 110 • -“Our condition is helpless and hopeless unless infinite mercy is granted us
111 daily, and pardon is written against our names in the heavenly records. Those
112 only who see and feel their spiritual necessities will go to Jesus for that help
113 which they so much need, and which he only can give. He alone can cleanse
114 us from all sin. He alone can place upon us the robe of righteousness.”⁸
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- 116 • -“It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which
117 we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. "Who can
118 bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." "The carnal mind is enmity
119 against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."
120 Job 14:4; Romans 8:7. Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human
121 effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may
122 produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart;
123 they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from
124 within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to
125 holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless
126 faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness”⁹

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128 What is the great challenge?

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130 -“The Christian life is a battle and a march. But the victory to be gained is not

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⁷ White, E.G., *Messages to Young People*, p. 154.

⁸ White, E.G., *Signs of the Times*, January 4, 1883.

⁹ White, E.G., *Steps to Christ*, p. 18.

131 won by human power. The field of conflict is the domain of the heart. The
132 battle which we have to fight—the greatest battle that was ever fought by
133 man—is the surrender of self to the will of God, the yielding of the heart to
134 the sovereignty of love....”¹⁰

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136 What must we do?

- 137 • -Ps. 51:3,4 (We must first acknowledge our sin and repent)
- 138 • -Prov. 23:26 (Give God our hearts)
- 139 • -John 1:12 (Make the choice that only we can make)
- 140 • James 4:7, 8 (Submit to God and flee the enemy)
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- 142 • -“You will be in constant peril until you understand the true force of the will.
143 You may believe and promise all things, but your promises or your faith are
144 of no value until you put your will on the side of faith and action. If you fight
145 the fight of faith with all your will-power, you will conquer. Your feelings,
146 your impressions, your emotions, are not to be trusted, for they are not
147 reliable, especially with your perverted ideas; and the knowledge of your
148 broken promises and your forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in
149 yourself, and the faith of others in you.... But you need not despair.... It is
150 for you to yield up your will to the will of Jesus Christ; and as you do this,
151 God will immediately take possession, and work in you to will and to do of
152 His good pleasure. Your whole nature will then be brought under the control
153 of the Spirit of Christ; and even your thoughts will be subject to Him”¹¹

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155 What does God do to our wills after we repent and surrender them to Him?

- 156 • -Php. 2:12,13 (God works... willing AND doing)
- 157 • Heb. 13:20,21 (God works in us what is well-pleasing in His sight)
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- 159 • -“God does not design that our will should be destroyed, for it is only through
160 its exercise that we can accomplish what He would have us do. Our will is to
161 be yielded to Him, that we may receive it again, purified and refined, and so
162 linked in sympathy with the Divine that He can pour through us the tides of
163 His love and power. However bitter and painful this surrender may appear to
164 the willful, wayward heart, yet "it is profitable for thee."¹²

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166 What is the outcome in practical behavior?

- 167 • 2 Peter 2:9 (God delivers from temptation)
- 168 • -Ezek. 36:25-27 (God gives new heart and new spirit)
- 169 • -2 Cor. 3:18 (We are changed into God’s image)
- 170 • Jer. 32:39 (God will give us one way so that we always remain faithful)
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- 172 • -“The Lord Jesus loves His people, and when they put their trust in Him,
173 depending wholly upon Him, He strengthens them. He will live through them,
174 giving them the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit, imparting to the soul a
175 vital transfusion of Himself. He acts through their faculties and causes them
176 to choose His will and to act out His character. With the apostle Paul they
177 then may say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but

735 this union costs us something. It is a union of utter dependence, to be entered
736 into by a proud being. All who form this union must feel their need of the
737 atoning blood of Christ. They must have a change of heart. They must submit
738 their own will to the will of God. There will be a struggle with outward and
739 internal obstacles. There must be a painful work of detachment as well as a
740 work of attachment. Pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness—sin in all its
741 forms—must be overcome if we would enter into a union with Christ. The
742 reason why many find the Christian life so deplorably hard, why they are so
743 fickle, so variable, is that they try to attach themselves to Christ without first
744 detaching themselves from these cherished idols.”⁵²

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749 vital transfusion of Himself. He acts through their faculties and causes them
750 to choose His will and to act out His character. With the apostle Paul they
751 then may say, ‘I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but
752 Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the
753 faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me’ (Gal.
754 2:20)”⁵³

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756 • -“When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of
757 the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for
758 himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human
759 nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He
760 holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in
761 it but His own.”⁵⁴

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763 • “A connection with Christ means everything to us. We are to be one with him
764 as he is one with the Father, and then we are beloved by the infinite God as
765 members of the body of Christ, as branches of the living Vine. We are to be
766 attached to the parent stock, and to receive nourishment from the Vine. Christ
767 is our glorified Head, and the divine love flowing from the heart of God, rests
768 in Christ, and is communicated to those who have been united to him. This
769 divine love entering the soul inspires it with gratitude, frees it from its
770 spiritual feebleness, from pride, vanity, and selfishness, and from all that
771 would deform the Christian character.”⁵⁵

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773 • “It is not some new gift from God that we need; it is a better understanding of
774 the fact that He has already given us everything in Christ. It is laying hold by
775 faith of the blessings which are already ours in Him. ‘By faith you became
776 Christ’s and by faith you are to grow up in Him,—by giving and taking. You
777 are to give all,—your heart, your will, your service,—give yourself to Him to
778 obey all His requirements; and you must take all,—Christ, the fullness of all
779 blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your
780 everlasting helper,—to give you power to obey.’ (White, E.G, Steps to Christ,

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¹⁰ White, E.G., *Mount of Blessings*, pp. 141-143.

¹¹ White, E.G., *Messages to Young People*, pp. 151-153.

¹² White, E.G., *Mount of Blessings*, p. 62.

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⁵² White, E.G., *A New Life*, p. 46.

⁵³ White, E.G., *That I May Know Him*, p. 78.

⁵⁴ White, E.G., *The Desire of Ages*, p. 324.

⁵⁵ White, E.G., *Christian Education*, p. 75.

687 the vacuum by the gift of his Spirit, and then you can be a living preacher in
688 your home, in the church, and in the world.”⁵¹
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690 What can we learn about abiding from a grape branch in a vineyard?
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692 What do we learn about abiding from these verses?
693 • -Rom. 6:22-7:4 (Gift of life is eternal life and fruit)
694 • -John 15:1-8 (Abiding in Christ we bear fruit as we cling and as we allow
695 pruning to go on)
696 • Gal. 5:22,23 (Fruit of Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc.; fruits that develop as we
697 die to self)
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699 What do the following verses say about the new life found in Christ?
700 • 1 Cor 1: 30 (We are in Christ through the work of God)
701 • -Gal 2: 20 (Christ now lives in us)
702 • Php. 1: 21 (Living is Christ)
703 • -Php 4: 13 (We can do all things through Christ)
704 • Rom. 8: 2 (Law of Spirit brings freedom from law of death)
705 • -1 Cor 15: 22 (As in Adam all die, so in Christ all shall live)
706 • -1 Cor. 15: 57 (Let’s thank God who gives us the victory)
707 • -2 Cor 2: 14 (God always causes us to triumph)
708 • 2 Cor 5: 17 (In Jesus we are new creatures)
709 • Eph 1: 3 (We are dead but now our lives are hid in God)
710 • -1 Thess. 5: 23, 24 (God takes responsibility for our transformation as we
711 cooperate with Him)
712 • 2 Peter 1:4 (Promises exist to help us participate in the divine nature)
713 • Jude 24 (God’s grace—favor—is with us)
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715 Notice Jesus as the True Vine:
716 • -John 15:5 (Jesus is the true vine)
717 • John 14:6 (Jesus is the truth AND the life)
718 • -2 Cor. 1:20 (Promises of God become true abiding in Him)
719 • Col. 3:4 (Christ is our life)
720 • 1 John 5:11,12 (If we have Jesus we have life)
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722 As branches we constantly depend on God:
723 • -John 15:5 (We are the branches)
724 • Php. 4:13 (All should be THROUGH Christ)
725 • Ps. 71:16 (We should go in God’s strength)
726 • Zech. 10:12 (We should live in God’s strength)
727 • -Col. 2:6-10 (We need to walk IN Jesus the same way we received Him)
728 • 1 Pet. 3:16 (Our conversations should be in Jesus)
729 • Rom. 8:13,14 (As many as are led by Spirit are sons of God)
730 • -Eph. 6:10 (We are strong in God and in the power of His might)
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732 • -“A union with Christ by living faith is enduring; every other union must
733 perish. Christ first chose us, paying an infinite price for our redemption; and
734 the true believer chooses Christ as first and last and best in everything. But

178 Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the
179 faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me’ (Gal.
180 2:20)”¹³
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182 3. Pardon And The Righteousness of Christ: 183 The *Portal* to Power

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185 “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so
186 also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”
187 Rom. 5:19
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189 Notice what will break Satan’s power in our lives?

- 190 • -“The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of
- 191 any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, is a precious thought. The
- 192 enemy of God and man is not willing that this truth should be clearly
- 193 presented; for he knows that if the people receive it fully, his power will be
- 194 broken.”¹⁴
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196 Notice what the following verses say about God’s mercy:

- 197 • Exodus 34:6,7 (God extends mercy to thousands)
- 198 • -Psalms 103:8-13 (His mercy is as high as the heavens)
- 199 • -Isa. 55:7 (God abundantly pardons in giving His mercy)
- 200 • -Rom 5:20,21 (Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more)
- 201 • Jonah 4:2 (Jonah complained about God’s mercy)
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203 There are consequences to unconfessed and unrepented sin:

- 204 • -Ex. 34:7 (God by no means clears the guilty)
- 205 • Rom. 2:4-9 (We can bring wrath of God on ourselves)
- 206 • -Heb. 12:29 (God is a consuming fire to those who don’t surrender to Him)
- 207 • Rev. 21:8 (The wicked will have their part in the lake of fire)
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209 What is God’s remedy for the penalty of our sins?

- 210 • Jer. 33:16 (God becomes known as our righteousness)
- 211 • Hab. 2:4 (We live by faith in God)
- 212 • -John 3:14-17 (Anyone who believes can obtain eternal life)
- 213 • -John 5:24 (Those that hear receive eternal life)
- 214 • -Rom. 1:17 (This righteousness is by faith from first to last)
- 215 • -Rom. 5:1-5 (As a result we have peace with God)
- 216 • Rom. 5:8,9 (God died for us while we were still sinners)
- 217 • Gal. 2:15,16 (We are not justified by works, but by Jesus death on cross)
- 218 • Php 3:9 (Our righteousness is the result of our faith in Christ)
- 219 • -2 Cor. 5:18-21 (Jesus became sin for us that we might receive His
- 220 righteousness)
- 221 • -Isa. 53:5 (By his stripes we have been healed)
- 222 • Isa 44:22 (As a result God has blotted out our transgressions)
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- 224 • -“What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in laying the glory of

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¹³ White, E.G., *That I May Know Him*, p. 78.

¹⁴ White, E.G., *The Faith I Live By*, p. 111.

225 man in the dust, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for
226 himself. When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be
227 clothed with the righteousness of Christ.”¹⁵

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229 • -“It was possible for Adam, before the fall, to form a righteous character by
230 obedience to God's law. But he failed to do this, and because of his sin our
231 natures are fallen and we cannot make ourselves righteous. Since we are
232 sinful, unholy, we cannot perfectly obey the holy law. We have no
233 righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God.
234 But Christ has made a way of escape for us. He lived on earth amid trials and
235 temptations such as we have to meet. He lived a sinless life. He died for us,
236 and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. If you give
237 yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life
238 may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character
239 stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if
240 you had not sinned.”¹⁶

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242 • -“Grace is an attribute of God shown to undeserving human beings. We did
243 not seek after it, but it was sent in search of us. God rejoices to bestow this
244 grace upon every one who hungers for it. To every one He presents terms of
245 mercy, not because we are worthy, but because we are so utterly unworthy.
246 Our need is the qualification which gives us the assurance that we shall
247 receive this gift.”¹⁷

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249 • My dear sister in Christ Jesus, you cannot keep yourself one moment. You are
250 kept by the power of God through faith. Let your faith rest in His merits, rely
251 upon His mercy, trust in the sufficiency of His grace to keep you every moment.
252 Never allow the enemy to obtain an advantage over you because you do not
253 think you are good enough to be called a child of God. By faith you are
254 constantly to repose in the righteousness which God has provided you through
255 His Substitute, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He forgiveth sins and pardoneth
256 iniquities and transgressions. He takes away our sin, and in its place imputes His
257 own righteousness. What a blessing this is for us!”¹⁸

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259 • -“All who have a sense of their deep soul poverty, who feel that they have
260 nothing good in themselves, may find righteousness and strength by looking
261 unto Jesus. He says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden."
262 Matthew 11:28. He bids you exchange your poverty for the riches of His
263 grace. We are not worthy of God's love, but Christ, our surety, is worthy, and
264 is abundantly able to save all who shall come unto Him. Whatever may have
265 been your past experience, however discouraging your present circumstances,
266 if you will come to Jesus just as you are, weak, helpless, and despairing, our
267 compassionate Saviour will meet you a great way off, and will throw about
268 you His arms of love and His robe of righteousness. He presents us to the
269 Father clothed in the white raiment of His own character. He pleads before
270 God in our behalf, saying: I have taken the sinner's place. Look not upon this

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¹⁵ White, E.G., *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 20, p. 62.

¹⁶ White, E.G., *Steps to Christ*, p. 62.

¹⁷ White, E.G., *God's Amazing Grace*, p. 62.

¹⁸ White, E.G., *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 12, p. 36.

640 who makes all things work together for good, we shall rejoice with joy
641 unspeakable and full of glory.”⁴⁹

642
643 Why are the phrases “Yes!” and “Thank you!” so important to the Christian?

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645 Notice the following additional Biblical examples of people praising God in “dying-
646 to-self” experiences.

- 647 • Joshua (Joshua 6:20)
- 648 • Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 20:21,22)
- 649 • David (Ps. 34:1)
- 650 • -Daniel (Daniel 6:10)
- 651 • -Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25)

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653 How did Jesus extend the concept of dying to self in these verses?

- 654 • Luke 14:26-33 (We must choose Jesus over everything else)
- 655 • John 12:25 (In loving life we lost it; in losing life we gain it)

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657 • “When the redeemed stand in the presence of God, they will see how short-
658 sighted were their conclusions as to what Heaven records as success. They
659 will see how petty were their supposed trials, and how unreasonable were
660 their doubts. They will see how often they brought failure to their work by
661 failing to show unquestioning faith in God. From the lips of the angelic choir
662 and the redeemed host will peal forth the chorus: "Great and marvelous are
663 thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of
664 saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only
665 art holy.”⁵⁰

666 667 668 5. Receiving the Indwelling Christ: 669 The *Provision* of Power

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671 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him,
672 bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

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674 Notice this thought:

675 • -“The work of sanctification begins in the heart, and we must come into such
676 a relation with God, that Jesus can put his divine mold upon us. We must be
677 emptied of self in order to give room to Jesus, but how many have their hearts
678 so filled with idols that they have no room for the Redeemer of the world....
679 We must be emptied of self. But this is not all that is required; for when we
680 have renounced our idols, the vacuum must be supplied. If the heart is left
681 desolate, and the vacuum not supplied, it will be in the condition of him
682 whose house was "empty, swept, and garnished," but without a guest to
683 occupy it... and the last state of that man was worse than the first.... As you
684 empty the heart of self, you must accept the righteousness of Christ. Lay hold
685 of it by faith; for you must have the mind and spirit of Christ, that you may
686 work the works of Christ. If you open the door of the heart, Jesus will supply

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⁴⁹ White, E.G., *Testimonies* Vol. 9, p. 286.

⁵⁰ White, E.G., *Review and Herald*, March 7, 1912

594 Notice the following examples of dying to self:
 595 • -Joseph (Gen. 50:20)
 596 • Children of Israel (Deut. 8:2)
 597 • Jonah (1:17; 2:5-7; 4:4-8)
 598 • Early Church (Acts 14:22; 13:1-12, 14-45; 14:1-7, 8-20)
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600 Why is “thanksgiving” so important?
 601 • -Rom. 8:28 (In all things God is working for good)
 602 • -Rom. 8:36,37 (We are more than conquerors in all things)
 603 • -Php. 4:6 (We have reason to praise God in every prayer)
 604 • -Eph. 5:20 (We can give thanks at ALL TIMES and for ALL THINGS)
 605 • Col. 3:15,17 (Let God’s peace reign in our hearts no matter what)
 606 • -1 Thess. 5:18 (Give thanks in everything for this is God’s will)
 607 • 1 Tim2:1 (We can even give thanks for ALL men)
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609 • -“The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that
 610 which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His
 611 source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ
 612 abides in Christ. Whatever comes to him comes from the Saviour, who
 613 surrounds him with His presence. Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's
 614 permission. All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all
 615 our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things
 616 work together for our good. All experiences and circumstances are God's
 617 workmen whereby good is brought to us.”⁴⁶
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619 • “The purification of God's people cannot be accomplished without suffering.
 620 God permits the fire of affliction to consume the dross, to separate the
 621 worthless from the valuable, in order that the pure metal may shine forth. He
 622 passes us from one fire to another, testing our true worth. True grace is
 623 willing to be tried. If we are loath to be searched by the Lord, our condition is
 624 one of peril. God is the refiner and purifier of souls. He places us in the heat
 625 of the furnace, that the dross may be forever separated from the true gold of
 626 Christian character. Jesus watches the test. He knows just what fire of
 627 temptation and trial is needed to purify the precious metal, in order that the
 628 radiance of divine love may be reflected.”⁴⁷
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630 • -“Those who follow inclination and judge from appearances, are not good
 631 judges of what God is doing. They are filled with discontent. They see
 632 failure where there is indeed triumph, a great loss where there is only gain.”⁴⁸
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634 • -“All that has perplexed us in the providence’s of God will in the world to
 635 come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find
 636 explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite
 637 minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most
 638 perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the
 639 experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him

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⁴⁶ White, E.G., *Ministry of Healing*, p. 489.

⁴⁷ White, E.G., *Review and Herald*, April 10, 1894.

⁴⁸ White, E.G., *Review and Herald*, Vol 3, p. 139

271 wayward child, but look on Me.”¹⁹

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273 What does it mean to repent and confess?

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275 It first means to humble oneself:

- 276 • -2 Chron. 7:14 (Humble to the point of seeking with the whole heart)
- 277 • -Ps. 32:3-5 (Freely acknowledging our sin)
- 278 • Ps. 34:18 (God is close to those who have humble and contrite spirits)
- 279 • -Isa. 55:7 (It is forsaking the wrong way)
- 280 • Ezek 33:11 (It means turning to God)
- 281 • James 4:10 (Humbling and waiting on God to lift us up)
- 282 • 1 Peter 5:6 (Humbling and waiting for God to exalt)

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284 It also means appropriately confessing our faults:

- 285 • -1 John 1:9 (If we confess He will forgive)
- 286 • Prov. 28:13 (Confessing and forsaking results in mercy)
- 287 • Lev. 16:41,42 (We no longer obey or show loyalty to things outside of
 288 God)
- 289 • 2 Chron. 6:37-39 (It means freely acknowledging our sins)
- 290 • Ps. 51:2-5 (We recognize we have sinned against God)
- 291 • Dan. 9:4-20 (Acknowledging a willful departure from God’s
 292 commandments)
- 293
- 294 • “When those in our churches commit sins, they should repent of them before
 295 God, and they should also repent of them before their brethren, asking the
 296 pardon that they will be willing to give. Then the light that shines from the
 297 face of Christ will shine upon them. Let us clear the King’s highway; let us
 298 plead with God until we know that we have received pardon. He will give it
 299 to us. But if you cover up your sin, you will have less and less sense of its
 300 sinfulness, and you will go on in the same line.”²⁰
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- 302 • -“True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges
 303 particular sins. They may be of such a nature as to be brought before God
 304 only; there may be wrongs that should be confessed to the individual who
 305 have suffered injury through them; or they may be of a public character,
 306 and should then be as publicly confessed. But all confession should be
 307 definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins of which you are
 308 guilty.”²¹
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- 310 • “Confession will not be acceptable to God without sincere repentance and
 311 reformation. There must be decided changes in the life; everything
 312 offensive to God must be put away. This will be the result of genuine
 313 sorrow for sin.”²²

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315 James 5:16 encourages us to openly confess our sins. What cautions should we keep
 316 in mind?

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¹⁹ White, E.G., *Mount of Blessings*, p. 9.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ White, E.G., *Steps to Christ*, p. 38.

²² Ibid., p. 39.

317 • -“In many of our religious awakenings mistakes have been made in regard to
 318 confession. While confession is good for the soul, there is need of moving
 319 wisely. I have been shown that many, many confessions should never be
 320 spoken in the hearing of mortals; for the result is that which the limited
 321 judgment of finite beings does not anticipate. Seeds of evil are scattered in the
 322 minds and hearts of those who hear, and when they are under temptation,
 323 these seeds will spring up and bear fruit, and the same sad experience will be
 324 repeated. For, think the tempted ones, these sins cannot be so very grievous;
 325 for did not those who have made confession, Christians of long standing, do
 326 these very things? Thus the open confession in the church of these secret sins
 327 will prove a savor of death rather than of life.... There should be no reckless,
 328 wholesale movements in this matter, for the cause of God may be made
 329 disreputable in the eyes of unbelievers. If they hear confessions of base
 330 conduct made by those who profess to be followers of Christ, a reproach is
 331 brought upon His cause. If Satan could by any means spread the impression
 332 that (God’s People) are the offscouring of all things, he would be glad to do
 333 it. God forbid that he should have occasion! God will be better glorified if we
 334 confess the secret, inbred corruption of the heart to Jesus alone than if we
 335 open its recesses to finite, erring man, who cannot judge righteously unless
 336 his heart is constantly imbued with the Spirit of God. God knows the heart,
 337 even every secret of the soul; then do not pour into human ears the story
 338 which God alone should hear.”²³

339
 340 According to Luke 15:18-24 how do we receive the gift of pardon and Christ’s robe
 341 of righteousness?

342 • -“You have confessed your sins, and in heart put them away. You have
 343 resolved to give yourself to God. Now go to Him, and ask that He will wash
 344 away your sins and give you a new heart. Then believe He does this because
 345 He has promised.... We must believe we do receive, and it is ours.... You
 346 cannot atone for your past sins; you cannot change your heart and make
 347 yourself holy. But God promises to do all this for you through Christ. You
 348 believe that promise. You confess your sins and give yourself to God. You
 349 will to serve Him. Just as surely as you do this, God will fulfill His word to
 350 you. If you believe the promise,—believe that you are forgiven and
 351 cleansed,—God supplies the fact; you are made whole, just as Christ gave the
 352 paralytic power to walk when the man believed that he was healed. It is so if
 353 you believe it.... It is our privilege to go to Jesus and be cleansed, and to
 354 stand before the law without shame or remorse.”²⁴

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 356 • -“Some seem to feel that they must be on probation, and must prove to the
 357 Lord that they are reformed, before they can claim His blessing. But they may
 358 claim the blessing of God even now.... Jesus loves to have us come to Him
 359 just as we are, sinful, helpless, and dependent. We may come with all our
 360 weakness, our folly, our sinfulness, and fall at His feet in penitence. It is His
 361 glory to encircle us in the arms of His love and to bind up our wounds, to
 362 cleanse us from all impurity.”²⁵

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²³ White, E.G., *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 645-649
²⁴ White, E.G. *Steps to Christ*, pp. 49-51
²⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 52.

549 with full purpose of heart, they then respect the voice that says unto them,
 550 “Seek ye My face,” and reply, “Thy face, Lord, will I seek,” and they shall
 551 see God with a clear, elevated, spiritual sense. The religious sentiment
 552 awakened in the heart is recognized as God’s call, and is obeyed. Everyone
 553 will be tested and tried in the very way that is the most trying. Men cannot
 554 trust to their own wisdom. Self-sufficiency, if indulged, will be their
 555 stumbling block. Self must die and not have a resurrection every other day.
 556 The words must be truly spoken, “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.”
 557 The “I” is a very hard personality to kill. “I” rises into life in full proportions
 558 if given the least opportunity or encouragement. Then, confident in their own
 559 supposed wisdom, men forsake the right way.”⁴¹

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 561 • -“Some seek to control their surroundings, thinking that if they are placed in
 562 favorable positions, the bad traits in their character will not be developed. But
 563 God orders our surroundings, and he will place us where we shall have test
 564 after test, to prove us and to reveal what is in our hearts. Again and again we
 565 shall be brought into strait places, that it may be known whether we are
 566 indeed crucified with Christ or full of self-love. How will this testing process
 567 end with each of us? The prince of darkness will put forth all his power to
 568 retain us in his possession; but we have a mighty Helper.”⁴²

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 570 • -“The very trials that test our faith most severely, and make it seem that God
 571 has forsaken us, are designed to lead us nearer to Christ, that we may lay all
 572 our burdens at his feet, and receive the peace he will give us in exchange. . . .
 573 When you surrender yourself entirely to God, when you fall all broken upon
 574 Jesus, you will be rewarded by a victory, the joy of which you have never yet
 575 realized. As you review the past with a clear vision, you will see that at the
 576 very time when life seemed to you only a perplexity and a burden, Jesus
 577 himself was near you, seeking to lead you into the light. Your Father was by
 578 your side, bending over you with unutterable love, afflicting you for your
 579 good, as the refiner purifies the precious ore. When you have thought yourself
 580 forsaken, he has been near you to comfort and sustain. We seldom view Jesus
 581 as he is, and are never so ready to receive his help as he is to help us.”⁴³

582
 583 • “Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? Because professed
 584 Christians are not dead to the world. It is easy living after we are dead. But
 585 there is a hankering after the leeks and onions of Egypt. They have a
 586 disposition to dress and act as much like the world as possible, and yet go to
 587 heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the narrow
 588 way and straight gate.”⁴⁴

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 590 • -“What a victory you will gain when you learn to follow the opening
 591 providences of God with a grateful heart, and a determination to live with an
 592 eye single to his glory, in sickness or health, in abundance or want.”⁴⁵

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⁴¹ White, E.G., *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 21, p. 368.
⁴² White, E.G., *Gospel Workers*, p. 446.
⁴³ White, E.G., *Gospel Workers*, pp. 372, 373.
⁴⁴ White, E.G., *Review and Herald*, January 6, 1863.
⁴⁵ White, E.G., *Gospel Workers*, p. 373.

504 when the chastening hand of the Lord is laid upon us, we are not to fret and
505 complain, not to rebel, not to worry ourselves out of the hand of Christ. We
506 are to humble ourselves before God, pleading with him to give us rest and
507 peace. We enter the furnace of affliction with our hearts darkened by
508 selfishness; but if patient under the crucial test, we shall come forth reflecting
509 the divine image, as gold tried in the fire.”³⁶

511 What does this crucifixion mean on a practical basis?

- 512 • -2 Cor. 12:9,10 (Thorns enable the perfection of God’s strength)
- 513 • -1 Peter 2:18-24 (Take challenging things well; recognize they are for our
514 good)
- 515 • -1 Peter 4:12,13 (Rejoice even in trials)
- 516 • Matt. 5:38-44 (We should love, do good to, and pray, for our enemies)
- 517 • Matt. 11:28 (Accept the yoke for it is light to carry)
- 518
- 519 • -“Jesus bade His followers take up the cross and bear it after Him. To the
520 disciples His words, though dimly comprehended, pointed to their submission
521 to the most bitter humiliation—submission even unto death for the sake of
522 Christ. No more complete self-surrender could the Saviour's words have
523 pictured.”³⁷
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- 525 • -“No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire
526 renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only
527 consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will
528 be, ‘Lord, take my life, for I cannot give it, it is thy property. Keep it pure,
529 for I cannot keep it for thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak unchristlike
530 self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where
531 the rich current of thy love can flow through my soul.’ It is not only at the
532 beginning of the Christian life that this renunciation of self is to be made. At
533 every advance step heavenward it is to be renewed.”³⁸
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- 535 • -George Müller said, “‘There was a day when I died’; and, as he spoke, he
536 bent lower, until he almost touched the floor. Continuing, he added, ‘Died to
537 George Müller, his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world,
538 its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren or
539 friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto
540 God.”³⁹
- 541
- 542 • -“On one occasion I spoke in reference to genuine sanctification, which is
543 nothing less than a daily dying to self and daily conformity to the will of
544 God.”⁴⁰
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- 546 • It is because men are not more than half converted that the church is so dead
547 and lifeless. There are many who are and have been all their lives half
548 Christians. Their names are in the Book of Life, and if they turn to the Lord

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³⁶ White, E.G., *Signs of the Times*, December 10, 1896.

³⁷ White, E.G., *Desire of Ages*, p. 417.

³⁸ White, E.G., *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 159.

³⁹ Maxwell, L.E., *Born Crucified*, p. 60.

⁴⁰ White, E.G., *Life Sketches*, p. 237.

364 • -“Do not listen to the enemy’s suggestions to stay away from Christ until you
365 have made yourself better; until you are good enough to come to God. If you
366 wait until then, you will never come. When Satan points to your filthy
367 garments, repeat the promise of Jesus, ‘Him what cometh to Me I will in no
368 wise cast out....’ John 6:37.... If you take even one step toward Him in
369 repentance, He will hasten to enfold you in His arms of infinite live. His ear
370 is open to the cry of the contrite soul. The very first reaching out of the heart
371 after God is known to Him. Never a prayer is offered, however faltering,
372 never a tear is shed, however secret, never a sincere desire after God is
373 cherished, however feeble, but the Spirit of God goes forth to meet it. Even
374 before the prayer is uttered or the yearning of the heart made known, grace
375 from Christ goes forth to meet the grace that is working upon the human
376 soul.”²⁶

4. Dying to Self: The *Price* of Power

381
382 “I have come that they might have life, and that more abundantly.” Matt. 10:10
383 “If any man desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,
384 take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” Luke 9: 23

385
386 Notice the following on overcoming:

- 387 • Mead MacGuire
388 -“There is a great deal of modern preaching which presents, as a remedy for
389 sin, love, social regeneration, culture, self-development, etc.. According to
390 the Scriptures, the only way to deal with sin is to begin with death....
391 Undoubtedly the great difficulty with the majority of believers is that they are
392 trying to live Christ’s life without first having died Christ’s death.... It is
393 much more popular these days to talk about life than death, but not more
394 necessary, for death is the way into life. Many have not seen or understood
395 the necessity of this death; and others, having seen it, are afraid or unwilling
396 to die.... It is the daily dying of self that makes room for the living of
397 Christ.”²⁷
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- 399 • -“We cannot retain self and yet enter the kingdom of God. If we ever attain
400 unto holiness, it will be through the renunciation of self and the reception of
401 the mind of Christ.”²⁸

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403 What do we learn about dying to self from the following verses?

- 404 • -Luke 18:18-23 (Following comes as we are willing to surrender
405 EVERYTHING)
- 406 • -Luke 9:23 (This dying experience must be daily)
- 407 • -John 12:24 (There is no life OR fruit without death)
- 408 • Matt. 10:10 (The outcome is the more abundant life)

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410 What does it mean to be dead according to the Bible?

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²⁶ White, E.G., *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 206.

²⁷ MacGuire, M., *The Life of Victory*, pp. 33, 35, 37.

²⁸ White, E.G., *God’s Amazing Grace*, p. 225.

- 411 • Ps. 6:5 (No remembrance of God in grave)
- 412 • Eccl. 9:10 (No work or knowledge in the grave)
- 413 • Isa. 38:18 (There is no praise in the grave)

414
415 What additional things would we learn about being dead if we were to visit a
416 cemetery?

417
418 What do we learn about the spiritual reality and benefits of dying to self in these
419 verses?

- 420 • -Rom. 6:1-4 (Baptism is the public funeral of the old man; resurrection of
421 new man—by faith)
- 422 • Php. 1:21 (To live is Christ, therefore dying is gain)
- 423 • -Gal. 2:20 (We are crucified with Christ)
- 424 • -Rom. 6:11 (Not only did Jesus die at the cross; we died)
- 425 • -Gal. 6:14 (it is through co-crucifixion that our desire for the world dies)
- 426 • 1 Cor. 2:2 (We should make this crucifixion that base of all we do and share)
- 427 • -Rom. 12:1 (We should give ourselves as living sacrifices, willing to be
428 consumed for God)
- 429
- 430 • “When self is submerged in Christ, true love springs forth spontaneously. It is
431 not an emotion or an impulse but a decision of a sanctified will. It consists not
432 in feeling but in the transformation of the whole heart, soul, and character,
433 which is dead to self and alive unto God. Our Lord and Saviour asks us to
434 give ourselves to Him. Surrendering self to God is all He requires, giving
435 ourselves to Him to be employed as He sees fit. Until we come to this point
436 of surrender, we shall not work happily, usefully, or successfully anywhere”²⁹
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- 438 • -“The new birth is a rare experience in this age of the world. This is the
439 reason why there are so many perplexities in the churches. Many, so many,
440 who assume the name of Christ are unsanctified and unholy. They have been
441 baptized, but they were buried alive. Self did not die, and therefore they did
442 not rise to newness of life in Christ.”³⁰

443
444 What was Jesus’ great purpose in life and how did He die to self?

- 445 • -John 6: 38 (He lived for His Father’s will)
- 446 • John 8: 28,29 (Always did things that pleased His Father)
- 447 • -Matt. 11: 28-30 (He happily accepted the Father’s yoke)
- 448 • -Php. 2: 5 – 9 (Jesus took the humble way)
- 449 • -Hebrews 5: 8 (He learned obedience through things suffered)
- 450 • Matt. 27: 39,40 (Jesus did not use his power for personal gain)
- 451
- 452 • “It was a difficult task for the Prince of Life to carry out the plan which He
453 had undertaken for the salvation of man, in clothing His divinity with
454 humanity. He had received honor in the heavenly courts and was familiar
455 with absolute power. It was as difficult for Him to keep the level of humanity
456 as for men to rise above the low level of their depraved natures and be
457 partakers of the divine nature.”³¹

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²⁹ White, E.G. *Letter 97*, 1898

³⁰ White, E.G., *SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 6, p. 1075.

³¹ White, E.G., *Confrontation*, p. 85.

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- 459 • -“To keep His glory veiled as the child of a fallen race, this was the most
460 severe discipline to which the Prince of life could subject Himself.”³²

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462 How is the “old man” nature crucified?

- 463 • -Luke 9:23 (By taking up cross daily)
- 464 • -Deut. 8:2,3 (Accepting the humbling experiences God sends us)
- 465 • Prov. 3:11,12 (Not despising God’s chastening, for it makes us chaste)
- 466 • -Zech 13:9 (Trials are the gold-refining experiences we need)
- 467 • Gal. 2:20 (God brings about crucifying experiences in our lives)
- 468 • Heb. 12:6,7 (People God loves He chastens)
- 469 • -James 1:2-4 (Count it joy when you fall into difficulty because it perfects
470 faith)
- 471 • 1 Peter 1:7,8 (Trials make our lives precious)
- 472 • Rev. 3:19 (We are commanded to accept these experiences)
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- 474 • -“There are some who seem to be always seeking for the heavenly pearl. But
475 they do not make an entire surrender of their wrong habits. They do not die to
476 self that Christ may live in them. Therefore they do not find the precious
477 pearl. They have not overcome unholy ambition and their love for worldly
478 attractions. They do not take up the cross and follow Christ in the path of self-
479 denial and sacrifice. Almost Christians, yet not fully Christians, they seem
480 near the kingdom of heaven, but they cannot enter there. Almost but not
481 wholly saved, means to be not almost but wholly lost.”³³
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- 483 • -“We cannot retain our own self and be filled with the fullness of God. We
484 must be emptied of self. If heaven is gained by us at last, it will be only
485 through the renunciation of self and in receiving the mind, the spirit, and the
486 will of Christ Jesus. . . . Are we willing to pay the price for eternal life? Are
487 we ready to sit down and count the cost, whether heaven is worth such a
488 sacrifice as to die to self and let our will be bent and fashioned into perfect
489 conformity with the will of God? Until this shall be, the transforming grace of
490 God will not be experienced by us. Just as soon as we present our emptied
491 nature to the Lord Jesus and His cause, He will supply the vacuum by His
492 Holy Spirit. We can then believe He will give us of His fullness. He does not
493 want us to perish. . . .”³⁴
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- 495 • “How few are aware that they have darling idols, that they have cherished
496 sins! God sees these sins to which you may be blinded, and He works with
497 His pruning knife to strike deep and separate these cherished sins from you.
498 You all want to choose for yourselves the process of purification. How hard it
499 is for you to submit to the crucifixion of self; but when the work is all
500 submitted to God, to Him who knows our weakness and our sinfulness, He
501 takes the very best way to bring about the desired results.”³⁵
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- 503 • -“In order that we may die to self, we are called upon to endure trial, and

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³² White, E.G., *Letter 19*, 1901.

³³ White, E.G., *Christ Object Lessons*, p. 118.

³⁴ White, E.G., *Signs of the Times*, November 21, 1892.

³⁵ White, E.G., *Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 543.