

FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-4-10: The Good Fight of Faith

Every Christian experiences a fight of faith. This fight is a spiritual war that the Christian has already won. The purpose of this war is to have eternal life in Christ.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Some days the battle is hard to take, and other days the battles are all conquered. The battles fought usually have to do with the things the Christian has been delivered from; temptation of the things of their past.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

The soul of the Christian has been saved from the wrath of God and has obtained eternal life when they put on Christ. The Devil may no longer reach their soul, but as the liar he is, will tell the Christian that they have no hope of salvation. But the truth is that he is the one with no hope. He continually attempts to gain access to the soul through the battles of the mind. The best way to defeat the Devil is to maintain a spiritual mind in Christ by walking in subjection to that spirit of God.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 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;

James 1:12-16 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 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: 14 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. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

There are times that the Devil will place bad thoughts into the mind of a Christian, and then accuse them for thinking of it. Then He would say, "If you were a Christian, you wouldn't think of things like that". If the Devil asks "What kind of Christian are you?" just tell Him that you are the kind of Christian that is blood washed and saved!

Even Jesus was tempted by the Devil. The Devil tried to get to the flesh of Jesus too.

Matthew 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou



be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The spirit of Christ is stronger than any weakness of the flesh. There is always a victory available for the Christian that is determined to stay holy.

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*.

James 4:6-10 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

The victory over these battles comes in the form of escape instead of trying to conquer it on your own. When a person trusts in God to win a battle, they stop fighting it on their own and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. He has all the strength and power to defeat the Devil – every time!



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Question 1

Every Christian will fight the good fight of faith.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

What is the reward for successfully fighting the good fight of faith?

Temporary gratification.

Eternal life.

Eternal damnation.

Gift of the Holy Ghost.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

Which will be true in man's battle over temptation?

If we continue in sin, we will die a spiritual death.

God will tempt Man.

We will receive the crown of life, when we endure temptation.

Man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

Which took place when Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness?

Angels came and ministered unto him.

He had fasted forty days and forty nights.

He was tempted by God.

The devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

This is true in our battle against Satan:

the devil, and he will

from you.

Fill in blanks



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