

Serpent

Genesis 3:14 NKJ - *And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above every beast of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.*

God used the serpent to reveal that which lay dormant, undiscovered and uncultivated within man's innermost being. These areas include man's carnality, his ego, his self-righteousness and his independent nature.

Satan, who is the Serpent, fulfills his purpose, his nature and desire in and through the activities of the carnal man. Satan's arena of activity is earth, the earthy Adam and his purpose is to stop man from receiving the true identity that God purposed for him from the foundation of the world. Satan knows that he has no more power or influence if man finds his true identity and authority in Christ, the Last Adam, life giving Spirit. This is God's heart and precisely is why He sent His Son. The Lord wants to restore dominion to its rightful owners so that Satan will be crushed under YOUR feet! Rom. 16:20

Adam was formed of the dust of the earth and bore the image of the earthy - the carnal nature, the physical. Adam and Eve yielded to a lower realm, the law of the flesh instead of the Spirit of God and opened the door to sin and death. God restricted Satan to the first Adam, that is the **dust realm**, the carnal nature of man which is the physical-soulful realm of emotions, feelings, seeing, hearing, intellect and reasoning.

However, God's Spirit supersedes all the natural-physical realm of the world. That is why God sent His Son the Last Adam to supersede, over throw and give man back access to the Tree of Life, Christ in you the hope of glory. Who is Christ, He is the incorruptible SEED which is the Word. We overcome by the WHAT? Yes, the WORD of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb.(Rev.12:10)

Genesis 3:1 – *Now the serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, you shall not eat from every tree of the garden?*

The field where the serpent lived was the uncultivated and unfenced areas. Field is from the Hebrew word SADEH indicating *that which is unenclosed: woodland, desert, spread out, flat land, wild farm land or wilderness.*

The **field** speaks of the domain where Satan lives and is most effective which is in mind of the flesh of humanity, also known as the 1st Adam, the man of dust, the physical carnal nature - the unprotected, undisciplined, unbridled, unattended, unplowed, unprocessed, unbroken areas where the serpent whispers out of the dust, out of our carnality, and out of our fleshly nature.

Satan's subtle voice whispers in the wilderness areas and unattended areas of our mind. These whispers and hisses are communicated through the thoughts, desires, reasoning, plans, passions and cravings of our fleshly carnal mind.

The first Adam was made of the dust. (I Co. 15:47) When the Lord God told the serpent that he would **eat dust**, God was saying that this was the only realm in which the serpent was allowed to function. Moving "upon his belly" limits Satan's activity. Now he can only crawl and creep along in the lower realm, in the dust realm. **Satan is confined to the low, earthy, carnal expression of the man of dust**, he operates out of man's soulish realm, through thoughts and mindsets that are against the Word of God which is exactly what Adam and Eve submitted to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or also know as the Tree of Conscience.

I Co. 15:48-49 Now **those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded)**; and as is (the Man) from heaven, so also (are those) **who are of heaven (heavenly minded)**. (49) And just as **we have borne the image (of the man) of dust**, so shall we and so let us **also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven**.

Where is our problem, where is the separation, yes in the mind, the way a man thinks so he is. Pro.23:7 The Word says, we are alienated from God in the hostile attitude of our mind. Col.1:21 Through the earthly minded man of the dust, Satan has an open door to slither into the lowest realms of our mind. Only in the carnal mind, the soulish realm does he have access to translate thoughts, perverted ideas, from unfulfilled emotions and desires. He uses the seductive appetites of the world and its corrupt influences to entice the flesh.

Many people think of Satan as part of the ancient myth which portrays a snake wrapped around a tree in the Garden of Eden. The Bible was not written in English in its original state, but in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. It is from the Hebrew words that we receive a truth concerning this passage.

The Hebrew word translated 'serpent' is NACHASH. This word NACHASH is translated *whisper, shining enchanter, one who practices divination, through, with, in, during, by reason of*.

Another name for Satan is the devil and here is another key that is found that reveals how he deceives. In the Greek New Testament the word devil is

DIABOLLOS is a compound of two words — DIA and BOLLO.

DIA means *through, channel of an act* and **BOLLO** means *to throw over or across, to send over, to traduce, slander, accuse, defame*.

The devil is a channel, a messenger who whispers, slanders, accuses and defames. The water in your house flows through a pipe - a means of passage. Through our senses - sight, hearing, the carnal nature of man- Satan, the traducer, transmits his evil schemes.

The frequency bands used for transmitting radio or television waves are called channels. The signal comes from a main station to a receiver. Any channel is the vehicle or instrument through which a thing passes from one location or state to another.

The Devil is the channel (DIA) through which **carnal** thoughts, ideas, concepts, desires, passions, etc. pass before they reach your mind. Strong's Analytical Concordance has explained the compound word DIABOLLOS as *a traducer* which means *to willfully misrepresent or to defame*. Satan is a maligner, a slanderer, a backbiter, a counterfeit and a substitute! The devil is a channel through which one order of reasoning is transferred to another order of reasoning. He translates truth into delusion. When the traducer, the devil, the translator, the interpreter, sits enthroned in the mind of man, his primary job is *to transfer or translate* knowledge to deception!

LOST IDENTITY

The word says in Gen 3:13 Amp. That the serpent 'beguiled' Eve, the Greek word beguiled means she was cheated out of something. She was cheated out, deceived, outwitted, came short of the glory of God which she had lost. The serpent deceived Eve and cheated her out of her inheritance through *subtlety*. Now we understand what God was saying that, "***All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.***" **Romans 3:23**

The were cheated out, deceived of the Law of the Spirit of Life that superseded all other Laws, for the Law of the Spirit was the highest order of the earth, it was God's order that He gave to mankind, made in His Image and Likeness to be complete and fulfilled in all things..

The garden of God, environment of God, was the place where heaven (Spirit) and earth (physical) met together in the very person of Adam. It is man living in the presence of God, walking in the mind of God and clothed with the glory of the incorruptible seed. The garden was a realm where there was no separation from God. God is Spirit and to know God is to know Him in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. Adam (spirit) and Eve (soul) lived in the Spirit realm and manifested the life of the Oneness of God in the earth. They walked in the Spirit of the day. What spirit are you walking in?

Adam and Eve lost the God life, fell short of the glory and the character and nature of being in and of GOD. They yielded to their carnal nature, their soulish realm, instead of submitting to and being obedient to the Spirit of God. Man has been operating in this fallen state ever since, not realizing his true identity. What separates man from the animals, fish of the sea and birds of the air, yes, the very breathe, the nature of God, for God put within man His Spirit life that was to rule man, the Law of the Spirit.

It is not God that chooses separation from man, He loves His creation, that is why He sent His Son to restore man back to his original position of dominion and authority in Him. He set up an established order, a law and if man will follow the pattern of the the Last Adam, the life giving Spirit he will reap the blessings of it. As we well know, when we do not follow directions and instructions we reap the consequences of our choice.

Physics tell us that every law, every seed, every kingdom reproduces after its own kind. God set up an order, the law of the Spirit that is the environment and domain where God's principles and law operates and flourishes. So whatever law we submit to governs and rules us. If you plant a watermelon seed you get a watermelon. If you plant a pineapple seed you reap a pineapple. Whatever we sow we reap. The flesh will birth the flesh and the Spirit will birth the Spirit. God is the same yesterday, today and forever, His promises are true, they are yes and amen. So if we follow the pattern, the law, the order in which He has set up we will get the results.

In **Col. 1:26-27Amp.** it says, The **MYSTERY** of which was hidden for ages and generations, but is now revealed to His holy people. **(27)** To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this **MYSTERY, WHICH IS CHRIST WITHIN AND AMONG US, THE HOPE OF GLORY.** It says it was hidden for ages and generations, but is now being revealed, **CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

We have always projected God into the future in a place that separates mankind from God and not having real access or oneness until after we die. This is so far from the truth and what the scriptures say. We have listened to doctrines of man and interpretations explaining the Word through the natural mind of man's thoughts and opinions instead of searching and pursuing Truth for ourselves to know Him in the power of His resurrection. We have accepted a form of Truth through intellectual theologies of doctrines taught by man instead of by the Spirit. Thus, because of lack of knowledge we are still in captivity and have not possessed the Promise of everything God has ordained for mankind, if we would believe what He has said. We have not known our true identity and most of all our true inheritance of what God set up and established for His people who are called by His name.

I would like for us to see some clear pictures and get understanding in the scriptures that caused mans disobedience of his fall from God's order and what is still plaguing mans separation from God today. Then, most of all recognize and see how we can possess our true identity of what God had purposed for man from the foundation of the world and by His grace be restored back into His fullness and possess the Promise, Whom He is. Everything He is, He has given to man. Heb. 2:8. As He is so are we in the earth today!! I John 4:17B So now let's find out why man has not been able to walk and possess the Promise and overcome his fallen state

Rom.1:21-28 They knew and recognized Him as God, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead **they became futile and godless in their thinking (with vain imaginations, foolish reasoning) and their senseless minds were darkened.**

Where is the problem, Yes, godless in their thinking.

(23) And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God **were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.**

They **exchanged God's glory**, character, presence, His immortality of images **resembling mortal man -birds-beasts and reptile- sounds animalistic to me???**

The very thing they submitted to God gave them over to. Why? They chose to believe a lie instead of the truth. They served self rather than God.

(24) God gave them up in the lusts of their (own) hearts. (25) Because **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.**

Isn't this what we are seeing everywhere in the world today? Mankind is worshipping their body (self) than having an internal transformation that brings peace, joy and happiness from their Creator, the Christ within? They are more concerned and caught up in how they look and what they have instead of a real relationship with the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is a counterfeit love; it is a delusion that only satisfies the flesh.

A temporary external façade of going through the motions with no reality, no peace, no hope and no substance for an internal transformation which brings hope and a future. Only God's love can bring true satisfaction and joy. Thus, this mindset projects that man's self worth is determined by what he possesses and how he looks. Oh, how shallow, how insecure to depend on man's flesh for self worth of his value of importance, instead of a pure heart of the manifestation of the risen Christ within.

We see even in the church, people receive possessions and favor because of who they are or what they possess which is totally against the principles of Who God is and His government. God's church is not a country club of who's who, but a atmosphere of the very presence of God releasing His power of life and freedom and deliverance to His people.

He is no respecter of people. There is no segregation, He does not see male or female, He does see culture, creed or color, He looks on the contents of the Heart! He sees One Blood, One Body, One Spirit, One Church, the church of the Living God who sent His Son for all humanity to have dominion and rule and reign in Him as priests and kings. In God's Kingdom man is not given self worth or approval by an outer appearance, but by the Spirit and the nature and character of God within manifesting His love and passion for lost humanity. A fulfillment that man can not earn or buy, there is no price, God is not for sale, HE IS THE GOD that heals and sets the captives free, HE is Alpha and Omega, He is the Beginning and the End and is the fulfillment and the Promise of every man that will believe upon is Name. Chose you this day who you serve?

(28) Since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, **God gave them over to a base and condemned mind.**

God gave them over to their own mind, their own thinking.

We have been alienated from God in the hostility in the attitudes of our mind. (Col. 1:21) Amp.

In **2 The. 2: 10-11** Says, **They did not welcome Truth** but refused to love it that they might be saved. (11) Therefore **God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false.**

Who sent it? Yes, God did, the very law we submit to, is the law that will govern and rule us. God gave man an environment of life and blessing with all the attributes of the fullness of living in His fullness and having dominion and authority over all things. (Heb. 2:8Amp.)

Gen.1:26 God said, Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness and let them have **complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.**

This Word has natural and spiritual applications. These are but typical representations, figures of spiritual things, but the principles of the earthly things must correspond in nature to the spiritual interpretation. First in the physical then the spirit, both need to be ruled and in subjection to and governed.

In **I Co.2:14** it says, that the natural non spiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are meaningless nonsense to him and cannot understand the things of the Spirit because they are spiritual discerned.

In **2 Co. 4:18** The things that are seen, visible are temporal (brief, fleeting), but the things that are invisible, unseen are deathless and everlasting.

Gen. 1:26,28 God said to have complete authority and dominion over the:

Fish of the sea: human soul, mind, thoughts

Birds (foul) of the air: represent understanding, imaginations, power, principalities and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places

Beasts: carnal beastly nature, lawlessness

Everything that creeps: affecting the emotions of man, annoying circumstances, worry, fears and anxiety

In **Romans 1:23** it says, **By them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by IMAGES, RESEMBLING MORTAL MAN AND BIRDS AND BEASTS AND REPTILES.** So we can see by this scripture that the glory and excellence of God were exchanged by these images- spirits that represented man, birds, beasts and reptiles. Whatever law we submit to is the law that will govern us.

When I first went to the Ukraine when the walls came down in 1991 they had had a strong influence from the Mongolian Empire and when you studied about the culture they worshiped animals. Needless to say when I presented the gospel and they heard Truth of the Word of God the spirits that were contrary to God did not want to give up their habitation and when they were cast out they manifested like animals. In other places many times I have seen manifestations of the spirits hissing and slithering movements like a snake when people were being set free. Especially in the eyes you can see a diamond shape like snake eyes and as soon as they are set free their pupils became normal.

Luke 10:19 Amp. Behold **I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions**, and (physical and mental strength and ability) **over all the power that the enemy**; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Spirits possessing the nature typified by serpents and scorpions hidden and cunning slithering through the lowest realms of man's earthiness, dust realm in the thoughts and desire and ambitions of the carnal mind.

Man was created for the Holy Spirit to indwell, to have the image of God. Gal.4:6 Amp. Says God has sent the (Holy) Spirit of His Son into our hearts. All spirits are not holy. The unclean spirits are the spirit of Satan which characterize the kingdom of darkness and finds expression in man as he fails to exercise and have dominion over them.

A TRUTH OR THE TRUTH

Gen 3:5. - *For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity. (Amp)*

That was a truth — and “you will be like God” was also a truth, for after Adam and Eve ate, the Lord God Himself confirmed the serpent's statement as being a truth.

When you eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil your eyes will be open to that dimension. Whatever you submit to, give place to is the law or dimension that rules and governs you.

In *form*, then, (the outward appearance) the serpent had a truth.

2 Tim. 3:5 *Having a form of godliness but denying its power. This is the power of the deception of form - it has an external façade or appearance but no internal truth for transformation. .NKJ*

What the serpent did not reveal was the **reality** of the form, which is that independent of God, man can never be a partaker of the divine nature! Adam was deceived by this form of truth and was separated from the blessing and environment that God had created for him.

Hosea 4:6 *Because of lack knowledge we are in captivity.*

We have not understood our true identity. Therefore we have been living in lack. This is why thousands can attend church on Sunday and never change. Satan knows that as long as you live in a form (going through the motions) you will never receive your true authority and be detrimental to his kingdom.

TEMPTATION

2 Corinthians 3:6 *It is He who has qualified us as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant, not of the letter of the law, but of the Spirit, for the law of the flesh kills, but the Spirit makes alive.*

As we come into agreement with Christ the life giving Spirit we become qualified as dispensers of the new covenant because of the Spirit of the Christ within. The letter of the law, the law of flesh of erroneous legalistic doctrines of mans theology and opinions nullify and void the power of the Word of God. When Satan deals with a chosen one of God, he tempts them on the level where they live. Satan takes the Word of God of Promise and he personalizes it, perverts and twists what is pure so that man receives it as a doctrine instead of a revelation, as form rather than life. Satan misrepresents and twists through a legalistic and erroneous understanding of the Word- the letter that kills. The traditions and legalism of the letter of the Word have no power or life.

Romans 7:5 Amp. When we were living in the flesh, the sinful passions that were awakened and aroused up by the Law (of the flesh) were constantly operating in our natural powers in the sensitive appetites and will of the flesh so that we bore fruit for death.

Romans 8:7-8 Amp. Because of the mind of the flesh (with its carnal thoughts and purposes) is hostile to God for it does not submit itself to God's Law indeed it cannot. (8) So then those who are living the life of the flesh (catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature) cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him.

The carnal mind cannot receive the things of God, for they are **spiritually** discerned. There is nothing about the carnal mind which desires the things of God, for that mind is at enmity against God. **1 Co. 2:14**

James 1:14-15 - But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions).

Everyone blames everything on Satan, but the truth of the matter is he only has access through man's own desires and lusts.

There are three things in this world that we are tempted by: the lust of the flesh (appetite), the lust of the eyes (greed), and the pride of life (ambition). It was with these three things that Eve was tempted. The temptation was not from without but from within. According to the Word of God we don't even ***know ourselves***. We ourselves are most deceived by our ***own hearts!*** Only God knows our hearts. Jeremiah said the heart is deceitful above all things. (Jer.17:9)

Man continues to be self-dependent rather than to trust in and rely on God. We continue to blame everyone and everything else, especially Satan, instead of taking full responsibility for our own actions. I have people call me and say "Satan is doing this, and Satan is doing that". I confess, I used to do the same thing until I really studied the Word and found out what it said for myself. Satan truly gets much more attention than he deserves! We are in captivity because we do not know what the Word says. Please don't misunderstand me; **he is our adversary and the accuser of the brethren**. But Satan only has access through the open door of our desires: lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh or the pride of life.

The Bible says, ***Greater is He that is in me, then he that is in the world.***

(I John 4:4) Is He? This is the real issue that determines our victory or defeat! When we truly believe in the power of the resurrected Christ within and apply it to our lives, we will manifest the victory of the cross. We will overcome by the Word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb.

We must understand that a hardened heart comes from rebellion, self will, self desires and wanting it our way. One of the greatest lessons God taught me was that if I am willing to be wrong, and have a broken spirit and a contrite repentant heart, He can teach me anything.

Psalm 51:17 *My sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart*, such, O God, You will not despise.

Broken means- *sorrow for sin, humble and thoroughly penitent, broken to pieces, crushed. Broken until no longer I live, but the Christ now lives in me.*

SATAN'S TRUE LOCATION

We have said that there is something outside of man that can enter into him and defile him. Like the old saying, "The devil made me do it". The only problem with blaming the devil is that he doesn't have access unless there is an open door of agreement or a pre-

existing desire that is in our heart. The bible says, that the things that defile a man are not from without; they are from within. (Mark 7:15-23)

We have labeled this outside intruder Satan and so he is!

We have called him Satan an adversary, and so he is!

We have called him a murderer and a liar, and so he is!

We have recognized many things about him — but the one thing we have NOT known about him is his LOCATION.

We have said that he was without — Jesus said that he is within!

Mark 7:21 *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness;(23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

All these things come *from within* that defile the man.

James 1:14 - *But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). (AMP)*

We can only be tempted by our own desires, which are the uncultivated, undisciplined areas of our heart. The first Adam is the carnal nature that only births flesh and satisfies the desires of the flesh.

Once we know the Word, those excuses don't work anymore. We must take full responsibility for our actions and walk in the fullness of Christ and as we do, GREATER is He (CHRIST) that is in me, then he(SATAN) that is in the world.

WITCHCRAFT

The word serpent in English comes from the Latin 'servo', meaning *to creep or to crawl*. The Hebrew word – NACHOS - means *to hiss or whisper*. It also means *to charm, to search or scrutinize closely, to find out by experiment and to practice divination, incantation or enchantment*.

An incantation is a formula, chanting or ritual recitation of spoken charms or spells used to produce a magical effect. The serpent is a hisser, a whisperer, an enchanter and a magician. **So is the carnal mind.**

1 Sam 15:23 - *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,(divination) and insubordination (stubbornness) is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.*

Rebellion is an act of defiance toward an authority, resistance to a constituted government, bitter, to resist, disobey, rebel or provoke.

Witchcraft is divination, magic, sorcery, an irresistible influence, and supernatural powers over others through evil spirits.

Stubbornness is insubordination, being unreasonable, unyielding, bullheaded, determined, obstinate, refusing to repent, controlling and opinionated.

Iniquity is gross immorality, injustice, wickedness, darkness, absent of light

Idolatry is worship of any cult, image, idea or object that is exalted above the One true God. It is excessive devotion to something or someone.

Anything that takes the place of God is an idol. Whatever occupies your mind and heart more than God is what and who you worship. For some people it may be their business, money, power, image, ministry, spouse or children.

Isaiah 8:19 - *And when the people [instead of putting their trust in God] shall say to you, “Consult for direction mediums and wizards who chirp and mutter...*

We say, “We don’t go to mediums or wizards”. No, but we put our trust in everything and everyone else except God. We discuss our problems with everyone *but* God, who is the author and finisher of our faith. I truly believe God wants us to come to Him first instead of Him being our last resort. When we don’t get the answer we want and nothing else works, then God?

What did Abraham do when God told him he would be a Father to the nations? Years went by and nothing happened. Instead of seeking and trusting God and waiting for the son of promise, Abraham got impatient.

You know the rest of the story. Abraham slept with Hagar, Sarah’s maid and birthed Ishmael, who was born according to the flesh. When we depend on anyone or anything as our source instead of God, we are submitting to the law of the flesh, thus we reap the consequences giving Satan access to whisper and mutter all kinds of suggestions. These temptations arise out of our own desires and environment, not God’s Spirit. Then we birth Ishmael and blame it on Satan.

Isaiah 29:4 Amp.- *And you shall be laid low [Jerusalem], speaking from beneath the ground, and your speech shall come humbly from the dust. And your voice shall be like that of a ghost coming from the earth, and your speech shall whisper and squeak as it chatters from the dust.*

Here we read of spirits that “chirp and mutter”, that “speak out of the ground” and “**whisper out of the dust.**” Does this not sound like the serpent in Eden, the hisser and the whisperer, calling to Eve, speaking and subtly tempting from the **dust realm**? A

subtle suggestion, a whispered temptation, a thought, a desire, these whispers **arise from the dust of the carnal mind**, out of the ground of the first Adam-the earthy-soulish realm. Adam and Eve became conscious of good and evil and their eyes were opened. Instead of living in God's rest they submitted to a lower realm, the law of the flesh. Now they were governed and ruled by their self-consciousness of pride, rebellion and their own desires.

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

2 Co. 4:4Amp. For the **god of this world has blinded the unbelievers minds (that they should not discern truth) preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image and likeness of God.

Blinded who? **The unbeliever's mind!** Satan is the god of the world to the unbeliever!

If you are a believer Satan should be under your feet!! Romans 16:20

Why, because the Word says to stand still and see the salvation of your God. Stand in the authority of the Word of God. Christ has triumphed over every principality and power defeating every foe and arose victorious through His shed blood on Calvary and we are called to reinforce, stand in His finished work of the cross!!

He said, it is FINISHED!! You are complete in HIM!

Satan is the god of the world, to a system that originates in humanistic ideologies of man and is birthed from the desires of man, which all originate from the carnal mind.

The 'world' is an order, system or arrangement of things; practice of life, customs and manner of men, pleasures and interests, present state of existence, public life and society. The world involves ways of life such as social customs, philosophies, ideologies, religions, and economics which are **all products of the carnal mind and are all birthed by man**.

I John 5:19 *The whole world lies in wickedness.* The Amplified Bible says: *The whole world around us is under the power of the wicked one.*

John 17:15-17NKJI **do not pray that You should take them out of the world**, but that You should keep them from the evil one.(16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world (17) **Sanctify them by YOUR TRUTH. Your Word is Truth.**

Ephesians 2:1-2 *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins (2) in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.(3) Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh indulging the desire of the flesh and of the mind.*

In our soulish realm there are dominant spirits of self-will, impulses of evil, anger, hostility, bitterness, unforgiveness, hurts, pride, fear etc. which make unlawful entrance into our lives. In our physical body we have the fleshly appetites, desires and carnal passions. And there are religious spirits of tradition, sectarianism, and doctrines of men that segregate and divide that are not of God.

SATAN HAS NO POWER

We have been in bondage because of lack of knowledge of our true identity in Christ. We have been born into and grown up in environments that influenced and taught us things that were contrary to the principles and promises of God, thus we have reaped the consequences of them.

We have not lived in the inheritance and fullness of what God intended and ordained for us. Praise God there is a people who are hungry and have awakened out of their slumber, out of the dust and have been apprehended by the living God. These people are pursuing truth and are being transformed from glory to glory.(2 Co. 3:18) Possessing their true inheritance of the promises of God.

John clearly identifies two different spirits: that which is in the people of God and that in the people of the world.

1 John 4:6Amp. - *We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the SPIRIT OF TRUTH and the SPIRIT OF ERROR.*

Paul adds to this his testimony: *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God* 1 Co. 2:12.

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth

The spirit of Error is the spirit of the world, spirit of disobedience, spirit of darkness, spirit of evil, which are all symbolic of Satan, the devil, the serpent, leviathan and the dragon.

2 Co. 4:4Amp. For the **god of this world has blinded the unbelievers minds** (that they should not discern truth) preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the Image and Likeness of God.

Eph.6:12 **We wrestle not against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers **of the darkness of this world**, against the spiritual wickedness in high places.

In other words we wrestle the conflicts within that we have not been set free from that are still seducing and luring us in the appetites of our flesh, the lust of the eyes, lust of flesh

and the pride of life. These conflicts that we wrestle are areas that we must die to, that no longer I live but the Christ, the Word now lives in me.. Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature all things have passed away and all things become new. When I am in Him HE is GREATER!!!

Greater is He in me then he that is in the world!!!!!! The Christ in you is greater, The WORD in you is greater!!! We overcome by the WORD of our testimony and the blood of Lamb!

Our battle is not with Satan, he was defeated at the cross, our battle is what we believe, the way a man thinks so he is. Pro. 23:7 The battle is in the mind. We are alienated from God in the hostility of our mind. Col. 1:21 The Word does not say fight the devil, it says **cast down all imaginations AND everything thing that exalts itself against GOD!!!**

For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. **Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 2 Co. 10:4-5**

The Word says we have the mind of Christ, which is the Word, the father's thoughts, will and purpose, everything He is. The Word says, As He is so are we in the earth today!!! 1 John 4:17 Are we???? He is the beginning and the end, He is Alpha and Omega and everything in between! Have we not yet discovered the human mind is in a state of total contradictions? I did not say the mind of Christ, I said the humanistic carnal mind. We cannot depend on our reasoning facilities to deliver Truth.

Reason is because, why, logic, to explain or justify, action, decision or conviction, think our way out, make excuse, the mental process of looking for reasons for beliefs, conclusions, actions or feelings. The Word of God is yes and amen. The Word interprets Himself. We prove the Word with the Word!!

It is not a coincidence that Jesus Christ was crucified at Golgotha which means the place of the skull, in some translations Golgotha refers to the location of the skull of Adam. Very interesting! What have we been studying the place of our death, the place of our separation from our God is in our mind? We must lose our head and grow up in HIS Head, Christ. Eph.4:15 Our enemy is the way we think, according to the flesh or according to the Spirit of God. Our conscience which is the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil is rooted in a deep inner consciousness of the law of flesh. It is conditioned by external influences of the world. It is influenced by what it has been taught, so it is conditioned to judge right and wrong by the standard of what we have learned. The Word says, If we believe we will see the glory of God. The real issue is what we believe. To know God is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth, Who He is. So we must know what the Word says, to know Truth.

Greater is the dominion and authority of Christ in you then what is operating and controlling those things in the world around you. When we are *in* Him we are above all

dimensions of the world and principalities, powers and everything that would exalt itself against the Living God.

We find that there have been many attitudes and characteristics that have ruled within us that did not represent Him or glorify Him. As His kingdom (King's residence) takes its rightful place in our lives, all powers, influences and desires are overcome. Christ was the mediator between man and God restoring man back into right relationship with God. He is our total complete sacrifice and in Christ we have dominion and authority over all things. We must press on to the prize of the high call and seek God! He will lead us into all truth and set us free.

Satan has no power at all when SELF is gone. When Self is crucified with Christ, the lust of the flesh is destroyed, the lust of the eyes is dead, and the pride of life is nailed to the cross. No longer can Satan tempt us because we have become one with the Living Word. The man of dust exists no more and from now on we can say: IT IS NOT I THAT LIVES, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME! (Gal.2:20)

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