

Life on earth is to take its cue from life in heaven -
I'm to first find out its status in heaven & behave towards it as
heaven behaves

PRINCIPLE: Matt. 6 "That will be done on earth as
it is in heaven." We are to take our cue from
heaven.

Matt. 18: "Whatever you bind on earth, already bound
in heaven."

Find out what's loosed and bound in heaven, then
appropriate it for earth.

The difference in victory is one of viewpoint -- seeing
things from heaven and eternity's view or earth and
time's.

Becoming what we already are

A Christian can date his victory over the world, the
flesh and the devil from the time he discovers what
He is in heaven's eyes and asserts his rights for
today.

The great truth the Christian learns is HIS
IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST.

Jack Taylor: "When a believer discovers the truth
of ~~xxx~~ his identification with Jesus, the devil must
mark on his calendar a singular defeat for the powers
of darkness. As the believer begins to assert what
he has discovered, the legions of hell must begin
their retreat.

It is a principle to be applied to every spiritual
struggle, to every circumstance, and to every
situation in life, death and eternity."

DEFINITION OF: Christ becoming one with us that
we might be one with Him.

Identification says that everything you can say about
Jesus, you can say the same thing about the believer.
I John 4:17 "As He is so are we in this world."

I. CHRIST IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH US

Rom. 5:8; I Peter 2:21; Isa. 53; 2 Cor 5:21.

THIS IS THE MEANING OF HIS BAPTISM -- a baptism of
repentance -- Born of woman, under the law, Son
of man.

1- Baptism - Incident

2- Scriptures

II. OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST. Remember, everything you can say about Christ, you can say about us.

TOTAL IDENTIFICATION.

1. In His death --Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:6,8
2. In His Burial --Rom. 6:4,5
3. In His Resurrection Rom. 6:4, 5
4. In His exaltation --Eph. 2:5,6
5. In His glorification Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:21
Rom. 8:30

6. Identified with Him in VICTORY. I was with Him when that battle took place. We share his victory over Satan. When Jesus defeated Satan, we potentially defeated him, too *I've been here before - visitor to Calvary*

I John 4:4 --have overcome because I am of God.
I John 5:4

Everything Jesus did, he didn't do for himself, He did it for us.

TWO ~~XXX~~ SIDES TO THE COIN OF IDENTIFICATION

1. CHRIST IN ME Col. 1:27; ~~John~~ II Cor. 13:5
I JOHN 4:4 --

Every person has 14.7 pounds of pressure per square inch pushing against him. How much depends on how many square inches. Doc says I'm not overweight, just too short. Should be 7'5"

~~But~~ Several tons of pressure...why doesn't this crush us? Because there is a corresponding pressure on the inside pushing outward...~~we would be crushed~~ If it weren't for this inner pressure we would be crushed.

Satanic pressure from without, almost crushing us, but Christ on the inside, is greater than any pressure Satan can exert.

2. I AM IN CHRIST Not just another way of saying the same thing. Two different truths.

Christ is me, means Christ is where I am.

I in Christ, means I'm ~~where~~ where Christ is.

Where is Christ? Heb. 1:3

I'm there with Him. Eph. 2:5,6.

This is the Christians position of AUTHORITY.

HOW TO DEFEAT THE DEVIL?

① By Acknowledging His Presence within me... Send Jesus to the door, Gal. 2:20. I thank you than every demand ~~made~~ made on my life is really a deman made upon the life of Christ within me.

② By Asserting My Position with Him. Asserting my throne rights, exercising authority over Satan, etc.
Mark 11:23, the command of faith
James 4:7, The command to flee
Matt. 18:18 the command of freedom