

Rom 8:31 - What is the secret of the Christian life? See some who have a plus, a difference that can't be denied - books w/ "Secret"

Is it prayer, Bible study, a charismatic experience?

(J. Hudson Taylor)  
The secret is X - the resource; X is X himself =

Don't start w/ X, then graduate to something better

Text = common interj = "if D is on our side."

FOR = ὑπέρ = "instead of, in behalf of" ~ word of substitution. Charles Spurgeon - The Gospel is substitution - the Savior in our place

X as our substitute is

I The Source of our Salvation.

X taking our place - 2 Cor 5:21; Isa 53:6; 1 Pet 2:24 - Two alternatives: either death of

Sinner or Savior - an exchange: my sin for His righteousness

2<sup>nd</sup> - Barabbas = X literally took His place

II - The Strength of our Security

- 1- Context: The believer is our of the picture =
- 2- D doesn't deal w/ believer but w/ Jesus
- 3- Satan deals, not w/ believer, but Jesus -
- 4- He is in my stead forever = you can't bring a charge against me - must bring it against X - the only way I can fail is if X fails -