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I have been pursuing knowing the Lord Jesus Christ steadily for 20 years. Ever since coming back to the Lord at age 25, the Lord had impressed upon me the fact that at my heart and core self was idolatry. For the first 5 years of misery and pain, I cried out wondering why the Lord used such severe methods to discipline me. It appeared that others were not going the same path as I.

Ten years ago, the Lord began to reveal the extent of the idolatry, the entanglement of DID and SRA. At the very center of myself has been a heart of idolatry, generational and personal. The verses are some of those that may help others shorten their journey.

I have had to own and accept responsibility of the idolatry, asking the Lord to have mercy upon me, repenting, turning my whole heart to Him. As I do, He is so ever faithful to run towards me with open arms and accept me into His presence.

These comments may sound judgmental, however, I have had to be very hard on myself and agree with God's word about myself. This is not to heap piles of condemnation on someone who is desperately coming out of this background. I know only too well what that is like.

It is only to allow exposure to the Word of God to bring about a true heart, spirit, and soul conviction in order to be clean before our Lord and Savior.

Hopefully, this will help shorten your journey. It has taken me 20 years of pursuit of the Lord Jesus Christ in order for me to be able to sit here and write this. The idolatry has been so entrenched and entwined deep within my core personality.

God has so lovingly extended his grace, mercy and time towards me so that I can fully repent. There will come a day when His grace and mercy have been exhausted and time has run out. He, then, will judge His people, because they have not fully agreed with Him and His word about their own condition. It is painful, but God is well worth the process.

He will have his Church complete whole and spotless, now is the time to repent, in the day of grace and mercy, or He will take action!

(It may be helpful to look up each Scripture and make your own notes to your own reactions.)

Exodus 20:3 *God is jealous, visiting iniquity to the 3rd and 4th generation of those that hate Him.*

As we take responsibility for our own personal hatred and generational hatred towards God, He comes in and cleanses us. Sometimes we feel that God hates us. It is His jealousy over us because of the idolatry. Confess and forsake our own hatred of Him. Then we will know of His love for us.

Exodus 23:13 *We have worshiped other gods and have delighted in their names.*

We are not to acknowledge them by name. Confess and renounce all worshipping of their names. And acknowledge the names of our God.

Leviticus 19:4 make no images.

Leviticus 26:1 make no idles or images or God will abhor us.

We are made in the image of God. All idolatry focuses on displacing God's image out from our hearts and placing the image of the idol instead.

When we focus on any other image other than God, it is an idol and we become like it. Then we experience the feelings that God abhors us.

We dissociate "God" away from our heart. Confess idolatry of hiding the image of the idol in our hearts, ask God to come in and connect with God's image and our own identity. If a pervasive feeling exists that God abhors you, ask Him to reveal any idolatry in your hearts.

(I had to fight the constant feeling that God abhorred me.) It may be a symptom of our condition of heart.

Deuteronomy 27:15 We are cursed if we make any image and hide it in a secret place (ie: our human spirit).

This is the essence of DID, the secret place is in the human spirit where we have become one with the ruling spirit that governs us.

Renounce all hiding of images in our spirit and repent, turn away from the image, confess it as sin and ask God to show you His image that He created you to be. All idolatry hides God's image.

We are created in His image, and Satan wants to mar that.

1 Samuel 15:23 Stubbornness, rebellion is found within our hearts. It is as witchcraft.

Repent of all stubbornness and rebellion. Sin is the rejection of the Lord. Each time we rejected the Lord through deception that He did not rescue us, we sinned as children. As adults, we must take responsibility for our actions, confess and forsake it.

Hosea 10:2 Divided hearts are found in idolatry.

God will execute judgment and "spoil their images" Either we repent now agreeing with God about our condition, or he will execute judgment. A divided heart is usually found in the person with DID.

Psalms 115:4 Idols do not see or speak.

At the essence of my core, I did not see or speak. We become like the idols we worship.

The core person in idolatry usually is mute and blind.

Connect with that core person and own the extent of idolatry.

Do not keep dissociating away the core person that existed for idolatry. Own it. God will cleanse our hearts and we can see Him and speak for Him!

Acts 7:41 *Rejoicing in the works our hands without giving praise and honor to God is idolatry.*

Give glory to God for His work in our lives. Repentance will issue forth in forgiveness and a joyful heart and identity.

1 Corinthians 10:7ff *Craving evil things is idolatry.*

We are to flee from idolatry. Confess all our evil cravings and ask God to cleanse us from all **conditioning** that has occurred through the extensive programming.

How many of us have come out of drug abuse, immorality, eating disorder, etc. **We have craved evil things. All Satanic rituals are centered in evil cravings.**

Ephesians 5:5-12 *Idolatry is immorality and covetousness.*

We will lose our inheritance in Christ unless we repent.

Any fears we may have had about loss of full reward may stem from entanglement with idolatry.

Forsake all forms of idolatry so that we will not lose our inheritance in Christ.

God has a wonderful plan for all of us if we accept it and forsake the satanic agenda that we were entangled with.

The **Book of Ephesians** explains God's wonderful plan for us. We can never know it unless we come 100% clean from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 5:11 *Idolatry is immorality, coveting.*

All ritual activity involves immorality. Connect those aspects of selves that have been involved.

Do not dissociate it away, but own it, connect with it.

God already knows. Do not be ashamed of the selves that had to do the abominable things.

God is standing at the door knocking and waiting for us to run into Him as His children so that He can cleanse us experientially.

We are positionally; He is waiting for ALL of our hearts to intimately know Him. We cannot without owning idolatry, forsaking it and running to Him.

Acts 17:16 *Paul was provoked because the city was full of idols. He was provoked in his spirit because others were involved in idolatry.*

A Godly person will be provoked when around idolatry. Do not be dismayed if those around you are provoked by your presence.

Ask God to show you your idolatry and run to Him for His forgiveness and the joy He has for you!

Galatians 5:20 *Deeds of flesh, soul, is idolatry.*

No inheritance for those who are after the flesh and not the spirit. Connect with all idolaters inside, own it, and do not dissociate it away. God will cleanse your heart only after you have owned it.

Colossians 3:5-6 *The wrath of God is on these deeds: idolatry, immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed.*

Colossians 3:10 *the new man is made in God's image, not in the image of idolatry.*

All idolatry displaces God's rightful place with the image of the one that we worship. WE cannot find that true image without first owning and connecting with the idolatrous image.

We are created to worship God. We become like the one we worship, whether God or Satan. If we feel God's wrath upon us, repent of idolatry in the core person, connect with that person by owning the idolatry, becoming the idolatry, and God will welcome you home!

Psalms 106:36 *Idols are a snare.*

Satan knows this! All who are SRA/DID are snared by idolatry. It is shameful, but do not hide it. Bring it out into the light. God knows all that has been done in darkness.

Psalms 115:8 *We become like the idols.*

The core person is like the one we have worshipped. (Actually at the very heart is usually a heart to know the true God but was not given opportunity.

That is why the "Christian" person is so repelled by the "idolatrous ones".

It is really ALL you, so own it ALL, God is waiting for you with open arms. So why should we not be like Him and embrace all of ourselves and offer it to Him. God loves you with outstretched arms.)

Psalm 135:18 *Those who trust in idols will be like them.*

If we find it difficult to trust God, look for the one who has put his/her trust in idols.

The infant aspects first learn trust. **We learned to trust idols/demons as infants.** Connect with all aspects of selves that first trusted in demons for our very life. God will welcome you with open arms.

Acts 15:29 *Abstain from things contaminated by idols.*

Our very food as infants, children, adults, have been contaminated by idols. The gods have blessed them and the food is sacrificed to idols.

Hence many SRA/DID persons will have an eating disorder to varying degrees of severity related to the extent of the idolatry and food eaten that was for idols.

Some parts that experience anorexia cannot eat unless it is contaminated food. That is all that is known.

All parts must embrace these ones and accept the atrocities associated with “intimacy of eating, fellowship with demons” and renounce and expel all demons associated with this activity.

I believe that the root of the eating disorders is centered in idolatry.

Warfare can help the person connect to the true self, the core person that is surrounded in the idolatry.

Repentance of all activity associated with feeding spirits is of necessity.

It is essential to begin to make choices to feed, nourish and cherish the body with healthily foods that God inhabits as His temple.

Also to make healthy life-style choices is essential ie: getting proper sleep, stop smoking and abusing His temple.

These are all choices that a person must begin to develop in order to become healthy spiritually, cubically and bodily.

Our bodies have been through a holocaust, so now we are given the opportunity to learn how to take care of the temple that God inhabits.

All abuse of the body is centered in idolatry and satanic hatred for us as human beings.

Repent of all hatred of the body that God has given you and begin to make choices to glorify God in it.

Ephesians 2:11 *God takes idolaters into his home and makes them new.*

We become a new temple for the living God and not a temple of death.

Vs. 20ff we are one in spirit with the Almighty God and His temple founded on the Apostles. Renounce all counterfeits that have come in to make your body the temple of Satan.

2 Corinthians 6:14 *Temple of idols in our body vs. the temple of God.*

We must choose before our Lord and Saviour what we want to be; it is one or the other.

Renounce being a temple of Satan.

We are commanded to come out and be separate. Not dissociate from it inside, but connect with all aspects of us.

Only then can we be separate outside from those who would drag us back into idolatry.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 *Remnant characteristics.*

Those who have come from idolatrous backgrounds have remnant characteristics.

This is why Satan has targeted us and so polluted us with his demons is to mar the remnant so that God would not have a pure bride to return to.

There is hope if we turn to God with all our heart, mind, will, emotions, spirit, soul and body.

1 John 5:21 *Idolatry prevents us from fellowship with God and His people.*

If we find ourselves isolated and difficulty connecting to His people, look for idolatry.

1 John *starts out with fellowship and intimacy with God, and ends with warning about idolatry. Idolatry will mar all intimacy with God and His people.*

Revelation 2:14-20 *To eat things sacrificed to idols.*

God warns about this that it is displeasing to Him. Eating with others represents fellowship.

Eating food sacrificed to idols mars all fellowship with Himself and His people. It is fellowshiping with demons.

Of interest, **1 and 2 Corinthians** have 16 mentions of the word idolatry. All other references in the New Testament are 13 times total.

Old Testament Scriptures

Leviticus 19:4 *Make no molten images.*

2 Kings 21:11 *Others are affected by idolatry.*

Idols = non-existent things. They have the sentence of death. We become like death. Idolatry brings in death. God = life **1 Chronicles 16:26**

Isaiah 2:18ff *Idols will cease. God give us time to repent before He brings in His judgment. Arrogance is idolatry.*

Isaiah 45:19 *Seek God while in a dark place and He will bring deliverance.*

All idolatry brings darkness. When we repent, He hears and will bring us out. Do not wait until you think you are in a “good place”.

God’s Word commands us to seek Him now, when we are in a dark place. It is His job to bring us out.

Isaiah 46:1 *Idolatry is a burden. Jesus says to take His yoke it is easy and light.*

Isaiah 57 *Marital bed is defiled on a high mountain.*

All idolatry will seek to enter the most intimate place that is for God and man and wife. It interfaces with all intimacy and destroys marriages and fellowship.

Connect to the inner most core of self that has know the “intimacy” or marriage with idols (highest ranking demon). Confess all idolatry of spiritual adultery and connect with the self that has been involved.

Isaiah 57:11 *God is silent while we are in our idolatry. We may have trouble hearing from God.*

Jeremiah 50:2 *Bel and Marduk will be shattered and put to shame. Confess all links with these two.*

Ezekiel 6:5ff *God will judge His people for the corporate idolatry of the Church.*

He will leave a remnant. Pray and ask to be a part of the remnant and judge everything now so that we will be ready for that Day when He will judge His church.

Ezekiel 14:3 *If we have idols in our heart, set idols before our face then ask of the Lord, God is displeased.*

God is against us if we do not repent, we have gone to rituals then try to ask of the Lord. We must repent first, acknowledge our sin, connect to the idolatry, then we can hear from the Lord and He will speak to us.

Ezekiel 16:36 *God will judge us using the idols we are ensnared with.*

Ezekiel 20:7 *Cast away idols of Egypt before we can have fellowship with Him. The wilderness journey is to get idolatry out of us.*

Ezekiel 23:30 *We are guilty by association with national idolatry. Confess all national idolatry of parents, etc.*

Ezekiel 30:16 *Renounce all idolatry with Peleisium and Noph (Memphis), Thebes.*

Ezekiel 36:25-26 *God will give us new heart. He has promised.*

Hosea 8:4 *Idols of gold and silver. Some people have a fascination with jewelry. This could be likened with idolatry.*

Zechariah 10:2 *Renounce all worship of teraphim*

Zechariah 13:2 *All idols will be cut off one day.*

God is giving us an opportunity now to cut them off ourselves. It will go well with us if we do. He is very merciful and full of loving-kindness.

Like the prodigal son, come back to God. He will heal all our apostasy, and idolatry. Do not be afraid or ashamed to come to Him. He has deliverance if we will only turn to Him with our whole heart.

Deuteronomy 30:2-3 *commands us to come to Him and obey Him with all our heart and soul according to all that I command us today,*

Then the Lord your God will restore us from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather us again from all the people where the Lord our God has scattered us.

Idolatry scatters us, only by coming to Him as we are, now, admit the idolatry, then He can heal.

DID is a spiritual disorder, idolatry is at the root of this spiritual disorder.

Watchman Nee explains in *The Spiritual Man* how demonization can occur through passivity.

Idolatry in our spirit renders our will passive and we become a passive receptacle of demons.

Through actively taking ownership of our part, our involvement, and our entwinement with idolatry (ie:demonization) God, will do His part.

Only God can restore through repentance, through loving support by His people, and teaching how to act as He created Man to be.

CORE Issues 2: Pride

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After the last paper on idolatry, my dear friend, Karen Sackett, inquired if I had ever done a study on pride. My arrogant response and internal reaction against doing such a study revealed that PRIDE was indeed still present. At her prompting, I pursued more prayer and study on the word PRIDE.

I have always said that the more abused the person, the more arrogant and prideful that person is (including myself!) At the start of the process of discovering that I was DID/SRA, God showed me that my main sin was pride (along with the idolatry).

Looking through the scriptures, I saw that idolatry and pride go hand in hand. Where one is found, the other is also found. The higher (or actually lower!) the person is in the occult, the more like Satan he/she is to become.

Hence, the more a person becomes like Satan, the more prideful that person is. God has created man in His image. As we focus upon the object of our worship or desire, we become like that object (**Psalm 135:8; Psalm 115:8**).

Those of us who have manifested Satan and become most like him, are most characterized by pride.

Pride is in such contrast to our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled Himself to the point of the cross so that we all may reign with Him in eternity. Apart from learning of the yoke of Jesus Christ's humility, we will remain in our sin, arrogance and shame.

God has such a mighty plan for each one of us, if we just bow and yield to the cross in our lives, and confess and forsake pride and all that would stand between our Lord Jesus Christ and His character being formed in our lives.

None of us can afford any spot or wrinkle to be between our Lord and us. Yield now to His mighty hand so that He will not have to bring us down in our pride. (**James 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:5-6**)

As you read this, pray before the Lord our God and ask the Holy Spirit to show you any area of pride, and any part of your mind that would remain captive in an attitude or mind-set of pride.

I believe that pride and idolatry are the main characteristics of (or one of the first) splits off the aspect that first knew Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Our Christian selves know that pride is a sin and that God sets Himself in battle array against those who walk in pride and idolatry.

Hence, a core conflict occurs between our heart that desires the true Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the first core split which is characterized and polarized as proud and idolatrous (refer to Dr. Tom Hawkins's works on Conflict Resolutions).

Leviticus 26:19 *I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass.*

Sometimes we cannot hear God, and we feel that the “heavens are as iron”.

Confess pride. We may be feeling our own alienation from God (of course, not all times when we feel far away from God, is there sin).

Ask God to show you what prideful areas remain in your life. The Holy Spirit is faithful to reveal such requests. If you are clinging to areas of sin, God will break the pride of your power. The “power” that you have to protect yourself is both carnal and demonic (**James 3:13-15**) and is rooted in the sin of pride.

It is “*wisdom that does not come down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic*” (**James 3:15**).

If we do not humble ourselves, God will humble us. I have known God’s humbling and breaking of the “pride of my power,” my independence, my rights, my choices, my dreams and my desires.

As we humble ourselves before God, confess and forsake pride, He will exalt us at that right time.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 *Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, **then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.***

Deuteronomy 8:17-20 *You may say to yourself, **"My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."** But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.*

These verses command us to not forget the Lord our God and to obey Him. If, after we are satisfied with God’s gifts, His deliverances, His salvation, and all that He has provided for us, we eat and are satisfied, then we forget the One that provided for us.

Verse 17 *says that we may take the credit, or even Satan.*

God has kept us alive these years; given us food, shelter and clothing, and we have taken the credit. In rituals, many death rituals occur and Satan takes the credit for life, or we have been exalted as gods because we had “divine life”.

God wants us to acknowledge Him. **The ones that were highly exalted came from ones that were greatly traumatized.**

The polar opposite of the one in exaltation must connect to the one that was most beat down, most traumatized. That is where God dwells with the low and contrite of heart.

Parts of ourselves have forgotten the God of our youth and all that He did for us.

We must forsake pride and the exaltation and recognition of the cult and re-connect to the core aspect of ourselves (New Birth Identity) that was punished for knowing God.

At the time of the abuse, we did not recognize the Lamb of God. He is humble. There were parts of our mind which were exalted - (they feed each survivor with the pride of Lucifer - telling them not to be weak, and to draw their power and strength from Lucifer and entities).

Those parts wanted God to come as a King to rescue us in triumph and power, not in humiliation and weakness.

That same humble, lamb-like character is the nature of Jesus Christ Who rode on the donkey to Jerusalem. He was rejected and nailed to the cross. Accusations were hurled at Him to save Himself and to come down from the cross.

The cult parts of ourselves despise that same nature of God who was weak and humble, and lives within our hearts.

We were accused that our God could not save us. So, we saved ourselves.

We opted for Satan's way out, at that time. God does not condemn us (we were already condemned on the cross in our old nature, **Romans 6-8**).

Now we have the choice to say, *"No, I do not want Satan's exaltation; I want to connect to the original authentic me that first knew God in His humiliation"*.

We can forsake pride and meet God in the areas of our heart that are broken and contrite.

I Samuel 2:3-5 ...They that were full have hired out themselves for bread. In a sense, the parts of ourselves that remain in exaltation, are saying to God,

I am full, and have need of nothing". We then are vulnerable and are in a state to be accessed by the cult, hence have hired out themselves for bread.

Psalm 9:20 Strike them with terror, O Lord; let the nations know they are but men.

Pray that God will give us the fear of Himself (not to be afraid of God, but to revere, honor, and respect Him). **We have been worshiped as gods.**

Pray that God will show all aspects of ourselves that we are but mortal men.

Psalm 10:2-11 *The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor ... he hath said in his heart God has forgotten; he hideth his face; he will never see it.*

God HAS seen, and now WE must see and face ourselves as persecutors and perpetrators against our children, other children, other Christians, animals and anything that is represented as innocent.

Failure to see and own the most debauched thing that we have ever perpetrated allows us to remain in our pride, project judgment on others and ourselves, and remain vulnerable for accessing.

When we ask God for His grace and mercy to see all the evil deeds we committed and own the deeds, God's forgiveness comes in like a flood and cleanses and washes us clean.

Psalm 12:3-4 *.... Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?*

Pray and break renounce every time we gave our tongues for evil and dedicated our lips and tongues to God.

Psalm 18:27 *Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt brings down **high looks**.*

A core-split usually occurs between the core aspect of ourselves that was afflicted and the core aspect that has high looks.

We as a person are held accountable for all aspects of ourselves that remain "in high looks". Those aspects of ourselves that are exalted will find relief for the pain by connecting to those aspects that are afflicted.

Those aspects that remain in affliction will find relief by accepting those aspects that were exalted in pride.

God has saved the whole person, not just a part.

Psalm 49:11 *Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations;*

Confess generational arrogance and pride of the bloodline that you are involved with. As we confess and break the generational arrogance and pride, God's love and peace is realized in the inward parts of ourselves that we are His children and that He is our Father.

Psalm 52:7 *Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.*

Those aspects of ourselves that were exalted are the strength of the one that was crushed.

We were strong in our pride and sin. The “Christian selves” were made weak. They were the ones that were “abused”.

We trusted in the strength of demons, ourselves or the cult.

Confess trusting in ourselves and confess strengthening ourselves in our pride and wickedness at the expense of parts that were abused.

Ask God to reunite our heart to fear Him and to discover that He is our strength.

Psalm 73:6 *Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.*

Psalm 73:8-9 *They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression. Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.*

Pride and violence go hand in hand. **Most of us performed violent acts upon others.**

We did it in pride and arrogance to obtain ‘power’. **BULLIES!!**

Confess this pride and arrogance that was expressed in violent acts against others and re-connect with your Christian heart that did not want to perform such acts.

Psalm 119:21 *You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.*

God rebukes the proud; they are cursed. Confess pride and break the generational curse of pride.

Verse 69 *We have spoken lies about the godly and God. Confess all lies that we have spoken.*

Verse 78 *Shame is associated with pride.*

Psalm 138:6 *the proud He knoweth afar off. If we feel far from God, ask God if pride is in the way.*

Proverbs 3:34 *Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.*

We find God’s grace when we connect to those parts of us that are afflicted and forsake pride.

If we remain in our pride and are disconnected from the “afflicted” parts, we will know God’s scoffing.

Proverbs 8:13 *Pride, and arrogancy, ... do I hate.*

God hates pride. If we feel that God is against us and does not love us, ask Him if there is pride in our hearts, confess it and connect with the afflicted parts of ourselves.

Proverbs 10:17 *He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who forsakes reproof goes astray.*

Humble yourself under the one that has been allotted as having charge over your soul.

Do not forsake instruction and be careful to obey the Word. We find life when we heed instruction.

Proverbs 11:2 *... with the lowly is wisdom. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor.*

Forsake all bitterness that others have expressed towards you. **Do not despise those that have perpetrated against you.**

It is pride and devoid of wisdom.

Proverbs 12:15 *A fool is right in his own eyes.*

We need each other to help correct us.

If we forsake a rebuke or think that we are justified in our own thoughts and ways because of all the abuse etc, we are fools.

Proverbs 13:10 *Through presumption comes nothing but strife, but with those who receive counsel is wisdom.*

Because of the tremendous injustice of the abuse, we think we are justified in our actions, thoughts, deeds, self-pity, hurts etc., but all of this is presumption.

We become a fool because we think we are right or justified to hold on to our right to be angry and take revenge because of “all that has happened to me”.

That is pride and must be confessed and forsaken.

Proverbs 15:5 *...he who regards reproof is prudent.*

Vs.10 *Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way; he who hates reproof will die.*

Vs. 25 The Lord will tear down the house of the proud.

Vs. 31 He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.

Vs. 32 He who neglects discipline despises himself.

Vs.33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor, humility.

Arrogance rejects reproof and ends up in self-hatred.

Confess all self-hatred and negligence of discipline as pride. Pursue life in discipline and listen to those who reprove.

We cannot become free of the effects of SRA without the loving reproofs of those around us.

Proverbs 16:5 *Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.*

God disciplines those who are His children. **I have been proud of the fact that I was an abomination to the Lord.** God has had to bring me low to repentance.

Connect to the original core aspect of the self that is perceived to be (all parts that are) an abomination to the Lord.

Do not despise them, but acknowledge them and connect them to the lowly ones. **A core conflict exists between all parts that were perceived as abominations and all that were perceived as lowly.**

Proverbs 15:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.*

Much of the discipline by the Lord I have experienced is a result of pride and idolatry. God disciplines us so that we can acknowledge our sin before Him and forsake it (**Hebrews 12:10**) and become partakers of His nature, which is holiness.

Proverbs 26:16 *The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.*

Proverbs 28:11 *The rich man is wise in his own eyes, but the poor who has understanding searcheth him out.*

Proverbs 28:25 *He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife.*

If we have been involved in creating or causing strife, confess pride.

Some who have borderline personality tendencies cause strife and conflict.

Ask the Lord to show you your heart if pride is at the root. Humble yourself before Him and others so that He will not need to humble you.

Proverbs 29:23 *A man's pride shall bring him low ...*

God will bring us low if the exalted parts of ourselves do not connect to the ones that were made low.

Proverbs 30:12-13 *There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.*

In this generation of SRA/DID, in the therapist's office, etc., there exists a movement of playing the "victim".

Yes, bad things did happen to us against our choice.

- ◆ Yet **we are accountable for our sinful reactions as adults.**
- ◆ We are accountable for our perpetration.
- ◆ We are accountable for our pride and idolatry.

Many therapists reinforce our victim mentality through not acknowledging that we were also perpetrators.

Through assisting us to own and re-connect to those aspects of ourselves that are accountable before God for sins we have committed, we are set free from the **guilt and shame** associated with those sinful events.

After we have faced our sin, confessed it, and re-connect with the aspects that committed the sin, we can experience the power of His forgiveness that cleanses us and washes us clean.

First, we must acknowledge that sin is sin. Period.

It is much easier to see and own the victim side of ourselves and not acknowledge what we believe is the evil-perpetrator aspect.

It is easier to say that it is lies that we have believed and not own the sin that we are accountable for.

In reality, God wants us to integrate and accept both sides of ourselves, the victim and the perpetrator.

The victim does not cancel out the perpetrator nor does the perpetrator cancel out the victim.

We were first victims but all individuals that have been raised in the Luciferian culture, must become a good perpetrator.

The person is praised for their acts of perpetration and rewarded.

Our needs are met when we have satisfied the Luciferian agenda of immorality, blaspheme, perpetration and wicked deeds.

Pride develops in a very early age, especially if we are set aside as special.

We are praised and rewarded for becoming more like Lucifer (Satan).

Most of my true self had no idea that these acts were wrong.

I had to have a heavy “reprogramming” of God’s word.

I had to accept that God’s word is true, that I was an idolater and filled with pride.

I was pure in my own eyes and did not know my own depraved condition.

I could not understand why my pastor thought I was unrighteous.

I was a product of a true Canaanite culture. I had to acknowledge that God was right about my sin.

The marvelous thing is that God has already judicially cleansed us of our sin through the death of Jesus Christ.

Now, He is patiently waiting for us to acknowledge our sin before Him, (**1 John 1:9**) and for us to take responsibility for what sins we have committed in order that we may enter into the reality of His forgiveness experientially.

The aspects that were most abused were split, then exalted and worshipped as gods.

It was based upon a need for significance and a need to be recognized.

God does not despise us for having those needs but we acted sinfully by walking in pride and exalting our thoughts above God’s.

This is what He desires; for us to admit to the evil deeds we have committed through our own bodies, to confess and forsake our pride and arrogance, and to accept the limitations of being human.

Then God can meet our needs to be significant, but only when we have admitted our pride and sinful ways and walk in humility.

Isaiah 2:11-17 *The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, for every trading ship and every stately vessel. The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day,*

Isaiah 3:16-26 *The Lord says, "The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, tripping along with mincing steps, with ornaments jingling on their ankles. Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion; the Lord will make their scalps bald." In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, the earrings and bracelets and veils, the headdresses and ankle chains and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, the signet rings and nose rings, the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls. Instead of fragrance there will be a stench; instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-dressed hair, baldness; instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; instead of beauty, branding. Your men will fall by the sword, your warriors in battle. The gates of Zion will lament and mourn; destitute, she will sit on the ground.*

Isaiah 10:5-16 *All of these passages connect pride to idolatry.*

Pray and ask the Lord God to show you anything you need to know about yourself as you read these passages.

Isaiah 13:11 *I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

Isaiah 14:12-16 *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nation! for thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;*

Most of us who have SRA backgrounds have been exalted with Satan in some form or manner.

We have taken on his nature internally and become like him in pride.

We were created to take on God's nature and character and become like Him in humility.

As long as parts of ourselves remain separated or dissociated in pride, we cannot become like the Lamb that our hearts have desired.

We must admit our pride before God, confess and allow God to cleanse us and re-connect us with our heart that is the most like the Lamb.

Isaiah 26:5 *He bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, He layeth it low; He layeth it low, even to the ground; He bringeth it even to the dust.*

- ◆ Ask God if He is disciplining us because of pride.
- ◆ Ask Him to reveal where pride is originating from within ourselves so that He would not have to bring us low.
- ◆ Ask God to reveal all aspects that dwell on high and remain dissociated in pride so that we may own all aspects of ourselves and God won't have to bring us into dust (or keep us in the dust).

Isaiah 47:7-10 *For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.*

Ask God to show you if this is true in your life. By connecting with all aspects of our heart where we have trusted in our own wickedness, God will forgive, heal and cleanse us. Confess pride.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and know Me, that I am the Lord which exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the Lord.*

Many parts of ourselves glory in our own wisdom, strength and the “riches” of the cult life.

Connect with those aspects of ourselves that knew about the pain, torture and trauma, the cost for the exaltation of those aspects of self ‘exalted’ in pride.

Jeremiah 13:9 *Thus says the Lord, 'Just so will I destroy the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.*

God gives us an opportunity to repent from pride and our sins before He brings us low.

Jeremiah 13:17 *But if you will not listen to it, My soul will sob in secret for such pride; And my eyes will bitterly weep And flow down with tears, Because the flock of the Lord has been taken captive.*

God weeps if we do not repent and we will experience the grieving of the Holy Spirit, a very miserable place to be in (I speak from experience!).

Jeremiah 48:7 *Since you trust in your deeds and riches, you too will be taken captive.*

We are held captive in our pride, self-will and strength.

God desires repentance of our own efforts that maintain dissociation, our own strength that we use to hide our sins and our own self-righteousness.

God already knows and sees all that we have ever done, that is why He sent His son Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sin.

Come clean before God, confess and forsake all our own strength of maintaining and hiding our sin.

Jeremiah 49:4 *How boastful you are about the valleys! Your valley is flowing away, O backsliding daughter Who trusts in her treasures, saying, 'Who will come against me?'*

God will expose us and bring us low if we do not acknowledge our pride, idolatry and other sins before Him. He already knows and sees and waits patiently for us to acknowledge our sinful deeds before Him.

Jeremiah 50:31-32 *I am against thee, o thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.*

If we have ever felt that God was against us, ask Him if there is pride.

God desires first that we would acknowledge our pride and repent, if we do not, then the “fire” gets hotter and hotter to bring us to that realization of this sin in our heart.

God is a loving God and treats us like children. He desires intimate fellowship with us, but He cannot have it if pride is in our hearts.

Ezekiel 28:2-17 *Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.*

Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

As you read these scriptures, ask the Holy Spirit to expose those aspects of the self that are the most like Satan in these characteristics.

Re-connect with these aspects, confess pride and idolatry, and re-connect with the youngest or first aspect that is characterized by humility, trauma, pain, and a contrite heart; the core aspect that is most like Jesus Christ of Nazareth in character.

Ezekiel 31:10-14 *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness. And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches: To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.*

God will deliver us over to the hand of a despot of the nations (or severe discipline **Hebrew 12:4-11**) if we do not connect, admit, and forsake idolatry and pride.

I believe that to the degree that I remain in my pride and idolatry, I am still a target for Satanic assaults towards continual involvement in ritual activity.

God cannot protect us if we remain in our sin of idolatry and pride.

In fact, it is as if He delivers us over for chastening so that in our misery, we will forsake our own strength of dissociation and come to God for protection.

Self-righteousness or pride says that I can protect myself through dissociation against the wiles of satanic assaults.

God is the only one that can protect.

Renounce all self-righteousness and pride that says in my strength, I have kept myself from ritual activity or protected myself from my adversaries because God “wasn’t around”.

Daniel 4:37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

God was able to bring king Nebuchadnezzar low and to repentance. God is so very faithful, that He warned the king of his pride and what would happen to him, but he refused and God humbled him.

Do not refuse this day God’s verbal warning to all who walk in pride or we may find ourselves in a place like king Nebuchadnezzar.

- ◆ **Hosea 5:5;**
- ◆ **Hosea 7:10-11;**
- ◆ **Obadiah 3-4;**
- ◆ **Nahum 3:19;**
- ◆ **Habakkuk 2:4-9;**
- ◆ **Ephesians 2:10,**
- ◆ **Ephesians 15; 3:11;**
- ◆ **Malachi 4:1.**

The prophets all proclaimed to God’s people that all the proud and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble. A day of judgment is coming to God’s people.

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 9-10 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Do not be afraid to come to God just as you are so that you might find mercy for we are to become holy as He is holy.

The way to holiness is to own our sins, to confess them, and to forsake them.

Allow God to cleanse us and work His holiness in us. **We have tried to be holy through dissociation by hiding our unholy parts of ourselves.**

Allow God to do the work.

Confess self-righteousness by “Christianizing” ourselves.

When we forsake our own methods to obtain righteousness through dissociation, we know our Heavenly Father’s mercy, grace, and love towards us.

He welcomes us with open arms!!

New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 23:6-12 ... for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. The Pharisees wanted to be exalted and refused to be humbled. We are like the Pharisees if we say that pride is not in us and we hide the pride behind dissociation.

Mark 7:21-22 ... for from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, arrogance and folly. Pride comes out from the heart. It is a core characteristic that must be seen.

Luke 1:51-52 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. We remain “scattered” as long as we remain in our pride. Connect with the core aspect of ourselves who was humbled, broken-hearted and brought low. God brings low those who were rulers in the satanic kingdom. Therefore we need to re-connect to the original core aspect of ourselves that was the most humiliated and made low.

Romans 1:22, 29, 30. Professing to be wise, they became fools...

I have had parts named Wisdom. By connecting to the opposite, the ones that were fools inside, the core conflict resolves (see Dr. Tom Hawkins works on Conflict Resolution).

Romans 11:17-25 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. 21For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. 25.I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

Pride has blinded Israel. **Pride is blinding and we cannot see ourselves the way we really are.**

Ask others what they see if you cannot see pride.

Romans 12:3 *I say, though the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as a God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. Be not wise in your own mind. God gives grace to the humble.*

We think that to self-abase ourselves is humility. But we are Saints.

Self-abasement is a form of pride and rejection of grace. It is our attempt to be humble in our own strength rather than in God's strength.

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 1:29;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 3:18;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 4:6-10;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 5:2-8;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 8:1-2;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 10:12;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 13:4;
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 14:38.

1 Corinthians has more references to pride and idolatry than any other New Testament book.

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, the church was not broken. It was hard; it was trying to hold itself intact; it was proud; it was judging; it was cruel; it was unkind; it was anything but broken.

But now, as we read the Second Letter, we find there is about the church a softness. It is soft-it is melted-it is broken!

You can talk about "ministry" now; you can talk about 'testimony' now; you could not do so before.

No: until the vessel is broken, nothing can flow out; if anything is to flow out, it will only do so when the vessel is broken...

Our weakness, our brokenness, is of the greatest importance and value, for it is only then that the real treasure can be manifested.

Our pride has kept us from the cross in our lives.

We have despised brokenness because the enemy has imposed upon us, through the years of torture and abuse, his own morbid interpretation of the cross and brokenness.

Only through the cross being applied to our lives can resurrection life spring forth.

Do not be afraid to expose pride and idolatry and any area that is not according to Christ. Allow God His way with you so that He will not have to result to drastic measures.

2 Corinthians 10:5-18 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.

We are commanded to bring our prideful thoughts and all that which is against Christ into subjection to Him.

We do so, NOT by dissociating, but by confessing it, connecting to those aspects of ourselves that are held captive in that state of pride with the parts that are low or humiliated.

2 Corinthians 12:7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

God sent a messenger of Satan to buffet Paul, so he should not be exalted above measure. Thank God for all His dealings with us so that we would not remain in pride.

James 4:6 ... God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

If you sense God's mighty arm of discipline more than His grace and mercy in your life, ask Him to show you where you are proud.

Humble yourself before Him and He will lift you up.

Pray and meditate on the following scriptures asking the Holy Spirit to lead you and show you any truth that applies to your life.

- ◆ Galatians 6:3;
- ◆ Ephesians 4:17;
- ◆ Philippians 2:3;
- ◆ 1 Timothy 2:9;
- ◆ 1 Timothy 3:6;
- ◆ 1 Timothy 6:3-4;
- ◆ 2 Timothy 3:2-4;
- ◆ James 3:1;
- ◆ James 4:6;
- ◆ 1 Peter 5:3-5;
- ◆ 1 John 2:16;
- ◆ Revelation 3:17-18;
- ◆ Revelation 18:7-8.

We may be afraid to approach God with our sin, pride and shame. But this is the way of growth towards maturity in the Christian life.

God has allowed SRA/DID in our lives for a very marvelous reason, to become more like Him!

God does not exempt us from His word because we are SRA! (from what His word says, but even more!)

We have a wonderful opportunity to allow God to change or transform us into His image if we let Him (**1 Corinthians 3:18**).

To end this study, C. H. Mackintosh (1976) in *The Mackintosh Treasury* summarizes the Christian life as a process of allowing the cross to work in our lives for fullness. It is only through brokenness.

Here was the bright side. But to whom were these wondrous words of grace addressed?

To broken hearts and penitent spirits, and convicted consciences. To men who had learnt to say, "We are verily guilty." It is only such that can at all enter into the line of truth which is now before us.

Those who have taken their true place, who have accepted the judgment of God against themselves, who truly own that the cross is the measure of their guilt—they can appreciate the cross as the expression of God's heart of love toward them; they can enter into the glorious truth that the selfsame cross which demonstrates man's hatred of God sets forth also God's love to man.

The two things ever go together. It is when we see and own our guilt, as proved in the cross, that we learn the purifying and peace-speaking power of that precious blood which cleanseth us from all sin.

Yes; it is only a broken heart and a contrite spirit that can truly enter into the marvelous love of God as set forth in the cross of Christ.

How could Joseph in **Genesis** ever have said, "*Be not grieved with yourselves,*" if he had not seen his brethren broken down in his presence? Impossible.

And how can an unbroken heart, and unreached conscience, an impenitent soul enter not the value of the atoning Blood of Christ, or taste the sweetness of the love of God? Utterly impossible.

Joseph spake rudely to his brethren at the first, but the very moment those accents emanated from their broken hearts, "*we were verily guilty,*" they were in a condition to understand and value the words, "*Be not grieved with yourselves.*" It is when we are completely broken down in the presence of the cross, seeing it as the perfect measure of our own deep personal guilt, that we are prepared to see it as the glorious display of God's love towards us.

And then and there we escape from a guilty world. Then and there we are rescued completely from that dark and rapid current of which we have spoken, and brought within the hallowed and peaceful circle of God's salvation, where we can walk up and down in the very sunlight of a Father's countenance and breathe the pure air of the new creation.

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift!"

Let us not fall short of His Almighty Arm that saves us!

Come to Him in humility of heart and let Him lift you up and lavish His love upon you!

You will not be disappointed!!

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CORE Issues 3: Resurrection Life

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In my first two papers, “Idolatry” and “Pride”, my purpose was to set forth our accountability and responsibility before God.

That is, to own and accept our own responses to the sin perpetrated upon us and the sin we have perpetrated against others.

As I was writing “Idolatry”, I was impressed that God did not leave us in our sinful state, but sent His Son as a one time offering for the atonement of our sin (**Romans 3:24-25; Ephesians 1:7**).

Jesus Christ came to this earth, lived a sinless, perfect life in His humanity in absolute dependence upon God, died and rose again.

The very depth that Jesus Christ experienced and became death for you and me likewise was the very height of His resurrection and continued life for you and me (**Ephesians 1:19-20**).

He imparted that resurrection life to us in the moment that we chose Him as Savior (**Ephesians 1:13-14**).

He continually imparts the life of Jesus Christ to us moment by moment through sanctification.

Since 1980, when I came back to the Lord, He led me to pursue reading material focused on the value of Jesus Christ’s humanity and His resurrection life, why He created me, and His purpose for us in reigning with Him eternally.

My mind has been saturated in reading Godly material, listening to God’s Word presented at church and through many hours of tapes, and seeing the resurrection life in Godly men such as Pastor Wurmbrandt and Major Ian Thomas.

For those of us that have been severely programmed with the total antithesis of God’s thoughts, it takes great perseverance and tenacity to overcome the lies and the torment of the temptation of the adversary.

It is a must to saturate our minds with God’s thoughts and in a sense deprogram ourselves of the thoughts and intrusions of the enemy.

***Romans 12:1-2** says I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

² All Scripture cited using New American Standard.

Colossians 3:1-2 reminds us that *“if then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind or be intent on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.*

In order to learn to take every thought captive, identify the lies, strongholds, and mindsets we have believed, and grow towards maturity, we must have God's Word dwelling richly in our spirit and soul.

We once were children of darkness:

Philippians 3:19-20 *Whose god is their appetites, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

This study of the resurrection life of our Lord defines purpose, direction, and goal for us to focus on in order to connect with that same life that resides in every believer so that Jesus Christ can completely be formed in us.

I believe that the indwelling life of Jesus Christ was the main reason for the intensity of Satanic attack towards us.

All of our defences have been satanically energized and strengthened to prevent us from ever connecting with that life and living in the very value of the resurrection life of Jesus Christ.

Satan trembles at the fact that he was defeated 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

Satan knows that if we ever truly come to understand and fully connect with our Original Christian Heart and Identity (OCHI)* internally thus connecting with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, he is defeated in our lives.

He holds no power over us except to the degree we are not fully living out from that Source of the resurrection life.

James 4:7 *Submit yourselves, therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

If the enemy is not fleeing from us, we must ask *“Why”*?

My strongest defence has been to never connect with the origin of the resurrection life of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as represented by the OCHI.

Through torture and many death experiences, it was easier to connect with the Jesus that lives in “heaven” perceived to be outside my body and remain dissociated than to face the truth and connect with the true life of Jesus that lives within my OCHI.

(Let the reader understand that the OCHI is not represented as a part of oneself, but more fully is the whole essence, the true identity of the person that desired to know Jesus Christ as Savior. This is the heart and essence of the Christian that cried out to know God.)

It was also much easier to accept many false Christs and false resurrection experiences rather than connect with the real reason for the abuse: identification with Jesus Christ and a heart to desire to know Him.

My life was characterized by thinking that in order to connect with the life of Jesus Christ, I needed to die and be released from this body. And at certain times of my life, it was easier to deny that I was ever a Christian.

The magnitude of the abuse, I believe, occurred because I was a Christian and because I desired to know God. The Book of Job provides a Biblical framework for this.

It has been revelation to me to see that all that I have ever desired was imparted to me the moment I believed in Jesus Christ as Savior.

I need my body and all of me to connect to the life of Jesus Christ that lives within me.

I experience love, joy, and peace as I acknowledge that I did say, “Yes” to God.

By acknowledging that resurrection life of Jesus Christ within me and connecting with that life, I am empowered against the powers of darkness to stand against the foe and win this battle.

I also experience the fullness of the life of the Lord Jesus pouring through me to others. This life of our Lord Jesus Christ living within is the very victory of the Christ life we all need to be overcomers.

As you read the scriptures, make your own notes around your own responses. Ask for facilitation to ultimately connect with that resurrection life within.

Acts 4:10-11 *Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'*

We know that true and lasting healing comes from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives within us (**Ephesians 1**).

The enemy has launched an “all-out” attack on that resurrection life that lives and dwells within us, to prevent us from experiencing this overcoming victorious life.

Acts 4:2 *They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.*

Acts 4:33 *With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.*

Resurrection life is associated with great power and grace. I believe that it was because of Christ's indwelling life that the tremendous abuse and attack occurred. And that is the reason for the attack on you.

That life draws out the good and the evil of those with whom we are associated. A disturbance was created because the apostles taught the resurrection of the dead.

Our programmers tried to “capture” this resurrection life and keep it hidden. But the life of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be permanently hidden.

Acts 17:32 *When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."*

The resurrection life of our Lord Jesus Christ divides between those who are mockers and those who are seekers. This was a difficult struggle for me, for deep within was my need to be accepted and to be loved.

When we have the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, that life will cause conflict. I have had to learn to accept that when the resurrection life of my Lord Jesus Christ is shining forth, not all will rejoice, but some will mock and sneer.

Acts 24:21 *Unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'*

Paul was on trial because of the resurrection of the dead. In a sense, our lives have been on trial in this world: **are we going to choose to allow the life of our Lord that lives within be visible or are we going to continue to “hide” it in dissociation?**

Tom and Diane Hawkins' 2001 newsletter “Restoration Matters” describes the process of **hiding behind denial.**

Denial is a form of unbelief and denying the resurrection life of our Lord and Savior that lives within. It was because of unbelief that many Israelites died in the wilderness (**Hebrews 3**).

Denial or unbelief says that this didn't happen to me. I have had to face that it was because I did want Jesus Christ as Savior.

The resurrection life of Jesus Christ could not be extinguished no matter how horrific the abuse was.

Issues of anger and hatred towards God for allowing the terror and horrors to happen because we did have a desire to know Him must be accepted and worked through.

As Tom and Diane refer to facing the person that you would be if all of you would be here, I submit that that person is one that did want God and did not want Him fully.

It was because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we were on trial!

By accepting the truth, facing ourselves and the heart that Jesus gave us (Friesen, Wilder, Bierling, Koepcke, & Poole 1999), we will be the person that God created us to be as Believers who were redeemed from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 15:12-13 *But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.*

1 Corinthians 15:14-17 NAS *And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, who He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.*

1 Corinthians 15:19 *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied "more than all men.*

1 Corinthians 15:21 *For since death came through a man, (Adam) the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man (Jesus Christ).*

1 Corinthians 15:29 *Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?*

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 *So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*

1 Corinthians 15:49 *And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we (let us) bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and is now alive. Satan could not kill Jesus Christ and keep Him in the grave. Satan was defeated at that glorious moment when Jesus cried on the cross "It is finished!"

His anger and wrath is now poured out towards the Body. Many have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as a small child between 13 and 18 months.

I believe the reason for the persecution is because as a small child, many have become united with Him in His resurrection life.

That life has drawn out the satanic wrath and hatred towards God. If we were not united with Him, then perhaps the degree of our suffering would not have been so great.

Because we were just newborn babes in Christ, God did not condemn us for the idolatry and pride and ancestral sin that we continued to carry in our lives.

Today, as adults, we as Christians must own and accept the facts of what we have done.

As we do, God does not leave us in our sin, but cleanses us (**1 John 1:9**).

The parts of us that were united with Him in His death and resurrection at the moment we believed are the very deepest center of ourselves, which are so protected.

Coming of Age Ritual

At one time in my life, age 12/13, I decided that it wasn't worth all the torture and all the agony and persecution to follow the Lord.

So I resigned and believed that I hated God with my whole heart and was doomed to Hell forever.

For the next 12 years, I denied the resurrection life that was in me and continued to persecute Christians and torture them.

I was acting out what had in reality happened to me as a child.

- ◆ I did not understand Him or understand His ways at age 13.
- ◆ I did not understand persecution.
- ◆ I did not understand that I was united with Him in His death and shared His resurrection life.

The most hidden aspect of myself is that which has been tortured and persecuted for the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first "split" off is the one who is the **adult representation** that protected the one who was persecuted for the Lord Jesus.

This is the one who also tortured others.

That aspect hated God for allowing the torment and tortures, while the one that was tortured, forgave, accepted and consented to be united with Jesus Christ in His power.

These polarized aspects must reconcile and accept that both are true or remain conflicted.

They come together and are reconciled in Jesus Christ.

The enemy's strategy is to keep the two separated so that the whole person would not ever know the true resurrection life and power that resides within them as a Believer.

As I am strengthened as a person, I see that I have the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ within me and the authority over the power of the lies and demons that have taken up residence within me.

I have power and dominion over the demonic spirits that have harassed me and held me captive.

I can take authority over these creatures in my life and command them to leave in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I do not have to live under the influence of sin, lies, death and demons.

As I connect to the indwelling Life of Jesus Christ, I am behaving more and more like the person that God created me to be!

Romans 1:4 And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 4:25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

At the time we accepted Jesus as our Savior, we were identified with Him in His resurrection life.

We have become partakers of that resurrection life.

Parts of us have despised that life and persecuted ourselves because of what that Life has cost us.

Reconciliation and conflict resolution occurs when the persecutors of the resurrection life that lives within our human spirit embraces the heart and will of the person.

Denial becomes the person that knows what has happened to the body.

Romans 8:11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

Romans 8:34 *Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died ... more than that, who was raised to life ... is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

This is part of sanctification, learning to live the Christ life. It is His resurrected life in me that has the power to enable me to walk in new Life.

We do not have that power apart from Him.

In my old nature, I am an idolater. In this new nature, I am one with Jesus Christ.

I have victory over the power of sin. That means that I have the power in me to conquer my bad habits and sin.

As SRA/DID individuals, that power is released through connecting to the very essence of us that first knew Jesus as Savior.

Ephesians 1:3-23 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will ... to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. [In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment ... to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession ... to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Ephesians 2:1-10 *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God ... not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

The **Book of Ephesians** so aptly describes the resurrection life to which God has called us. We were once dead in our trespasses and our sins, i.e. idolatry, but now we can walk in the power of His resurrection life.

Dissociation is a form of death and keeps us from that power of His indwelling life.

Dissociation makes it difficult to connect to that life. Through connecting to the parts of our dissociated selves, that life can flow forth through us.

Ephesians 1: 17-23 *... for yourself so that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened to know the resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead. We are seated with Him far above all principalities and powers.*

We have dominion over Satan. Satan does not want us to know about our union with Christ that has power over Him.

We are like Moses as he cried out to God for deliverance when he faced the Red Sea ahead and the Egyptians behind. God asked Moses why was he crying out to Him when He had already given Moses all he needed to face any obstacle. Moses did not yet fully know and operate in that provision of God that He imparted. Moses finally lifted his staff and the Red Sea parted (refer to **Exodus 14:10-31**).

We have also cried out to God for deliverance and I think God has asked "Why, my child, are you crying out to me when I have already given all you need for life and Godliness at the time you believed (**2 Peter 1:3**)?"

We have to connect to that life and tell Satan and his minions "Be gone! In the Name and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ".

God allows those around us to fight for us until we can become strengthened in the life of our Lord to stand in the power of His resurrection life for ourselves.

Learning to stand takes many forms.

Some of the learning to stand not only includes saturation of our minds with God's thoughts through His Word, but also fellowship with His people (**Ephesians 3:13-19**). We cannot know His love fully nor the depths of His love towards us without other saints. God sets the orphans in families (**Psalms 68:6**).

Through fellowship with His people, we can learn to attach to God in a right way. Whatever we were programmed to attach to (demons, human satanic fathers or mothers, sexual objects, etc.) can be undone through experiencing the resurrection life in the God's saints or family.

The corporate life of the BODY and the only way we can know God's fullness is through being **corporately** related. We can learn to internalize attachment by example of those around us who express unconditional love to us.

As unconditional agape love is expressed to us through the members of the Body of Jesus Christ, we experience first hand, resurrection life.

Normal human growth requires receiving this unconditional love as an infant. None of us with a history of SRA/DID developed normally nor did we have normal attachments to healthy human beings.

As we see healthy examples of resurrection life through God's people, we see outwardly an example and learn to connect to that life inside and attach to ourselves.

As infants, we attached to whatever the cult wanted us to attach to (phallic objects, love-hate bonds, trauma, demons, etc.).

Through being rightly related to the resurrection life of Jesus Christ in God's people, we learn to attach to ourselves. Healthy attachment, growing in God's Word, and maturity give us the strength to look at what has happened to us and the ability to attach internally to ourselves.

Philippians 2:9-10 *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

Philippians 3:10 *I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

Philippians 3:21 *Who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

Jesus Christ is exalted to the highest place that man can occupy. He is there as MAN!

And we are seated with Him in that sphere or highest dimension (**Ephesians 1:20-23**, **Ephesians 2:6**; **Colossians 3:1-4**).

I always like to ask each survivor and the persons working with survivors this question:

“Did you ever ask or tell God that you wanted to know Him fully and to follow Him fully?”

Every person I have asked that has unhesitatingly said “Yes!” That is **Philippians 3:10**.

I believe that through SRA/DID being in the church, God is answering our heart cry to know Him, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings.

Of course, we did not understand that when we said “Yes” to God, we also said “Yes” to the rest of the verse that included sharing in the fellowship of His sufferings!

I think that we knew in a sense that it did mean suffering to know God fully in the power of His resurrection.

We cannot know God apart from sharing with Him in His sufferings. We did not know exactly what or even just how much!! Like Joni Tada, I echo her words when she said that she would not trade one day of walking for knowing her Lord the way she does through her suffering.

Likewise, I would not trade one day of abuse for knowing the Lord in the way that has come through being united with Him in His death and resurrection.

Not that the abuse or suffering is the issue, but knowing Jesus Christ’s life in and through the suffering is what is of eternal value.

How many of you would echo this? If you can’t, then you need to connect to that life that knows Him within and stop resisting and kicking against the goads, as Jesus Christ told Saul of Tarsus before He changed him into Paul.

It is the resurrection life of Jesus Christ that turns ashes into gold!

Do not fall short of all that God wants you to discover about Him (**Philippians 3:7-11; Hebrews 3:19**)!

Colossians 1:15ff-23 states that ALL things will ultimately be reconciled in Jesus Christ (*this does not mean “universally reconciled”).

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation ... if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

We are reconciled to God, washed clean, partakers of holiness, and without blemish through what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.

So why, you ask, is there all the difficulty in our lives, the pain, the torment and disorder?

Because we do not yet believe nor are fully connected to what God truly has done for us. Nor are we behaving in that very life. Satan knows that if we ever fully connect with our true selves (OCHI) and the resurrection life that is in Christ Jesus, Satan's ultimate overthrow is hastened.

He has no power over us as we act out of the source of our OCHI. Our only protection against the wiles of the enemy is full connection with the resurrection life that indwells us.

Colossians 1:20 *And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Jesus Christ has reconciled all things in Himself on the cross. That is where our life can connect and that is where we have true healing.

It is easier for some to agree that yes, I am an idolater, I am in pride, I am a very wicked person and deserving of hell, judgment, and eternal damnation.

But can you see that God has reconciled you in the cross of Jesus Christ?

We are completely forgiven, washed clean by the power of His shed Blood and now have the right to experience Life.

Colossians 1:21 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.*

- ◆ We are free from accusation i.e. the Accuser of the brethren.
- ◆ We are free from condemnation.

Now of course if we are still active in rituals and active in self-destructive behavior such as going to rituals, anorexia, bulimia, drunkenness, pornography or other sinful lifestyles, there is an element of condemnation until we are walking in the power and strength of His life that frees us from the current sin that keeps us in bondage.

Colossians 1:11-14 *Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

God has forgiven us of ALL our sins. He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness.

How many of us actually believe this?

I still wrestle with this one. God must give us revelation and show us where we are not believing nor walking in the very reality that he has ALREADY rescued us from the dominion of darkness.

Why do we continue to get accessed?

That is a good question and one that I personally have struggled with.

I believe to the degree that we have not fully returned to the Lord and obeyed Him with all our heart and soul according to **Deuteronomy 28** we are still captive (**Deuteronomy 30:3**).

On the other hand, if we take advances in God's Kingdom and finally make a stand, we are a BIG target for Satan. Because He is a poor loser, he does not like to lose his place in us.

So Satan fights very hard and very tenaciously. So, then we may be accessed because we ARE taking a stand and making progress in God's Kingdom.

If we are accessed, it could mean that we ARE taking a stand and that **we also have remaining "ground" for Satan to access.**

Just like when he asked Jesus' permission to sift Peter. It was because Peter did not know his own heart and thought he COULD stand completely and undeniably for God.

Peter WAS following God fully with his whole heart to the best of his ability. But, because he did not yet know himself, he was "accessed" by the enemy. He was sifted like wheat. Jesus Christ knew and warned Peter. Yet Peter did not take heed. God used that incident of Peter's failure in his life to "child-train him" (**Hebrews 12:4-13**). Peter WAS all-out for God.

The enemy wanted to crush Peter to thwart God's purpose for building His church on "the Rock". Peter was targeted because he did want God's full purpose in his life. It was the reality of the resurrection of Christ that restored Peter to right standing. It was the cross that "destroyed" any false idea that Peter had in himself. The reality of the resurrection established God's purpose in Peter.

After age 25, I believe the reason for my being accessed was because I was proclaiming to be "all out for God" like Peter.

I had ground of idolatry and pride remaining because of unknown dissociative issues and the enemy for a time had his way.

I made all sorts of vows for God, just like Peter. I think that God ultimately uses each accessing to confront us, to test our hearts, and to ask:

- ❖ *Do we really want God on His terms?*
- ❖ *Is God really worth the suffering and losing all that we have in this world?*
- ❖ *Do we fear God more than man?*

When we acknowledge the heart cry that has been buried deep within us to know God fully and that answers these questions with a whole-hearted YES and AMEN, then I think the enemy is on the run.

Satan does not want a Christian operating in the FULL value of what God has given to us in His Son.

We have power over Satan when we fully connect to that power and realization that God has given us through forgiveness (**Colossians 1:11-14**).

It is a great dilemma for each one as to why we are accessed.

It really is a matter about which we should be flat on our faces before God and ask Him “*why*”?

It is not just one neat and tidy answer; but some of it generally is connected with **idolatry, pride, fear and internal protection of “the Christian”** on one hand and making advances for God’s Kingdom on the other. It also may be related to that aspect of us that lived life in the Luciferian culture.

At the time we wanted Jesus Christ in our lives, many people felt hopeless that He could really make a difference. As small children, to follow God fully felt utterly impossible.

Many were tortured because of wanting to know Jesus Christ. Some created “Christian” aspects.

But the dilemma remained: we were still raised in a Luciferian environment. It has been my experience that a very large part of our core selves at the new birth could not live a Christian life so continued to follow the Luciferian culture.

That aspect of ourselves does not relate to the fact that going to rituals is idolatrous.

A part of ourselves was extensively groomed in a culture that worshiped Satan.

Deep attachment issues may reside in the deepest core self that may be linked with demons, demonized humans or objects. These objects filled an emotional need that was met as an infant or very young child.

Our Christian selves may condemn that core aspect of ourselves as idolatrous. As Christians, we may need to connect with that truth.

God does not condemn us for living and being raised in that environment.

However, now we are held responsible for our actions as one adult person.

If anyone is experiencing the cursing as described in **Deuteronomy 28** and not the blessing, such as fleeing from our enemies verse 25 and the enemy is not fleeing from us verse 8, then aspects of ourselves may be still connected in idolatry (**Deuteronomy 27**).

By facing this aspect of ourselves, we connect with the truth of who we were (**Colossians 3:7**). It is our responsibility to know the truth (**Ephesians 5:13**).

It really behooves us to constantly be asking the Lord:

- ❖ ***What right does the enemy have over me?***
- ❖ ***Is there any area of my life that God cannot bless?***
- ❖ ***Where in me do I not have the fear of the Lord?***

I want to love the Lord my God with my whole heart, mind, will, soul, and body” (**Deuteronomy 30**).

I choose to do so by faith. Right now, all of me. As I do so Lord, You show me where my heart is captive and not able to know this choice experientially.”

As we make choices, daily, to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, He has promised to make us complete.

We do not have D.I.D. as an excuse to NOT love God with our ALL our heart.

As we pray this back to Him, He is faithful to do it (see **Deuteronomy 30:1-11**).

Deuteronomy 30:1-20 *When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the Lord your God disperses you among the nations, and when you and your children return to the Lord your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. The Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you. You will again obey the Lord and follow all his commands I am giving you today. Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land.*

The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God's Word says that what He commands us is not too difficult or beyond our reach (**vs. 11**). We can choose by faith to love Him with ALL our heart and THEN He said that He would gather us up and make us whole (**vs. 3-6**). And He will cause our enemies to be cursed (**vs. 7**).

- ◆ So, it is really God that we must fear, not what Satan can do to us.
- ◆ It is God who can keep us safe, bless us, or if we turn from Him
- ◆ it is God that will destroy us (**vs. 18**) parts of us believed that we were a curse and it was very hopeless.
- ◆ We believed a lie that God could not redeem us.
- ◆ The more we have been conformed to the image of Satan, the more we believe that it is truly hopeless.
- ◆ Satan does not want us to connect to the reality of God's resurrection power and His life that is within us.
- ◆ He wants to keep us in denial (which is really deception) (refer to Restoration by Tom and Diane Hawkins).

We, as God's children, are actually trillionaires: we have a great inheritance in Christ Jesus! He has the power to set the captives free, yet we are not operating in the very reality of this so great salvation on our behalf.

I believe that this is Satan's greatest work: to keep believers held captive and from ever realizing that we have the power residing within us in the person of the Holy Spirit to conquer sin and death.

Denial is part of this deception in order to keep the satanic strongholds hidden within.

If we really get a hold of what God fully realized on the cross and in His resurrection on our behalf, we will cry out “*why did it take me so long to realize this?*”

I could have been “spending” this inheritance now instead of living like a pauper.

Satan delights that we are God’s children living in spiritual poverty, constantly living on death’s row, living in the gutter of lies, sin, shame and unbelief.

Instead, God would have us hold our heads high (not with self-pride) and proclaim that we are the true children of the true King.

That is humility, to be who God created us to be and to do what He created us to do.

Colossians 2:13-15 *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

God has already triumphed over the hosts of darkness and evil through what He did through Jesus Christ on the cross. That is the only power that is greater than Satan’s. We cannot fight these principalities in our own flesh, through our own means.

I think that we have tried to fight them through dissociation and denial, through our sin, self-mutilation, eating disorders, and drugs.

But all those things are Satan’s methods and do not work! Only when we connect with the true heart that Jesus gave us and choose to follow Him no matter the cost, can we have victory!

Colossians 3:1-11 *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

Jesus Christ unites all the “unseemly” parts and the “good” parts internally.

We are seated with Christ at the Right Hand of God. So, we are to set our minds on things above. When we really begin to connect with what Jesus has done for us on the cross and in resurrection, we will see that we are truly hidden with Christ in God.

We do not need to have the fig leaves of dissociation, denial, or any other form of self-protection covering our shame and sin.

All we have and need is in Christ. The realization of what He has accomplished for us is hidden in the OCHI.

To the degree that I remain dissociated, I believe is the degree that I am not walking in nor believing all that He has done for me.

Hebrews 11:35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.

Throughout all Scripture, examples exist of those who were united with Christ in His sufferings so that they might gain a better resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:40 FF speaks of the different degrees of glory with Christ in His resurrection. To the degree we are united together in death and resurrection is the degree that we will shine in eternity.

For star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead (**1 Corinthians 15:40-42**).

It is worth connecting to all of ourselves that knows the truth of what happened, knows what happened the moment we believed in Jesus Christ as savior, and knows the truth of the cost to be a Christian.

Yes, we have to own all the sinful deeds we performed through our bodies, willingly and unwillingly. We must connect to the truth and the resurrection life of our Lord Jesus Christ that lives within ourselves.

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Rev. 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

The following excerpt from Fox's **Book of Martyrs** depicts clearly that it has always been Satan's goal to attempt to crush and annihilate the life of Jesus Christ within His people, the Church.

Chapter 1

History of Christian Martyrs to the First General Persecutions Under Nero Christ our Savior, in the Gospel of St. Matthew, hearing the confession of Simon Peter, who, first of all other, openly acknowledged Him to be the Son of God, and perceiving the secret hand of His Father therein, called him (alluding to his name) a rock, upon which rock He would build His Church so strong that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. In which words three things are to be noted: First, that Christ will have a Church in this world. Secondly, that the same Church should mightily be impugned, not only by the world, but also by the uttermost strength and powers of all hell. And, thirdly, that the same Church, notwithstanding the uttermost of the devil and all his malice, should continue.

Which prophecy of Christ we see wonderfully to be verified, insomuch that the whole course of the Church to this day may seem nothing else but a verifying of the said prophecy.

First, that Christ hath set up a Church, needeth no declaration. Secondly, what force of princes, kings, monarchs, governors, and rulers of this world, with their subjects, publicly and privately, with all their strength and cunning, have bent themselves against this Church! And, thirdly, how the said Church, all this notwithstanding, hath yet endured and holden its own!

What storms and tempests it hath overpast, wondrous it is to behold: for the more evident declaration whereof, I have addressed this present history, to the end, first, that the wonderful works of God in His Church might appear to His glory; also that, the continuance and proceedings of the Church, from time to time, being set forth, more knowledge and experience may redound thereby, to the profit of the reader and edification of Christian faith.

As it is not our business to enlarge upon our Savior's history, either before or after His crucifixion, we shall only find it necessary to remind our readers of the discomfiture of the Jews by His subsequent resurrection.

Although one apostle had betrayed Him; although another had denied Him, under the solemn sanction of an oath; and although the rest had forsaken Him, unless we may except "the disciple who was known unto the high-priest"; the history of His resurrection gave a new direction to all their hearts, and, after the mission of the Holy Spirit, imparted new confidence to their minds. The powers with which they were endued emboldened them to proclaim His name, to the confusion of the Jewish rulers, and the astonishment of Gentile proselytes. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

Do not deny the resurrection life that lives within. Yes, it has come at a great cost. We all have to answer the question, "Is knowing Jesus our Lord and Savior and His life worth the cost?"

One day when we see His face we will cry out with joy "Yes, You have been worth it all, why did I even hesitate and hold back anything from You!" Let us not face Him that day and shrink from Him in shame as some will because we held back (**2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 John 2:28**).

Let us continue to press forward to know Him and the power of His resurrection (**Philippians 3:10**).

We can demonstrate this now by not fearing to face the real person (Hawkins 2001) and by not hiding behind ourselves. The resurrection life of Jesus Christ is all-powerful.

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand suffered at the hands of his torturers for fourteen years in Romania. This excerpt from *Extreme Devotion* (2001) describes his child-like faith in His savior:

"I once went to a circus and witnessed a most impressive scene. A sharpshooter placed a burning candle on his wife's head. He then stepped out of the center of the arena and, from quite a distance, shot the candle from off her head.

After the show was over, I approached her and asked if she was ever afraid the arrow would strike her. She replied, 'Why should I be? He was aiming at the candle, not at me.

When Pastor Wurmbrand heard this story he thought, "Why should I be afraid of the torturers? They don't aim at me. They may beat my body but my real being is Christ within. I am seated with him in heavenly places, and therefore they cannot touch my real person. From this incredible viewpoint I can look down and see the futility of their efforts."

Pastor Wurmbrand lived through years of suffering and had neared death many times.

But he was encouraged with this simple lesson and even flourished spiritually because he knew his place with Christ was secure, no matter what happened to his body.

Persecution, though indescribably painful, has its limits. Neither physical torment nor emotional trauma can destroy the deepest parts of who we are.

What we carry on the inside is the most valuable part of ourselves - our souls. Christ's Spirit lives within us and protects our soul from emotional and physical harm.

True, our enemies may strike us and even kill our bodies. However, when our enemies take a swipe at us, they are really maligning the name of Christ - he one who lives within.

And He can never die again!!

However personal and pointed the opposition, it is really part of a bigger picture. The battle may involve us, but it concerns an overarching war between Good and Evil, God and Satan (italics mine).

This battle is not about us individually. A bigger purpose is at stake

- ◆ **Romans 8:16-17;**
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 4:7-12;**
- ◆ **Ephesians 1:3-12,**

- ◆ **Ephesians 22-23;**
- ◆ **Ephesians 2:7;**
- ◆ **Ephesians 3:3-12;**
- ◆ **Ephesians 4:13;**
- ◆ **Colossians 1:25-27;**
- ◆ **Colossians 2:9;**
- ◆ **2 Timothy 2:10-12;**
- ◆ **1 Peter 1:9; 5:10.**

What is our response going to be to God's eternal purpose and to Jesus Christ's redemptive work on our behalf individually and corporately?

This paper is a feeble attempt to encourage all who are weighed down by the sin that has entrapped us.

The resurrection life of our Lord Jesus Christ that is within every believer is the reason behind all the satanic hatred and assault in our lives.

His life is also the source of unifying us and making us whole.

It is not as simple as it sounds, because all Christians must come to face who we are apart from the impartation of the resurrection life of Jesus Christ in our lives (**Romans 7:24-25**).

By faith, we must realize that the Christian life is not difficult; it is impossible, save the One that lives through us (**Romans 8:1-2**).

May God bless each one in your journey for wholeness in Christ!

May we not stop short of the goal of knowing Jesus Christ our Lord, fully (**Phil 3:10-14**)!

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