

KEEP THE WAY CLEAR!

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When we were baptized, we renounced the world and sin; we died! And rose to walk in newness of life. ...We are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed; that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Rom.6:4-6.**

Walking through this world is like walking through a training town for the Texas rangers. Because of this flesh, things and images pop out at you; coming at you from every side; and you must be able to discern between what is: right and wrong, good and bad, truth and lies! These distractions can come even while you are reading the word or at the throne of all grace.

The demands of every day life often show us how subtle, cunning and how deadly our adversary is; and how frail and weak our flesh is.

It also demonstrates our need for constant heavenly food to sustain us; having the word of God abiding in us. The strength we find being among brethren of like precious faith. Conversing on the Holy Scriptures with a saint the Lord has brought our way. Pondering on the Holy Word of God.

THE BELIEVER MUST FIGHT TO “KEEP THE WAY CLEAR!”

Not trials, not temptations, not contentions, not tribulations, not images, not aggravations, not imaginations, not pride, people, or position. Nothing that would stir up strife. NOTHING must come between the believers soul and the Savior.

Don't let yourself be fooled, all these things I just mentioned will most assuredly come; because we are in the world and still in the flesh. But most of all because we belong to God!

Although our hearts and minds have been born again; our flesh has not! It still has an appetite that gravitates toward sin. Satan appeals to this which results in our constant inner conflict. The spirit warring against the flesh and the flesh warring against the spirit. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. **I John 4:4.**

We have been given POWER! Power imputed to us by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. **Phil 4:13.**

The apostle Paul asked: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?
As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded; that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom.8:35-39.

We know, we have an adversary; he hates our Father and His Christ. Christ, has crushed his head; defeated him!

Therefore he hates us with that same deadly hatred. Our Father has told us of the deadliness of this one. So He tells us to be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: he's going to go after those that are weak-feeble-sick and lagging behind. These make for easy prey. But there's a way not to get devoured: whom resist steadfast in the faith. **I Pet.5:8-9.**

Pray that your faith be strong! In the power of His (Christ) might! Make your calling and election sure. Going to our Father in prayer through Christ helps us to purge ourselves (if you will) of the debris that would drag us down. For our way of escape is Jesus!

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it. **I Cor.10:13.**

We thank God, we are not in this battle alone! For without Christ our fighting would be absolutely and utterly futile. Our Great High Priest goes before us and He is our rearward. Christ fights for us.

Keeping the way clear, requires a diligent participation by the believer; which requires faith, confidence and trust; in the accomplished work of Christ Jesus our Lord; and the promises of our God and Father. Let us be diligent in this work. For great will be our reward.

I exhort you, "Keep The Way Clear!" Don't let **anything** come between your soul and the Savior. **Amen.**

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