

**Venom: Emotion: Satanic Influence: His Deception & Our Discernment, Invisible Historical Impact, Our Souls' Armor & His 2nd Death**

Satan has his false teachers dressed as ministers of light but they can be discerned by the believer with doctrine in his soul. Satanic influence has as its best resource the superior minds of human intellect in philosophy, science, and metaphysics. But their minds are incapable of establishing and maintaining a consistent set of principles that endure from generation to generation. This is why Satan must always opt for deception, duplicity, and delusion in every generation of history in order to promote his plan of human good and evil.

Only Bible doctrine offers absolutes that not only do not change but also cannot change. They are the immutable thoughts of the Eternal Logos made available to any who come to Him through Christ. Consequently, those who seek to establish a system by which orderly, harmonious, and compatible relationships can be developed and maintained among men must in the end subscribe to the absolutes of biblical truth. The only thing that historically works is doctrine. But history does not reveal it to the masses. It can only be demonstrated by individuals who know the system, live their lives by the system, and thus reflect the light of the indwelling Shekinah to a lost and dying world.

**Philippians 2:14** - Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

**Philippians 2:15** - that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

**Philippians 2:16** - holding fast the word of life ...

We, believers in Jesus Christ, live in a crooked and perverse generation and as a result we are the targets of persecution, not only in the world at large but also in our own country. Some documentation:

**Buchanan, Patrick. "Where have all the Christian soldiers gone?" Conservative Chronicle. 13 Aug. 1997, p. 24.**

The Christian soldiers that are left, and there are a precious few, are maintaining freedom through invisible historical impact.

**Deuteronomy 33:26** - There is none like the God of Jeshurun Who rides the heavens to help you and through the skies in His majesty.

**Deuteronomy 33:27** - The eternal God is a dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He drove out the enemy from before you and said, 'Destroy!'

As Christian soldiers we have been granted the delegated power and given access to the knowledge that protects us from his assaults.

**Ephesians 6:10** - Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

**Ephesians 6:11** - Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

**Ephesians 6:12** - For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**Ephesians 6:13** - Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day and, having done everything, to stand fast.

**Ephesians 6:14** - Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

**Ephesians 6:15** - and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**Ephesians 6:16** - in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one.

**Ephesians 6:17** - And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

It is encouraging to know that Satan's defeat is prophesied and is therefore a decreed fact of future history.

**Revelation 20:10** - The devil who deceived them was thrown into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast-dictator and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

This is called the Second Death, and refers to the endless duration of punishment following incarceration in the Lake of Fire. Others destined for the Second Death include:

**Revelation 20:11** - And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it from whose presence earth and heaven fled away and no place was found for them.

**Revelation 20:12** - And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged from the things written in the books, according to their deeds.

**Revelation 20:13** - And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

**Revelation 20:14** - And death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire.

**Revelation 20:15** - And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

The Christian soldier's victory over death, Satan, and his cosmic world system, is the peak of Paul's crescendo in Romans 8.

**Romans 8:38** - For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

**Romans 8:39** - nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reviewing now the corrected and expanded translation of our Ephesians passage as far as we have gone:

**Ephesians 4:26** - Although you may have become impulsively angry [*orgizo*], in spite of that fact, stop sinning impulsive sins before they lead to chronic sins. The sun must not set on your angry mood [*parorgismos*: the chronic sin of bitterness],

**Ephesians 4:27** - and stop giving the devil a chance to exert his influence.