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"We are all afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you". II Cor. 4:8-12

Well, the year is off and rolling by. I've asked God to help me get rid of my flesh this year, more and more each day. I didn't realize what I was asking, I guess, but I'm beginning to see. Yuck! Death is an ugly, sad, thing, but when one knows Jesus, it leads to something so much more glorious. But we don't see that with our earthly eyes, so we relegate death to what we see and it hurts to look at it. Cancer, accidents, disease, infirmities, infections bring about death to our flesh and those ugly things, but so is sin and it will do the same thing to our spirit if we let it overcome us. The middle letter of SIN is "I". "I" is prideful, all about me, my way or the highway. "I", puts blinders on our eyes to forget about those around us that we affect negatively with our sin and our ways. We don't care about them anyways. What do they know? This is my world. Yep! You're right! And that's exactly what you'll get. This world. The devil is leading this world. Just open those eyes and look around. We've softened our resolve to come out and be separate. 2 Cor. 6:17 tells us this! We're to touch not the unclean thing. Yet, we constantly go back to the former things. 2 Peter 2:22 – But it happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the pig that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Heaven help us! God forgive us! Verse 21 says - "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the Holy commandments given unto them" Christ is coming soon my friends. "But know this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers walking after their own lusts, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? All things are going along just as they always were from the beginning". (2 Peter 3:3-4)

Don't grieve the Holy Spirit! Don't be willingly ignorant! We need to ask our Heavenly Father to get rid of our flesh. It only wants to satisfy itself. It's selfish, it's ugly just like those diseases and cancers are. They can do incredible damage in such a short amount of time. So, begin to

take up that cross daily. He'll help you lift it, I assure you. In fact, if you don't let Him, it will crush you under its weight and you'll feel like "What's the use"! Even though pressed on every side, with trouble and fears near us, should the whole wide world deny Him, we need to shout it louder, His name – JESUS! We can't make it without Him! We mustn't go it alone either. Help your brother, reach out to the backslider or the weaker man. Don't cast him aside or give up on them either. We need to come together and help one another rather than picking out everyone's faults! That's a trick of the devil to keep us from changing for the better. We're too busy looking at everyone else 's problems. Am I wrong? If you've gotten past the daily routine of griping about everyone else around you, I applaud you. I believe Jesus is standing and clapping too! I know God wants to increase His power amongst us and His Spirit wants to sweep in our midst and bless us to make it through our difficulties. Our infirmities and diseases, HEALED! In Jesus Name! Our weaknesses and faults – REMOVED! In Jesus Name! Our doubts and fears – GONE! In Jesus Name! Our shame and pain – WIPED AWAY! In Jesus Name! So really work at it men! Don't just coast into the gates of heaven! Take as many as you can with you!

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to what they had done.(Rev. 20:12) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Behold He makes all things new. To the one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son."(Rev. 21:3-5,7)

To all the conquerors! To all His sons!

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