
THE TRUTH HERALD

The State of Our Union - with Christ



1 - As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him; rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily. (Col. 2:6-9)

A victorious walk with the Lord Jesus Christ depends on the state of a believer's union with him. God empowers us through the presence of the Holy Spirit to lead a victorious life, which can also be impaired by how little we allow the Spirit to operate in us at any time. The state of our union with Christ therefore has to be daily examined and improved upon. Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". (John 15:5)

2 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Gal. 5: 22-23)

How much one bears fruit of the Spirit is an indicator of the state of a believer's union with Christ. God's Word says that against these fruits there is no law. Indicators of a fruitful walk with the Lord are found in how much love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility and self-control we show to others.

3 - Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. (Eph. 6: 10-13)

The Scriptures encourage us to have a strong union with Christ and His mighty power so that we can stand against the devil's schemes. By putting on the full armor of God we become prepared. Our weapon readiness is an indicator of the state of our union with Christ. Military readiness says much about the state of a kingdom or nation. As believers, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds of the devil. The armor of God consists of the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace, the shield of faith to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. It also includes prayer in the Spirit on all occasions. (Eph. 6: 10-18)

4 - And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power. (Col. 2:10)

Completeness is found in our union with Christ Jesus. What does it mean to be complete through our union with Christ? Completeness is found in a process of growth and maturity. We start from the basis of completeness (not on our own but through our union with Christ) and then show forth this completeness in our day-to-day walk with the help of God's Spirit in us. For in Him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28) Let your completeness in Him show forth in your day-to-day walk.

5 - I can do everything through Christ who strengtheneth me. (Phil. 4:13)

Confessions: 1. I am complete in my health through my union with Christ Jesus, who is the head of every ruler and authority. (Col. 2:6) -- 2. I am complete in my walk with the Lord God Almighty through my union with Christ Jesus. We have authority to confess health ... We have authority to confess wholeness ... We have authority to confess fullness through our union with Christ Jesus. We have authority to walk in love and forgiveness ... through our union with Christ Jesus.

6 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Gal. 5:1)

How is the state of your union with Christ? Are you being led by the Spirit of God? Being led by the Spirit of God frees us from following the traditions of men. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Gal. 5:1)