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## OVERCOMING THE ENEMY OF OUR SOULS

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- ◆ Satan wants to “steal, to kill, and to destroy” - (John 10:10)
- ◆ Satan is passionate “seeking whom ‘he’ may devour” - (1 Pet 5:8)
- ◆ Satan’s deceptive - “transforms himself into an angel of light” - (2 Cor 11:14)
- ◆ If we submit to God & resist him, ‘HE’ will flee - (James 4:7; 1 Pet 5:9)



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<sup>8</sup> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.





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***1 JOHN 3:10 (NKJV)***

<sup>10</sup> In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.





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**1 JOHN 5:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are  
of God, and the whole  
world lies *under the sway*  
*of the wicked one.*





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**2 TIMOTHY 2:25-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.





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**JOHN 8:31-34 (NKJV)**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."





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**JOHN 8:31-34 (NKJV)**

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.





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*1 TIMOTHY 1:18 (NKJV)*

<sup>18</sup> This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,





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**2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.





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- ◆ Provision of redemption in Christ - Eph 1:3-22
- ◆ Provision of reconciliation by His grace in Christ - Eph 2:1-22
- ◆ Provision of the revealed mystery - Eph 3:1-21
- ◆ The provision of one another in unity & growth - Eph 4:1-16



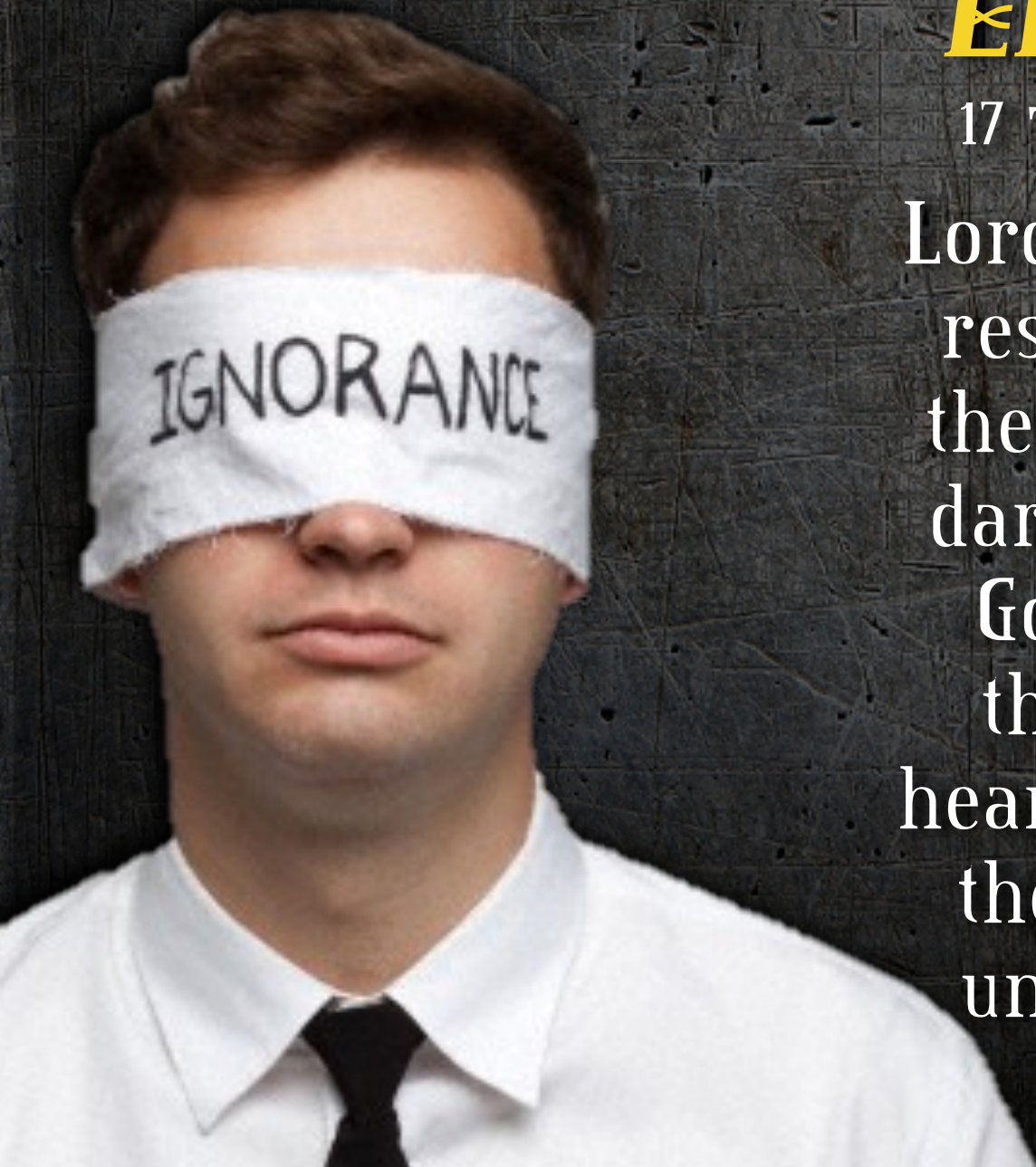
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## ESCAPE FROM SATAN'S DECEPTION

### EPHESIANS 4:17-20 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. <sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ,





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# ADHERENCE TO THE TRUTH IN CHRIST JESUS

- ◆ <sup>21</sup> "If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:" - Eph 4:17-20; 1:13; Jn 1:17; 8:32; 10:27; 14:6,17; Tit 2:11-14;
- Satan is the father of lies and the great deceiver - Jn 8:44; 2 Cor 11:3
- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life - John 14:6; 8:33-36
- ◆ We must set our course to walk in the truth - Ps 86:11; 1 Pet 1:22,23; 3 John 1:4





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### DISPLACEMENT - PUT OFF THE OLD MAN



- ◆ <sup>22</sup> “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts:” - 4:25-31; 5:3-7; Colos 2:11; 3:8-9; Heb 12:1;
- Turn away from sin & resolve to no longer practice it - Ez. 18:30-32;
- Lay aside every weight & sin - Heb 12:1
- Put to death the deeds of the body if we want to live - Rom 8:12-14
- Calls for radical amputation - Mat 18:8,9



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◆ <sup>23</sup> "and be renewed in the spirit of your mind," - 1:18; 4:14,15; Psalm 51:10; Ezek 18:31; Rom 12:1,2; Col 3:10; 1 Pet 1:13

➤ Our view of Christ & the gospel (FAITH) - 1:13; 2:8; rom 10:17

➤ Our view of sin - 5:5-12; Ps 119:104; Prov 8:13; Rom 12:9;

➤ Our complete surrender & submission - James 4:7; Psalm 1:1,2; 119:11, 15, 97-99; Pr. 23:7; Phili 4:8,9



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- ◆ <sup>24</sup> “and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
- A new man was created in baptism - Rom 6:3,4; Gal 3:27
- Leave no place or vacancy for the devil - (no pocket of rebellion, corruption, or immorality where Satan can rebuild his influence) - 4:27; Mat 12:43-45



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### **ROMANS 13:13-14 (NKJV)**

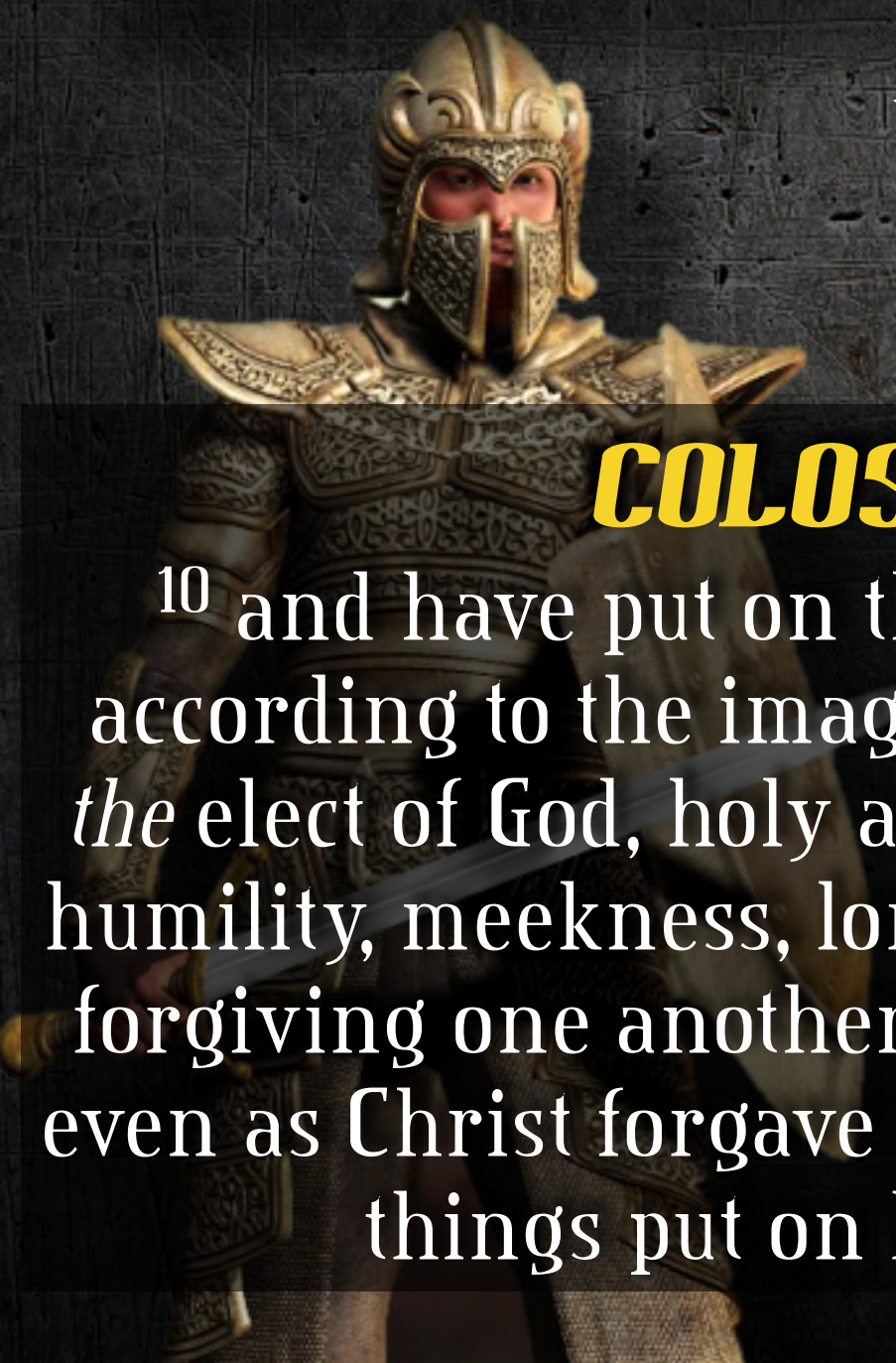
<sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.



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#### **COLOSSIANS 3:10-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ...<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.



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## FORTIFICATION - GROW STRONG IN CHRIST



◆ 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."  
1:19; 3:16; 6:10-19; 2 Cor 12:9,10; Col. 1:11; 2 Ti. 2:1; 4:17. 1 Pe. 5:10.

### **ISAIAH 40:31 (NKJV)**

<sup>31</sup> But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew *their* strength; They shall  
mount up with wings like eagles, They  
shall run and not be weary, They  
shall walk and not faint.



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- Imitate God as dear children - 5:1
- Walk in love - 5:2; Col 3:13-14
- Walk as children of light - 5:8; 1 Jn 1:5-7
- Walk circumspectly - 5:15; 2 Pet 1:5-10
- Accept God's appointed stations in life - 5:22-6:9; Col. 3:18-4:1
- Put on whole armor of God - Eph 6:10-18




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- "Having girded your waist with truth" (14)
- "The breastplate of righteousness" (14)
- "The preparation of the gospel of peace" (15)
- "The shield of faith / able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one" (15)
- "And take the helmet of salvation," (17)
- "Take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (17)
- "Praying always with all prayer - (18-20)



"... being watchful to this end with all perseverance"



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◆ **ADHERE TO THE TRUTH** -  
"The truth will make you free"

◆ **DISPLACEMENT** - Kick Satan  
out of your life -

◆ **REPLACEMENT** - - Renew your  
mind - get thinking right & Put on  
Christ & the new man with his deeds.

◆ **FORTIFICATION** - Grow Strong  
In Christ By Using What He Gives





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**JAMES 4:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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<sup>1</sup> Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. <sup>2</sup> But I beg *you* that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.





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... bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, <sup>6</sup> and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

