

FALL 2021

TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH



"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Ephesians 6:13

As each year broadens our experiences in life, the more I realize that we need every piece of the armour of God. Our adversary, the devil, will stop at nothing in his attempts to rob us of our salvation and if any part of our spiritual man becomes exposed, he will target it immediately. Satan is not picky about what or who he uses in his attempts to discourage and defeat us. Our diligence in maintaining the protection of our spiritual man and making sure that no part is exposed is crucial in our journey through this life toward heaven.

When is the evil day? It is any day of temptation or severe affliction.

*"Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."*

- from "Amazing Grace" by John Newton

As you read about the various pieces of the armour of God, you will notice that they are all defensive in nature except for one. The sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God) is the only offensive piece of the armour of God and it is the only offensive weapon that we need. As I encounter the expected and unexpected challenges of life, I find that the word of God has the answer for all of them. In every condition of life, God's word will guide, nourish, encourage, and strengthen us. Through this one offensive piece of the armour of God we can secure victory over our adversary and live victoriously every day. Let's esteem the word of God more than our necessary food.

Thankfully, God has designed an armour that will protect us from dangers seen and unseen. It is our job to put it on, keep it on, and use it (every piece). I don't believe that God would have created it if we were not going to need it.

- **Bro. Chris Collier**

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;"

- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4

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*"The fight is on, the trumpet sound is ringing out,
The cry "To arms!" is heard afar and near;
The Lord of hosts is marching on to victory,
Take courage then as saints we'll have no fear.*

*The fight is on, O Christian soldier,
And face to face in stern array,
With armor gleaming, and colors streaming,
The right and wrong engage today!
The fight is on, but be not weary;
Be strong and in His might hold fast;
If God be for us, His banner o'er us,
We'll sing the victor's song at last!"*

- C. H. MORRIS

The Light of God Reigns

"And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1:4)

In the beginning, God divided the light from the darkness. The two cannot mix, both cannot be present anywhere at any time. The light rules over the darkness, and darkness must flee before it. God saw the light and that it was good, and by extension good is drawn to the light. Rarely do you see a crowded bar or club in the daytime. There is a reason that people looking for a "good time" inquire about the "night-life." The Bible says that *"they loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."* (John 3:19) God saw that the light was good; good draws goodness and promotes goodness. The darkness is divided from the light and forever will be. Jesus is the light.

The analogies and allegories, which may be painfully obvious to some, cannot be overstated. Jesus is the *"light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world"* (John 1:9). He is the bright and morning star, He is the day star that shall arise in our hearts. We can be physically born into this world in the night or the day, but spiritually, we are always born into darkness. That is the condition in which every soul finds themselves, and just as the physical light is divided from the darkness, so is the spiritual light divided from the darkness. There is no communion or fellowship with the Father of light and His Son Jesus Christ, because there is darkness within our hearts. Sin is that darkness. It is silent, cold, and bleak. It robs us of warmth, sight, and fellowship with our Creator. God desires that you have light, He sent His Son so that we might have light and life; so when you come to Jesus Christ, asking for forgiveness He forgives. Then you plead the blood, calling for Christ to come into your heart and He does. The light of God enters in and brings warmth, light and life. It is from this point forward that the devil seeks and tempts you, trying to draw you back to the darkness.



God divided the light from the darkness in the beginning not only for our physical benefit, but that we might understand good and evil, holiness and sin, righteousness and wickedness, Jesus and the devil. The Holy Ghost comes down to sanctify us, so that we might have the light and life of Jesus. As the sun rises in the eastern sky, so is the sanctifying power of Jesus Christ in our hearts. It dawns on us in an instant and we are changed *"from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to that of God"* (Acts 26:18). The light is birthed within us and *"we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."* (1 John 1:7). It is not a continual cleansing but a sanctifying and keeping cleansing. It is a complete change.

The blood of Jesus removes all sin and the light of God reigns within, keeping us from sin as long as we keep ourselves close to Him. Through the power of Christ, God can and will divide us from the darkness within and He can keep us that way as long as we yield and obey.

- **Bro. Patrick Collins**, from "Wednesday Weekly", available at graycollinsweeklywritings.blogspot.com

"I'll Go Every Step of the Way, Lord"

I'll go every step of the way, Lord,
Thru storms or thru sunshine or rain,
For my Savior has promised to lead me
Thru this life on the straight, narrow way.

I'll go every step of the way, Lord,
I'll never, no never retreat,
For I've found a safe anchor in Jesus
By sitting right low at his feet.

I'll go every step of the way, Lord,
For Canaan is full in my view;
I've entered the sweet land of promise,
The City where all things are new.

Oh, how grandly the scene lies before me,
The fields for the harvest are white,
And the Master is calling for workers
Who will go and take part in the fight.

I've a witness as clear as the noonday
That my Savior is dwelling with me;
I have heard the everlasting Gospel,
And my soul evermore is free.

I've enlisted to fight in this army,
Till the warfare is ended below,
And the Master shall say, come up higher,
Where the joys up in heaven ever flow.

- Sis. Jessie Jernigan

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13



They Moved Forward

We praise the Lord for every effort and every person who has labored in the vineyard of the Lord over the years. We know that we now come to the promise in the Word that says, "I'll give you houses you didn't build, trees you didn't plant, vineyards you didn't plant, and wells you didn't dig." The early Sanctified People from Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware were the ones who laid the foundation for Christ's Sanctified Holy Church.

What vision, what ambition, what zeal - they moved forward although they were buffeted by persecution, obstacles and lack of financial resources. With no highways or cars, no airplanes and inaccessible railroads, the only means of transportation was by boat. Dependency on homemade houseboats powered by wind and sails had to be the most difficult mode of transportation in the world. Hard work, patience, trust in God, reliance on each other, and pure faith had to be in abundance for even survival. Where was their safety net? How secure is living on the surface of the waters of sounds, rivers, creeks, and bays on the Atlantic coast? Besides the elements of wind, rain, tides, cold, and heat, what about destructive people who would rob, beat, kill, and pirate their unsecured material possessions? How much insurance did they have? All was at risk every hour of the day and night. How could they possibly overcome their own doubts, fears, hunger, and desire for clothes, ease, and entertainment enjoyed by the world? Sanctified people endured all of these trials for the sake of the gospel. They had the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ and they had each other. They went from town to town and state to state, motivated by the desire to see others Sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

- Bro. Harry J. Collins Jr and Bro. Floyd L. Hagan, Sr., from "History of Christ's Sanctified Holy Church"

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"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower"

- Psalms 18:2