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22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:
23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past, now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

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So then we know that in 17 years, except for the 15 days he was with Peter, he had no other contact with the apostles. He did not know what they were preaching or teaching.

Fourteen years after he was with Peter, he states that when he finally did go up to Jerusalem it was by revelation. That means it was revealed to him by the Spirit of God that He should go. It would be wonderful if we would do some things by revelation. The Holy Spirit is the same today, and if we will learn to listen to Him, He will reveal things to us.

Paul went up to Jerusalem by revelation and told them the Gospel he preached among the Gentiles. Those of reputation in Jerusalem did not know what he was preaching and he did not know what they were preaching. Paul had not followed Jesus in the flesh as the rest had. He followed Him by the Spirit entirely. All he knew was what he had learned from the Spirit.

In all of Paul's writings to the Church, you will find three main principles of this revelation of Jesus Christ. He may give some local advice concerning local situations, greet certain people, and so on, but primarily in all his Letters he deals with these three major facts:

(1) What God did for us *in Christ* in His great plan of redemption or substitution

(2) What the Holy Spirit, through the Word, can do in us in the new birth, and in being filled with the Holy Spirit

(3) What Jesus is doing for us now at the right hand of the Father.

What He Did For Us

What Jesus did, He did not do for Himself, but for us. He died as our substitute—in your place and in my place. All that He did is marked to our credit and belongs to us. God set it down to our account.

It was imperative that Satan's authority over man be broken, and Jesus did not arise from the dead until He had broken Satan's dominion, until He had conquered the adversary.

COLOSSIANS 1:12-14

12 Giving thanks unto the Father . . .

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

This is speaking of God and what He did for us through Christ. Notice this scripture does not promise us that if we will be good and if we will do better, God will deliver us. Oh, no! God has not promised to deliver us. But this tells what He "has done" in Christ Jesus: He has already wrought deliverance for everybody. He has delivered us out of Satan's authority.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness"

The Greek word translated "power" means "authority." In that word "darkness" is everything Satan is. Satan and his kingdom are called "darkness." God and His kingdom are called "light."

The Bible says we are not children of darkness, but children of light (Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5; 2 Cor. 6:14).

Darkness refers to Satan's kingdom and we are told that He has delivered us from the power (or authority) of darkness. That simply means He has delivered us out of Satan's authority.

This scripture also says that He "translated" us into the kingdom of His dear Son. To "translate" means to take out of one and put into another. We were taken out of Satan's kingdom and put into God's kingdom. We were taken out of Satan's family and put into God's family.

This happened legally when Jesus died and rose from the dead. It became a reality in our individual lives when we were born again and made new creatures in Christ.

We have our redemption! We are not waiting for it. Thank God we have it NOW. We are delivered NOW from the authority of darkness.

Every believer has been delivered out of Satan's authority and translated into the family of God. One person, or one believer, is not more delivered than another. One person does not have more freedom than another. Some just know what be-

longs to them and how to take advantage of it more than others. But, thank God, it belongs to everyone. If we will just listen to the Word of God, then we can enjoy the reality of that which is ours.

Every believer is delivered from the authority of Satan and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son. Every believer has his redemption in Christ. He is redeemed, and Satan has no more dominion over him.

ROMANS 6:14

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Another translation reads, *"For sin shall not lord it over you"* If anything has dominion over you, it is lording it over you. Sin and Satan are synonymous terms. Sin shall not have dominion over you. Satan shall not have dominion over you. Satan shall not lord it over you. Why not? Because, thank God, we have a new Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Lord—not Satan.

Satan shall not lord it over you. Satan has no more dominion over the believer than Pharaoh had over the Children of Israel after they crossed the Red Sea. When Pharaoh's hosts attempted to cross the Red Sea after the Children of Israel to recapture them, the water came together upon them and they were drowned in the depths of the sea. Israel was forever free from Pharaoh. He had no more dominion over them. Satan has no authority over us. We are delivered.

Since Satan has no dominion over

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 you, he cannot put disease and sickness upon you without your consent. Sickness and disease is of Satan and his kingdom. It doesn't come from Heaven. There is none in Heaven. It is not the will of God for Christians. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself told us in what we call the Lord's prayer to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." And we know there is no sickness and disease in Heaven.

Satan cannot put disease upon you without your consent. Even though it may be a consent of ignorance, it is still consent. You may not know how to keep him from doing it, or you may not know how to take advantage of what belongs to you—but you have still consented in your ignorance; otherwise he could not do it. Satan is conquered—as far as you are concerned—because Jesus defeated Satan! He did it for you. His victory is your victory.

JAMES 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

There is no need for you to have trouble with the devil. He is a de-



RHEMA HEALING RALLIES

One Sunday night a month during the RHEMA school year

7:00 PM Sunday

March 5 April 2 May 7

Monthly healing rallies will be held on the RHEMA campus the remainder of this RHEMA term. The purpose of these healing rallies is: *to minister to the sick!* Every part of the service—the music, the message—will be aimed toward helping people receive healing.

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 ministering March 5

feated foe. The Bible says to resist the devil and he will flee from you. It doesn't say he *might* do it—it says he *will* do it. He will flee from you.

Some folks' trouble is they have been buddying up with him—they have been pals with him. Dr. A. B. Simpson, founder of Christian Missionary Alliance, said, "There are many fine Christian saints who are actually carrying a demon around with them in their body in the form of sickness and disease, and petting him." They've petted him when they should have cast him out.

Smith Wigglesworth was standing on a street corner in England waiting for a bus when a lady came out of an apartment building close by to catch the same bus. A little dog followed her. She said to the dog, "Now, dear, you can't go. You're going to have to go back." The little dog rubbed up against her ankles and wagged his tail. She said, "Now, honey, you can't go. You have to go back." He just rubbed all the more, wagging his tail. Then the bus drove up and the woman stomped her foot and shouted, "Git!" That little dog stuck his tail between his legs and took off. Wigglesworth hollered out loud, "That's the way you have to do the devil!"

That is exactly what you have to do. The devil will take all that "honey" business you give him. He will buddy up with you and rub up against you as long as you let him. But if you just put your foot down and say, "Git! . . . In the name of Jesus Christ!" he will take off like that pup did.

New Creation

Each one of us, individually, is a member of the Body of Christ. Each one of us has the same new birth. Each one of us, individually, is a new creation. And then, all of us together also make up a new creation—the Body of Christ. He is the Head—we are the Body.

Now the Body of Christ is in this earth. Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). But he does not have authority over the Body of Christ. Jesus said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church (Matt. 16:18). But remember, the Church is not a building or an organ-

ization. The Church is you and me. The gates of hell shall not prevail against you and me!

Satan has no dominion over the Church. If Satan had any dominion at all over even the toenail of the little toe, then he would have dominion over a part of the Body of Christ. Satan has no authority, no dominion, whatsoever over any part, even the least member of the Body of Christ! Even the least member of the Body of Christ has authority over Satan!

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Notice that Paul wanted the eyes of their understanding to be enlightened. One of the things he wanted them to see was *that He had put all things under Christ's feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body.*

This does not refer to the feet of the Lord Jesus when He was on the earth. Because it says, "*Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the Heavenly places.*" Get your mind off the physical body of Jesus entirely. This has nothing at all to do with His literal feet. He gave Him to be the Head, he said, over all things to the Church, which is His Body. The only feet Jesus has now are in His Body, the Church, the Body of Christ. We are members of that Body. ♣