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You're Good People!

No one has the right to lay charge to a Christian, not man and not satan. Learn to deal with negatives as a Super Christian Conqueror.

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I am amazed at how the world is geared to tear down well-meaning people. It tears you down day after day, while you sit there wondering what is wrong with you. I'd like to dedicate this Artios Letter to Christians who need to be edified, built up because of the destructive worldly natures around them.

I am a well-meaning person. By that I mean, I try to help people in any way I am capable of. The kinds of help I typically offer are teaching God's Word, writing Artios Letters, writing Christian books, ministering life to the sick, counseling and so forth. I spend the majority of my life doing things like this. I do not offer negative things like cutting words, hurtful gestures, evil teachings, false doctrines, immorality and so forth. I am good. I am not mean. I prefer to be happy. It is extremely difficult for me to become mad except when engaged in spiritual battle. Overall, I feel that I bring benefit to others by helping them with and through their lives, heavily relying on God's Word for all of my direction. Honestly,



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I can't remember the last "bad" thing that I did to someone else. Long ago, I left that life far behind.

That said, I am amazed at how I can still feel torn down emotionally. It is hard to put this emotion into words, but if I could, I would say my feelings are somewhat like anger. It's like feeling mad at myself. Does this every happen to you, knowing that you are a very good person, yet have to deal with feelings like this? Physically, I feel pretty strong, but emotionally, I sometimes, too

many for me, feel like I'm not good enough. Recently, I felt this way, and I was shocked at this. Why was I shocked? **Because I really have no reason to feel this way!** I just published my second book, *Super Christian Conqueror*, am nearing the completion of rebuilding my newest project car, have successfully witnessed to and am undershepharding in the Word several really great people, have a wonderful family, am getting ready to take a trip to Germany, am constantly ministering life to others and seeing their deliverances, and the list goes on. After thinking about all of these things, I realized that the problem was not I but something outside of me. Have you ever felt like this?

If so many things are going so well for me, then why did I feel like I wasn't good enough? That feeling was like a cloud hovering above my head, a cloud that exerted downward pressure in the form of lousy feelings. It didn't make me sick, but I felt that there was no escape from it. I've experienced these feelings before, just like you might have.

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At other times, they were not there at all. Completely gone. Then they'd move back in. It reminded me of what a courtroom judgment must be like. If I was on trial, and a sentence passed, I imagined that I would feel pretty lousy as I listened to it. The judge would say something like, "you are a terrible person after having done such and such, and because of what you have done you must pay the following penalty." Then he goes on to say what that penalty is. For the rest of my life, I would be forced to remember how bad I was and must still be.

If you can recognize the above pattern as something that you, too, go through, then you will love what God's Word has to say about it. When you feel like this, the bottom line is that people and/or satan is charging you with a judgment. If you have good people in your life and if you have a good lifestyle, rest assured that it is satan saying you are no good, that you are a bad person, and that he is going to try to make sure you feel this way your entire life. After all, that's the way he must feel considering his eternal damnation. He does have the ability to induce similar feelings upon unsuspecting individuals too. Every time he tries to play his lousy feeling game, you must be prepared to fight against it, staving it off far

away from you. Relief from an attack of this nature lies in understanding who you are in Christ and what to do with it.

Something marvelous took place when you became a child of God. We learn a portion of it from Romans 8:

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called

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according to *his* purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover *w h o m* he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

The word "love" refers to your commitment to God. If you are committed to God, you will easily realize some very wonderful things.

You are:

- Called according to his purpose.
- Foreknown by God.
- Predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
- One of many brethren of Jesus Christ.
- Called.
- Justified.
- Glorified.

Each one of these is remarkable in and of itself. God has called you, not only to be His own, but also to live out His purpose of having a Heavenly Family! You have always been in God's knowledge, His foreknowledge. He really thinks that you are SPECIAL! He predetermined that you would conform to the image of Jesus Christ, and He did this via the wonderful gift of holy spirit! He cleaned you up by justifying you, making you just as if you had NEVER sinned! And He filled you with His glory, causing you to radiate Him in this crazy world! If you add all of these up, you come up with a great big total, a really good picture of whom you really are.

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There should be NO WAY that we should feel less than what He made us. There should be NO WAY that we should think we aren't really doing enough for Him. I'd say that's right except for one reason. We have a personal enemy, satan, whose evil intent is to tear down who we are in Christ, and where God placed us - seated in the heavenlies. That's why the next couple of verses are so liberating.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Obviously, someone or something *IS* against us if we have to deal with feelings of lack in any form. Sure, you may tend to get down on yourself once in a while, but you are not your own personal enemy. Most people don't go around attacking themselves with negative feelings. No matter the source, if evil words, actions, thoughts, or otherwise are coming your way, they are evil. You can get these from your best friend, your preacher, your spouse, your boss, a shopkeeper – ANYONE. They can also come into your mind as “a passing thought.” No matter the source, they are evil. And

their intent will always be to replace God's thoughts of who you *ARE* with satan's thoughts of who you *AREN'T!* Don't accept them as if the person is just having a bad day, or you did something wrong so you deserve it, or because you were such and such a way when younger so you had it coming. No excuse will work because of what God wrought in you when you became his child! God's Word asks what shall we then say to these things in verse 31? He is

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giving us the proper words and thoughts to have if and when we are confronted with any lie contrary to the truth of who we are in Christ!

1. If God be for us...
 - a. And He is!
2. Who can be against us?
 - a. Only someone or something bigger than God, and there isn't anything bigger!
3. He didn't allow Jesus Christ to remain in the grave,
 - a. But, instead, raised him from the dead, His proof that He will constantly take care of us.

4. God and Jesus Christ are a mighty team.
 - a. And together, will freely give us all things!

What fantastic truths! Let's call those lousy feelings, when you feel bad instead of good, an attack. After all, if you too relate to my above example of giving and good works, you really don't have anything to feel badly about. If you are only doing good, this is absolutely the case. When attacked, put on these thoughts. God is for you, No one is bigger than He. He will constantly take care of you. And, God and Jesus Christ will freely give us all things. Pretty good thoughts, huh? But that's not all.

Romans 8:33-34 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Here enters the courtroom scene. All of a sudden, you feel as if you have been judged and are being sentenced; yet you've done nothing wrong. You know that you are “good people.” But here come those lousy feelings

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anyway. Maybe your best friend isn't so "best" today. Maybe your preacher called you a sinner. Maybe your husband fired a few darts your way. Maybe your boss cut you down in front of others. Maybe that little shopkeeper dumped some evil words into your heart. Or maybe a burning, fiery dart from satan lodged in your mind and now you have to deal with it. You launch your attack to fend off the evil that is trying to beset you by confessing what I just taught you. You realize that God just asked you, from Romans 8:22, "who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" You know He is talking to you, because He made you His elect. You also notice that there is no written answer to this question. It's not there because it is understood. NO ONE can lay anything to your charge. NO ONE can come up and charge you with anything. Any charge against your being a son of God, one of God's elect, is a charge from satan and must be defied by a direct attack of scripture. That, and using the name of Jesus Christ are two very powerful and supernatural tools.

The scripture you've learned is:

1. God justified you, so He will NEVER charge you!
2. Christ was judged in your stead, so he will NEVER charge you!

3. Because Christ DID make it to heaven, something the devil tried to prevent, he now sits at God's right hand, and from there he makes intercession for us.

Knowing all of these great things, that God will never lay anything to your charge, that Christ will never lay anything to your charge, and that Christ is in heaven fighting for you 24/7, you really have some powerful tools with which to fight back. When

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you are feeling lousy, as if you are no good, you have to decide which way you will fall. Will you fall into satan's hands by believing that you are no good, or will you fall into God's hands, knowing that you are His elect and that you are all good in His sight? After an attack, dealing properly with it is 100% up to you!

Then the next verses make all the sense in the world!

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed

all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing shall separate us from what Christ did for us. None of those things listed can separate us. Absolutely none. Then why are those lousy feelings so hard to shake at times? Because they are spiritual in nature and must be dealt with spiritually. If you try to handle them in any other fashion, your success will be limited. There is nothing in this world, or the next, in this heaven or the next that will have any power over God and His son Jesus Christ. The sooner we start thinking this way instead of the world's way, the sooner we will be on our way to victorious living as a Super Christian Conqueror. Make a decision right now that the world and all its offerings will not tear you down again. When attacked, immediately put it in perspective and deal with it! Say, "I will

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always confess God's Word regarding who I am in Christ!" If and when attacked, I will fight back with scripture and the name of Jesus Christ, even if it's quoting it to myself, saying these things in my mind. That's when I will see the devil flee; crawling back into the hole he crawled out from. Then, not only will you be called "good people," you will really feel like it too!

ASSIGNMENT:

1. I'd like to give you an assignment. Reread the second paragraph in this Letter. It is the one talking about what I am like and it starts out with "I am a well-meaning person." After you read it again, **I'd like you to write a small paragraph about yourself.** Follow suit with my paragraph and document how you really perceive yourself. If you think you are a good person, say it. If you have an anger problem, say it. If you are nice, say it. If you are mean to people, say it. If you are somewhere in-between these things, say that too. Once you write it, then read it several times and then start editing it. Rewrite it enough times so that it

really portrays you truthfully. Make it something that you could give any person and find them agreeing with it. Not only can you use this for this assignment, you can also use it to remind you what things you need to change.

2. Here's your second assignment. **Write down your greatest emotional obstacles.** These are things that keep you from

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living the Triumphant Life in Christ like you know you should be living. For instance, read the third paragraph in this Letter again, the one starting with "That said, I am amazed at how I can still feel torn down emotionally." If you feel badly a lot, then say it. If you feel frustrated a lot, then say it. If you feel depressed a lot, then say it. Write several of these down. **Then pick the one that tops the list.** Which one is THE ONE negative feeling you would remove immediately if you could.

3. Your third assignment is to **determine how long**

you have dealt with this one, negative feeling. Have you had it as long as you can remember? Did it only start up a year ago? Whatever time frame you remember, put it down too. The longer you have been in a negative situation, the longer it will take to effect a change.

4. Your forth assignment is to **determine the cause.** Using my example, "I know that I am a good person," therefore I know that I am not doing things that would make me feel badly. By logical deduction, the source of these negative feelings and thoughts must be satan. Your answer will depend on what you wrote in your first assignment. If your lifestyle is basically good, then you might not be the cause. If you have lifestyle troubles, then you could be part of the problem. Ask yourself questions like, "do I only have this trouble when dealing with one specific person, or are many people involved who bring up the same emotions?" Another question is, "Does my trouble always have a similar trigger situation,

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or is the trigger – the thing that seems to start me feeling badly – random.” The point of this exercise is to get you thinking about the cause. Eventually, you will clearly see the specific situations, people, events, or otherwise that actually trigger your negative feelings.

To get rid of the symptoms, you must get rid of the cause. Bad people bring bad feelings, so stop associating with the bad people. Bad events bring bad feelings, so stop associating with the bad events. Bad music brings bad feelings, so stop listening to bad music. Bad religion brings bad feelings so stop associating with bad religion. Determine the cause. If you are a major cause, for instance, if you are chronically negative, mean, chiding, etc., you will need to change that right away. Once you have begun to put God's Word into your mind and life, the negatives will leave. If they aren't leaving, and you *are* doing your best – I really mean your **BEST** – then

satan is afoot. Some people say that they are doing their best, yet they make no substantial changes at all. If you have only good in your life, then the source of your trouble is clearly spiritual – satan. While you can't keep him from making attacks, you can most certainly manifest more power than he in any given situation and come through it smelling

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like a rose.

5. Raise your attack warning level to HIGH ALERT! Once you identify your character as you perceive it, your greatest negative emotional challenge, how long you have dealt with it, and the cause, you will be able to remain on the alert as to future occurrences and be able to deal successfully with them. Don't drop your guard – ever. Well-meaning people and events can bring just as much destruction to your heart and life as can

obviously negative situations and people.

6. The end results of these assignments are to **get to the point that you clearly see an attack coming or recognize it once it has come**, whether from people or satan, and **then respond with the Word of God** that I taught in this Letter. Never allow anyone or anything to charge you with evil judgments. Always see you as God sees you. Always act according to the Christian lifestyle. You can and should beat down any and all negatives in your life to the point that you are a Super Christian Conqueror.

If you don't know what a *Super Christian Conqueror* is, I encourage you to go online and order my book with the same title. It will clarify this subject and get you on the road to a speedy recovery from any negative attacks that have ever befallen you. www.brbooks.org.

Much love in Christ!

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