

A Christian's Dilemma

As a Christian I am filled with hope and joy as I read the scriptures. In Colossians I read how my Lord has dominion over all things. It is He who has created all things, whether things in earth or things in heaven. He holds all things together, sustaining them. They were not only made by Him, but also for Him. In Ephesians I read of the glory upon glory of Him, His heavenlies, His majesty and how we, His children, share in all that. In Romans I read how legally He has thwarted the enemy, conquering sin and death. I read how I am held in His hands and no one can pluck me out. I read how He has cut the very nerve of sin – in me! In John I read how I am in Him and He is in me and we are in Father. I read how He loves me and has given His life that I may live. These are grand, glorious, wonderful, overpowering realities (concepts?).

Then I come to earth and there I am. This is my dilemma. Only during my times of highest praise do I feel like that. When I have a headache, or a worry, or a fear, or a temptation, or a frustration, or an anger, or a weariness of soul – I do not feel like that sort of person. Then – during those times – our tendency is to beat up on ourselves. Oh sure, we read that there is now no condemnation to those who are “IN” Christ Jesus but whoever wrote that (Paul) didn't know “ME”.

Our ‘feelings, our ‘emotions’ can be treacherous leaders. They are pretty pleasurable followers but as leaders, they take us to the ditch. I really don't ‘need’ much faith when I am ‘feeling’ good, holy and righteous. When I am in a time of ‘high praise’ I am nearly walking by spiritual sight – not faith.

It is during those “other” times that I need FACT to dominate DECEPTION. Fact is what God says. Deception is what Satan brings to the believer. Faith is forcing your mind, will and emotions to face facts when they are trying to drag you into the ditch. Emotions wander all over the place. Facts are facts and hold us to the truth – no matter how you FEEL.