

I believe that Christ stands firm in me, Who, by His indwelling personhood resists the evil one who tempts me. I believe that I don't have to fight the devil as he is already defeated by Christ's resurrection life that lives within me (Heb. 2:14; Rom. 5:10). I believe that I am dead to sin, and alive to God (Rom. 6:2;11). I believe that I cannot keep myself from sinning, so I don't try. Instead, I believe the Lord is my keeper so I rest in His mighty keeping power (Jude 24; 1 Peter 1:5).

I believe that apart from Christ I can do nothing (John 15:5), so I declare myself wholly dependent on Him alone. I am not an independent-self by virtue of my union with Christ (Gal. 2:20). I believe that Christ is my life and I have no life of my own (Col. 3:3-4). I believe that Christ is made unto me, by virtue of our union relationship, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1 Cor. 1:30). Therefore I have no righteousness of my own which is through human self-effort, but now I have righteousness which is through the faith of Christ (Phil. 3:9).

I believe that the human me is nothing more than a helpless vessel (Rom. 9:22-23), branch (John 15:1), temple (1 Cor. 6:19-20), body (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18), slave (Rom. 6:17-18), and wife (Rom. 7:2-4) of Christ. Therefore I have no power of my own to produce any good or any evil (Gal.2:20; Rom. 7:17). I believe that my humanity is a weak expression of the life of another (Gal. 2:20). I believe that when my humanity is at it's weakest, Christ's strength is made perfect through my vessel of weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).