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Vessels of Wrath or Vessels of Mercy

By Norman Grubb

Most of us think of ourselves as just our unredeemed selves until Christ comes in and takes over. We do not realize that we have working in us that 'prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience' (which Paul says is true of all of us (Ephesians 2:2).

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He has so concealed and disguised himself in us as unbelievers, though it says that it is the god of this world in us who has blinded our minds, that we just think we are independent selves. But the truth is that all humanity are vessels. We are containers, and it depends which God is in the vessel. In Romans it says we are either 'vessels of wrath' or 'vessels of mercy': those who either contain the god through whom wrath is our portion, or those who contain the Savior-God through whom mercy comes to us. This greatly simplifies salvation, for it is merely change of gods, not change of the vessels which contain Him. Or to use that other great illustration, we are either branches of the false vine or of the true. 'I am the true vine,' said Jesus, therefore there must be a false one.

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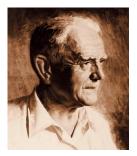
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For many years after his retirement as General Secretary for the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, Norman Grubb traveled extensively sharing the truth of our union with Christ. He was the author of many books and pamphlets, a number of which are available through the Zerubbabel Book Ministry. Norman P Grubb entered the kingdom at 98 years of age.



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Life: The What, The Who, The Why (excerpt)

By Page Prewitt

If you are someone who has been a born-again Christian for some time and you find that it has become discouragingly difficult for you to live a godly Christian life, this booklet has been written for you. I, too, have been in that place spiritually. I clearly knew God's requirements for living a godly Christian life; what's more, I wasn't fooled into thinking that I even came close to meeting those requirements. My heartache was that I desperately wanted to "live right," as I called it, and be the kind of person, both inside and out, that I knew God required me to be. Nonetheless, no matter how hard I tried to do this, I missed the mark almost all of the time.

When I would read Romans seven where Paul says, "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do," I would think, "This is me. I am just like Paul. I, too, am a miserable failure. I am unable to do what I know is right, and I continually do what I know is wrong." I could and did wholeheartedly say along with Paul that this was certainly a wretched way of life. In view of the fact that the great and beloved Paul had experienced the same failures that I was experiencing, I came to the conclusion that maybe this was it, and the best any of us could hope to be or do this side of heaven.

This belief gave me no peace, however. My conscience and the Bible convicted me that my failure to obey God's commands and live up to His standards was sin, and in order to be a right person, I had to stop

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sinning and live a righteous life. But as I have already said, knowing this had me in a hopeless state because my best effort to "be an imitator of Christ" failed over and over. Along with all this dilemma and despair, I knew the Bible promised that God had a way of escape for all our temptations.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:13).

I came to see that Paul found the answer to his life that he described as being worse than death. At the end of Romans chapter seven and on into eight we see the light dawn for our brother Paul when he ecstatically bursts forth with the blessed truth that the Lord Jesus Christ is the answer to the bondage in which he (US, TOO) is held. In the great "glory" chapter eight, we are blessed to have recorded for us Paul's discourse where he expounds how he and those who are in Christ have been set free not to walk in sinful fallen flesh, but instead to walk in the Spirit of the risen Christ. I had no problem agreeing with Paul that Christ was the answer for my wretched state. My problem lay in the fact that I didn't know how to translate this truth into everyday living. In time I did find the answer I so desperately needed. Read on because I am writing this booklet in an effort to share with you the answer I had revealed to me. It came in the form of the message that I, along with many others (namely my mentor and teacher Norman Grubb, who first taught me these Bible-based truths) have come to know as the Total Truth.

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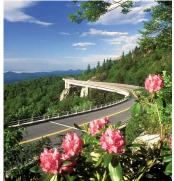


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Whatsoever Things Ye Desire When Ye Pray, Believe

By Norman Grubb

You desire. Then let's be that simple. If He in us trusts our desires to be His desires, let us trust ourselves. We have discarded and rejected those doubtings and questionings of our motives by accepting our vital Galatians 2:20 relationship, so let us now practice holy boldness, just as John keeps saying in His union epistle: 'We have confidence toward God...This is the confidence that we have in Him.... We may have boldness [even] in the day of judgment.'

Then, being bold in defining exactly what are the things we are presently desiring in place of the mountain confronting us, and naming them, we speak the key word of the countdown--we press the button marked 'SAY.' We do that from our inner spirit-center, simply by our authority as sons of God. Jesus has plainly told us to act as God by 'the faith of God'--by His inner believing imparted to us, by our inner union

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inner believing imparted to us, by our inner union of mind and understanding. This means that in acting as He, all of His mighty resources are at our disposal. It is not now a matter of us being at His disposal, but of Him being at our disposal. He is operating in this present world-system by us. We say with Caleb, 'Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it.' And in so doing, we laugh the laugh of faith."

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Question

I am a Christian and have been taught that I have two natures: my old sin nature and my new nature in Christ. If that is true, how can I hope to ever stop committing sin?

Answer

The concept that you have two natures confuses you because this contradicts Galatians 2:20–"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." We are not born with two natures but are born with the ability to choose between two operators, either Christ or Satan. Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, we are born sinners, doomed to eternal damnation for our sins. We are bound to Satan, and he expresses his sin existence through us. But when we admit that we are sinners and accept the shed blood of Jesus Christ as our savior, we are no longer bound to Satan but, instead, live in union with Jesus Christ. He lives His life out through us.

This new union with Christ doesn't mean that we cannot sin.

We are tempted in our soul with thoughts and feelings. When we choose in our spirit to go with these temptations, we commit sin. The sin invariably involves unbelief that we are just ourselves, not Jesus Christ living His life through us. As Paul says in Romans 7:17 and 20, "No longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me." What a clear parallel to Galatians 2:20. In neither verse are we just ourselves-neither sin nor righteousness is intrinsic to us, but are the products of another.

As Christians, we do not sin because an old nature wells up from inside us, uncontrollably making a sin choice. We sin because we make a self-centered, Satan choice, opening the door for him to express sin through our soul/body and temporarily block block the Holy Spirit. If we possessed a sinful nature, we would always be at war with a part of our-selves, battling an unavoidable, inherent tendency to sin. With the belief that Jesus Christ lives in us, we avoid sin by simply affirming our union with Him.

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