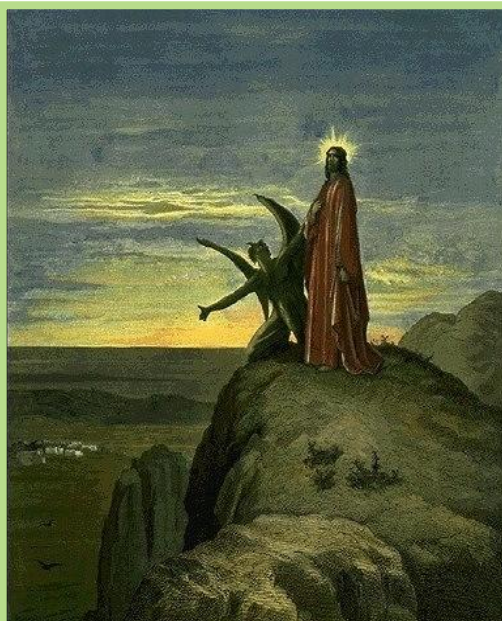


## The Missing Ingredient in our Fight Against Sin



He was tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Have you ever wondered why some “friend” of yours has so much head knowledge about God, His ways and His Word, yet they continue to wallow in some deficient form of practical Christianity? Constantly, returning to our deficient ways, like a fool returning to his folly.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Your battle against sin has to be a Deeper Relationship with Christ ~ not just Dispensing Biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Titus 2:11-14

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Titus 2:11-14 takes a simple \_\_\_\_\_ to say ‘No’ - and surrounds it with \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember - sin is what we do when we’re not \_\_\_\_\_ in God (John Piper)

... so we don’t just need \_\_\_\_\_ and help in fighting their sin...

we also need to be led into a vital... satisfying \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

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- II. You Need to Help Others \_\_\_\_\_ the Goodness of God in Christ so that They're \_\_\_\_\_ for Anything Else

Psalm 34:8 "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him."

The biggest problem we're up against is not a lack of \_\_\_\_\_... but the fact that we are too often still madly in \_\_\_\_\_ with the 'passing pleasure of sin.'

- III. Without a Passion for Christ Sin will just Lay Low & then \_\_\_\_\_ into Another \_\_\_\_\_ of Their Life

**2 Corinthians 5:14** "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died." ESV

"For the love of Christ compels us..."NKJV

The only thing that will ultimately break the power of sin is passion for Jesus.

The only thing that will guard me from being entrapped by sin is being entranced by Jesus.

In other words, the key to holiness is falling love!



Albrecht Dürer: Lot and his family flee from Sodom