

Witness Protection & You





Jesus said in Acts 1 that power would be given to His people in the person of the Holy Spirit in order that they would be “witnesses of Me” (Acts 1:8).

The word we know in English, *witness*, comes from the Greek word “Martyr.” The word means to see and know Him so well because of what He does with me that I couldn’t help but die if, at the cost of my life, someone tried to make me lie about Him.

God has planned to give me a unique experience, a secret-between-the-two-of-us familiarity that He gives to no one else in quite the same way. It's mine with Him—my witness—on purpose and by design.

What's happening to us today is that we're often focusing or majoring upon and trying to nourish ourselves with pretended witness, with surrogate witness; that which, at best, is someone else's to die for but not ours. And we've accepted the deception that it's good enough.

“Father, what do you think of me?”

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

The way by which many of us are taken captive and imprisoned today is by an accusation that suggests a false “you,” a fake “you,” and which then prosecutes it.

If we are induced to believe the accusation that the “YOU” we most truly are is anything outside of Christ, then, thinking it’s the truth, we will be deceived. And then we’ll be deceived into behaviors in keeping with lies. No one lives well from there.

Colossians 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, *7* having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

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9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.

Satan's goal is to seduce me to live in conflict with myself; to accept an identity drawn from my appearance and behavior, rather than upon where I am—in Christ—and what condition I'm in—a new creation, son of God.

Colossians 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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