

Setting Your Heart

on the

Kingdom



GALATIANS

The War Within...Two Kingdoms Colliding!

(The Principle of: Winning the War of Flesh vs. Spirit)

Galatians 5:16-26

It was an ancient war, erupting before time began. It originated in the angelic realm... *“Michael and his angels waged war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war” (Rev. 12:7)*. The final outcome was no contest at all. The dragon, known as the devil, and his angels were cast out of heaven. Then, on this planet called Earth, the battle was transferred to another dimension...time and space! *And the war became flesh...* God’s government working through human flesh and Satan’s through the serpent! It was such an easy win for the devil...almost too easy! Through craftiness and deception, he took dominion over the very vessels that were created to overthrow him. God’s plan to overcome evil through flesh appeared to fail...*until God became flesh!* By Christ’s atoning work, fallen man was redeemed and his mission restored. *However, a new kind of warfare was ushered in. Both kingdoms, good and evil, dwelt in the same vessel...human flesh! And the battle rages on.*

Beloved, there’s a war that rages within your soul. It’s the same war that began eons ago. It’s a battle for control. Two powerful and opposite worlds dwell in the heart of every Christian...the fallen and the redeemed. The fallen nature is a relentless foe of the flesh governed by self and Satan. But the Spirit of the Living God rules your redeemed nature. Locked in mortal combat, these two life-forces are forever warring, always competing for your soul! Which one will win? And who will be the victor? The answer is surprising. *You are the deciding factor of your battle. The one you side with is the one that wins the war!*

The Christians in Galatia were just like you and me...torn by the war within. Two worlds clashed in their souls...flesh vs. Spirit. On one side, they loved God and wanted to do His will. But they were drawn like a magnet to evil and hurtful ways. Thank God for Paul’s teachings. It brought clarity to their struggle...and to ours. *The flesh can never bear the fruit of righteousness!* You win this war only by yielding to the fruit of God’s Spirit in you. *From love to self-control (Gal. 5:22-23), it’s God in your flesh that overcomes the flesh. And it’s God in you that overcomes the devil in your life!*

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