

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).



CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS HAVE VARIOUS DOCTRINES ABOUT GETTING THE VICTORY. Some say that everybody’s got a “good” self and a “bad” self, and the only way to get the victory is to get the good self on top of the bad self and hold him down. They call it “the doctrine of suppression.”

Others preach the doctrine of eradication: Yes, you’ve got a good self and a bad self, and the only way to get the victory is to have the bad self cut out, and throw it away like a cancer. “Now I’m *all* good!” Self-righteous and holier-than-thou is what they really are!

The true doctrine of the Holy Spirit is neither one! You will never get the victory by holding down that bad self or resisting that temptation or weakness in your own strength. Neither will you ever get the victory by thinking that you can have God cut out the bad self once and for all and leave only the good self. There is no such thing as *good* self! Even the apostle Paul said, “I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells” (Romans 7:18).

True victory is not found in ourselves, but in Himself—Jesus. “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57). Only Jesus is good enough, but He’s good enough for us all!