

What areas in life are we NOT  
recognizing as spiritual warfare?  
March 2nd @ 6 pm

# TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

And... what are the schemes and powers  
of satanic forces according to scripture?



Knowing and  
Defending the Faith

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Defending Biblical  
Morality &  
Transformation by  
the Holy Spirit**



# Christian Bumper Stickers are Often Lousy Theology

Christians aren't ~~perfect~~, just forgiven

**Matthew 5:48 (NASB<sub>1995</sub>)** "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**Hebrews 10:14 (NKJV)** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Christians are forgiven, delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, recipients of eternal life through Jesus' resurrection, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit (whose sanctifying power convicts us of our sin, guides us into truth, and transforms us into the image of Christ - who is perfect)

**1 John 1:6-9 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If you don't have the Holy Spirit, do you realize you can't abide in Jesus?

**1 John 2:3-6 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup> He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup> But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup> He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

**OK, but what does all that have to do with knowing & defending biblical morality, & transformation?**

**This: When Jesus meets the lost, He directs them & desires that the lost are found ***in Him*** & *leave sin behind.***

The story of the rich, young ruler and his missed opportunity

The story of Zaccheaus' encounter with Jesus

The story of the adulteress brought to Jesus

The story of the demoniac who confronted Jesus

Saul's (Paul's) transformation after his encounter with Jesus

**Galatians 5:16-24 (HCSB)** <sup>16</sup> I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I tell you about these things in advance - as I told you before - that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

*prassó (πράσσω), culturally, was understood as habitual and ongoing*

In what areas is the Holy Spirit convicting and transforming you?