

INTRODUCTION

Our spiritual war.

Our most powerful enemy.

Proposition: 2 **motives** to engage with full focus and effort in our daily battle against ourselves.

1) BECAUSE CHRIST REDIRECTED OUR PATH (5-7)

Positional vs Progressive Realities

First pair: “immorality” and “impurity”.

Second pair: “passion” and “evil desire”.

Third pair: “greed” or “idolatry”.

Study yourself:

In which areas do you have more difficulty with sin in your life?

In which moments or situations do you usually fall in sin?

In which places are you most tempted to sin?

What thoughts have gone through your head before you fell in sin?

In whose presence or absence do you usually sin?

With what (instruments) do you usually sin?

Put together a strategy:

What texts of Scripture deal with your sin?

Is there someone you are accountable to in your struggle with sin?

What habits do you need to abandon or develop?

What companies do you need to avoid?

What places do you need to avoid?

What things do you need to get rid of?

2) BECAUSE CHRIST RENEWED OUR NATURE (8–11)

First trio: “anger,” “wrath,” and “malice”.

Second trio: “slander,” “abusive speech,” and “lying”.

What you wear (physically and spiritually) tells much about who you are.

We define our identity on the basis of Jesus Christ: “Christ is all, and in all”.

You maybe be a Jew, but now you are “a Jew in Christ”.

You maybe be an American, but now you are “an American in Christ”.

You maybe a man, but now you are “a man in Christ”.

You maybe a man, but now you are “a man in Christ”.

If Christ is all in all of us, then there is no room for any sense of superiority or privilege among us.

CONCLUSION

Fight sin every day.

Fight sin one day at a time.

Fight sin even if it is just encroaching.

Fight sin even it has taken over.