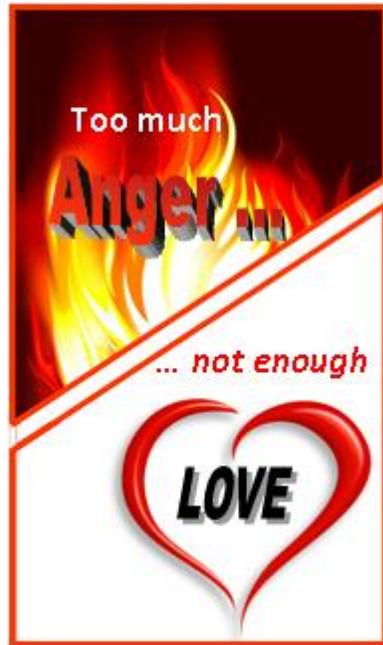


## TOO MUCH ANGER NOT ENOUGH LOVE



“Dear Lord, Please take this anger from me.”

“O Father, help me to love others.”

Have you ever prayed one of the above prayers?

Possibly, you have prayed both of them—and on several occasions. Anger and selfishness are two of the most common sins by Christians.

However, if anger is one of your sin problems, are you disturbed enough by your moments of anger and selfishness that you are ready to do what is necessary to have victory over them?

If your answer is yes to both of the above questions, victory may be yours within the next few minutes. In the following paragraphs, you will discover God’s certain answers to the dual problems of **TOO MUCH ANGER AND NOT ENOUGH LOVE**.

You may say, “I doubt that because I have tried many ways to have victory but nothing has worked yet.” You may say, “I am just that way and have no hope for change.”

Some of the Lord’s most sincere children have spent years doing all they knew to do to have “less anger” and “more love,” with no victory until they discovered the biblical truths that you are about to read. Prayerful and expectant reading can change your life.

The answer begins with an understanding about Adam, the one responsible for our anger and selfishness. Romans 5:12 teaches that Adam infected himself with a sin nature that is the source of the anger and selfishness. All who are born into Adam’s race are infected with the sin nature and the possibility of the sins of anger and selfishness.

In order to understand how this happened think of this. Adam was created with two eyes and two ears. Because Adam passed on

to all born into his race, we all were born with two eyes and two ears because he was the head of the race.

In the same manner, he infected us with sin and death when he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Romans 5:14 teaches that Adam is a figure of Christ, which means there is a likeness between Adam and Christ. There are differences between them, but in one way they are alike. Each is the head of a race. Adam is the head of the natural race and Jesus is the head of the spiritual race. We, therefore, can make the following statements.

Adam is the head of the natural race. Therefore, the moment some things happened to Adam, they happened to us. Jesus is the head of the spiritual race. Therefore, the moment some things happened to Jesus, they happened to all who would be born into the spiritual race. .

If you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, think of those things that became true of you the moment they became true of Jesus. Romans 6:3-5 teaches that they are death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:3 teaches that we Christians have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into Jesus at our conversion. So just as we received from Adam a sin nature and death nature when we were born into the human race, we were baptized into His crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

Every Christian is, then, a spiritually crucified, buried and resurrected person. If you have Christ in your heart, those three things are true of you even if you have never known that before—even if you do not believe they are true of you.

Romans 6:10—which is in the same context in which we are informed that we have been baptized into the death, burial and resurrection of Christ—teaches that when Christ died, He died to sin. We confidently conclude therefore, that we ourselves are dead to sin.

The Scriptures confirm our crucifixion because Romans 6:11 admonishes us to reckon—that is, believe—ourselves to be dead unto sin.

Do you see? You are to believe you are dead to your sin nature which produces the anger. The word that is translated “reckon”—meaning believe—is a command to do so continuously, we are to continue to believe we never again have to be angry.

Romans 6:12 tells us we are not to let sin reign in our mortal bodies. This means, of course, we are to choose never again to be controlled by our sin nature and never again to be angry.

Will you do these two things right now? Believe that you are dead to your sin nature and the anger it produces and choose never again to be controlled by your sin nature and never again to be angry. Now you are to continue to do these two things for the remainder of your days on the earth. This is the way to continuous victory over anger.

We now turn our attention to the problem of not enough love: Galatians 5:22 tells us that love is the fruit of the Spirit. We will never have enough—or the right kind—of love originating within our own hearts.

When Jesus spoke to the lady at the well, He told her that the water he would give would be a spring of water springing up into eternal life. He was speaking of the Holy Spirit and was indicating that the Holy Spirit who has come to indwell us, passionately desires and continually seeks to fill us with himself.

Galatians 5:17 affirms, however, that the “flesh” lusts against the Spirit. Flesh is our sin nature. It is the thought that we are wise. Our flesh wants to control us and the Holy Spirit wants to control us.

Have you ever prayed for the filling of the Holy Spirit as if you were of the opinion that our Father is reluctant to give the filling? He is not. He passionately desires to grant us such a work of grace. The hindrance is not the reluctance of God. It is the opposition of the flesh.

When we remove the opposition of the flesh, we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and with the love we long to have.

How may we remove the barrier of the flesh?

Galatians 5:24 informs us that those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh. We did so because we became crucified persons when we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

It is true whether we believe it or not. I encourage you to believe it—right now. Believe that the flesh—the only barrier to your being a Spirit-filled believer—has been crucified. Now, by an act of the will, reject your flesh—which is faith in your own wisdom—and yield to the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:11 not only tells us to believe continuously we are dead to sin—because we are “in” Christ, but it also tells us to believe we are alive unto God. “Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our lord.”

A we believe we are alive unto God and that our flesh is crucified, and as we choose to reject our flesh and receive the control and filling of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we will truly experience Spirit-filled—and love filled—living. When we continue in such faith and with such choices, we will continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit and love.

Perhaps you would desire to read a tract such as this titled “Too Much Depression—Not Enough Joy. You may. Simply replace the words “anger” and “love” with the words “depression” and “joy” and reread the tract.

You may read a tract on the theme “Too Much Self Pity—Not Enough Peace by substituting the words “self-pity and “peace” for the words “anger” and “love.”

Should you desire to do a more thorough study of how we may experience these powerful changes, we will be happy to send you a book on the theme of our oneness with Christ—at no cost to you.