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Questions: The Fight of Faith

1. Match the Greek words and their English meanings:

Greek	English	Greek	English
<i>psucho</i>	(n) soul, life	<i>gnosis</i>	(n) spiritual knowledge
<i>psuche</i>	(v) to grow cool, cold	<i>epignosis</i>	(n) natural knowledge
<i>Apollyon</i>	(n) adversary, deceiver	<i>ochuroma</i>	(n) imaginations, reasonings 2CO 10:5
<i>Satanas</i>	(n) the Destroyer	<i>logismos</i>	(n) stronghold, fortress 2CO 10:4
<i>diabolos</i>	(n) flesh, carnal, the body	<i>noema</i>	(n, adj) carnal man, of the flesh
<i>sarx</i>	(n) devil, false accuser	<i>sarkikos</i>	(n) thought, belief system 2CO 10:5

- Write out **1TI 6:12**: Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
Write out **MAT 11:12**: “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
- With **WHAT** do we **fight the fight** and **advance the Kingdom** in Q 2? With holy living, the Sword of the Spirit – the Word of God, prayer, faith in God and His Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit within.
- Write out **REV 12:11**: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.
Write out **LUK 9:23-24**: Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.
- What** is the Greek word for "lives" or "life" in Q 4? psuche (soul life) Look at **MAT 24:11-13**. What is the Gk word for "cold" in **MAT 24:12**? psucho **Why** do you suppose there is a similarity in these words? Because it is in our souls – our soul life – our mind, will and emotions – in which we become cold to God.
- Who** is **LUK 9:23-24** written to? Believers **How** do we take up our cross daily and follow Jesus? By dying to self, but instead to live for God and others. I must put God’s plan for my live FIRST.
What goes on the cross? My Flesh (unredeemed soul and body— my body, mind, will, and emotions; my plan for my life must be subordinate to God’s plan for my life in EVERY area of my life.
Could this be the death spoken of in **REV 12:11** and could it be a requirement for overcoming Satan? YES !!
- T** **F** If God heals me or does some other wonderful miracle in me, it is impossible for the Devil to take or steal that miracle from me, since God is so much more powerful than the Devil.
 T **F** Faith will always result in a **FIGHT** from the enemy of our faith, the Devil.
 T **F** People must be taught the Word of God in order to have faith to receive from God.
- T** **F** It is possible for people to receive healing, but later lose that healing because of unbelief.
 T **F** The two types of faith are exemplified in the Bible by Thomas and by Abraham.
 T **F** **MAR 11:24** tells us that **receiving** comes before **believing** when we pray.
- JOH 10:10** “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (NKJ)
- In Q 9, **Who** is speaking? Jesus About **who**? Satan **What** is the Greek word for "destroy"? apollumi **What** name for Satan does this remind you of? English = Apollyon (Greek = Apolluon, Hebrew = Abaddon) **Give** scripture references: **REV 9:11** And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.
- Write out EPH 2:8-9**: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJ)
Everything we receive from God comes by grace through faith.
- Another word for **grace** is God's power. Faith is like the wire and grace is like the electricity in the analogy of the lamp plugged into the electric wall socket. We provide the faith or wire while God provides the power or electricity.
- Write out **HEB 4:3**: For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
Write out **EPH 6:10-12**: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- What are the **Six (6) pieces of the Armor of God** listed in **EPH 6:10-18**?
1. Girded your waist with truth 4. The shield of faith
2. The breastplate of righteousness 5. The helmet of salvation
3. Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace 6. The sword of the Spirit (the Rhema of God)

WHAT are the Four (4) levels authority in Satan's hierarchy of authority (**EPH 6:10-20**)?

1. Principalities (arche) 4. Rulers (kosmodrator) of the darkness of this age
2. Powers (exousia) 5. Spiritual hosts of wickedness (poneria) in heavenly places

WHAT do you do once you have the full armor in place? Confront the enemy in spiritual warfare – PRAYER.

15. Write out **1JO 5:3-5**: For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Can you love God and not obey His commands? (v 3) NO !! **What** is the essential requirement for anyone who overcomes the world? 1. To be born of God (born again) 2. To keep His commandments. 3. Faith in Jesus as the Son of God What is the **FORCE** that overcomes the world? Our faith in God, in His Word, which results in ACTING on His Word, i.e. obedience, prayer, preaching, and doing good works through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

16. **Write down** at least **Seven (7) characteristics** of the **ARMORED** and the **NAKED** Christian:

ARMORED Christian

NAKED Christian

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| <u>Refuses to Gossip or listen. Speaks well of others.</u> | <u>Gossips & listens to gossip. Speaks badly of others.</u> |
| <u>Walks by faith, not by sight.</u> | <u>Walks by sight, feelings, and emotions, not by faith.</u> |
| <u>Says 'I can do all things through Christ'</u> | <u>Says 'I can't do it – it's too hard !!'</u> |
| <u>Forgets past confessed sins and failures.</u> | <u>Constantly remembers past confessed sins and failures.</u> |
| <u>Runs to God when attacked by Satan.</u> | <u>Runs from God when attacked by Satan.</u> |
| <u>Speaks of circumstances as in Word of God.</u> | <u>Speaks of circumstances as they appear to be.</u> |
| <u>Stays full of the Spirit.</u> | <u>Stays full of the Flesh.</u> |
| <u>Goes from victory to victory in faith.</u> | <u>Goes from failure to failure in fear.</u> |

17. **2CO 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments (imagination KJV) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (NKJ)

18. **What** is the Greek word for the following blanks in **Q # 17** above:

1st blank sarx 2nd blank strateuomai 4th blank sarkikos 5th blank ochuroma
6th blank logismos 7th blank gnosis 8th blank noema 9th blank Christos

19. **1CO 9:24** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. (NIV)

20. Write out **1PE 5:8-9**: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

21. In Q 22, **what** part of your "self" are you to control? My flesh – my soul (mind, will, emotions) & body
How are you to resist the devil? By submitting myself to God in every way, resisting Satan's attempt to control my life in every way. What is the Gk word for **resist** in v 9? antihistemi = anti + histemi

What is the Gk for **world**? kosmos = the world system, including men and women in this system

Are you the only one suffering such attacks? NO !! v 9knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

22. Write out **1PE 2:11**: Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which WAR AGAINST THE SOUL,

What part of your being does sin **WAR** against? My soul, through my flesh. My soul is my mind, will and emotions. My flesh comprises BOTH soul and body, which itself has physical desires.

Does this WAR have any relationship to **1PE 5:8-9** in **Q 20**? The devil, as a roaring lion, is seeking for FLESH to eat. If I crucify my flesh, there will be NOTHING in me which the devil can attack and overcome.

What part of your being does Satan use **AGAINST** you? My flesh, which is my unredeemed soul (mind, will and emotions) and my physical body and its desires.

23. **How** many times is the word '**overcomes**' used in the NKJ book of **Revelation**? Eight times.

List each verse the word '**overcomes**' is used: Revelation 2:7, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21, and 21:7

What is the Greek word for '**overcomes**'? nikao (nik-ah'-o) For '**victory**' in **1JO 5:4**? nike (nee'-kay)

Why are the two words so similar? Because a victor IS an overcomer, and an overcomer IS victorious.

24. **Do you** spend time praying and reading God's Word each day? _____ What is **prayer--reading** of God's Word? **Explain.** Reading the Logos of God, then praying the Rhemas given by the Holy Spirit as I read and wait on God. It is the Rhemas that, when heard, give FAITH to pray them and RECEIVE.

Make a **Prayer Commitment** for yourself & encourage your spouse & other family members to do so.

25. **How** will you apply the principles learned in this lesson in **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.