

Genesis 3:1
Now the serpent was more cunning
than any beast of the field
which the Lord God had made.

The head of the snake

Colossians 3:11(b) – where there is neither Greek nor Jew,
circumcised nor uncircumcised, ... slave nor free, *but Christ is all in all.*

John 17:21-23 – *that we all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that God sent Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 13:14 – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the *love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

2 Corinthians 5:19 – that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, *and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

Isaiah 58:12 – Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations, *and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.*

If you just passed over reading the list of scriptures, please go back and read 'em. Then consider them as you read the devotional.

Do you sometimes find yourself in the midst of unrest, wondering how you got there? In the words of Christian comedian, Paul Allen, “I was just going about my business, not even making eye contact...”

Yet if, as a Christian, you are wise to the ways of the Satan, you must know that your enemy has one purpose, and that is to cause trouble, to trip you up, to make you take your eyes off God, and to sow division. If you are wise to his ways, you are to *expect* that conflict, provocation, friction, irritation, conflict, division, strife, and criticism, will cross your threshold. The list is much longer. (The Father's Business)

So when it comes to these kinds of moments, how do you deal with them? Perhaps you are justified in the way you feel. But do you recognize the work of the enemy snaking its way in the door? Are you content let it slither along, or do you grab the shovel, and cut off its head?

The scriptures I made you read at the beginning of the devo neutralize Satan's work and offer a way of escape from falling into his quicksand before you can resolve the trouble.

I have security in Christ, my everything – Colossians 3:11(b) – Christ is my all in all.

I have admittance to God's trinity unity love – John 17:21-23 – that we all may be one ... that the world may believe that God sent Jesus.

I enjoy the grace, love, and fellowship of God – 2 Corinthians 13:14 – having the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit with us all.

I partake in God's word of reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:19 – that God in Christ reconciles the world to Himself, ascribing our sins to Christ, and committing to us the word of reconciliation.

I benefit from God's healing and restoration – Isaiah 58:12 – God is the repairer of the breach; the restorer of streets to dwell in.

God doesn't expect us to just blow off our feelings. He gets it and He understands that sometimes we sin and are sinned against. But before we deal with our troubles, take on His mighty power and love and the shelter He puts at our disposal.

Possess these truths. Cut off the head of the snake. Then tackle the rest.

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