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From the book "The Normal Christian Life" by Watchman Nee. Read these words:

"God makes it quite clear in His Word that He has only one answer to every human need-His Son, Jesus Christ. In all His dealings with us He works by taking us out of the way and substituting Christ in our place. The Son of God died instead of us for our forgiveness; He lives instead of us for our deliverance. So we can speak of two substitutions-a Substitute on the Cross who secures our forgiveness and a substitute within who secures our victory. It will help us greatly, and save us from much confusion, if we keep constantly before us this fact, that God will answer all our questions in one way and one way only, namely, by showing us more of His Son."

**Re: Christ lives instead of us for our deliverance. - posted by EAGLEFLYING (), on: 2017/1/6 17:46**

AMEN

Great post and writer..

May we walk in

Col 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

**Re: Christ lives instead of us for our deliverance. - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2017/1/6 18:07**

Mr. Nee goes on to say about deliverance...

For God's way of deliverance is altogether different from man's way. Man's way is to try to suppress sin by seeking to overcome it; God's way is to remove the sinner. Many Christians mourn over their weakness, thinking that if only they were stronger all would be well. The idea that, because failure to lead a holy life is due to our impotence, something more is therefore demanded of us, leads naturally to this false conception of the way of deliverance... we naturally conclude that to gain the victory over sin we must have more power. "If only I were stronger", we say, "I could overcome my violent outbursts of temper", and so we plead with the Lord to strengthen us that we may exercise more self-control.

But this is altogether wrong; this is not Christianity. God's means of delivering us from sin is not by making us stronger and stronger, but by making us weaker and weaker. That is surely rather a peculiar way of victory, you say; but it is the Divine way. God sets us free from the dominion of sin, not by strengthening our old man but by crucifying him; not by helping him to do anything but by removing him from the scene of action.

For years, maybe, you have tried fruitlessly to exercise control over yourself, and perhaps this is still your experience; but when once you see the truth you will recognize that you are indeed powerless to do anything, but that in setting you aside altogether God has done it all. Such a revelation brings human self-effort to an end.