

THE *Spirit of Life*

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Keep the Faith

Love is our new nature as Christians. When we received Christ as our Savior and Lord, we were set free of the bondage of sin. Our conscience was made free of guilt and condemnation. It was great — we loved everything that moved. With great joy, we received our Lord's commandment to love. We were living out of the new heart and spirit as a new creation in Christ. Old sins and habits just fell away. It was great! The joy of the Lord filled our hearts.

That was scene one. Now it's time for scene two. Enter: devil. The devil begins to persuade us that everything that just happened to us really didn't happen at all. Through trials and persecutions, false teachings, false prophets, traditions of men and false brethren, he pounds the daylights out of us. He tries to steal our faith. He knows that we are not yet rooted in Christ, and, though we really did receive the spiritual blessings from God, our minds have not yet been renewed and we are easily deceived.

Many fall away at this point and go back to the world and the lusts of the flesh, taken captive by Satan. Others just join the false brethren and try to appear as ministers of light, captured by Satan.

Others weather the storm and realize what Satan did and fight back, reclaiming the land that was taken and returning to that first love. They remember the words of the Apostle John, "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father."