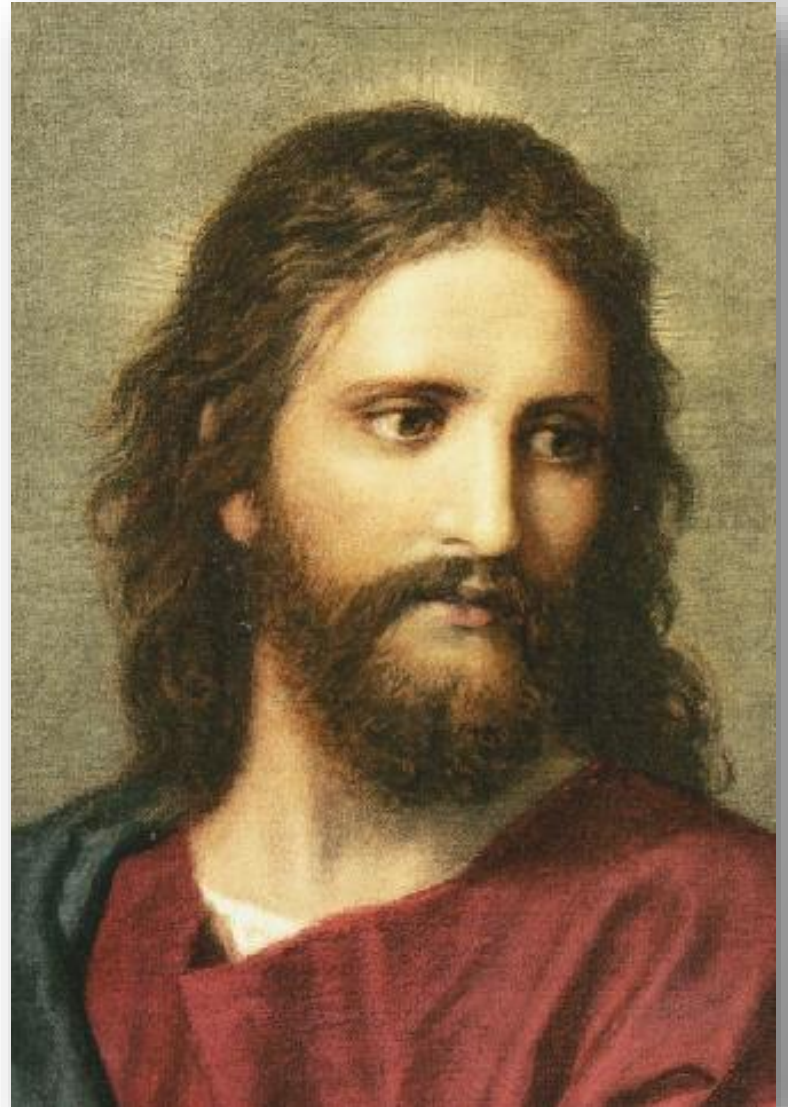


“I am the
way, the
truth, and
the life”

John 14:6



Highlights

1. The Lord: The Way for Peace
2. The Enemy of Fear
3. The Enemy of Division
4. The Enemy of Confusion



The Way of Peace ⁽¹⁾

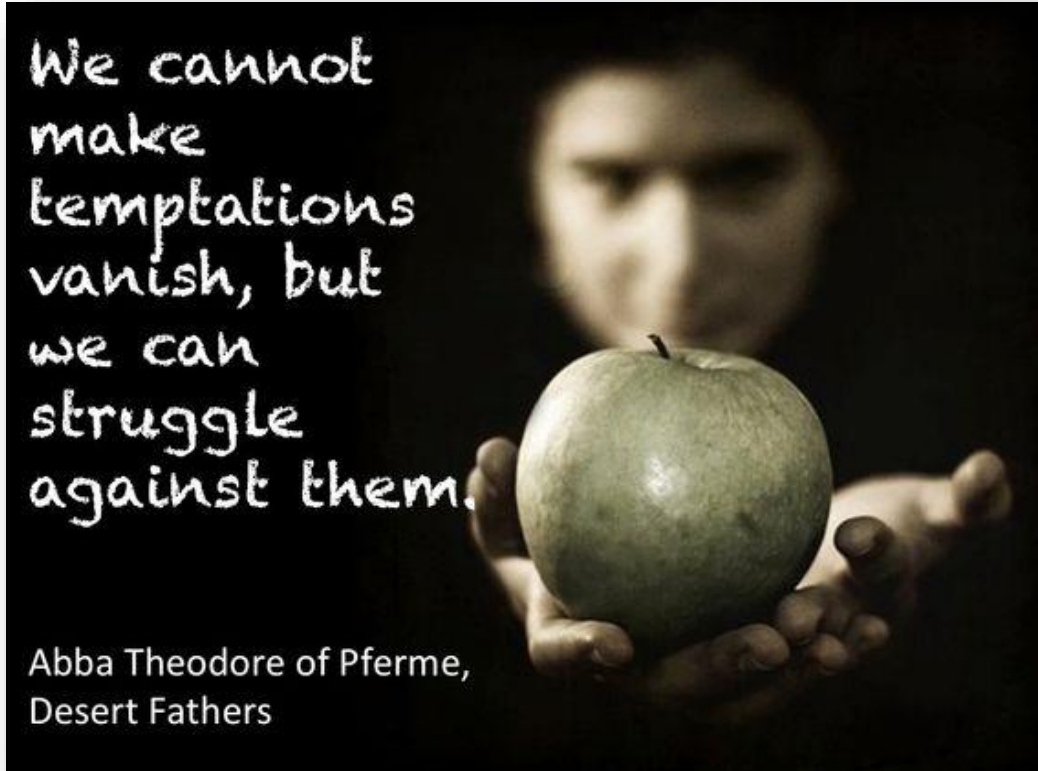
- The Lord is the Way for Peace
- The narrow path and the gift of peace for those who walk in it
- Peace is the landmark of the godly life and the assurance of a safe arrival to the Promised Land



The Way of Peace ⁽²⁾

- **Three main enemies are
battling against our peace:**

- Fear
- Division
- Confusion

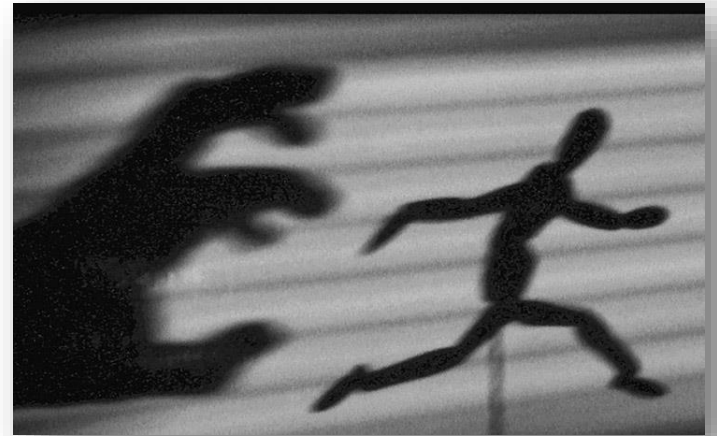
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We cannot
make
temptations
vanish, but
we can
struggle
against them.

Abba Theodore of Pherme,
Desert Fathers

The Enemy of Fear ⁽¹⁾

- **Fears come from different sources**: Fear of Pain, Loss, The Unknown, Being in need, Death, etc..
- Everyone experiences fear for one reason or another



The Enemy of Fear ⁽²⁾

- Fear does not necessarily cause us to lose our peace
- **Fear deprives us of our peace in two ways:**
 - When turning to Panic
 - When we feel totally responsible for our own safety



The Enemy of Fear ⁽³⁾

- **The Way for Peace while facing fears**: Faith in the King of Peace
- The story of the monk at the time of the famine
- The three saintly youth in front of King Nebuchadnezzar



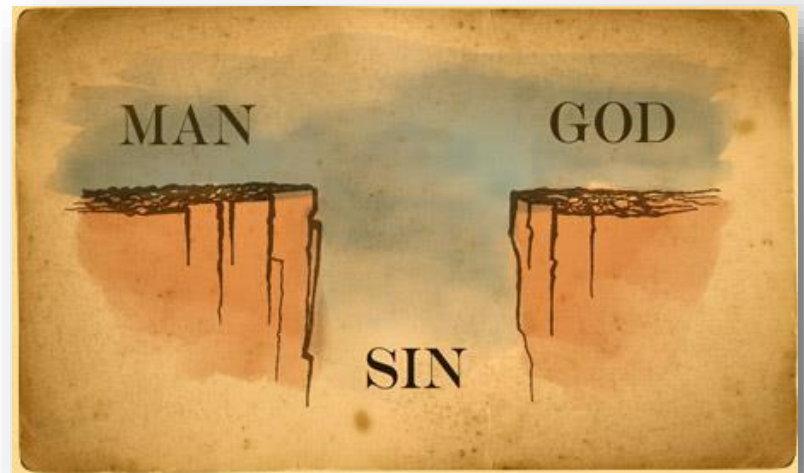
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- **The Liturgical practices and conquering Fear:**
 - The death in Baptism
 - The offering in Fasting
 - Giving from our necessities



The Enemy of Division ⁽¹⁾

- **Forms of Divisions:**
 - Separation from God by sin
 - Conflict between what we desire and what we already have



The Enemy of Division ⁽²⁾

- **Forms of Divisions: (Cont.)**
 - A heart split between love of God and that of the world
 - Competing with others and lack of love towards our neighbors



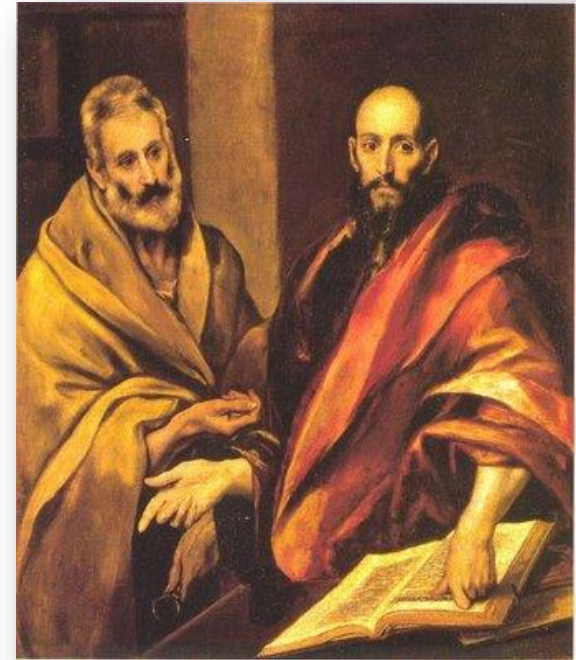
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- **The Way for Peace: UNITY**
- The struggle of Abba Moses the Strong and his confessions 11 times in one night
- The division in Corinth and the unity of mind between Paul and Apollos



The Enemy of Division (4)

- “Now concerning *our* brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time”



1 Corinthians 16:12

The Enemy of Division ⁽⁵⁾

- **The Liturgical practices and conquering Divisions:**
 - Partaking of One Body
 - The holy kiss
 - Repentance and absolutions during the liturgy



The Enemy of Division ⁽⁶⁾

- **The Liturgical practices and conquering Divisions: (Cont.)**
 - The reminder “Do not love the world or the things in the world...”
 - Praying for others: The sick, the travelers, etc.



The Enemy of Confusion ⁽¹⁾

- Confusion is the outcome of a mind not governed by the Spirit of God
- It becomes subject to:
 - Its own logic and rationale
 - Its limitations and continuous change
 - Outside Influences



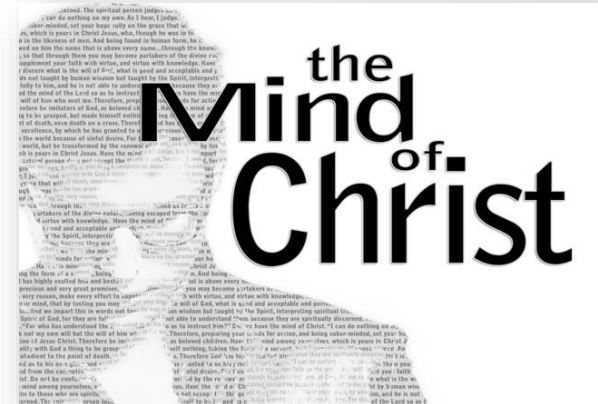
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- “...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting” ***Ephesians 4:14***



The Enemy of Confusion (3)

- **The Way for Peace: The Mind of Christ**
- Favoring Calmness, Learning in submission, and Humility
- The Church: The Pillar and the Foundation of the Truth



The Enemy of Confusion ⁽³⁾

- The example of Noah, Daniel,
and Pope Athanasius



The Enemy of Confusion (4)

- **The Liturgical Practices and Conquering Confusion:**
 - The Faith that was once delivered and confirmed in every liturgy
 - The long prayers and lifting our minds and hearts

