

Romans 10 The Message Bible – “That’s it. You’re not “doing” anything; you’re simply calling out to God, trusting Him to do it for you. That’s salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: “God has set everything right between Him and me.”

Galatians 2 The message Bible – “What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God. That didn’t work. So I quit being a “law” man so I could be God’s man.”

Have you ever seen a prize fighter who had already lost the fight and simply staggers around the ring on rubber legs, accepting blow after blow until the referee has to stop the fight? The wise thing for him to do would be to have fallen down thirty punches ago and save some of the few brain cells that are left. Actually, wisdom would be to never have gotten into the ring in the first place. That is the whole point in God’s giving His Son for us.

I have encountered so many people in the church that never attempt to go deep with the Lord because of the seemingly impossible task of achieving death to their flesh. Whenever they hear the Lord telling them to go deeper, that request, plus all of the other challenges that they are facing is more than they can bear, so they become discouraged or give up completely.

Few understand that all of the combined challenges and trials are being used to bring each of us to the end of ourselves. The Lord wants us to finally admit our inability to accomplish anything spiritual in our own strength. Like the punch drunk fighter in the above paragraph, we take blow after blow while attempting to remain strong enough to take the next hit. Why is it that we can’t understand that the Lord is asking us to stop fighting, and rest in His ability to fight the fight?

Needing to take my gloves off one more time – Jim Corbett