

SOP Support of Biblical Thought at the Chiastic Level

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Written in the style Scripture uses to hide deep themes to the discerning reader, SOP follows the same pattern which lends credence to its authenticity—the lesser light leading to the greater Light.

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- B enables man to resist the tyrant and usurper
 - C whoever is seen to abhor sin instead of loving it
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- A a principle wholly from above

For understanding of this chiasm and how its parts were determined in that order, we need to see the relationship [mirror image concepts] throughout the statement.

The First A statement includes the word “power” and “Christ imparts”. This mirrors the Last A statement as a “principle” that is “from above”. The principle wholly from above is the power of the love of Christ which then in the B statement “enables man to resist” which in the concluding B statement is expressed as “the operation of”. The pinnacle thought, i.e the C statements enhance the B statements further by accentuating what “the power which Christ imparts” accomplishes—a hatred for sin, enabling the man to ‘resist and conquer’ passions which have “held sway within”.

To make the theoretical a practical application, one must just follow the counsel whole heartedly laid out in the apostle Paul’s words found in Colossians 2:6