

Let the Force be with You!

John said, *“No one has ever seen God, the only God, who is at the Father’s side, He has made Him known!”*

Satan had been running through mankind like a hot knife through butter till he met Jesus. John says of Him, *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory; glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* Satan was not just stopped by his confrontation with Jesus; he was destroyed.

God let Jesus face the worst Satan could do without restraint. That is the New Testament story. The worst thing that could happen to the would-be Messiah was to be killed. God allowed Satan power to kill Jesus on the cross.

Instead of destroying God Jesus destroyed the power of death by raising Jesus from the dead.

Satan’s tools were untruth, greed, self-seeking power and unrestrained desire to have your own way accomplished. With these tools Satan manipulated the Jewish leadership into rejecting and killing Jesus. This is the power of failure and destruction in face of the righteousness of God. It is a power all too prevalent even today in our world.

Jesus’ faced this Satanic power with unfailing trust in God’s force—power. And God’s force is the fruit of His Spirit: *“Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* Peter calls it the *“divine nature!”* This is the righteousness of God which we can bring into our lives by living by faith as we trust God’s righteousness—the force!

The Bible emphasizes that the righteousness of God defeats the power of sin every time over and over again. It also reveals finally through Jesus the man that our faith in God is our victory of Satan’s attempts to destroy us.

The righteousness of God is the force that can and wants to be with us. Trust God! Let the Force be with you! ... Milt