

The Believer Must Overcome Self

He who you carry in your own bosom, your daily,
hourly, and ever-present companion, that entwines
himself in nearly every thought of your heart that . . .
sometimes puffs up with pride,
sometimes inflames with lust,
sometimes inflates with presumption, and
sometimes works under feigned humility and fleshly holiness.

God is determined to stain the pride of human glory. He will never let self
(which is but another word for the creature) wear the crown of victory. It
must be crucified, denied, and mortified.

Now this self must be overcome. The way to
overcome self is by looking out of self to Him
who was crucified upon Calvary's tree – to receive
His image into your heart – to be clothed with His
likeness – to drink into His spirit – and “receive out
of His fullness grace for grace.”

-J.C. Philpot