

THE NEW CREATION

When we see a beautiful fruit tree and partake of its wonderful fruits we are filled with gratitude for the farmer that has taken such good care of this tree. But, yet, we see no great mystery in the tree producing its sweet fruit, in fact, we give little, or no concern to it at all.

We accept the fact that a life force is in the tree, so that naturally the tree takes nutrients from the soil, and its leaves change sunlight into photosynthesis. We know instinctively that four seasons will occur, and provide what the tree needs in the way of water, sunlight, and cold, for its protection and growth.

The life force in the tree has one purpose to drive, and adapt the tree to its environment, so it may produce good fruit. But the life force does not produce the sunlight, or the water, nor the soil. Neither does it produce the farmer to tend, and take care of the tree needs. Moreover, the life force in the tree does not worry in anxious care about these matters, which things are out of its control, that is, conditions it will need for it to become fully mature, and produce its fruits, no!

The fruit tree will naturally adapt to environmental changes such as drought, and it will naturally take advantage of good conditions, it has all that it needs within its own life force. So we may say the tree can rest in its own life force to produce the fruits it was created to produce, can we not? Does the tree produce faith in the God providing that other factors outside of its life force will be there, so it may grow into a mature tree producing good fruit, or does it rest in its own life force, given it as a free gift of life from God?

Not A Thinking Tree

Of course we know the tree does not think like we humans do, but it lives within its own life force producing naturally what the life force

drives it to produce. We humans simply accept this as truth, we don't imagine the tree wring its branches saying: "What if God forgets the season, who will take care of me, what if, some one does not tend to my branches, pruning them so I may produce the best fruit".

No we just could not imagine such a thing, nor could we imagine the tree blaming God if a season was a bad one, or the tree was deserted and left to itself with no one to prune its branches. The life force within the tree would adapt to preserve the life of the tree through bad season. But we humans can imagine not trusting God, living in fear of God not providing for us in hard times.

When we look at the world and the problems of the world we know people have been left to die without help of others, forcing us too obtaining things through self-preservation. These fears then are brought into Christianity creating a host of doctrinal thoughts about self-preservation, but how can we justify such thinking when Christ Jesus tells us:

Matt.6:26 See the birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them.

Aren't you of much more value than they?

6:27 "Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment{literally, cubit} to his lifespan?"

6:28 Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin,

6:29 yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.

6:30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?

6:31 "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?'

Worthy of God's Care?

Faith and love based on law is terrifying, but what does that mean? It means that if our faith is based on performing some rule or law

consistently each and every time we will hardly ever be good enough for God take care of us. Thus, we must take Christ Jesus words above, and apply them with human logic so we have a back-up just in case, where we fail one day in not following some doctrine, law, or rule perfectly we fear God will not take care of us.

Matthew 6:28 Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin,

So then the truth of Christ words become little more than human efforts where we are no different than the world, we just use Christ Jesus words to justify our actions. We have all done that, and we all know Christian's that are just like, when it comes to pursuing worldly material things. Their driven just as much as the world, justifying their lust for material gain as a law or rule mandating them to be a good Stewart of God's gifts too them.

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You aren't able to serve God and mammon{"Mammon" refers to riches or a false god of wealth.}."

In other words, if they actually put faith in Christ Jesus words above they would not receive the material things in life their hearts desired. Often times they use the same ruthless tact's as the world in dealing with brothers and sisters of their faith, once again justifying these tact's with God's word the bible.

James 5:1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming on you.

The question is, do we make ourselves worthy of God's care as a Christian's? Well let us return to the analogy at the start of this document regarding the fruit tree, the life force within the tree causes it to naturally grow into what it was created to be, a fruit tree. But do Christian's have a life force in them so they naturally produce fruits of God?

The Good Tree

If we as Christian's have a life force in us, is it ours own, or is it someone else? That seems like a strange question, but it is not if your are in Christ Jesus, often times we as Christian's use words almost like a parrot, repeating the doctrines we have been taught in our group, those words may, or may not be biblical words, yet we uses them as though they are. Not surprisingly we are sometimes left disappointed when our faith is tested in some way, and find those words repeated over the years had nothing to do with the reality of our faith in Christ Jesus.

Rom.8:11 But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

First let us say that Christ Jesus is the good fruit tree, it is his life force that makes us grow into mature Christian's, however, most Christian's don't really believe this is true, they repeat words like being in Christ Jesus and so on, but they are only doctrinal thoughts, with little or no heart felt meaning too them.

We as Christian's are actually a part of the body of Christ Jesus, moreover, we have been grafted into God's tree which is Christ Jesus, furthermore, if we are walking in spirit and truth then we are doing the will of the head of the body, Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, isn't it a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, isn't it a sharing of the body of Christ?

In this condition all that we need for life as a spiritual person is supplied too us by the tree Christ Jesus.

Matt. 7:17 Even so, every good tree produces good fruit; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit.

7:18 A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit.

John 15:5 I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Romans 11:16 If the first fruit is holy, so is the lump. If the root is holy, so are the branches.

Romans 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and became partaker with them of the root and of the richness of the olive tree;

Romans 11:18 don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you.

Wringing our hands about our spiritual growth is as foolish as a physical tree worrying about it's growth. Neither does any good, one must wait on the life force to push us into new growth.

Isaiah 30:15 For thus said the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, "You will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence." You refused,

Seasons of Growth

Christian's experience different season's of growth, and for laying dormant, but none of these seasons are brought on by chance, or our own self-will.

***1Cor.10:1 Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
10:2 and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food;
10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.***

1Cor.10:11 Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Matthew 21:34 When the season for the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the farmers, to receive his fruit.

Nor can we predict how long the season will last, and what it will bring into our lives for good or bad, what we do know is all that we need to go through the season of testing, or blessing, will be supplied too us by the good tree of Christ Jesus.

Col.1:16 For by him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and for him.

1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things are held together.

1:18 He is the head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

1:19 For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him.

Growth by Tribulation

We as Christian's go through seasons of testing, some of these are great while others are not, but in them we are being pushed into growth, what does this mean. It means in tribulation Christ Jesus is being formed in us more and more. Although we may not see this a producing good fruit on our branches, it is the only way the tree grows, into the personality of Christ Jesus.

1Pet.3:18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

1Pet.4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin;

4:2 that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

1Pet. 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you{TR reads "us" instead of "you"} an example, that you should follow his steps.

1Pet.4:12 Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you.

4:13 But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy.

Darkness and Light

Christian's must understand that in all living things, darkness is as important as light to life, for the full mature growth of us spiritually. Although we have the light of Christ Jesus in us, and because we are a part of his spiritual body, and he is the light of the world, we still must experience darkness in our growth.

Genesis 1:4 God saw the light, and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. There was evening and there was morning, one day.

Genesis 1:18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good.

These periods of darkness some times make us feel like a blind person groping to find a wall, in this darkness, comes great fear, and self-examination. We doubt God and ourselves, but most often we do this because we hold doctrinal ideas that are not part of the Christ Jesus.

These falsely held doctrinal ideas are fleshly views which causes us to distrust God, and/or rely upon our own will, instead of trusting in the life force in us. We cannot fully trust God and Christ Jesus if we are not walking in spirit and truth, but spiritual truths are not based on physical things, suffering is the only thing that removes the material/fleshly thoughts from our spirit, by the spirit of Christ Jesus working in us so we may walk in truth.

When we find ourselves in fleshly thoughts, based on judgments producing fear, we are in darkness no matter how insistently we may believe we are not. In these times of darkness, we must see how utterly harmful our fleshly thoughts are to God will in perfecting our faith in love.

Isaiah 42:16 I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know. I will lead them in paths that they don't know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them.

Isaiah 42:19 Who is blind, but my servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as blind as Yahweh's servant?

Isaiah 59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as those who have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among those who are lusty we are as dead men.

2 Peter 1:19 We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts:

Our God is a mighty God who created both darkness and light for life, fear of judgment is a darkness of our own judgments against others, moreover, when we judge others we find that we judge ourselves, because man is created in God's image God is the only rightful judge of us. Mankind cannot be judged perfectly from law alone, they must be judged from love, because we are not love, but we were created in love, thus we are not able too rightly judge matters of the God of love.

We must always remember God created both light and darkness, but He did not create spiritual darkness, spiritual darkness is from mankind's sin, humans create spiritual darkness, so they fear God's judgment by His righteous law. In these seasons of darkness we find in our spiritual growth that they are as important as seasons of light, why? Because we find ourselves in darkness by sinful thought, or wrongly held view of God with no light from God's direction, in this state it causes us a loss of peace, and security with God, although, God has not left us, we have left Him by our own sins. This darkness makes us feel very much alone without God's love.

1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we discerned ourselves, we wouldn't be judged.

1 Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are punished by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Mark 11:13 Seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came to see if perhaps he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

As a tree experiences a season of darkness so that the life force of the tree withdraws into the root system far under ground, so it is not damaged by the cold of darkness, we find ourselves without God abundant Holy Spirit in us during seasons of darkness, which causes our fleshly thoughts and sin to overcome us. This in turn, causes us much fear knowing we are sinning against God. But let none of us be fooled here, God is not evil, there is only good and light coming down to His Children of undeserved kindness.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

1:14 But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.

1:15 Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.

1:16 Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers.

1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.

1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Faith During Darkness

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When we are blind we must put faith in God to help us back into the light, there is no other way, it is the same as a person having their sight restored too them by Jesus Christ. Our spiritual sight is greater than our physical sight, Christ must restore our spiritual sight. He does so after the season of darkness moves once again into longer days of spring, slowly our sight is restored, by the increasing light of Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit is increased to us, where our own self-will, and thoughts starts residing; Christ life in us takes over, putting too death the works of our fleshly mind, this in turn give us more faith, why? Because faith is one of the gifts of the good tree that comes too us through Christ Jesus as a body members.

Gal. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh.

5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.

Romans 1:17 For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith." {Habakkuk 2:4}

Romans 10:17 So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he

ought to think; but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.

As a good fruit tree has so little control over its environment, so we as Christians have so little control outside of the life force of the body of Christ Jesus. It is our lack of faith in God's good provision in Jesus Christ that brings us into darkness within our lives.

Romans 5:1 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Resting in Christ Jesus Life Force

When we as Christians think of resting in Christ Jesus it can take on many meanings depending upon the religion we are in. It means to some, doing as much as they can as to what they think is God's will, this too then, is resting in God's Sabbath day, which is Christ Jesus for us.

Hebrews 4:9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

But is resting than work? No actually it is not, the fruit tree rests in all seasons in the life force created in it. Frankly, it has no choice in the matter, it cannot move itself to another environment, or prune itself, nor produce fruit outside of its season for fruit, it rests completely in what it was created for.

But what are Christians created for? Well, we are created new for God's will, God's will for us is Christ Jesus and the works of his body. The works of the body of Christ Jesus are spiritual works, and not physical works, spiritual works require the fruitage from God Holy Spirit to perform them.

Gal.5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, {or, faithfulness}

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

What does it mean for a Christian's to rest in Christ Jesus then?

One, it means to trust in God's provision in Christ Jesus as our good tree, and, two, it means not justifying ourselves by good works. Still the latter is so hard for a fleshly person to truly grasp, but why?

So let us remember, a fruit tree cannot justify itself, how can a fruit tree justify that it is a tree, the good fruits proves it is a good tree, words do not matter, now do they? But humans are forced to justify themselves constantly in this world by many words, that is, their good works, are not naturally a part of them, so they must prove themselves by making themselves do the right thing. This is because of our sinful state past on too us by Adam.

Heb.4:10 For he who has entered into his rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from his.

4:11 Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience.

Galatians 3:2 I just want to learn this from you. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith?

As humans we waste huge amounts of our time and energy convincing others to trust us, or believe in us, or that we are honest, and so on... But a good tree is justified by its fruits, not by its words. So how are we as Christian's justified?

Justified by Faith

We are justified by our faith, and not our good works, but this sounds wrong, didn't we just say that a good fruit tree is justified by it's fruit? Yes, we did, but who's fruit, and who's work are we as Christian's justified in, our own, or Christ Jesus the good tree as the producer of our fruit?

Our faith justify us when we trust in Christ Jesus the good tree, that is, we put faith in Christ Jesus good works in us. We rest in Christ Jesus good works and not our own. Just like the fruit tree rest in its life force so we must put faith in Christ Jesus as our life force working in us that he will supply us all that we need to produce works of the Holy Spirit from God in us.

1 Corinthians 2:5 that your faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or don't you know as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

Ephesians 2:8 for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

Trusting in Eternal Life

When does the fruit tree receive it's life force? Well we would assume it is found in the seed that started its growth, it does not have to wait until it is an old enough, or as a dying tree to receive it's life force, no! It would have never exist as a tree in the first place.

However, most Christian's are waiting until they die to received the gift of eternal life, yet the life force they are in is eternal life, which is Jesus Christ eternal life, right now, how can we be a part of the tree of Christ Jesus, and not have his eternal life in us?

Luke 18:30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world to come, eternal life."

John 3:15 that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:36 One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys{The same word can be translated "disobeys" or "disbelieves" in this context.} the Son won't see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Jesus was the seed of eternal life, there are not many seeds, but one, there are not many fruit trees of eternal life, there is one tree. We are a part of the seed that grew into the tree of eternal life that Adam and Eve were forbidden to partake of.

Gen.3:22 Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, lest he put forth his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever..."

3:23 Therefore Yahweh God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed Cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He doesn't say, "To seeds," as of many, but as of one, "To your seed,"{Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 24:7} which is Christ.

Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous.

Romans 12:4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members don't have the same function.

Romans 12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

When Does a Tree Become a Tree?

We would say a tree is always a tree, but in different stages of life, however, do we understand when a Christian becomes a Christian? Let's put it another way, when does a Christian become part of the good tree of Christ Jesus? When they become a Christian, they are born again into the body of Christ Jesus, but there are many stages of growth in the life of Christ Jesus for a Christian to become a mature branch giving forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

So not producing fruit immediately does not make a Christian not a Christian, no more so than a branch on the tree not yet producing fruit, not a branch, or not a part of the tree, what does this mean? It means we cannot judge a branch for not having fruit, how can we as a branch on the same tree make another branch produce fruit, certainly not by our own judgments? Moreover, how could we rightly judge a branch, if we are a branch ourselves? And how can we produce fruits of the Holy Spirit in love, and yet, judge others without love, when we are told there is no judgment in love?

So we must wait upon the life force of the tree to produce the fruits on the branch, we must live in peace and love allowing God through the good tree Jesus Christ to make such judgment regarding his own body.

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each man will get his praise from God.

1 Corinthians 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment. Yes, I don't judge my own self.

Luke 6:37 Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Set free, and you will be set free.

***John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.
15:2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away.
Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more
fruit.***

The Tree of Good and Evil

All of us as a sinful human have the Tree of Good and Evil in us, but as Christian's in Christ Jesus we only partake of the Tree of life, which is Good tree without sin. This is why Christian's must come to the understanding that only good come from our heaven Father of lights in Jesus Christ, but if we are under sins law this statements is not true. So under law we find darkness is in us, but there is no darkness in Christ Jesus the light of God, but why?

It is because we are all born with the Tree of Good and Evil in us, which tree of good and evil is a judgment tree, a tree that when we partake of its fruits, we die too the life of Christ Jesus in us.

Why is this true? Because there are no fruits of sins law on the good tree Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is the tree of love, yes, God's love, so he is the tree of love, which is eternal life because of its fruits of the law of love. But what does this mean in real terms for Christian's? It means our judgments of sins law, which comes from the tree of good and evil in us, is not from Christ Jesus.

Which simply means we choose to judge like God who is, and who is not worthy of eternal life. Wherein all in Jesus Christ have received the gift or taste of eternal life from being grafted into the Good tree without God's judgment against them by sins law. Those judgments of good and evil, our own, which come back on us, so we are judged by the same standard, we judge others by, but why?

Because God is not partial under His righteous law, where sinning brings death, and we are all sinners, so we all receive death by our sins. Which makes the tree of good and evil a law tree demanding righteous justice. So by what ever means we choose to judge others, we are actually

judging them as less than worthy of partaken of the good tree of Christ Jesus. In these judgments we find fear in darkness, because our God is a just and fair God, He does not pervert judgment like men do, we can not judge others without the same judgment coming upon us, which only proves we are not in love, or we are not judging others by the law of love. Instead we choose for God to love us and judge us in His love and kindness, while on the other hand, we chose to judge others by the tree of good and evil, demanding justice.

Simplifying this one step further, God removed the Law of Judgment for all in the human race, if they choose by faith to know Him, so when we judge we no longer judge by God's law abolished, but instead by our interpretation of our righteousness, which may be influenced by God's law. So then it is our own judgment and not God's that come upon us.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had testimony given to him that he was righteous, God testifying with respect to his gifts; and through it he, being dead, still speaks.

1 John 3:12 unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in Korah's rebellion.

Romans 4:15 For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.

Thus, by the life force in us, is a new life force, not of our own will, but of the will of God, we have been literally made into a New Creation. We are taken out of the Tree of Good and Evil and grafted into a New Tree of Life and Love, which is eternal life, by this life force of the tree Jesus Christ we live and judge in love.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

Removing the Tree of Good and Evil

We may contend, saying, “but Christian's still sin, so we cannot remove the tree of Good and Evil in humans.” Yes, that is a truth, we cannot say we do not sin, and be in the truth of God. But we can say, “God has removed the Law convicting us of sin in Christ Jesus”.

What does that mean in simple terms? It simply means the Law against sinning has been removed. We may liken this to removing a Stop Sign where the highest authority of the land removes the Stop Sign, so that no one can any longer be convicted of running the intersection. We may still stop or drive right through the intersection, but it takes the law of the land to convict us of breaking the law, if the State removes the law, then there is no breaking of the law, the law no longer exist.

We as human cannot stop eating from the tree of Good and Evil, what God has done is remove the law convicting us and condemning us to death for eating of its fruits. How has He done that? He sent His Son Christ Jesus to remove the tree of Good and Evil, by grafting us into the New Tree of Eternal life, which is Jesus Christ, which has no Stop Sign of Law against him, in God's love, and he is God's love too us.

Completing the Law

The righteous life force of Jesus Christ, that is, the life force is found in the blood, Christ Jesus gave his life force to complete the contract with mankind for the Law. Christ Jesus sealed the deal, removing the law and its condemnation of us, by giving up his own life force. Thus, the conviction of the Stop is gone, forever!

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

So we have no sin in Christ Jesus the Tree of Eternal life, we have his life
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force in us, by our being made a part of his life force, which has been resurrected into the spiritual heavens where Jesus came from. We now must contract with God in a New Contract of love. The Old Law does not control the Tree of Eternal life, because the highest authority of the heavens and earth, God Almighty removed the Law of the land. Where there is no law, neither is their conviction of sin, sin is missing the mark of love, so the law convicts us of not living in love. Now that we know the truth of our fallen condition, bring back the law, or adding more law does not make us live up to love, now does it?

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

So it requires us to live in love showing love to others and ourselves, in fact, it is the only way we bring a person to the understanding of love. Guilty and condemnation has never made a person love someone from their heart; a person will take some guilt ,and condemnation if they love the person, but they simply put they will not take it for long if they don't love the person.

This is why we as human have the tree of Good and Evil in us, we have both love and judgment, so that we are forced by our own good and evil to define God's love as good and evil as well, causing us much darkness and fear of God's judgment.

Romans 13:10 Love doesn't harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

So let us define evil at this point, the only way a Christian can define evil is by God's righteous law, which defines evil as sin, that is, all sin is death, and death to God is evil. Death is an enemy of God also, one that He will bring to an end by Christ Jesus Kingdom.

So the tree of Good and Evil is the law of sin and death and the law of love, we human naturally pervert God's law of love because we our sinners. Thus, as human beings with sin we cannot know the God of love, we simply cannot come to know Him because our very nature causes us to misjudge Him as Good and Evil.

A Spiritual Law That Never Fails

Let us define the difference between a “spiritual law” and “sins law” this is a most difficult thought for Christian's to understand. God is controlled by spiritual law which is love, while sinful human are control by sins laws.

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Sins laws can be any human law used to control and protect human society from business, politics ,and religion. But God also gave human His perfect righteous Law through Moses too the community of Jews, the nation of Israel.

The Law of God too Israel, laid out, in terms of sins laws, how mankind should live at peace with God and his neighbors, but it was not the law of love. God Law showed the failure of mankind to naturally live up to love among themselves. It did not as many believe including Christians condone mankind conduct, justifying them as righteousness if they keep the law.

Hebrews 7:19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 10:1 For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near.

So we find, if mankind could have lived up to the law, there would have been no need for animal blood sacrifice in covering the nation Israel, and individual within the nation for their sin. Thus, proving beyond a shadow

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of a doubt they could not live up to the standards of perfect law of God. However, when mankind creates laws we find most humans can comfortably live up to them with little or no thought, unless we choose to be deliberate law breakers and harden our hearts into a course of evil.

On the other hand, mankind could not comfortably live up to God's law without real effort, and self-control, but even and this they are still sinners and fall short of the glory of God, which is Christ Jesus. But why?

Because the tree of Good and Evil in us roots run deep into the human mind, heart, and soul, which is sins law and human love, so that the grain of the tree is found to be both Good and Evil. These two quality essentially makes each of us a god onto themselves. Each one of us has the quality of God's imagine in us, while at the same time quality of sin law.

Rom.3:10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one.

3:11 There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God.

3:12 They have all turned aside. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, no, not, so much as one."{Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20}

3:13 "Their throat is an open tomb. With their tongues they have used deceit."{Psalm 5:9} ***"The poison of vipers is under their lips;"***{Psalm 140:3}

3:14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."{Psalm 10:7}

3:15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood.

3:16 Destruction and misery are in their ways.

3:17 The way of peace, they haven't known."{Isaiah 59:7-8}

In this condition we judge, both good and evil, and we humans have built all within our world as gods' in good and evil. In other words, each person can judge their life, how they would live it by good and evil, and what conditions controls their life through their own judgments.

Mankind does not live fully in love, no does he live fully in sin, or evil, we a combination of both condition.

The fruits from our tree according to God is death, where nothing from

the fruits of our tree can give mankind eternal life, such fruit must come from the tree of everlasting life. Thus, mankind is found in this condition of death, but because of the condition of love in us, we fail to see the seriousness of our failed condition of sin. That is, we blind ourselves by the our good fruit we produce from the condition of love.

Here is the turning point for all human creation; in order for God too fix this misconception He gave Moses the Law, although this law was good and righteous, it could not be meant by the human race. It marked out for each person a measuring line to judge themselves against, proving by God's standards, and not their own, they could not by their own good works produce the fruits of eternal life. Every nation of humans to have ever lived on earth have tried through various forms of religion to produce the fruits found and the tree of life.

Whereby through their own good works human could gain eternal life. Thus, all the laws of mankind are, but sins law, found on the tree of good and evil producing death. These laws all of them do both good and evil, just like the hearts of those who created them, but they are not life! *(When we state life here we mean eternal life.)*

However, we must remember in God's spiritual world, it is controlled by spiritual law that never fails, which is love, the question remains, how would God bring these two conditions into one condition of love's law when mankind could live without the judgment of good and evil condemning him too death so he might partake of the tree of eternal life?

The Shadow of The Tree to Reality

God has progressively moved mankind from a shadow into a reality of His love. Because the light of God's law of love is blinding to the human race, although we believe because we are created in God's imagine, that is, having the quality of love in us, we can understand God of love, and judge it correct, but we cannot. God's loves is the highest standards in the universe creating life and sustaining eternal life Thus, if we could taste such life, or love, we would know our real fallen condition as part of the tree of good and evil.

Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hidden, except that it should be made known; neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light.

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome{The word translated "overcome" (katelaben) can also be translated "comprehended." It refers to getting a grip on an enemy to defeat him.} it.

God choose to send mankind the living example of His own love, through the person of Jesus Christ. Here mankind would be forced to see without doubt the true condition of sin. They would also be forced to see the truth God had spoken from the beginning of mankind sin, which was, there exist a war between God's seed controlled by the law of love, and mankind seed, controlled by the laws of sin.

Gen.3:14 Yahweh God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."

Mankind, up too this point could fool himself, into believing the good in him was good enough to please God righteous requirements for eternal life; that he was worthy enough by his own righteous acts to gain eternal life with God. In other words, his good works performed towards other humans beings justified his bad works in sin, or the evil fruits in him, before God, which is sin, missing the mark of love.

However, as history testifies that the nation given God's Law through Moses killed the love of God, Jesus Christ, proving the two trees were incompatible. Just as God had spoken, one tree producing death, while the other produced life, but the two could not coexist without killing the other.

The death of Jesus Christ ended controversy, and completed the true

condition of mankind, no longer could mankind state his good was good enough to earn him everlasting life with God. No longer could he fool himself that the good and evil in him was an acceptable form of worship too God. Mankind stood condemned by God righteous Law, now confirmed by killing the Son of God, that is, by misjudging the Son of God's by God's righteous laws.

This perversion of good, and evil, only proved beyond a shadow of doubt that mankind could not judge good and evil correctly, and this judgment against that which was perfectly righteous, the Son of God, stood as everlasting proof why mankind is deserving of death through Adam's sin, by the righteous standards of God's laws.

At the death of Jesus Christ the heaven grew dark, and the earth shook! Would God bring destruction upon the whole human race for the death of His Son or would He show love for them?

Changing the Heavens and Earth

The nation of Israel had blinded themselves by the very law of God, believing their decision to murder the Son of God was righteous. The heavens and the earth testified against them. The heavens over Israel darkened and the ground or earth under their feet shook at the death of the Son of God, no blessings came upon the nation for such an evil decision. The nation stood in defeat by the very God they claimed to worship.

John 12:40 "He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and would turn, and I would heal them."{Isaiah 6:10}

2 Corinthians 4:4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them.

1 John 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

How could the teachers of God's law be so misled? They were misled and blinded by the tree of good and evil in them, they believed like all human have believed they could judge correctly, and know God by sins laws. However, the testimony of the physical earth stood against them, in making the gravest mistake of the human race, that is, in killing the Son of God.

John 12:35 Jesus therefore said to them, "Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness doesn't overtake you. He who walks in the darkness doesn't know where he is going."

Luke 23:44 It was now about the sixth hour{Time was counted from sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.}, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.{3:00 PM}

Matthew 27:54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God."

We should pause here for a moment and reflect on our own condition, and asks; "How do I judge? Can I as a human judge in the law of love?" The Jews believed with zeal they could because they were taught by the law of God. What they found was the truth of God's word to Adam and Eve, that enmity existed between God's seed and those of Satan the Devil, which is the human race under sin.

Romans 2:19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness.

The Jews firmly believed they were children of Abraham and their judgment came through the Law of Moses, was God's light to their nation, yet, they found, they could not judge love correctly. In fact their judgment of God's love to them was evil, judged by sins law, and not God's spiritual law of love.

Romans 4:15 For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.

The question remains would God now end the world of mankind for such a great sin against Him? No! God would not, He returned good for evil, God turned the other cheek, God gave His outer garment and also gave up his inner one. God also did good too those persecuting Him. Thus, God acted on the law of love, instead of acting on the righteous law He had given to Moses demanding an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, life for life.

What God did for the human race in His love was changed the very heavens and earth over the nation of Israel, which affected all the world every since. He removed the Law of Moses, this powerful, and righteous law was the nation heavens, ruling power, and the control over their society of the Jewish community where they live on earth.

Matt.5:18 For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter{literally, iota} or one tiny pen stroke{or, serif} shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

Romans 2:13 For it isn't the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified

Romans 3:20 Because by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Yes, God replaced the righteousness of the Old Law, with Christ Jesus righteousness. Now all those wanting to partake of the tree of life, Jesus could do so, under the law of love.

Uprooting the Tree of Good and Evil

Does the tree of Good and Evil still exist? Well, yes and no! In God's judgment the Tree of Good and Evil was uprooted by the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. It was set aside, completed, sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ.

***Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition,
2:15 having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace;
2:16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility thereby.***

However, if mankind refused to accept in faith Jesus Christ as the completion of God's judgment against them, then in their own hearts they can continual to used the righteous Law of God given to Moses. But the righteous Law of Moses is no greater or better then any other of mankind laws for human sin, they just condemn, expose mankind's to his true condition, declaring God is righteous in our sins, where we cannot be made righteous even by lesser laws. No matter what form of rule of law we makes as the human race we find sin, and sin produces the fruits of death.

Romans 8:7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be.

Romans 3:28 We maintain therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Romans 2:23 You who glory in the law, through your disobedience of the law do you dishonor God?

Romans 2:14 (for when Gentiles who don't have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves,

Romans 2:15 in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts

among themselves accusing or else excusing them)

Faith In The Tree of Life

The question is can we as human's living in sin, judge by love and sin, and still believe God has removed His judgment of us by His righteous law? The truth is no we cannot without God's help. God must draw us, and teach us His ways, He does this when we humble ourselves in our condition of good and evil and turn to Him earnestly.

This act, is an act of faith, this one little step start us onto a road into recovery of sin and death. Once again let us be reminded that sin is missing the mark of love. Missing the mark of love, bring us into sin and death where human sin comes from., sin is darkness, and it is evil because it is opposed to life.

1 John 2:9 He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now.

2:10 He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him.

2:11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

God is life, immortal life, and He is incorruptible life because He is love, He is not love and evil, or love and sin, but perfect love. There is no darkness of sin in God, thus, He does not change and let laws of sin overrule His love for the human race.

Human on the other hand, do let the laws of the land, and God overrule their love for one others. They have both darkness and light in them, causing them to judge others by law. But all their judgments are death to them.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother remains in death.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and
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*everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.
1 John 4:8 He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God is love.*

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:19 We love Him, because he first loved us.

The only way out of death for the human race is to be grafted into the Tree of life, which is Jesus Christ. We cannot be grafted into the Tree of Life by our own good works. This means our own good works come from our judgments of what is good and evil, but our judgments are not God's judgments at all. The Tree of Good and Evil has been uprooted and tossed into the sea, in Jesus Christ. The only way out of death is by our putting faith in the Good tree of Life Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:16 yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law.

Putting the Tree of Good and Evil to Death

There is no human way we can put to death the Tree of Good and Evil in us, accept by faith, what does this mean? It mean that by trusting in

God, that is, putting faith in His removal of our judgment by the Old Law or for that matter any of sins law, we can partake of the tree of life in Jesus Christ.

This is why Christians are said to be in Christ Jesus, not in themselves, thus, a tree either produces good fruit or bad fruit, but not both at the same time. If you are in yourself you are a tree, on your own branches will be found the fruits of you heart. If you are a sinner you produce fruits of sins law, which is death, and the godly quality of love.

Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is

exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?

17:10 I, Yahweh, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

On the other hand, if you are found in Christ Jesus, it is his life force producing good fruits on his own branches, not your own, which mean his fruits are treasures, and are eternal life stored in heaven waiting for us.

Romans 5:10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

Romans 5:17 For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; so much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:21 that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But we must remember our tree of Good and Evil must be put too death, before we can become a part of the Good Tree Jesus Christ. But how does this happen?

Romans 6:4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism to death, that just like Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

This happen when we accept the life of Christ Jesus, and his law of love into our lives. Because Jesus died and was resurrected into spiritual life in heaven, he completed all sins laws against us, that is, no one on earth can convict Jesus Christ of sins laws because he is eternal life, and in eternal life there is no sin or the need for it to by control laws of sin.

1 Peter 3:18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Thus, Christ Jesus righteousness exceeded the the Old Law, and all other laws of sin, but how? Simply put, his love, and faith went beyond the requirements of the the law; completing, and sealing the contract of the Old Law forever. Now the heavens over us, that is, if we accept Jesus

Christ righteousness, and our earth, letting the rule of love God control our hearts, we are then found in Christ Jesus righteousness. So we die in Christ Jesus according to our sin judged against by sins law, that is, they no longer exist in Christ Jesus as eternal life. As such we are raised with him into the spiritual heavens where there is but one law, and that is the law of love. We are dead to the sin law, but how. Jesus removed the laws of sin over us replacing them with the law of love. Although we still have sin we are not given the conviction of our sin, which is death, we are given the life of Christ Jesus, which is eternal life.

Now we can stay in Jesus Christ by our faith and trust in God's love, we are in life, the life force of the good tree, Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not give false testimony," "You shall not covet,"{TR adds "You shall not give false testimony,"}{Exodus 20:13-15,17; Deuteronomy 5:17-19,21} and whatever other commandments there are, are all

summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."{Leviticus 19:18}

1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:22 If any man doesn't love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed{Greek: anathema.}. Come, Lord!{Aramaic: Maranatha!}

Ephesians 3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

Being Thankful in God's Love

We have many good gifts of God's Spirit flowing too us in the good tree of life Jesus Christ. But our being thankful is so important to our staying in God's greatest gift every given to mankind by His love, which is undeserved in kindness. It is by the fruitage of thankfulness found upon the tree of Christ Jesus that we walk in the spirit of God's love.

None of us can boast in ourselves all that is given too us is because of Christ Jesus and his righteousness God has given too us by His undeserved kindness. So contrary is this gift to human reasoning that when we are allowed to understand it, it becomes so powerful in the force of Christ Jesus life in us that nothing can separated us from God's love. This powerful gift of God's love to the human race has confounded, and defeated all enemies of life. Thus, there is nothing within the tree of Good and Evil or its fruits of sin, darkness, and death that can take credit for the good tree of Christ Jesus, accept by God's gift undeserved kindness.

Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God created a New Creation in Christ Jesus defeating all darkness on earth (darkness in this case human sin, and those causing it including rebellious spirit person). No human being or angel could have ever imagine God returning love of evil, replacing His righteous law, which demanding justice by death, instead complete light in loves law, and forgiveness of our sins.

Even in today's world where religion is found in every corner of our world, we still find people living by the Tree of Good and Evil, claiming their good works as worthy of everlasting life with God. The laws of sin hold people in ignorance and self-will. Holding them so tight to works of laws, while diluting themselves with words of love, or God's law of love, and, yet, practicing unrighteousness by sins laws, it makes the heart cry for understanding of truth and love.

Ignorance in not realizing that no other righteousness is accept in the tree of life, but Christ Jesus righteousness, as the Tree of Life, they go on justifying themselves with false religious doctrines.

So the fruits of thankfulness is a must for Christian's to stay in Christ Jesus and help others to come to the proper understanding of God, and Christ Jesus, We as God's children can teach nothing, but the Christ and God's undeserved kindness too others, or they will lack thankfulness for the gift of God's love. We can only do that by living in loves law, and we ourselves walking in Christ Jesus humility.

1 Corinthians 10:30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced for that for which I give thanks?

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Romans 11:18 don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you.

Receiving The Gift of Christ Jesus Humlity

When we are able to see ourselves in the proper context of Christ Jesus righteousness, we have then received the humility of Christ in us as a branch on the true vine.

We are not independent rogues, found in the world of self-made person, we are part of something we have received by God's kindness and is totally undeserved. Our faith, our life, our goodness, our kindness, our
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love, our loyalty and much more are gifts given to us by the life force of the tree of life, Jesus Christ. We are feed and pruned by the Holy Spirit, we are disciplined by God's love, and protected and feed daily by God's promises too us. We have one i will in the tree and that is found in our head Jesus Christ. We were not created for our own glory, no! We have no glory in pride, we have no glory in personal accomplishment out side of our life in the tree of life.

We live and breathe for God's and His glory in Christ Jesus. Where not created new to make a name for ourselves, were will find ourselves in death laws of sin, and promoted it too others

If we live, we live to Jehovah, and if we die we die too God,so that in all things God will be glorified in the body of Christ Jesus. Each one of us must rest in Christ Jesus justification of us, it is his righteousness God has imputed too us, and not our own.

2 Corinthians 12:6 For if I would desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no man may think more of me than that which he sees in me, or hears from me.

Philippians 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Resting In God's Love Summation

Many fleshly Christian's would find resting in God's love a sin, they would declare; “we have to do something to prove we our God's children, we must produce fruit”. Yes, they would deny the very words of Christ Jesus when he said; “a good tree cannot produce bad fruit.” Producing fruit is not negative, it is, in fact, a positive action coming from the life force of the tree, which has Lived and grown through many seasons of testing and blessings producing good in our lives. Suffering in Christ Jesus is doing something, is it not? A person cannot be in Christ Jesus and do nothing, Christ Jesus is the source of life producing fruits of love by

God's Holy spirit. But let us remember we are not serving words, we are serving the living Word of God, Christ Jesus. There is a huge difference in the two, words are often repeated wherein they deceive our own heart.

James 1:26 If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn't bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Anyone can say and repeat words, some little children talk like adults about serious subject, this might impress us, but when reality take over we do not want the same child making important decision about life for us, now do we?

Living in Christ the living Word, is not a word repeated by some religious doctrine, it is the full scope of Christ Jesus life in us, producing a force for good towards others. His life forces, pushes us into too growth. Our sinful flesh, causes us a constant state of testing and refinement. We are in spiritual terms, put to death each day like sheep being lead to the slaughter by the battle between flesh and spirit or sins law and loves law.

Rom.8:6 For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;

8:7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be.

8:8 Those who are in the flesh can't please God.

Rom.8:11 But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Rom.8:17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him.

Rom.8:36 Even as it is written, "For your sake we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter." {Psalm 44:22}

The process of living in Christ Jesus is defined in words written in the bible, but those words are not the living Word of God Christ Jesus the King of Eternity, nor have they become truth and spirit. They only become living words when we become a part of the Word of God in the spiritual heavens. Many Christian's are so law bound, that any freedom of Holy Spirit in defining God by living faith is almost impossible. The law present everything in Christian's living as a negative lacking faith, instead of a living faith in both God and Christ Jesus. A living faith is love it is a positive life giving actions in our lives, where each person is presented by their faith in eternal life with Christ Jesus when they accept him as Lord and Savior of their lives.

When Jesus said; “a good tree cannot bear bad fruit.” He was not presenting his statement from law, from a negative aspect of distrusting God in fear condemning, and judgment. He was stating a truth, a truth founded in love that a good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit.

Christ was presenting a living hope to his listeners, he was not presenting a hopeless state of death. Instead he was stating in the most positive terms when we are a part of him, “don't live in fear, you must produce good fruit, rest in your faith in me, and you will produce fruit; you can't be in me and not produce good fruit for I am good tree of my Father planting.”

“Moreover, don't worry about being deceive, a good tree cannot produce bad fruit, I will not trick you. Don't listen too the teachers of Law, they produce fruits of death on their tree, they cannot produce good fruit because they are not part of me.”

Christ was stating truth anyone not a part of him could not produce good fruit, why? Because they are a part of the Tree of Good and Evil, those fruits were death, and not life or good fruits, no matter how much they confessed him as Jesus Christ.

The fruits of the Tree of Good and Evil are governed by the law of sin, which, God's righteous Law pointed out was sin in us. Law bound Christian's take the exact opposite approach from Christ Jesus words,

first they believe; “I must push my self to do good works, so I am not the bad tree, I must cause myself to produce good fruit or I am a bad tree!”

Forgetting that a good tree is only one, and it is Jesus Christ, the bad tree is also only one, and it grew from the seed of rebellion that came through the Satan Devil in the Garden of Eden by Adam's sin. There are not many seed(s) planted in the garden there is actually only one the tree of life Jesus Christ, they other seed was cast out of the garden of Edens, which is sin, in rebellion and death.

The tree of Good and Evil must be put too death in Christ Jesus, how does a Christian put to death their sins? When a Christian's states they want to produce their own good fruits, shouldn't this not be the starting point of putting to death their own sin?

And yet, no Christian's professing Jesus Christ would imagine such a thing as putting to death their own sin, or removing their own sin. They would instead humbly acknowledge their complete dependence upon God for such divine authority, would they not?

Moreover, how does a Christian raise themselves into a new life with Christ Jesus, or give themselves the Holy Spirit? How does a Christian give themselves God's peace, or anoint themselves? All this is, but foolishness as foolish as oneself making themselves into a good tree bearing good fruit.

Religion has for thousands of years educated people in the way of harsh treatment of their body by sin law, into forming themselves into their own self-made into godly person. Where they are bound with many laws/doctrines of punishment so they produce so called good fruit. And yet, the world has witness the fruitage from the history of religion on earth since time of Christ Jesus, finding both good and evil in all groups, no matter what self-imposed names they have given themselves.

If the good tree is judged by its fruits, that is, by truth and spirit of God's word than Jesus Christ was badly mistaken when he stated a good tree cannot produce bad fruit! Or the religion of our earth are badly mistaken claiming both fruit can be eaten off of the Good Tree of Christ Jesus.

Where we examine the works of humans by sins law practiced through the organized religion we find no one is allowed to “rest in God's Sabbath day” it proves to be a sin, just like someone in the world resting, and not working for a living.

In fact, most consider such as foolish, but the question remains is “resting” in God or Christ Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath doing nothing?

Moreover, we have seen the sad treatment of Christian's from groups organized by sins law, where mercy can be extended as far as one can muster the strengthen of self-will to meet the rules of producing so called fruits of righteousness. This in turn leaves so many outside in darkness, because they simply cannot muster enough self-will to come inside the groups rules. So only the strong survive, living kindness and love for those who are strong in applying the law.

Resting according to Law means the negative aspect of distrusting people as not being able to change according to law, so that people have too be forced into submitting or constantly made to feel guilty because they are not good. So resting by law actually become a sin, instead of faith and blessing in God's helping them to overcome sin by their faith.

Resting in Christ Jesus as the good tree mean the exact opposite, it means total trust in Christ Jesus as completing the works of our Father Jehovah God in us, in which, God has given His Son too help us. It means not trusting in ourselves, but rather in God's goodness and Christ Jesus and not our own, It means love hopes all things, and believes all things.

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It means and active positive forward movement of Christ doing good through us and in us in Gods promise. It means we live by faith, and not works of sins law. It means we are part of unseen spiritual tree, and we can only live in it by our faith.

It means trusting in God's love and the authority of Christ Jesus, as much so as Peter did in walking on the water by the power of Christ Jesus words.

It also means we do as Christ Jesus will us to do. as a hand in our own body does in being directed by the mind of our body. What it does not mean, is we direct ourselves, by the will of our own flesh, through some rule of a group dictates as proof of being a Christian. We walk by spirit and truth we are taught by the spirit of the congregation of God, meaning we are taught by the body of Christ Jesus and its gift given to the body as a spiritual body. We listen to what the Spirit says to the body of Christ Jesus.

Resting in God's Sabbath, Christ Jesus, takes real effort, endurance and faith, it takes superhuman power from the body of Christ Jesus in perfecting our faith so we may totally trust in the Good Tree of Life.

The Israelite were given us as examples, they wander in the wilderness for lack of faith in God, they refused to rest in His directions, all of what they experienced as God's people was by divine authority beyond their own human abilities.

They were delivered from Egypt miraculously, they were feed manna from heaven, water was given them in the deserts from rocks, they were led by a cloud during the day and pillar of fire by night. The Law was given them by God's angel, even their discipline came from divine authority, although they were physically a nations all things in their lives was spiritual, and yet they fail in their faith to behold the glory of God in their lives.

Most of them simply could not trust God that He would provided for their needs daily in all circumstances. They work as God's people within the nation, but they still must in all thing wait and trust God for everything in their lives. When they went outside of the nation and justified themselves in their own good works, God plagued them with their own evil and sinful thoughts, and ways.

How can a Christian be a part of the Good tree of Christ Jesus, and think for one moment what they have approached in Heavenly Mount Zion is less of God's attention than the physical nations of Israel experienced at God hands and direction?

How can a Christian's in good conscience say they put faith in God that in Christ Jesus their sins are forgiven, and yet, in the same breathe believe they must stop sinning by works of law? Moreover, how can Christ completely save us if he is not our high priest by our faith. In other words, how can we stop sinning if there is no law judging us in Christ Jesus?

We have no sin in Christ Jesus, and when we sin, we are forced than to let God perfect our faith in love so we may be perfected in faith and not ourselves by our own will. We are a vessel under God's hand being formed into God's love in Christ Jesus.

If we cannot rest in faith than neither can God do His work in us, let us rest in love believing only good comes from God, let us wait on Him in all things, He has promised us that He will complete the good work in us. In this we do well, for it is God's glory He loves us.

May the undeserved kindness be with the spirit you show in this matter of eternal life.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

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