

Exceeding the Righteousness of the Pharisees

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Page 40,41 Matt.6:19 "Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal; 6:21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Page 49..... Matt. 6:31 "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' 6:32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

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Page 56 Matt.7:6 "Don't give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, lest perhaps they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you. 7:8 For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened.

Page 57..... Matt.7:9 Or who is there among you, who, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, who will give him a serpent? 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Page 58..... Matt.7:12 Therefore whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets. 7:13 "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it. 7:14 How{TR reads "Because" instead of "How"} narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! Few are those who find it.

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Page 64 Matt.7:22 Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' 7:23 Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'

Page 65, 66.... Matt.7:24 "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. 7:25 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock. 7:26 Everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn't do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand. 7:27 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

Page 67..... Matt.7:28 It happened, when Jesus had finished saying these things, that the multitudes were astonished at his teaching, 7:29 for he taught them with authority, and not like the scribes.

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Matt.5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The famous Sermon on the Mount given by the Son of God Jesus Christ is considered the greatest literary work in the history of the world. Jesus born under the Law of God given Moses masterfully exceeds through his teachings and life the righteousness of the Pharisees.

The righteousness of the Pharisee came through the Law of God they were the teachers of the Law. The Pharisees as do many religions today and throughout the history of Christianity focus on the Law, that is, the Old Law given to Moses. In their attempt to explain Jesus Christ teachings they fail to understand that Jesus was exceeding the Law through mercy and forgiveness. Moreover, he was teaching the need for his “righteousness” to replace the teachings and righteousness of the Pharisees.

Christ Jesus would fulfill the Old Law and at the same time establish the foundation of the New Law of Love, in doing so through his teachings on the Sermon on Mount he showed the impossibility of living perfectly under either Law; this must of created in his listener much discomfort. The Jews were under a heavy burden of Law taught by the Pharisees as are most churches groups today. For Christ to set the bar of pleasing God even higher was a crushing blow to the proud religious teachers and at same time devastating to those already outcast by the Law of the Pharisees.

And this is the point that most teachings about the Sermon on Mount miss, Jesus was establishing with such finality the impossibility of meeting the Law perfectly that it convicts humans of sin and death, thus, it would require a miracle from God Himself in forgiving us of such great transgression the Law. In order to do that Christ introduces us to Law of Love, which is the fulfillment of the Old Law, but in doing so it convicted those who thought they were living according to the Old Law righteously.

He points to our hearts showing none of us have a pure heart even those appearing to live righteously by Law; that salvation must come from something greater then human righteousness and the Law. Jesus knew that if we are convicted under the Old Law how much more so are we convicted under the Law Love?

Now for those who were not convinced that God gave the Law to convict and establish our sinful nature they certainly would be force too under the teachings of the New Law of Love in the Sermon on the Mount.

Most religions today uses the teachings of Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount adding more too the Laws of the Pharisees and as an excuse for doing so claiming the principles of the Old Law are still in place. This one misstep puts them on the broad road leading to destruction and at the same time hangs a millstone on the necks of God's little ones. Jesus didn't say in the Sermon on the Mount that more Law was needed to fulfill the Old Law to his listener burden already with the Law. No! Jesus was setting people free by removing the curse of the Old Law. When Law become extreme it produces more of the thing it is trying to prevent lawlessness.

So when we set out to understand Jesus words in context to his many teachings and his apostle teachings we must remember that none of us can live according to the Old Law, and none us can live according to the New Law of Love perfectly without God's help. We are totally dependent upon God underserved kindness and the help of God's Holy Spiirt. It is our faith in Christ Jesus that saves us not works under either Law. Without the blood of Christ Jesus there is no hope under both Laws, and if we understand this we remain in a constant state of thankfulness and humility.

John 5:41 John 5:44 Romans 1:23 1 Peter 1:24 James 4:16 Rom.7:18 Jude 1:25
Philippians 4:19 Revelation 4:11 Revelation 5:12 John 8:54

Chapter Five The Sermon on The Mount

Matt.5:1 And seeing great masses of people he went up into the mountain; and when he was seated his disciples came to him.

5:2 And with these words he gave them teaching, saying,

5:3 Happy are the poor in spirit: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Many have read the famous words of Jesus Christ on the Sermon on Mount and wonder how can I be happy as a Christian being poor in spirit? But his words are true that those rejoicing in this world, that is, the spirit of this world find themselves opposed too God.

Many are the teachings of modern day religions boasting in being blessed in spirit, yet Christ Jesus struggled in his flesh trying to maintain God's Holy Spirit and his disciple found themselves in the same position later when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them.

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 4:9 Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom. 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Such is the way of all Christians in this world some times we overcome with just a little help from our God. In this way we learn and are formed into Christ Jesus and God's love. Let's us look at the truth, Christ Jesus is our Truth and he clearly spoke too us about our walk in this world that we must suffer and yes, be poor in spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.

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;

Matt.5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Strange words from Christ Jesus, blessed or happy are those that mourn for they will be comforted? Most Christians do not speak of mourning in their churches they speak of blessings without mourning. Something seems upside down here Christ always speaks truth so what did he mean?

God's Holy Spirit is our comforter that Jesus sent us to help us through trials while on earth. Nothing is confusing about Christ Jesus words if we take him at his words. Christ said we will be hated by all nations on earth if we love and accept him in our lives. He also told each of us we would have to pickup our torture stake/cross if we want to follow him. He never painted a picture for his follower that they would have an easy blessed life with no problems while on earth.

John14:16 I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, {Greek Parakleton: Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, and Comfortor.} that he may be with you forever,--

In fact, if we can not see that we are in a daily spiritual battle we are not his. So yes we do mourn each day while struggling in a world that is against us, but take courage we will be comforted each day by God's Holy Spirit and blessed by it.

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.

8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed toward us.

Matt.5:5 Happy are the gentle (meek): for the earth will be their heritage.

God seems to have other plans for our earth, but first He tells us that He is going to change the type of personality living on the earth. Yes! Gentle or meek people will own and rule the earth, how unlike the earth we live on now.

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

How can gentle people be the owners of the earth? Well without God's Holy Spirit changing our heart it would be impossible it take a new personality and God has been working on people's personality for some two thousand years in transforming us into a new creation through Christ Jesus.

Col.2:11 in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ;

God loves a meek spirit a gentle person that can live in harmony with Him, people, and God's creation. All the show and blow of the tough talking world has no credit under God's new heavens and earth. Are you storing up the real treasure in heaven today?

Matt.5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness one must be without it! God lead the Israelites through the wilderness letting them hunger and thirst, in this, God was training his people to look to Him for all provision for this life so they might learn that man does not live on bread alone but every word coming from God's mouth.

Deut.8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Our righteousness as Christians is Jesus Christ; he is also the bread of life, our living water. We should expect that there are times every month wherein we hunger and thirst for Christ Jesus our righteousness. We are blessed and happy if we do so, why?

Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come," says the Lord Yahweh, "that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Yahweh.

1Cor.10:10 Neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer.

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.

10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't fall.

Simple, are hungering and thirsting for Christ Jesus our righteousness shows that we are God's and His children under His direction and discipline.

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?

Matt.5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

How much depth in Christ Jesus words to us blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. He also stated that we would be judge by how we judge others that in and of it self should sober us up and correct us not to judge, but it does not. Why? Because sinful humans cannot stop judging our flesh drives us to judge others no matter the consequences.

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged.

7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

Thus, we all need mercy from God, and He provided us mercy; Christ Jesus is our mercy because in his death and resurrection he fulfilled the Law condemning us to death. Our judgment was removed in favor of God's mercy towards us.

How then can we subject others to the Law condemning them too death while we have been freed?

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," {Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18} also said, "Do not commit murder." {Exodus 10:13; Deuteronomy 5:17} Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

2:13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matt.5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Who of us can say we have a pure heart? So does that mean none of us will actually see God? We are told by God Himself the condition of the human heart: "*Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?*"

None of us can say we have purified our hearts from sin no one every living except Jesus Christ can make such a statement in order to see God. God has provided us a replacement for our corrupted sinful hearts in Jesus Christ. Our being apart of the body of Christ we then have a pure heart sinless in God's eyes.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

Our Father in heaven works with us daily in our sinful flesh while refining us with His Holy Spirit translating us into His Son love. In this way we have received a new heart and we are a new creation giving us a new personality. Glory too our God for His great mercy towards us.

Matt.5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

The Children of God are peacemakers because when Christ Jesus died on the torture stake/cross for us he removed the thing causing enmity with God, the old Law.

Later the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ Jesus disciples and peace from the Holy Spirit became their overseer. They were entrusted with a sacred work, that of administering the Holy Spirit to others. So in every way the children of God are peacemakers, not so much between others, but with helping others come into a peaceful relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition,

2Cor.5:20 We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2Cor.3:6 who also made us sufficient as servants of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Children of God and they alone know the truth of Christ Jesus as the way to eternal life through the Holy Spirit and understand they cannot rebuild the wall of the Old Law that Christ Jesus tore down or they are not peacemakers or God's children.

Gal.5:4 You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace.

5:5 For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.

Matt.5:10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

No where within the many words of Jesus Christ can we find the message of most Christian's religions today, which message is, "Christians would lead a life of prosperity". Clearly the words of Christ Jesus are too much to hear for those wanting mega churches.

We are not blessed according to Christ Jesus if we are not persecuted for righteousness sake. Righteousness sake is not sticking our nose into peoples business ruining their lives. No! Our righteousness is Christ Jesus when we are persecuted for being apart of him we will be blessed. Our personal righteousness or religious doctrine in the name of Christ Jesus is not what is expressed here.

Matt.10:24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord.

10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household!

10:26 Therefore don't be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed; and hidden that will not be known.

We are persecuted because there is enmity between God's seed and Satan the Devils seed. We are persecuted because we are led by Holy Spirit in putting Christ Jesus in our hearts speaking through us in good works. In this all true Christians will be persecuted automatically as Christ Jesus was.

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."

Matt.10:32 Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven.

10:33 But whoever denies me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

10:34 "Don't think that I came to send peace on the earth. I didn't come to send peace, but a sword.

Matt.5:11 "Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

5:12 Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

None of us want to be reproached and persecuted yet it cannot be avoided if we belong to Christ Jesus, why? Well as Peter found out when denying Christ Jesus on the night of his betrayal and later his death.

People know if we belong to Christ Jesus even if we denied it! You see if you are one that considers only the flesh or human side of belonging to Christ Jesus it will make no sense to you.

But if you understand spiritual matters, that is, the Spirit that marks us as Christ Jesus, that is, what the spirit world can see about us; like the demons and the devil it makes much sense

2Cor.10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we don't wage war according to the flesh; 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds,

The issue is not us but what we are marked with, like wearing a uniform of an army we stand out to God's enemies. Although people persecuted and reproach us they do not know what they are doing, and most often they don't understand why they feel such hatred for us? In this we can rejoice and we are blessed as the prophets of God received the same treatment, we are in good company.

Eph.6:12 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Matt.5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.

What does one do if salt has no taste? Well if you have ever been on a no salt diet you know how bland food tastes until you taste buds adjust. Salt would have no useful purpose if it were not salty. So people would pay no attention to it, subsequently treating it like common dirt under their feet.

Salt does not give itself a salty taste so what is Christ speaking of here? We as Christians are given the Holy Spirit of God through Christ Jesus if we maintain our purpose we maintain the Holy Spirit. If in anyway such as going back to the Old Law we lose our purpose, how so? It is by Holy Spirit that Christians make disciples, showing God's love, and putting on the Christ like personality that the world see as the salt of the earth.

1Pet.5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

In other words, we have a purpose so long as we are in Christ Jesus the true vine. Without the vine we produce nothing at all, that is, the fruits that benefits others in coming to know Christ Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit we are as common as the world of flesh living in hopelessness and darkness.

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.

Matt. 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't be hidden. 5:15 Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

Jesus Christ was the light of this world sent by His Father Jehovah God to shine truth and grace upon the human race. Some think because Jesus walked the earth over two thousand years ago and was killed by the Roman kingdom that his light was put out never to shine again.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

However, Christ promised his followers that after his death he would send them the Holy Spirit which would make them the light of this world. That Holy Spirit exists on earth today in his follower and so we too have become the light of this world.

Act 2:2 Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

2:3 Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them.

2:4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak.

The good works are the works of the Holy Spirit working through us so other can see an invisible God and His Son Christ Jesus. Oil filled the lamps of those early Christian so they understood being filled with the Holy Spirit that would shine brightly where ones could read important information and do work at night.

Matt. 5:16 Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

There is no profound meaning here in Jesus words except that we remember that even a lamp has a purpose the creator of the lamp created it for a useful purpose. Strange, that we Christians have to be reminded that we are created by God for a purpose. But this is the natural confusion of our sinful flesh always fighting against what nature itself teaches us.

Rom.1:20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse.

Yes, people build cities on hills for all kinds of reasons, but one thing is for certain there is a logical reason for it, and we know they can be seen for great distances so visitors can find them even at night or in a storm. We as Christians have been created for a purpose a lamp or a city has no purpose if we hid there light from people. And yet we do hid our light from time to time for all kinds of reasons, but none of them are good according to Jesus Christ

Matt.5:17 "Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Many religious groups take Jesus words here to mean because he did not destroy the law but fulfilled it that they are still under the principles of the old Law. However, principles become laws when we judge by them. In other words, there is no difference between a principle and a law when either is enforced as doctrine, rules, or commandments.

Rom.14:22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who doesn't judge himself in that which he approves.

14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is sin.

Sadly these groups miss the mark in understanding that Christ Jesus did not lower God's standards, but raised the standards higher by love and forgiveness for sins done against the Old Law. If Christ did not complete or fulfilled the old Law there would be no forgiveness and we would all be under death instead of life in Christ Jesus. So if we treat a principle as a law we have removed the power of Christ Jesus blood in delivering from the Law producing sin, judgment, and death.

Rom. 13:8 **Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.** 13:9 **For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

13:10 **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

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.**

The law cannot pass away until every human is redeemed through the blood of Christ Jesus, why? Simply if we do not accept Jesus Christ we are under Law of sin and death. In other words, Christ fulfilled the law by giving his life blood for the sins of this world.

The law was not evil but good it performed exactly as God planned it to do, that is, condemning all those under it to death by their sins. The foolishness of those promoting adherence to the law based on the Jesus words above; stating we are under the law because Christ Jesus said; it would not pass away not even the smallest letter or iota is a misrepresentation of Christ purpose and words.

Rom.3:19 **Now we know that whatever things the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God.**

Christ set us free from the law he was the fulfillment of the law, he was the end of the law. The caveat here is that we must accept him by putting faith in him then the law is fulfilled in our case in Jesus Christ. If we do not then smallest letter and iota stands in judgment against us of the law.

Rom.13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Gal.5:1 Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Gal.5:14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." {Leviticus 19:18}

5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you don't consume one another.

Matt.5:19 Whoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Neither Jesus Christ nor his Father are liars! There has been no one living that could obey the law perfectly, but Christ Jesus and that is why God had to send His Son to die for us.

So everyone teaching the law except Christ Jesus would be least in the Kingdom of Heavens because they cannot perform the law perfectly. So what is Christ Jesus talking about here? There is no confusion if one understands you cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heavens by the Old Law. Christ Jesus is the door into the Kingdom of the Heavens, by his blood he removed the law that condemns us to death and opened the shut door into God Kingdom of the Heavens.

Luke 7:28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

So teaching the law instead of Christ Jesus and forgiveness means you remain under sins judgment through the Old Law and are least in the Kingdom of God. Whereas preaching Christ Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit puts you in Christ Jesus where the law cannot judge you any longer. Christ Jesus is the only one that taught the law perfectly and obey it perfectly he is great/greatest in the Kingdom of God. And our being a part of him/his body we receive as a gift of his righteousness making us also part of the Kingdom of God.

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. {NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" }

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.

Matt.5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Taking Jesus Christ words here in the absolute negative will not bring understanding too his words above. We humans like grouping life into good and evil that way life's judgment are easy. Not all the Pharisees were evil many accepted Christ Jesus after his death. Their righteousness was no more or less then that any person living, Jew or otherwise. The Apostle was moved to state under Holy Spirit: *Rom.3:10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one"*

The righteousness of the Pharisees was the Old Law, the Old Law was not enough to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, why? It took Christ Jesus blood to exceed the righteousness of the Law; he fulfilling it so Christians are no longer judged by it.

So yes, if your righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees you cannot enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Gal.3:9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them." {Deuteronomy 27:26}

Are these harsh words by Jesus toward the Pharisees and us? No! They are a fact; resting upon shoulders of Christ Jesus is the salvation of the whole world. He became the door opening into heaven if we exercise faith in him then his righteousness is imputed too us, that is, he becomes our righteousness so we exceed the righteousness of the Old Law that the Pharisees were teachers of.

Matt.5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, 'You shall not murder; {Exodus 20:13} and 'Whoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment.'

5:22 But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause{NU omits "without a cause".} shall be in danger of the judgment; and

whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca{"Raca" is an Aramaic insult, related to the word for "empty" and conveying the idea of empty-headedness.}!' shall be in danger of the council; and whoever shall say, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fire of Gehenna.{or, Hell}

The Old Law was exacting cut and dry, if you murdered your judgment was death and you would be put to death by the court. But Christ Jesus stated there was a greater judgment that was just as exacting that our hearts justifies and hides from others, but not God. The old Law was not enough to convince those Jews that more was needed then their Law that condemned them into death with no way out.

Rom.2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

The Old Law was given to expose the hypocrisy of their sinful hearts; somehow the Jews managed to hide their real heart condition by obeying and performing acts of outward righteousness towards parts of the old Law. However they were using God's righteous laws to make themselves self-righteous. Christ Jesus showed in his words above that no one accept him could fulfill the Old Law all were condemned not only to death by the Law, but to Gehenna because of the natural sinful condition of our hearts.

James 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery,"{Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18} also said, "Do not commit murder."{Exodus 10:13; Deuteronomy 5:17} Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

Now there is no way out of our sinful nature it has been completely exposed! There is but one name given too us for our salvation and that is Jesus Christ. Through his blood and righteousness we have God's mercy and forgiveness call on him today.

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in none other, for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, by which we must be saved!"

Matt. 5:23 "If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you,

Matt. 5:24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Jesus exposed the truth condition of our hearts, lie as we do to others through our mouths if we have hate or contempt for our brothers in our hearts we are condemned. All of us have those sinful conditions in our hearts so even under the Old Law one needed to make peace through “forgiveness” with their brothers.

Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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

Peace come through forgiveness without forgiveness there is no peace. We need to make peace with God, how? Under the old Law true peace could not be made with God only temporary peace could be made through animal blood sacrifices. Christ Jesus is our peace through his blood he makes peace with God for us. God through His mercy and underserved kindness gives us a free gift of love in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus,

Now we have true everlasting peace provided we pass over from death to life in loving our brothers. We cannot hide hate or contempt in our hearts or we no longer have life (Jesus Christ) blood covering us.

Colossians 1:20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself, by him, whether things on the earth, or things in the heavens, having made peace through the blood of his cross.

Matt.5:25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

5:26 Most certainly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there, until you have paid the last penny.{literally, kodrantes. A kodrantes was a small copper coin worth about 2 lepta (widow's mites)--not enough to buy very much of anything.}

The Old Law was unforgiving for those transgressing against it, there was no wiggle room. Wisdom is with those that can make peace with their adversary. Pride does not bend the rule of law all that a judge can do is uphold the rule of law; emotions do not come into play. Our pride is full of emotion wanting justice; it is better to be humble, and accept the facts and make peace rather than lose everything.

But here in Jesus words is a greater meaning the Old Law condemns all sinners too death that is the law cannot be bent for good motive or pride.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The law is our adversary convicting, and condemning us constantly as a sinner deserving of death.

Wisdom is with the humble ones that make peace with the law by accepting the terms God holds out to all of us Jesus Christ with him alone we can have peace with God.

Matt. 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, {TR adds "to the ancients,"} 'You shall not commit adultery;'{Exodus 20:14}

5:28 but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The human heart is at the center of sin; our heart seems to have a mind of it own at times. Where we can control our heart in one area we are weak in another. Parts of the Old Law worked for some so they did not committed adultery; this certainly made them feel they deserved a reward/blessing for their righteousness. And God is well pleased when people have the desire to do uprightly according to the Old Law; for the Law is good and righteous because it is from God's own heart.

Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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

However our hearts are also treacherous as holy writing warns us; although we obey the law in actions our heart may not. When we accept Jesus Christ we fully come to understanding that the Old Law is righteous, but we are not. That is, the Law exposes our true heart condition as sinners and as much as we love God's Law our sinful condition cannot fully obey it.

Rom.7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin.

7:15 For I don't know what I am doing. For I don't practice what I desire to do; but what I hate, that I do.

7:16 But if what I don't desire, that I do, I consent to the law that it is good.

7:17 So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.

7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don't find it doing that which is good.

7:19 For the good which I desire, I don't do; but the evil which I don't desire, that I practice.

7:20 But if what I don't desire, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.

7:21 I find then the law, that, to me, while I desire to do good, evil is present.

God knows this about us so He came to our rescue in supplying a substitute for our treacherous hearts in Jesus Christ. Jesus did obey the Old Law perfectly in his body, mind, spirit, and heart, so by his death he fulfilled what our deepest desire is, too please God fully. Now with Jesus Christ righteousness imputed too us we can have a standing over our sinful hearts; bless be the God of love forever!

Matt.5:29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.{or, Hell}

This is one of the most controversial statements of Christ much evil has been wrought behind interpretations of this scripture.

Although people have plucked out an eye behind Christ Jesus words certainly none of his apostle did or is there recorded in Holy writing any prophet or for that matter any person that plucked out an eye, so what did Christ Jesus mean?

Well first of all plucking out the eye does not change ones heart it does not stop and adulterous heart. Christ was making the point that it would be just that hard for a person to make it into the Kingdom of Heavens under the Old Law. The Law did not change the true condition of our hearts it only exposed them as being full of sin. It would take the operation of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus for our hearts to change.

Eph.5:29 For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly;

5:30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones.

Yes, a radical operation of circumcision by God's own hand of our hearts. Plucking out an eye will not change our hearts, but God's love in sending His Son to die for us will. The Old Law was good but not designed by God to give us a new personality.

Colossians 2:11 in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ;

Matt.5:30 If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.{or, Hell}

What sane person would cut off their hand to obey a law? What type of a law would require a person to cut off a hand for an offense? It would be a cruel law indeed. Sadly even if a person obeys God's law, but does so without a complete heart it is not acceptable to Him.

Psalms 138:1 I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Thus, reading all of Jesus words it becomes clear that he was addressing something other than literally cutting of a body part. The Old Law did not allow for mercy it was cruel for those that transgressed against it. It had one penalty for sin and that was death. Cutting off a body part shows the impossible situation all of us are in; we literally have to kill ourselves to make our sinful nature stop!

Rom7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Instead Jesus Christ died for us substituting his perfect life for all sinners if they put faith in him. In other words, cutting off an offensive body part does not change the heart, brain, or spirit of the person it is a cruel temporary fix to a much greater problem.

The Old Law was just that a temporary fix for a much great problem human sin. As long as we remain under the Old Law the way to life is through paying the wages for sin,- death.

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

However, under the New Law of love in Christ Jesus life is imputed too us through Christ Jesus blood. No longer is our task master cruel causing death, but gentle lowly of mind full of good works and peace imparting everlasting life to us now.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matt.5:31 "It was also said, 'Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce,'{Deuteronomy 24:1}

5:32 but I tell you that whoever puts away his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is put away commits adultery.

It is fairly clear that sexually immorality was the only grounds for divorce without styling oneself an adulterer. When religion interprets Jesus Christ words above they come up with all sorts of variation. Some people feel superior because a family falls into the sin of adultery and theirs don't. But Christ Jesus stated just a few verses above that if a person looked at the opposite sex with lust they had committed adultery with the person in their heart.

And the only way out of the problem was to pluck out their right eye! How many eyes have you plucked out? But the sins of our hearts don't seem so bad they can be justified by not violating the letter of Old Law. But doing so does not make us better or more righteous than our neighbor committing adultery if we have done so in our hearts? And to make matters worst if we have not plucked out our right eye then we are still in adultery.

Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

This is the dichotomy of self-righteous according to Christ Jesus; there is here a bigger message; stop judging and you will not be judged.

Our righteousness is not enough for any of us to gain life it requires Christ Jesus righteousness to be imputed too us from God to be pleasing to Him and gain life.

Our righteousness is equivalent to plucking out an eye to solve a sinful heart disease passed on too us by Adam sin; it not humanly possible. Christ Jesus did not say have someone else pluck out your eye, no! We must personally perform this impossible operation.

Matt.5:33 "Again you have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall perform to the Lord your vows,'

False hope! Have you ever been a victim of false hope? Will you may think it not so bad it just a little thing, but according to God it is not. Many of lives have been plunged into sin and depression by a broken promise.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Our world is so rotten with the fruits of broken promises that the stink flows into the heart of ever person.

Proverbs 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

How can a person knowing God and the true condition of our sinful flesh promise anything when we are, but green grass a vapor unable to live more then one day at a time?

People that hold out false hopes to others do not think it is a promise, but legally if a person acts upon those hopes it is a legal binding contract or vow.

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

We should know the power of false hope and broken promises, and why we make them, they are a work of the sinful flesh; a want of our own heart. We must think careful and use word that take courage “yes or no” less we fall into sin and judgment.

James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Matt.5:34 But I say to you, Take no oaths at all: not by the heaven, because it is the seat of God;

5:35 Or by the earth, because it is the resting-place for his foot; or by Jerusalem, because it is the town of the great King.

5:36 You may not take an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black.

5:37 But let your words be simply, Yes or No: and whatever is more than these is of the Evil One.

Our lives are but a vapor in one second the stove is shut off and the vapor disappears. The universe and its stars are billions of or years old the creator of those stars tells us for good reason do not make an oath by heaven or His throne. If we are a Christian our lives are not ours to do as we will with. Moreover, we are a slave of Christ Jesus a good slave does not make vows without the knowledge of his master. Christ Jesus has plans for each of our lives vowing promise outside of Christ Jesus is wicked. We cannot serve two masters at a time without loving one and hating the other.

Isa. 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Ultimately our making a promise declares that we have control over our life and our death that we know for certainty that we will be alive long enough to perfect the promise. This type of boasting is wicked according to God we are told simply say yes or no every thing in between is from the evil one.

James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

4:15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

4:16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

In other words, why do we make promises and not say yes or no? Not for good motive we want something and our word does not hold enough weight for people to put trust in us.

Matt.5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'{Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21}

5:39 But I tell you, don't resist him who is evil; but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Although Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Law by living perfectly under it as the only human being ever to do so, we must remember he also showed a higher way under the Law when he did not have to do so. Before the Law was completed at his death Christ Jesus showed love to his enemies. However, those under the Law did not show love for their enemies or turn the other cheek to the striker they were paying back injury for injury.

Most religions on earth today use Jesus words under the Old Law stating they should be applied also to those under the New Covenant, but this type of application is erroneous as seen from the verses above, why? Because a Christian can never repay injury for injury the New Law of love has no place for such conduct. So when we read Jesus words under the Old Law may we be mindful where judgment without mercy is found

we must as Christian apply love, we must exceed the requirements of justice under the Old Law and give up our inner most garments (pride or our rights) and prove we are Son's of God.

Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

In other words, understand that Jesus spoke about the Old Law and its requirements and at the same time exceeded the righteousness of the Pharisee by amplifying mercy and forgiveness. If we are not aware of this we will assume wrongly and apply the Law to the New Covenant enslaving others to it instead of Christ Jesus.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Matt.5:40 If anyone sues you to take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.

Christians do not gain by taking but giving up and releasing. In a world where standing up fighting back and taking one's rights is the standard of conduct those led by Holy Spirit do just the opposite. The rights that a Christian has are the ones given them through Christ Jesus' headship when we are entrusted to Christ Jesus the King of Eternity we are in the best hands that any person can find themselves in.

Matt.5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

We are promised protection, food, shelter, and peace, in times of trouble more over being wronged is not about our being wronged, but the person we represent Christ Jesus. When we give up we put our complete trust in the one that promises us a way out and salvation. We lose nothing we gain a spiritual increase and blessings from God.

Psalms 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Luke 12:20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Those walking in the flesh find it almost impossible to be wronged let alone give up a possession. Jesus Christ gave up all his rights to gain life for the world that put faith in him. Life comes from giving up even our souls to gain life if we are called to do so.

Matt.5:41 Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

5:42 Give to him who asks you, and don't turn away him who desires to borrow from you.

Life is not easy for a Christian and without the right mind-set it can be all but impossible. If a Christian thinks these good works come from their corrupt flesh they are not going to perform what Christ Jesus ask us to do because we are his disciples.

Not many modern day religions or their members will tell you that you are going to have to let go of yours rights if someone compels you to do so, such as an employer. Moreover, lend to someone that you don't know if they ask to borrow from you. Most groups spend hours analyzing every circumstance to protect themselves from being taken advantage of. In order to do this they must apply the Old Law or the principles of the Old Law that soon become a rule, doctrine or dogma

Christians our lead by the Holy Spirit as the wind blows so the Spirit led them where it wants. So each divine appointment has to be handled according to love, there is no blanket dogma, rule, or doctrine to protect oneself only love.

John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Matt.5:43 You have knowledge that it was said, Have love for your neighbour, and hate for him who is against you:

5:44 But I say to you, Have love for those who are against you, and make prayer for those who are cruel to you;

5:45 So that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven; for his sun gives light to the evil and to the good, and he sends rain on the upright man and on the sinner.

God never ask us to do what He is not willing to do. Has God shown love for His enemies? Yes, He has by sending His Son Christ Jesus to die for us. Has He allowed the earth to go on for thousands of years will men pollute and destroy each other even in His name? Yes, He has so that men and angles might know that God gave man the right to chose right and wrong.

John3:16 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.

Has God let it rain upon people doing good and bad in this world? Yes, He has. Have people blamed Him and condemned Him for not taking the rights away from the wicked? Yes, they have, both those that claim Him as Father and those that don't believe He exists.

Matthew 5:45 that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

Yet, still He helps those that hate Him. Should it surprise us that God would want us to do the same and should we not do the same if we are truly a part of Him?

Matt.5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

5:47 If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Can a Christian be perfect in their flesh? No, if we make the statement that we have no sin then we are a liar. But we can be perfect in love; but is it our love or is it God's love working through us? Never may we forget that to love those not loving us takes power from a higher source and in our case (Christians) that power comes down from above.

1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Yes, God supplies us the fruits of His Holy Spirit and one of those fruits is love. When we are apart of the true vine Jesus Christ we bear fruit this fruit does not come from our flesh or human sinful nature, but from a perfect God of love.

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.

So we become perfect when we allow Christ Jesus to work through us with His Father Holy Spirit; why are we laboring at this point? Not for any negative reason, but for the truth that will set us free when we understand our best efforts in loving those that hate us is not enough it will never measure up to God's perfection.

So when we constantly fail in this regard rather than punish ourselves as not good enough let us rejoice because the person we profess is good enough, and he will work through perfecting God's love in us. May all the glory go to God and we bow before the Great King that redeems us from such a great thing as death.

2Cor.5:20 So we are the representatives of Christ, as if God was making a request to you through us: we make our request to you, in the name of Christ, be at peace with God.

Chapter Six The Sermon on The Mount

Matt.6:1 Take care not to do your good works before men, to be seen by them; or you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Most Christians gives little or no consideration to Christ Jesus words here. In fact, every time some Christians does a good work a big deal is made of it in their congregation some how sanctifying the boasting about the good work because it is shared with the congregation.

We do encourage one another in good works and we need that, but when we perform good works thinking that others might come to know about them we are more concern with the praise of men rather than God's approval of us. Nothing dwells in our sinful flesh worthy of glorying; let us share in the good works of God's Holy Spirit working through us rather than take glory for a gift given us freely by God's love.

When Christ Jesus was approached with the words "good teacher" he said: "why do you call me good only one is good?" and that Good One was His Father in heaven.

The reward we are storing up in heaven come to us from God's Holy Spirit. We want the Holy Spirit in us were are a channel or a vessel that God uses to glorify His good name and His great mercy. Why should any of us boast in something we did not earn or did not pay for?

Matthew 19:17 He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Matt.6:2 Therefore when you do merciful deeds, don't sound a trumpet before yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may get glory from men. Most certainly I tell you, they have received their reward.

Seeking glory from men is something Christ Jesus did not do, many Christian don't understand why he would not accept glory from men nor would his disciples.

John 5:44 How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden they past on sin to all their off spring, thus, all humans have sin past on too them by our first parents. Sin is death and all that men do and create ends up in death. It like taking a little poison and putting it into a glass of fresh water none of the water is good. Although humans have good intention because they have sin in them they are poison too eternal life.

Rom.7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don't find it doing that which is good.

What Christ came to do is produce a new way of life, life eternal that comes from the Father when we receive God's Holy Spirit, a piece of Him we, receive a piece of eternal life that opposes the sin in us we then understand nothing good dwells in us, but death unless God helps us out of death with His Son blood. Why should we brag about doing good works that end in death; instead let us turn people to God's good works producing eternal life?

Matt.6:3 But when you do merciful deeds, don't let your left hand know what your right hand does,

6:4 so that your merciful deeds may be in secret, then your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Christ Jesus uses very pictorial wording to help us grasp the self-effacing act of being merciful to others. We are not to let our left hand know what the right hand is doing that is a tall order when the our brain controls both sides of our body. Christ knows that it not possible for the right hand not to know what the left hand is doing, so what does he mean?

1Cor.12:14 For the body is not one member, but many. 12:15 If the foot would say, "Because I'm not the hand, I'm not part of the body," it is not therefore not part of the body.

12:16 If the ear would say, "Because I'm not the eye, I'm not part of the body," it's not therefore not part of the body.

Christ is the head of the congregation of his anointed body parts if Christ is working through us with the Holy Spirit both the right and left hand would be servants of the body of Christ. Neither would have individual wells they would be doing the well of the head or brain, it not possible to take credit as a hand for the merciful works being performed through the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.

Let us bear in mind the great importance Christ placed on doing things privately and in secret when we do good works; if we feel the need to blow our trumpet we are in sin and walking in the flesh stealing glory that goes belongs to God for His great mercy towards us.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Matt.6:5 "When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Most certainly, I tell you, they have received their reward.

In today's world people like being heard, they want their opinions voiced and many would do anything to be seen on TV. Louder is better; in your face let me be seen and heard! However, when it comes to talking to the Eternal King of Humility He knows why we act in such dishonorable ways and He cannot be fooled.

Selfishness and self-glorification comes from a bad heart seeking attention from the lust of our flesh. When we speak to God from this level we are really praying to a god of self. The heart says “let everyone hear and know how close I am too God, let them see how special my relationship is over others. Let my voice be heard in powerful words that express what you cannot.”

Gal. 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.

5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies,

5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Well then my friend your reward is from the god of self and that rewards has never changed since the beginning of time, it is death not life. Your own mouth has deceived your heart; the glory sought and got from human honor and praise is the wages of sin - death.

Rom.2:8 but to those who are self-seeking, and don't obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath and indignation,

Matt.6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Why is secrecy so important to God? Well if you have every walked among the giant redwoods some as old as when Christ Jesus walked the earth you would note something is conspicuously missing? And if you have every seen a picture of our beautiful earth from outer space you would also note something is conspicuously missing?

Proverbs 11:13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.

1 Peter 3:4 but in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious.

A logo, a sign, or signature saying “made by God”. If we don’t understand the type of God we worship how can our prayers be pleasing too Him? In other words, God is a self-effacing humble; God wants the human race to seek and grope for Him to find out the secret person of God the creator of the visible universe.

Psalms 10:17 Yahweh, you have heard the desire of the humble. You will prepare their heart. You will cause your ear to hear,

Job 40:12 Look at everyone who is proud, and humble him. Crush the wicked in their place.

God is not a show boat demanding recognition for every little thing He has created for us unlike humans that fight for recognition for all their works. If you choose not to believe He created all things God will let you, but if you search for Him you will find treasures beyond all created thing you will find the secret person of God. And that is why we pray to God in secret not to impress others with words as though we are labeling God as owner of words that define Him.

Isa.40:15 Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on a balance. Behold, he lifts up the islands like a very little thing.

Matt.6:7 In praying, don't use vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking.

6:8 Therefore don't be like them, for your Father knows what things you need, before you ask him.

Vain repetitions, the fallen sinful human flesh thrives on vain repetition it repeats words often to build up the well of the flesh. Repetition is most important in training the flesh of humans and animals of all kinds. But our God is not flesh He is a Spirit person He has no flesh to remind with vain repetition as our flesh requires.

L:uke 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector.

18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself like this: 'God, I thank you, that I am not like the rest of men, extortioners, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

18:12 I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all that I get.'

18:13 But the tax collector, standing far away, wouldn't even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Unfortunately when we walk by flesh we don't trust God that He is hearing our prayers. In fact we can't understand God at all in our flesh. God's children receive God's Holy Spirit so they can know and understand God as Christ Jesus did while walking on this earth. When we trust a love one and ask them to do some thing for us we know they will take care of it. However, if we keep using vain repetition with them they will become offended why? Because we are showing them we don't trust them that they will take care of what we ask them to do. Moreover, we are showing disrespect for their love and friendship for us. So when we let our flesh control our mouths we are really praying out of selfishness and to ourselves.

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

2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore we know no one after the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more.

Galatians 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.

Matt.6:9 Pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

God's name is Holy no human being can make God unholy by their conduct or their speech; so what is Jesus Christ speaking about here? Well Christ Jesus is speaking about personal heart conditions or our heart condition. No matter how many times a person speaks a certain pronunciation of God's name it will not become Holy. In fact it becomes vain repetition that irritates others.

Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear his voice,

Christ Jesus is our righteousness through his blood our hearts are sanctified made clean (Holy) through God's Holy Spirit. Thus, for God's name to be made Holy in us we must walk in the Holy Spirit throughout each day. Some religions believe by speaking or publishing a certain pronunciation of God's name they are making it Holy.

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:13 in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation,--in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Christ Jesus made God's name Holy among the human race by giving his life for us. When we accept him and walk in the Holy Spirit wherein Christ speaks through us we share in God's Holiness. Thus, we make God's name Holy in us. In sharing with others God's goodness they see our fine works (of the Holy Spirit) and glorify God not us. No matter how you pronounce God's name it is the condition of our hearts that makes His name Holy or unholy among people.

1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you, but you were washed. But you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God.

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.

Matt.6:10 Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

What a powerful wonder thought that Jesus shared with his listeners; letting God Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. How many people have lived longing for a time when God's will be done on earth as it is done in heaven?

But it should be noted that Jesus Christ did not put his words here in future contexts this prayer was a daily prayer for daily needs for those of us putting faith in him and His Heavenly Father.

We need God's will to take place in our lives daily. His Kingdom has come and it was in their midst as Jesus spoke these words; Christ Jesus is the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Colossians 1:13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love;

2 Peter 1:11 For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

So we are asking Jesus Christ into our lives daily, by doing so we are in the Kingdom of God, represented through us on earth. Moreover we are letting His will take place in us; so we are provided all that we need for this day. Yes, this is not future, but daily; for Christ Jesus constantly reminded his followers that they are unable to live more than one day at a time; in doing so they would fall into anxious care and the sins of the nations. "The Lord's Prayer" as it has been coined is in complete harmony with all of Jesus' words.

Luke 12:25 Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his height? 12:27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

12:28 But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?

God's Kingdom has come not with strike-able observability, but in one person at a time letting God's will take place in their lives. A forcible entry of God's Kingdom into too many people's lives where they must serve him as a dictator was never in the cards at Adam and Eve's sin or now. When all have been gathered into the Kingdom of God, God will destroy the wicked, but His Kingdom has come, and His will is being done on earth as it is in heaven, after the gathering it will be too late.

Matt.6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

Give us a new house? Give us a new car? Give us a higher paying job?

Or give us our daily bread? Many religions take offence at Christ Jesus' words certainly he could not have meant just daily bread?

No, he added more he said he would take care of our daily needs.

Many modern day Christians finds themselves frustrated and in anxious care over things they want and think they need from God. Do you love God and does He love you? What parent does not provide for their children? However, in today's world there is a vast different for us living in a society of materialism and those living in poverty where bread is a luxury. What God is teaching both is this: "man does not live by bread alone, but every utterance from the mouth of God." What we consider a necessity may be something that a poor person will never own.

Deut.8:16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers didn't know; that he might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end:

8:17 and [lest] you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.

8:18 But you shall remember Yahweh your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day.

8:19 It shall be, if you shall forget Yahweh your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

8:20 As the nations that Yahweh makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you wouldn't listen to the voice of Yahweh your God.

When we step out of this understanding of God's provision to gain more we stab ourselves all over with various pains. We will be at odds with our calling and at odds with Jesus Christ words. And we will find it hard to be thankful and content with others and ourselves, furthermore, we lose our peace with God.

Hebrews 13:5 Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you." {Deuteronomy 31:6}

Matt.6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.

Matt.6:12 And make us free of our debts, as we have made those free who are in debt to us.

We all like debt forgiveness it is an importance factor for restoration in relationships without it there is no real peace.

In a world that has become increasingly harsh over debt collection we as Christians cannot lose sight of the power of releasing debts of others.

Why did Christ Jesus choose to use the word “debt” instead of sin? A debt requires a payment of some sort a compensation; when we are personally injured by someone we demand payment the payment can be set so high that we may never forgive their debt. Many claim to know the mind of God in not forgiving someone debt, in that, they demand justice according to the Old Law (Ten Commandments).

What they forget is the debt of the Old Law was forgiven through God Son Christ Jesus in giving his life for us. In other words, the Old Law was fulfilled, completed, set aside so we are not condemned in God’s eyes any longer, payment was made. The wages paid under the Old Law is death there is not other wages gained.

Matt.18:21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?"

18:22 Jesus said to him, "I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

18:23 Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who wanted to reconcile accounts with his servants.

18:24 When he had begun to reconcile, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. {Ten thousand talents represents an extremely large sum of money, equivalent to about 60,000,000 denarii, where one denarius was typical of one day's wages for agricultural labor.}

18:25 But because he couldn't pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

18:26 The servant therefore fell down and kneeled before him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!'

18:27 The lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

18:28 "But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred denarii, {100 denarii was about one sixtieth of a talent.} and he grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

18:29 "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!'

18:30 He would not, but went and cast him into prison, until he should pay back that which was due.

18:31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told to their lord all that was done.

18:32 Then his lord called him in, and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.

18:33 Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?'

18:34 His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him.

18:35 So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you don't each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds."

When we as Christian do not apply debt forgiveness we judge ourselves again under the Old Law. As Christ Jesus showed a simple look at the opposite sex in our hearts is a sin deserving of death according to God's Laws. How can we not release those that have done us personal injury? Moreover, we are not God and have never been entrusted with the rights to judge others and hold them accountable. Christ Jesus on earth stated that he judges no one he left the judgment to His Father in Heaven.

Matt.6:13 Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.{NU omits "For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen."}'

Does God bring us into temptation? We are told in the book of James that it is our own sinful hearts that brings us into temptation and when it becomes fertile it gives birth to sin and death. Furthermore we told God cannot try us with evil only good comes down from the Father of lights.

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.

So what is Christ Speaking about here? Well he was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the Devil. God will allow us to be tempted by the evil one, but something more are here? Yes, before this verse Matt.6:13 Christ Jesus is speaking about forgiving our debtors. Moreover, after this verse he again makes the point about forgiveness so that is the context of his words.

Unforgiveness bring us into temptation because our hearts are hard and haughty we are no longer lead by the Holy Spirit in love, but instead we are lead by self-will. We must humble our hearts for the devil to flee from us. God opposes the haughty ones and gives favor to humble. But Christ helps us in showing us the bigger picture; God is the power and glory His Kingdom is forever. Yes, God is stronger then our sinful unforgiving hearts and is willing to forgive us our trespass recalling us to our spiritual sense so the evil cannot tempt us beyond what we can bear; God promises us He will make the away out.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth.

3:15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.

3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed.

3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Matt.6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

6:15 But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

When people trespasses against us they are on private property which may be our personal rights or something far worst causing us substantial damage and pain. But Christ Jesus said we must forgive those that trespasses against us or our Heavenly Father will not forgive us. Our God is a God of justice and fairness so how can He expect us to forgive others freely when they hurt us badly, - justice and fairness does not allow for it?

Daily all of us violate what is Holy and sacred to God because we are sinners; we don't see ourselves as such because we judge from a sinful heart; we pass on the same condition to our children sin and death. All of our ways are corrupt because they end up in death. God created our life; life is sacred to God and is created to live forever.

The only way out of our sinful condition is for God to forgive us our trespasses against Him. So our God is more than justice and fairness He is love. God chose to act in love towards us by letting His Son Christ Jesus die for our sins. If our Heavenly Father did not turn the other cheek and humble Himself where would we be? Certainly He asks little of us in forgiving each other.

Col.3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance;

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.

3:14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

Matt.6:16 "Moreover when you fast, don't be like the hypocrites, with sad faces. For they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen by men to be fasting. Most certainly I tell you, they have received their reward.

6:17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face;

6:18 so that you are not seen by men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Many are the religion today that put on a pious looks or speak in an elevated religious voice. Yes, these things are impressive to people walking in their flesh, but God is concerned with our hearts. The question is why do we serve God in the first place? God is a powerful Spirit person He does not live according to our flesh or fleshly thoughts. In other words, God connects with the spirit of our hearts our true nature not the show our flesh put on to interpret too other what a religious person looks and acts like.

Psalms 34:18 Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Our flesh craves attention and the adulation of others it also justifies bad conduct in the name of God by stating such things as this:

“If I look a certain way, and act a certain way, although it is an act; people expect religious people to act and speak in a certain manner then at least they will hear something about the Lord and some good will come out of it”. Yet, Christ was not concern with pleasing men he wanted to please God with a sincere complete heart. If Christ Jesus is not enough we can never sell him with false humility or by sugar coating him and his message. If we create hypocrite by our actions we have done nothing great or new, and our Father will not reward us or our disciples for pretentious perfunctory self-righteous false worship.

Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Yahweh: they shall certainly not be unpunished.

Jeremiah 17:5 Thus says Yahweh: Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Yahweh.

On the other hand, when we speak with sincerity of our hearts about the wonderful God we serve, and worship, letting His truth shine through us; there is a ring that sincere hearts are drawn too. Thus, our disciple will not mimic are actions, dress, and speech, which flatter us, but brings no glory to God.

Col.3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

3:17 Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him.

Matt.6:19 "Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal;

6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal;

6:21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Almost nothing on earth affects our hearts more then riches, why? Well, they are worshipped in our world those having them are looked to as superior, wiser, and blessed of God. Moreover, they are attractive to our hearts because riches produce what we all want in a world of insecurity and that is the comfort of security.

However, Christ Jesus did not say riches were not appealing, you might remember that Satan tempted him with all the kingdoms of the world? What he did focus on is the affect it has on our hearts, why? Our hearts stores our treasures as the most sacred secret place of our thoughts, and motives. Furthermore, our hearts are treacherous, and powerful in justifying what we want. The Kingdom of God does not lay in eating, drinking, or material things it is about new personalities transformed by God into child-like persons; trusting in their Heaven Father for all provision in this life now, future, and everlastingly.

Matt.4:8 Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory.

4:9 He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me."

4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, {TR and NU read "Go away" instead of "Get behind me"} Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.' {Deuteronomy 6:13}

We were created to worship and serve God; we were not created to be independent of God. Our fallen flesh craves all things opposed to services and dependence on God. Our great treasure (the fine pearl) is our association and worship of God, and that is what God is restoring too mankind. Not many can run this race living as though aliens, and waiting the reward of a New City having real foundation the City of the living God.

Matthew 13:46 who having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Revelation 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls. Each one of the gates was made of one pearl. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

A runner in a race cannot have two masters and run too win! Although our hearts deceive us justifying our pursuit for riches in doing good works; Christ Jesus said it cannot be done, and we know as Christians, he alone is truth.

Heb.11:14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

11:15 If indeed they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had enough time to return.

11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Matt.6:22 The light of the body is the eye; if then your eye is true, all your body will be full of light.

6:23 But if your eye is evil, all your body will be dark. If then the light which is in you is dark, how dark it will be!

There are doctors that can diagnose a person's health from the iris of the human eye very accurately. Diseases will show in the human eyes; Jesus Christ the Son of man understood the importance of human eye in serving God. However, Christ Jesus was concern about the condition of our heart and soul reflected in our eyes.

If we are true to God, focusing our eyes above on Christ Jesus, God's Holy Spirit fills our hearts and light and life of God shines through us. But if our heart is divided lusting for the ways of the flesh the showy display of ones means of life then our eye is evil, and our whole body dark. Christ Jesus is the great physician he diagnoses our spiritual condition carefully and correctly. Where the sinful human heart believes there is light in loving the world and its material things; Christ Jesus calls this so called light darkness.

Heb.4:12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

4:13 There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Many miss the contexts of Christ Jesus words here on the Sermon on the Mount., his words at verses (Matt.6: 19-34) are concentrating on the subject of materialism. It not a subject most Christian today want to think about, but Christ Jesus placed great weight on this matter. Interpreting Christ words here as something another than materialism is a misrepresentation of the truth.

If we lust for material things then we put "things" having no life or soul over the greatest gift in our universe life and that my friend is a great darkness, and evil we do not want in us.

Luke 12:19 I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." 12:20 "But God said to him, 'You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared--whose will they be?'

Matt.6:24 No man is able to be a servant to two masters: for he will have hate for the one and love for the other, or he will keep to one and have no respect for the other. You may not be servants of God and of wealth.

Many are the persons that have lost their family over pursuing riches; many are the person compromising their values to gain wealth. Many are the person that sold their health for riches. Many are the person risking their life and limb for money. Many are the person losing friendship for wealth; many are the person stealing and lying to have wealth. And we could go on and on, but these are not Christians we are talking about here; so where does that place people dedicated to Christ Jesus when they pursue riches?

We all think we have a handle on our pursuing riches - correct? Our motives are better than others; we are going to make our family and friends life happier once we get enough money. When we chase a rainbow for the pot of gold at the other end, (happiness) we miss all that's in between! Our souls crave happiness, security, and love so much that it like a drug addiction, the power of wealth is the illusion that it can buy what we need emotionally.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Proverbs 16:19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, than to divide the plunder with the proud.

If our God did the same; He could offer us all the kingdoms of this world to buy our love. He could weakly bless everyone serving Him with all the riches of this world. But then one would wonder what God is afraid of? Why would He have to buy our love, and why would we only love Him if He made us rich? Is this the God you serve, if so than you hate Jesus Christ?

1 Corinthians 1:28 and God chose the lowly things of the world, and the things that are despised, and the things that are not, that he might bring to nothing the things that are:

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you! He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matt.6:25 Therefore, I tell you, don't be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing?

What is human life worth to those with ultimate wealth? Well God tells us what life is worth too Him, the death of His only begotten Son Christ Jesus to redeem us to everlasting life with God. Through God and Christ Jesus great sacrifice we can now be call Son's of God; there was no material value placed on blood of Christ Jesus. It is a gift of love, freely given for those wanting a better life now, and eternal life with God and Christ Jesus in paradise.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

Romans 5:15 But the free gift isn't like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

God also gives us the gift of free will He has not taken it back or evil would not exist on earth today. The gift of His Son's sacrifice and death is also a free gift given too mankind. Open to all that chose by free will to accept the gift. It cannot be bought nor can someone make you take it. Nor does God force people through dogma of Hell Fire to accept the beautiful gift of love. Love does not coexist with evil; if children only love their parent because the parents will torture them forever it is not love.

When we think in correct understanding of God's love then we understand that we are worth much to Him. God could never leave us or not take care of us; it is incompatible with His great sacrifice to gain us back in love.

2 Corinthians 9:15 Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!

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?

What is the body of Christ Jesus? Well it is the church of anointed Christians on earth today? We are told of Christ Jesus body this:

Eph;5:29 For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly; 5:30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones. Eph 5:32 This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the assembly.

If God takes care of the birds of heavens does He love the members of Christ Jesus body less? Oh, but wait we must earn God's love for Him to taken care of, no! Foolishly heart stop denying the truth; we have done nothing to earn the privilege of being members in the body of Christ Jesus. It is not about us it is about Christ Jesus and "his" body members. if God expect a sinful man of flesh and blood to feed and cherish his wife? Is Christ Jesus less, how can he not feed and cherishes his own body members? We are 100 % guarantee that we will be taken care of by the ultimate King Christ Jesus.

If we are anxious then we are in our flesh thinking we need to earn through works of law God's love and care for us. We are nothing more then the nations in doing so; with constant anxious care about life needs. Please look up and see the birds of the heavens they do not earn God's provision through good works, they simply exist in God's love with no concerns about the next day or next meal. They are created for a purpose; God has created us in the body of Christ Jesus for a purpose. Our good works are given us through the body of Christ Jesus. Toiling and spinning are not going to give us good works they are apart of us as a new creation for God's purpose.

Gal.5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, 5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

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

Can we add time to our life by being anxious? Well if that were true people would live forever! It's needless to say that worry takes years off our life, but why is it so hard to stop worrying? Well, it is because life as a humans is based on the worth of our performance, in other words, we have to earn merit to be loved and taken care of, and being taken care of is not acceptable for an adult in our society.

So is Christ Jesus here asking or stating that which is impossible? Well, yes, and no! Yes, it is impossible for those walking in the sinful flesh to stop worrying about life's cares. And no, it is not impossible for those walking in Holy Spirit as part of body of Christ Jesus to life without anxious care. The impossibility for both groups is when either views God love through Christ Jesus as performance based.

And this is the measure of Christ Jesus words in the many verses dealing with materialism and anxious care on the Sermon on the Mount. Does God love us; is God love, do you have God's love, or do you have to earn God's love? When we move away from God's love we come under law then we are judged by performance, and not the free gift of love. God's love cannot be earned, much less the faith/trust it takes in God to provide for us each day.

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.

The only way to saves us out of anxious care is putting complete faith in Christ Jesus. We cannot as humans walk on water; we cannot as humans stop anxious cares. The Apostle Peter did not earn by merit the right to walk on water; he overcame his fear of the raging sea by putting faith in Christ Jesus words. We cannot stop being anxious in the raging sea of daily cares without doing the same.

Matt.14:28 Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters." 14:29 He said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat, and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. 14:30 But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 14:31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matt.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.

Why are we anxious because it is part of the human nature do to sin? We cannot image life without constant worry. All human being to every live on earth accept Christ Jesus worried that they were not worthy of God's love. That worry is at the core of why people are anxious; if they believed in Christ Jesus words; his promises that God loves them more then the birds of heaven and the lilies of the field anxious care would be over and heaven on earth would come into their lives.

God created this world for human habitation He is the owner of it, Solomon was given everything he owned by God; without God's wisdom Solomon would not have been known When God Himself promises His Children that He loves them and will take care of them, then it is a matter of belief not worth. When we desist from personal justification or making ourselves worthy through works nothing is left but acceptance by God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:32 He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?

Do you understand this? We can never be worthy we are sinners, we are worthy because God has put us in the body of Christ Jesus. In other words, the tree is perfect (Christ Jesus) being made part of the perfect tree, we become worthy to God. God looks at the tree not us we are but a part of it and because of that we can rest assured God will take care of the tree for His name sake.

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

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;

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.

Matt6:30 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?

Some of us feel lower than the grass of the field at times; at least the grass has no thoughts and does not sin against God. The reason we feel so low is that we are judging ourselves against perfect law and it condemns us as unworthy. We may take comfort in knowing that no person ever living on earth, but Christ Jesus was and is worthy. But still it brings us little comfort and that is because we are honest hearted persons loving the truth more than justifying our weakness.

Rom.7:24 What a wretched man I am! Who will deliver me out of the body of this death?

7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! So then with the mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, the sin's law.

To understand this great mystery we must divide ourselves into two parts. The one part is the sinful person that none of can be gone with; the only way to get rid of that person is through death. The second is a new person created by God through His love for us. That person delights in God and His ways and believes God is love and that He does love us. The first part/person the sinful person has to be dealt with according to legal requirements without emotions; that person has to die according to God's Law to pay the penalty for sin.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christ Jesus dies for us becoming our substitute(in death); so when we accept Christ Jesus we are accounted legally as dead in Christ Jesus; acquitted of our sins against God's Law. God no longer holds those sins against us so now He can love us freely as His Children. And that is why Christ Jesus promised that God would take care of us, and provide our daily needs. Not because we are worthy, but because of a law that we have been acquitted from: "For the wages sins pays in death, but the gift God gives is life". Those that have died paid the price for their sins, death.

Colossians 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God,

who raised him from the dead. 2:13 You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

We have died because we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. No matter how unworthy we feel God has placed His value on us. What Christ Jesus told us too do is to stop judging if we can do that we are no longer judged by the law that condemns us as unworthy. When we judge others we judge ourselves and then we cannot understand God's love.

1Cor.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.

4:4 For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord.

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.

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

6:32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

The Gentiles/nations at the time of this writing were not God's choose people; they did not worship God. However, today after Christ Jesus death and resurrection they also have been brought into the body of Christ Jesus as believers. The point we can take away from Christ words here is people that do not accept Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savoir have no one to take care of their daily needs.

But what of us that know God and Christ Jesus do we say: "what are we to eat, what will we drink or with what will we be clothed?" Do we believe God knows we need these things? Do we understand before we pray God knows what we need? In fact, if we could not speak at all; if we are born death and dumb God knows our thoughts. God reads our heart not the words coming out of our mouth from a wicked heart lacking faith.

Psalms 23:1 <<A Psalm by David.>> Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

Psalms 34:9 Oh fear Yahweh, you his saints, for there is no lack with those who fear him.

If God cannot supply our basic needs then we are serving a weak God our worship in no more than words repeated from the bible, said but not lived; they have no substance; we are no different than people who do not know God that rely upon good luck and/or their physical ability to get by. Sadly the God that promises to resurrect us from such a great thing as death we hold such little faith in that He will provide for us daily?

40:25 "To whom then will you liken me? Who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these, who brings out their army by number. He calls them all by name. by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, Not one is lacking. 40:27 Why do you say, Jacob, and speak, Israel, "My way is hidden from Yahweh, and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?"

40:28 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The everlasting God, Yahweh, The Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't faint. He isn't weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

40:29 He gives power to the weak. He increases the strength of him who has no might.

40:30 Even the youths faint and get weary, and the young men utterly fall;

40:31 But those who wait for Yahweh will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint.

Sooner or later we will be forced to put our life in God's hands, now daily, or at the time of our death; wouldn't it be better to trust each day and experience His saving power? Wouldn't it be better to learn of God's love in action than to wait till the last minutes of our life to test His love for us?

Matt.6:33 But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

6:34 Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil is sufficient.

How do we seek first the Kingdom and his righteousness? The Kingdom of God is Christ Jesus, through him all things in heaven and earth will be brought into one with God; all that was lost through sins death for the human race will be restored.

There will be no more tears, pain or death never again through Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. Some religions would have you believe seeking the Kingdom is meeting their church agenda becoming a full time minister or going into some sort of missionary work.

1Cor.15:24 Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power.

15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

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

15:27 For, "He put all things in subjection under his feet." {Psalm 8:6} But when he says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that he is excepted who subjected all things to him.

15:28 When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son will also himself be subjected to him who subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all.

Commendable as these things are they are not seeking the Kingdom first. We are in the Kingdom of Christ Jesus right now; when we become part of his body through baptism of the Holy Spirit; we seek the Kingdom first when let Jesus Christ and his Kingdom work through us, which encompasses ever part of our daily lives on earth. From work, raising children, treating our mate lovingly, loving our neighbor as ourselves, and talking with others about God and His Word Christ Jesus.

But we are also to seek Christ Jesus righteousness, why? Human life focuses on one thing for most of us, and that is justifying our own daily actions, and words. When we do that we are no longer seeking Christ Jesus righteousness, we can no longer rest in him as our greater Sabbath. In other words, our personal righteousness becomes more important than the Kingdom of God. Without Christ Jesus righteousness imputed too us through the Holy Spirit we are nothing more then people without God seeking in anxious care the things of this world.

1Cor.13:1 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing.

13:3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, 13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;

13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

When we seek both the Kingdom and Christ Jesus righteousness we will understand the next words: **“Each day's own evil is sufficient.”** We can live no more than one day at time according to God, and we will never get out from being tested by the evil one each day here on earth where we live.

James 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let's go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit."

4:14 Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

4:15 For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that."

4:16 But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is evil.

Chapter Seven Sermon on the Mount

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged.

7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

For Christian Christ words here are some of the most difficult to explain because we judge each other in Churches and congregational meetings in every aspect of our daily lives we hold people accountable. When we accept Christ Jesus into our lives the Old Law is abolished it is no longer held against us. In Christ we have been set free from it judgment – death. We are now under a new law “Love” God judges us according to love, that is, He looks too us as His children; He no longer see us in death, but life, and through His training and parental care He translated us into the Kingdom of Son’s love.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

Rom.8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God.
We as His Children are to judge according to love for that is the new law that now governs our lives. How can we let ourselves off while at the same time judging other according to the Old Law? This is the point of Jesus word here; we cannot do so, if we judge according to the Old Law we will be judged the same. The Old Law had no room for life, it did not produce life eternal; it produced condemnation and death and it is a curse to those under it.

1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.

So when we judge according to the Old Law we judge death, but when we judge according to love we judge life. We cannot stop judging it is our sinful nature, but let us at least do so in love remembering we are, but dust and without God's love we have no hope.

Rom.2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," {Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18} also said, "Do not commit murder." {Exodus 10:13; Deuteronomy 5:17} Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

2:13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matt.7:3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye?

Human nature without God's love is an ugly beast devouring our neighbor! This beast is so blind that it sees the faults of others, but it cannot see the beam/log of sin in itself. This is the problem when we judge under the Old Law it cannot be done, why? The wages sins pays is death each and every time, the Old Law exposes sin in us, it makes it manifest brings it to light so we can see the true condition of the human race without Christ Jesus and God's forgiveness.

The beam/log is sin that all of us have we cannot get read of it without God's help, and the proof of this is all people died. When death judges death the degree of goodness or badness does not matter it all ends in the penalty of death and this is the speck we see in our brother eye.

The removal of death from us has to come from life, not more death, Christ Jesus is eternal life; life must restore life by removing death.

Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat at the table.

7:37 Behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

7:38 Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner."

7:40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say on."

7:41 "A certain lender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

7:42 When they couldn't pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most?"

7:43 Simon answered, "He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most." He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

7:44 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head.

7:45 You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet.

7:46 You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

7:48 He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

7:49 Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

7:50 He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Subsequently if you are trying to remove death through the Old Law (the speck in your brother's eye) then you are dead in your trespasses. God removes death and sin from us and our brother through His Son Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

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

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.

Matt.7:4 Or how will you tell your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye;' and behold, the beam is in your own eye?

7:5 You hypocrite! First remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.

What is so offensive about a hypocrite? Well it is one thing to make a mistake, but to make a mistake then hold some else accountable for the same mistake or even a lesser mistake while letting ourselves off is a hypocrite. We are all hypocrites to a greater or lesser degree rather we acknowledge it or not. None of us can stop sinning as humans, so what we have done is to define sin in degrees; categorizing types of sins smaller offence, and bigger offensive to justify our judging.

Rev.21:8 But for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, {The word for "sorcerers" here also includes users of potions and drugs.} idolaters, and all liars, their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

But in God eyes sins are debts that none of us can pay off without His help; sin produces death that is the wages for sinning according to God. It is much like looking at ship sinking and people on board are screaming out for help and life and death is decided according to rules and laws of the sinking ship. Which state all on board must go down with the ship to prove worthy of the captains orders.

The Old Law is that ship all on board are dying without help. God sends a ship with plenty of room for everyone to be saved us, but the passengers are continue to judge one another by the death ship rules . And many of those already on the salvation ship start judging again by the rules of the sinking ship.

In other words, it is pointless, no one on board the death ship can obey the rules if they want to be saved; it is just as pointless to judge people again by the Old Law, that ship is gone.

God saved us out of death by His Son Christ Jesus, how can we get aboard the salvation ship, and start judging other passengers by the death ship rules,- the rules that condemn us too death?

Matt.7:6 "Don't give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, lest perhaps they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Who are the dogs Christ Jesus is speaking about here? Well did Christ Jesus think people were dogs? We humans often uses derogatory words to put people down we don't like, so who is Christ speaking about here. Later in the Holy writing we find that Apostle Paul uses the same wording calling those men bring back and teaching the Old Law dogs that mutilate the flesh. Yes in context to the verses above Christ was speaking about the Old Law, not judging by it any longer.

The Holy Spirit is sacred and holy because it comes from God; people without God's Holy Spirit are often spoken as beast, those walking in their flesh cannot understand God because He is Spirit and those worshipping Him must worship in Spirit and Truth. When a person walks in their flesh spiritual matters are foolish to them. Those of us delivered from the Old Law receiving the promises Holy Spirit contend again over points of Old Law we are throwing our freedom of the Holy Spirit in before dogs, that is, before those teaching the Old Law as superior to Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Those in the flesh cannot understand nor appreciate the scared gifts that God has placed in His temple class on earth. Furthermore, when we throw the pearls of the kingdom before people with no Holy Spirit, that is, having no interest because of their flesh under the Law, they will turn on us and rip us apart the same as a pig not understand fine pearls put in their muddy pen. It is not the pigs fault or the dog's they are but creatures of habit, we are the ones responsible, for if we walk in Holy Spirit we posses Christ Jesus our "wisdom" and we can judge all matters properly by the discernment of the Holy Spirit.

Matt.7:7 "Ask, and it will be given you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you.

7:8 For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened.

The confusion for most Christian is, why don't we receive what we ask for? Of course there are a myriad answers most of them pointing to a failure on our part for not understanding or having enough faith to get an answer. But the truth is most Christians have been taught wrong by the group they are associated with. Christ Jesus came to establish worship in Truth and Spirit not to establish material worship. Material worship is not what was lost by Adam and Eve it was the spiritual relationship with God. And that is what Jesus is restoring to the human race rather they understand it or not.

God gives an abundance of Holy Spirit to those asking, the confusion is people want material blessings taught by their church. The precious things of God our spiritual they are rarer than gold, and silver, and most precious stone, but most religious people are disappointed because they can't buy what they want with intangible spiritual blessings.

God does provide both; He promises us he will never leave us and He will provide are daily needs. He does not promise material riches as He gave to the physical nation or material nation of Israel before Christ Jesus. He is now dealing with the greater spiritual nation of Israel, that is, us Christians that walk by faith not sight. The spiritual love we are given by Christ Jesus and God we cannot place a price on, no more so then we place a material price on those we love, do you have eyes to see and receive the true blessings of the wonderful God we serve?

Matt.7:9 Or who is there among you, who, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, who will give him a serpent?

7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Jesus when addressed as good teacher retorted: "why do you call me good only one is good God." Jesus words here say that we are evil and although we are evil we give good gifts to our children. That right Jesus was talking to people in general and his disciples so why did he call us evil? People are accounted as evil under the Old Law because they are a cursed as sinners. It that simple, the Old Law convicts us of sin and death so according to the perfect law handed by God through Moses we are evil. All of our righteous acts under the Law are, but bloody rages they cannot be made clean through the blood of animal sacrifices.

So yes, we can be accounted evil under the Old Law and give good gifts to our children. Of course we humans do not see ourselves as evil, but it does not matter God Law convicts us as evil. Jesus is stating here that God is good and how much more so will He give us good gifts if we ask? Yes, God is good, He sent us the very best gift in the world His Son Christ Jesus who gave his life for us so that we may no longer be evil to God; being bought from the curse of the Law through the blood of Jesus Christ. We now are washed clean and children of God loved, protected, and taken care of through God's love.

Matt.7:12 Therefore whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

We all desire to have other treat us good, we like people to care about us and take our thoughts into consideration, and these are human emotions that we all share in common. But desire is also at the center of being self-absorbed to the point we don't take other people into consideration. The problem with the Law is it blinds us to our fault while increasing the fault of others. The Law is like a magnifying glass to examine other people; like a person that quits smoking and then they becomes intolerant of others smokers.

This is our nature, Christ Jesus understood what was is in human so when he speaks he helps us see our true nature, at the same time helps us to understand that we cannot make real change without super-natural strengthen from God. Although we may master a few areas of the Old Law it will only make us feel superior and less tolerant towards others that can't.

So once again Jesus Christ gives us the answer in order come out from the judgment of the Old Law, so we don't judge other according to death, which the Old Law bring all of us under. Yes, the "golden rule" the positive evaluation of our real desires, we honestly want to be treated good that is our deepest desire from other, but also from God. God has gone beyond treating us fairly He has released us from the condemnation of the Law and given us abundant life in His Son Christ Jesus. He has treated us with His deepest desire to love and give life to all.

Matt.7:13 "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it. 7:14 How{TR reads "Because" instead of "How"} narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! Few are those who find it.

Some people are naturally prone to righteous in doing good according to God's commandments. Other fight just to be nice throughout the day, and wonder how in the world am I going to go in threw the narrow gates that few can find? Well your right if it is depended upon human righteousness under the Old Law, that is, how closely you can convince others that you obey the Old Law completed then perhaps we are all in trouble.

But it does not depend upon us, but rather in our faith in Christ Jesus, what does that mean? Well it means that you believe/put faith in God that He will change your heart that your new personality is completely depended upon God's well not your own self will. Do understand how that levels playing field so all can be accepted rather then gaining merit by controlling our lust of their flesh. Still not convinced? Well consider this, our righteousness in not us or the Old Law, but Christ Jesus. God has given us Christ Jesus righteousness when our faith accepts him, and that my friend is why if we break one part of the Old Law we have violated all the Old Law and it convicts us of death.

May we sing the song amazing grace when we have hate in our hearts for one another, or we lust for the opposite sex in our hearts; may we thank God for Christ Jesus blood that covers our sins and God love that forgiveness? For if the narrow road depends on personal worth, goodness, or merit, then none of us will find it!

Matt.7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

False prophets will appear in sheep covering but inwardly they are ravening wolves, certainly there have been millions of applications to Jesus words here; applying them to anyone that offends some Christian group. But actually Jesus Christ had in mind those appearing to be his followers yet enslaving others to the Old Law again. Christ was going to set them free from the law with his very life. Mysterious as his words sound, the wolves simply would use the hardness of the Old Law in bring ones back into the condemnation and the curse of the Law.

The danger for Christians is the Old Law is righteous, and good, and sounds good when other offend us. Plus the Old Law when applied can build strong insurmountable organizations that stand against lawlessness, but they bring nothing but death to those rejecting the "New Law of Love" instead for the judgments of the Old Law.

Yes, when a wolf is turn loose in a flock of sheep the sheep will flee in fear; some will survive, however, when the wolf come in sheep's covering (clothed as Christ Jesus righteousness) they destroy many.

Christ righteousness' comes from him fulfilling the Old Law and instituting the new covenant of love with his followers. God does not change and start holding our past sins against us that his son blood covers. However, the wolves would have you believe such in order to control and kill the sheep; using the strongest point of the Old Law against the sheep. Guilt! And self-condemnation; enslaving them again to payments/debts they cannot meet or pay off, look out!

Matt.7:16 By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

Nature teaches us common sense, but religion steal common sense and puts us upon a road of blindness and stupidity. None of us would ever go to a thorn bush to get grapes or a thistle bush to get figs, no! But how many of us will go back to the Old Law to prove ourselves right over some principle, or to get someone to do something we want or that we believe they should do?

The Old Law is powerful and will make people do things out of guilt. Nothing seems to offend Christian more then when people that know better refuse go to their meetings. They bring out the bibles and start pounding the person with the Law condemning and creating guilt until they get the desire results or the person rebels against their counsel. Either way the Christian gets a response that justifies their actions. We do that as humans believing a little good comes out of something bad to justify the means.

However, Christ Jesus didn't justify some bad to get good he did not have to because he is the "Truth". He stated a little leaven ferments the whole lump speaking about the Pharisee and their teachings of the Old Law. Many religion today justify the uses of the Old Law to get ten-percent, fill their meeting through guilt of punishment, yet let themselves off when it come to hate in their heart for people holding different political views, or having lust in their hearts for the opposite sex. In these areas they preach understanding and forgiveness under the new law of love.

Jesus Christ simply said you can't have both ways, you cannot gather grapes from thorns or gather figs from thistles if you do people are going to bleed and find pain not the fruitage of the Holy Spirit in love, peace, joy, kindness, long-suffering, self-control, and peace.

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.

What are the fruits of everlasting life? Well first we must accept the only way to life that God has provided for the human race and that is Christ Jesus His Son. There is no other name in heaven or upon earth that has been given among men to be saved. Although there are many pronunciations of the name Jesus Christ the point is do we put faith in the resurrected Son of God?

By our faith we are accepted by God into His family and that is why we call each other brothers and sisters. Once in the family God our Father gives us good gifts, those gifts are spiritual gifts coming down to us from our heavenly Father. This alone is the tree bearing good fruit "God", not us we are the branches on the true vine Christ Jesus: "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."

The corrupt tree producing evil fruit was the nation of Israel that killed the Son God Jesus Christ. The Old Law formed this nation; it was the vine that should have produce fruits of repentance so the nation would accept the Son of God as forgiveness for their sins. Moreover, the Law did not produce the fruits of God Spirit (life) it produce death, yes, condemnation and death for all under it ruler ship. It point out that all people under sin are evil deserving of death and there was not one born of Adam that could redeem the human race.

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}

The question remains what tree are you bearing fruit on? You cannot have it both ways some good fruit (New Covenant) some bad fruit (Old Law). Mixing of the two produce babble, confusion, and darkness which are evil fruit!

Matt. 7:19 Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. 7:20 Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

The nation of Israel was cut down and thrown into the fire in 70 CE by the Roman Government, millions lost their lives; the fruits of self-righteousness did not save them from destruction.

For thousands of year they were given the opportunity to produce fruits of repentance. No honest hearted person can condemn someone to death while breaking the same Law that condemns themselves too death. The Law should have produced honest heart person because all under it are convicted onto death!

When we as Christian under a new law producing life again return to the Old Law because of religious dogma or for whatever noble reason we will be known by our fruits. Either the fruits of Law or the fruits of love the identifying mark among Christians. The fruits of Law will be thrown into the fire, they are: 1Cor. 3:11 For no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

3:12 But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or stubble;

3:13 each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is.

3:14 If any man's work remains which he built on it, he will receive a reward.

3:15 If any man's work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as through fire.

We are given a daily choice well I live under the Law of love, which fulfills the Old Law and be covered by the blood of Christ Jesus in forgiveness. Although love seems weak with no protection, where the Old Law will protect our physical life repaying injury for injury and building up or self-righteousness it will come to a fiery end.

Matt.7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Jesus words are consistent throughout the gospel accounts he tells us in the book of John that only those born of Spirit can enter into the kingdom of the heavens; “unless you are born again you cannot enter into the kingdom of heavens.” The problem with those under Law is they can intelligently understand the Holy writings and explain them in terms of law, principles, dogma, but they are missing the well of God.

That is offensive to religious people that intellectualize the Holy writings, but it is the truth of God; Christian must be lead by God Holy Spirit to do His well and to know His well in their lives. Paul made it clear that without the Holy Spirit a person could not know God. Personal relationships are based on trust/faith, which come from contact with the person to know their minds, feelings, and heart. That is what being born again does for God’s children through the Holy Spirit.

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

3:2 The same came to him by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him."

3:3 Jesus answered him, "Most certainly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, {The word translated "anew" here and in John 3:7 (anothen) also means "again" and "from above".} he can't see the Kingdom of God."

3:4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God!"

3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.'

3:8 The wind {The same Greek word (pneuma) means wind, breath, and spirit.} blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

3:9 Nicodemus answered him, "How can these things be?"

3:10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and don't understand these things?"

3:11 Most certainly I tell you, we speak that which we know, and testify of that which we have seen, and you don't receive our witness.

3:12 If I told you earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

3:13 No one has ascended into heaven, but he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

Many will say Lord, Lord, but they will not be known by God. Our flesh possess things for its identity it repeats words to reinforce thoughts and make the words our own. But words of the flesh do not make God our own or His Son Christ Jesus, why? Because God is Spirit and so is Christ Jesus; without fleshly ownership; the repeating of ritual rather than meetings attendance or saying a prayer over and over again has nothing to do with God. It is God's Holy Spirit that changes a person's heart and produces the fruits of the Holy Spirit that God calls His will. The flesh will trick us and it is deceptive light working evil, but the Holy Spirit is a perfect unchangeable gift of light that is full of good fruits and mercy.

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Matt. 7:22 Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?'

7:23 Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'

Can there be anything more deceptive than doing a powerful work in Jesus Christ's name and it not be from Christ Jesus? Yes, there can be and that is our hearts that produce the false powerful work: **Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?**

When we understand the true nature of the sinful flesh that Jesus taught about we then can understand how people do powerful works in Jesus' name and Jesus Christ does not know them. According to Christ Jesus the flesh is of no value at all it is the Spirit that gives life, why? The Holy Spirit is "new" (future, positive, not past and sin) and it produces a new person not of this earth from the sin of Adam (a new creation). The blood of Christ Jesus justifies our sin from Adam and gives us a new heart. In other words, the sin is paid for in Christ Jesus and done away with.

Colossians 2:13 You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
Colossians 1:22 yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and blameless before him,
Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh;

When powerful works are done in Christ Jesus as a “new creation” it is from God, but when they are done in the flesh in the name of Jesus Christ they are not of God. Being in the flesh and under the Old Law (not the Holy Spirit) a person is a worker of iniquity (lawless) because the Law is a curse exposing our sins.

The Law required animal sacrifices to temporarily appease sin; so if you sin under the Old Law you must appease your sins through animal blood.

Ephesians 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;

Galatians 6:8 For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

If your under the new covenant (new law of love) then you cannot go back to the Old Law and be in Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus is not speaking derogatory in calling persons workers of iniquity he is simply stating the facts that applies to all humans under the Old Law we are workers of iniquity and God through His great mercy has provided away out by forgiveness and salvation from our sins.

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.

Matt.7:24 "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock.

7:25 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock.

7:26 Everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn't do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand.

7:27 The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

Many a Christian have read Jesus words here and thought more Law! First of all Jesus Christ is the “Word of God”; so without question one must listen to his words carefully and build upon them, so what did Jesus the Word tell us?

John 3:14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 3:15 that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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.

3:17 For God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

3:18 He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn't believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.

If you are a Christian no matter which group, does Jesus Christ perish? No, of course not! Are you a part of his body, if so then you won't perish either; there is but one faith do you understand that, I mean really understand that our faith is Jesus Faith? Jesus has great faith; we receive his faith when we become part of his body. Do you think Jesus is being judged, well of course not he fulfilled the Law perfectly there is no judgment against him.

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

Are you part of the body of Christ then there is no judgment for you either, God has bought and paid for you with Christ Jesus blood so you are no longer under the Judgment of the Old Law. But what about Jesus words above regarding building upon him and judgment? Well who builds the body of Christ Jesus, God or man? So as long as you stay in your own works trying to be worthy of God's love you are justifying yourself under the Old Law. You are putting yourself under judgment and building upon sandy soil that Jesus warned against. But if you believe in the Word of God Christ Jesus and put faith in his words you are saved.

Rom.8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. {NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" }

That my friend is the ultimate test trusting Jesus Christ and his words that God loves you and has saved you through His Son Christ Jesus by your faith or believing in his words too you.

A lack of faith in Jesus words puts us under the judgment Jesus took away and building where you ought not.

James 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.

Matt.7:28 And it came about, when Jesus had come to the end of these words, that the people were surprised at his teaching,

7:29 for he was teaching as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

There are different types of authority the type of authority that enforce the Law a fearful thing. There is the type of authority that creates the Law and the type that is the Law. God is the Law, it is the fiber of His being and that is why not one of smallest particle of the Law will perish. God does not perish He is incorruptible and everlastingly Almighty.

Heb.1:1 God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

1:2 has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.

1:3 His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself made purification for our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

1:4 having become so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they have.

Jesus Christ the Son of God is also the Law he has authority in the Law, but over the Law to accuses and excused person under it. God needs no law because He is law. When Jesus died too fulfill the Old Law he did not remove all laws, but replaced it with the perfect Law of Love, a greater encompassing law that only love can fulfill perfectly. How then can we fulfill the perfect Law of Love among ourselves? We cannot without God's help and a perfect gift of God's love in Jesus Christ.

All authority rest in Jesus Christ he takes us out of judgment and provides us with God's love so we may live in freedom of the Son's of God.

Yes, freedom! Love is freedom there is no burden under love's law, it is the authority given us in Christ Jesus to teach the new covenant inscribing it on hearts with help of the Holy Spirit the wonderful miracles of God's love.

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John. From that time the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 7:23 If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me, because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath?

Acts 13:39 and by him everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 7:6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

When Jesus Christ finished the famous Sermon on the Mount his listeners were astonished in his teachings. Astonished in his authority to take thousands of years of oppressive Laws and bring them under God love for the world.

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

Final Thoughts

Until Christian fully understand the power of Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit that is written upon each of our hearts we will continue trusting in the Old Law over the power of Christ Jesus. Faith is trust and requires putting one soul in the hands of another, in a Christian case that would be God.

Law is material and requires no faith to see results it seems more secure in saving our soul in this life. Mover over it is the natural confluence of the flesh systemic to our sinful nature and powerful in authority.

Nevertheless until our walk is with the Holy Spirit and our faith is in the power of invisible God we can never be set free or understand the true nature of God's love. We will continue in the primary doctrine of the Christ stumbling into one disappointment after another putting our faith in men and organizations blaming God for their imperfect dogma, and bad actions of sinful men.

Freedom of God's children come from God and putting complete trust in His Son Christ Jesus, when we let go of the security of law, knowledge, pleasing men, dogma, and all other things substituted for a lack of faith/trust in God, and we put faith in His promises to us we will gain a pure association with the creator of heaven and earth, which is the sincere desire of the God of love. We must become a young child in trusting God and Christ Jesus not men/woman teachings God's word too us. When children are abused at young age they cannot trust anyone later in life. Many persons have been sorely abused by organized religion throughout the history of man even the Apostle of Christ Jesus. They too could not trust anyone representing God it was not until the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them that the love of God filled their hearts and they then understood Christ Jesus words.

Until Christian receives that same Holy Spirit they can never put complete trust in God and his word. Religion has focus on mundane rules, dogma, and doctrine to please God. One does not have to be a part of that in order to receive God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a free gift given to all accepting Christ Jesus; it cannot be bought or purchase at a meeting, it is a free gift given too you the reader upon belief in Christ Jesus.

We are promised that it will never leave us and will provide all our needs in this world; you can put your complete trust in something that is not of this world and has underlining motivate, but to love and help you into eternal life. And that is my wish for all that read this publication that their complete faith will be place in God and His Son Christ Jesus where no pain, sorrow, tear, or death be found, but comfort and love.

1Cor.13:1 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing.

13:3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud,

13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;

13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

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