

# The Joy of the Lord Is Our Strength

## Anointed with the Oil of Gladness

Peter and Rohnel, called to be the ministers of Christ through the will of God, to all the scattered saints who call upon Jesus Christ; grace and peace unto you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This letter is written to the saints to remind us to rejoice in the Lord always and to seek the fullness of His joy in our lives. Embracing the Gospel, pressing into the Kingdom of God with all our heart, mind, and soul, brings greater joy as the Lord rewards those who seek Him. May we be filled with the joy of the Lord as we strive to stay in the faith by obedience. The joy of the Lord is planted and kept in us by the preaching and obeying of the Gospel of the Living Commandments.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Joh 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

By the mercy of God, the hidden mystery of His Gospel has been revealed. This Gospel is the knowledge of God that brings us many blessings, including the grace that manifests peace, obedience, and the fruits of the Spirit. We are being saved from our sins, and the Lord's joy has now become our joy.

Mat 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my

beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit [His Joy] upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

God is love, and the love of God is that we obey His Commandments. The joy of the Lord is the love that is the Father dwelling in Him. The Father did not send Christ alone; the Father, who is the Holy Commandments, is alive with Christ as they are one Spirit. The Father is the joy of the Lord, and Christ always seeks to obey the Father so that He may please God.

Joh 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

As the Father sent Christ, so He sends us as His Christ. Thus, the joy of the Lord, the Commandments that are the Spirit of God, the wisdom of Christ, and the understanding of the Father become our strength when the Promise comes in the appointed day.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Our joy is not our own, nor is it joy in the Lord. The joy we receive as a gift is the Lord's joy of the Holy Commandments that are the Father. Sons of God always do what the Father does, which is to do the Commandments. We follow Christ's example.

Joh 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater

works than these, that you may marvel.

The love of God is His Spirit that brings the desire to obey God's Commandments. The Lord had a full measure of this Spirit and thus, to bring joy to the Father, Christ endured the cross and despised the shame that comes from the carnal world.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Christ came into this world to save the world, and that is accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel to those given to receive it. The joy of the Lord is thus fulfilled in due time in those who hear Christ and His Christ.

Joh 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Christ's prayer above is answered, and thus we follow the Lord's example and, for the joy of the Lord set before us, pay the costs to become His disciples. Our hope, that is also our faith of Christ, is rewarded in due time, and the joy of the Lord, that is the love of God, is poured into our hearts by the Spirit.

Rom 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Having the Lord's joy abiding in us is having the love of God in our hearts that witnesses that we are the children of God.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God,

when we love God and keep His commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Before Christ comes with His joy to dwell in us, a time of preparation is needed to build the walls and the temple in the Holy City. We are the Temple of God, and this is our day of preparation and the baptism of John. As the chosen of God, we begin singing a new song, the song of salvation.

Exo 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation

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Psa 132:13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.

Psa 132:14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it

The walls that guard the Temple are the Commandments, and when they are being raised, our day of the Lord has come, meaning we have heard and received the Gospel. This is a holy day, as we are being made holy and perfected, and now have the same joy our Lord has living in us. The joy of the Lord that has been given to us is our strength.

Neh 8:9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

Neh 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord:

neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

The shadows of the OT confirm our understanding of the Lord's ways. While Nehemiah built the walls, Ezra built the new Temple itself, and its construction and dedication brought great joy to the children of Israel.

Ezr 6:16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy

The joy of the Lord is another symbol of the hidden mystery of the Gospel, the Promise of God now being revealed unto the saints. The Living Commandments of the Father is our strength, the power that saves us and builds and protects the Temple in which we rejoice and are exceedingly glad. Through this joy, we are triumphing over our sins. Judgment has come upon the house of God, and a new creature is being made.

Isa 33:5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

Psa 97:8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

As we mature in the faith, we rejoice more and more at the trials and afflictions that come in the Lord's day as we enter into the King's palace.

Psa 118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psa 45:15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

We are comforted in our mourning and loss of many things.

Singing, shouting and making noise for the Lord is our obedience to the Commandments in which we rejoice. We are comforted, and all the waste places within us are being transformed. Joy, gladness, and thanksgiving are in our hearts as we sing to the Lord in obedience.

Isa 51:3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

The Lord is well pleased in us, and we are glad when we come before Him singing praises by our obedience and trust in His ways.

Psa 100:1 A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Psa 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence [the Commandments] with singing.

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Psa 149:1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Psa 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Only the redeemed of the Lord, to whom His joy has come, can learn and sing the new song of salvation.

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no

man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

The Joy of the Lord is mighty in bringing the overcoming of our sins that we have strived to attain all of our lives. Those to whom the joy of the Lord has come are the blessed sons of God, His kings and priests on the earth.

Psa 21:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Psa 21:6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

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Zep 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Becoming one with Christ is marrying Christ, and in this, we rejoice, having been made ready by the works of God to wash us with the Commandments and clothe us in His righteousness.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Psa 132:16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

When we have joy in the Father's Commandments, we cannot help but produce the fruits of His Spirit. Pursuing more knowledge outside of the Commandments is no longer a strong desire as we seek first the kingdom of God and obedience to the Commandments, in which we now rest in joy.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith ...

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit

In time, our sorrow over the many trials and afflictions turns to unspeakable joy. It is through these trials of our obedience to the faith that we overcome and begin to be filled with the Lord's glory as salvation begins to manifest.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

All that the Lord is doing is for the greater good of our salvation. Nothing is wasted, and we learn to rejoice in trials and the Commandments as we see Christ appearing more in our lives.

Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations

The words for joy and gladness in the Scriptures are interchangeable, as various translations and Bible concordances confirm. The Lord raises us and brings us forth with both joy and gladness and gives us the Promised Land to inherit as we learn to obey the Lord.

Psa 105:43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:

Psa 105:44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they



inherited the labour of the people;

Psa 105:45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit, known as the Promise, is the joy of the Lord and is also called the oil of gladness. The elect chosen of God who become His angels and ministers of flame are given the anointing which causes us to become trees of righteousness and manifest the glory of the Lord, that is, our obedience to the Commandments.

Heb 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness [joy] above thy fellows.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy [gladness] for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Where the King's Commandments are sent, there arises light, gladness, joy, and honour.

Est 8:16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

Our joy is said to be an everlasting joy as it is the Commandments, the Living Word that abides forever and never passes away.

Isa 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy

When the joy comes inside, we are now being taught by God. The Spirit of the Commandments, the anointing of the joy of

the Lord, teaches all men and makes known God's ways.

Act 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

The day we hear the Gospel preached with God-given ears begins the blessing of God, bringing us the joy of the Holy Ghost into our hearts. Many lies are cast out, and we begin to be healed of our lameness and many other spiritual diseases. Great joy comes into us, the city of God.

Act 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Act 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

It is an unparalleled honour and blessing to have the opportunity to make a stand for Christ, the Commandments, and be persecuted for His name's sake. Those precious few given to repent and believe the Gospel in every age are the Lord's redeemed who will be full of joy and exceedingly glad for all the things the Lord is working.

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Our sorrows, afflictions, and doubts vanish as the Lord grants us understanding and gives us the overcoming. We are

thus filled not only with His joy but also with His glory.

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

When the Gospel is preached, and we begin to be washed by the Commandments, we tarry for the Lord to come with the living joy of the Promise. We advance in our preparations the more we are caused to forsake all our worldly thoughts and interests and for the joy of the Lord buy the hidden treasure being now being revealed.

Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Waiting for the Lord is a test of our faith. Will we be found faithful when the Lord returns in our day of visitation? When we prove faithful in a few things, He promotes us into greater things and gives salvation, and we enter further into His Joy as shown in the Parable of the Talents.

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

We earnestly seek and tarry for the blessing of God and this joy to come through the gift of His Faith that is also the Holy Spirit.

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit

The joy we receive when we hear the Gospel and begin to cast our devils is far surpassed when the Lord returns the second time as the Promise and brings His Joy into our hearts to dwell.

Luk 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luk 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

The spiritual body of Christ is connected being of one mind and one Spirit. Thus, there is great joy in our heavens and all those seated with Christ when even one person is granted repentance and turns their heart to the Gospel.

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

To declare the whole counsel of God regarding His Joy, we also need to speak of the negative, which is losing the joy and the voice of gladness. When there is no joy in our hearts, we examine ourselves and see how we are doing versus the Commandments. If we continue to wilfully sin after coming to knowledge of the truth [the Gospel], the Lord forsakes us for a little season to turn our hearts back to the Commandments in repentance. Like David, we seek the Lord, repent, and seek the restoration of the joy of our

salvation.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

As our Lord experienced for our sakes on the cross, we likewise endure a little season in which we feel forsaken and thus have no joy. We await the death of our flesh so we can be freed from our sins. If we call upon the Lord, He hears us and restores the joy of our salvation.

Knowing the truth that is the Commandments and not doing them when Christ goes away for a little while brings much sorrow, and we can feel unworthy, and our faith is shaken. There is no joy to be found when we are being disobedient to the Truth we have walked with for many years. Giving birth is painful, and for the Sons of God to come forth, travail and sorrow are promised before it is all turned into joy. The Lord speaks of our journey of sorrow before He returns, when the new man is born in us, when the Promise comes.

Joh 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

Joh 16:21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

We await the Promise and the power to pull us out of the miry clay that is the pit flesh and stands us on the

Commandments. He will come; He will not tarry. Be patient.

Psa 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Psa 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

Psa 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

When the Lord returns to us the second time, we have received the blessing of God and the Power to overcome sin and endure to the end. The joy of the Lord now lives in our hearts; it is our strength, and we can ask Him anything according to His will, and it shall be done. No man can take away our joy, the Spirit of God, the Promise now living inside of us.

Joh 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Joh 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Joh 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

The joy of the Lord is not the same as the joy of our flesh. The flesh profits itself nothing from Christ's Commandments, only destruction. The Lord takes away the joy and gladness we had in satisfying our lusts, as we now belong to Him, and all things are being made new. The meat and joy we once had is cut off from our hearts and minds, and it is a blessing

of God.

Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joe 1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

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Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

When the joy comes, our day of the Lord is now at hand, and we are blessed in the Lord as we are being drawn to the Commandments. The joy we had in our rebellion to the Commandments turns to gloom as the Gospel brings mourning, lamentation, and woe into our lives. What is sweet to our hearing becomes bitter to our flesh and the old way of life.

Rev 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Rev 10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

Our complaining and moaning about the costs of losing our lives gives way to great joy when the Comforter comes to us, and the joy of the Lord remains with us. We no longer weep over our trials and rejoice in the Lord always.

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa 65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which

I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Isa 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

The saints are the blessed of God, given to receive and be filled with the joy of the Lord. Receive the blessing of the Gospel and rejoice in the Lord always. We say it again, rejoice because the Lord of all joy is at hand. Receive ye the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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# All Shall Know the Lord

## Being Taught of the LORD

Rohne! , and my beloved husband, Peter, angels and servants of God And Christ, unto the twelve tribes scattered in the world beloved of God, called *to be* saints, to the little children and to the faithful: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psa 66:8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Psa 66:9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

### Keep my Commandments and Live

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.



Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

### **Newborn Children are Taught of God**

No matter one's circumstances on the road towards salvation, we are learning a deeper appreciation and understanding of just how sovereign Christ, the Lord, is in every aspect of our lives. All is being fulfilled according to the Lord's plan and purpose.

Isa 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Isa 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Isa 45:13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

The Lord wastes nothing in our lives in orchestrating all things according to the predetermined will of God. The sons of God possess all things, read 2 Cor 6:4-10.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who

worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

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2Co 6:10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

It is the Day of the Lord. Christ is now making known His mighty Power to us, that is to say His Holy Commandments within us and through the many things we suffer as we are taught of God. The Commandments, which is the Spirit of Grace, tries us and we come forth as gold tried in the fire.

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

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1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Wrath to the natural man within is the greatest blessing we receive, as this is the Truth and Grace of God that saves us

through much tribulation and anguish, which manifests His holiness and righteousness within us. To be holy is to have the mind of Christ, and to be righteous is to obey the mind of Christ.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing [Within us] of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

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Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Our being is in Christ, and there is nothing done under the sun outside of Christ that is not already written in our books of life. We live and move in Him.

Act 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Act 17:27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Act 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also

his offspring.

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Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Our spiritual upbringing from entering Orthodoxy [a shadow of the real], to being taught the Law and the Prophets, making us spiritual rich young rulers, to eventually being born again in our spiritual mother, Eve's womb, is all part of our predestinated journey in becoming sons of God.

Psa 71:6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

As we grow in Christ, we see how the Lord is orchestrating our spiritual birth from within the people of God and then our separation when He IS COME to lead us into the third spiritual day, the Day of the Lord. We are being born in spiritual Jerusalem, that is to say, the place where Christ chooses to place His Name, His Commandments.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

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Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 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.

Henceforth, after we are born again, we are being taught, not by sermons or studies prepared by men, but by the Living Christ, that is to say His Commandments within us. When Christ first appears, He appears to some in the breaking of Bread and to some by direct revelation [Apostles]. It is only in the breaking of Bread [Christ] that others recognize the risen Christ in His disciples and angels.

Luk 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

Luk 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Luk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Luk 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Luk 24:34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Luk 24:35 And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

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Gal 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

Gal 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ

On the third day, the Day of the Lord, after the Comforter IS COME, no man [lie] is our teacher as we are taught obedience by the chastening of our heavenly Father. This is the way all men will intimately come to know the Lord in their appointed times. Before Faith comes, we are still children and need to be taught by those appointed by the Lord. The Comforter, the holy Commandments are His Truth and Grace, and the Spirit of righteousness.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

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Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

This is the promise of the New Covenant as we are led by the Spirit and grow by the manifest trials the Lord orchestrates every day.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

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Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Henceforth, the anointing, which is the Spirit of God, is now leading us in all things and teaching us the way of life. Sons of God is a type and shadow of Aaron. The Lord opens our eyes and anoints us when He comes and shows mercy to us in our latter end.

Lev 8:12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the

fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

It is only those who have been delivered from the law of Moses and the Law of the Gentiles accusing and excusing within ourselves, that are the true sons of God.

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Rom 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another

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Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

We live through our spiritual days one and two to get to the third day. All of it is needed and useful in preparing us for what lies ahead. When Christ IS COME to save us, we are freed from the law for the ungodly and sinners. When the Faith of Christ is imparted, everything changes, and we are no longer bound by the Law that was used for a season to bring us to Christ.

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer



under a schoolmaster.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

It is a fiery and slow process to grow into the knowledge of Truth and Grace and being made perfect as mature sons and daughters of God. All that we do, is the work of the Potter who has made a marred vessel purposefully to then destroy it and by this process making us anew to bring salvation to our souls. This is the wonderful works of God to the children of men when we are given mercy to see and understand these things. The Lord's Commandments is the salvation that we need.

Jer 18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

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Psa 35:9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

Christ coming to His sons the first time, hearing the true Gospel of God, is the beginning of the rebirth process in Spirit, that is to say, His Commandments. Christ coming to

His sons the second time unto salvation completes our birth. As newborn babes in Christ, we preach the Gospel mightily within and without and go forward to be perfected on the third Day. Our youth is not despised as Christ and His and our Father work mightily in us.

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Psa 144:12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

The first two spiritual days of our upbringing is our time of bondage under tutors and governors. This includes our time in spiritual Egypt and then in Assyria and spiritual Babylon, where we remain, unknowingly, under bondage to the carnal mind and the reasoning of men. A day, only known by the Father, eventually comes, the fullness of times to every man, when we hear the true Gospel of Christ, and as such, it is the end of the age of the natural man within us. We are now being set free from the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God. Henceforth, we are led by the Spirit of God. Think spiritually when you read Scriptures.

Gal 4:1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Gal 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

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Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

When the Spirit of Christ comes to us, we are being freed from our bondage to this law of carnal reasoning that held us in bondage. This is the difference and the separation, the big divide between the true sons of God from those still bound in bondage their carnal minds.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Luk 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

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Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

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*.

The sons of God are separated from their spiritual father, the devil, and from their spiritual mother, that great harlot, for the Lord to receive them as children. The Lord separates His chosen few, chosen from before the foundation of the world, and causes them to be faithful. Christ now teaches His own.

Psa 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Psa 27:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

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Psa 45:10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

Psa 45:11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.

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Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

It is the Holy Spirit of Christ and the Father, who are ONE Spirit, abiding in us who are doing the works within us that bring salvation.

Joh 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

This is the Lord's salvation and our entering into the third day where Christ is teaching us and causing us to rest in Him. This is the true Sabbath of the Lord, which was made for Him.

Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Eze 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

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Mat 12:7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Mat 12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

It is through our sufferings and tribulations that we are being saved. We learn obedience through suffering. We learn not to have confidence in any flesh, that is to say, we do not judge by appearance anymore, but we judge righteous judgment, that is to say, we judge according to the

Commandments of Christ. The Lord, the righteous Teacher, is our Teacher of righteousness.

Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Heb 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Heb 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

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Isa 28:5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

Isa 28:6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

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Isa 30:20 And *though* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

The old [the letter] is vanishing away and is rolled up as a scroll. The Living Commandments now abide within us and are directing us into the righteousness of Christ. Abiding in Christ, His anointing within us remains.

1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

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Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Now being fed judgment by the fiery Word of God living within us, the old things in our lives are passing away as they are consumed in the fiery trials the Lord brings to us in the Day of the Lord. We dwell in the fire of God's Holy Commandments. All that defiles within and without is cast into the fire.

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

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Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

We now receive the end of our Faith, which is the salvation of our souls. Suffering is how we are being made holy and taught the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Psa 94:12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

This is the only way we enter into the Temple that is Christ, the Tree of Life, and find the peace of God that transcends all understanding. Knowing the Lord is having His mind, and we are becoming more like Him as we endure and see Him face to face.

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.



2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Our precious Faith and the Hope of things to come, not yet revealed, get us through the times of suffering and anguish of souls. Paul admonishes us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and not to fall back.

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.

Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

We remember the Commandments of Christ, we know them and strive to obey them, so we may be counted worthy to stand before the Son of God in our latter end. Go to the [truthinscripture.com](http://truthinscripture.com) website and visit the heading [Commandments.](#)

We say with Solomon: *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

Receive ye the Gospel, receive ye the Holy Spirit.

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# Learning to Esteem and Love the Lord

## Seeking the Commandments to Live

Peter and Rohnel, to the scattered pilgrims of Christ in the world, to the little children, and to the faithful: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are reminded by the Scriptures to diligently pursue God's commandments that our flesh does not esteem, even after we receive the Gospel. A willing Spirit has to contend with weak flesh that is set at enmity with the holy things of the Lord. We are being transformed, a new heaven and earth are being made as the old is destroyed. Let's therefore patiently hearken unto the Lord and seek to hasten the completion of His good work in us.

Deu 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Deu 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

The carnal mind of mankind does not esteem Jesus Christ. I speak of the true Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God, who

is also the Spirit of God's Commandments, and not the Jesus Christ whom much of the world knows and esteems. The Words of the Father are His Holy Commandments and are sent in the appointed time to save us from our sins. The Father sent Christ, the Word of God, into the world to speak the commandments and save the world from their sins. This Christ is the Saviour.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

The first man, Adam, in every man is a marred vessel that is at enmity with the Spirit of God, which is the Commandments. Thus, a new vessel needs to be made in the hands of the Potter.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

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1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

A blessed few, the Elect, see this transformation now in this age and never taste of death, which is the sleep Paul cites in explaining the mystery of the coming of the Lord for salvation.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

All things are being made new and are being changed when the Lord comes to dwell within us. Our understanding of Christ has also changed. When our appointed time of salvation arrives, the Lord comes to us in Spirit and in Truth. We now have a new Jesus, the Truth, the Living Word of God, whom we worship in Spirit. When the Promise of our Baptism in Christ comes, the Christ we knew in the flesh we no longer know, as all things are becoming new.

2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Understanding Christ as the Commandments that come to dwell in us is receiving the Gospel and how we prepare for His coming. The hidden mystery, concealed from all generations, is being revealed to the saints.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the

riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles;  
which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

We only see and receive this Gospel by the mercy of God, who draws us near and opens our eyes and ears to see the Son as the Living Commandments. No man comes to Christ on their own or chooses to follow Him. Our eyes are opened to see the Son as the Commandments, and we are given faith to believe in them, and thus we are being raised into eternal life.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me drag [draw] him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is a battle to learn to esteem Jesus Christ, the living Word. All flesh esteems Him not, meaning we esteem not the Commandments. All mankind, even those who claim His name and profess faith [us in our former ignorance], show little respect, actually disdain for the Commandments. There is nothing about them that we innately desire, as all flesh is set naturally at enmity with the things of the Spirit. Many give lip service to Christ, but our hearts remain far from seeking to love God by obeying the Commandments. We cannot believe the report of the Gospel and await a time when we are drawn to Christ and given the gift of His faith.

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

### **Esteeming the Other Jesus**

When our spiritual journey begins, we first come to know the other Jesus. The flesh Jesus, unlike the living Word, is esteemed and admired by many millions worldwide and is often spoken of, praised, and sung about. We wander in the wilderness for many years, believing this Christ is the true light from heaven, making little progress towards salvation. We abide in a light that is actually darkness, which is also referred to as strong delusion.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

The deadly wound our beast receives when first coming to know Christ is quickly healed, and we remain a beast being deceived and deceiving.

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Rev 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

When this is our Jesus, judgment is always out there in the future, and our emphasis is on outward rather than on the inward, as we naturally seek the esteem of men above the Lord.

Mat 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments

In the journey to salvation, we go astray from the Commandments being taught by false prophets and deceivers who teach us everything but the true Gospel. We esteem not the holy things of the Lord, His Commandments, and show disdain for them by wallowing in our many lusts and calling ourselves delivered. In our appointed deception, we trust in lying words that do not profit us in Spirit and follow after the gods of our carnal mind.

Jer 7:8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

Jer 7:9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

Jer 7:10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

The events in the Scriptures are spoken and done in parables. Thus, we as spiritual Pharisees do not understand that the Lord was speaking about the Holy Commandments of the Father, which we do not esteem and follow after. Our flesh seeks the honour of men, and we reject the Lord and all His ministers that preach the Gospel.

Joh 5:39 you Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which

testify of me.

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 5:41 I receive not honour from men.

Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Before the Lord opens our eyes to see our sin, we are unaware in our delusion that we despise the Lord's name. We have mixed up the bread of life, the Commandments, with the idols and lust of the flesh. This is adding to and taking away from the Word, and thus spiritual sickness is the consequence.

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Mal 1:7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

We trust in our knowledge that deceives us, and we are blinded to see the death that still rules in our inward parts.

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within



full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Our time in deception focused on the outward righteousness and gaining the praise of men is Spiritual Babylon, where we await the Lord sending His angel to preach the Gospel to ears the Lord opens. We honour the Lord with our lips, but our hearts are far from obeying His Commandments.

Luk 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Mat 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Lightly esteeming the Commandments, we forget about them, and the result is that we are unfaithful to our Husband and Lord. We take no heed of the many Commandments and warnings, and drift away, forgetting the Commandments and not entering into our place of rest, that is, the Lord's Commandments.

Deu 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Jer 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

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Heb 3:11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

The true sheep of God, a precious few, do hear the voice of Christ, and come out of their deceptions and begin to follow the Lord, and we are prepared for His coming in power.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Following Christ is esteeming the commandments, taking up our cross, and laying down the desires of our flesh. It takes the power of the Living God to come to us and enable this massive change in our hearts.

Luk 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luk 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

When the living Christ comes, we truly know the grace of God and begin to bear the fruits of righteousness.

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

It is the Lord's purpose to turn us first into destruction, being dead in our sins, and then turning our hearts back to

Him, the living Commandments.

Psa 90:3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest,  
Return, ye children of men.

We are turned back to the Lord, the Commandments, when the eternal Judge comes to dwell in the temple of God. Now we are learning Christ's righteousness being taught of God, and every knee shall bow to the Lord.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel

It takes many trials of our faith in the Commandments to learn that we cannot serve two masters. We either esteem the Lord and honor Him, striving to obey His Commandments, or else we serve our flesh and show we still lightly esteem the Commandments. The natural enmity between flesh and Spirit is only overcome when the Lord brings the power of the Gospel to teach us the right ways of God.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

The cost of being a disciple, a follower of the Lord, who is the fiery commandments of God, is very high. We are told to count these costs before we start to follow Him. There is no profit for the flesh and only suffering and loss. We remind ourselves of these costs so when the time comes, we can pay

the cost and obey the Lord. The road is narrow, and the price of what needs to be given up is high.

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake

Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

A spiritual man judges all things and is made Spiritual by the coming of the Lord to their inward parts. The measuring stick or the plumbline by which we examine ourselves and judge all matters is the Commandments. These are what is "least esteemed" in the church and why Paul rebuked the carnal Corinthians for going to man's law and logic to make judgments. The saints shall judge the world in righteousness as we are made into sons of God and become Jesus Christ through whom the greater works are done. We are being raised and trained to be saviours.

1Co 6:4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge [The Commandments] who are least esteemed in the church.

The living commandments that abide in our hearts and minds expose our sins, revealing the darkness within that needs to be cast out and overcome. Before faith comes, we do not come to the light, as no flesh wants its nakedness and darkest sins revealed. When the Lord comes, we are drawn to them, the throne of grace, and that is how our deeds begin to be wrought in God and no longer originate from our carnal impulses.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Joh 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

We are all clay in the Lord's hands, having no free will and relying on the Lord for our very being. Whether we esteem His Commandments or not is all His work in us. The Lord does not leave us to our own devices to figure it out. God, through Christ, makes known His Commandments, which are the power that brings salvation, that also reveals His wrath or judgment against our sin. We know the Lord by knowing the Commandments, which manifest Christ's glory, that is, our obedience.

Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Those marked by God are those who receive the Gospel that is preached unto them. Our disdain for the Commandments is turned into esteem when a cherub, a messenger of the Lord, is sent to preach the Gospel to us. When that Gospel is received, we begin to come towards or seek the Commandments and strive to be obedient. Those who cry and sigh over their sins are those who acknowledge needing a Saviour, a

spiritual physician, and the Lord answers the prayer and comes.

Eze 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

Eze 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

We are saved by truth and grace. Mercy/truth opens our eyes to see the Lord in truth, and the grace that follows is how we are quickened out of our sins. The desire to love God, meaning to obey the Lord, is put into our hearts and grows by the Spirit of Grace that is the Father's Commandments.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

There is no boasting of anyone as the Lord orchestrates every aspect of our transformation from not esteeming the Commandments to loving them and seeking them earnestly.

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Receiving the Spirit of the Living Commandments is receiving the grace of God into our hearts and minds. This grace is

what saves us from our sins and teaches us to choose obedience to the God we love and seek with our whole heart.

Job 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

With open spiritual eyes, one quickly learns to revere and highly esteem the Holy One of Israel. The shame of our sin, our nakedness, starts to fade as the trials and judgment by the commandments bring correction and teach us His righteousness. We learn to look to the Commandments and seek life.

Psa 119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

Isa 17:7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

### **Seek the Lord to Live**

When the Living Christ, that is, the Gospel and the Living Commandments, comes to us, judgment has come upon the house of God. The weapons of His warfare accomplish these wondrous works of God. The Commandments are the weapons of His

indignation that bring about vengeance for His Temple. We escape out of Spiritual Babylon in no other way.

Jer 50:25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

Jer 50:26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

Jer 50:27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

Jer 50:28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

When the Gospel is preached to us and we hear it, our Day of Vengeance has come, and what a blessing it is.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

May this study help us remember the Commandments that are the Living Christ and our Savior. We are caused to seek the Lord and His power unto salvation to overcome spiritual death and enter into newness of life. His mighty power is the Commandments that are His strength.



1Ch 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

Amo 5:6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

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Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

When Christ lives in us, the throne of mercy and grace is established in us, and that is where we go in our time of need. We are promised to find the commandments and bring them to mind when we seek them. These are the strange works of God to the children of men and the way of salvation.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

We are delivered out of our abominations, the plagues of serpents, when we lift up the Commandments and submit ourselves to them, dying daily on the cross.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, even so must the Son of man [the Commandments] be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Those in whom Christ dwells have the same experience as the Lord, as they are Christ in the world. Many trials of faith come to grow us unto perfection as we are given choices to obey the Commandments or not. This is the way unto maturity and how the gold of our precious faith is bought in the fire of the Lord. We stay on our cross, being dead to the law of the carnal mind and willingly suffering persecution and the reproach of man to be obedient.

Gal 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Remember the cost to be paid. Do not be surprised and expect reproach and persecution from the world that esteems not the holy things of God. We no longer run after the activities the world esteems. These become fiery trials to test our faith and see if we obey our Father in heaven or follow the whims of men.

1Pe 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

The Lord's prophets are given great honor from the Lord, but not from their own house and kin. As Christ's family did not receive Him at first, so it is with the sons of God in every age.

Mar 6:4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

Mat 10:36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

As our faith grows, our ministry grows, and we have great boldness to preach Christ, knowing it brings much affliction. The ministers of Christ have the Lord with them and follow the commandments in seeking to please their heavenly Father and not men. As the Lord was in the world, so are we.

Joh 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I always do those things that please him.

Losing many things is a big part of the loss and suffering that are key trials of our faith. The Lord is separating a people unto Himself, and the blessing of eternal life far exceeds the pain and cost of the things being taken away.

Mat 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

There is no turning back once we have received the Gospel. We remain at work in the Lord's field. We do not go back to bury the dead; we keep our hand on the Gospel in everything we do.

Luk 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Some encouragement to end this study and look past our past failures to obey the Lord. Spiritual publicans and harlots who recognize their need for a Savior enter into the Kingdom of God and receive the Living Spirit, before those who do not need a physician and trust in their own righteousness. Today is the day of salvation, and forget what is past and follow Him today. Those who know they are the chief of sinners are the first to enter into the Kingdom.

Mat 21:28 But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

Mat 21:29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

Mat 21:30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *go*, sir: and went not.

Mat 21:31 Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

Repent and hearken unto the Lord is what we, the sons of God, strive to do. Seek the Commandments and bear the suffering and reproach that is only for a little while. Our suffering is nothing compared to the hope of the glory yet to be revealed in us.

Isa 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin

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# Principles to Rightly Divide the Word

## Rightly dividing the Word of Truth

Rohne! , and my beloved husband, Peter, servants of God and Christ, unto the twelve tribes scattered in the world beloved of God, called *to be* saints, to the little children and to the faithful: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 8:6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

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Psa 112:1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Psa 112:2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

**Keep My Commandments**

Lev 22:31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 22:32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you

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Deu 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

## Foundational Principles

Here are twelve principles for rightly dividing the Word of Truth and a final overarching principle we must never forget. When one deviates from these principles, they can be led into error and depart from the truth. Those chosen of the Lord take heed and apply these principles as they study the Scriptures to show themselves approved.

### **The Word of God is, was, and will be**

The Word of God existing from the beginning shall never pass away and has a present, past, and future fulfilment, that is to say, the Word is, was, and will be:

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest

not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The is, was, and will be applies both to ourselves and to all of God's creation as every man fulfills the Word of God in their appointed time.

### **The Word is a two-edged sword**

The Word is God, a two-edged sword, speaking about the natural man and the new man, being created in Christ's image. The Word is a two-edged sword because it brings salvation to the new man and death to the natural man within us. The Commandments of the Lord are the two-edged sword, giving life and ministering death, within. The Commandments in us is Life, and to the carnal thoughts within us is death. Satan, the prince of the air, drives the carnal thoughts within us.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

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Psa 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Psa 149:6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth,

and a twoedged sword in their hand;

Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

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Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

One example, but there could be thousands. The word fire as an example is both positive and negative depending on the subject at hand. The word for fire spiritually represents the Living Word, the Commandments that save us from our sins and burn out all things that defile. In the negative, fire destroys the old man and wreaks havoc on the works of the flesh when the Lord brings judgment through the Commandments upon us. This is just one of the ways the Lord hides His truths from the world.

### **The Sum of the Word is the Truth**

All the Scriptures, the whole counsel of God, is the truth. Take the whole Word into consideration to arrive at the Truth of the matter. All Scripture is profitable, the old and the new. The truth of any matter is always established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Psa 119:160 The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. [ESV].



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2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Many err by taking single verses to the exclusion of others to create false doctrines, which have led many astray. The following principle is closely related.

**No Scripture is of man's own private interpretation**

No prophecy of Scripture is of man's own private explanation, but all true prophecy is from God. Holy men of God were and are being moved by the Holy Spirit to prophesy. The Comforter was not in the holy men of old because Christ had not come to them yet, but these men were moved to speak what Christ told them to speak. We know it to be so, because all the prophecies these holy men of old spoke have been fulfilled and are being fulfilled as it is this Day. If a prophecy does not come true, it is a lie. All of the prophecies in Scripture have been fulfilled and are being fulfilled. All prophecies of Scripture are inspired by God, the Father, Christ speaking.

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as *they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Below is an example of a true prophecy that Isaiah spoke and was quoted again by Christ, His Christ, Paul, and John. True prophecy, like in the example below, will always be in every man's life. The prophecy below is about man waxing fat in spiritual knowledge without Christ, without His Commandments.

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

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Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

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Joh 12:38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe, because that

Esaias said again,

Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Joh 12:41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

### **Christ speaks of things that are not as if they were**

Christ speaks of things that are not, as if they already are. He has already declared what shall be and brings it to pass in the Father's appointed times.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

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Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Time is in God's hand and part of all things He is working. It was many years before Abram became the father of many nations by Christ's coming and the giving of His living faith for salvation. Yet Christ spoke as if it had already come to pass.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Our faith of Christ is imputed unto us for righteousness long before we overcome and actually become righteous by our obedience to the Gospel. Our faith in the Promises of God, yet to be revealed in us, makes us righteous in the Lord's eyes, who brings all He has declared to pass in the appointed times.

Rom 4:20 He [Abram] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he [Christ] had promised, he was able also to perform.

Rom 4:22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

We are to be like Christ, and even while we wait or tarry for the Promise, we reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to His Commandments. We are saved by the Hope of our faith and in the substance of things not yet seen.

### **Christ's Words are Spirit**

Christ's Words are Spirit, and they are Life, not to be taken by the letter. The natural man in us does not see behind the letter. Only through mercy shown us by the Father and His Son are we able to understand spiritual things. Mercy shown to us is the opening of blind eyes and deaf ears.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

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Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

Mat 16:14 And they said, Some say *that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

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2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should

shine unto them.

It is helpful to remember that the things in the natural world show us how things work in the spiritual.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

For example, using fire again, we know fire burns up the wood or substance, and then the fire goes out; it does not burn forever. So it is with the Word of God that judges us, so the lie of eternal torment is easily refuted on principle alone.

### **The Holy Spirit teaches comparing spiritual to spiritual**

Truth is found by comparing spiritual to spiritual. When we compare natural or physical with spiritual to arrive at the Truth, we are snared and taken. He that is spiritual judges/discerns all things. When we depend on knowledge of the Scriptures, without Christ's Commands, to save us, we fail miserably. Only Christ saves us from our sins. He that is spiritual, that is to say, having the Spirit of Christ, compares spiritual with spiritual. Christ's Spirit is the Commandments.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him:

neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

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Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts [mature].

Isa 28:10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Isa 28:12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing[Christ's Commandments]: yet they would not hear.

Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

### **One Event for all mankind**

There is one event coming alike to all, which is fulfilling the Word of God and experiencing the salvation of the Lord.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Ecc 9:2 All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the

clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; and he that sweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath.

The one event we live out has a conclusion, which is every man's salvation from sin. The whole of man is the keeping of God's Commandments.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole of man.

The one event by which every man lives proceeds out of the mouth of God, meaning the Living Word that saves every man in their appointed time. Thus, a related principle follows.

### **Man lives by every Word God Spoke**

The Word of God teaches us that every man lives or experiences inwardly every Word that comes out of the mouth of God in the appointed times for that man. We live the good and the evil, before we come to the Tree of Life [Christ].

Deu 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Luk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

### **All things written and done in Scripture are parables**

All things are done in parables to hide the meaning of the



letter. Everyone moved by the Spirit of God speaks in parables. Below is an example of Ezekiel speaking in parables. Christ and His Christ speak in parables. Paul spoke in parables more than the other disciples. Speaking in parables is speaking in tongues.

Eze 20:48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

Eze 20:49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

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Mar 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Mat 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Mar 4:33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear *it*.

Luk 8:10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

### **Prove all things, try every Spirit**

We are commanded to prove all things, try the spirits, and see if things are so. To be a Berean is to receive the Word with all readiness of mind and search the Scriptures daily,

whether these things are so. We are warned of many deceivers sent into the world to try us and have many Commandments to test all things, and do not be led astray.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity [living by every word, one event, etc] that is in Christ.

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Act 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

### **The fulfilment of Scripture is inward, in the Kingdom of God**

The true people [the Israel] of God, live all words inwardly fulfilling the IS part of 'is, was, and will be'. Where is the kingdom of God, and where is the Lord working to bring about Christ in us? When the Comforter comes to us, that is to say, the Father and Christ have come to us, the Kingdom of God has come to us, within. When we begin to hear the Gospel preached, the Kingdom is near, at the door.

Luk 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

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Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

An example of living the Word inwardly is the story of Noah's flood. We do not go through the flood of Noah outwardly, but we do go through the flood inwardly. The flood inwardly is our Baptism of John [Baptism of repentance] experience. We live all Scriptures inwardly through our own experiences, or we live these experiences through the Body of Christ. Note that only eight souls were saved by water in Noah's days. This is a very small remnant, and it is symbolic of the remnant that escapes and is saved through the Baptism of John, and through the Baptism of Fire, doing the Gospel.

Gen 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and

they that were with him in the ark.

Gen 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Only a small remnant escapes the clutches of spiritual Babylon and is born again by the two Baptisms of John and Christ.

Isa 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth

Many of the prophecies we fulfil inwardly are lived in our day of the Lord, which is the third spiritual day in which we are being perfected.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Hearing and receiving the Gospel, the Living Christ, the Commandments is our fulfilling of these Scriptures in our hearts and minds and in our earth, meaning our walk.

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

The 1,000-year reign with Christ is a significant example of living every word inwardly. One day is as a thousand years to the Lord. The so-called millennium reign is the thousand-year reign spoken of in Revelation, which is just another symbol for the Day of the Lord, the third and final day of God's plan to rebuild His Holy Temple. It is our day of resurrection, where we are now seated with Christ in the heavens. We reign with Christ in His Kingdom, which is within us; we do not reign in the outward world.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him

All men fulfil this in the process of being saved from their sins when the Living Christ, the Comforter, the Promise, the Holy Spirit, and the Living Commandments, called by many names, come and dwell within. In the Kingdom of God, rulership does not operate like in the outward world, where the Gentiles exercise dominion over one another. In the Lord's Kingdom, rulership is about reigning over our sins by keeping our minds and walking in subjection to the commandments of Christ. The greatest in God's Kingdom are those who obey and teach the Commandments, which is the ministry of the Gospel and our reasonable service to the Lord's flock.

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Mat 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Mat 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

## The Overarching Principle:

The most essential principle to rightly divide the Word of Truth starts and ends with keeping the Lord's Commandments. Nothing else matters but a new creation. The more excellent way is the love of God, which means to obey the Lord's Commandments. Rightly dividing the Word is knowledge and is a means to the end, which is our salvation, having been perfected and remade into the image of God.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

We can rightly divide the Word and have all the knowledge and understanding of God's deep things, but if we do not have love, which is obedience, we have nothing.

1Co 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Our study to show ourselves approved and rightly divide the Word leads us to know and be focused on God's Commandments. We are to shun profane and vain babblings and arguments over knowledge, which some turn into idols, and forget the most important thing.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

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1Ti 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

## **Conclusion**

This short letter explains some key principles of how to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Many know these principles; nevertheless, this letter was primarily written to those who do not yet know this. Whether this is new to us or simply a reminder, we never forget to learn and keep the Commandments of Christ. The Commandments of Christ can be found on the [truthinscripture.com](http://truthinscripture.com) website under the heading Commandments or this link: [The Commandments Menu](#)

Here are a few Commandments in the Gospels to conclude this letter. These are chosen in a nonspecific way but serve as a reminder not to forget the Lord when we feast on His Word:

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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

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

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

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

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

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

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Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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Mat 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Mat 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

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Mat 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Mat 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.



Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.

Mat 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

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Luk 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Luk 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

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Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

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Mat 11:6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended

in me.

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Mat 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Mat 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

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Joh 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

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Luk 12:29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

Luk 12:30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

Luk 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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Mar 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mar 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Luk 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luk 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Mat 22:21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Mat 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

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Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

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Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Mat 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Mat 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mat 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

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Mat 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.

Mat 23:9 And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.

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Mat 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

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Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let

him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

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Mat 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Mat 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

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Luk 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Luk 14:8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

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Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Mar 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

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Luk 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest

they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

Luk 14:13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Luk 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Mat 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Receive ye the Gospel, receive ye the Holy Spirit.