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**John 6:63** It is the spirit that gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

**James 3 13** Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. **14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.** **16** For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. **17 But the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. **18** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

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

We see that the carnal mind is hostile to God or an enemy of God. So we know we cannot rely on the mind of the flesh or our worldly thinking and reasoning and knowledge and ways that the world has taught us. Our worldly mind is an enemy and will lead us astray. Our carnal mind has been taught by the world and wants to stay with what it has been trained to think by satan and the world. Our carnal mind is trapped in the ways and systems of the world. The way of escape is through faith, and faith is very strange to the carnal mind. We may be adults in this world and our minds may be adept to the world and its ways. Faith though requires us to become as babes because our minds must be totally retrained to walk in it. Our minds rebel at faith because our mind does not know how to operate in it, faith makes no sense to our mind. Our flesh is equipped with senses to operate in the world which the flesh lives in, ---- this fallen world. Our mind is comfortable working with what it sees and hears and touches and smells and feels. When we are born again though, we are born into a new kingdom and this new kingdom does not operate by the senses. It operates by faith and by power from above, it operates in things unseen. Our five senses are rendered useless in this heavenly kingdom. It does not operate through the thinking and reasoning of the mind or by the power of the flesh,----- but by the **operation of believing and acting** on the Word of God. It is an **operation of the heart**, ---- the carnal mind having processed information and knowledge, then **having believed in the heart the promises of God**, then faith becomes active. That faith then activates our new kingdom into action. The spiritual kingdom we have been born into. This faith then brings Gods kingdom to rule and reign on the earth. It enables the kingdom of Jesus Christ to begin to trample on satans rule and reign. Not only to eliminate sin in our

personal lives but to uproot corruption in our cities and governments and the world.

**2 Corinthians 10** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, **but mighty through God** to the pulling down of strong holds;)

**Matthew 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

**Matthew 18:3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

**Romans 10:8** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and **shalt believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** **For with the heart man believeth** unto righteousness; and **with the mouth** confession is made unto salvation.

**Psalm 28:7** The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; **my heart trusted** in him, and I am helped: therefore my **heart greatly rejoiceth**; and with my song will I praise him.

As citizens of heaven and sons of God, our Lord Jesus asked us to pray “your will be done and your kingdom come in earth as it is in heaven”. Our new focus when we become children of the most high God is to advance Gods kingdom on the earth and take it out of the usurpers hands and control. Jesus defeated satan and sin and death and sent the comforter to finish removing satans reign on earth through the church, His body. We are now his hands and feet when we die to the flesh and to this world. Jesus was given all authority and He in turn gave us that same authority. **We activate that authority through faith** and the power of the Holy Spirit. We take dominion back from satan through the power of almighty God himself **by the Holy Spirit** of power in the name and body of Jesus Christ. We are each part of that body if we have the Holy Spirit. God will not be mocked. Even though we have been given all authority already we often don’t see it operating because we try to use it to advance our earthly kingdom or to advance our own ego. We need to change our mindset to a heavenly kingdom mindset, our heavenly kingdom is where we will be for eternity. It is **God that gives faith and gifts** and he will not entrust it to someone that is proud and rebellious and haughty and interested more in the flesh and the world than in Jesus kingdom and body. If we are not given faith to believe, then we cannot operate in the spirit. We have to abide in the Holy Spirit to operate in the spirit. We abide by trusting and believing.

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

**Ephesians 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:**

We know we are no longer under the law, and Gods grace allows for mistakes as we learn to walk in faith and turn from the world. Making a mistake does not condemn us, we have Gods forgiveness when we repent. As we humble ourselves and put on our new heavenly

nature(which is spiritual) and turn from the flesh nature and walk in the light we have been given, we will be given more faith to believe. God will not be mocked, he knows our hearts and the desires of our hearts and so if we do not desire the things of God we are unlikely to be given more faith to believe. If we are seeking Him and relationship with Him with all our hearts our conscience will be good toward him and this enables us to believe by faith more easily. Being disobedient will not give us a good conscience towards God and so we will have trouble believing he will answer our prayers. Therefore our prayers will lack faith and authority and effectiveness. Without obedience our faith will be just of the carnal mind. Believing in the mind, but our heart will be unable to believe because of our disobedience and conscience towards God. It is impossible to please God without faith and it is very difficult to have faith when we are knowingly being disobedient. We may still have some faith but it will be small. Our minds will convince us (with the help of the devil) when we are being disobedient that God won't answer our prayers. Disobedience blocks faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Without faith we can't destroy the works of darkness either in our own lives, or our brethren family or friends lives. We cannot overcome without faith. We are better able to convince our carnal mind to believe when we are obeying the Holy Spirit.

**1Peter 4:7** For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not** the gospel of God?

**Colossians 3:10** **1** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh **on the children of disobedience:**

**Ephesians 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:**

Disobedience brings wrath and not blessing, and if we rebelliously and deliberately continue in ungodly ways and practices we are not walking in the Spirit. Our authority and power comes through the Holy Spirit. If we are not connected to the vine we cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit. If we do not produce the fruit of the Spirit there comes a time when we may be cut off from the tree of life, from the vine. We are not obeying the law but we are obeying the Holy Spirit, who is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (James 3:17) He guides and leads us and as we obey and **grow in faith through our obedience** we begin to come more and more into Jesus image. The Holy Spirit is producing the fruit of Jesus Christ in us **as we obey what we know to obey** and what the Holy Spirit is guiding us to do. The fruit of the Spirit is to come into Jesus image.

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

**Ephesians 5:9** (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

**Luke 13 6** He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. **7** Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? **8** And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: **9** And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

**Matthew 12:33** Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.

**Mark 10:18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God.

God is love and coming into Jesus image is to walk in love and light and truth. We can only do that if we abide in the vine. If we do not remain in the vine(only God is good) we cannot produce good fruit. The carnal mind is the enemy of God and so we must learn to abide in Christ by faith and by believing in the promises of God **in our heart. (That is how we abide)**. Our carnal mind quits from worry and anxiety and fear when we are abiding. Abiding is peace. The devil tries to get our mind to worry and fear and be anxious. We need to resist these things and simply choose to abide in the truth. Jesus gave us peace! That devil is defeated so cast that devil out of the mind! It does not agree with the word of God so cast it out! If we do not obey the Holy Spirit we will lack faith and be unable to believe in our hearts. We will be unable to believe God will do anything for us if we feel condemned through our disobedience.

**John 15 1** I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **2** Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. **3** Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. **5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.** **6** **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.** **7** **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.** **8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **9** As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. **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. **11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

**12** **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.** **13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. **14** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. **15** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. **16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. **17** **These things I command you, that ye love one**

**another.**

We see that when we abide in Him we bear fruit and whatever we ask of the Father he will give us. So when we abide in Him we have faith, His faith. We also see that without Him we can do nothing. So how do we abide in Him? To have **faith to believe and be able to put the promises in our heart** we have seen we need to obey. What do we obey? We obey the commandment to love God and our neighbor. We then see that when we obey, God will give us faith to believe His promises. **When we believe Gods word and promises** we are abiding in Him. This means that we have ceased from our carnal thoughts and the mind of the flesh. The mind of the flesh works against faith because it is at enmity with God. So if we allow our minds to talk us out of the promises then are not abiding in the vine. So to abide in the Spirit is to rest from the mind of the flesh. To abide in the Spirit is to believe the promises by faith and faith is a gift from God given to us **as we obey the Holy Spirit.**

**Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

**2Timothy 3** **1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**Romans 1** **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

As we begin to **obey from the heart** to repent and turn from these things and seek God, we are **more and more able to rest and believe the promises** of God. As we believe in our heart our mind is able to rest from doubt and fear. When we are abiding and believing God we are resting our carnal mind from carnal reasonings and battle that rages in our minds. The mind wars against believing God and against faith. If we don't have a good conscience toward God our mind and evil spirits inside and outside the body can convince us that God won't answer our prayer. So we need to have an **honest heart toward God and be honestly turning from ungodliness.** To believe and trust God is to rest and abide in the Spirit because we no longer need to figure things out in our minds as we are simply believing and **trusting God is in control of everything. Everything!** That is why we are able to trust, because **God is sovereign in ALL THINGS!**

**Matthew 10** **26** Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. **27** What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops. **28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your

Father. **30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.** **31** Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

So to abide in Christ we cease from the mind of the flesh. We know longer need to figure things out in our minds because we trust God. If we don't trust God, our minds will be trying to figure out how to fix things up in the flesh. When we are in the flesh we are not abiding in faith. Without Him we can do nothing so all our attempts to fix things up with our carnal mind and flesh will fail.

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

**2 Corinthians 10** **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that **exalteth itself against the knowledge of God**, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

We must wage war with the enemy in our minds. Every foul thought must be taken captive and the evil spirit cast out. The mind of the flesh is carnal, the mind we use to reason and figure things out is carnal and not of faith. We re-program our mind by reading the word of God and filling it with truth. Casting down any lie that is **in disagreement with what God says** is light and truth. Don't allow lies, accusations and negativity to remain in our minds, these things block faith and bring unbelief and doubt. Trusting God and believing Gods promises does not require the workings of the carnal mind once we believe. Once the truth is in our heart. It requires believing in the heart and trusting God will keep his word. It requires us to let go of our thoughts and reasonings and move into our heart of faith by believing. **We stop our thoughts and simply believe and trust.** Abiding in the Spirit requires letting go of **trying to do it ourself by force of will.** We use our **will to choose** and **our mind to make a decision** to turn from evil, or to do good. After we make the choice and repent we ask God to set us free and **believe and trust in our heart** he wants to set us free and will do it. Remember it is by faith and not by sight and so many times we will have to prove our faith by being patient and waiting for God to do it. It may take some time and we may have to battle with the enemy in our mind to make sure our carnal mind does not take over from our faith in believing. The devil will try to bring doubt and fear and condemnation, so we must resist the thoughts in the mind and stay abiding in faith and trust. We must stay in our heart abiding in God, trusting God. If we are continually being disobedient we will struggle to believe and so be in unbelief. God knows our heart though. Gods grace covers our sin if we are not in willful disobedience so there is no condemnation for sin when we abide in God.

Negative emotions and feelings need also to be cast down and out and overcome. Often when we want to turn from a sin, the devil will try to bring negative feelings and emotions upon us **to train us not to face it or deal with it.** The negative emotion **causes us to avoid the issue** if we allow it to which is exactly what the demon wants. When we think of the issue/sin we get a foul feeling come upon us and **so we avoid even thinking about it.** This is false comfort! These negative emotions are evil and do not come from God. Cast them out in Jesus name! They are defeated, **refuse to accept them any more!** **"This is not mine** get out devil in Jesus name!"

**Romans 8** **1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **2** **For the law of the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath

made me **free from the law of sin and death**. **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**. **5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6 For to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded *is* life **and peace**. **7** Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

**1John 3 18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. **20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things**. **21** Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, **then have we confidence toward God**. **22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and **do those things that are pleasing in his sight**.

If we are following the Holy Spirit and abiding in Him we are not under law because He is God and **we are obeying God**. Jesus is the end of the law. Jesus fulfilled the law for us and it is faith that pleases God and not the works of the law and of the flesh and the carnal mind. Trying to obey the law again means we are not abiding in Him. As we obey the Spirit he gives us power to overcome if we stay abiding and trusting and believing and if we ask in faith. He leads and guides us into all righteousness and our sins are covered by his grace as long as we abide in Him and don't come back under the law. If we come back under the law we fall from grace. If we abide in God we dwell in safety by faith and not by obeying the law. **Obeying the Holy Spirit is relationship** with God. Obeying the law is a set of rules we are trying to follow to earn our righteousness. If we try to obey the law we are basically saying "you need not have fulfilled the law Jesus because we did it ourself. You sacrificed yourself for nothing"

It is an insult to the cross and redemption and salvation that comes through Jesus who is the shepherd, the door, the way, the truth and the light. Obeying the letter of the law is not the way. Obeying the Holy Spirit is the way.

**Romans 10:4** For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

**Romans 1 28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The corruption that is in us needs to be repented of. If we are doing these things we know we are not walking in love. God is not condemning us for them but will be guiding us to change our behavior to that of love. So we obey what we know and choose to turn from these things. If we choose to stay in them then we are choosing to be disobedient. If we are choosing to depart from them

but can't, then we are battling the enemy for the land of our soul. The enemy does not want to leave the home that he dwells in (our flesh). If we choose to allow these dark attitudes and emotions and thoughts to reign in our bodies and minds and souls and hearts then they will continue to torment us and **block our faith**. We will not be able to move into the rest of God. We will not have peace! We will not be able to abide in the vine because they will be tormenting our minds blocking our peace. Using the corruption that is in us to control and guide us away from God and from faith.

**Hebrews 4** **1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. **2** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. **3** For we **which have believed** do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. **4** For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. **5** And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. **6** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached **entered not in because of unbelief:**

**Hebrews 3:19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

**Romans 11** **20** Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: **21** For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. **22** Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

**Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience. (ASV)

**Hebrews 4:11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (KJV)

There is a strong link between disobedience and unbelief. If from the heart we seek God and his ways we honor him and bring him glory. He will honor us and allow us to believe and abide in him, and in his peace, also in his rest. God is not mocked. The ability to believe and obey and have faith and to love are gifts from above. Disobedience will not bring these gifts into our walk. There will be no faith where there is unbelief. Our heart needs to be right with God! We are spiritual beings and not carnal, we are seeking God and not the things in this world.

**Psalms 53:2** God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

**1 Peter 3:4** But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price

WE ARE SEEKING GOD