

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came upon all men unto justification* of life.

Once we realize that we can in no way justify ourself, and once we have this in our heart, we then have the ability to see why we need to stay out from under the law. We say we are following this law and that law and so feel righteous and become then self-righteous(deceived). Jesus fulfilled the law for us, we need now to repent and obey the Spirit and not come under the law. The Spirit is teaching us to come into Jesus image, which is to love. God is Love. We are being guided to love apart from law, by the Spirit. The law can still be used as a guide to us, in learning to love, but we are not brought back under its bondage. The more fruit we have, the more love we walk in, the fruit is Christ in us, the hope of glory. **Jesus in us is the glory.** He forms in us as we surrender and He loves **through us.** No wonder the enemy is terrified. We are fully sanctified by faith, **we see the end from the beginning** by faith. This sanctifying happens here on earth, not in heaven later on, as we learn to love and bear the fruit of Jesus. We see the end, so **by faith** we are sanctified(holy) and complete in Him already, we believe and trust God will do it(faith), but we manifest(make it real) day by day as we follow and obey the Holy Spirit. As we do, as we learn to love, Jesus Christ forms in us(fruit). No wonder the enemy is terrified of love. We first believed we were saved in Jesus name. We hold on to that **which we heard from the beginning.** Don't let go of Jesus in order to justify self. The law condemns. **Our name can never save us.** Salvation is In Jesus Name. **Abide in His justification, in Jesus because we are justified only IN HIM. When we are sinning we are abiding in self. We continually repent and return to the Lord and abide in Him. We receive the gift of grace. His works not ours. We learn to abide more and more in Him and less and less in self.**

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point,* he is guilty of all.

Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby **he is able** even to subdue all things unto himself.

2 Corinthians 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.**

Colossians 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:**

Grace is a gift and God has given us this gift if we believe the gospel. When a gift is given, one either accepts the gift or doesn't, there is no payment involved or it is not a gift. We cannot earn salvation in any way. If we do not accept the gift of salvation and forgiveness, and justification through Jesus, then there is another way, a very broad way (the way of self) to destruction. So we receive the gift of grace by faith and as we show or sow that same grace to others, it is made manifest or made reality in our own life. To the same degree we show grace and love, we will be able to receive it. Through the power of The Holy Spirit we are able to walk in love if we look to Jesus and abide in Jesus. As we do we receive and walk in more and more grace and love. We have the liberty to receive God's love and grace. We are judged by our own doings. We are at liberty to sow love and grace and God has given us the power to do it.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us** in Christ Jesus before the world began,

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, **as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.**

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and **broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction**, and many are they that enter in thereby.

The broad way leads us away from being justified in and by and through Jesus. It leads us to try to do things in the flesh. If salvation is a gift, then nothing we can do in the flesh can add to it. Because it is a gift and we are made complete in Jesus already (by faith). We make it reality as we walk with the Holy Spirit throughout our life.

Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

We can do what we think are wonderful things and help people and give all that we have and sacrifice our lives, and go to church every week but God is very specific about what our part is. We do have a part to play. We can do all sorts of wonderful things but it means nothing if we do not learn to love. If we do not learn to walk as Jesus walked. If we do not come into Jesus image. If we bear no fruit. None of the great things we do justify us, Jesus justified us. **We prove we believe though.** By being doers and not hearers. **We prove we are believers by bearing fruit,**

coming into Jesus image, walking in love. We are not justifying ourself, **we are proving we believe** and so are then justified because we believed the gospel. We prove we believe by our faith. Faith without works is dead. If we learn to walk in love then we **prove we believe** and are then justified by Jesus. And we must learn and understand what love really is. So we can be lead by The Holy Spirit and understand what is happening to us. If we do not understand the suffering of love, we may be confused and lead into error and an easier way. Vain religion will offer an easier way. We must let go of what we think love is because that will deceive us. The narrow way is love and we must understand **WHAT GOD SAYS LOVE IS.**

1 Corinthians 12 **27** Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof. **28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, divers kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? **30** have all gifts of healings? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? **31** But desire earnestly the greater gifts. **And moreover a most excellent way show I unto you.**

1 Corinthians 13 **1** If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

As we learn what gifts the Holy Spirit has imparted to each of us and learn to use them by listening or hearing the Spirit of God, we **gain confidence in our relationship with God.** Adam and eve fell into sin and man was separated from relationship with God. Jesus Christ came and **restored that relationship with God to each of us.** We each have a personal relationship with God now through Jesus Christ. We each that believe, have the Holy Spirit within us. Jesus has freed us from the law, because He fulfilled it for us, and so we are also freed from sin and death. If we allow Jesus to justify us, then law and sin has no power over us.

Romans 7:6 But now **we are delivered from the law,** that being dead wherein we were held; that we should **serve in newness of spirit,** and not in the oldness of the letter.

Romans 6:14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you:** for ye are not under the law, **but under grace.**

As soon as we look to ourself for justification, we are no longer looking to Jesus for justification. If we look to Jesus we are under grace and not law. If we are not finding our justification in Jesus, then we are under the law(no grace). If we are not looking at Jesus we are trying to be self righteous. When we realize we are not looking at Jesus for justification, we repent and return to being justified by Jesus. Letting go of self. This is abiding in Him, or resting in His works and not trying to climb up another way. Jesus is the door.

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, **but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;** and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Climbing up another way is the broad way to destruction. We are only justified by, in and through Jesus. Jesus was crucified so that we could be justified through Him. He asked if there was another way, but your will be done Father.

Luke 22 **42** Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. **43** And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. **44** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Clearly there was no other way, but that Jesus had to go through the crucifixion. For us. He was the perfect sacrifice and He did this so we could be saved, who believe and have faith. It is through Him that we are justified. If He did not sacrifice His life we would have no redeemer and there would be no perfect sacrifice to make a way for us to be saved. Clearly if this is the case, we cannot accept Jesus as Lord and savior and then later, turn back to ourselves. What we heard from the beginning is that we are saved by Jesus, justified by Jesus and redeemed by Jesus.

1 John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. **If that which ye have heard from the beginning** shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

In the beginning we heard that in the Name of Jesus, we are saved. In our own name we are lost. We are told to abide in Jesus, and this means we always find our justification in Him and never ourselves. If we do, or think, or say, anything to justify ourselves, we are no longer relying on Jesus, we are relying on ourself. So we find ourselves in a position where we ask ourself, if we are not under the law, then what are we under? And if I do good works and give my body to be burned and it still profit me nothing, what do I do? The answer is to stop striving. The flesh and the carnal mind just loves bringing us under the law again, because we feel empowered that way, that we are doing something good. But the letter of the law, which we use to justify ourself is just a set of rules. The Word is still good and right, but when we include with The Word, Relationship with The Holy Spirit we will have the living Word. We read the Word and let the Holy Spirit in our hearts guide us each individually in our **discerning the word and understanding of it** as He leads us to learn how to love, like Jesus loved us. So instead of it being law, it is as a guide to our hearts to help us discern what The Holy Spirit wants us to change in our life. He is always leading us to love. If we see a problem or fault or short-falling or sin, we do not try to make an excuse and justify self. We repent and thank Jesus for having already paid the price for these things. It has already been dealt with at the cross. We say “God I repent(turn from) and ask forgiveness in Jesus name and ask for deliverance from this thing or situation. Whatever it is! It is very very simple. The gospel is very simple.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We do not turn to our own works or ourself. We die to self. **We are repenting** and **receiving Gods gift** of grace and salvation. Once we have learned to stop justifying self **and begin to follow and listen the The Holy Spirit**, He is then able to teach us how to walk as Jesus walked and bring us through the process of sanctification. By faith, we believe it has all been done, we are sanctified, but we manifest it(make it real) day by day as we obey God. It is by faith and through relationship. Always finding justification for all things in Jesus. When we are allowing Jesus to justify us, we are abiding in Him(grace) When we are justifying self we are abiding in law, sin, and death. (the flesh) So we allow Jesus always to justify us and we allow God to form a relationship with us, as He teaches us what love is. And we obey Him, and not the letter of law. **But we must learn to understand what God calls love. And what love is.**

1 Corinthians 13 **4** Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; **6** rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7** beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Love never faileth:

Hebrews 5 **8** Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;** **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him:

If we get rid of what the world calls love from our minds, we can then study and begin to understand what God says love is. Love suffers long. So we can expect to suffer and we call it love. Jesus learned **obedience** through the things **He suffered**. If someone unfairly accuses us and we know we must forgive without justifying ourself, without excuse, this will cause us to suffer. We cannot judge them or hold un-forgiveness and it is very humbling to self. Especially if it seems unfair or undeserved. It hurts even more if it is someone close to us. God says this is love. The Holy Spirit will ask us to do this. To forgive all things. The Holy Spirit loves us and wants us to do it for our own sake and for the other persons sake. If we forgive, God is able to forgive us, and set us free. It humbles us and the flesh hates it. Self hates it and there is a battle to overcome.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, **to revive** the spirit of the humble, and to **revive the heart** of the contrite ones.

Luke 6 **37** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: **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.**

Gods grace is always a gift to us. The amount of grace we have is set by the amount of grace we give. God has forgiven us everything we have ever done, and we are justified in Christ. But God is not mocked and He says whatever measure of mercy and forgiveness we show and give, the same will we receive. So as we learn to forgive others, we find ourselves walking in more of Gods grace. If we refuse to forgive, then we find ourselves under the law and the torment that comes with it. The tormentors in our flesh have a right under law to torment. Because if we are not forgiving we are abiding in the law. In the flesh.

Matthew 18 **32** Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? **34** And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye **from your hearts** forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

If we forgive, from our heart, we are abiding in Jesus(under grace). **This can cause us to suffer long**. If we don't forgive then we are under the law, **until we repent(forgive)**, and so again then find our justification in Jesus(grace). We choose to forgive. If we can't forgive we ask for help and power and grace to forgive. **That is faith to receive from God** instead of trying to do it ourself. God is interested in our heart and motive and loves to see us repent of sin, so the evil spirits have no right to stay within us(holding us in un-forgiveness). It can be a battle to forgive and **it causes suffering to the flesh nature and self**. So love causes us to suffer. He wants us to forgive for our own sakes. **Faith in Gods mercy** pleases God, it **shows we trust** in His salvation.

1 Peter 2:19 For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God **endure grief, suffering wrongfully**.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come **boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy**, and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

Mark 11 **24** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*. **25** And when ye stand praying, **forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses**. **26** But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Love is kind. If we sow kindness, then God is able to measure out His kindness toward us. Sowing and reaping kindness, the law of liberty. He is much more capable than us of doing good toward us(for all eternity). If we sow goodness we will reap goodness, and kindness is love. Love envies not. If we envy what others have in life or we envy others talent or situation or even their relationship with God then we are not abiding in Christ. We are then under law and torment,

most likely of the mind and bones as proverbs says. Envy is a bondage and a torment. If we realize we are doing this we repent, and forsake this attitude and ask God to cleanse us. We choose to stop envying and be content with what we have, because We see God says to do this. We read the word and agree and repent and stay under grace abiding in Jesus. He has given power and made the way.

Proverbs 14:30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and **be content with such things as ye have:** for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

Romans 11:22 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.

Ephesians 2:7 **That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

God says if we are walking in love, we vaunt not ourself. This means love does not exalt oneself above others. If we do this we are making others feel lower, this is not love. God says if we wish to be exalted then we make ourselves a servant. This comes against the flesh and the human nature, it is reverse of the world system and the attitude of the father of lies. It means we must be humble and learn to become low instead of making ourselves more than those around us. **So love has a work of humbling our flesh and the flesh and those that dwell in the flesh hate this. It causes us to suffer as we battle with the flesh. Suffering is part of love whilst we are in the flesh, so expect it. It's a normal part of the christian walk and is to be expected.**

1 Thessalonians 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation;** even as it came to pass, and ye know.

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

The devil is constantly tempting us to compete and rise and shine above those around us. To have people look up to or admire us. So we may suffer as we refuse to make ourselves seem better or smarter, or look better, or any such thing. The world encourages us to stand out above men, to be noticed. God says the higher we want to be, the lower we should make ourself. Do things for Gods sake and not mens. That way it is Him, who lifts us up and not ourself. His works. Not a fake humbleness, but made real as we **obey doing** what God calls love.

James 4:10 **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Matthew 20 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **27** And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: **28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Remembering without love we are nothing. Love is not feelings and emotions. Gods love is different. Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered, and so will we. By the things we suffer! Love will cause us to suffer, and so when we obey the things of love, being not hearers only, we will learn obedience also. We learn to walk as Jesus walked and to do the things He did. He can then manifest in us more and more as we come into His image. Love is not puffed up. Knowledge puffs up and God hates pride. Pride is not of God, pride is of the father of lies, the devil.

1 John 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Pride leads to destruction, but humility leads to honor. We want God to honor us and He is the one that lifts us. If we try to lift ourselves above others, if we look for the approval of men we will be deceived by pride and vanity. Everything we have is a gift from God and so we have nothing to be proud of. If we think it is our own greatness, then we are glorying in self and not God. Love does not put oneself above others, thus making others feel less. We suffer as we come against pride, because the flesh nature and mind is at enmity with God. Pride is a deceit and it is not love. If we abide in pride we are not abiding in love, or in Christ. As the Lord reveals pride to our hearts we repent and ask forgiveness and forsake it. Knowledge will puff us up and cause us to think we are superior, we must constantly come against this. It can be difficult to overcome, the flesh hates it and rebels, we have the throne of grace and we can ask for mercy to overcome. We can suffer to overcome it, but becoming humble is Gods love. Love is humble. Jesus was humble.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 11:2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Luke 14:11 For everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that **humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

Luke 1 51 He hath showed strength with his arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart. **52** He hath put down princes from their thrones, And hath exalted them of low degree.

Proverbs 6 16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven **are an abomination** unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

We are constantly being tempted and tested as to whether we will humble ourselves as Jesus did, and walk in love. Or if we will do the works of the devil. Walking in the things that God says is love can cost us our reputation before men and the admiration of men. **But God** holds the humble in high esteem. **God is eternal(life eternal)**, men are as a vapour. There is a price to pay to become humble upon this earth, and the flesh doesn't want to pay. Our spirit is willing. We are crucified in Christ and our life is found in Him. Test our heart. Repent and believe the gospel. God can work with someone that **is humbling themselves**. We suffer as we humble ourselves.

John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Matthew 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**.

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

Philippians 1:6 Being **confident of this very thing**, that he which hath begun a good work in you **will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ**:

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Our spirit receives the prize, our flesh doesn't. Don't allow the flesh to win the race! By faith we have been saved and we trust God to finish what He started. Pride can be a continual battle and we have a certain amount of time to overcome(this life). So even though there is still pride within us, we are not under law, but grace, if we continue to repent and not justify self. If we do not harden our heart. If we listen to and obey the Holy Spirit. As The Lord reveals pride or as it rises up we resist the devil and he must flee. **If we allow the pride and ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit and become disobedient then we are not abiding in Christ**. We then fall from grace. We cannot willfully abide in pride because we would fall from grace. It can be a battle, repent and trust God to overcome. We suffer as we overcome pride. We cannot sin if we abide in Jesus, so when we repent and resist, the devil must flee, and so we overcome. If we are against the pride and sin, apostle Paul says it is not us, but the sin in us. He had the same struggle. We are

overcoming it in Jesus Christ as we resist and **so we do not let the law condemn us**. We keep trusting God and we may suffer as we overcome our own pride and the evil spirits within our flesh. As we abide and trust, in His power to overcome, the demons must flee and we are sanctified a little more with each victory. If we abide in the flesh we sin, if we abide in Jesus it is no longer us but sin dwelling in us. We repent.

Romans 7 **14** For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. **15** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **16** If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good. **17** Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. **19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **20** Now if I do that I would not, **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.**

So we are battling with many things as we learn to walk in love. If we justify ourself or just continue doing those things we should not, then we are not abiding in Jesus. Nor are we following or obeying the Holy Spirit. If we abide in Jesus and repent and ask Him to overcome and deliver us, then we remain under grace. If we willfully continue in sin we are not obeying and not under grace, and so in danger. God will not forsake us, but we should not forsake our own salvation. We need to abide and rest in God. We need to repent of evil and we need to walk in love through obeying the voice of the Lord. Disobedience brings unbelief. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Our wilderness is the trial of our faith, and testing, and temptation, and race to depart from sin and walk in love. Crucify the flesh. Rest in Jesus, trust He has justified us, He has forgiven us, He is sanctifying us. He will finish what He started. We just agree and continually resist the devil. Jesus justifies, self does not. We hang on to God and don't let go of our faith. He will never put us through ore than we can endure. And will always give a way of escape.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who **will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able**; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be **able to bear it**.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 8 **28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Hebrews 3 **7** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 **Harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation, **in the day of temptation in the wilderness**:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, **They do alway err in *their* heart**; and they have **not known my ways**.

11 So I sware in my wrath, **They shall not enter into my rest.**)

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him ; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

Romans 5 3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4** And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

2 Timothy 2:3 **Suffer hardship with me** , as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

So we must remain having faith in Jesus and not in ourselves or anything we can do. We trust God and **don't complain** but suffer as a good soldier. **We understand the trial** of our faith and the trial of our love toward God and others. What we can do, is come into the image of Jesus and walk as He walked. In His power. We can learn to suffer, as we are afflicted, as we obey what it is that GOD SAYS LOVE IS. When we do not justify our self, but choose to forgive all things, and choose to not criticize others, or slander or gossip, and choose to not judge even within our hearts. All this can cause us to suffer and it crucifies our flesh. Which is good.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, **but by love serve one another**.

Acts 5:41 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name**.

We rejoice in the spirit knowing we are overcoming. The devil hates us walking in love because love exposes him and defeats him. So he will try to cause people to offend us, but this just causes us to walk in more victory if we keep resisting and overcoming. If we look at Gods list of what love is, we see that it is very different to what the world sees as love. When we understand this, we are **less likely to become discouraged when we suffer for loves sake**. For Jesus names sake. The suffering can become an encouragement. It means we are walking as Jesus walked. It means He is forming in us. It means we are overcoming evil with good.

James 1:2 **Consider it all joy**, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

Philippians 4 **8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. **9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you.**

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. **11** Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. **12** I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. **14** Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with **my affliction.**

Matthew 10:38 **5** doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; **6** rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7** beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Luke 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.

Matthew 10:38 And **he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.**

What God calls love afflicts our flesh. We need self control to not behave unseemly, we have to stop being selfish to stop seeking our own, it takes a lot of restraint to not be provoked by obnoxious people whom the devil will tempt us with. Satan is constantly trying to get us to justify ourself by causing our anger or pride to rise up. Or cause us to judge, criticize, slander and gossip or become offended or vain. Love takes no account of evil and therefore allows no room for us to judge others and so we must control our thoughts. This is a battle to our mind to obey, and we need to look to Jesus to overcome and not ourself. We keep repenting and abiding in Jesus. If we judge, to the same degree we are judged. So it afflicts us and we suffer as we battle to abide in Jesus and leave off the pointing of the finger and self righteousness. Bearing all things will cause much suffering and affliction, believing all things of Gods word is hard when circumstances often seem the opposite. But if we abide in Jesus, with patience and trust and faith, we will see the victory after the devil has tested us. God **uses** the devil to correct us. The rod of correction. If we resist he **MUST** flee. If we don't give up in the trial. If we keep trusting God. Hold onto faith.

James 4 **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4 **11** Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. **12** There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another

Love believes all things of God, hopes all things and endures all things. **If we take up our cross daily and walk as Jesus walked we will be doers of these things**, and as we do them, God will be able to expose and flush the enemy up and out of our flesh one battle at a time. As each part of the kingdom of darkness is exposed and defeated we gradually come into more freedom and we come into Gods image more and more. The glory of Jesus Christ in us becomes manifest and reality. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit as we allow Him to work through us.

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;)

John 15:4 **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.**

Galatians 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:14 For **all the law is fulfilled** in one word, *even* in this; **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

1 Thessalonians 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation;** even as it came to pass, and ye know.

1 Peter 1:6 Wherein **ye greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials,

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

Isaiah 63:19 We are *thine*: **thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.**