2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **sanctified**, and meet **for the master's use**, *and* **prepared** unto every good work.

It is a great temptation as we grow up in The Lord and as we gain the ability to deny our self and the flesh, and are given a position of responsibility, to draw others to ourself, rather than to Jesus. To have them look to ourself, rather than to Jesus. As we become a light or as The Lord raises us up, the first thing the enemy will attempt to do is have us enjoy the honour of men. He wants us to have men look to ourselves rather than to Jesus for headship. To have a man replace The Holy Spirit in the lives of Gods children. If we are relying on a man to get us into heaven, we have accepted "another gospel" and "another" jesus. The world certainly will teach such things, just as the Pharisees taught this. Once again, doing this is another gospel. The Pharisees enjoyed everyone honouring them and obeying them and their own traditions. But they were devoid of love and certainly not honouring God. Pride. Blind guides. They were honouring themselves, a snare and a pit, by which they were deceived. People who **listened** to, and **followed** them missed Jesus also. "Many" people, made Pharisees/ men, and traditions made by men, their guide instead of The Word. "Many" were afraid to disobey the Pharisees. Many left the Word, the truth, and followed vanity. They knew not God. Vain religion blinded their minds—no love of the truth was in them, and so they couldn't see their own messiah. Few recognised and followed the messiah when He came, few. Many were healed by him, but few endured to the end(Mark 13:13). Many were afraid to follow Jesus for fear of the Pharisees. Many became offended.

John 9 22These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

Few find the narrow way Jesus said. His words are true. So perhaps few are actually following The Holy Spirit today. Perhaps many have replaced the Holy Spirit in their life and entrusted to a man, the role of sanctification. And so perhaps also many are following a man or mans doctrines and traditions. Departures from The Word of Truth. Jesus did not sacrifice His life so we could have relationship with ministers and preachers. God sent His Son so we could each receive His Spirit, and through "this relationship" be restored. The Holy Spirit is able to bring healing and restoration to each of us if we allow Him to help us to depart from sin. We have grace to depart from sin and it is by faith, through The Spirit. The power to have victory comes through and

by our relationship with The Spirit. **Not through man.** We each need to walk in The Spirit for ourselves. We can not let a working relationship with The Spirit be stolen from us through vain deceit. Following a man instead. Many allow this because it allows the old life to continue, the flesh and the old man can live. It is more comfortable to sit and listen to a man and so not deal with the old life and un-forgiveness and such things. A man doesn't know what is hidden in our heart. God does though. **The flesh, if we allow it will lead and rule us into destruction.** WE MUST BE LEAD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT! He will guide us out from under sins bondage, a man cannot, cannot, cannot do this. It takes supernatural power & knowledge to conquer a spiritual enemy. **Woe to the man who blocks Gods children** from walking in The Spirit by taking **the role unto himself.** Woe to the man sitting in Gods temple, making himself as God, to Gods children. Woe to the man that is lead by a man, and not The Spirit.

Isaiah 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Lucifer wanted this exact same thing(men to worship him) and is hoping to use men(who are in pride) to deceive, even today. "I will". "I will". "I will". Not Gods will. There is nothing new under the sun. We do not want satan working through us(wrong spirit). We do not want Gods children looking to any man. We are each the temple of God. The Spirit is Gods gift to each of us. Look to Him, He will point to Jesus. Jesus is The Way. It is not just believing, it is by faith, which requires action. Swinging the sword at the enemy, in the power of The Spirit. Overcoming sin and not wallowing in it, or avoiding dealing with it.

<u>Acts 2:38</u> Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

John 5 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

<u>2 Thessalonians 2:4</u> He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship. So he will seat himself in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Isaiah 14 12How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt **my throne** above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

John 5 39Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 41I receive not honour from men. 42But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. 43I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

<u>Jeremiah 7:23</u> But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my <u>voice</u>**, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

<u>Samuel 2</u> 2There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. 3Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

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

<u>Matthew 7</u> 13Enter 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. 14For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that **leadeth unto life**, and **few** are they that find it.

<u>Matthew 23:13</u> But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye <u>neither go in yourselves</u>, <u>neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.</u>

<u>Luke 6:39</u> And he spake a parable unto them, **Can the blind lead** the blind? shall they not **both fall into the ditch?**

A man who walks not in faith himself, and then blocks others from walking in faith is in great danger. Knowledge puffs up, mere listening to knowledge will puff up pride. Woe if a man takes honour to himself and does not point saints to Jesus(to love), and to be lead by The Spirit(in faith-action). **Any man following that man** is therefore **also** in **great danger. Obeying love(through The Spirit)** will bring <u>departure</u>, **in obedience**, to un-forgiveness and sin. Listening to and just agreeing with nice messages will not. We need The Spirit and also to add action, to what we believe. We cannot make man an idol. Obey Love, Then The Spirit can guide and sanctify us. We are not given grace to keep our sin. We are given grace to allow and empower us, to depart from it. We **cannot** do this just by listening to a man. We do this **through Love**, in The Spirit. Action.

{Love-1 Cor13:4-7, and Includes-Denying self, forgiving all, showing grace always, carrying others burdens, not judging, or accusing, or taking of offence, etc}

<u>1 Corinthians 8:1</u> Now as touching things offered unto idols, <u>we know that we all have knowledge</u>. Knowledge puffeth up, but <u>love</u> edifieth.

Matthew 11 4Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Jesus proved who He was by the things He did. He trained up disciples to do the same. Leaders of Jesus Church train up the younger saints in spirit, to walk in faith, to walk as Jesus walked. **To hear The Spirit and be lead by The Spirit.** Not to hear men and be lead by men. Every saint is trained to walk in the gifts, and power of God. Those lead by The Spirit(not men) are the sons of God. Jesus was lead by The Spirit, and we walk as He walked. Even Jesus the man, needed and obeyed the Spirit.

<u>John 5:30</u> I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

How arrogant and proud must we be if we think we can climb up into heaven apart from The Spirit of God. We all need to be lead by The Spirit to be a son of God. If we are not, we have "another gospel". Elders and leaders train the saints(believers) and perfect their faith so they too can walk like Jesus. In faith.

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

Romans 8:9 But <u>ye are not in the flesh</u>, **but in the Spirit**, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit** of Christ, **he is none of his.**

{We are lead by The Spirit in the spirit, not by a man(flesh) in the flesh} {The Spirit uses men- to teach and train saints- to be lead by The Spirit}

Ephesians 4:12 For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ:

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

{If we are sons, and we each are, if we believe the gospel, then}
{The Spirit of The Lord is in us and. He leads us to liberty} {Each of us}
{The Spirit in each of us also works THROUGH each of us to do His Will}
{To edify and equip the saints— we who believe are all saints}

<u>1 Peter 5</u>
1The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the <u>oversight</u> thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but <u>of a ready mind</u>; 3Neither <u>as being lords over God's</u> heritage, but being <u>ensamples</u> to the flock. 4And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that he may** exalt you in **due time: 7Casting all** your care upon him; for he careth for you. **8**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9**Whom resist stedfast **in the faith,** knowing that **the same afflictions** are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

We see, as we often do, there is a balance to be found. We each are lead by The Spirit but, The Spirit also uses pastors and elders and the "five fold ministry" to help train, equip and perfect the saints. For ministry, we each have a ministry. To oversee the ministry- of bringing saints to be lead by The Spirit. The Spirit uses the body(each of us) to perfect itself(each of us). To perfect faith through the gifts we each receive. The Spirit working in and through the elder, will teach the younger saints. We are all being lead by The Spirit though. We each learn to discern whether people are "in The Spirit" or "In the flesh". We always want what is lead by The Spirit. Men teach, guide, help, and edify "in The Spirit" of Love. So the elders disciple the younger. Disciple means "learner and follower". We learn to follow Jesus. Jesus could do nothing of himself, He followed The Spirit. As the apostles also did and wrote that we should do. Modern church and traditions would deceive us. Woe to the man who's pride seeks to honour himself instead of giving God the glory. There is no glory left to ourselves if all we do is done through The Spirit.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her,** my people, that ye <u>be not partakers of her sins</u>, and **that ye receive not of her plagues**.

<u>Isaiah 43:11</u> "I, even I, am the LORD, And there is **no savior besides Me.**

<u>Isaiah 42:8</u> I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and **my glory will I not give to another,** neither my praise to graven images.

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

<u>1 John 2:6</u> He that **saith** he abideth in him **ought** himself also so to walk, **even as he** walked.

It is very clear, **we all** follow the Spirit, but The Spirit uses the members that have matured in Christ, to help those who have not yet matured. We do not just sit and trust what man says, we trust The Word. The Word plus The Spirit to discern the word. **A more sure word of prophecy, we do not depart from The Word.** We each must allow The Spirit to confirm things we are told, in our heart. We each have The Spirit(if we obey)-acts 5:32. and so we learn to discern what we are hearing, by The Spirit in us. And The Word. Do we have peace in our heart at what we hear? Or has our peace gone.

<u>2 Peter 1:19</u> 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:

<u>Colossians 3:15</u> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

<u>Philippians 4:7</u> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, <u>shall guard</u> your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath <u>given</u> to them that <u>obey</u> him.

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

The peace is our guide. The Spirit & Word are our guide. Are we being taught to walk in faith? Or to follow a man and mans doctrine. Listeners but no faith? Listening but no power through faith, to depart from sin, to be holy. Is what we are hearing from man being confirmed by THE SPIRIT in our spirit. It is very dangerous for a man **to make himself God** in another brothers life. To have brethren rely on him, apart from The Lord. It is very dangerous to block believers from walking in faith and in power. Very dangerous to hinder The Holy Spirit from working through Gods children in **the gifts** we have each been given. **Gifts** God says **we should all earnestly desire.**

<u>1 Corinthians 4:19</u> But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, <u>not</u> the <u>speech</u> of <u>them which are puffed up</u>, <u>but the power.</u>

<u>Luke 11</u> 52Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: <u>ye</u> entered <u>not</u> in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

<u>Matthew 23:8</u> But be not ye called Rabbi: for <u>one</u> is your teacher, and all ye are brethren.

1 Corinthians 11

1Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother, 2Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called** *to be* **saints**, with **all** that in **every** place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 3Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge; 6Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the <u>fellowship</u> of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the <u>same mind</u> and in the <u>same judgment</u>. 11For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Even the early church made the mistake of looking to "men of note" and Paul wrote this letter to warn them against the trap. Am I of Paul? No I am of Christ. was definitely an awesome teacher and preacher but he still always pointed people to Jesus, to the gospel, and to the cross. "Look to Jesus." "Follow The Spirit." do nothing unless The Spirit enables us. Jesus Christ was crucified for each of us to have <u>relationship</u> with God. Pastors therefore train up and perfect the saints to walk in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit was sent to teach each of us how to walk in faith and power. We each grow into our faith. Always through love-we must obey Love. Paul we see is emulating Jesus in that he is teaching followers of Jesus Christ to learn to walk in the gifts and in the power of God. Believing plus action—thus faith with works. Faith saves us. The works prove we have faith. Apart from Paul, apart from Cephas, apart from Apollos. We each learn to have faith for ourselves, as we keep our eyes on Christ. We do not rely on another man to have faith for us. Paul and Peter and Apollos taught us how to walk in faith. Jesus taught His disciples to walk in faith and so Paul, we see here, is doing the same. Not having people look to him, but to Christ. He exhorts us to follow his example of walking in faith. In The Spirit. Not faith in man. Faith in the Spirit.

<u>1 Corinthians 11:1</u> Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Paul taught his followers to be as Christ. Not going through Paul but through The Spirit. Paul is teaching disciples to do everything he himself does, looking to Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the best teacher any of us can have, and He will teach **each of us to use the gifts and walk in power. THROUGH LOVE!** If we learn to hear His voice. The word comes with power. The Spirit of power.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given **us** the spirit of fear; **but of power,** and of love, and of a sound mind.

Every saint should be learning to walk in power. Elders and pastors know they are doing Gods will, when all the saints begin walking in The Spirit, and also the gifts, and also the power. No longer relying on man, but walking in their own relationship with God as **they learn from elders to do this.** The Holy Spirit wants this for each of us. From the milk to the meat. From mere **listening** to **walking** in faith. Faith with works-meat.

Hebrews 5 12For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

{Victory is at the cross, the cross allowed the Holy Spirit to be sent. For each of us}

<u>1 Corinthians 1</u> <u>18</u>For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the <u>power</u> of God. <u>19</u>For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and <u>will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.</u>

The worlds wisdom, of bible schools and seminaries, and certificates, cannot replace the Holy Spirit. Jesus had to lay down his life so The Spirit could be sent. So now The Holy Spirit can make a lot more, just like Jesus, into Gods image. no power without The Spirit for any of us. Men teaching may help lead us to faith, but should never come between a saint(which each of us are) and God. Faith which is matured activates the spiritual world(the unseen) and anything we do has to be done through The Spirit. Simply put, the flesh can do absolutely nothing in the spiritual realms. We conquer the enemies of our soul by the power of The Spirit. Jesus died for each of us to have relationship with the Comforter. He said I have to go so the comforter can come. Jesus gave up His life so He could take it up again in us. The comforter. The Holy Spirit, wants to make lots more just like Jesus. If our faith is in Him, and not in a man or mans traditions. The Word is our safe guard. The Church should still look exactly like it does in The Word. Jesus Church has not changed.

John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

{Jesus takes up His life again in us, through The Spirit, as we also lay down our life}

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient for you that I go away**: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; **but if I depart, I will send him unto you**.

{Jesus had to go so we would <u>each</u> have The Spirit to lead and teach us}. {He gives us the power to work signs, wonders, miracles and the gifts, in the spiritual realm, to change our earthly physical reality and to be holy as he is Holy.

The comforter is come to **transform each of us** into Jesus image. **Through Love**. As we each learn faith through the gifts He gives to each of us. When we then work together, the unity of the body of Christ begins to trample the kingdom of darkness. The enemy fears unity in the body, he fears the gifts, he fears faith in the power of the word & the knowledge and wisdom which comes through the gifts. Wisdom to defeat the enemy of our souls. Wisdom and knowledge to expose the evil. Direct from The Spirit. A man does not know these things which are hidden from us in the spirit. The enemy wants "many" saints to look to a man in a pulpit to do everything for them, so they never never grow in spirit. In faith. He wants "another gospel". Spirit and to block the power. Mans traditions and teachings. Powerless. The enemy would like to shove The Holy Spirit out of Jesus Christ Church. satan does not want us walking in power and casting him out. Or healing. He wants to prevent unity and power from trampling his kingdom and releasing each of us from the bondages of poverty, sickness, sin, and the lusts of flesh. He does not want you or I, to receive a word of wisdom from God. Or a word of knowledge, or do miracles or work in **The One Mind.** He does not want agreement that can only be found in The One Mind, The Spirit. IT IS ALL VANITY IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT DOING THE WORKS—as we submit.

<u>Hebrews 5</u> **20**Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Mans wisdom(traditions of false church) is a stumbling block to those wise in the ways of the world. A stumbling block to faith.

- **25**Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 26For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh,** not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: —{{FAITH}}— 29That no flesh should glory in his presence.

 30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

The ultimate example of this is the apostle Paul whom The Lord had mercy upon. Even knocking him off his "high horse" in order to wake him up out of his prideful religious vanity and blind stupor. His name was Saul at that time and he had been under the "best" religious tutor of the time(Gamaliel). He had much honour in the religious community but the fruit of receiving training from men that is apart from the Lords guidance, was that he went around persecuting followers of Jesus Christ who were walking in faith. **He hated Gods anointed.** He did not recognise his own messiah, in fact, Saul persecuted **Jesus —whom was in, and working through the believers** that Saul was dragging to prison and killing. All this whilst claiming to love God! Saul, **being religious,** apart from Love(Jesus) and The Holy Spirit. Be careful not to **persecute Jesus** in believers today. **Offence** at faith and Gods anointed, is a major devise of the enemy.

<u>1 Thessalonians 2:13</u> For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which <u>effectually worketh also in you</u> that **believe**.

<u>Eccleiastes 8:8</u> There *is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Acts 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Saul wanted to shut down the signs miracles, witness, and testimony of Jesus Christ in believers. Their faith was embarrassing the Pharisees. He wanted to imprison and put to death every Christian he could find. He hated Jesus anointed ones-faith workers. He hated them walking in faith. He wanted to stop The Holy Spirit being able to work through the brethren. He "thought" he was doing God a favour. Men were no longer looking to him or the pharisees(the religious people under law-with no faith) and he was full of envy and strife. He had not the Spirit, he was in the flesh.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Saul decided He must stop the anointed followers of Jesus walking in faith. They must look to him and the Pharisees he had decided. Religion and tradition. Drawing men unto men. He wanted the honour of men to himself and to keep his "high position". He wanted Gods glory. He was jealous for his religion and so called knowledge. Knowledge coming from the father of lies. The wisdom of men. Doctrines of demons. The same cried out to Pilate to crucify Jesus. Be careful to not be hating Jesus whom is in believers today. Hating the brethren is hating Jesus. Offence. Hating works done by The Spirit of God. These things are for our admonition and learning and warning.

- <u>2 Peter 2:2</u> And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be <u>evil spoken of</u>.
- <u>1 Timothy 4</u> 1Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the **faith**, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, **and doctrines of devils**; 2Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- <u>Acts 5:34</u> Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named **Gamaliel**, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;
- Acts 22:3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but raised in this city. I was educated at the feet of Gamaliel in strict conformity to the Law of our Fathers. I am just as zealous for God as any of you here today.

{Saul, (later Paul) was trained by men, Gamaliel}

<u>John 3</u> 9Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? 10Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

<u>Galatians 1</u> 1Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) 2And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, **4**Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: **5**To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

no other gospel, look to Jesus, the cross, Jesus risen, The Holy Spirit-through love

- 6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
- **10**For do I now persuade men, or God? or **do I seek to please men?** for <u>if I yet pleased</u> men, I should not be the servant of Christ.
- **11**But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me is** <u>not after man.</u> **12**For <u>I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.</u>

13For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. 15But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

{Saul was trained by mans best religious teachers} {Paul was trained by The Holy Spirit}

18Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. 19But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. 20Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: 23But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. 24And they glorified God in me.

{It is very dangerous for a man to stand between The Holy Spirit and a believer}

{Or to persecute believers in whom The Spirit works, and in whom Jesus dwells}

{Jesus sent The Comforter to each of us}

{Those who are lead by the Spirit are the sons of God}

{Offence at one another is very very dangerous-it is offence at Christ}{Wrong spirit}

Philippians 3 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe.

2Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. 4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **do count them but dung**, that I may win Christ, 9And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is **through the faith** of Christ, the righteousness which is **of God** by faith: 10That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

{Clearly Paul dropped "everything" he thought he knew from mans wisdom and counted it "dung". He was retrained and transformed by The Holy Spirit}—{Then he walked in power}

<u>Revelation 18:4</u> And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people,** that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

<u>James 3</u> 13Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew** out of a good conversation his works **with meekness of wisdom.** 14But if **ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts,** glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. 16For **where envying and strife** *is*, there *is* **confusion** and **every evil** work.

<u>2 Chronicles 24:7</u> For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

Saul wanted to break up the house of God. To stop those who had Those who had set themselves dedicated and consecrated themselves unto God. apart unto God for **His use**. He wanted to stop the believers walking and working through the Holy Spirit. Saul wanted believers to go through him for all their "spiritual needs". But the true believers knew better, they even gave up their life for their faith. them to follow another jesus, (Baal worship). A powerless god(idol). Mans wisdom. Man. He was working for satan(unknowingly) to prevent true believers from walking in faith. It made his religion look bad. Vain religion where there is no faith required. The broad way to destruction that many follow. Few find the narrow path. Believing in God but no works of faith. Back under law where Saul and the Pharisees would have the preeminence. Saul was deceived by a "religious spirit". As are the many today—the word of Fear God. Saul wanted each believer to go through him and not the God does not lie. Holy Spirit. satan well knows we are saved by faith. If he can use religion to lure us away from faith, and The Spirit, he has us snared. Any that allow it.

Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith** *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The devil wants each of us to place our faith in a man, to rely on him to have faith for us. And to do everything for us. So as to seperate us from Christ and our own faith. So that he can seperate each of us from the gospel and from developing our own faith. He wants us to rely on a man to "lead" us to God. To cut us off from God. He wants us to receive "another gospel". So as to cut each of us off from Faith in God. To prevent our own faith through relationship with The Holy Spirit, where we are able to cast out demons and heal the sick. He wants us to accept "another gospel", which has no power to trample his kingdom. It would be very convenient for the devil to deceive believers through religion--into looking to a man. Flesh cannot cast a Demon out, but faith can. God can. Faith in God requires God to guide each of us and lead each of us. Only God knows the sin which besets us. Only The Holy Spirit knows how to unravel the mess. As we obey Love. The Holy Spirit can use the body of Christ(each of us) to help in this process, to teach, or to speak through, or to edify, but no-one can take the headship of The Spirit away from another believer. Preachers and teachers may help to instruct in the correct way, but each of us is under The Holy Spirit concerning our life. We do not want to allow a man to stop the flow of the power of The Spirit from operating in us, as satan wants a man to get in between us and the Spirit of God to seperate us from God, and the gospel which saves us. It is by grace. The whole body of Christ works in the power and direction of The Holy Spirit. No man knows what The Spirit is doing in others. We mustn't remove the role of the Spirit from our walk. We allow the

gifts of the Spirit to work as <u>He</u> directs. In each believer. <u>We help each other</u> but we are each personally accountable to The Holy Spirit. Only He knows what He is doing with each of us and where He is taking each of us.

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

<u>James 4</u> 13Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14Whereas ye know not what *shall* be on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

Acts 2 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We see **every one**, and **each** of them, and **all** we're filled and began to work **supernaturally** through the Holy Spirit. It was not reserved for pastors, priests and ministers. None of them needed permission from a man because it was **as The Spirit gave** them utterance. We see it is "The Spirit" and **not** as man or **mans doctrine and teachings** direct. We have faith to believe **The Spirit can work through each of us**, or **all of us**, and it is as He allows and directs. There is no fear in this because apart from Him we can do nothing. But let Love be our guide. But we **learn to discern** what He is showing us. What **He Wants**. **He** will use any mistakes to teach and train us. **God really wants us to just begin to boldly step out** and **apply the gifts** of The Spirit. **We are told to earnestly desire** the gifts. To edify. To grow. Using faith. And the gifts. The **gifts** are what God <u>uses</u> to <u>grow</u> our faith-as we use them-we grow in them.

<u>John 15:5</u> 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 ve can **do** nothing.

God can give one believer a "word of knowledge" for herself, or for another believer. To edify. He can give another a vision to share, to edify and give direction to the church. He can give another a "word of wisdom" to edify and help in a difficult situation. He may work through a believer who has faith to heal. He may work through a believer to cast out a demon or demons. He may raise up a mighty warrior in prayer intercession(a gift). Often casting out a demon and healing the sick are the same thing. Casting out a demon who is giving a headache is also healing the headache. Same for anxiety, or fear, or depression. Casting out a demon of diabetes is also healing the diabetes. Some have faith to heal and some have faith to cast out a demon. Some have faith for both. Some

are given exceptional discernment(a gift of discernment), they can discern problems and evil spirits, through The Spirit(not man) to help and edify others. As we each see faith in action, we each begin to have faith for that same faith. We all grow like this. Growth in small groups, cell groups, is especially effective because people have more confidence to attempt faith boldly and use the gifts. It depends on faith. God can work through us all, and the more faith, the more He can do through each of us. The more we each do, the stronger Jesus body becomes. We are Jesus body. When we are using the gifts, Jesus body is benefiting. In smaller groups we are more able to edify and help each other. God works through humble and contrite hearts. To edify others and not for show. This helps us recognise if it is Jesus at work, or a work of the flesh, or another spirit. You will know them by their fruits.

<u>Ephesians 4</u> 14That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

We should each attempt at all times to be lead by The Spirit, doing His will. Not doing what we want but what we are being lead to do. This can take time to discern, and to learn to hear the small still voice, but God will teach us as we step out in faith and try. Do not be afraid to try, each attempt contains a valuable lesson. If we get something wrong, we learn, and try again. We work together, and it is often easier in smaller groups, to encourage and discern what is from God and what is of the flesh. It takes working together in encouragement and not condemnation for mistakes or error. It takes practise and learning to discern. We are learning how to use and operate in the gifts(through The Spirit). A spirit of fear will try to prevent us. Fear of man, or shyness, cast them out! Repent. God uses our mistakes to teach us. Religious spirits working in people-will try to prevent us walking in the gifts. Discern religious spirits and do not obey them. BE BOLD!

Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have **boldness** and <u>access</u> **with confidence** by the faith of him.

God loves it when we <u>each</u> step out and <u>boldly</u> do what we think He is guiding us to do. If we are wrong He will show us, and teach us how to discern and listen. We are like children learning to walk, except it is our baby spirit learning in The Spirit. Learning faith. With power. A father does not spank a child for falling over when learning to walk. Our Heavenly Father is far more patient than any earthly father. We are children learning to wield and use the awesome power of God Almighty to trample satan's kingdom. The enemy must cringe in absolute fear as we tiny spiritual babes smite him

with the ALMIGHTY SWORD OF GOD. As we break off the voke of flesh, and walk in The Spirit. Even mistakes can destroy their kingdom and morale no end. If God allows. Like an ant at the mercy of a child who knows no better than to squash it. I imagine God smiles as He gently corrects us:) Demons stop smiling now. He teaches us to discern what to do and when. Of course we will make mistakes as we learn to use such awesome power, and discern our gifts given each of us, but The Holy Spirit is in control of it. We have patience with each other as we all learn to walk in faith and in His will. anything it takes patience and practise and trial and error. We are learning to discern what is of The Spirit and what is of the flesh. There should be no fear in the learning and practicing of the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to each of us. God is our guide and Relationship. teacher, we learn as we walk. We should all find and open our gifts. The Spirit guides, and uses prophets, and pastors and teachers and the whole body to help and to edify and guide one another, and the body. But to each, ministers included, the Spirit is always our head. We learn to listen, and to step out and reveal what we think He is showing us. We share what needs to be shared to edify the body and for guidance. The Spirit uses the body to teach and to edify one another so that we can each know how to walk like Jesus and how to walk like the early apostles. We all have our own personalities and God uses each of us in a special way. Each of us have a place to fill. Each of us have a relationship with God. Each of us hope and desire to grow up into the full stature and measure of the fullness of Christ. Using the gifts and faith. Pounding the enemy with the power of God under our feet. Under His body, Jesus feet. Finding out the gifts we have been given and then learning how to use them to edify others. To edify the body of Christ and to find direction and vision from God, for the body, The Church.

4Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to <u>profit withal</u>. 8For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

{It is the Spirit that appoints the gifts, and administrations, not man or institutions of man}

1 Corinthians 12 27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28And <u>God hath set</u> some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

<u>Joshua 23:10</u> One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it* is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

<u>Deuteronomy 32:30</u> How should **one chase a thousand,** and **two put ten thousand to flight,** except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

As we each begin walking in the gifts and so walking in faith, we are able to become a useful member to Jesus Body, The church. Very very very dangerous to the whole kingdom of darkness. The body of Christ becomes very very powerful. unified(Offence is a terrible thing). All power is gone, when there is offence. satan steals everything where there is offence. Do not fall for the trap of offence. Be in the One mind. We are all lead by the One mind-The Holy Spirit. The prayers become powerful, faith rises and rises. Confidence grows, especially in the smaller groups where saints feel more comfortable to experiment in a safe environment. Where we can more easily come into one accord and into unity. The pastors and teachers have more and more support and guidance as more and more believers hear from God and share what they are given or shown with the elders. It all helps to direct Jesus body. God is able to use our gifts and faith to help perfect each other and edify one another. As we each grow in faith and experience. The Lord is able to train each of us to be able to train new believers how to do the same. To perfect the saints. Jesus in us.

Ephesians 4 7But unto **every one of us** is **given** grace according **to the measure of the gift** of Christ.8Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men.**

9(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

We each have the task of training and equipping and helping each other in the body to do the works of God. In whatever role The Lord appoints to us. To be just like Jesus. Walking in and using the gifts are all a part of the training. The more we use the gifts the better we become in the use of them, through The Spirit. Not religion—just sitting there listening, but walking in the gifts. The more humble we become, the more God will raise us up, to help, to train, and to equip the saints, to look to Jesus and not to ourselves. Leaders point to Jesus, and the more this happens, the more God will raise them up. Individually and also whole congregations and ministers. The more humble leaders are, the more they can be exalted. Elders train disciples to follow The Spirit more. and rely on elders less. Jesus taught his disciples how to walk in faith. Aiming to have others walk in The Spirit and walk in the gifts under the Spirit. Ministers and elders know they are doing Gods will when disciples and learners are looking to Jesus rather than to them. Leaders are still needed for guidance and direction(through The Spirit) but always lift Jesus up. When encouraged, disciples begin to have faith and walk in the gifts themselves. God wants each and every child of God to grow up into the

fullness of Christ. As each grows up, they also can begin to help train others as The Spirit leads. We each grow up as we begin desiring and walking in the gifts. **Faith grows through the using of the gifts.**

<u>1 Corinthians 4:12</u> Even so ye, forasmuch <u>as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.</u>

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

<u>1 Corinthians 12</u> 28And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. <u>29</u>Are all apostles? <u>are all prophets? <u>are all teachers? are all workers</u> of miracles? <u>30</u>Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? <u>31</u>But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.</u>

It is a **great danger** to church leaders, if they rely on the wisdom of the world and the ways of the world. Leaven of the serpent. The ways of the world are natural to the carnal mind and make sense to the carnal mind. The worlds ways are easy on the flesh—that is the temptation. The flesh is an enemy of faith. The flesh is of the world—physical—not spiritual. The carnal mind will fit in nicely with the system of the world. It will want to compromise with the world. For comfort. "**The worlds**" **church system is much more comfortable to the flesh than faith is.** Faith and the gifts **REQUIRE-**The Holy Spirit and faith. The Word says the carnal mind is at enmity with God(romans 8:7). Saul(trained by Worldly wisdom), later became Paul, and was then trained by The Lord and he warns about another gospel, and about pleasing men and the world, instead of God. To allow the outer man to live, whilst the inner man is quenched.

<u>1 Thessalonians 5:19</u> Quench not the Spirit.

Another gospel is a compromise, a demonic devise to comfort the flesh and self nature. To lure the flesh **away from faith.** The gifts help faith grow. The Holy Spirit uses them to encourage and edify. satan doesn't care if we believe, as long as he prevents us from walking in the gifts and Spirit. Faith without works is dead. If we allow this it will prevent our sanctification from coming to pass. Proving our faith by being sanctified. We are sanctified by faith, but we prove that faith by our walk—works of faith. Saul/Paul is a warning to each of us. Paul had been on both sides. Vain religion verses Faith. Use the gifts. Listen to and follow the Spirit. Each of us. The narrow way.

<u>Galatians 1</u> 3Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, 4Who gave himself for our sins, that <u>he</u> might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 6I marvel that **ye are so soon removed** from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel:** 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you,

and would **pervert the gospel** of Christ. **8**But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9**As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. **10**For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for **if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**

<u>John 11:48</u> If we let him thus alone, <u>all men will believe on him</u>: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

It is by faith, through the Holy Spirit, through Love, in Jesus name. Many, many, many people were yoked to the Pharisees and their religion when Jesus walked the Earth. A lot of talk and pomp and ceremony and tradition. The Pharisees were <u>unbelievers</u>, and <u>many many people yoked themselves to this unbelief(disobedience)</u>. Fine words and a fine speech and appearance but no faith. Whitewashed tombs. Claiming to believe in God, but with no evidence. No Love. **Simply believing is not what saves!** Believing and then proving we believe by the way our lives are lived and changed by The Spirit of God(Faith) saves us. Love becomes evident in our life. *Jesus in us*. Our testimony.

<u>Matthew 23:27</u> Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites**! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed <u>appear beautiful outward</u>. but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

<u>James 2:18</u> Yea, <u>a man may say</u>, <u>Thou hast faith, and I have works</u>:

<u>shew me thy faith without thy works</u>, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Through love and the gifts and power and leading of God in our lives we prove we believe, and that therefore that we have faith. Faith without works is dead. We don't just believe, we have faith. In fact we do just believe but we prove it by our faith. The Pharisees and those who yoked themselves to their teaching and their doctrine, of these, none had a love of The Truth. All these should have recognised Jesus by His faith, and the signs, wonders and miracles which He performed. Jesus fulfilled everything written about Him in the scriptures. They should have recognised their messiah. But they wanted to keep their old life(self life) and reputation and so went down the broad way with the many. Jesus disciples recognised Him and followed Him immediately when He called them, and they then learned to walk in faith, enduring to the end. Using the gifts in relationship with The Holy Spirit. Evidence that they were true believers.

- <u>2 Thessalonians 2:10</u> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- <u>2 Corinthians 6</u> <u>14Be</u> ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? <u>15And</u> what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that

believeth with an infidel? **16**And what agreement hath the temple of God **with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,** saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, **18**And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

16Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 18Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Ezekiel 33 1Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

- **1 Corinthians 3 16**Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**,
- <u>2 Thessalonians 2:4</u> He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship. So <u>he will seat himself</u> in the temple of God, <u>proclaiming himself to be God.</u>

{not submitting to God, being ones own god in Gods temple}—which temple we are.

1 Samuel 2:2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

<u>Matthew 24:15</u> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, <u>stand in the holy place</u>, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)