<u>James 5:16</u> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

<u>Hebrews 10:25</u> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

There is great liberty to be found in the body of Christ when it is operating as a body. If we each go about always thinking about our own life and it's concerns, even if we are walking with the Lord, then we can be acting separately and alone, and actually not functioning effectively as part of the body of Christ. When we are abiding in Jesus, we are realising that we are now part of a larger body. We are believing who we really are, in the spirit. Part of Gods family. The old life is crucified by staying in The Word, and walking in the truth. The truth is we have been born into Gods family and if we say we believe, then we aught to live as though we are in that family. We will know each other for eternity and this by faith, so we have concern for our eternal family. We find our place in that family. Doing this proves what we truly believe. for our eternal spiritual life(and body), instead of our temporary life in the flesh. Our soul is in the flesh still, but our faith says, "we are in the eternal body of Christ". If we truly have faith in this, then we aught to walk as though it is true, it shows we believe when we edify our family members. Obviously we do at times walk with the Lord separately, but the body of Christ is one, in The Spirit. With a unified purpose in that One mind. God uses the body, as a body to keep all of it healthy, and to support itself, to make it strong. This is our faith, we are each a part of Jesus body. Jesus is working through us, as we choose to surrender our self life to Him. And walk in Love.

1 Corinthians 6:9 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Surrendering the selfish life, to be a working member and part of the body of Christ. We lose our life to gain our true life—our spiritual life. We lose our self focused life and take up our new life in Jesus body— The church focused life. Our life is in Jesus. All of our brothers and sisters— that Jesus died for. We are all one in Him. He loves each as He loves ourself. Can we hate whom He loves and died for. Do we not all have grace(by our faith)? We love Jesus. We love Jesus body. We live for His sake. We live for His bodies sake. For the body that He died for. His spiritual body and family. We have a born again spirit. Our family is spiritual and eternal. We(our souls) take up our life in The Spirit and give the flesh no dominion over our soul(our mind will and emotions). The flesh life is only temporary. We have a new hope. An eternal hope and life with God and His family. Our soul chooses God. We choose eternal things—we choose Jesus. To love God(with all our heart, mind soul and strength), and to love our neighbour as ourself. The Holy Spirit leads us to be able to do this. He exposes sin to us so that we are able to repent and take up our new life in Him. For all, whom believe. Jesus is able to work through us, as we learn to love. Our walk is with God. Jesus gave us fellowship.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were <u>called unto the **fellowship**</u> of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 5:24 And **Enoch walked with God:** and he was not; for God took him.

Hebrews 11 5By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, **that he pleased** God.

<u>Luke 9:24</u> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but <u>whosoever will lose his life for my</u> <u>sake, the same</u> shall save it.

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

Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are **one body** in Christ, and every one members one of another.

<u>Colossians 1:18</u> And <u>he is the head of the body</u>, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn <u>from the dead</u>; <u>that in all things he might have the preeminence</u>.

John 12 44Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

<u>1 John 3</u> <u>23</u>And <u>this</u> is his <u>commandment</u>, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, as he gave us <u>commandment</u>. <u>24</u>And <u>he that keepeth his commandments</u> dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by <u>the Spirit</u> which he hath <u>given</u> us.

The Word will help crucify the old flesh life, <u>if</u>, we are honest with it, and don't try to change it to suit—or "justify" our lifestyle. Wanting or choosing to live for the enjoyment of this world, instead of living for Jesus. Not having faith in **our true identity**. Being <u>now</u> "in Gods family". The Word will bring us to <u>Life</u> in The <u>Spirit</u> if we are honest with it, and are truly <u>seeking</u> <u>God</u>. Seeking to <u>know</u> God. Walking <u>with</u> Him. Being led <u>by</u> Him. Scoffing and scorning at the truth is extremely dangerous. It is the truth that sets us free not religion, not tradition, not rituals, nor pretences, but **The** Truth. And walking in it.

<u>1 Corinthians 1:10</u> Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there <u>be no divisions</u> among you; but *that* ye be <u>perfectly</u> <u>joined together in the same mind</u> and in the same judgment.

What God says and The Word says, He means. Swerving off course to please tradition and religiousness, is not going to set anyone free. Serving deception is not serving The Truth. Jesus is the Word. Jesus is the Truth. The Truth will set us free— if we allow the truth to deal with our old fallen flesh nature. The Holy Spirit uses The Word to do this in us. To set us free from deception and bondage. It is by <u>faith</u>, so as we are set free of <u>spiritual</u> bondage, we are also set free of physical fleshly bondage. By faith—we are set free from servitude to Satan's kingdom through sin. As The Word reveals sin, we are <u>able to repent(standing in grace)</u>. The Truth means we turn from the world, of which Satan is the prince(over flesh)(but we <u>dwell in heavenly places in Jesus</u>), and live for God. Satan has no dominion over us, when we are doing this. We are <u>dwelling in Love</u>. We are dwelling in Jesus and He is working through us. <u>Dwelling</u> in Love. Where we are above Satan's kingdom. We are learning to do this. We are learning to abide in Jesus at all times. <u>Abiding</u> in Love. We can do nothing <u>apart</u> from Him.

- **John 15:5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me **ye can do nothing.**
- John 12 31Now is the judgment of this world: <u>now</u> shall the <u>prince of this world</u> <u>be cast out.</u> 32And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* <u>unto me</u>.
- **1 John 5:19** And we know that we are of God, and **the whole** world lieth in wickedness. (KJV)
- <u>1 John 5:19</u> We know that <u>we are children</u> of God and that <u>the world</u> around us is <u>under the control of the evil one</u>. (NLT)

The Word is not designed to comfort the flesh, it's designed to crucify the flesh. And the comforting of it. It will, <u>as we obey</u>, bring peace though, a spiritual peace even <u>amidst</u> heavy trial and tribulation. <u>As we obey</u> it will <u>challenge and confront</u> the flesh life. It will bring us into our spiritual life. It will put the flesh down and raise our spiritual man up. Our eternal soul is in the middle of this battle. Between heaven and earth. It is designed to bring us **out of** agreement with this world, and into agreement with our new world(spiritual), which is by faith for now, but also manifested partly <u>now</u>—as much as we take hold of-<u>now</u>. Through Gods promises and Word and power through The Holy Spirit—by faith. We come out from under Satan's power(over flesh), into Gods Love(dwelling in Jesus in heaven), where we can be brought under the shadow of the almighty. There we have all of psalm 91 "to take hold of by faith".

Psalm 91 1He that **dwelleth** in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

We learn to dwell in Love. Dwell in Jesus. Walk in love. Up above the world and Satans devices. It is only The Truth that sets us free. The Holy Spirit is guiding and leading each of us personally in this. We must EACH be led by God. This is what Jesus gave up His life for. To restore this **relationship** that Adam and Eve lost — to each of us. **Grace removes the law** and replaces it with relationship. The Gospel of Grace. Walking with God. It is a work of The Holy Spirit with us. Following religious deceptions, or following evil spirits which feed out false doctrine- through religion and it's denominations—which cause divisions, is not The Way. There's only one truth and that is Jesus. If we want The Truth we look at Jesus. We need the right Jesus. The Word is Jesus. We know Jesus BY THE WORD. If we change The Word, we change Jesus – but Jesus doesn't change. The body of Christ therefore should look and walk, just like Jesus. The early apostles showed us this. We can try to change The Word, but when we go back to it, it will still say the same thing. We can't change Jesus, what actually happens if we do change The Word, is we accept another spirit. So we actually have a fake jesus. A fake jesus doesn't save anyone. The very end of the bible tells us this. Do not let religion steal, kill or destroy.

Changing The Word and believing these changes brings us back under the curse. There's One Truth. We have grace. We can repent as we learn. As The Spirit teaches us.

Revelation 22 18For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, <u>Lord Jesus.</u>
21The <u>grace</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen. <u>{THE END.}</u>

<u>John 10:10</u> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

2 Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

We are in danger if <u>we accept</u> another jesus, or another spirit, or another gospel.

Because that is not Jesus. The Word saves. Jesus saves. The gospel saves. We have grace though—<u>to repent</u>—as we come to the knowledge of The Truth. There's no condemnation in Jesus Christ. <u>We have grace</u>—we can repent. Christ crucified, meaning we have grace. Meaning we have power and authority. Meaning it's a gift, we can't earn—we just believe. We use this grace to come into Jesus image. We do not <u>deny</u> the wisdom(The Word), or the **power** of God which is **given** us **to walk** in. We **walk** in it—we don't **deny** it.

1 Corinthians 1 22For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: **23**But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24**But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the **power** of God, and the **wisdom** of God.

Antichrist spirits love to **deny** both of these things. The **wisdom** and the **power**. We escape their deceptions as The Holy Spirit reveals things to us. The Holy Spirit sanctifies - brings us to holiness. As we walk with God - as Enoch. Another way, leads to destruction. We cannot change The Word. It has the ability to discern our thoughts and deal with the fallen nature. If we change Jesus — if we willingly and knowingly depart from the Word, to justify our life(to keep living how we want), we are following other spirits. Of the world. We need to follow The Spirit of The Word. Beware of evil spirits. Religious spirits. Deceiving spirits. Deceiving us, to make ourselves god over our self life, instead of allowing God to be God. We must love The Truth. The Truth sets us free. Fake "jesus" kills, steals and destroys. Our God is a God of signs, wonders and miracles and power. A God of healing and deliverance(casting out demons). Look at Jesus—the things He did. Jesus doesn't change. That's what the body of Christ should look like. Believing - our faith - we must believe in this "The True Jesus". Then we will see His body doing the same. Then we will not have cause to be divided by Satan's wiles. We do not want to become a modern day Pharisee. Beware — the same things are happening today as in Jesus day. It is a matter of believing fully on Gods Word and on Jesus nature, character, AND AUTHORITY(His name). We do not deny any part of who Jesus is.

- **2 Corinthians 2 10**To whom ye **forgive** any thing, I **forgive** also: for if I **forgave** any thing, to whom I **forgave** *it*, for your sakes **forgave** *l it* in the person of Christ; **11Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:** for we are not ignorant of **his devices.**
- John 12 37But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they <u>believed not</u> on <u>him</u>: 38That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, <u>who hath believed our report?</u> and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, <u>nor understand</u> with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.
- <u>Ecclesiastes 1:9</u> The thing that hath been, it <u>is that which shall be</u>; and <u>that which is done</u> is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.
- **John 10:9 I am the door: by me** if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- **John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- **2 Thessalonians 2** 8And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of

<u>the truth</u>, that they might be saved. **11**And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12**That they all might be damned who <u>believed</u> not <u>the truth</u>, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The Holy Spirit always uses or agrees with The Word when guiding us. He agrees with Jesus and Jesus is The Word. Satan attempts to have us depart from the Word, and love religion instead. Religion usually has a very lot of truth, but can contain departures from The Word which can so easily lead us astray. It is only The Holy Spirit who is able to keep each of us-personally in The Truth. This is why we need the relationship because apart from The Spirit, we have no hope of seeing the deceptions. Knowing The Word keeps us safe. Knowing The Word helps us to **recognise** The Holy Spirit and be alert to fake evil spirits trying to impersonate The Holy Spirit. Satan-and his kingdom- love to present deceptions and lies as "angels of light." Subtle things which sound really really good but are deception and not truth. We **NEED** The Spirit. By knowing The Word we also know The Spirit of God. God does not change. Only The Truth will set us free. Take this to heart. Only The Truth. God doesn't change. The Word doesn't change. Jesus doesn't change. Knowing The Word is to know Jesus nature and character(and authority). It is to have The Sword as well, as we apply the promises by faith. We have the power and authority of Jesus as we walk in Love, in The Spirit(we can do nothing apart from God). Knowing The Word, we can recognise Jesus—we can recognise Truth—from deception. The **True** Church of Jesus Christ, DOESN'T CHANGE. Let's not be divided, let us know The Truth. Satan loves to change the word of God. There has been many many fake and false churches and doctrines. But Gods real church, HAS NEVER CHANGED! We do not want to be blinded to seeing it—just like the Pharisees were blinded—by vain religion and ritual. Jesus church looks like Jesus, and works like we see in the book of acts—through the apostles. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. It often has not been recognised though, just as Jesus himself was not recognised by the religious pharisees(when he was before their very eyes). That is an example of how badly religion can deceive. It can blind. Love The Truth. The Truth will set you free. Let your eyes see and your ears hear and be open to receive The One Truth. The word. It will crucify the flesh life— and so **remove** Satan's power over us. When we **Walk** in it.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all **these things happened unto them** for ensamples: and they are written **for our admonition,** upon whom the ends of the world are come.

John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

John 8 31Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

{if you **continue** in **my Word**, you shall know The Truth}

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

Psalm 119:89 LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Matthew 24:85 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words** shall not pass away.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Psalm 13 1{To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.} The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good. 2The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

<u>Psalm 10:4</u> The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Seeking to fit in with religion and tradition is not <u>seeking to know</u> God. It is seeking to fit in with religion and tradition. <u>Knowing</u> God <u>requires</u> <u>faith</u>. The stumbling block to the carnal mind. The carnal man hates this, because faith forces us to <u>act on</u> The Truth. Faith <u>without</u> works is dead. Works don't save us, but they prove or justify, that we have true faith. Because true faith allows The Spirit to change us. It proves we <u>believe and trust</u> God. <u>The old nature absolutely will rebel</u> against The Truth, and Satan uses this weakness of the flesh to have us depart from the truth(The Word)—in any place we give in to deception. So <u>staying</u> in The Word has the ability to set us free from these deceptions and bondages—as The Holy Spirit gives us <u>revelation(reveals)</u> The Truth. We see why the relationship with The Spirit is so important to <u>be able</u> to walk in The Light.

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

It is just is not worth departing from The Word, not a jot or a tittle. For false, very false, very very very false **comfort**. It's easier to follow tradition and religion because it requires **no faith** to do this. It requires **no relationship** with God. It's just following laws and rules and doctrines—using the carnal mind. It comforts the flesh, because it can cause us to falsely **FEEL** justified, if we believe in this vanity— but it doesn't set us free. It doesn't change our hearts. We are only ever ever ever and always justified by Jesus(grace). We only ever **stand** in grace. Apart from faith in the grace—we fall(from grace). If we try to earn salvation in any other way, we are not believing it is by grace alone. A dangerous deadly deception. Salvation is by grace.

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

The only way to be **justified in truth** is to **believe** the real GOSPLE. Which means **standing in the grace** for salvation. Not **earning** salvation through religious falsity. It means **knowing God in relationship**—being **led** by Him. **Knowing God** sets us free. Believing God, trusting God and faith— the proving/justifying **of our faith**(what we believe) by our actions(works), sets us free.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

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.

<u>Matthew 11</u> 25At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. 26Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. 27All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither <u>knoweth</u> any man <u>the</u> <u>Father</u>, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.

28Come <u>unto me</u>, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and <u>learn of me</u>; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your <u>souls</u>. 30For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

We cannot afford to be led by religion or man. We come <u>UNTO</u> Jesus. We are each guided and led by The Holy Spirit. I want to know God and be led by God Himself. Not by the letter of the law, not by religion, not by an evil spirit through deception, nor by man(who may be in deception himself)— but by The Holy Spirit of God. When listening to man we must constantly refer back to The Word to see what is true and what is not. We stay with Jesus and allow The Spirit to keep us in The Light. We search the scriptures.

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

I don't want to know vain religion and be led by whatever suits my <u>comfort</u> in <u>this life.</u> I want to know Jesus and walk in The Truth— <u>for eternal life.</u> We die to this world. I want The Holy Spirit to lead me through the sanctification process. To clean the temple for God to dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 6:16 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.

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

{let this into our hearts, this is no longer our world, we have a better one-we gain through faith} {Satan will use all <u>his servants</u> to come against us, to lure us from the truth, or to offend us. {The Holy Spirit will use <u>His servants</u>—to save —to give light—to be a testimony} of Jesus

Our real life is in Heaven with Jesus- in Jesus. We will know Jesus forever. Religion will pass away though. Religion may allow pretence and falsity. Religion can change, and twists and turns just like a serpent. It loves to change with the times. God does not. Jesus is the rock— our foundation. The church was built upon Jesus, the apostles built upon this foundation, and nothing has ever changed it. The Church works the same way today. The same. If we want The Truth, we look at Jesus. Jesus came as a man and had The Spirit. We have that same Spirit. We look to be <u>as</u> our Lord. What The Spirit did through Jesus, He wants to do through each of us. Jesus gave up His life, to take up where He left off, and begin working again— through us. We are Jesus body. Jesus lives all over the Earth! Praise Jesus:)

1 Corinthians 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: **for had they known** *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Matthew 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be <u>as his master</u>, and the servant <u>as his</u> <u>lord</u>. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?

Psalm 11 If the **foundations** be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Ephesians 2:20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, **Jesus Christ himself** being the chief corner *stone*;

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

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

Job 8:5 If thou wouldest **seek unto God** betimes, and make thy supplication **to** the Almighty;

<u>Proverbs 3:11</u> My son, <u>despise not the chastening</u> of the LORD; <u>neither be weary of his</u> correction:

<u>Matthew 23:37</u> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, <u>and ye would not!</u>

<u>James 1</u> Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Vain religion may leave us fatherless. Spiritually Fatherless. Orphans. Religion that may have no relationship with our spiritual Father in Heaven, to correct us, nor chasten us, or rebuke us when we need it. It may drive us only to obey religious rules and traditions and doctrines. Vain Religion misses it. Righteousness is by grace not by religion. Knowing God. Righteousness is **given** to us. We can't earn it through religiousness. Righteousness means "to be right before God". This is by grace alone. Religion may convince us or deceive us to feel like we are justified and righteous. It may allow us to falsely FEEL COMFORTABLE. We must continually realise, salvation has already been given to us by grace. It is received and not earned. Religion allows us to perform or strive, rather than receive the gift of grace. We already have righteousness by believing we have it. Our faith, believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouth. We will miss God if we allow religion to steal this **gift** of grace. By Striving—instead of coming boldly before God because we believe we are now able. We must start and stay under grace. And not be ever removed from it, by thinking our goodness or religiosity helps earn salvation. It is by grace alone. Religion may try to replace grace with works. Beware. We can approach God **now** because **we have grace** to do so. By our faith.

Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

Our righteousness is given us as a **gift**, by grace. Not by religion. As we walk with God **He will cause(empower) us** to walk more righteously as He cleans our temple. Thus removing evil spirits from working within or through us. But that's not what saves us— it just proves we are walking with God though. It proves our faith is real. Our faith saves us. Believing we can **now** come into Gods presence. Just as Jesus was led by, and obeyed The Holy Spirit. So we need to be. We walk as He walked. Grace allows us to come into Gods presence.

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

Jesus gave up His flesh life so He could live through our flesh lives. So we could take up our life in Him, in heavenly places. Don't be looking for fleshly blessings in earthly places. Not temporary short lived comfort flesh blessings. Crucify the flesh and lose our flesh lives to gain our spiritual lives. Our blessings are eternal in heavenly places. This is our faith. The flesh will suffer. As the flesh suffers so do the evil demonic spirits within, because they are no longer getting what they lust after—through our bodies. Enjoyment of their lusts—through our flesh bodies. We may feel their discomfort, as we deny them the use of our flesh. Because evil spirits don't have physical bodies. They need ours to fulfil their lusts. We deny them—we deny our flesh. We repent as John the Baptist preached, in preparation for Jesus coming Ministry.
Repentance leads to the ability to cast out Satans kingdom that has been working within us. Through our flesh. Remember, Adam was made from the dust of the earth, and Satan was cursed to cruel on his belly in the dust of the earth. God gave man dominion. Satan needs to deceive man and steal what is given to man— to gain the dominion he lusts after.

As does all his kingdom. He steals what was given us and uses it for him SELF

<u>Matthew 11:12</u> And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it **by force.**

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and **dust shalt thou eat** all the days of thy life:

Romans 818For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons of God. 20**For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21Because the creature itself also shall **be delivered** from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty** of the children of God.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all **spiritual blessings** in **heavenly places** in **Christ**:

Ephesians 118The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Mark 16 16He that <u>believeth</u> and is baptized shall be saved; but he that <u>believeth not</u> shall be damned. 17And <u>these signs shall follow them that believe;</u> In my name shall they <u>cast out</u> devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall <u>lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.</u>

So as Jesus house unites, Satan cannot stand. Nor his kingdom. This is why Satan works so hard to divide Jesus church through different denominations or separations. Loving to deny the power of God and the operation of The Holy Spirit-leading all things for the church. He wants Gods children to argue with each other, to get them <u>out of the Spirit</u> and into pride or self righteousness. We are saved by grace alone.

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put **all things** under his feet, and gave him to be the **head over all things** to the church,

There is One Truth—Jesus. No need to argue—but there is a need to share the truth. But not if it leads to contention and separation. The demon-nations hate Gods people. We are part of The Body of Jesus. We see Jesus— and that is The Truth. So as we repent, we can cast Satans kingdom out. We can heal and restore. We do the works of Jesus our Lord. We become **as our Lord**. Each of us. We don't deny Jesus. We allow Him to work through us. He always works through Love. Without Him we can do nothing. Fellowship with The Spirit.

Luke 12:9 But **he that denieth me** before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

Jesus, The Son of Almighty God. **God hears our prayers.** Different parts of the body supply the needs of other parts of the body. Just as our own physical bodies do. So whilst each part performs its function in the body, it is supplied and helped by all the other parts of the body. Each part has its function but all the parts need all the other parts, in order for the **whole body** to operate in full strength and ability. This is why **it is so important to walk in unity** and love. So important to **pray and intercede** for Jesus body. **Pray and intercede** for Jesus body and the GOSPLE to spread. **Pray** for God to open doors. **Pray** for Gods kings and priests who are in authority over His children. And all men in worldly authority too. **Pray for Gods own heart** to be us. Intercede and pray. God hears our prayers. Pray for Gods own heart.

Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

<u>1 Timothy 2:</u> I <u>exhort</u> therefore, that, first of all, <u>supplications, prayers, intercessions, and</u> <u>giving of thanks, be made</u> for all men; <u>2For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we</u> may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Leviticus 26:8 And <u>five</u> of you shall chase an hundred, and <u>an hundred of you</u> shall put ten thousand to flight: and <u>your enemies shall fall</u> before you by the sword.

The gift of intercessory prayer is such an awesome gift. As we are unified in The Spirit, we can pray together for the world wide body, and God hears and answers His saints. The more unified we are the more powerful our prayers become. We can pray for doors to open for the gospel to be preached, and God hears our prayers. God answers faith. God raises up the foundations of The True Church, if we pray for it, and ask and intercede. God answers our love **for Jesus body.** Our faith brings us to be **unified** by The Holy Spirit— not doing what we think or reason in our carnal minds— but learning to be led by The Lord. Concerned for Jesus body. Our true identity is found in Jesus body. Loving Jesus. If our physical body gets an infection or failure of some part, following - is sickness and disease. The rest of the our body rallies together to fight it off and then the body is slowly restored to health and full strength. The same thing needs to happen concerning our spiritual body. Jesus body the church. God really hates contention, discord, faction, arguments, offence, division and strife. It is just like a deadly cancer to the body of which the body cannot fight off. It eats away at the body. That body would die. But Jesus real body does not have contention and strife and offence — which The true body is in unity. Powerful prayer is unified prayer. Unified intercessory prayer Has true power in The Spirit of power. We cannot be fooled or complacent with this. If we don't forgive, we are not forgiven. God loves us and knows un-forgiveness will cause separation from His beloved Son's body. Poor unity equals less powerful prayer. Faith works through Love. Division and contention and offence, if we continue to walk in them WILL **SEPERATE US** FROM THE BODY OF CHRIST. Jesus is Love, contention is seperate from love. We seperate ourselves. We do not want the Devil to cause us to seperate ourselves from Jesus body.

<u>Galatians 5:6</u> For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith <u>which worketh by</u> love.

Romans 2:8 But **unto them that are <u>contentious</u>**, and do not <u>obey</u> the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of **the blindness of their heart:**

Ephesians 4:23 And **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind;

We've all been given talents and gifts, to edify, to lift, to encourage, to help. We are part of a family. A very large spiritual family. Our Father is in Heaven, and our brother is Jesus. We serve our Abba Father. Whom hates any **enemy** that will **divide** His house. Evil spirits will attempt to use our weaknesses—to cause us— to divide Gods children. Don't allow Satan to cause ourselves, to become an enemy of Gods children. Division **IS NOT** from above. Satan wants to seperate us from Gods family— through contention.

<u>1 Peter 5</u> 8Be sober, <u>be vigilant;</u> because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9Whom <u>resist</u> stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

18Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have

continued with us: but *they went out*, that **they might be made manifest** that **they were not all** of us.

<u>Matthew 13</u> 27So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? <u>from whence then hath it tares?</u> 28He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. <u>30Let both</u> grow together until the harvest: and <u>in the time of harvest</u> I will say to the reapers, <u>Gather ye</u> together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Walking in unity helps encourage and assure our hearts we are in the truth. That we are not working as one of Satan's tares. Satan wants to seperate us from Gods family. We cannot allow the Devil to work through us— to seperate Jesus body. It will actually seperate us from that body— if we do not repent. We can repent and stand in Gods grace. Walking in love and not contention. Gods children walk in The Spirit. This is how God proves out who His children are. And who are Satan's children. By who will walk in the Light and the Truth. In the unity of The Spirit.

Ask ourself, who's house operates in division and strife and offence? Not God's.

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavouring to **keep the unity** of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.

1 John 3:10 In this **the <u>children</u> of God are manifest,** and <u>the children of the devil</u>: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

{It is made evident by our unity, who are Gods children. Who is walking in the light and the truth?}

<u>1 John 1</u> 5This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have <u>fellowship</u> with <u>him</u>, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have <u>fellowship one with another</u>, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

We have need to forgive and we need to walk in unity. so that it is manifest or evident that we are not Satan's child, but Gods. Jesus body prospers. When we are in unity, The Body of Christ begins doing what it is meant to be doing. Trampling the enemy underfoot. Exposing darkness and setting the captives free. Healing the sick(spiritually sick and physically sick), and casting out demonic spirits. Commanding and taking dominion and authority over the enemies kingdom and works. We have this power and authority through our relationship with The Spirit of God. This is already given to us, we do not need to beg God. It is given us already and we simply take hold of it by faith. Just be led by The Spirit. This happens when we are walking in the Light. We **STAND** IN GRACE— and we can repent of faction or division. Standing in strife and division and competition and envy is standing in the body of darkness. Standing, blinded, in darkness. Jesus is The Light. If we get dragged into division and offence and faction we can repent and forgive. Walk away from it, into The Light. Don't enter into it, rather walk away than try to force someone who does not want to hear truth. Arguing will cause upset. Wait - until The Holy Spirit gives ears to hear. Pray for them. If we ourselves fall into this evil device of contention—We can be restored to the unity of The Body of Christ. There is no condemnation in Jesus Body – we can repent. Stand in The grace – but repent!!!!!!! drawn into contention or arguments. Don't stand in darkness. Don't separate yourself from the Light. Walk in the light. Keep peace and unity.

<u>James 4:1</u> From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?

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

Ephesians 4 26Be ye angry, and sin not: **let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27**Neither give place to the devil.

Matthew 25 29For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30And <u>cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness:</u> there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32And before him shall be gathered all nations: and <u>he shall separate them one from another</u>, as a shepherd <u>divideth his sheep from the goats:</u> 33And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

If there is faction, discord and offence in the body of Christ then the body, as a body, in fellowship, rallies together to deal with this invasion of the demonic infection or influence. The true body works in unity. Good things come from above. Division and discord and contention is of demonic spirits(from below). We are not wrestling with people, we are wrestling with demonic evil spirits. Demonic spirits in, and, using people—working within—and without, even ourselves— to divide the body. Often using our unruly tongues. The protection we have is in Christ, in forgiveness and love and unity. We stand by grace. Even if we disagree with one another, according to the revelation we have each been given, we need not turn to anger or hate or division or strife or offence and argument. The Lord is teaching us all, and we are not all in the same place spiritually at the same time. There is no need to judge someone that The Lord has not given certain revelation that we have, or force our understanding upon them. They may have revelation in other areas that we don't have. If we receive truth or revelation openly and carefully from one another— we are all edified. We need to allow for this. Patience. It took time for God to free us from certain bondages. It takes time for others too. Our bondages are, and were, all different from one another. How can we judge. We can't. In truth only God can. It's The Holy Spirit that reveals things as we can bear. Let not our liberty become a burden to others.

<u>James 5:16</u> <u>Confess</u> *your* faults one to another, and <u>pray</u> one for another, that <u>ye</u> may be healed. <u>The effectual fervent prayer</u> of a righteous man <u>availeth much</u>.

<u>Romans 14:4</u> Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for **God is able to make him stand.**

<u>James 4</u> 11Speak 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. 12There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Romans 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for **God is able to make him stand**.

Others stand in grace just as <u>we stand only</u> in Gods grace. We are saved by grace. We are <u>separated from the body</u> when we stand in faction and division and anger. <u>We can repent</u>—we ask God to help and we die to self and pride as we learn to <u>stay</u> in unity. Even when there are differences of opinion. God has given each of us free will to choose what we believe, so why would we then try to <u>force</u> our will on others. God is able to bring the truth to each of us. We each understand, <u>according to the revelation we each have been given</u> by The Lord. We must understand, God has not shown us all **the same things at the same time,** there will be differences in our understanding. That's why fellowship is important—we can give revelation and our testimonies to each other. To bring more light to the body. Even when opinions differ, we

can still be in unity— allowing God to work through us. Giving grace to each other. God is able to make us stand. Offences will, <u>and must</u> come so that it is made clear who is approved. Who the tares are. The good seed—the seed of Jesus—grows into the same image. Seeds produce after their own kind. The offences sort out who will choose unity in The Spirit and Love—over pride and rebellion and self separation. The offences sort out who is really <u>walking</u> in Truth—part of the body of Christ. The Word is Jesus. Seed will produce after its own kind. Departing from The Word will produce tares. Something else, after its kind.

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Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose **seed** *was in itself*, *after his kind*: and God saw that *it was* good.

<u>1 Corinthians 11</u>
18For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and I partly believe it. <u>19</u>For there <u>must be</u> also factions <u>among you</u>, that they <u>that are approved</u> may be made <u>manifest</u> among you.

We are in Jesus body when we <u>stand in grace</u>. With gentleness and kindness and understanding and compassion and patience, we can help set our brethren free from these faction spirits. Spirits of pride and ego will attempt to work through us— which we learn to resist. The letter of the law kills. Beware of coming under the law. Especially religious spirits that work through vain traditions and doctrines of men. Causing us to <u>depart(fall)</u> from grace. Religious spirits wishing to <u>divide</u> the church using vanity and <u>subtlety and the law to remove and make grace of no effect.</u>

Romans 4:14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void**, and the promise made of none effect:

The law separates us from grace and The Spirit — and the relationship that **grace** gives us. We have salvation already—through faith. We want to **stand** in Jesus Christ, **in Grace**. ours. The grace is already given. Receive the grace and let religion go. We do not want to stand in the Devil in faction-arguing about law, when we have grace. Grace is simple-we have grace. Grace is the unmerited favour of God, undeserved favour. We have need to be patient with one another until we all receive revelation from The Lord. With even more allowance for those who are less mature in their spiritual walk with Jesus. We all need time to learn how to come out of agreement with the flesh & it's selfish nature. And pride & ego. Satan's kingdom will do everything it can to keep us divided— arguing about doctrine and such. Or simply through offensive comments and hurt feelings. There is a need to read The Truth in The Word and remain in that. We don't allow ourselves to be **drawn into** contention. Rather than argue, allow each other grace, to each come to the knowledge of the truth-according to what God has given to each. We have all stood in ignorance at some point. We all took time to learn to discern the truth from the lies. We are still learning. We should rather give grace to one another, than to try to force things that we understand— upon someone who is not yet ready to receive it. We **pray** for one another—that **we** may **be healed**(James 5:16). Better to pray for someone than to cause contention. Or to argue. We all needed time to understand the truth. So do new believers. So we learn to be patient with each other. Allowing The Lord to give revelation as each person is able to receive.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

<u>1 Corinthians 2</u> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, **neither yet now are ye able.**

We gently share what we understand The Truth to be. But we cannot try to force what we have been given or believe, upon others. They may not be ready to bear it. This will cause offence. We don't want Satan to get a foothold in us <u>or</u> our brothers and sisters. A root of bitterness. Pride and ego. **Knowledge puffs up,** but love edifies. We look to edify. He wants to use the **weakness of our flesh to set us at war** with each other.

<u>Titus 3</u> 9But <u>avoid foolish</u> questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings <u>about</u> <u>the law;</u> for they are <u>unprofitable and vain.</u> 10A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; 11Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

<u>James 4:1</u> <u>From whence come</u> wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts <u>that war in</u> your members?

Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

Let The Bible—Gods Word — be The Truth. This is the way to expose religious spirits which will try to deny the power, the gifts, administrations and workings of The Holy Spirit of God. They will try to prevent The Holy Spirit working in the congregation. The Holy Spirit works through Love. They want to stop any of us walking in Love. Religious spirits work through people who don't want the signs and the wonders and the power of God, through the fruit of The Spirit of Love. Antichrist. A different church and a powerless church. Tares. seed. Jesus church love Jesus. It walks like Jesus. We all can repent though as we receive the truth. Religious spirits wish to cause us to argue and devour one another and deny the power of God. The Holy Spirit does not work in this atmosphere, religious spirits want to push The Holy Spirit out of the church. They want to block the power of The Spirit. They wish to cause us to deny The Truth and walk in vanity instead. Religious spirits like powerless doctrine—they hate the power and authority we have been given by God through Jesus Christ. They want to block any unity of prayer. Powerful prayer of unified saints. They'll do, and use, anything and anyone that will allow themselves to be used. They hate the gifts being used, and the Love of The Spirit being testified. They hate unity and love. They hate unified prayer. They like vain powerless religion that looks nothing like the foundation laid by Jesus and the apostles and prophets. They don't mind great messages and speeches — as long as they keep us from relationship with God. From the power and gifts and workings of The Spirit. They hate to see healing and restoration being **commanded** by Gods children, and they **especially hate** being cast out of Gods children. That's why that hate repentance — because then we can cast them They like to deny deliverance—that these things are not for today, that it all passed away. We learn to love The Truth though — so they cannot deceive us, or use us to agree with these same things.

<u>Luke 10:17</u> And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even <u>the devils are subject</u> <u>unto us</u> through thy name.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the **foundation of the apostles and prophets, <u>Jesus</u> Christ himself** being the chief corner *stone*;

<u>1 Corinthians 3:11</u> For other foundation <u>can no man lay than that is laid</u>, which is Jesus Christ.

Luke 10 18And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. **19**Behold, I give **unto you** power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy:

and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20**Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; **but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

God hates division in His family. Do we consider ourselves to be part of His family? Cast out factious spirits, when they attempt to work through us. Discern them—resist them—repent of them—and them cast them out. Command them to go. Is that not our faith? In Christ Jesus? Have we not been given the authority already? Jesus in us the hope of glory? Should we be in Satans kingdom arguing and causing strife and division among Jesus body? Arguing the law instead of salvation by grace? Do not be fooled, to whom we obey is to whom we are servant. We who truly believe, and are actually serving The Prince of Peace, are part of Gods household. We learn to follow The Prince of Peace. We avoid obeying the prince of division and contention.

<u>Galatians 1:6</u> I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that <u>called you into **the grace**</u> of Christ <u>unto another gospel:</u>

<u>James 4:6</u> But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto **the humble.**

A powerless gospel is <u>another</u> fake deceiving lying gospel. Not The GOSPLE. A different jesus. A powerless jesus is not our Jesus. Our Jesus is The Son of God Almighty. Jesus is not hanging powerless on the cross still. Jesus is risen. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God with all power and authority— and <u>by our faith</u> we are in Him. With that same power and authority. There is no point arguing with a religious spirit, because an argument is exactly what a religious spirit wants to cause. When an evil spirit is working amongst us— <u>We bear with one another</u> till we all come to the knowledge of the truth. We don't give power to the enemy within our flesh, or others, by and through faction. We rise into The Spirit of Love. We give no power to the enemy, who want to argue through us. The flesh rebels. It can be very difficult to resist until we become stronger in spirit and until we humble ourselves. We do all we can to remain in The Spirit. Of peace.

<u>1 Peter 5:6</u> <u>Humble yourselves</u> therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you <u>in due time:</u>

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, <u>ye which are spiritual</u>, <u>restore</u> such an one <u>in the spirit of meekness</u>; considering thyself, <u>lest thou</u> <u>also</u> be tempted.

<u>James 5</u> 19Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20Let him know, that <u>he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way</u> shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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

We learn to walk like Jesus and like the apostles— we don't deny the truth. We should avoid arguing for a powerless gospel, but equally, we should also **avoid arguing with those who argue** about these things. We do not want to be snared. The Truth is The Truth, we remain steadfast in The Truth. Lest **we also become ensnared**, through the faction, **by that same spirit**— by arguing—joining with them. That spirit **needs** the argument and faction to **prosper** and **open doors** to enter and work through, and control, other Christians. To open the door for that same spirit to enter **as many as join in and don't repent**. Best not to enter into arguments and get drawn and tempted and lured. But if we do, we learn to quickly forgive and repent.

1 Timothy 6 11But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **12**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

<u>Proverbs 22</u> 24Make no friendship <u>with an angry man</u>; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

We don't use tradition and religious rituals and traditions— AS AN EXCUSE!!!—to avoid walking in faith. These things are used by the enemy to cause division. To tempt us into separation from Gods grace. We learn to be patient and bear with those who are coming to the knowledge of The Truth. We give the light we have, but without forcing or manipulation, with gentleness and patience. Bearing with one another in Love. In truth, it takes all of us time to come to the knowledge of the Truth. So we allow others this grace, that God has shown us. To be able to come to the knowledge of the truth. We patiently bear with one another in these things. If there is a spirit wanting strife, it is love that removes its power. We help each other against these spirits through patience. We resist the temptation to add fuel to the evil spirits fire that it wants to start. Better to walk away, than to prove who is right or wrong. Regardless of who is right. Pray for one another— that we may be healed. Don't give Satan what he wants—division. Stay in Jesus body. Remain in peace. Then that spirit cannot prosper. It cannot spread its deadly poison.

Romans 3:13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the **poison of asps** *is* under their lips:

We can remain in love, even though there are differences. God is able to make us stand—He sees our hearts. We don't truly know a persons heart. Or what their life has been before. Only God does. God is able to enlighten in an atmosphere of love. He does not work in contention. Satan works in contention. We <u>learn</u> how to <u>keep</u> our peace.

- <u>1 Samuel 16:7</u> But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but **the LORD looketh on the heart.**
- **2 Corinthians 11:4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye **receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with** *him***.**
- <u>2 Timothy 2:25</u> In meekness <u>instructing</u> those that <u>oppose themselves</u>; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth:

{Only The Truth saves, Best not to deny The Truth}

{We gently, patiently instruct those that oppose themselves, but we don't become **ensnared** ourselves **by** argument, division and faction}—**spirits working** through the flesh

{we learn to not enter into strife or offence or arguments}

{We all took time to come to the knowledge of The Truth}

{what is The Truth?— Jesus is The Truth— be just exactly like Jesus when He walked the Earth}
The church—{the apostles walked like Jesus— walk like the apostles}— therein is The Truth.

- <u>John 14:6</u> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and <u>the truth</u>, and the life; <u>no one</u> comes to the Father **but through** Me.
- **<u>Luke 7:50</u>** And he said to the woman, **<u>Thy faith</u>** hath saved thee; **<u>go in peace.</u>**
- **Romans 9:32** Wherefore? Because *they sought it* **not by faith**, but as it were by the works of the law. For **they stumbled at that stumblingstone**;
- 2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- <u>James 1:17</u> <u>Every</u> good gift and every perfect gift is <u>from above</u>, and cometh down <u>from the</u> <u>Father</u> of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Ephesians 2 19Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but <u>fellowcitizens</u> with the saints, and <u>of the household of God;</u> 20And are built <u>upon the foundation</u> of the <u>apostles and prophets</u>, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief** corner stone; 21In whom all the building <u>fitly framed together</u> groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Proverbs 6 16These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:17A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

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

We are not going to be fitly framed <u>together</u> if we <u>sow discord</u> among the brethren. If we are <u>serving</u> strife and division— arguing, or denying the foundation <u>and power</u> of Jesus Christ Church. If we are not gathering with Him, then we are scattering. We must ask ourselves whom are we actually serving? The Prince of Peace? Who is our Father?

<u>John 8:44</u> 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 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Satans works are arguing, strife, division, manipulation—forcing opinions on others(which is not love), backbiting, gossip, threatening others, slander, offence, denying Gods Word, causing anger and upset to others, contention and discord. Division! A house divided cannot stand. Satan wants us to divide our house. He doesn't want us to be able to pray together where our prayers become mighty powerful. It's quite simple—we are under grace and we can walk as Jesus walked. He wants Jesus body divided. God will not allow Jesus body to be divided. But He will allow us to be divided from The Body until we repent. Until we come out of the flesh and agreement with Satan and his scattering and division. Don't let any of us be deceived by factious spirits sent in to divide Gods children - through tares - and seperate us from Jesus and His body—which is ONE IN THE SPIRIT. Don't be a tare either—repent! The Spirit, we are in The Body. Do not allow evil spirits to work within, or through us. Serve God, don't serve Satan. Resist the Devil and ask God for help in this. Gather with Jesus. Be part of Jesus body. Don't be part of Satan's body-scattering. Only Jesus came down from Heaven and only He went back. We have to be found in Jesus. We have to remain in The Spirit of Love. We are learning to do this.

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

We can be in Heavenly places with Him by **BEING PART OF HIS BODY**. **GOD GIVES** GOOD GIFTS. SATAN GIVES DIVISION AND SEPARATION. Sow good fruit. The fruit of The Spirit. Whom do we serve? Do we serve the body of our Lord Jesus by arguments and division? Don't be fooled! Refuse to be drawn into to these things, lest we ourselves, also become ensnared. These spirits want to enter in through any door we open to them. Do not enter into arguments about doctrine and tradition especially. If people want to argue, Let them go argue with people that like to argue. Remain in peace — don't hate them — but pray for them. Bless those that curse you. But don't be drawn into strife. We can talk amongst ourselves and still have differences— without contention. Open discussions done in peace allowing The Spirit to bring revelation. This is how The Spirit likes to work. Through us in fellowship with one another. He loves to squash and remove deceptions this way. If we are humble enough to have ears to hear what The Spirit is saying to us—through someone else.

Oh the need, the need, to remove pride and be humble. So we can hear the Spirit speaking to us through others. Jesus in them. Jesus in us. Hearing The Truth—discarding the lies. Hearing The Spirit speaking in and through our brothers and sisters. The gift of fellowship. The gift of discernment. We are learning to come to The Truth in unity of The Spirit. Serve Jesus. The Prince of Peace.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but **exhorting** *one another*: and <u>so much the more, as ye see the day approaching</u>.

2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Ephesians 6 23Peace be to the <u>brethren</u>, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **24**Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ **in sincerity.** Amen.

Titus 3:10 A factious man after a first and second admonition refuse;

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

{Give no power to factious evil spirits, who are wanting to divide Gods children}
{We are not standing in grace, when we are standing in division and faction}
{We all have been given grace. We all **stand** in grace}
{We can all repent! We can return to grace}

Faction, arguments, strife and contention come from below. These things come from the influence of demonic spirits which we may struggle with in the flesh - through pride and vanity and ignorance. The way to deal with them is through love and fellowship — not by comparing, accusing or judging one another, but through Love and kindness, patience and mercy. We all have grace. Bearing with one another. The fruit of The Spirit. We, even whilst we may struggle, seek to walk in the fruit of The Spirit. When we discern the devils(evils) presence and works in our midst, we seek to remain in The Spirit of Peace & Love and help the person who is given over to faction and offence or simply an argumentative spirit or religious spirit even. Different opinions are ok, if we can discuss them peacefully. Evil spirits want argument not understanding. The best way to help is to not begin arguing, if we see someone is not going to hear. We must realise Satan will use us whenever he can tempt us, to bring division. Or to join in with it. He will use religious pride and differences to cause division. If we are not gathering with Jesus we are scattering. We all need to seek peace and remain in The Spirit, in peace. We seek to not respond with pride, but to show love so that the spirit behind this assignment is not given the power it wants, through the faction it is trying to create to divide Jesus body. That spirit wants contention & an argument so it can infect and enter as many people as is possible(whoever joins in the contention) with its evil ways. It wants hurt feelings and emotions and bitterness. It wants to seperate us from the body of Christ. It wants to **seperate us from the grace.** We only **stand**— in grace. We do not want to fall from grace. Avoid arguments and division. It doesn't matter if we have the truth or not, concerning this. It matters that we avoid faction and division— that we remain **STANDING** in the grace. Giving no power to these spirits. We all get tempted by these things, but it's the way we respond that makes the difference.

<u>Proverbs 26:20</u> Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Proverbs 16:28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

<u>Proverbs 22:10</u> Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips **enter into contention**, And his mouth calleth for stripes.

<u>Proverbs 29:9</u> If a wise man <u>contendeth</u> with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, <u>there is</u> no rest.

2 Timothy 2 14Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they **strive not about words to no profit,** *but* to the subverting of the hearers. **15**Study to **shew thyself approved** unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16**But **shun profane** *and* **vain babblings:** for they will increase unto more ungodliness. **17**And **their word will eat as doth a canker:** of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; **18**Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. **19**Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure,** having this seal, The Lord knoweth **them that are his.** And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and <u>some to dishonour</u>. 21If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet <u>for the master's use</u>, and prepared unto every good work. 22Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23But <u>foolish and unlearned questions avoid</u>, knowing that they do <u>gender strifes</u>. 24And the servant of the Lord <u>must not strive</u>; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, <u>patient</u>, 25In <u>meekness</u> instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the <u>acknowledging of the truth</u>; 26And <u>that they may recover themselves out of the snare</u> of the devil, <u>who are taken captive</u> by him at his will.

<u>Psalm 133</u> 1{A Song of degrees of David.} Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: **for there** the LORD commanded **the blessing**, **even life for evermore**.

Avoid contention. Whether an evil spirit is working in us, trying to tempt ourself to say something that will cause contention, or whether it is in someone else—tempting ourself to begin arguing with them. If it is tempting ourself we can choose to resist and keep our opinion to ourself—because we know it will cause an argument. We learn to <u>discern</u> whether someone is ready to receive what we are wanting to say. Choosing the fruit of The Spirit rather than the fruit of faction. If a factious spirit is <u>tempting us</u> <u>through another person</u>, we can choose to not argue or get drawn into the discord. It is often not a matter of who is right or who is wrong, but a matter of walking in unity and peace—giving no place or power to the devil. We die to our self opinion and self righteousness. Realising each of us may be in a different stage of sanctification or maturity. We simply want to <u>give no power to the enemy</u>. If we give into faction, that spirit will try to spread again and again and will keep infecting more and more people until there is a great division amongst everyone that <u>entered into the temptation</u>. Religious spirits particularly love to <u>tempt</u> Christians with arguments about doctrine and law— and they <u>attempt to work</u> <u>through us</u> whether we realise this or not. Remember—it is by grace. Keep it simple. This is our protection. Christ crucified. Grace. By grace alone. The simplicity of the GOSPLE.

- **1 Corinthians 1** But **we preach Christ crucified,** unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
- <u>2 Corinthians 11:3</u> But I fear, lest by any means, as the <u>serpent beguiled</u> Eve through his **subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the **simplicity** that is in Christ.

Once we realise what's happening—we know to resist faction of every kind. Whole groups can be divided through faction, and this is how the enemy seeks to divide Jesus Church.

Causing it to become powerless. If we enter into these arguments and faction, we will then need to repent and forgive one another to receive our peace back. We are not close to God, when we are serving Satans kingdom of division, instead of Jesus. We will lose our peace. It's much better not to enter arguments in the first place. Better to hold our tongue and stay on the narrow path. Much much better.

<u>James 3</u> 1My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. **2**For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body. **3**Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. **4**Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. **5**Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Demonic spirits will tempt us to argue any chance we give to them. If we are full of pride they will be able to use ourself. To cause division and stumbling to others. We must learn to deny self. To deny them the ability to use us to seperate Gods church. If we are susceptible to argue about doctrine, they will send a person to us who loves to argue about doctrine. They want to seperate us from Christ —from Love. We learn to deny self —to deny the temptation. Demonic spirits want us out from under grace into the flesh & under the law. From the peace, to pride and ego. Arguing and factious. If we fall for this ploy or snare, we need to *quickly* **repent**, *forgive*, and remember we **stand in grace**—not law. Others also have grace, not just ourself. It can be good to give an opinion of Truth to respond, but **if it is not being received by the person**, we need to <u>discern this</u>. It is better to let any difference of opinion go. We must not try to force our opinion on someone else. Manipulation, control, or **forcing** others to believe what we believe, is not love. We do not want to lose our peace. We do not want a spirit of offence to gain a door into our lives. We do not want to walk away with a **root of bitterness**. We show grace.

Ephesians 4 26Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27**Neither give place to the devil.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man <u>fail</u> of the grace of God; lest any <u>root of bitterness</u> springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

Walk away from faction, and allow God to give light and revelation of the truth to those in need. Walk in The Spirit of love— not entering into contention. We can give the truth— but don't allow that spirit of division to <u>lure us</u> into its web, where we will <u>also</u> become its victim— ensnared. Angry and upset. It is very serious in Gods eyes. Simply not love. God hates faction and offence. It divides and separates His family from Jesus and from His body.

<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 <u>lie not against the truth.</u>

16For where envying and strife is, there is **confusion** and every evil work.

17But the <u>wisdom that is from above is</u> first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. **18**And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of <u>them that make peace</u>.

<u>James 1:19</u> My beloved brothers, <u>understand this:</u> Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

<u>Proverbs 17:28</u> Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

We have been made alive in Jesus— in Love. We bless anyone given to faction or contention and pray for them— and let The Holy Spirit show them the truth—rather than needing to prove we are right. We don't add fuel to the fire by **contending** with someone **who is not willing to hear**. We work to stay in The Spirit, and not become entangled again in the works of darkness. We are no longer under the dominion of the flesh or mind—we have grace—to show grace to others—so The Spirit of Love is able to work. The two great commandments are to Love God and also our neighbour— so we learn to sow in Love and not give strength to a vile spirit that is trying to divide Gods children through arguments, opinions and doctrines— through pride and ego. Blocking The Spirit and denying the power of God to work.

Psalm 141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

<u>Psalm 124:7</u> Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

We should stand against Satan's nature of self(opinion) and division. He wants to steal our peace. He wants to steal your brothers peace too. He will use any of us that will give in to it. To either start the contention or to be tempted to enter into it. It's a terrible trap.

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past <u>in the lusts of our flesh</u>, <u>fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind</u>; and were **by nature** the children of wrath, even as others.

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

Remember, we are all **learning** to be like Jesus. We are all at different stages of Truth and revelation. We all perhaps slowly learn to **not enter into** foolish arguments and contentions. We need to be patient— as others learn the same. **With the elders**, **Warning** contentious brethren, if they continue. But not entering into the contention ourself. God really hates division, because it separates His children from the body of Christ and can destroy. We seek peace. We do our part to retain peace, and if it is not possible— because the person given over to the factious spirit won't stop—then God has given us guidelines.

<u>Romans 16:17</u> Now I urge you, brothers, to <u>watch out for those who cause divisions</u> and obstacles that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. **Turn away from them.**

<u>Matthew 18:15</u> 15Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go and tell him his fault** between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three

witnesses every word may be established. 17And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

<u>Titus 3</u> 9but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about law; for they are unprofitable and vain. <u>10A factious man after a first and second admonition</u> <u>refuse;</u> <u>11</u>knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned. (ASV)

Titus 3:10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; (KJV)

1 Corinthians 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, **that they which are approved** may be made manifest among you.

Walking in peace shows those who are approved. We do not let our strength become a stumbling block to someone else who is still struggling with deception or arguments and faction and offence. God is able to lead any of us to the Truth if we remain open to it. We don't give factious spirits any power by entering into their net. We strip them of what they long for(offence and division) by walking in Love. They want to gain more power through contention. We are avoiding the evil spirits trap, and- Blessing the person and praying for them after we have walked away from the trap set for us, by the spirit working within them. Remember though, it could sometimes be us that the enemy is using to bring division through — this is why we need to be tender hearted and gentle, using discernment, discretion and Love in everything we say. We do not wish to cause others to become offended by our beliefs. We don't force others to believe the same as us. We can share, but not force. We are all learning to be like Our Lord Jesus. We are all at different stages in different areas. We all need grace and we all need each other's support to trample these foul spirits that attempt to divide us. It takes us all time to remove deceptions. Grace, standing in the grace, and showing the grace is what protects us. We do not want to devour one another.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom** he may devour:

<u>Galatians 5</u> 14For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15But <u>if ye bite and devour one another</u>, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

{how does the devil devour? - he will use whomever he can}

<u>1 Peter 5</u> 5Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God <u>resisteth the proud</u>, and <u>giveth grace to the humble.</u>

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. 8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour:** 9Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the **same afflictions** are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:

for we are **not** ignorant of his devices.

Grace is what makes us alive in Christ. We are made alive(quickened) through grace—<u>with</u> Christ. We are saved by grace, not by pride, ego and division-faction and offence. We seriously avoid it as much is as possible on our part. Remain in heavenly places, in Christ,

by not being ripped down out of heavenly places—through one of Satan's favourite weapons. Division— -divide and conquer. Our blessings(spiritual blessings) are in Jesus so we remain in Jesus to receive these blessings. Remain in The Spirit of Love. Grace. Keep our peace.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together <u>with</u> Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

<u>Luke 11:17</u> But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, <u>Every kingdom divided against</u> <u>itself is brought to desolation;</u> and a house *divided* against a house falleth.

2 Corinthians 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

{if Satan can cause division, he has separated us from Christ—from Love}

Ephesians 4 2With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another** in love; **3**Endeavouring to **keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4**There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5**One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6**One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Colossians 3 12Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Thank The Lord for His mercy that we are <u>able to repent</u> and return to stand in His grace, <u>when we fall</u> into this device of evil spirits. To return to Jesus body under the shadow of His wings. We want to <u>sit together</u> in Jesus— in heavenly places where all the spiritual blessings are ours. By faith—meaning we prove what we believe by walking <u>In</u> Jesus—giving no place to the devil. Receive the blessings—remain in Jesus body—walking out our faith—the very works of peace and love—proving what we believe—that we have true faith. The Love of Jesus. We refuse division and contention and strife and offence—we walk in love. We remain in the body of Jesus—through love—Justifying our faith—Because our works prove that our faith is real. Our faith saves us. Not our works. Our works—or the love and grace we show—proves our faith. Our faith in the The Prince of Peace. Receive the blessings, abide in Jesus body—by resisting any faction or division of any kind.

<u>Isaiah 9:6</u> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

Ephesians 214For he is <u>our peace</u>, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; 15Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, <u>so</u> <u>making peace</u>; 16And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, <u>having slain the enmity thereby:</u> 17And came and preached <u>peace</u> to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18For <u>through him we both have access by one Spirit</u> unto the Father.

Ephesians 2:6 And hath <u>raised us</u> up <u>together</u>, and made us sit <u>together</u> in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath <u>blessed us</u> with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

James 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in **peace** of them that **make peace**.

{resist being divided from Jesus house— resist the devil— lift and edify rather than argue} {we show grace and compassion to people— we are not wrestling with people— it is the spirit that is trying to work through them that we are wrestling with— we want to see that person set free— they are held captive by it— so <u>we give no power</u> to the evil spirit working within them. We show grace. We deny self and ego that wants to be right and prove who knows best. Ego and pride. We deny ourself. We deny the Devil. To remain in Christ, where we have all spiritual blessings <u>IN</u> heavenly places. We keep our peace.

Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet **into the way of peace.**

Ephesians 6:12 For **we wrestle not against flesh and blood,** but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

{we are sanctified by <u>walking</u> in the Truth— <u>walking</u> in The Light— then we can see, because we are in Jesus with The Light— then darkness flees. We resist the devil. Darkness cannot stand in the light, Satan cannot stand in The Truth}—as we resist each time— we are dying to self—being sanctified. If we are walking in Light— the enemy can't see, comprehend, or apprehend or overcome. Grace—standing in Jesus— where we have all spiritual blessings and where the enemy cannot stand. In The Light. Jesus the prince of Peace.

- **John 1:5** And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness **apprehended** it not. (ASV)
- John 1 4In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)
- 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. 8He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- John 12 35Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.
- **Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished** in his flesh **the enmity**, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, **so making peace**;
- **Ephesians 2:14** For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and **hath broken down the between us**;

Often it is a <u>religious</u> spirit trying to bring division through doctrine, or pride of knowledge. **Knowledge puffs up,** but love edifies. Remember it is God that gives us revelation not our own works so we must watch that what The Lord gives us, <u>does not puff us up</u> above others. It is best to not argue with someone who is not ready to receive our knowledge. Walk in Love because this will edify the person instead of strengthening the spirit trying to lure us through our ego or pride. Believing we have superior **knowledge will puff us up!**— but the truth is, that

it's been given us by The Lord, and we have nothing to be proud of. Walking in Love will edify both yourself and more importantly the other person. We can give the truth but not to then argue about it.

Galatians 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge.

Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth.

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

Romans 3 9What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

- **10**As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no, not one:
- 11There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
- **12**They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- **13**Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; **the poison of asps** *is* under their lips:
- **14**Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:
- **15**Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:
- **16**Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:
- **17**And the way of peace have they not known:
- 18There is no fear of God before their eyes.

We can voice the truth— but then also give no place to this spirit of division—by not then arguing the point **when it is not being received.** It is better to bless the person, walk away from argument, and pray for them. Walking in Love and grace. If we argue, that spirit will gain what it feeds on— what it wants— division and faction and offence—it will gain power between the two people and be harder to resist as egos rise up in the spirit of pride. If we have a greater revelation given us from The Lord, then we do not allow it to puff us up with arrogance. We consider the hole we ourselves, also, were dug from, and we allow this person the same grace we received when we were in a similar hole ourself.

Isaiah 51:1 1Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

The enemy demonic spirits will try to drag more and more people into the division. Every one involved is out of The Spirit and down under the control and manipulation of these contentious spirits. Of course **we have grace to repent** and come back into The Spirit of Love, to drain and strip this spirit of any power over us. But it is much more mature and Godly to not enter into contention in the first place. We learn this as we mature. If something rises up in us, we resist it, bind it and then **cast it out with authority.** The power of God.

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

Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Galatians 5 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26Let us not be desirous of <u>vain glory</u>, <u>provoking one another</u>, <u>envying</u> one another.

- 1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, <u>supplications</u>, <u>prayers</u>, <u>intercessions</u>, <u>and</u> <u>giving of thanks</u>, be made for all men;
- <u>Ephesians 6:18</u> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- <u>Matthew 13:30</u> <u>Let both grow together until</u> the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

God allows the good seed and the tares to grow together. The goal of Satan is to render the body of Christ powerless through division— using tares. He has been doing the same thing for two thousand years. He knows the power of prayer. He knows more-so, the power of **United** prayer. He is absolutely afraid of the powerful prayers of saints united in intercessory prayer **in agreement and in The Spirit.** The Spirit works in unity. The devil knows we are strong in unity, and seeks to constantly keep saints from their peace. He is afraid of the body of Christ trampling His kingdom underfoot. He is afraid of us **unified in fellowship with** God and with each other. We let Gods Peace rule in our hearts. We can intercede for the saints, to God, to set the captives free from Satan's prisons. God has not changed. He hears our prayers.

- Acts. 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but <u>prayer was made without ceasing</u> of the church unto God for him. 6And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And <u>his chains fell</u> off from *his* hands.
- <u>Colossians 3:15</u> And <u>let the peace</u> of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
- Romans 12:12 12Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- <u>Psalm 91:13</u> <u>Thou shalt tread upon</u> the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- <u>Luke 10</u> 18And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.
- **Matthew 18 18**Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:7** Pray without ceasing.
- **Isaiah 9** 6For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of **Peace**.
- 70f <u>the increase</u> of *his* government <u>and peace</u> there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from <u>henceforth even for ever.</u> The <u>zeal of the LORD</u> of hosts will <u>perform this.</u>
- Acts 13 2As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.