

**Isaiah 57** 14And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

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

16For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.

17For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21*There is* no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** But **the natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

**Job 12:22** He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and **bringeth out to light** the shadow of death.

**Daniel 2:22** He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light **dwelleth** with him.

The wonderful thing about The Truth, is, that it **exposes** darkness. The Truth **forces** darkness into the open. And the darkness gets angry. Once we can **see** things, we can then deal with them—**with** God. The truth is there to bring light, not to bring condemnation. I hope and pray that this message brings light and repentance— and not failure, guilt, or shame or condemnation (these will **prevent you** taking things to God)—**they will block grace**. We have grace—just **believe**. Go to God. **Trust in Gods grace** toward you—this is the test. Do we trust God loves us, despite all our failures and weaknesses. The whole process of sanctification is for this very purpose. To **expose** darkness and then ask God to help remove it. There is **no condemnation** IN CHRIST. Believe. The truth **exposes** sin and darkness, for the purpose of **being able to SEE it**, and so then **we can repent**, and **SO allow God to set us each free**. Because **we have grace**. **Simply believe and trust you have grace for everything** and **then take** anything and everything **to God**. We are turning from sin, but it is a walk, don't stand in failure or despair or guilt or shame or unworthiness. That will keep you from acknowledging it to God (**keeps you from grace**). Grace is relationship. **Apply grace** whenever darkness and sin is discovered or **exposed**. Repentance first—**then** we have grace for it. It truly is a matter of **trusting how much love God** has for us. Do we **trust** and believe? Then **we can go to him** with all our faults and struggle against sin. Jesus died whilst we were yet sinners. God loves us so much, that He sent his only begotten Son. Jesus bore our sin. Believe the gospel and be set free. Go to God. Grace. We are a new creation—do not hang on to the old, or let the old be our identity. Let it go—go to God and lay it down at the cross. Nail it to the cross. Jesus dealt with it. We are now clothed with Christ. Clothed with His righteousness.

**Now we let the truth in**, and the truth is, that as Jesus, **we also** — deny ourself. That is love.

***{the enemy will give us every reason and excuse to ignore this— please, do not ignore this}***

**Galatians 3:27** And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have **put on** Christ, **like putting on new clothes.** (NLT)

**Colossians 2:14** **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us,** which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nauling it to his cross;**

**2 Corinthians 5** **16**Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. **17****Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, **all things** are become new. **18**And all things *are* of God, who hath **reconciled us to himself** by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19**To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, **not imputing their trespasses** unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**20**Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.** **21**For he hath **made him to be sin** for us, who knew no sin; that we might be **made the righteousness of God** in him.

Believe this, and trust in the grace we **have**, to go to God and receive power to escape the darkness—**remember that repentance allows this grace** (repent and **then stand firmly in the grace you now have**) — which allows righteous/blamelessness in Gods eyes. Trust and believe. Just repent—turn from—change direction—and then we have grace—a gift from God—and so then we have power over Satan and sin. When we **stand** in grace, the enemy is left powerless.

**Ephesians 3** **14**For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15**Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16**That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **17**That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18**May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **19**And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. **20**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we **ask or think,** according to the power that worketh in us, **21**Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

{“I think” we can each ask God for grace in all our failure and sin}

{God can do exceedingly, abundantly and above this, according to His power that works in us}

The power of The Holy Spirit

The purpose of exposing darkness is **not to make us feel bad**—it is to overcome it, in Gods grace

We just go to God, and ask for his help as any dark thing that is exposed, comes into the light. We don't stand feeling bad about ourselves. See the loving side of The sWord. The Word is a two edged sword. See The Love of God, not the judgment. Do we believe the gospel —do we believe Jesus came to condemn us? Or save us? Stand **firm** in the faith, in **what we first heard.** It is a matter of Trust. Do we trust God? We are now in the age of grace, it is not the age of law now. The law was fulfilled for us by Jesus. Sin can't condemn us, but God still hates sin. We have The Holy Spirit to help and guide us to depart from sin. Also to comfort us in our affliction throughout this process. **Denying self will bring affliction** to the carnal nature. **We should be sure to not avoid this.** *Because it is The Way.*

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

So I pray The Father, that all who read or hear this message will know it is to set them free—not to bring condemnation or guilt or despair, in Jesus name. Sometimes it is simply **the way we hear** or perceive a message that determines whether we see Gods Love, or whether we see judgement and condemnation.

**Luke 8:18** "So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them." (NLT)

We have grace to repent of anything and everything, so I pray Father, all will come to you with anything and everything. We stand in your grace and we do not stand in the law—guilt or shame or failure. We can take everything to you, thank-you for this honour God, in Jesus name. The Word is Jesus, and Jesus is The Light. So Gods Word, if it is not twisted and corrupted by religion, will expose Satan. Once we can see him, we have grace to be rid of him. Just repent and step into Gods grace. This message is to help bring The Light. I ask all who hear this, to hear in The Spirit of Love and not condemnation. It is to bring light, it is to expose Satan in our lives, it is to see all set free from sin. If it causes condemnation, that is not our Lord. That is Satan's kingdom—evil spirits. Resist the devil and he will flee. Please discern this is to bring freedom from spiritual slavery(which comes through sin), not bondage.

**Romans 8:21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Whenever we find deception, we have the chance to repent and receive help from God. Deception can only be exposed—where we can then see it for what it is— through the truth. So please discern carefully for yourself, what your are hearing, —whether it is true or false. God wants us to know these things because **He Loves us, and wants us to escape** from the darkness and evil. It's not to make us feel guilty or condemned, but for us to be able to come to the truth, so we can all be sanctified(made holy). Be like Jesus. If scripture is twisted and corrupted and mis-used, Satan will revel in such effective, subtle, deceit and lies. As a crooked snake and lying father of doubts and accusations and slavery. Using Gods very word to deceive and lead us astray. Because it is scripture, it gets deep into our belief system, and can be hard to get out of our heart. It is for our very own sakes that we should use and apply Gods Word honestly, so that God, who loves us so much, is able to reveal Satan at work, killing and stealing and destroying. Watching for these three things is a very good way to detect whether we are following Jesus, or following a demon masquerading as God. Look at the fruit or character of our own behaviour—to test who our real lord is. Who do we really, truly worship. Is it an entity that kills and steals and destroys, or is it Love(Jesus). There are so many false gods, but only One True Creator God. If we do not know The Real God, then we are worshipping the Devil. Grace is for relationship. We all have choice and free will in whom we choose to follow and worship. For our eternal destiny, we should be extra careful to make sure we are worshipping the only God that saves. Jesus Christ whom He sent to save us, is His Son—Jesus shows us what God is really like. His nature and character. Jesus shows us what He wants us to be like. We should not consider ourselves too clever— Satan's deceptions are extremely subtle and my own testimony is such, that without The Holy Spirit, I would have been led astray many, many, many, times. Without The Spirit we will be led astray by deceptions of many types. We each need The Spirit in our own life. He is The Only One that can keep us on the narrow path. As we deny ourself and take up our cross! **The One True God is The One who helps us through** this process of sanctification, through the denial of self —love. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is a God of Love. By their fruit you will know them. **James 3:17** shows the nature and character of **OUR** God.

HERE IS HIS NATURE & CHARACTER, SO THAT WE CAN RECOGNISE HIM IN OUR LIFE:

### The Holy Spirit

**James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

**1 John 3:23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

What does Love look like: —a lot like denying self.

**Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

**1 Corinthians 13** 4Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.  
8Love never faileth:

**1 John 4:16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love;** and he that dwelleth in love **dwelleth in** God, and God **in** him.

**1 John 4** 1Beloved, **believe not** every spirit, but **try the spirits whether they are of God:** because **many false prophets** are gone out into the world. 2**Hereby** know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

For our very own sake, for our own sake, we should each **choose to know the nature and character** of The **One** True God. Because this is the God with **ALL Authority**. He is The God of Love. Murder, violence, abuse, theft and destruction, intimidation and fear, are not of **our** God. Our God is The Creator of Heaven and Earth, not the destroyer. **Our God gives free will** to each of us, **to choose what we will worship and serve**. Demons **force their will on whomever they can**. Using people. **They will use whomever** they can, to do this. Whomever they can deceive to **obey them**. To obey Satan's nature and character. Whoever allows Satan's works to be worked through them. Such as contention—he will **use** us to create contention amongst the brethren—often under the influence of self-righteousness. God really really hates self-righteousness. So in love I say, **discern for yourself**, whom you are serving. **We've all been used**, but we can **learn to resist** once we are aware of it. Eternity hangs in the balance of this choice. Jesus saves. The Son of God. Jesus is Love. God is Love. There is no manipulation and control in Gods Love. Satan's kingdom works on fear and manipulation and control and intimidation. We learn not to be like him. We cannot force nor manipulate people to believe the gospel. They all have free will to choose. We can only hope, and we can pray, each of us can come to **know** God personally. Because that's what the gospel is about. God **sent His Son** Jesus, for us. **So that we can Know God**, and then serve God. As sons and daughters—not slaves. **Willingly**, because we love him.

**1 John 4** 15**Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God**, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16And we have known and **believed the love that God hath to us**. **God is love:**

Serving God is also serving His body. It **requires the denial of self** so that **The Holy Spirit can work in and through us**, to reach others. This is what Jesus did. Let this reach our hearts—it helps **set us on the correct** path. It puts us on the right foundation, whereupon the enemy will find it so, so, so, much harder to deceive us. We each have **a new world** we look to now. **Gods kingdom**, for all eternity. Set our eyes on this. **Don't be trapped** serving this world, and it's things and ways and pleasures. Serving your self actually. We've missed the whole gospel if we fail to understand this—and it's easy to miss. **Because** there are **so many other** ways presented to **whoever wants** to go another way(idols in the heart) —because **denying self is what they wish to avoid**. There is a lot of vain religion for this avoidance tactic. And another big danger is the over use of Gods grace into lasciviousness—license to go on living/sinning without any true repentance. Living an immoral life. Serving self and not serving God. Remember **Jesus is our Lord**—we are bought with a price. God wants to work through each of us, but can't if we refuse to let the old life go. Either Jesus is our Lord, or Satan is our Lord —there are no other options. We serve one or the other. Therefore, we are **learning to serve** Jesus more and more, in our walk with The Holy Spirit. **This world** is passing away, and there are many souls trapped in it still. Even many who call themselves Christians. This physical world is not Gods spiritual eternal Heavenly world. God needs us in fellowship with Him, The Holy Spirit, to reach others and to set ourselves free as well. We are set free by faith—but we then need to prove that faith by making it a reality or manifest. It's not about ourselves anymore, it's about Gods will, for all to come to Him so that they may be saved. Please, please let this into your heart. For your own sake, and for the sake of others who have not yet received this revelation in their hearts. This message is about discovering areas of our lives that we may still be trapped and enslaved by Satan in. It is to

expose these areas and to **take dominion over the enslaver** of our souls —Satan. It is to bring defeat to Satan's kingdom by bringing people to **be able to recognise** this evil kingdom (and its works) **IN their lives**. **Look for killing, stealing(taking advantage of people), and destroying**. **These things straight away expose** a demon, or false god, or evil spirit, at work, either in ourself (if we **ourself are doing any of this**) or in someone else, **who then needs help** to see **what** and **who** (has **control** over them). They need HELP I SAY, NOT CRITICISM AND FINGER POINTING. **Which God or "god" do we worship and serve?**—it is well worth considering **carefully and respectfully**. **Eternity hangs on this decision**. It is important not to let fear sway what you know is true. Fear God, don't fear evil or man. Gods Word is True.

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

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

**Luke 12:5** But I will **forewarn you whom ye shall fear**: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

This is **not** about finger pointing and finding fault. This is about being set free, and setting others free **through The Truth**. The Word of God is the truth. Bringing people to be **able to see** what Love is, and what evil is. Each and every person has the right to make a decision whether this message contains truth or whether it is deception. The Word of God should be the test. Nothing else. Certainly not traditions of man and religion and accepted doctrines of all the different denominations. The Word of God does not change. That is the test. This is about **discerning** the Devil, and **working together in The Spirit of unity** to bring crushing defeat after crushing defeat to the relentless evil kingdom. We have God on our side, we have all authority over evil. Satan never would have crucified Jesus had he known it was **his own destruction**.

**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.

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

**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:

Jesus showed us The Father so we can know what God is like. Following the wrong "god" will lead to hell because it's one of Satan's demons or princes. Principalities. There is only One True God, but there are a multitude of false gods. The best of Satan's deceptions are the demons that try to resemble Jesus closely, but **with another way** that leads astray. That's vain religion. It can be very, very subtle, and hard to discern. **The best way is to deny self (this is what resists evil spirits)**, that's the way the flesh likes to avoid the most. Evil spirits achieve their lusts and desires **and power** through our flesh weaknesses—so we deny our flesh. This is what keeps us on the narrow path. It afflicts our flesh, and this affliction brings us to needing the comfort of The Comforter. It causes **relationship** and reliance on God instead of **reliance on self**. We must therefore follow the One True God. The Father sent Jesus to make the way for us.

**Romans 8** **35**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**36**As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

**37**Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **38**For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, **nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers**, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus **our Lord**.

Take note of the last two words — our Lord. Is Jesus **actually** our Lord — or is Satan—**through** self worship. Don't let vain religion steal. Deny self. So we keep our eyes on Jesus. This will keep us safe. Only this. Jesus. False, violent, nasty and mean gods, who seek to enforce and enslave their wills upon us, don't have a chance of deceiving us, if we keep our minds fixed on The One True God. The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. These three keep us safe. These three are One. Jesus is The Way. Denying self will bring you to Him.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh** unto the Father, but by me.

**Hebrews 12** **1**Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher** of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**3**For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. **4**Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving **against** sin.

Satan and many of the false gods(princes, principalities, of Satan's kingdom) are happy to use scripture. More than happy. Because Satan knows Gods Word is true, he needs to use enough truth, to make his lies sound authentic or plausible. What better way to appear as an "angel of light" (false god) than to use Gods very word—but twist it **to suit/please** our flesh nature. When Gods Word is properly used and applied, Satan's kingdom gets very, very angry and offended. **Which means we ourselves** may get very, very, angry and offended, if parts of Satan's kingdom are still working in and through us. **If we still have any deceptions**—then we may find ourself getting angry at Truth. A demonic spirit is trying to block the truth. Don't be too proud to admit what may be true. Let The Truth **expose** evil, and then overcome it(resist it—the anger), and cast Satan out. These spirits want arguments and strife over **doctrine and tradition** and religion and such. Let the word be true and every man a liar.

**Colossians 2:8** **8**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the **tradition** of men, after the **rudiments** of the world, and **not after Christ**.

**Romans 3:4** God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

The anger of spirits, and offence, can be **felt**, in us, or is manifested **through** our bodies and souls. **It is the spirit** working in, or through, or around us. It actually, if we learn to discern, **shows us an evil spirit is present** and so we need to resist it, renounce it, and cast it out. We first need to **resist** it. **If we don't, it blocks us** from the truth. Try to understand this! You will feel angry and so then not accept the truth—if you keep/accept the anger(as your own). These spirits will **rise up** at the truth, to block it. Therefore we need to **resist** being offended, and judge **calmly** whether something is truth or not. We all have to make a decision. It is very worth choosing wisely, and not as a result of **feeling** angry at something or someone. **The anger could be a spirit** manipulating our emotions and feelings and implanting lies and deceit in our mind as well. "That's not true", "blasphemy"—they'll whisper to **re-enforce** the anger—as they re-enforce one of man's traditions or heresies(deceits) that we may have believed in the past. So we also first need to **discern** it, for what it is. It may be one of Satan's demonic spirits. **If we resist it(resist being offended), it loses power(over us) to cause** the anger and offence—it loses power to manipulate us into making a bad choice—through our feelings and emotions. Anger is not of God, it is of Satan's kingdom.

**Ephesians 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: **let not the sun go down upon your wrath**:

Any choice or decision we make to believe and accept deception, gives Satan certain power and control over our flesh. We can **take control** and then make a proper decision based on the truth. **We often, through lack of knowledge, easily mis-interpret anger as our own** anger,

but so often it's a religious spirit rising up in us, **assigned to stop/block us accepting the truth.** Using deceptions we hold on to—for the **power** to do this. An evil spirits task is to keep us believing in the **old leaven(religiosity)**, and false doctrines, and traditions of man. And rituals and all the fake paths that Satan throws in, to keep our minds and hearts from seeking Jesus. The truth is, Jesus is about **relationship restored with God,** to man. Deception is designed to **shift our focus away from relationship** and into vain religiosity. A religious spirit's assignment is to keep us from coming to the knowledge of the truth. To keep us bound up in useless things. Living for self. In religious things. Religion—just like what happened to The Pharisees. Satan generally uses religion on believers, or anyone seeking what life is all about. Life is about knowing God. It is about Love. If you keep this in your heart, it will be harder for Satan to draw you into lies and deceit. Satan did it to the Pharisees. He is still doing it. Let him not do it to us, or our brothers and sisters in The Body of Jesus Christ. Our family, that will last all of eternity. It is not temporary. This family is for eternity. With God. Through Jesus Christ. The only Way.

**Mark 12** 28And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? 29And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30**And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.** 31**And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** There is none other commandment greater than these.

**James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world** is enmity with God? **whosoever** therefore will be a **friend** of the world is the **enemy of** God.

One of the main deceptions and temptations is in **James 4:4(above).** **Let this into your heart.** Have the love of God, not the love of the world. Satan is the prince of **this** world. It is not about this world, **it is about our eternal world.** That world is found in Jesus Christ. All of us, each of us, and every one of us, need to keep **seeking** God. We are learning to do this with all our hearts, all our minds, all our souls and all our strength. Satan uses our fallen physical state to enslave us. Our physical bodies yearn to be satisfied by this world—but we are born again, and now our kingdom is spiritual—by our faith. Where is our heart? In this world and in pleasing self? Or in Jesus Christ, and serving His Body and serving God. Our physical self **does not like hearing** about denying self. **Be very, very, aware of this weakness**—because Satan the father of lies loves to **exploit** this. **The love of this world and all it's multitude of idols/demons are there to test** if we love God more, **or the world and pleasing our self more.** If we love the world and self more, we can be guaranteed we are serving Satan—obeying Satan. It is crucial and enormously important to let this into our hearts. It is near impossible to lead someone to the truth, if they **refuse to let go** of the love of this world, and the love of keeping the “self” “happy”. **Self is all tied up** with Satan's kingdom— through the curse. The joy of The Lord should be our strength. Not the “happiness” of the world. Let **James 4:4** sink into our hearts my brothers and my sisters. It is an awful, dreadful thing to watch brothers and sisters caught up — in this deceit.

**James 1:27** 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.

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

**“whosoever** therefore will be a **friend** of the world is the **enemy of** God.”

**{ let God make us able— in order that we can escape }**

**Many do not realise** that Gods nature is Love(denying self), and so find a religion that gives a sense of comfort, but it is not Gods way. They have no idea(the nature of deceit) they are caught. This is the tragedy—they are very hard to reach. Because they think they already have the truth—but we also have to **walk in truth** to show our faith(with works). And if God sends someone to tell them the truth, they will react defensively or, with anger. **This anger is a spirit,** that keeps them from the truth, because they do not want the truth. They want comfort and

happiness in this world—not seeing their new hope or identity. Vain religion is easy for the carnal nature—it usually offers an easier way for the flesh. “Just keep enjoying your old life—it’s ok” — these false doctrines will say. The truth can be hard to receive at first—because **our flesh doesn’t like denying self.** If you attempt to tell someone the truth —These spirits will **accuse** you of preaching **at them** or judging them, **for a wall of defence.** This keeps the person in their deception and prison of confusion. Against any truth. This is how we often **recognise** religious spirits. They are very **contentious** whenever the truth is given. They will raise contention quickly. Remember Satan is the accuser. He will accuse you falsely of being judgmental or critical, even un-loving —whenever you attempt to expose him in someone’s life. He injects his venom of accusations and resentment—with the anger or offence— It destroys relationships. It destroys marriages if one walks in truth and the other loves the worlds vanities.

**2 Timothy 2** 23But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, **knowing that they do gender strifes.** 24And the servant of the Lord **must not strive;** but be **gentle** unto all *men*, apt to teach, **patient,** 25In **meeekness** instructing those that **oppose themselves: if God** peradventure will **give them repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth; 26And **that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are **taken captive by him at his will.**

We cannot force someone to love truth. The Holy Spirit does not, and will not work through manipulation. **We need to pray for these people** and we need to **make sure that we are not one** of these people ourself. “Deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me”. It will save your soul, and you will begin to see deceptions for what they are. **After** you begin obeying this—not before. **Jesus instructions** to those who want to be His disciples. *Satan can take people who want to hang on to this life—at his will*—because they do not want to acknowledge the truth. Others around them are left looking on helplessly. They’ve been caught by **this** world. Satan doesn’t want to make it too obvious to them, he wants to keep them in deception. He does it just enough to keep them in darkness. They can still be reading the bible, and God will still be trying to lead them—but they can’t obey(and they don’t know it)— because they love the world more. Idols have rule over them. **Those that refuse to deny self**—which is the kind of love that Jesus showed us—are so **easily taken at will by Satan.** If we want to retain as much “happiness” in this world as we can—we are all susceptible. So nearly any idol will be able to lure , from JESUS. I say this to help each of us see the truth. In **ourself** and also in others. It is an awfully easy trap to fall into. My hope is some, many, all, will see the deception. We have a new hope—that is our faith. Heaven is our world now. Our eternal world. This world is just temporary and we are **just passing through.**

**Hebrews 11:13** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

Love of the world. An idol could be money, **pleasure**, comfort, **a person**, it could be **self pity**, depression, it could be drugs, or alcohol or **ANY OTHER THING THAT CAN KEEP US FROM SEEKING GOD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS.** **LOVE OF THE WORLD.** A **web** of deceit **BLINDS PEOPLES MINDS.** DIFFERENT IDOLS **WOVEN TOGETHER** WITH THE LOVE OF THE WORLD, **AND THE HAPPINESS OF SELF** TO WEAVE A GREAT WEB OF DECEIT THAT A PERSON FINDS THEMSELVES HELPLESS TO ESCAPE(they have no idea they are caught). Snared by the flesh and self. **Love is** the denial of self, and Love, is The Way. Apart from Gods mercy, and intercession and prayer, how can people escape? It is awful to watch. It is awful enough in my own life as God exposes idols I’ve hung on too. But as I let each go, the freedom from bondage brings more and more clarity and soundness of mind and spirit. Spiritual blessings in heavenly places(Ephesians 1:3). **Few** find The Way, **many** do not. Many have done great works for God even. This is very sobering to know. Deny self, pick up your own cross, and follow Jesus example. **The mindset** of a life time of indoctrination and bad life style is **hard to break.**

**Matthew 7** 21Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22**Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and



in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

These spirits are a very strong form of mind control. These things, I must, and am going to repeat over and over, to allow light and revelation to sink in to hearts—for those who need it. In truth we all need it. Don't underestimate the power of deception, **it needs to be assailed with truth**. A lifetime of serving the flesh is not easy to break from—we all know this. We are all learning to move up into a higher life, a higher reality. Found in Jesus Christ only (the new age movement **which is not new** at all, will mis-lead in this). We can't force anyone to believe the truth. If we tell them the truth, a spirit rises up in them — and causes anger and division. We are helpless, except in the fact that God is on our side and He hears our prayers. The only way is to show them love and pray and hope, for God to grant them light, revelation, truth in the heart, and the **ability** to repent. Idols are evil spirits, and they have power in, and through, our **love** of that idol. Thank God His mercy endures forever, and he is full of grace and loves to show mercy. **He loves mercy** so much more than judgement. If we or others will not give up our idols, then **there is no denying of self** in this. Sanctification involves **coming out of agreement** with these. Part of our heart has placed an idol higher than our love for God. It is impossible to **argue** someone into The Kingdom—if they refuse to hear the truth. This is why idols are so dangerous. They block us receiving the truth—from hearing it.

**Revelation 2** **7** **He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Deny self. It's the way to safety. Let go of the world and it's ways. These idol spirits get **angry if anyone tries to expose** them —and then there is strife—these spirits want strife. **We cannot obey the spirit of dis-unity or division**. This will just strengthen the spirit involved. Religious spirits work with these idols and spirits of sabotage, which are intent on sabotaging relationships, finances, and health. And worst of all, a persons walk and relationship with God. We simply cannot help people by our carnal methods/arguments —if a person **wants to hang on to idols**— with carnal **reasoning**. This will just bring division. We find we must **stand** in faith for the people we love, and believe God will show mercy and grant repentance—to the **acknowledging** of the truth. Idols want us to serve them and love them. They give us pleasure in this world. **If we understand this, we can understand why** God asks us to love Him with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. **This is what actually will keep us safe** in the end. We can't obey this whilst hanging onto idols. Sanctification includes ridding ourselves of idols. Of the world, or of religion, or of self. Ridding the **manipulation** of evil spirits, through our idols.

**Romans 6:16** Know ye not, that to **whom ye yield yourselves servants** to obey, his **servants** ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

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

**John 14:7** If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

This is a very real danger and God in His Love sent Jesus to show us what God is really like. So we would not be fooled. We are in **the age where we all have grace** from God. It is the age of grace, in which we have power over evil spirits—but only through truth —not deception. False gods are therefore **exposed in us, when they work through us**—according in like- to Satan's nature. We need to recognise Satan's **works and character and nature**, so we can't be led to hell by him. If we love religion, the world, and self, more than God, we will find ourselves acting in the same manner as Saul of Tarsus (later Paul). Saul hated the truth and was persecuting those, in whom the truth was. Saul couldn't receive the truth and was very contentious, to Jesus followers. He didn't listen or **was not able to hear** them —everyone that wanted to give him the truth, he wanted to murder and put in prison. His idol of religion and man's traditions had power to control his behaviour (evil spirits used him to do Satan's bidding). **He was angry and offended at them —religious spirits**. That's how they behave—they persecute Gods people and cause contention.

He had very powerful spirits of anger and murder working in him. A religious spirit working with a spirit of anger and a spirit of murder. Saul of Tarsus was very blessed though(perhaps through Stephens prayer).

**Acts 7** 57Then they cried out with a loud voice, and **stopped their ears**, and ran upon him with one accord, 58And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, **whose name was Saul**. 59And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60And **he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge**. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Lord knocked him of his high horse and had mercy upon him. God granted him repentance to walk with the saints of God and **serve** in the gospel and the body of Christ. If he could grant Saul grace and save him—God can do it for anyone. Paul repented and learned to deny himself and serve God. **He left his old life behind** and followed Jesus. He came out of the world. He came out of dead religion. The **religious** people of his day **then turned on him** straight away. He became their enemy. **The religious spirits in them** wanted him dead. They were **angry** at him for preaching the gospel. Those people were blocked from the truth by religion—they still wanted the law and their **own** sacrifices and traditions(idols). They wanted honour of man and prestige and privilege. They would not hear about denying themselves. They **thought** they knew God. It's the same today. Many think they know God and do not. They don't make Jesus the Lord over their life—they keep lordship for themselves—not realising they are being deceived and **used** by Satan. Paul the apostle suffered many things. He denied himself. He followed Jesus. He was greatly afflicted. He was led by The Spirit. We each need to stop being a Saul of Tarsus, and become like Paul the apostle.

Be careful not to scorn(stone) *those who preach the truth to us*. *Become a Paul—a servant of Jesus—not a pleaser of self*. **It will cost us our old life** but we will find our new life. *Eternal life*.

**Mark 8:35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

*God has a purpose for us—not just to be saved but to **serve** in the gospel—let this into the heart*

**Acts 26** 14And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, **why persecutest thou me?** *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*. 15And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18To **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.

**2 Corinthians 11** 21I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. 22Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I. 23Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in **labours** more abundant, in **stripes above measure**, in **prisons more frequent**, in **deaths oft**. 24Of the Jews five times received I **forty stripes save one**. 25Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by *mine own* countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils **among false brethren**; 27In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and **nakedness**. 28Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, **I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.** 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

Can we say what Paul said, “We will glory in our infirmities/weaknesses!!!” Or in our trials and tribulations!!! —which the flesh hates.

**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.

Jesus made it clear, He came to give us life and more abundant life. How do we recognise a fake god then. **If we are behaving like Satan, then we are obeying him.** **If we are getting angry,** or offended, and **persecuting the saints** —who give the truth to us—that is acting like Saul of Tarsus. If a saint attempts to expose one of our idols, we should be grateful and **not** angry. We should have ears to hear. Getting angry at someone who is trying to help you, is a form of persecution upon them. Especially if they love you. Remember, idols want, and have **power** to block us from receiving the truth. Loving and idol more than we love God is dangerous therefore. **It gives evil spirits power over** us to hold us to deception. That’s how they block. We love the idol/evil spirit more—so **we choose it** —above obeying the truth. Be aware who we are serving. We’ve all done this in different degrees. We are all learning. This is how Satan plans to keep many from the truth. Idols. Blocking people through anger and deception, from receiving the truth in their heart. **Anger at letting go of being “happy” in the flesh** and being **content** in the worlds ways. Unable to let go of life’s pleasures. **Angry at being told** to deny self. This will destroy relationships. How can two walk together if they are not agreed. If one loves God and truth(narrow way)(denying self and world) — and one likes idols, and self, and the broad way — there will be **mis-understanding, confusion,** trouble and strife, and division and contention, and resentment and rejection, and betrayal, between the two. **Separation** and no unity.

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Satan uses these spirits(idols), **who may be at work in ourself,** **or** our brothers and sisters, **to torment and persecute** the saints who preach the truth. Also to sabotage relationships. We **detect** them by recognising that **anger** or even **defensiveness(blocking the ears)** is **exposing** their presence in ourself or others. Strife, division, backbiting, contention, anger, critical, and scorning. **We need to learn to discern this and deal ruthlessly with these evil spirits.** Satan relies on dis-unity so that proper communication and understanding is cut off. It is hard for truth to enter **where there is contention and confusion.** Idols and love of the world and pleasure are very dangerous. Deny them and **endure** in the truth. What is Satan’s character and nature like —Killing, stealing, destroying, anger, offence, faction, division, strife, manipulating and controlling and intimidation through fear. Are we doing any of these ourself? Fruit of the Devil. These things Jesus did not show us to do. These things very much suit the fallen man, and our fallen carnal beast nature, and the nature of a demon. They are easy for us to walk in—(because in the flesh we are but a beast)—because we choose to keep allowing them. The easy false way. Idols **cause us to get angry** at the truth. We should be **able** to **remain in peace in Christ.** Come out of the flesh—beast nature.

Ecclesiastes 3:19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a **man hath no preeminence above a beast:** for all *is* vanity.

**James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then **peaceable, gentle, and easy** to be intreated, **full of mercy** and **good fruits,** **without partiality,** and **without hypocrisy.**

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

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

**Galatians 5**      16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the **works of the flesh** are manifest, which are **these**; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the **which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Idols.      Watch for these idolatries—don't let these idols rule in our lives.      Deny self.

There is no condemnation if we are still in some places behaving like Satan. That's what sanctification is all about. Learning what Love is, and what evil is. Discovering Satan at work in us, or in our lives, and in those around us, and then conquering, through Love. Looking for good fruit in our life. Good seed will produce good fruit. An apple seed produces apples. The seed of Jesus—the seed of The Word— produces Jesus in us- the hope of glory—(**Galatians 5:22-24**) sons of God. The seed of Satan produces sons of Satan and the **fruit** looks very much like (**Galatians 5:19-21**) above. Please do not let these things block the truth. Get these idols out of our life. Deny self— deny them. Using The Word correctly helps us to discover any area of our life that is being manipulated and controlled by Satan. It shows where he has us, **enslaved** to him. God is not out to condemn us, but to save us **from Satan's enslavement**—who's **works** are anger and murder and destruction and hate and controlling and **forcing** others to obey, and do **his** works (**Galatians 5:19-21**). Discern for ourselves if our god is self, a demon, or God. God does not force, **nor want us to force others, into** what to believe. God is Love. **Love does not manipulate nor force its will upon others.** When we behave this way—know we are not serving God. Gods wants all who come to Him to worship Him in truth and in spirit. The Creator does not want us to hurt anyone, He wants us to show love. He doesn't want us to manipulate or force or control others, but to present the truth and allow others the choice. Free will, God hasn't removed anyone's free will to choose. Satan is the opposite, always bullying, intimidating, and if you don't agree with his leaven and false doctrine and nature, he will get very angry and upset, even violent and murderous—full of hatred. That's what religious spirits act like. We must **resist** them. And recognise—This is **not** God!!! These spirits lead their followers to the lake of fire.

**James 4**      7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee** from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

When we see the following behaviour(**James 4:1-6**)—we've just exposed Satan's kingdom at work

We can now **resist** him(resist his works) and because we can see/**discern** him, we can **defeat** him

**Religious spirits** working with **spirits of anger** cause this behaviour and attitude—in us. spirits of, **love of the world(many different ones-depending which idols we keep)** do the same

Also spirits of **love of self** do the same(many different types—depending on our vanities)

Come out of agreement with them—resist them and walk in unity—the One mind of The Spirit  
Lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life

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

**James 4**      1 From whence *come* wars and fightings **among** you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. 4 Ye **adulterers and adulteresses**, know ye not that the **friendship of the world** is **enmity** with God? **whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.** 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Living like, and friendship, and loving the worlds ways **is** the broad way.

**Denial of self** is the narrow way —Love

We need **ears to hear**

So we should learn to recognise the difference between The One True God and the many fake false “gods” demons, that would have us follow them. We look at the fruit in our lives to make a genuine search and an honest look. So that we cannot be so easily led away to destruction. **Behaving** like Satan and **believing** we are following Jesus. Despising Gods saints who tell us the truth. **Out of love** and not condemnation I say, **love The Truth.** For our **eternal souls'** sakes.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received **not the love of the truth,** that they might be **saved.**

**Eternal salvation hangs on loving the truth over lies**

What is in our hearts? What is it we really want to believe about God? Be honest, it may save our soul. Do we still love behaving like any other person in the world? We may try, or appear to be nicer, or good, but are we producing the fruit of The Spirit? Have we come out of the world. Have we denied our self? Have we picked up our cross? Are we serving Jesus or **just asking him to heal us,** and to **bless our life in this** world(all about us—ourself. It is such an easy deceit to fall into—because it comes naturally to a beast nature. A higher nature is found only in God in Jesus Christ, and the way to rise into it, is by **denying** the lower nature. Please be honest, don't let Satan steal your salvation. Religion. Vanity. Pride. Self pleasing. Hurting those who try to tell the truth, because the truth angers. Persecuting the saints.

**Philippians 3** 1Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe. 2Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have **no confidence in** the flesh. 4Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6**Concerning zeal, persecuting the church;** touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

**Knowing Christ is Above All**

**7But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,** and do count them **but dung,** that I may **win** Christ,

Do we see our self as a new creation in an eternal world— **that is not** this one? Look at who you think God really is. Out of love I say this. Make sure that the God you believe in, is— The One that is in Heaven. He is like Jesus. If we **walk** like Jesus then we can't be fooled and deceived. We are **learning**, we are not perfect. If there are places(in our lives) that we still obey Satan, then we are able to repent and move on. We learn. The Holy Spirit is teaching us all. Comforting us, encouraging us—helping us to see the idols we've served. There is no condemnation. Just discerning Satan and idols, and removing them and walking on with The Lord. **Denying self exposes** idols. Anger and strife shows us Satan's presence. **Our carnal nature will get angry** (evil spirits in us) when we take away what it loves(the idols). Deny or resist anger and strife. Deny self. It exposes him. Deny what the flesh loves—the idols.

**John 14:7** If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

**Matthew 16** 11How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should **beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? 12Then understood

they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

**Philippians 3** 18(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19Whose end *is* destruction, whose God is their belly, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Our life/conversation is in Heaven—this is our faith. Unless we actually hang on to this world because our faith is really in this world and pleasing our belly and our flesh, and our self, and our sexual and fleshly appetites are more important, than pleasing God and obeying Him— to come into our born again spiritual nature. Our higher self in truth in Christ. We have a higher morality than the world—our GOD IS HOLY.

**1 Corinthians 6** 9You know that wicked people will not inherit the kingdom of God, don't you? Stop deceiving yourselves! Sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, 10thieves, greedy people, drunks, slanderers, and robbers will not inherit the kingdom of God. 11That is what some of you were! But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah and by the Spirit of our God. (ISV)

We have grace to come out of agreement and repent

We can't just read the truth, we need to believe it as well and then set ourselves to walk in it. The Word is Jesus, and Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, we can't allow Satan to change who Jesus is to us. If we twist the Word and misuse it, we will have a fake jesus/evil spirit. Fake jesus will lead you astray and bring bondage rather than healing. Religious spirits, which twist scripture and mis-use it, are a form of mind control, and they worm their way deep, deep, deep, into our belief system, if we allow falsity into our hearts. (Love is the denial of self) Religious spirits can be quite powerful because they do get right into our belief system, and then have certain control over our minds and emotions. We've allowed them in and given them power, in our agreement with them. Until we get them out by acknowledging truth and discarding lies. They blind us from walking in truth. Listening to and believing vain religious teaching, is one of the ways that allows them in. A religious spirit will control and deceive us, through false beliefs and doctrine. We believe them because they suit (we want to believe the lie) our beast nature. Therefore, it is very dangerous to appease or please and comfort the flesh nature. That's why denial of self is important. Love is the denial of self. Religious spirits cause a great self righteousness to rise up, and great indignation, to force people to accept and keep their deceit. According to what the flesh wants and desires. Jesus defeated Satan for us, all we need do to trample his kingdom is accept, and then walk in The Truth. Love is the denial of self.

**Colossians 2:15** *And having* spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Gods ways are higher than our ways. Who would ever think that denying self could be a weapon of warfare. It is utter foolishness to the world. Jesus gave us free will to choose. Satan does not. Satan is a murderer and wants to control. There is no manipulation in Jesus Love. Jesus says "if anyone wishes to follow me" —Then He gives instructions how to do it. Jesus gives us all the freedom to choose Him, or not. If we wish to be His disciple, Jesus said firstly to "deny yourself". Let this into the heart. Let demonic self natured mindsets be overcome, with the truth.

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

**Luke 9:23** Then he said to the crowd, "**if** any of you **wants** to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (NLT)

God **does not force** anyone

Religious spirits will attempt to control our mind and actions. Through deceptive beliefs. They will cause us to be angry if people won't believe what we believe. Religious spirits want strife and division, so that The Holy Spirit can't work through us. **Because The Holy Spirit works through Love, not division.** He doesn't work through anger and arguments. If someone believes different to us, we needn't be angry at them. They have been given free will by God, just as we have. It can be very painful **to watch deception at work** in loved ones, but we simply **cannot argue someone into the truth.** Nor force them. If we have a religious spirit **in ourself** though, **we will find ourselves becoming angry,** if people believe different to us. **That's how we recognise evil religious spirits.** Anger and division **exposes them amongst us.** Once we recognise them, **we can resist them** and then cast them out. Then **Gods people can have unity.** Unity is a fruit of The Spirit. There **should be unity** if we are IN The Spirit. God absolutely loves it when He sees His children in unity. Because He works through Love. Let this into your heart. Scorning and scoffing is of the enemy. It will help you discern Satan and evil spirits at work in your own body, or in the church. It will reveal parts of our own lives that need cleaning up and healing. Parts of our lives we need to let go of (idols)—deception we need to throw out. **Either in doctrine and religion, or in the world and it's pleasures, fun, and comforts,** or of self pleasing. Any idol we love more than Truth. **Learn to recognise** false gods and false doctrines. If we know the genuine we can recognise the fake. Love is the denial of self. **God knows we are all full of Satan's works when we are first saved.** We all were born into, and grew up in the world. We all have to learn **how to grow up in Gods kingdom (spiritual—a higher reality) and in the spirit.** Come into Jesus image. God is Holy, this world is anything but holy—it's fallen and corrupt. Come out of it. Come out of the world and come out of vain religion. Don't feel bad or guilty or condemned. Just get Satan out, the world out, and the leaven out. Walk in freedom. Deny self. That is Love. **Denying self** deals with idols and it deals with leaven. It exposes them. It is **The Way.**

**Psalm 133** 1 {A Song of degrees of David.} Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to **dwelt together in unity!**

2 *It 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;

3 As 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.**

Satan absolutely cannot stand unity. He hates unity. Satan wants arguments and criticism and anger, and then even murder if he can **confuse and deceive** anyone to go that far. That's why Satan's religious spirits are always trying to cause strife and division and arguments (through us) about doctrine. We should therefore allow one-another patience and space to come to the truth, without judging one-another. Not forcing our own beliefs on others. Presenting the truth but not forcing it. As soon as we try to force our will—on someone else—an evil spirit has stepped in to help. The Holy Spirit does not work this way. Religious spirits attempt to feed us leaven, that will appeal to our carnal nature. It's very easy to be evil, if we choose the easy road. Evil comes natural to us in this world—**we have demonic help and encouragement,** to be this way. Fornication, immorality, and sexual sin is very easy. Lust of every kind is very easy to walk in. Even what we think is good is just filthy rags to God. **If we are doing these things,** the kingdom of darkness have legal right to torment us, because we've agreed with their "leaven" or false doctrine—and are **obeying** their nature and character. Living in lasciviousness. License to sin. Grace is not license to sin. It is power over sin.

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

We must resist the devil (his works) and our worldly nature. Resisting the fallen nature is not easy. Resisting the lures and temptations of the world is not easy. This world is so short and

temporary. **We are just passing through**, and so if we let this into our hearts—and if **this** is what we believe, **it becomes easier** to walk in the truth. To deny the world and to walk in **newness** of life. **An eternal life in a place of eternal joy.** Not a temporary life in a corrupt, evil, fallen world. Recognise the truth. It will save your soul. It is a race. **We have an eternity in a far better world, if we let this one go.**

**Mark 8:36** **Isaiah 64:6** But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

**Romans 6:4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he **is** a new creation. The old **has** passed away. Behold, the new **has** come!

**Is** and **has** means **now**—already done—how we are to believe we **are** **now**

**Colossians 3:10** And **have** put on the new *man*, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:

**Love—denial of self, is not easy.** It is the truth though —allow the truth in. Have unity with one-another. Do not let a **spirit of sabotage**, sabotage your marriage, or family, or relationships. Because of idols. Love of this world. If one person wants to walk in the truth and one does not, these **sabotage spirits will use the differences to bring division, strife, resentment, distrust, hurt, rejection and betrayal.** Among many others. All of these are spirits that come in. A spirit of betrayal. A spirit of division etc. **we can cast them out by their names.** **As** we discern them at work in us. It is so wonderfully awesome to discover one at work and cast it out. More freedom. Less enslavement. Here a little there a little. Thank you Jesus for this blessing.

Coming into Jesus image. It is a blessing to **discern** a spirit of anger, or a spirit of division, or and spirit of sexual lust, or an accusing spirit at work. **Accusing spirits always cast blame on others.** They will help/cause you, to justify your own sin—so that you **cannot see** it. And then you **cannot hear** what the other person is trying to tell you—because the accusing spirit has **convinced you, that they are the one at fault.** If they love you and are trying to help you with the truth—you’ve just blocked them, and blocked the truth, and accused them, and persecuted them. For attempting to bring light. Because they’ve exposed a demonic presence that is killing, stealing and destroying your life and soul. You’ve sabotaged your own walk—or a spirit in you, has brought and manipulated you to do this. It covers their deceit and **blinds the victim** from the truth. It brings in confusion to both people. This is how Satan persecutes those who speak the truth and have the truth. He tries to isolate them, so that no-one will listen to them. Deliverance from these **accusing spirits** is Gods Love at work, helping in the process of sanctification(coming into Jesus image—out of Satan’s enslavement). Idols will ruin relationships, and bring in accusations and confusion and hurt and pain and betrayal to marriages, relationships, and steal joy, peace and every other good thing. Accusing one-another, rather than than working in unity and peace is very dangerous. If we each remain calm and at peace, we can discuss things with clarity and with The Lords help. He works in unity—if we walk in obedience to Love.

Religious spirits attempt to give us an easy way—**that doesn’t involve denying self.** More often attempting to cause us to strive in some way, to climb or **earn** our way into heaven, when in actual fact this is already given to us, by faith. As soon as we strive for this, then we’ve abandoned our faith in Jesus—fallen from grace. Striving is working. **Denying self is more of a sacrifice of our carnal nature—which crucifies it.** God can work through us then—no striving. This crucifies the lusts and desires and denies carnal pleasures. Satan knows this, and so he attempts to temp us into religiosity, to **give us a way out** of denying self. He wants us to do **anything but** sacrifice the flesh or our carnal nature/self. That’s what he uses religion to do, particularly **Satan attempts to get us back under the law.** Which is “another way”(fallen from



grace) that we can **strive** to be good enough. Our good works or goodness, are as filthy rags to God, and attempting to keep the law is futility. Grace frees us from both. Jesus paid the price and gave us grace—a gift. **Gods works** come through The Spirit as we deny ourself—walking in Love-with faith. If it's not the law or good works of the flesh, Satan will attempt to draw us into taking Gods grace, and abusing it. Using grace as a license to do anything—(“go on sinning, Gods grace is sufficient”) — Do we think God will accept this a our spiritual sacrifice? Acceptable and well pleasing?

**Ephesians 5** 1Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

**1 Peter 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are **built up** a **spiritual** house, an holy priesthood, **to offer up spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

{Deny self} !!!

If we use Gods grace as a **license** to sin wilfully, and live how we like —we fall from grace and evils spirits have a door in and so— can afflict us. Repentance is what brings us into Gods grace. Under grace, healing and deliverance can take place. Deny self, that is **the way**. We learn to deny sexual appetites and worldly lusts, and The Spirit will help us in this, as we can bear and overcome—immoral living will take us on the broad road with the many if we persist with no repentance. Grace is given for sin after repentance, not before. This is daily, repentance and grace, as sin is exposed or brought into the light. Fornication outside of marriage is considered by God immoral—modern traditions and doctrines can't change this—it's Gods Word. If there is still hardship and torment in our lives, that we do not understand, many times it is because we have “kept our idols” and are not walking **in** The Spirit, or not actually being obedient to Him. If we go our own way we are lost. The Holy Spirit leads us on the narrow way. It is very important to obey Him/His voice. He will not force us. He will help us to make correct decisions though.

**Hebrews 10:26** For **if we sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

**2 Thessalonians 2:10** He will use **every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction**, because **they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save** them.

**John 10** 1Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5And **a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him:** for they know not the voice of strangers.

Stepping away from the truth—another door. This is a very real danger, and **religious spirits attempt to block or stop us** from coming to the knowledge of the truth **by —tormenting** us with anger or offence or criticism—whenever Truth **challenges** leaven. If we **allow** the **anger**—we fall for their trick—and give power to the enemy. They want our agreement so that we **remain their servant and start division** amongst the brethren. They want to prevent what God loves. Unity. Let us not be Satan's servant obeying him. Religious spirits want to block us from receiving truth, and so they raise anger and offence **when we are being given** truth—**especially if it is coming against** false doctrine of any particular denomination. They use idols of religion, and idols of the world, to block us and to **separate** us. Strife and division is of Satan. Religious

spirits will cause a person to get very angry **if it's leaven is challenged(the deceptions a person wishes to hang on to, because it comforts them)**. Worldly spirits will cause us to get very angry if our lusts(particularly sexual and drug related)(both of these are false comforts) are challenged, or to be **denied**. Also arguments about the law(legalism)—there should be none because we are under grace. Legalistic spirits get very angry very quickly—watch out. **We learn to deny self and love the truth more than idols—it overcomes these spirits**. Self spirits will get angry if our pride and vanity is challenged. If we can **learn to** discern them, we can then overcome them and so save our souls, and clean up Gods temple—us.

**1 Corinthians 3**      16Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are**.

**Luke 12**      1In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy**. 2For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. 3Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

**Mark 8:15**      And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the **leaven** of the Pharisees, and of the **leaven** of Herod.

The leaven of the Pharisees is false doctrine and the leaven of Herod is the leaven of the world **The love of deceit** and **the love of this world** and it's ways and lusts—lasciviousness.

Lasciviousness is the license to go on sinning— living as others in the world and not as Jesus

Grace is not a license to sin—it is power to overcome sin—do not be deceived

Let the lust of this world go, and let the easy false path of vain religion and worldly lifestyle go—walk in truth.

**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**.

Fear God. Religious spirits are very, very, protective of any false doctrine held by any group or denomination. **They will raise up trouble(in ourselves- if we have leaven in us)** at any new truth that **challenges the leaven**. **If we have truth**—they will raise up trouble from others—against us— **who don't want to hear** it. They use people's love of religion and love of the world and lusts—to cause anger and strife. To stop the truth being accepted and **entering** hearts. They will form gangs(they'll gang up) if they have numbers of people in agreement. So, we need to watch out for religious spirits, and we can learn to spot them quite easily—because **they will rise up in people who have them**. **If we find ourselves angry and argumentative without proper control** then we can see and discern them in ourself. **Not to condemn us, but to allow us to resist them and cast them out**. **It is a victory to be able to see them at work—even if it is in ourself**. That will be one less evil spirit we have working to destroy us. Our awesome God has given us **grace** to repent and **power to cast them out**. Firstly love the truth—which is the **unchanging** word of God. Refuse/resist the devil(the anger) and he will flee from you(James 4:7). The Love of God, His mercy endures forever. The leaven will be **replaced with truth** and the spirit behind it will have no place—no legal ground to stay. It will have to leave—we command it to go. One less unclean spirit in Gods temple. From glory to glory.

**Luke 12**      6Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? 7But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

If we spot/discern them, we can then overcome and cast them out. If we become overly angry and offended **without** self control, we should assess why. And make an honest decision—because **it is eternally important to come to the knowledge of the truth**, and not to the knowledge of worthless religion. **Or remain** in the knowledge of worthless religion. **Outbursts of anger and offence will expose** religious spirits. They will act very self-righteous and will never agree with the truth. They absolutely love an argument. To steal peace. They could be in ourself, or in those that have them—around us. We can discern and see them this way (through arguments and contention), and this for our own good. We should deal with them. **We don't discern them to cast stones and point fingers and judge and accuse one another.** That's Satan's works. They are trying to pull us onto the broad way to destruction. They want dis-unity. We need **remain calm and hold our peace**—this **blocks** their power over our mind, will and emotions. It's a wonderful thing to discern a religious spirit in us—because, **we can then cast it out and move on** in The Truth. Vain religion binds, chains and veils the mind. It holds people in hopeless deception. The truth leads to God. **Our God wants us set free from the manipulation and control** of religious spirits and worldly spirits/idols. Don't let religion take you away from denying yourself. From love. **Denying self exposes these things** very, very, very effectively.

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

**John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**James 1** **26**If any man among you seem to be religious, and **bridleth not his tongue**, but **deceiveth his own heart**, this man's religion *is* vain. **27**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.

If we stop obeying these spirits **by coming out of agreement** with leaven, they then lose their power to **torment and sabotage** our lives, with anger and offence or critical unfounded thoughts/lies/accusations. It can be a battle to come out of agreement with false doctrine, because of these feelings and emotions (the angry feeling) that we are **manipulated** through. This feeling of anger can deceive us, if we believe it is us, and not a spirit **triggering** the anger. The best way to expose them, is to read God's Word and believe it, above any of man's teaching. Jesus church hasn't changed to suit the modern times. It should look the same as in acts. Remember God who is Love, does not manipulate our feelings and emotions. Evil spirits do, do this though. There is no manipulation of people in God's Love. Love has to come from the heart, **by its very nature it cannot be forced upon anyone**. Or it is not Love. And God's sons and daughters do not manipulate either—at least we are all **learning** not to manipulate one-another. **We cannot force anyone to believe**—we all have been given choice/free will by God. We must all **choose** for ourselves what is the truth, and what is leaven and false. Ask God for **discernment**, it is such a **wonderful awesome gift** of The Spirit. **There is a lot of manipulation in false religion. Watch out for manipulation through fear, intimidation and condemnation.** Watch out therefore for killing, stealing and destroying (Jesus children cannot possibly walk in these things). The tares might, but the **good seed** produce after its kind—after Jesus. The gospel is a gospel of grace and love. Satan designs vain religion to **manipulate and control** us all, **mostly through fear and intimidation (these things are suitable for the beast nature and come easily and naturally if we choose them)—we have demonic help to do these.** When we deny self though (**love**), **we have demonic resistance!!!** This is **why** the truth can be so much harder to walk in. There is great demonic resistance!!! Watch out therefore for fear and intimidation tactics—they are of the devil and false gods who masquerade as God. Demonic works—**opposite** of love. If it's not fear and intimidation—if that won't work—he will use lasciviousness—(license to sin), “just go on sinning” and live like the world. If not that then—**legalism**—back under **condemnation under law**. This will lead us to destruction—if we allow these things. **Many** are fooled and deceived.

**Matthew 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat:

The True God gives us all grace in our mistakes—he's a God of Love, not hate and intimidation or murder. **If we learn we have been walking down the broad road of many**—we can repent

and turn around and come to the truth. Don't be anxious and fearful, just repent. Turn around and go the other way. We have grace **so that we can repent** of sin. God certainly will send someone to tell each of us if we have idols or leaven. But we **must be ready to listen and hear** and not refuse to accept **what is true**. Or there is no helping us. **We love deceit** too much to be saved—if this is so. We love the world or religion too much. We love our old lusts and desires and pleasures too much. Be honest—Satan's nature is —to kill —to steal —and to destroy. Discern. **Take notice** of the nature of a demon and the nature of God. God is Love. Here's what God says to be like(Colossians 3). The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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

**Are we obeying Jesus?** Who is in us? {false gods and a false jesus will not behave this way}  
**{what spirits are working through our mortal bodies?}**  
{ we can learn to discern evil spirits working within us } —**look at the fruit of our own behaviour**.  
God **reveals** them to us, But we need eyes to **see**, then we can cast them out and walk in the truth  
When we get angry and argumentative— **God may be revealing** a spirit in us —to us —that shouldn't be there — it's not Christ.

We should be **able to** discuss differences without upset or strife or anger  
Let the **peace** of God **rule** in our hearts(Colossians 3:15)

We have to be **believing in** The One True God to be saved—that is obvious. All paths lead to hell except Jesus Christ who is the only way(He is the door). So the leaven has to go. So beware when anger rises up in us. When leaven is challenged—the spirit behind the leaven will rise up. It could be because you yourself are angry at hearing lies and deceit. Or it could be a religious spirit rising up in you, when the truth is presented— which is challenging false doctrine— (a spirit)attempting to keep you deceived. It could also be a spirit of the “love of the world(an idol) and it's lusts rising up in you. It is trying to block you from receiving the truth. It is protecting the idol you have. **It will cause you to turn against those who** give, and tell you the truth. It may cause you to be angry at them, resent them, or reject them, or betray them even. Even though they are walking in the love of God toward you. Speaking the truth. These spirits will implant false thoughts and **accusations** in your mind(which you will believe are your thoughts) about these people who are telling the truth, and you will be glad to believe all the lies, because **you want to believe the lies**. Because you love your idols. **If you accept the truth**, it means you will have to give up the idol. This is the danger of idols—**they block the truth** from entering.

**Galatians 5:20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Idols, the pleasure, or the doctrine, or the comfort, the sin —whatever it is. Because in the lies(idols), are all the comforts. So **the love of idols causes a hatred of the truth**. It's tied up to the love of this world. You will reject people that give you the truth, because you reject the truth, and don't like the truth. The idol is blocking you from the love of the truth. You want this life—you don't want to give it up. This is to help you see the truth, not to make you feel bad. We all do this. We all go through this. Few turn away from the idols, but many do not. Once we can see what is deceiving us, we can turn around. Praise our God. **Denying self** exposes these things and is the way of **new life** in Christ. So we need to love the truth more than man's traditions and doctrines —it will help keep us safe. It is a good thing to learn to love denying self and the world. We must love the truth more than the world. And we have to love the truth more than pleasure and comfort. There's only One Spirit we can trust, and He is partly described in (**James 3:17**). Anger and offence is not something God will manipulate us with. Satan's kingdom does that. **Demons—religious spirits, worldly love spirits(idols), act nothing like The Holy Spirit. Discern them** therefore, through their works. It will keep us all on the narrow way. Evil spirits want to separate us for all eternity from God. They are always angry and offended at the truth, they block people receiving and accepting the truth and are certainly not peaceable or easy to be

entreated. They are rude, controlling, and factious. Don't allow them to work **through** us. Or to work **amongst** us. We are all learning to allow **The** Holy Spirit to work through us.

**James 3:17** But the wisdom that is **from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

To win the battle we need to let go of falsehood of any kind **as** Gods reveals Truth to us. Watch out for anger and offence therefore. Coming to the knowledge of The Truth is a process, and **God is full of grace with this process.** Gods patience is relentless—He loves us so much. We must be ready to accept what is true though, and reject what we find to be leaven, or lasciviousness(continuing in wilful sin), or these spirits of vain religion and the world will remain **reigning** over us. Over our hearts. Causing us to behave like Satan—contentious. We do not want to behave like Satan. God has given us free will and choice, to make decisions— to see if we will choose Love, or choose the evil doctrine and false comforts and selfish desires and pleasures. **God wants to be our comfort first in everything,** then he can give us blessings—that won't have **rule** or **reign** over us. God won't force us, we have choice. God will not ask anyone to force you either. God wants to see what's really in our hearts. So we discard the leaven and lies, and false comforts and lusts. **We all have free will in this to choose.** To choose God—or doctrines of demons. Is it worth losing salvation because we refuse to **come to the understanding** that we need to **lose our old life-to gain our new?** Because we choose happiness in this world, rather than to suffer affliction?

**Mark 8:35** For **whosoever will save his life shall lose it;** but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Abraham came out of Egypt(the world) and suffered affliction(rather than the comfort of Egypt(the world) which he had enjoyed in Pharaohs house(Satan's house). He looked to eternal life with God. He had faith.

**Hebrews 11** **24**By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; **25****Choosing rather to suffer affliction with** the people of God, than to **enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;** **26**Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. **27**By faith he **forsook Egypt,** not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, **as seeing** him who is invisible.

**Ephesians 4** **1** therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, **2**With 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.**

{this is how Jesus walked and it is how He wants us each to walk}

Know that God is Love—know His nature through looking at Jesus—don't be led by a demon

**John 14:9** Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

God is Love and Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. **Sometimes it's obvious** when it is a demons doctrine. If it includes stealing(taking advantage of people), or killing/murdering, or destroying people or things and burning and raping, and abusing, then it is a demons/false doctrine(leaven). God is The Creator and Satan is a destroyer. God builds and Satan destroys. It really is not that hard to discern once you get this revelation in your heart. It is the subtle side of Satan that is more dangerous. The One True God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob does not force anyone. The One True God does not ask, nor **want any of us to force anyone** either. It is not our task to take away free will from people, when God Himself does not. We give people the gospel, and others choose to believe or not to believe. Jesus did not force anyone. Demons do though—they will bully and intimidate, in attempt to force their leaven and lies upon you. We **learn to discern the difference between** manipulation, fear and intimidation, and also license to go on wilfully in sin, — **and** LOVE—denial of self. The best way to see clearly —**look at Jesus. That's how Gods children behave.**

**Mark 10** 17And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.* 19Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. 20And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, **take up the cross**, and follow me. 22And he was sad at that saying, and **went away** grieved: **for he had great possessions.**

This man was a very good man—but he walked away from Jesus. Why? He could not bring himself to deny himself. Many, many, many do the same thing today. Jesus let him go. Jesus did not get angry—He allowed him his choice. Jesus told him the truth and let him choose. The man walked away because he clung on to this world. He remained carnal and did not treasure eternal life above this **temporal** life's comfort. That's how we know the Creator of Heaven and Earth. He gave us free will, He allows us all to choose. None of us can force our beliefs on others. Jesus allowed this man to make his own choice. False gods and demons manipulate and force and bully and steal and kill and destroy and burn and abuse. Religious spirits hate the truth. Spirits behind **idols of worldly living** hate the truth. Because we love comfort, they can deceive us. Because in deception— we are able to avoid needing to **deny self**. So denying self is what protects us, and keeps us on the right path. God gave us free will to choose and God does not change. God wants to see what is in our hearts, and if we are truly repentant, and if we will obey, and come into Jesus image, and out of Satan's image. God is the same yesterday, today and forever(Hebrews 13:8). We can present the truth, but it's up to each person to reject or receive it. Religious spirits try to block us accepting truth. **Let this knowledge in** and understand it. If we find ourselves getting angry, we should carefully asses the true reason why. It could be an evil spirit trying to block us **receiving the truth— (which is exactly what will set us free) of these spirits** power and manipulation **and torments.** They worm their way into our belief system and then bind our mind in false doctrine to blind us. They also **use** our wrong beliefs to bring us to continue in sin, because we think/believe it's what God accepts. Abusing Gods grace. God asks us to be Holy in all manner of living.

**1 Peter 1:15** but like as he who called you is holy, **be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living;**

If we get angry at a person presenting what is true to us, then we are in great danger. Because it is the truth that sets us free, not vain beliefs and comforts. **Therefore**, we need to **learn to discern** these things and **judge carefully**—it is very, very, dangerous to allow ourselves to be guided by our emotions and feelings. It is very easy for demonic spirits to work in our emotions and trigger them at will. They will use any dislike of truth—to trigger anger—it's easy for them if **idols we love** are challenged. They do it to cause us to blame and turn against other people who tell us the truth. To **accuse** them(**falsely**). **The deceptions we believe, gives them legal right to afflict** us—whilst blindly walking the broad road—*unless we come to* repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that **all should come to repentance.**

They afflict us with anger, resentment, offence, envy, and many many other types of afflictions. They can then afflict our minds with their false thoughts that are not ours, but are implanted—**against others.** Causing confusion, distrust, separation, and division. They want us to believe the lies which they can implant in our minds. Lies against those that love us. Sabotage spirits. Then we turn on those that love us —because we begin to believe these lies. Because we've given the enemy this power over us—in the deceits(agreement) we believe. We have given them a legal right to do this, because we **like** their leaven, false comforts, and sin, and are in **agreement** with them— so that we wilfully continue in deception(**but not knowing it**). We have

grace to help us to become holy—into Jesus image. If we get angry at the truth, then we also get angry at the person trying to help or give us the truth. **If we are angry** at them, **then** the serpent can inject its venom into the relationship. It destroys otherwise great relationships. Because when we become angry, we are then **ready to believe the accusations** of the serpent—that it will now begin to implant in the mind. Accusations, insinuations, fault finding, belittling, and even blaming them for judging or preaching at us. It is terribly destructive to close relationships because everything is so twisted and turned and corrupted by lies. The truth is lost. The victim is held captive in anger and deceit. The truth can't reach their heart. There is a veil of deceit veiling truth in this case. This then **causes** distrust, rejection, betrayal and many other things. Based on lies, deceit and feelings and emotions. This is the power of the enemy over the flesh. **Deny self.** So important. Resist idols, and cast them out, or they will ruin your life. God does not manipulate, but His Word does not change **for us.** Let the **truth** of Gods Word **reign** in our hearts.

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

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to** seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (KJV)

**1 Timothy 4:1** The Spirit clearly says that in later times **some will abandon** the faith and **follow** deceiving spirits and **things taught by demons.** (NIV)

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**Luke 4:41** And **devils also came out of many**, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

**We so often may not know we have deception and it is easy in this situation to have a lying spirit working through ourself.** Because we **believe what we are saying.** We can all be **used** this way, and our walk is one of being **used** less and less by Satan. So **we always remain teachable** and open to receive truth, when Gods Word reveals it. We don't become contentious with one another—we **help** one-another to escape falsity and lies and deception. If we remain **calm** and open to the truth, we can easily discuss and come to agreement about what is false and what is not. Religious spirits will try to prevent calm discussion — we learn to discern them—**through contentious behaviour.** We should be behaving in a manner of peace. The Word is our Rock and our foundation. We encourage, edify, lift, and help bring light. We allow The Holy Spirit to work amongst us, and in us, and through us. We commit discussions about differences to God, through prayer, and let Him guide us to the truth. We **refuse to argue and become factious.** We resist Satan. We allow The Holy Spirit to work **through** us to bring truth. If we remain in unity, He can. If we can't agree, it's better to walk away and agree to disagree. Remember, **religious spirits won't allow this calm discussion.** **Discern them** destroying unity and **preventing peace.** Pray for one another. Pray God reveals truth to us. We do not have to hate one another if we can't agree. Stay in peace. It is not worth getting caught and snared by a factious spirit. We should pray for people who are contentious. But avoid them if necessary. It is impossible to win an argument, or get agreement, or convince someone, who has a religious spirit working in them/blocking the truth. It is foolish to try. It is a trap that is set, to take you down from your own peace in Jesus. I cannot stress this enough, especially don't argue doctrine with religious spirits which are working in a person. Give truth, but don't enter into arguments and contention. Avoid strife. Walk away from contention every time. These spirits want to enter and work through **you** as well. They spread and want to infect more and more people in their contention. Don't join in the strife! It's a trap of the Devil. God is not a God of strife or contention.

Satan is a "god of strife—the god of this world". The Word tells us Elders of the church may need to remove factious people if they persist in causing strife. Demonic works cannot be allowed to dominate over peace and unity. Or the contention will just keep spreading. These spirits will cause others to enter also into contention. Bad fruit. It spreads—the contentious

spirits infect others. Then more brethren become contentious. Let the **peace** of God **rule** in our hearts. By their fruit you will know them. Protect the flock. We should not allow it to continue. We should all pay attention to our own fruit. **Tares** do not produce good fruit. By our fruit, God will **know** us. Being a tare is a terrible thing. If tares have grown up in our personal garden we can repent and cast them out. I say this hoping for us all to be honest and to recognise if we are indeed of the seed of Jesus Christ. A seed produces —after its kind. What is our fruit?

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

**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 6:12** 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*.

**2 Timothy 2:25** In meekness **instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will **give them** repentance to the **acknowledging of** the truth;

**1 Corinthians 1:18** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish **foolishness**; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 13** **24**Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: **25**But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among** the wheat, and went his way. **26**But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. **27**So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? **28**He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? **29**But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **30****Let both grow together until 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.

These spirits are among us, and we prove if we are a tare or good seed. By the fact of whether we like **unity** or **contention**. Satan sows tares **among** the wheat and we should all make sure that we are not one his tares. Therefore I suggest we **do not walk in contention**. Walk away from it, and **do not take part in it**, by joining in. Don't feel condemned, **we have grace** to repent **if we get caught up in it**. That's what the walk is about. Coming out of being a servant of Satan. **Coming** into the knowledge of The Truth. The Holy Spirit has come to help us and lead us and comfort us. Who are we obeying—be very **honest** with **yourself**. Anger and offence is a big sign in revealing to **ourselves**—whom we follow. **If we think christians can't have a demon, then none of this will make sense to us**. But they do work through us, and manifest their nature through us. They cause us to behave like them. Just as The Holy Spirit wants to manifest Jesus nature through us—so that we behave like Jesus. **We choose** whom to obey.

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

The truth is, Jesus cast demons/evil spirits out and so did His disciples, and others have done it right up to the present day. Of course **repentance comes before** deliverance—it's not as simple as just casting them out. **Repentance comes first**—true repentance. It is up to each of us to accept this, or to not accept it. Religious spirits certainly do not want us to accept this. The choice is yours though. It's all shown to us in The Word of God. If we humble ourselves, and take note that Satan works through lies and deceit—we will know **he will react** to the truth being told to us. **Offence**(a spirit)will rise up—that's a religious spirit at work—blocking the truth from entering our hearts. So when we hear the truth and find ourselves becoming angry and offended, then we, **if we learn to discern**, can recognise evil spirits at work **in us** or **around us**. It is so important to understand this—the tares are contentious(a spirit of contention). I say these things for all our



sakes, because **if we see this in ourselves, we can resist and cast these spirits out** and so then be **able** to walk in **peace**. Especially religious spirits who are present in churches/denominations, **seducing** people to get upset/offended at any new truth, and upset **AT anyone who brings new truth**, —that upsets any of the false doctrine or leaven that might be present in that particular group or denomination. It only takes a little leaven to leaven the whole lump so we need to remain vigilant. We should refuse these spirits **reigning** among us—in The Spirit of Love. These spirits are generally very pushy and demanding and manipulative. Very quick to shut the truth down. Unity is a good sign of their absence. Contention should alert us that the enemy is at work and present amongst us. Whenever contention rises, we should **keep our peace and not get drawn** into it. There's no shame if we have them ourselves—but we learn to resist. **We learn to walk in unity**. **It's part of the walk and part of being transformed**—getting the enemy out of the temple. Religious spirits protect the special leaven of each denomination or gathering. We follow The Spirit, not man's doctrine. We are all **learning to allow The Spirit to guide us** —**out of** false doctrine. We **train our ears** to discern what is of The Spirit. And what is Truth. It is absolutely vital and completely necessary. There's is no Love(**The Holy Spirit withdraws**) where there is contention. The Holy Spirit works through Love and unity. One mind, The Spirit.

**Hebrews 3:15** While it is said, To day **if ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

**Jeremiah 51:45** My people, **go ye out of the midst of her**, and **deliver ye every man his soul** from the fierce anger of the LORD.

**Galatians 5** **7**Ye did run well; **who did hinder** you that ye should not obey the truth? **8**This persuasion *cometh* **not of him** that calleth you. **9**A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

**Religious spirits like scripture** being used when it has been twisted and turned into vain religion and mis-used. Religious spirits love using scripture! They loving using scripture to twist Gods intentions, and to suit our carnality. Whatever suits the self nature—the old creation, or evil nature of fallen man, which is corrupted by Satan. A way to **not** deny yourself. That's the temptation! The truth will always **challenge our carnal nature** and Satan **uses this** to draw us to vain religion and to love of the world and it's **multitude** of idols. **Because coming against the carnal nature(denying self)** is very uncomfortable. Some(**even many**) would rather get angry at the thought of it, than accept that this is true. They would **rather find excuses and ways out of denying self—vain religion provides really easy ways to do this**. This is why anger rises at the truth—the truth destroys the easy excuses—and makes people angry. **It strips the religious spirit's deceits away and it gets angry and then that anger comes out through the people that they are in**. Discernment is very important. Pray and ask God **fervently** for this **gift of discernment**. **Our safety is not in what many believe, and what is popular**. Our safety only lies in what is Truth. Be sure to let God's Word be your guide. Traditions so often are made to make things false but easy for the flesh. Another way.

**1 Corinthians 5** **6**Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that **a little** leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **7****Purge out therefore** the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are **unleavened**. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **8**Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of **malice and wickedness**; but with the unleavened **bread of sincerity and truth**.

**Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross**, and **follow** me.

**Luke 14:27** And **whosoever doth not bear his cross**, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Matthew 13:15** For the hearts of these people are hardened, and **their ears cannot** hear, and they have closed their eyes--so their **eyes cannot see**, and **their ears cannot** hear, and their hearts **cannot understand**, and they **cannot turn to me** and **let me heal them.'**

These things are **not easy to hear** for our old nature. This is why it needs to be said so many times, over and over. In the hope that we can all receive—that we need deny self—**that it may enter the heart.** That we can turn to Jesus and be healed. Because we turn to Jesus through love, and love **is** to deny ones self, and serve one another. If we ask God for something good and according to His will, I'm sure He will answer. **Ask** for your new heart that God has promised, and that He remove the stony hardened heart. Ask!!! It will help bear **good** fruit.

**Ezekiel 36:26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

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

The truth can be hard to bear, but it must be told. Jesus Himself said these things, He did not shun to speak the truth. We cannot always preach what sounds good to the ears. The Truth is what harms Satan's kingdom. The truth is we have GRACE, to win this war against Satan and our flesh. **Again and again and again**, to break the shackles of a lifetime of deceit and indoctrination—We want to shine Light on Satan's kingdom, and **force him up** to appear to our discernment—and **so when we discern anger**, when we have no real reason to be angry, we've just made or forced him to appear, **to our spiritual eyes.** **Denying ourself and idols** is what forces Satan into the open. When we deny ourself(the anger) we so then need to resist it—(that is **denying self**). That is resisting evil. Evil is therefore exposed and resisted. Then it can be cast out. Satan resists us through our natural or carnal nature—raising up anger at the truth—manipulating our emotions and feelings. But if we love The Truth(and resist)—his anger **exposes** him **when** it rises in us— and so then, we can resist and overcome him. This works the same for other sin as well—not just anger. **Resisting evil—is denying self.** Denying self is also denying Satan power over us. Denying self, denies idols. The Way. Therefore anger or offence **is able to reveal** Satan's kingdom at work in us—**especially as we learn** to resist. It is also in the same way, able to expose false doctrine. **These spirits don't get angry at leaven(they love religiosity)**—they get angry at the truth. **The truth will light these religious spirits up like a light globe(they all rise up and cause contention and separation).** **Watch for it** and begin to discern them. **When they light up(arguments)** it very well could be they are trying to block the truth. Sometimes, when we get angry, it may be because **there is truth challenging these spirits places of false comfort**—idols in our heart. **When we learn to discern** this—they are no longer hidden in the shadow or darkness. We then refuse the anger, overcome it, and cast the spirit out. We refuse to enter into contention, because **we now know better!!!** We are then free to walk in The Truth—**without** being offended. Unity in Jesus True Church. Jesus True Church does not walk in contention. That's a sign we should discern. If there is contention, we can repent, resist and then walk in unity. **Then** The Holy Spirit begins to work, praise God and thank-you Jesus. We **each and every** one of us, are to be led by The Spirit of God.

**Matthew 11** **2**Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, **3**And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? **4**Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: **5**The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. **6**And blessed is *he*, **whosoever shall not be offended in me.**

John the Baptist, who after preparing the way before The Lord, was shut up in prison. Satan also shuts many of us up, in a spiritual prison. Very often the prison of the carnal mind and what we believe through false doctrine, and pretence love of the world, and sin, and iniquity. Many times Satan will attempt to cause us to be offended at Jesus, or at God, for the situations we find ourselves in. **The situations we find ourselves in, are specially designed by God to**

**expose Satan in our lives if we walk according to the truth.** God **uses** Satan to **expose** sin to us—so we can **see** it, and so then turn from it. **Being obedient to love one-another** is what exposes Satan and brings victory. **Denying self is being obedient to love.** Denying self is denying Satan's kingdom. If we obey (**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**) we are on the right path to do this. Also **Colossians 3** —if we **DO** these things(actualy **discipline** ourself to **walk** in them)— it will **expose** Satan. Once we can **see(discern)**, we can conquer his evil kingdom.

**Love**

**Denial of self**

**Love**

**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. 14And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

**LOVE— {doing this is DENYING YOURSELF } {it is putting others above yourself}. —LOVE**  
**Deny yourself pick up your cross and follow me**  
**Watch that religion does not steal or alter this**

**It will bring Satan's spirits and works, right up to the surface where they are manifest to us,** that we have **something resisting** us. When we find ourselves offended, we must realise **our need to overcome** Satan's lies. We are learning to trust God **despite** our circumstances. Our circumstances will expose Satan **if we walk correctly** and overcome anything that is not Love. These are trials and tribulations and are normal. So we do not become discouraged. This proves who we believe and trust. Love can really only **be tested** through adversity. **God uses adversity(our circumstances)** to not only **expose Satan and evil spirits in us,** but also **to test if we will choose love** over evil. **Unity or contention.** God uses all things for the good of those who love/trust him and are called according to His purpose. We must trust that when we obey love, God will work it out for the good—no matter how adverse our circumstances may be. We really need to **TRUST.** If we believe this we can move on and overcome—each trial.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that **love God,** to them **who are the called** according to *his* purpose.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them,* because **they are spiritually discerned.**

**James 4** 5Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The **spirit that dwelleth in us** lusteth to envy? 6But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The truth will **spiritually** crucify the old nature, and **who likes being crucified?** None of us. When we hear The Truth, religious spirits will resist it, and will cause anger and offence to rise in us—if we have **accepted false doctrine in the past especially.** **They don't want to lose their house** or dwelling place—which is in you. That's where they like to live, they are most comfortable in us. But they will even settle for pigs if they have to.

**Luke 8:33** Then went the devils **out of the man,** and **entered into the swine:** and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

**2 Peter 2:22** But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

If we are washed of sin and then return to it, we ourselves are likened to a pig going back to the mud after being washed. When we **repent** of sin and cast demons out, but then return to sin with no true repentance, **they will return and with more.** We are like a house for spirits —it is part of the curse. Sin **lets them in** the door of the house. Then they **dwelt** there. **Until** we close the door(**repent**). If we close the door, but then go back and open it(the pigs going back to the mud)—the evil spirits will return to their house(us). With seven more wicked than the first. Mud is dirty water(leaven)—we want the clean water of The Word. **We have grace**— to close the doors. We do not want to wallow in leaven and mud and vain religious comforts. Deny self.

**Proverbs 25:26** A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is* as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

**James 3** 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

If we turn back to sin, **even more come and afflict us**. Praise God and hallelujah!!! It is Gods way of bringing us to **true repentance**. The **added affliction** drives us to true repentance. It is Gods Love. God is really, really wanting to bring us to cry out to Him (in our affliction), so that He can save us **from** our affliction—**without** pride or ego **being part of** the victory. **When we cry out** to God in our affliction— for mercy—in despair even—there is **no place for pride to be part** of it—and God hears us and helps. If we read **Psalm 107** and **truly understand** what God is trying to do for us—how he uses Satan, and affliction, and the tormentors,— to **bring us to call out to Him**. He brings us closer this way. Where pride has no place. In this situation we really call out in Spirit and in Truth. If we refuse to deny ourself—**there will rarely be a need** to call out to God **because of a lack of** affliction. Affliction comes through denying self and picking up the cross and following Jesus. **Walking with love of the world and love of vain religion will block the affliction—WE ALL NEED!!!**

**James 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and **he will draw nigh to you**. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts**, ye double minded.

**Matthew 12** 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will **return into my house** from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself **seven other spirits more wicked** than himself, and they **enter in** and **dwell** there: and the **last state of that man is worse** than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

We see this has all happened before and things are written for our learning and admonition

If we open the door again to them—meaning go back to the same sin that we've just let go of they come back & afflict us more—we can repent—we have grace—the affliction brings us to God

### **Psalm 107**

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.  
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD **say so**, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;  
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.  
4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.  
5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.  
6 Then **they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses**.  
7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.  
8 Oh **that men would praise** the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!  
9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.  
10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, **being bound in affliction** and iron;  
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:  
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.  
13 Then **they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses**.  
14 He **brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder**.  
15 Oh that *men* would **praise** the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!  
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.  
17 **Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted**.  
18 Their **soul abhorreth** all manner of meat; and **they draw near unto the gates of death**.  
19 Then **they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses**.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and **delivered them** from their destructions.

21 Oh that *men* would **praise** the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them **sacrifice** the sacrifices **of thanksgiving, and declare** his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: **their soul is melted because of trouble.**

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

28 **Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.**

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that *men* would **praise** the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 **Again,** they are minished and **brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.**

40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and **causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.**

41 **Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction,** and maketh *him* families like a flock.

42 **The righteous shall see it,** and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 **Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,** **even they** shall **understand** the **lovingkindness** of the LORD.

#### **See Gods love in the affliction**

This cycle of affliction and oppression is normal, to bring us to call upon God, —with none of our own works getting in the way. **We cry** out to The Lord, and **He** saves us. No pride in this!

***We see and understand Gods mercy and loving kindness and His ways are not our ways***

*Afflictions bring us to call out to God—don't despise the chastisement of God*

*It brings us back to him*

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

**Isaiah 55** **6** **Seek** ye the LORD while he may be found, **call ye** upon him while he is near:

**7** Let the **wicked forsake his way,** and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him **return unto the LORD,** and he **will have mercy upon him;** and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**8** For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* **your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**

**9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways higher than your ways,** and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We must not be **led** about by our **feelings and emotions (becoming angry or critical),** or we can be **blocked by these mind control spirits (religious spirits)** from accepting the truth. We cannot make decisions based on how we feel. We are blocked from truth, if we just go along with these emotions and let them **rule** over us—and **rule over the way we treat others** (it will lead you into deceits of the enemy). If we let our feelings rule over us, we will just become angry at the person who may be challenging leaven or deception. And we won't see God at work bringing Satan to the surface—**unless** we **resist the anger** and **then** listen and hear and **discern.**

Remember the anger, or **despising the person** can be a tell tale sign of a religious spirit or other spirit—blocking truth from entering our heart. Religious spirits **despise anyone that speaks the truth and is anointed of God.** They can therefore cause you to **despise** what God wants you to hear because of stubbornness and rebellion. **Wanting to live for this world** instead of for Jesus, and Jesus body. **The truth can be very hard to bear(because of the resistance of these spirits)** but the **affliction** it brings(despising, hatred, anger etc), **exposes** Satan's whole kingdom(they can't help getting angry). These evil spirits must resist the truth—that's their assignment—so **watch for the resistance** and try to discern it. **Ask God for discernment** every day! **If we resist all** anger and offence, and critical thoughts and accusing thoughts, and faction and arguments—**we will do well at overcoming** these spirits. **Bit by bit** as The Lord walks us each through our sanctification. Cleaning the temple of God. **All this is foolishness to the world,** and to **worldly christians,** who can not discern spiritual things(nor want to because they love this world and love pleasing the carnal beast nature more than God). I say this **hoping to help some see** the awful, dreadful trap, the net, the snare, the pit. Deny self!!! We can discern spiritual things though, if we indeed have The Holy Spirit, and are **willing** to be taught by Him. If we ask God to show us the truth, if we have any doubts about anything, and are ready to **listen** and to learn, He will certainly reveal these things. Directly, or **through** another person. Remember God is teaching us about the spiritual kingdom and how **That** Kingdom works. It may not make a lot of sense to the carnal mind in a physical way. These things are spiritual. We need to **remain teachable.** We are now **alive to Gods kingdom** and dead to this world. We don't believe just anything, we check the scripture as the Bereans(acts 17:11). We are being taught to walk in the spiritual realm—by faith.

**Ecclesiastes 4:13** Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

Understand **affliction brings us to call out** to God **without the involvement of our own works.** Because we call out to God out of desperation(affliction), and not out of any form of self achievement that we may otherwise like to attribute to ourself. It's Gods Way of delivering us whilst **protecting** us from pride. It **destroys self-righteousness.** Praise God!!! So it seems **affliction is a normal and necessary** part of our walk. Best not to avoid denying self then. Because denying self will bring affliction **to the flesh nature.** It is The Way. Apostle Paul went through the same. This should help us rest assured, in times of affliction and tribulation. We know it it bring us eventually to call out to God. It will draw us closer to God, in the end.

**2 Corinthians 2:4** For **out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you** with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

**We are in the age of grace** and we have The Comforter. We are blessed. Jesus **sent** The Comforter. He gave us grace. And **oppression and affliction cause** us to cry out to God, so that we **overcome in His** strength, and **not our own.** This is when God is always ready to help us. We see this in psalm 107 very clearly. In so doing, self righteousness is not possible. Praise God for His loving kindness and goodness to the children of men. Afflictions help us to cry out to God **in Spirit and in Truth.** So **even the tormentors drive us to God.** Unlike in the Old Testament, we now **DO** have a Comforter. We have grace and power and help, to overcome.

**Ecclesiastes 4:1** So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and **they had no comforter**; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; **but they had no comforter.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:13** Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, **who will no more be admonished.**

**Revelation 1:6** And **hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**1 Peter 2:9** But *ye are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should **shew forth the praises of him who hath called you** out of darkness into his marvellous light:

**1 Corinthians 2:14** The person without the Spirit **does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God** but considers them foolishness, and **cannot understand them** because they are discerned only **through the Spirit**. (NIV)

**1 Corinthians 3** **16**Know ye not that **ye are the temple** of God, and *that* **the Spirit of God dwelleth** in you? **17**If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are. **18**Let no man deceive himself. If **any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world**, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

**19**For the wisdom of **this world** is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. **20**And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. **21**Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; **22**Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; **23**And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

**1 Corinthians 3:2** 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.

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

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

**11**For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

**12**To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: **yet they would not hear**.

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

**14**Wherefore **hear** the word of the LORD, ye **scornful** men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

**15**Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: **for we have made lies our refuge**, and under falsehood **have we hid ourselves**:

**Denial of self in this world for eternal life.** Even though The Truth May be hard to bear, it is foolish to allow pride and anger to rule over us concerning it. **Scorning at the truth** because it does not suit us **here and now** in these flesh bodies. **If we resist** scorning and scoffing, and **allow our ears to hear**, we will discover and discern the religious spirits behind it. Satan and religious spirits **scorn** at the truth. Idols and spirits of “love of this world” will **scorn and scoff** at truth too. How do these spirits have this power to cause us to react this way? We give them legal right by **what we choose to love** —more than we love The Truth. This is temptation for all of us, and we can all be used in **whichever idols** we’ve kept. Evil spirits use our idolatry to destroy Gods people, from the top down **or** from the bottom up. Deceived shepherds, pastors, preachers, brethren, in whom **these spirits have taken up residence(dwell)**. This is why we must make The Holy Spirit our Head. He’s the only One who can keep us each **individually** in the truth. We have all come from this place of idolatry. **But** we can also **all learn** to walk in The Light(the Word) as He is in The Light. The truth—(deny self, -love)—(deny idols), Pick up cross. Follow Jesus. **May truth break through** all deception and darkness, and set The Lords children into liberty and out of bondage(**of sin and idols**) — that **cause us to hate** the truth. Remember, many go the broad way. Few find the narrow way. I say out of compassion, let in the truth. We each need to bear fruit. Good fruit. And more fruit, and more fruit and more fruit. Out of The Love of The Father, I say contention is the wrong fruit. **We have grace to turn around**, if we are snared in this evil devise. We have all been snared by this, but we can turn away from it. God will **purge** out the idols and contention, as we walk in The Light, in Love, so that we are able to produce even more good fruit. God hates contention among His sons and daughters.

**John 15:2** Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish,** but that **all should come to repentance.**

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**Ezekiel 34** 1And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! **should not the shepherds feed the flocks?** 3Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock. 4The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. 5And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*. 7Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 8As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; 9Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; **10Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand,** and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for **I will deliver my flock from their mouth,** that they may not be meat for them.

We can all repent, all of us, if we let the truth in. We should pray for one another for light. These spirits will have us scorning(many) at the truth, if we allow them to work through us. They will have us arguing with one another too. The evil spirits/devils/demons — This is their goal—to destroy unity. They will have us scorning at those whom God sends to tell us the truth, that will set us free from their control over our souls. They won't have us scorning and scoffing at heaven or falsity, no, they will have us scorning and scoffing at something that challenges false doctrines and traditions. Watch for it therefore. We resist anger and scoffing and contention—we are NOT in The Holy Spirit if we enter into these things. We want good fruit. So if we find ourselves scorning at what very well could be the truth, and offended, then we should pay attention—and make sure—that an evil spirit is not working or manifesting in us. Come out of vain religion. Come out of the world. The harlot and the beast. It can take a lot to overcome pride and love of the world, and flesh, and idols, we are in a war for our soul. Do we love God or the world? We all need space and time to come to the truth and take dominion over the flesh. It is The Truth that's sets us free. If we don't love the truth, then we will set up for ourselves a fake jesus, that suits all our idols. Jesus is The Word and Jesus is The Truth—we follow Jesus and deny ourself as He did. As Paul did. As Peter did. As Barnabas did. They **sacrificed their lives,** for eternal life with Jesus. Let us not be deceived. As we humble ourselves, we become stronger in this, we learn to resist anger, and scorn, and contention(Satan's works). We learn to be able to control our emotions and speak calmly, without getting contentious. We can calmly discuss differences in opinion and doctrine, without anger and offence. In a spirit of Love.

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**Jeremiah 17:5** Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.



We are all learning to be humble. We are **not forced to believe anyone**—we all have liberty to discern for our selves. We **choose** what to believe, because we have free will. It is foolish to put trust fully in a man. Eternal salvation is too important to entrust this to any man, who may have deception in **some areas** himself. We can all help each other, no matter what part of the body we are, if we stay humble and **keep our ears listening for The Spirit working through** each other. This is why God set up the church with different offices so that not one man would be left isolated making all the decisions for everyone. There should be back up from all these offices to keep each of us from slipping into false doctrine. We back each other up. Jesus church is not like the world system which operates like a pyramid structure. One man on top and everyone serving him. **In Jesus church, the higher one is,** the more of a servant to the rest, he becomes. This is one way to recognise Jesus church. The five offices are there to support each other through the gifts and guidance of The Holy Spirit. Who is **guiding us all** with the One mind. Working **together** to support each other. Unity in The Spirit.

**Ephesians 4** 11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12**For** the **perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying** of the body of Christ: 13**Till we all come in the unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

#### ***Important***

**Notice:—** it is **FOR** the **perfecting of the saints—FOR** THE **WORK OF MINISTRY.** TO BRING **UNITY** IN THE FAITH. TO THE FULNESS OF CHRIST. ELDERS AND THE FIVE OFFICES ARE THEREFORE **SERVING** THE REST OF THE BODY WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND. Raising up disciples to walk like Jesus walked and like Peter walked and John walked and Paul walked. Just like the church written in the bible in the book of Acts.

Gods shepherds and elders should re-read Ezekiel 34 with this in mind. SEE EZEKIEL 34 above.

It is **not to build an empire on earth** as much as it is to teach, train and equip Gods people to be disciples and take dominion over the enemy. Just as Jesus, and just as the early church.  
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. (Ezekiel 34)

**Mark 16** 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17And **these signs shall follow them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out 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 lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Luke 13:32** And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, **I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow,** and the third *day* I shall be perfected.

So for elders and leaders, according to God's Word, the real task at hand is to equip the saints to walk in power and authority, **just as Jesus trained and equipped his disciples.** It is upside down to the world system. **The leaders are the servants,** teaching the rest how to **become** servants. The wonderful world of **denying self and serving others** in Jesus Christ. Serving Jesus body. **To serve** the body and equip the saints to walk in signs, miracles and wonders. To equip the saints to desire and learn how to use **the gifts** of The Spirit. We should not let these things be **stolen** by the enemy. Satan comes to kill, **steal** and destroy. Jesus does not change. **He is still doing** these healings and signs, **through His body**—us. If Satan had known this would happen, he never would have crucified Jesus. These signs are for today and tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow. Jesus said that two thousand years ago. He did these things in His today. Jesus is now doing it in us. We are Jesus Body. Jesus still reigns on the Earth—**through** His saints, **us**—The Church. **Hallelujah,** praise Jesus Christ, all glory is His.

**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.

This is why it is very important to know The Word as completely as possible. The Holy Spirit always backs things up through The Word. Not through traditions and religious beliefs, but through The Word. It truly pays to listen to others, because God will speak to us, through others,

sometimes. **We listen, but then we make a choice, and discern**, if it is of The Spirit, or of Satan's leaven. **It is our own personal responsibility** to believe the truth. We don't blindly believe everything we're told. We discern carefully. We also **ask** God to show us if what we hear is true. God is our Comforter and teacher. But he uses man, us, to **help** in this, as a body.

**Isaiah 66:2** For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.* (KJV)

**Isaiah 66:2** All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. (ESV)

***Discern this:— Religious spirits get us worked up*** and angry and offended, and so then cause us to scorn—to **squash and stop the truth entering our own hearts**—or worse still—others hearts. They like to gang up on Gods anointed. Gang up on anyone who speaks truth and breaks off leaven. Contentious. It is so very important to get this into our hearts. **This(contention) stops many, many** people, in their walk with The Holy Spirit. I say it again, and again ***for good reason!*** They bring **faction and division and strife** between brethren. **We don't even realise we are being used** by Satan, just as Peter didn't. Satan used Peter, to stop Jesus going to His cross. **{notice Jesus was talking to Satan—using Peter(through Peter) to hinder and mis-lead Him}**. **Jesus was rebuking Satan, not Peter.** He wanted to give an easy false way to Jesus—tempting him to avoid what He came to do. Jesus had to go to the cross or we would all have no hope. We all need go to our cross too. A spiritual cross of denial of self.

**Mark 8:33** But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

***Let us help and encourage each other to go to our crosses. And to stay on our crosses. Denying self. The affliction —of denying self(love) brings us to call out to God. The cross brings us to call out to God.*** Even Jesus showed us this. Don't avoid affliction—glory in it.

**Matthew 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God,** why hast thou forsaken me?

**2 Corinthians 11:30** If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

2 Corinthians 11:30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness. ASV

Jesus showed us the way. Call out to God in our afflictions. **Denying self brings affliction.** **Affliction brings us to call out to God — with the absence of any self righteousness.** Meaning **Jesus is our righteousness.** We call out **in His name in Spirit and in Truth, when we are weak and afflicted.**

**Romans 10:13** For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Acts 2:21** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Jesus knew how to discern Satan. We discern Satan and his kingdom by discerning his works. Scorning, offence, strife, and anger are of Satan. Argument and division and critical and judgemental spirits. No love or peace, gentleness, or unity involved, which is how Jesus brethren **learn** (we are learning don't forget) to behave. If **we are unable to bridle** our tongues—beware! If **we** ourself are unable to control our emotions and remain in peace —beware! Satan should not be allowed to **rule** over our tongue or our emotions. **We must love** Jesus enough, The Truth enough, and learn to bridle our tongues and also not let our emotions be manipulated by Satan.

The tongue is an unruly beast. Resist anything that brings dis-unity. Everything should be sorted out in an orderly fashion. **Then** The Holy Spirit will be present and helping. Don't be fooled, God **does not work in or through** dis-unity or division. Or anger or un-forgiveness.

**1 Corinthians 14:40** 40Let **all** things be done decently and in order.

**2 Corinthians 12** 20For 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**:

**James 1:26** If any man among you seem to be **religious**, and **bridleth not his tongue**, but deceiveth his own heart, **this man's religion is vain**.

**Genesis 4:7** You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But **you must subdue it and be its master.**" (NLT)

**Romans 6:12** Therefore **do not let sin control your mortal body** so that you **obey** its desires.

**Romans 6:16** Do you not know that when you **offer yourselves as obedient slaves**, you are **slaves to the one you obey**, whether you are slaves to sin leading to death, or to obedience leading to righteousness?

If we are meek(we are learning), we are able to remain in control of our emotions and our tongue. We are learning to do this **with** The Holy Spirit. It is not easy at all for the carnal nature. But by this, we, **if**(and only if) we love the truth, **can discern and catch evil spirits** working in us — as Satan worked in Peter **without his knowing it**. **Notice, it was to stop Jesus going to His cross!!!** **Satan wants to stop us going to our cross, denying self. He wants to stop the truth. He wants us to stop others going to their cross too—by drawing them back into "the love of the world", and into diverse sin. If we don't deny him—we can't expose him in our own life. Lasciviousness.** Watch out therefore, for an **easy religious way**, that will stop us taking up our cross. Or an **easy comfortable worldly way**, to **prevent affliction of our soul** — that denying self will bring. Remember affliction will put us on the right path. Calling out to God, without pride or ego or self righteousness. It is the way to freedom **in Christ** and **by-passes** self effort. Self effort-self-righteousness, is not faith. **Affliction causes and brings us to call out in faith**—because **in** our weakness and infirmity—we have no other saviour.

**Matthew 16** 21From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that **he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things** of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22Then **Peter took him, and began to rebuke him**, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

{Jesus didn't listen to Peter, He went on to His cross—we follow Him}  
{our walk also includes **suffering as we deny ourselves and pick up our cross**}  
{that's why false doctrine/leaven is so dangerous—it offers an easier religious way}broad  
To **not deny** ourself—to **not pick up** our cross, and be **not afflicted**

**Hebrews 11:25** Choosing **rather to suffer affliction** with the people of God, **than to enjoy the pleasures** of sin for a season;

**Jeremiah 51:45** **My people**, go ye **out of** the midst of her, and **deliver ye every man his soul** from the fierce anger of the LORD.

**Satan will use ourself or others to stop each of us going to our spiritual cross**—denying self and picking up our cross and following Jesus. He uses religious spirits, and spirits of pleasure and comfort, and spirits of "esteeming mans approval" above Gods approval, and many others. What Peter said, even seemed quite reasonable in carnal, worldly thinking terms—that's how subtle Satan can be. Jesus was denying his flesh life though—not keeping it. Jesus was obeying

His Father and knew He had to lose His life—for our sakes. **God wants us to do the same** for others sakes—so **Jesus can live through** us. It was Gods will that He take up The Cross. **It is Gods will we take up our cross** too. Denying self is taking up our cross. **Love is** taking up our cross. Beware of scorning and scoffing at what is true—discern **if the enemy may be using us**, in the same way he tried to use Peter. To stop others taking up their cross and denying themselves. Scorning at the truth. Overcome pride and rebellion, it is the enemy at work in our old carnal nature. By faith we are a new creation/spiritual. Remember Peter later became a mighty man of God—he **repented—we all can—this is a message of hope(we can all be used this way by Satan)**. **We can all repent like Peter!!!** He learned and changed and came to the knowledge of the truth. We have the same grace. Don't feel condemned, simply repent, as we realise what's been happening and how Satan tries to keep us bound and chained. Denial of self is the path to freedom. It **exposes the idols** we still may have—hallelujah :) **It brings affliction, and affliction brings us to call out to God in Spirit and in Truth.** This sets us free!!!  
Our spiritual crucifixion sets us free from self, to walk with God.

**John 4** 23But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

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

**Denying self will certainly humble us**— try it!!!—it won't fail to bring affliction—it is The Way.  
**What is it to deny self?**

Start by obeying (**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**), (**Colossians 3:12-14**) and (**Ephesians 4:32**)  
It is not confusing. **It brings the affliction we need**—The Spirit can work with us now  
To call out to God **in Spirit and in Truth**

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

**Colossians 3** 12Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; 13forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: 14and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.

**Ephesians 4:32** 32And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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If we are humble, we do not need to argue and scorn. We can hold our peace **because we have control** over our mind, will, and emotions. **We can CHOOSE to calmly discuss any problem we might have with what we are being taught or told.** This way, **we have a chance to come to the knowledge** of the truth—even if we have resistance within ourselves—or from others. **BUT IF** we have a religious spirit at work in us—we probably won't be able to contain or control our actions or our feelings and emotions, — **OR OUR MOUTH!!!** A religious spirit will rise up in us, in anger and great offence. To protect false doctrine and heaven. **We learn to discern Satan's kingdom** in us. Working with other spirits— (**Satan's seed produces**) —**after His kind** —: pride, rebellion, rejection, hurt, critical, fault-finding, envy, fear, vanity, jealousy, intellectualism, ego, superiority, self-righteousness, self-justification, traditions of man, rituals, mockery, belittling, competition, gossip, slander, haughtiness, self-delusion, and rationalisation, hurt emotions, unforgiveness, manipulation, control and intimidation, un-controllable tongue, un-controlled behaviour, un-controllable emotions, evil thoughts(implanted) toward others, etc. We need to

overcome this pride and cast these spirits out, in the name of Jesus. We need to discern them, and **not allow** them to work **through** us. We do not want to **grow up into** a tare or thorn, in **amongst** the wheat. **Choking** others. Not part of Jesus seed, which should produce **after its own kind-Jesus** The wheat and the tares grow up **together!**

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

**Matthew 13:28** **27**So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? **from whence then hath it tares?** **28**He said unto them, **An enemy hath done this.** The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? **29**But he said, **Nay: lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat** with them. **30****Let both grow together** until 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.

**Jude 1** **11**Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. **12**These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees **whose fruit withereth, without fruit**, twice dead, **plucked up** by the roots;

**Matthew 13** **22**He also that received seed **among the thorns** is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word**, and he becometh **unfruitful**. **23**But he that received seed into the good ground is he that **heareth** the word, and **understandeth it**; which also **beareth fruit**, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Denial of self. We need to acknowledge and love the truth enough—**firstly to recognise it**—or deception will control us, and our tongues, and actions, through religious and worldly spirits. Any lies or deceit that we have believed, the enemy will use to raise up anger and offence in us. Using our carnal weaknesses and nature against us. Manipulating our mind, will and emotions(our soul). **Idols. The love of this world and this life can be used to make us angry** — if someone tells us we need to **let it go**. The **cares of this world** or the **deceitfulness** of riches. The **pleasures** of the flesh also —can be **used**. Our emotions, feelings and pride and ego—are **used**. Thoughts implanted in our minds by the enemy—which we may think are our own —are **used**. **Accusing thoughts about those we love**, quiet often. It is a terrible thing to hate the very thing that can save us. Truth. Just for comfort and temporal pleasure in this world. **To avoid the affliction** that will save us, **if we endure to the end**. Just for this temporary life in the flesh. It is not worth it!!! **For The Love of God** —LET THIS LIFE GO!

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

It is a terrible thing to be led about by the carnal mind, rather than The Truth **Reasoning** against truth is foolish—the carnal mind does not understand the things of The Spirit. Being highly intellectual and educated(man's wisdom), is **not** an advantage, in understanding things of a spiritual kingdom- **all need** God. A spiritual teacher—The Holy Spirit. We really should be diligent to love the truth, rather than man's traditions and doctrine and **especially teachings** —that have made departure from The Word.

Idols

**Consider!** —if we **like** a lie or **prefer** deception—we will be led **easily** by the father of lies Understanding this is such a valuable thing for us—to keep us from the same fate of the Pharisees. They were very **offended** at The Truth—at Jesus.

Evil spirits attempt to seduce us from the truth—through the things we love —IDOLS.

**Luke 4** **24**And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. **25**But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; **26**But unto none of

them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a *city* of Sidon, unto a woman *that was* a widow. **27**And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. **28**And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, **29**And **rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.** **30**But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

{we see how **religious spirits** in the Pharisees made them angry—they wanted to murder Jesus}  
{ because the Pharisees wanted to be religious instead of acknowledging the truth }  
{So religious spirits **reigned** in and through them. To whom you obey is to whom you are servant}  
They behaved like Satan and wanted to murder Jesus—many times they were His **accusers** too, and many times they **conspired** against Him.

**Matthew 9** **32**As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. **33**And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. **34****But the Pharisees said,** He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

**1 Corinthians 10:11** **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.

**1 John 2:26** **26**These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that **seduce** you.

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

**Proverbs 4:23** **Keep thy heart** with all **diligence**; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** For the preaching of **the cross** is to them *that perish* **foolishness;** but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**John 8:32** And ye shall **know** the truth, and **the truth** shall make you free.

**Out of love, I say, love the truth, it is what will save your soul—love Jesus-the truth  
Recognise anger and offence for what it is**

Learn that denying self is love and love brings affliction, and affliction brings us to call out on God  
In Spirit and in Truth

**James 3** **1**My 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! **6**And 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. **7**For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: **8****But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.**

**Proverbs 6** **14****Frowardness is in his heart,** he deviseth mischief continually; **he soweth discord.**  
**15**Therefore shall his **calamity** come suddenly; **suddenly** shall he be broken without remedy.  
**16**These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:  
**17**A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,  
**18**An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,  
**19**A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth **discord** among brethren.

There is no condemnation in Christ. So happily we can overcome these things. Thank God for His grace. Overcoming pride is not an easy thing for us, and so we learn to abide in Jesus. What happens if we have evil spirits working against us/in us—what would we expect? We will scorn and scoff and become angry and offended with little control over the way we feel, and what comes out of our mouth. Until we overcome these spirits, BY OBEYING LOVE. Evidence of Satan's kingdom at work is—dis-unity and strife. Don't take part in it, don't obey these factious spirits, learn to resist. Where evil spirits are at work—there will be strife and division/discord—**which God hates. It can be hard to get truth past these spirits—to enter peoples hearts.** So we learn to discern—it will save our soul. We resist. It takes meekness and a humble heart to keep, or to hold our peace. Let peace rule in our hearts.

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

God knows we are not perfect, that's why we go through sanctification with The Holy Spirit, teaching and guiding and helping us. **We have grace as we learn** these things. God is patient with us. If we cannot control our self and our tongue—we can discern the enemy at work. Of course all this depends on how honest we are *in our hearts* about what is truth. **We still need to know what is a lie and what is deceit.** Know the Word. Know the genuine and accept The Word is Truth. If we know the genuine, we can recognise the false. **Ask** God for discernment of The Truth—then thank Him. Be open to receive what is true, but check The Word, to make sure. Be as the Bereans. We see both good seed and tares in acts17 (tares-(acts17 verse 13)). Have a readiness of mind for the truth and check The Word out if you have doubts. But there is no need to stir up strife, like Satan always will, always, whenever he is given license by us, to be used to cause contention. We are no longer his slave to use, we have grace to escape. No longer used to bring strife to intimidate, and scorn against anyone, that is bringing in the truth. We the few, should be able to keep our peace, able to listen, despite what the many are thinking, believing, and doing. Being in the many is no guarantee of being safe. If it is false teaching, we can simply not allow it, or receive it, or believe it. We have been given free will to choose love. Let Love be our guide always—Jesus—Deny self.

**Acts 17** 11These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12**Therefore many of them believed**; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. 13But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

We need to recognise, accept and acknowledge the truth when we are given it. It pays to be very, very, honest(regardless of whether we like it), lest deceit drag us away. **Remember** the truth will lead you to, yes to your cross where you do not really want to go. But need to.

Vain religion will lead you to an easy, comfortable, fake way with many

**1 Corinthians 3** 1And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. 2I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Remember the truth can be hard to bear for the old nature, so we can not allow ourselves to be led about by our feelings and emotions and comforts, or more importantly by pride!!! If the **truth** offends us, it is a chance to catch the enemy—he's been found out!!! He's found out **if** we resist offence. The feeling of offence can be like an alarm bell going off. Warning us!!! "Religious spirit!" "religious spirit!" "World loving spirit!" "Flesh loving spirit!" "Pleasing the flesh spirit!" "Finding comfort in sin spirit!" "I like pleasure more than truth Spirit!" "Idol", "idol", "idol" !!!

**Hebrews 11:1** 1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The Light is now shining upon the enemy. Denial of self exposes them. Love exposes them. Love is the denial of self for others. We can now discern the evil spirits and strip them of all power and authority over us. Faith **WITH** Works. We repent of false doctrine and vain religion. False comforts, and worldly comforts, and fleshly pleasures that draw us away. We can cast out these spirits now. We ask Jesus for help to overcome the pride or anger and He will help. If we **call** upon the name of The Lord—He will save us. He will help overcome the religious spirits of vain religion—whereby we can **command** them to go. Out lying Spirit! The **power** of The Holy Spirit **works through** The Truth. Through Love—denying self. We are justified by Jesus, and so Satan has no answer whatsoever, against the blood of Jesus, which was paid **for our redemption**. If he attempts to bring condemnation—stand in grace, and **tell him the blood of Jesus cleanses you from all sin**. Tell him **Jesus is your righteousness**. Satan has no answer to the blood of Jesus. None!!! We belong to Jesus now and **Jesus is infinitely stronger than Satan**. Jesus is our righteousness, so our failures are paid for by Him. As we walk **toward** our full sanctification. Our mistakes are covered **as we learn**—by **believing** we have grace. We endure to the end. The Truth is our Lord now. Jesus. **Once we repent** of **each** sin or fault, we have grace, to cast evil spirits out. From glory to glory.

**Colossians 1:23** If ye **continue** in the faith **grounded and settled**, and **be not moved away** from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**1 John 1:7** But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son** cleanseth us from all sin.

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

**Acts 2:21** And it shall come to pass, *that* **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord** shall be saved.

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

**Jude 1:18** How that they told you **there should be mockers in the last time**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

**John 21:17** 17He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**.

**Luke 6** 32For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for **sinner also love** those that love them. 33And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for **sinner also do even the same**. 34And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35But **love ye your enemies**, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is **kind unto the unthankful** and *to the evil*. 36Be ye therefore **merciful**, as your Father also is merciful.

Love — Deny Self — Brings affliction — Brings us to God — Salvation — The Narrow Way

### **Psalm 23**

1{A Psalm of David.} **The LORD is my shepherd**; I shall not want.

**2He** maketh me to lie down in green pastures: **he** leadeth me beside the still waters.

**3He** restoreth my soul: **he** leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.