

**Mark 7** 1Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. 2And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. 3For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands off, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. 4And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. 5Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

**1 Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

**2 Timothy 2** 20But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

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

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

Looking and appearing impressive to man, but God is looking at our thoughts, and the intents of our heart and attitude toward others. A vain outward show of smiles and nice words spoken outwardly does not impress God one bit. He is not fooled AT ALL! So why would any of us fool ourselves by this??? The very real danger of being caught up in religiosity. The traditions of the elders, of outward appearance and outward cleanliness(God looks at our heart). God sees everything that is going on within our hearts and minds. What we are really thinking. What is the point or purpose behind fooling men, when God is not fooled? It is a trick of Satan, using pride, to have us each seek men's approval rather than Gods. If we do this we can be manipulated by those same men, of whom we seek that approval. Because we care about what man thinks, rather than what God thinks, and so, we can be drawn into compromise to please men. Satan knows men can be fooled. So we shouldn't play religious games or put on a false facade for others. We only fool ourself. Facades don't work at all on God. We cannot fool Him with a show or with outward appearance.

**Luke 16:15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Religion—going about with great concern about outward appearance and impressing others with a pretentious show of the flesh and words. In truth, it doesn't matter so much what others think of us according to the show we put on for them. It matters what God thinks and sees going on, in truth, inside us. Religious behaviour will follow rules and traditions and make a good appearance to the world, but inside, hearts are unchanging. Such an attitude will always miss the whole point. Impressing others with a vain show of faked humility, and lovely smiles, and speech for a few hours at religious solemn events(church) will not clean the vessel on the

inside. If we do this we are fooling ourselves, in **just the same way** the Pharisees fooled themselves. Jesus spoke **many woes** to them. We definitely do not want to become like them, and so we must be careful to avoid the same behaviour and **temptations that religion offers today for comfort**. False, lying, deceitful, comfort. Satan's **religious tricks** simply will **not** do the work of sanctification. Washing physical cups and hands and other rituals do nothing to wash the corrupt fallen nature. Sanctification is the walk we do with The Holy Spirit, to become holy as He is Holy. By faith we are saved, and then as we **activate** that faith(in our **walk**), we are brought more and more into Jesus image. **Just** believing is not faith. Don't fall for the fate of the Pharisees. Our lives must change as we walk with God. Our lives **must** change. Faith is **active**, to the **changing of our nature, and character**, because we believe the precious promises of God and **then prove it, by** walking in them. Faith activates the promises that bring change to our nature and character. If we don't do this, **taking hold of** the promises, we will not be transformed. Our faith in fact will be dead faith. We can never work for, or earn salvation. But we can apply **Gods promises** by faith to change our character and nature into Jesus nature and character. By **trusting God in the** wilderness of the trials and tribulation. We **claim the promises**, by **active faith** as we learn to **actually walk** in love and **not** just talk about it. It is still Jesus works and glory this way, because we need just take hold of the promises through trusting God.

**James 2:17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not **accompanied** by action, is dead. (NIV)

**2 Peter 1** **3**According as his divine power hath **given unto us** all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4**Whereby are **given unto us** exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye **might be** partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped** the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Satan attempts to turn faith into a stagnant corrupt dead pool of sitting there in non working faith. A faith that's verbally claimed, but not acted upon. A dead faith. **Looking at and reading**, the precious promises, and **talking about them** and **verbally claiming** them, but never **taking hold** of them. (The Spirit flows through **true** faith). What could be worse than to end up like the Pharisees or Sadducees, with a dead faith? Faith flows through love, and The Holy Spirit flows through us, **through** love. We must learn to deny our self and **lift and help others** as we walk in The Spirit, **doing Gods** will and not our own. The Pharisees and Sadducees example, are there for **our example** and **admonition** upon whom the end of the age has come. They are a dire warning to us, if we end up falling for the same false useless religious behaviour, which so many, many, people and churches and religions have adopted. Why? Because **religious behaviour lets us off the pain** of learning to deny ourself. It gives us a way to not lay down our life and serve others. Religion is the easy way out, and satan will **offer it to you in whatever place** you wish to depart from the Word. Or where you wish to depart from the foundation that Jesus and the apostles set up. The church should look exactly like it does in the bible. It has not changed a jot or tittle. Doctrines of demons are everywhere today. I fear God enough to believe the bible over what men preach. It is not worth believing demons doctrines. Don't change Jesus church!!!

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

**2 Peter 1:19** We have also **a more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye **take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

We should flee **from those who add things or remove things from what was first preached by Jesus and the early church apostles, who's testimonies are in the Word of God**. A more sure **word** of prophecy(completely reliable and unchanging). Jesus(The Word) **does not** change. **If we follow a blind leader**, we all end up in **that same ditch**. We are told to be wise, the Word is Truth(**cling** to what is written and don't allow it to change). The things Jesus did, and the disciples and apostles did, are **the same things we can do** today. We should change none of it. If we say it's not for today, we deny Gods Word. If we believe we can't do

these things then, that is what we will get. The Word says let it be **according to your** faith. Don't let Satan and religion steal the benefits that Jesus died to give us. Why let Satan strip us of what Jesus died to give us? Why would we listen to such lies? If we don't believe we can do these things **then we can't** because we have no faith for it. It **requires faith** and so it **requires us to believe** the precious promises of God. Satan comes to steal, through false prophets and teachers that he has already deceived. He deceived them, and then **uses them to deceive everyone that listens** to them. **Let the Word** be your guide. Don't allow any man to lead you away from what Gods Word says. **Ask** God to give discernment, everyday. **Mark 16** says **these** signs shall follow those that believe. Let us **not allow** Satan to **steal** these things from us.

**Matthew 9:29** Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith** be it unto you.

**Mark 16** 14Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature. 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.**

**2 Peter 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and **bring upon themselves** swift destruction.

**Matthew 15** 12Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? 13But he answered and said, **Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.** 14Let them alone: they be **blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, **both shall fall** into the ditch.

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

**James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works **is dead** also.

The religious pharisees had no faith, they had rituals and they had traditions and they had many **unfortunate followers** listening to them and admiring them. **Remember**, these people believed and knew Gods word. They **thought** God was their God, they **didn't know** that **Satan was their god.** Religion is so very dangerous. They believed in God and believed they had faith. Their faith though, was dead. And **they were teaching others** who knew no better, **the same deceits Satan had fooled themselves** into believing. Whole seminaries were set up for the purpose to train up more of the same, teachers of the blind, of the Pharisee tradition. Educated in extra special "higher" knowledge of indoctrination and deceit. That's why they didn't recognise their own messiah when He came. They wanted to kill Him at the first opportunity. Religious people today also don't recognise Jesus **in His servants** when they see Him. They don't recognise His true prophets either, because they **prefer easy** things, and false prophetic words. Remember Jesus works through **servants**, and not through the high and mighty. People that are humble with a contrite heart. The **worldly religious people cannot recognise Jesus** in His sheep. Jesus **servants** are all humble. Jesus **servants, serve.** They **don't** Lord it over everyone, nor **manipulate nor control** Jesus sheep. They **serve.**

**Matthew 23:15** **Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him **twofold more** the **child of hell than yourselves.**

By their fruit you will know them. Jesus always had compassion on the sinner, but his rebukes against these religious people were very strong. Jesus hated religion. Because He knew it was leading its followers to hell. Jesus pronounced many woes on these leaders. Preaching about faith and love and grace means nothing until we go to the effort of walking in it. Denial of self and **servicing** Jesus, **servicing** His body.

**Matthew 23** 1Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for **they say, and do not.** 4For they bind **heavy burdens** and **grievous** to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they **themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.** 5But all their works they do for **to be seen of men:** they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. 11But **he that is greatest among you** shall be your **servant.** 12And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and **he that shall humble himself** shall be **exalted.**

So we need to learn **how to avoid** dead faith and awful religion. I pray Father, you open our eyes and unstop our ears, so we can let the truth enter our hearts. Thank-you Jesus. Knowing that faith works through The Holy Spirit, and The Spirit works through Love, we must learn to stop pretending, and **actually begin** to **obey** what God calls love. And then, **don't stop.**

LOVE GETTING ON THE CROSS DENYING SELF  
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Are we doing things to **appear** good and **impress** others? **Our God will bring us to do** these things from a pure heart, if we **stay on** the cross long enough. That's where **transformation** takes place. From fallen man, **into** Gods image. These things above, are what picking up the cross is. They are love and require denying your self. **Doing** them. Just **thinking** and **hearing** and **speaking** grandly about these things does no good, that's how religion works. That's how dead faith operates. That's the Pharisees. Preaching and talking about it can **seem** good, but for some reason **doing** it does not happen, in many, many lives. Because it is **hard** to do, it is **against** the selfish, prideful nature. That's the awful deceit of acting just like a Pharisee, and being **deceived by religious behaviour.** Hearers of the Word. If we are not **doing** these things, **we are just being distracted, misled, manipulated and misdirected by Satan's religions of many types and flavours, with dead faith. RELIGIOUS!!!** Religions fake gods, flavours and types, are so much more palatable and pleasing to fallen man, than denying our self of what we want, and actually **walking** in love. These demons who call themselves gods(different religions and denominations) are very deceptive **to those who want the easy fake way.** Surely **avoiding** the Truth is just foolish? Surely worshipping a demon will just lead to hell? Surely the Creator of Heaven and Earth is The God of Love? **Why then would we refuse to deny ourself** and walk in love? **Faith works through Love!!!** —not religion(religion is easy). Dead faith hears and talks about love. Until we **WALK** in Love we have dead faith!!! **Denial of self becomes very hard,** as others around us often take advantage of it. It will force us to learn to **become** humble or we simply can't do it. It humbles us. We will **need** help from Jesus, and so as we live in these things, it testifies to the great mystery that was hid from the ages before, but is now made **manifest**(or real) in **our very lives** in this time and age. The age of grace. The mystery **testifies** that **Christ is in** us, **enabling** us to live this way. Jesus gets the glory. You will

definitely need faith. Pride and rebellion will rage against us, **as** Satan's kingdom **resists**. He doesn't resist religion. He encourages religion, he loves it. He resists the truth. He doesn't resist hearing and talking about it. He resists us **when we** begin **doing** it. **It's all easy** and religious **until** we begin **doing** these things. **That's when** the Devil gets angry and resists us. So **be ready to stand and endure and overcome**. He **resists** the following.

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{**Each day** we do not compromise or make excuse, we continually battle to overcome in these}

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

So we come out of dead faith, and religion, into the truth. **In(actually doing)** the truth, we will **need** faith, and we will **need** to form a real **relationship** with Jesus. All of the selfish nature will rebel and rage against **doing** these things. But our faith will be activated through our obedience to stay on our cross, **doing** them, so our selfish nature can be crucified and humbled. In the world we are taught to climb up to the top and become great. In Gods kingdom we are taught to become low and serve, so that God can lift us up in due time. It's not the way we have learned to operate at all in this world. It seems foolish unless we begin to understand Gods ways. Obviously there is pain involved, but we can't afford to avoid it. It can be a lonely wilderness. But we can turn to God. Satan wants to **tempt** us **with religion** to avoid **doing** these things. For your eternal soul, stay in The Truth. We must **stay on our cross** and let the old man be crucified with Christ. **Don't be surprised** concerning the fiery trial that tries you, the cross is not pleasant. **The preaching of the cross is foolishness** to religious people that perish. Don't feel condemned or bad, enter into The Truth and be saved! So we deny self, and **stay on that cross** and **endure** until the work is done.

**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 14:18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

**Colossians 1** **26**Even the mystery which hath been **hid from ages** and from generations, but **now** is made **manifest** to his saints: **27**To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:

Once the cross is picked up, the carnal nature can't wait to put it down again. We will feel like we are being taken advantage of by others, and it will grind against ego and pride. It takes a lot of **humility** to keep walking up the hill with the cross. Up mount Zion:) We are **tempted** to put it down and go back to religion, and tradition, and ritual, for relief. Satan will also be tempting us, to devour us, with his easier religious ways, and traditions, and especially religious LAWs. We are saved by grace alone, we can't go back to law. But the cross is how God is able to transform us, through all the **trials of humility** that He brings us through, in the wilderness. Learning to serve The Body of Christ in whatever function God calls us to. As we are trained by Him. If we **co-operate** and refuse to put the cross down, God can continue the work of sanctification, through the transformation of our minds, and the **motives** of our hearts, and **attitudes** and opinions. This happens as we strive and struggle to deny ourself, for others sakes. Avoiding **at all times**, anger and offence which will remove us from Gods protection. We should, **WE MUST**, repent very, very, quickly of anger and offence and strife, division, gossip, slander, and all such behaviour. If we fall into these things, repent quickly!!! We are all learning

these things. The world will not understand us nor appreciate us. Many times they will even hate us, because of the religious spirits(false gods), or the atheist spirits, or **worldly** spirits(all demons) working in them. Antichrist. Only One is Good and that is God. Jesus(LOVE) is the door. Religious people and worldly people have a different spirit that is contrary to God. They can't help it. The spirit of antichrist. People with this spirit do not confess that Christ is **in** them, working through them. Their lives don't **testify** to Jesus love in them. They like religion better. It takes a lot to overcome pride. **Religion helps us avoid** the trouble of overcoming pride and ego and the need for man's high regard. Needing man's approval leads to --being **opened up to man's manipulation**. Satan's demons can use others to manipulate us, because we care so much about what others think of us. It's an awful trap. Worry what God thinks. Beware, and aware of it.

**Matthew 19:17** And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God:* but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

**John 15:18** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

**1 John 4:3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Even good works with the wrong motives can be striving. God is working at bringing our motives to come from a love that is pure, that expects no reward. No manipulation of anyone for anything in return for what we have done for them. Love must be of grace, and absolutely free of reward, or it's not the agape love of God. We learn this precept upon precept, line upon line, as we continue in the Word, and **continue** in the Truth. Doing good without requiring even gratitude. This can be very difficult. It is not religion. It all crucifies the self, because many times after doing good, others will show no gratitude and may even resent it(because they **feel** like they now owe you something, and they don't like it). But we don't expect anything in return. They feel that way because that's how the world works. But we don't work like the world. We've come out of the world. They don't understand this. It convicts them. There may be ungratefulness, and even betrayal, and much being mis-understood. Because idols/demons will be against us, in the people around us, that have idols/demons. **Idols in us** that we've clung to, will also cause **us** to act the same way. Idols we cling to, will cause us to **despise people who reprove** or point out the **deceit(or idol)**we are walking in. The idol of living for yourself **will cause you to hate someone that attempts to bring you out** of this lie. Because you want to live and enjoy this world. We need to learn to make Jesus Lord. If we **remain** lord of our own life, then we've become a Pharisee. Love of the world will cause this. You will hate and despise people God sends to save you from demonic manipulation and control of your life. To save you from religion. **Because you love the world and won't let it go.** Believing in God, but not being transformed. Living like everyone else in the world. Not knowing the **danger** of it. It is so hard to reach people in this pit, because they've been blinded to the truth. Please hear and wake up from the sleep. This is not our world! We are **in** Christ, **in** Heavenly places.

**Galatians 6:14** But as for me, may I never boast, except **in the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which **the world has been crucified to me**, and I to the world. (NIV)

**Philippians 3** 17Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 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: 19**Whose end is destruction**, whose God is **their belly**, and *whose glory is* in their shame, **who mind earthly** things.)

**The idol of living for yourself** will **absolutely blind you** from **receiving** the truth. You will hate the truth in fact. You will hate those that tell you the truth. Those that love you won't be able to reach you even. **If** you don't yet grasp that **your real world is in eternity** with Jesus, you may keep clinging to this temporary world. This world is a test and is short and temporary. Living for pleasure in this world is a **cruel** lie. Denying yourself and being led and used for Gods

purpose in **This** world, is The Truth. The cross is not ritual nor tradition, it is a death to the old man. Crucifixion to selfishness and living for your own benefit. We need God's help. So we need active faith. Trials activate faith with **works of humility and denial of self**. We are not striving to earn salvation, we are striving to crucify pride and selfishness. To crucify every lure of the world, and of the flesh. The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. We are striving to become humble like Jesus. Love is the denial of self. It is not religion. Denying our self, so we are **available** to God, **to be able** to **serve** Him in saving those who are lost. Becoming part(a working part) of Jesus body—The True Church. Bringing others out of the fire. Working with The Spirit of God in this. This is why Jesus gave up His life. So He could come back and **take up His life again**, through **us**. **This** is The Gospel. Don't live for this world, or for your self, it's **the ultimate religious lie that leads many, to hell!!!**

**John 10:18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I **have power to take it again**. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**Philippians 3** 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.

**Romans 6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

There is no religiosity in love, it **challenges** selfishness to the degree that we simply cannot walk in it, without **relying on** help from God. Divine help **to take on the** divine nature. Simply stated, it will cause us to turn to God, and it will slowly cause us to **abide** in God. We will not be able to carry the cross up the hill, without help. Even Jesus had help with that. Do we think we do not then?

**Luke 23:26** And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus.

**James 2** 17Even so faith, if it hath not works, is **dead**, **being alone**. 18Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and **not hearers** only, **deceiving** your own selves.

**John 7** 38He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall **flow rivers of living** water. 39(But this spake he **of the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

DENYING ONESELF/LOVE—will **require** active faith— it will require seeking help

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In all this, learning to hear and be led by The Spirit.

{The Spirit **flows** through faith **together with** love}

The Holy Spirit doesn't flow because we sit there listening to sermons about faith and love  
The Spirit doesn't flow because we proclaim to have faith and talk about love

**John 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall **flow rivers of living** water.

Satan will have us preach and talk about faith all day long. **Using** all the scriptures! He also loves rituals and traditions, to lead us away from concentrating on **actual** love. Talking and hearing. It is so very, very dangerous, how can I express what stagnant dead faith is? It sounds so great and wonderful, full of lovely convincing words. Faith and love, how wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, faith and love is. Let's talk lots about it and go home feeling all comforted and relaxed. Hearing about faith. Oh and how wonderful love is. **Just believe** they say, oh praise God, "it is all so easy", the snake charms. We can **think** we have lots of faith, faith in abundance, "**proclaim it** and believe it" they say, but in truth, we may be just **hearing** about faith and **looking at it**. Talking about love, but not understanding Gods love. **Applying** none of it to our lives in truth. **Proclaiming** it from a corrupt vessel, through a demonic **religious** spirit. that has **no flow** of The Spirit. **The flow begins** as we begin to actually deny our old carnal nature and follow The Spirit, walking in love.

**John 4** 7There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The Spirit flows through Love, not talk. The Spirit begins to be active in our life, when we begin to obey what love actually is. Sacrificing our life and coming into Gods **purpose** for our life. God has a purpose for us, alongside Him **sanctifying** us. The inside of us has to be cleansed, not the outside. Our hearts and our minds. It requires a constant guarding of our thoughts and our hearts, to not judge others, and to forgive, and to stop slander and gossip and criticism. We must **each and every day** learn to be **vigilant** in our walk, so as not to allow an open door for Satan's kingdom to destroy, and to kill, and to steal from us. He steals the blessings that we should have. We must learn to stop being religious, and recognise religiosity for what it is.

**James 1** 19Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22But be ye doers of the word, and **not hearers only, deceiving** your own selves. 23For **if any be a hearer of the word**, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he **being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer** of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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

**Ask** God to help you discern **between** religion and truth, it is vital. Faith and love **will** take you into a wilderness with God, it is uncomfortable, but it is here that God wants to **break** down the strongholds of the carnal mind and nature. And **remove** dependance on man, and the world. To break down pride, ego and rebellion. To break down Satan's kingdom. The wilderness



is hard and can be desolate and lonely, but **that's where we need to go**, to be able to overcome the selfish nature. To overcome any reliance on man and the world. So we rely on God first, for everything, first. The Israelites came out of Egypt, and went into wilderness to be tempted and tested. Jesus also went into the wilderness to be tempted and tested. We **also** go into the wilderness to be tempted and tested. We **cannot allow religion to provide some other fake** escape, easy, false, comfortable, worldly, or religious way. **Few** will get on the cross for very long. **Few will endure the cross to the end.** Many will seek to climb up some other way. The wilderness is where we meet God, He leads us through it. He is with us in it. Pharisees refuse to take up their cross. We must learn from their mistakes.

**Psalm 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me**; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Mark 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but **he that shall endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

**Jeremiah 2:6** Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that **led us through** the wilderness, **through** a land of deserts and of pits, **through** a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, **through** a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

**Mark 1** **10**And straightway **coming up out of the water**, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: **11**And there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**12**And immediately the Spirit **driveth** him **into the wilderness.** **13**And he was there in the wilderness forty days, **tempted** of Satan; and was *with* the wild beasts; and the **angels ministered** unto him.

**John 10** **1**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but **climbeth up some other way**, the same is a thief and a robber. **2**But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3**To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and **leadeth them out.** **4**And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his voice.** **5**And **a stranger will they not follow**, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. **6**This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

**7**Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. **8**All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9**I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **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.

God needs to remove things from our lives that we cling to for comfort, and it's painful. It is part of dying to the self. So recognise that **religiosity is Satan's way of allowing you to avoid this.** There's **no pain** in religiosity. You just sing songs, listen to messages about faith and love and grace, and smile and perform rituals and follow traditions. But when you actually start taking seriously the need to forgive every single person that has ever done you wrong, and when you can no longer judge others, and when you must stop gossiping and slander and when you find you need to show kindness and compassion to others, whether you think they deserve it not, then you will find yourself **challenged in every area of your wilderness** walk with God. You'll find relationship with God then. Denying and dying to self(your cross) is painful. God meets us in the wilderness. **There your faith will be activated and real.** You'll need faith, and you'll need God desperately, when you actually **obey** love. If you get off the cross of love, then you will have your ease, but you will **not be transformed in these lapses.** So we learn to get back on our cross, even though we don't like it. Love will transform you. It will challenge your mindset, and

selfishness **constantly**. I mean constantly. So we have a choice, we can pick religiosity, for a fake, easy “gospel” that is vain and **useless**. Or we can choose to obey love and allow Jesus into our life. We can allow Jesus to gradually take Lordship over our earthly life, to gain our real life in eternity. We should learn to discern the difference between Satan’s doctrines, and Jesus doctrines. Love is hard and religion is easy. Easy appeals to the carnal nature and Satan knows it. We tend to avoid **actually** walking in love to avoid the pain that dealing with hurt and offence and forgiveness brings—- that love brings upon us. It is very hard to **stop judging others**, this can be a constant battle in the mind, but we must. Or we **will be judged** ourself. **When we actually stop compromising** on forgiveness, and deal with **past** and present hurt, pain, and trauma(which often is the **root** of rejection), and make sure we do not become depressed, angry or offended, **we realise suddenly what a great battle we are in**—-to overcome. When we stop compromising(religion allows compromise). We will fail many times, but we get straight back up and repent and continue without compromise. **Until** we overcome and have **victory over** Satan.

**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.

**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;

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

**James 3:12** Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

The pool of stagnation(fake faith) turns into a corrupt spring, as we open our mouth. “Claim it and proclaim it” they say. **“the serpent whispers”**, “fake faith is so much more comfortable for you”. See all these other people agree with this religion”. “You need not forgive”, “they deserve it”, “it was their fault”. “If you remain in vanity, I won’t trouble you, and you can live comfortably without many trials and tribulation.” “Come down off that cross”. “Others don’t even like you now, you must be doing something wrong”. “It was better before, see, God doesn’t love you”. “Enjoy yourself, take your ease, why go through all that pain”?

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

**Zephaniah 1:12** And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and **punish the men that are settled on their lees**: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

In **reality** and in Truth, true faith is **active**. We can’t say we have faith if we do nothing to **activate** it. Faith awaits action through love and obedience to God, **if we don’t grab hold of it, and activate it**, it’s worthless. This is the difference between vain religion/fake faith, and the genuine faith, of Jesus Christ. It is a **very cruel** deceit to think we have faith just because we proclaim it and convince our deceived hearts. Then we walk around in our hurt, and self pity, and depression, offence and un-forgiveness, and to add bad to worse, we then **judge others** as well. So we are judged and are under law, and condemned. The work of religious pharisees. It is a cruel, but unfortunately, comfortable deception for those who wish to **avoid** actually **doing** the **walk** of love. What is the attraction, and the lure, that demons/idols entice us with? Ease and comfort. Religion. Be comfortable here and now. You need not challenge your flesh or soul. Ride the fake wave of deceptions faith, and glory in the pool of stagnant dead faith, all the way to the grave. The decisions are made here and now in this flesh life. It is all too late after. We can all repent now though while we still have breath. There’s no condemnation(to those **in** Christ Jesus)**rom8:1**, just turn around and walk with God, **in** Love. **IN** Christ.

**Ecclesiastes 12** **1Remember now thy Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; **2While** the



28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they **hated knowledge**, and **did not choose the fear of the LORD**:

30 They would none of my counsel: they **despised all my reproof**.

**Proverbs 26:23** **Fervent lips** and a **wicked heart** are like an **earthen** vessel **overlaid** with **silver** dross.

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

**Isaiah 47** 1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee as* a man.

4 *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: **so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart**, neither didst **remember** the **latter end of it**.

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly*, that sayest in **thine** heart, I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9 But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. **Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee**; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me. 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

12 **Stand now with thine enchantments**, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is **living**, and **active**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the **dividing of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and **intents of** the heart. (ASV)

Dead faith will produce grace that is fake. **Without grace** we are condemned. It is so wonderful, talking about Gods grace. What could be worse than to believe in grace, but to never take hold of it. That's how dead faith works. So what is required to make faith active, so that we do not have grace that does not really exist for us? We only have grace through faith. Grace is taken hold of **day by day** as we walk with The Holy Spirit. How do we **activate** our faith to make grace genuine? How do we attain true grace? How do we **stand** in Gods grace? We can talk about grace all day long, but how do we **truly** stand in Gods grace? By **repenting** of known sin and obeying The Holy Spirit. Remember Jesus grace returns us to fellowship with God. So God can help us to become like Jesus. That's why we have grace in the first place. Don't throw grace away by living for yourself. Don't be religious. Claiming to be a believer in Jesus name, and then living for this world is being religious. In every area of our life where we discover we are not walking in love, we repent. If we don't repent we don't have grace. Our life becomes a walk of repentance of dead works. If we do not repent, but still claim Jesus is Lord, we have taken Jesus name in vain. We need to make Jesus our Lord. Obey The Spirit.

**Psalm 139** 13For **thou hast possessed my reins**: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. 15My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. 17How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. 19Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. 20For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* **thine enemies take thy name in vain**.

There's no grace for wilful sin. **After** we repent, **then** we have grace to **take hold of Gods promises**. We have grace to go to God, and we have grace to escape enslavement to our former master, Satan. We need to **apply** grace daily(**to each** sin discovered), as we resist evil in any **part** of our life, so grace is not stagnant. We **apply it daily** as we discover strongholds of sin or iniquity or transgression or failure. We **know** Jesus paid for our sin, **so we can claim and apply** the grace we've been **given**. We **apply it by** believing we **have** that grace. **As** we repent, we **apply** the grace for it. That's how we stand in righteousness(right standing) with God. **Repentance must come first, to be able to apply the grace needed. Then we can thank and praise God for His mercy and love. Thanksgiving and praise for Gods kindness.** Don't be fooled by dead faith. **Repent** of sin **as** you strive against it. There is a battle and war against sin, it is not always an instant victory. We **need** patience. Faith in non-existent grace is vain religion and an awful deceit. **Repent of sin, to have genuine** grace, Through faith that you have been **given** that grace, **for** that sin or failure, at that time. Each year, each day, each minute.

**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,

**Psalm 51:17** The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

**Mark 1** 14Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent** ye, and believe the gospel.

What is the sign of a believer? What is the first thing a believer does? A believer **repents** which means changes direction, or turns around and go's the other way. We were all sinners, choosing how we wanted to live our life. Being our own god. Actually Satan was, but we didn't know it. To whom you obey is to whom you become servant. Through deception of the world we naturally obey Satan and the carnal nature. When we become believers, **we repent** of this and in believing the gospel, we are agreeing to make Jesus Lord. We now repent/change direction, and **serve** Jesus. We learn how to obey Jesus through love, instead of **unknowingly** obeying Satan through the self nature. The first thing a true believer does is repent/turn around and go the other way. That's what makes a believer a believer. If we do not repent, we do not have grace. If Jesus is not made Lord in our life, then Satan **is** lord. Faith is made active through repentance. Grace is made manifest(real) **when** we repent. Then Jesus is our Lord and He begins bringing us each into holiness, raising us up, to be like Him. So that we are made suitable to be members of His body and made ready for our heavenly home. Cleaned vessels made ready to meet the bridegroom. Washed, cleansed, and clothed in white, with Jesus, **through** sanctification. Once we repent, **then** we have grace, to battle against sin, not before. Repent!!! If we don't repent, we don't have grace, and if we don't have grace, we have condemnation.

## We repent of our old life, and so now what do we do?

LOVE

GETTING ON THE CROSS

DENYING SELF

***To guard our hearts, which is what God is looking at, we therefore must learn very diligently, to guard all our thoughts constantly, to not judge, to forgive, to not criticise or compare, to think well of others, to lift others and edify, and to stop trying to be better than others, to not manipulate others to gain for ourself, and through kindness and compassion, to selflessly help others— expecting nothing in return(because God looks at the motives of our heart). This is not religion. This is love and walking in it IS TRUTH.***

Real faith will cause **sanctification** to take place. Sanctification is **daily, walking** with God, **applying** grace, **through** repentance of sin and wickedness that we struggle with. Therefore, without repentance there is no grace. **We need to repent daily** so that we can **receive** grace daily. **Religious indoctrination is very hard to break down.** So this needs to be said many times. We **receive** grace by repenting. **Each day** we **need** grace for sin and wickedness. Don't be fooled by the ease of being religious. **We can't just say we have grace and believe we have grace.** Then live for the world and like worldly people who are perishing. Please allow your heart to accept what is The Truth. Be as the Bereans and search the scriptures, whether these things be so(acts 17:11). Search the scriptures, not what men say. We can only have grace for something, when we repent of that something. **Each day we apply** grace **by** repenting of our failures and sin. **Acknowledging and confessing** our sin to God, or one another **where appropriate.** Faith should remain **active** right through our walk. We can only **remain** under grace through **active** faith. A **continual** repentance of our fallen nature. **Without repentance(daily and continually),** we cannot even claim to be part of Jesus body, because we need to be **led** by The Spirit. And **obey** The Spirit. The stagnant faith of religion is an awful deceit, that puts christians to sleep. Dead faith. Fake grace. Fallen. Lost. Fooled and deceived by vain outward appearance and show, for others to admire. **Or caught living like everyone else in the world,** not denying this life for the higher eternal life(having a form of godliness but **denying** the power thereof). **The power to be transformed** into Jesus image. All the while God is looking at our hearts and thoughts and attitudes. At who we have become inside. No-one but God can see this, in truth.

**Matthew 23** **13**But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. **14**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. **15**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

**16**Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! **17**Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? **18**And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. **19**Ye fools and blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? **20**Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. **21**And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. **22**And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

**23**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. **24**Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

**25**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. **26***Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is within* the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed **appear beautiful outward**, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. 28Even so ye also **outwardly appear** righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city: 35That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! 38Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**Romans 15:4** For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for **our** learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Jesus spoke very clearly and directly about religious behaviour. Woe, woe, woe. He always had compassion on the **repentant** sinner, but declared woe, woe, woe unto religious attitudes and behaviour, so we should always be aware of the difference. **Humility is required to humble** ourselves, and to be even **able to serve** others, before God, in **acknowledgment** of our sin and failure. It grinds against the carnal mind and pride and ego. **Rebellion rises up** through the **demonic spirits that seek to have dominion** over our lives. But this is how we overcome Satan. We deny him any power he gains **through** us, by closing the doors he uses, the sin doors. That is, we deny what our **self** wants, and we think of others. **As** we **deny** ourself, we are also **denying** Satan's kingdom. We close doors to Satan's use, and open doors for Jesus use.

**Psalms 24** 3Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?  
4He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.  
5He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
6This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.  
7Lift up your heads, O **ye gates**; and be ye lift up, **ye everlasting doors**; and the King of glory shall **come in**.  
8Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.  
9**Lift up your heads**, O ye gates; **even lift them up**, ye everlasting **doors**; and the King of glory **shall come in**.  
10Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

I hope to see people saved from the fate of the Pharisees. My heart is to see people set free in their hearts and minds, from religious spirits. And from the trap of living as the rest of the world. Many, many, many, are deceived by it. Religious behaviour does not serve anyone else. You live for your self and forget to actually obey and serve God. You remain lord of your life. It's just **religious worldly behaviour**. Denying yourself, to help or **serve** someone else, is what God calls love. Esteeming others better than yourself. Now this is **much harder** than

acting all religious. Much, much, harder. Satan was never given dominion by God. God gave dominion to man. Satan steals it off us. It's not his, **we can take dominion back**, right **now** by faith, but through **real genuine love**, the love that works **through** denying self and **servicing** God and others. The kind of love that the **carnal beast**(man) doesn't like. Satan enslaves us, without us realising how. As we begin to deny ourself, we at the same time, **deny Satan** doorways into our lives. Satan can't walk with us, if we are not agreeing with his temptations and sin.

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

If Satan gets into our life, he steals, kills and destroys our life, **in that place** he has entered. That place our sin has allowed him in, allows him to rule and reign over us and our circumstances. Salvation is a walk, and we are learning as we go. From babies when we are first born again, when God becomes our **actual new**(spiritual and eternal) Father. We learn how to walk as a spiritual being, preparing for our new eternal home in Heaven(we can **begin taking hold of it now** by walking in the promises we have been **given**, in The Word). We spiritually learn to crawl, and walk, failing many times, but getting back up and maturing in Jesus family. We are learning how to apply faith and live by spiritual laws instead of physical laws. The spiritual world works by faith and through love. So we must **use faith to learn how** to walk in love. So we **avoid** becoming religious, we just concentrate on learning how to deny our self life, and then lift up and help others. So we stop acting all religious. **Faith** is terribly hard to understand, until we begin to **practise** using it. This is very hard for the physical carnal self, and takes many lessons and much help from God. The Holy Spirit encourages us to get back up, and learn from our mistakes. **Our faith is useless** unless we are **applying it through Love**, so don't be deceived by religion. It all works through Love. The Holy Spirit works through Love. Love cannot be avoided. Jesus **doesn't teach us how to be religious** like Satan does. The Spirit teaches us how to deny our lives in this world, and to give our lives to Him, so we can **obey and follow** Gods plan and destiny for each of our lives. So we can learn to be like Jesus. It is that simple. The simplicity of the gospel. Learning to be like Jesus. Simple in concept, but hard on the beast nature.

**2 Corinthians 11:3** But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve** through his **subtilty**, so your **minds** should be **corrupted** from the **simplicity** that is in Christ.

**Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Things we should **do** -- **if** we DO THEM we will **avoid the fate** of the Pharisees

**2 Peter 1** **3**seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; **4**whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped from the corruption** that is in that world by lust. **5**Yea, and for this very cause **adding on your part all diligence**, in your faith supply **virtue**; and in your virtue **knowledge**; **6**and in your knowledge **self-control**; and in your self-control **patience**; and in your patience **godliness**; **7**and in your godliness **brotherly kindness**; and in your brotherly kindness **love**. **8**For if **these things** are **yours** and **abound**, **they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful** unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**For **he that lacketh these things is blind**, seeing only what is near, **having forgotten the cleansing** from his old sins. **10**Wherefore, brethren, **give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure**: for if **ye do these** things, ye shall never **stumble**: **11**for thus shall be **richly supplied** unto you the **entrance into the eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (ASV)

**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?

{this is why **repentance** must be **continual** and **daily**}--for grace-- to **serve** the True LORD}



**Hebrews 12** 3For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, **lest ye be wearied** and faint in your minds. 4Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, **striving against sin.**

**When** we **deny** self, and **repent** of sin(many times both work hand in hand together), **we deny Satan power and dominion** over our lives. When we afflict ourselves in fasting and prayer, **we also afflict Satan's evil spirits/demons**, that hunger for their lusts to be fulfilled, **through** us. When they cannot feed their hunger/lust through us, or when they are cast out, they go into dry places and seeking rest they cannot find it. They are spirits, they have no physical body to work their lusts through. They are comfortable fulfilling their lusts in us, through us. If we close the door to the particular sin they hunger after, they thirst. **Once they have left**, or after we cast them out(**mark 16**), we don't feel such a strong urge from that lust or sin any more. The temptation becomes weak or completely go's even. Unless they try to **tempt** us from without. Then we just need **resist**. We abide in Jesus and we always ask for help from God, it humbles us.

**Luke 11:24** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through **dry places, seeking rest;** and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

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

Denying self denies the demonic also. They lose power to manipulate us, or control and enslave us, to sin and drugs, and lusts and desires, and hurts and traumas, and resentments, depression, self pity, anger, etc. Instead of being a door for evil, adding to the corruption of the world, **we become a door for Jesus to be a light** in the world. We simply learn to stop obeying Satan, and we then strip him of control and lordship over our lives. If we are not obeying The Spirit, or serving God, we are serving Satan, **without realising** or **knowing** that's what we are doing.

**Matthew 12:30** He that is not with me **is against** me; and he that **gathereth** not with me **scattereth** abroad.

We let Jesus in and **JESUS shines** through our lives. We learn, with The Holy Spirits help, gradually, in our walk of repentance, to stop serving Satan. It stops him ruling and reigning over not only ourself, but also our families and communities and countries. **We have no need of acting all religious** and falling for Satan's tricks to **distract us** from what is actually important. We become doors for Jesus. Doors **for God** to work in our lives, in **this** world. That's why The Father sent Jesus. That He could save all that believed. We prove we believe by walking in genuine faith. Religiosity proves nothing but the **presence** of religious spirits. They block people from the truth and cause people to walk like Pharisees. The Truth, Serving God, by serving one another—Satan **introduces** religion to give us ways to **avoid** doing this. We become lights to the world, **as Jesus** more and more, is able to work in, and through our lives **here**, on **this** Earth. We become a **living** testimony to Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and **yet lives, through His body here on Earth** still. Jesus lives through us, **in** us. Because we love not our lives here on Earth. **Satan had no idea** what he was doing when he had Jesus crucified. **The great deceiver** reaped what he sowed and **was deceived** by his hatred and rage. Jesus gave up His life and so made it possible, for Jesus to be everywhere on earth, in those that believe, and continue His ministry and do His work. Jesus **still serves**, through us. We are lights in the world **because** we have Jesus in us. **In every believer that will let their life go and**

**live for God.** To give it up for Gods purpose and plan. So **we become a living testimony to Jesus Christ in us.** The Hope of glory. The glory is Jesus. That glory is in us. Hallelujah.

**Sound instructions** for living in The Truth(Colossians 3) — **DOING** the following will save— from the same fate as the Pharisees. Dead faith hears and talks. Real faith puts these things into practise. If we don't put it into practise we will lose what we even **think** we know, or have.

**Luke 8:18** Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and **whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth** to have.

**Colossians 3** 1If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2**Set your affection** on things above, **not on** things on the earth. 3**For ye are dead,** and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5**Mortify therefore** your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8**But now** ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off** the old man with his deeds; 10And have **put on** the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge **after** the image of him that created him: 11Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

12**Put 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.** 14And above all these things *put on* charity(\*\*love\*\*), 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.** 16Let the **word** of Christ **dwel**l in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with **grace** in your hearts to the Lord. 17And whatsoever ye **do** in word or deed, **do** all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God and the Father by him.

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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

**John 12:35** Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. **Walk** while ye have the light, **lest darkness come upon** you: for he that walketh in darkness **knoweth not** whither he goeth.

**John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that **followeth** me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Pharisees don't do—they talk and hear and preach—we can avoid this—we can even repent

**Luke 6** 46And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord,** and **do not** the things which I say? 47Whosoever cometh to me, and **heareth** my sayings, and **doeth** them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was **founded upon a rock.** 49But **he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that** without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and **the ruin of that house** was great.