

# Daily Bible Thoughts Dec 23, 2009 to Jan 22, 2010

Dec 22, 2009

**1John 2:21 I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.**

The body members of Christ Jesus know the truth, Jesus Christ is the "Truth" and they are "in" him as part of his body, how could they not know him? The Apostle John was not going to impute fear, and control of religious doctrine into the "Truth" the body of Christ Jesus, no! It not possible; Jesus is the Truth.

The body of Christ has freedom, in truth and spirit, they are created by it, living in fear that someone might be misled by a false doctrine to the point of control was not in John's thoughts here. He was not preoccupied with wrangler over doctrine that he might protect the Truth (Jesus Christ) that he was anointed with.

A good fruit tree does wring its hands that it will produce good fruit, John living in fear would not produce good fruit, but his trust in love for His Heavenly Father would produce much good fruit in all body members. Jesus is the good vine producing truth and righteousness

John was not throwing people out of his association because they didn't agree with his ideas. He did not live in constant fear the truth in Christ Jesus was so fragile it could be destroyed by some human being on earth. John was in the "Truth", he was in Christ Jesus the King of Eternity, the mighty King with power over life and death where fear does not exist.

Dec 23, 2009

**1John 2:22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.**

How could a person deny their own body? Some one else body part could be rejected by the person, but it would be a rare matter for ones own body to reject ones own eye, or a hand ,or a foot, would it not? How much more so something created directly by the Heavenly Father for His will?

Yes, a body part of darkness would reject Jesus Christ body, that is, light, it would deny Christ Jesus as the Truth of God, it would thus be against the truth in Jesus Christ, it would be anti-Christ Jesus and God. This would be no great mystery for those in the light, or in Christ Jesus the “Light” it would be a daily matter of truth over darkness; the very thing God's anointing was already performing in them.

Where fear exist God does not, love throws all fear outside of God; John was not here promoting fear of a coming Anti-Christ that would take control of the body of Christ Jesus destroying the “Truth”, which is the eternal everlasting King Jesus Christ himself. The Apostle John was promoting love; the power of love, that is, God. He was putting faith in God's promises in Christ Jesus; the powerful Kingdom of God in heaven where Christ Jesus is seated, and ruling from.

He was simply stating what Christ Jesus told them while on earth; weeds would over sow the field of God's anointed Children, thus, as knowledge of the Christ increased so would those rejecting him increase producing more Anti-Christ(s) in the world.

Dec 24, 2010

**1John 2:23 Whoever denies the Son, the same doesn't have the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.**

As strange as this verse may seem to modern day Christians, it was a concern so that the Apostle John addressed it in his letter. In the Jewish faith where Christianity came from and still had much influence over some of those early Christians; the Jews had not accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. They lived according to the Old Law and demanded Christians to do the same. Moreover, claiming to be God's chosen people in holding thousands of years of rich history in prophets, kings, and judges as God's people. The nation at its glory had been the strongest nations on earth protect by God Himself. The Jewish people were deeply educated in God and the Old Law, and when the Law was kept pure they became powerful as a nation.

But they denied Christ Jesus as an apostate against their faith having him destroyed by the Roman government. They were against Christ Jesus; where the word (anti) comes from; meaning “against”.

However, for those professing Christ Jesus they could never forget that their association with the Father came through Jesus Christ. He could not be replaced with Law, or group, or a man, or an antichrist; without his mediator ship they were not God's Children.

They had become God's Children because Jesus Christ is the Son of God, by accepting him God grafted or put them into the body of Jesus Christ, thus, making them a Son of God as well. Their very existence was because of Christ Jesus they could not be "against" the very life giving them life.

Dec 25, 2010

**1John 2:24 Therefore, as for you, let that remain in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son, and in the Father.**

There was much that the new Christians and old Christians had heard from the beginning of their faith in Jesus Christ, but nothing was more important to their faith than walking in love. Love was to them the perfect bond of union. Being a part of the body of Christ it is the glue that hold the body together, love, God's love.

To stay in or be a part of Jesus Christ they had to walk in love, why? Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Law with an act of love; by his Father and him. The contact was completed; set aside for a new contract of love (new covenant meaning contract). Those early Christians were justified in Christ Jesus, which means because of Christ Jesus righteous life, that is, being a part of his righteous life they are justified before God.

This to was an act of love by God, however, if they chose to be justified by Law they were no longer walking in love, that is, Christ Jesus as their justification. One must remember there is no justification by Law it is an illusion to think so, Law exposes human weakness, which is sin, convict us of that sin, and then pronounce the punishment for our sin. One must live a lie to be justified by law, rules, or doctrine, which is called self-righteousness.

We can be justified by love, God's love, Christ Jesus. We can rest in God's love ( the greater sabbath) when we walk in love.

Dec 26, 2010

**1John 2:25 This is the promise which he promised us, the eternal life.**

We are promised by God eternal life, we can rest in that promise because Jesus Christ is that promise, he is eternal life for Christians. Jesus is the life, God made him life, so we have a guarantee from God that we have life in Jesus Christ.

We don't earn life through laws, rules, doctrine, our good conduct, we are given life by our faith in Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is the gift of life given to us from God; the life of the world. The promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ; we are not waiting for a future promise of life. The life of Jesus Christ is not future, but present when we accept him as our Lord and Savior.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself.

John 5:24 "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 3:15 that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 6:47 Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life.

In accepting Jesus Christ we become part of his body and His body has received life and is the life. God has made good on His promise of life to us, but do you believe it; if so we remain in him and in life?

Dec 27, 2010

**1John 2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who would lead you astray.**

Many of Christian has been lead astray trying to earn the future eternal life through their good works under the rules of some group. The Apostle John was having none of that in his admonishment to the body of Christ. One does not earn such a great gift as life, no more so than a child in the womb of their mother, It is a gift given in love.

Once born it is the nature of humans to earn that, which was given freely without their well involved, life. We can chose to justify our lives by law or love that we have earned it; law produces guilt and strife and the constant state of unworthiness. Love on the other hand, produces acceptance, joy, faith, kindness, goodness ,and what every other good thing that comes from above.

We can chose our faith as well, we can chose from free will to earn our merit by works of law under religious dogma, or we can accept Jesus Christ, God's love, and acceptance for us. In both cases we are given life in Jesus Christ as a gift, once born again not from mans well, or are own well, but from the well of our Heavenly Father; we may chose a life of guilt under law, or acceptance of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Choosing God's love which is “Jesus Christ” requires faith, that is, we believe God accepts us because of Jesus Christ righteousness not our own. In other words, our love and acceptance is not based on our works, but Jesus Christ works under the Old Law that have been completed and fulfilled by his love for our Father.

Dec 28, 2010

**1John 2:27 As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you don't need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you will remain in him.**

This verse is a thorn in the side of religions that teaches ones must be taught by their doctrine or you cannot have the truth! Sadly many lives have been destroyed and God's good name dragged threw the mud in ignorance of this verse and others that teach just the opposite.

Jesus Christ is the “Truth” not a group, or a doctrine, he alone holds the title of Truth, he is the Truth of God for mankind. He is the head of his body, the church of God, or the temple of God. He is Truth and Spirit, we worship in him, with Truth and Spirit.

The truth is him, we are in him so we have the “truth”, not doctrine of so called truth(s). We have life because he is life, we don't need life from doctrine(s) or do we earn life through good works by a group ;our good works exist already in our body of Truth , Jesus Christ. He is the vine of good fruit; we producing nothing outside of the vine of Christ Jesus. The vine feeds the fruit that make it grow and ripen.

Should we think Christ Jesus will neglect his body, will he abuse himself in falsehoods, will he feed the fruit poison? Isn't it the merit by law that creates distrust for God and His promises for the verse here discussed? We need no one to teach the body of Jesus Christ, but the head of that body. We only gain insight by the “sap” of the vine, feeding the fruit, all else is outside of the light, and is not of God, it will not produce Holy fruits of God's Spirit.

The Apostle John taught from his head or the true vine Jesus Christ, he taught complete trust in him, in love, he was not adding new laws or commandments, no! He was removing untruths through the Holy Spirit by teachers of Law wanting control of the body of Christ.

Dec 29, 2010

**1John 2:28 Now, little children, remain in him, that when he appears, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**

Ashamed is any person cursed of God: Gal.3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them." {Deuteronomy 27:26}

However, for those remaining in "him" Christ Jesus there is no shame of being Cursed of God. Here is where it takes humility on our part, why? Because as much as our pride wants to earn or take credit for our own salvation through good works we cannot without being cursed of God. We have no boldness in ourselves by what we have performed on earth in helping others, but we do have fear that we have not done enough good, and this is a curse.

But if we are humble enough to accept Jesus Christ, that is, what he has done is enough in good works for us we have boldness not in ourselves but in him. If we cannot understand that God has accepted Jesus Christ ( not us) as our sacrifice in place of us as a substitute, we live in fear of judgment. It then depends upon us in being perfect enough in every way to gain life.

Nothing is further from the truth in thinking it depends upon our sacrifice upon earth to gain eternal life, and if we believe the lie our fears testifies against us each day. Jesus is our substitute replacing our sinful life for his, he became the curse of us. Making us a part of his life by acceptance us into his body, by God's love. Judgment does not exist in Jesus Christ, he is free from judgment of the Old Law; he fulfilled the Old Law, we cannot be a part of him and be under God's judgment. There no judgment in Jesus Christ by Jehovah God, there is love and life eternal without fear in Son of God; there is boldness if we remain in his life!

Dec 30, 2010

**1John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of him.**

What righteousness does a Child of God practice?

Well, it is not a righteousness that comes from obeying a set or rules of a Christian group or for that matter the Old Law. The Old Law is righteous but it does not produce righteousness in us.

The Apostle John and his brothers and sisters did not get their righteousness from being good people or practicing what Jesus told the to do, no! They received their righteousness as a free gift in what Jesus Christ did for them. Some may argue that we receive Jesus righteousness, but once we have it we must maintain it by good works of a Christian groups.

Be mindful one false steps takes us into self-righteousness not Christ righteousness. For a Child of God their righteousness and fruits of the Holy Spirit come to them from the true vine Jesus Christ. Without being a part of Jesus Christ the true vine we produce nothing:

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 15:2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 15:3 You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 15:4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

15:5 I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 15:7 If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

15:8 "In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples. 15:9 Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love.

We maintain righteousness because we walk in him as long as we are a part of him we will practice his righteousness. We do not gain personal righteousness separate from the whole body of Christ Jesus, we share the glory and the righteousness given Jesus Christ by his Heavenly Father through God's love.

Dec 31, 2010

**1John 3:1 Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him.**

The world does not know God's Children, why? Well, as the Apostle John already wrote they are no part of the world, strange. Yes, the world does not honor God's real Children their spirit is completely different from those of the world.

Jesus did not seek honor from men, he did not consult with the religious leaders of his time, he did not go to the High Priest to check out his anointing from God, he loved God and completely trusted in doing his will, if Jesus had been loved by this world we would not have his atoning blood for our forgiveness.

What great love God has for us to adopt us as His very own children something so great that none of the prophets experienced as God's own children. We have been given such great love, and such great hate from this world where Satan is the god of this system of things.

Jan 01, 2010

**1John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is.**

What are we to become, John says we will be like him, that is, Jesus Christ when he is revealed. Yes, for we are a part of his own body, but none of us can say what part of his body, why? God has placed each body member as He pleases not according to our works in this world.

No we should not think foolishly here is a self-pride believing that if we work real hard and shine better than others we get a promotion in the body of Christ Jesus, there is but one promotion in the body of Christ Jesus incorruptible life with our Heavenly Father.

There is no prideful self in Christ Jesus the eye does not say; "look at me I am in a superior position over the foot, God looks at me with greater favor, my worthiness has exceeded all other members of his body". This is the pride of the world and its self-promoting climbing over the backs of others to shine more.

No we do not yet know what we will be in Christ Jesus what we do know is there is no lust of the flesh seeking a high position that our world worships in Christ Jesus.

Jan 02, 2010

**1John 3:3 Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.**

What purifies us? Surprisingly it is God's love, love is the key in the body of Christ and staying in God's love. When we are walking in love God's Holy Spirit cleanse from all unrighteousness. Satan and his hordes will never stop trying to rob us of our love in Christ Jesus.

He knows what many Christians fail to understand that attacking our love in Christ Jesus puts out God's love working through us and in us. And how does he do this in the most sinister way by using God perfect Law whereby we judge other in hate rather than life and love. Jesus judged no one according to God's Law, he knew what we some time fail to understand, that people under the Law have no hope they are condemned to death, it takes God's love to remove the curse of the Law.

Yes, if we purify ourselves remaining in love, in Christ Jesus, and not the Old law God will finish our course He will set holy and unblemished in Christ Jesus through His great love for us.

Jan 03, 2010

**1John 3:4 Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.**

What creates lawlessness sin! But there more to this equation than this, what creates sin? Law, God's Law increases sin in us, in that, it sets perfect standard exposing our sin thus, giving us knowledge of wrong doing in our thoughts and hearts increasing judgment and sin.

Rom.7:8 But sin, finding occasion through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of coveting. For apart from the law, sin is dead.

Where we increase law when some one is sinning; law does not remove the problem it increases the problem and this is why few find the truth in life. We believe without doubt that law is the only answer to sin, yet God uses love to remove our sins. Increasing of sin, increasing of law creates more lawlessness. Those in Christ Jesus have no sin according to the Old Law, so John here is mistaken or these brothers and sisters needed reminding that bring Law into the body of Christ would compound a problem that Christ had already dealt with on the cross/torture stake.

John was not mistaken it is our nature that is mistaken believing more law will help us stop sinning.

Jan 04, 2010

**1John 3:5 You know that he was revealed to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.**

How did Jesus take away our sins, it is not enough to stay in the primary doctrine of Christ Jesus let us push on to maturity in understanding the fullness of the Christ.

Christ Jesus takes away our sin by removing the cause of our sin, that being the Old Law. Christ did not judge anyone under the rules of the Old Law nor should we. Christ Jesus exceeded the Old Law by replacing it with his own righteousness.

Yes, the Law condemned us Jesus does not, the law had no mercy for sinner its penalty was death, Jesus has mercy for sinners, and his reward is with him life, for he is life. Jesus' righteousness exceeded the Law in all cases, we need to understand this, for it is a much easier walk to and tiring in judging others according to the law.

It is almost impossible to walk according to love, this struggle is not for the faint of heart it requires superhuman power to overcome this world in love. God has that power provided we stay in love, that is, Christ Jesus and not judge each other in Law. True it does not put us in the majority in these last days, it does not build powerful institutions, but it does allow us to worship in truth and spirit and stay in God's love forever.

Jan 05, 2010

**1John 3:6 Whoever remains in him doesn't sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen him, neither knows him.**

Do you believe this statement? Are we to work according to rules, law, and doctrines of the group we associated with to be sinless? Much more so can any human being on earth be sinless? No! We are all sinners and if we say we don't have sin we are a liar. So what is John speaking of here?

1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Well Jesus Christ is sinless, he proved his sinlessness by fulfilling the Law in doing so he removed the judgment of the Law from those that are a part of him. But if we are not a part of him, which he is sinless, then we remain in sin, why? Simply put we are still under God's judgment, God's judgment is the Old Law. The Old Law judgment is removed when we are a part of Jesus Christ's sinless body.

Although we still live in the sinful flesh those sins are no longer accounted against because we are in Jesus Christ and he is sinless, so his righteousness replaces the Old Law's judgment for us.

But a word of caution here we cannot stop sinning without Jesus Christ, that is, his removing the judgment of the Old Law for us. We cannot remove sin from our bodies passed on to us from Adam, but God's love has removed the judgment for our sins in Jesus Christ.

Jan 06, 2010

**1John 3:7 Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**

We are not to be misled in understanding our having the judgment of our sins removed in Jesus Christ is not a ticket to sin freely, no! In this context John Speaks, not in the contexts of breaking rules, laws, and doctrines of some group, not at all.

Christ Jesus is our righteousness, he replaced the righteousness of the Old Law by his precious blood. If we are a body member then we remain in his righteousness, we produce fruits of the true vine Jesus Christ, which are righteous fruits.

John 15:4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

We must not be misled in leaving Christ Jesus righteousness for a shadow or lesser righteousness by works of law, in order to produce Christ Jesus righteousness we must remain in him. In Christ Jesus is our cleansing from all unrighteousness. We cannot return to self-righteousness, claiming we are freeing ourselves from sin through good works, nor should we become pious in claiming more than our self-worth in Jesus Christ.

Jan 07, 2010

**1John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

The devil failed in love, he judged God and determined in his heart God was wrong in showing love; he then spoke the lie to our first parents Adam and Eve, and they too believed the lie. But Jesus Christ believed on to his death that His Father is love, he did not judge His Father's will for him, nor did he judge us according to the Law.

Jesus Christ remained in God's love and fulfilled the Law; in doing this he exposed the devil lie, proving once and for all that human will served God for His love. They don't need to be made to serve God through coercion of laws with threats of punishment.

In God removing the Old Law proves his love and trust for His own Children, the same trust and love He gave to his first human children Adam and Eve. To this end as each of His Children finish their earthly course in love not law they prove the devil a liar and a part of breaking up the darkness of the devil world. Many groups have throughout the history of Christianity enslaved God's Children claiming to be light, but found to be darkness; forcing through the power of law conformity to harsh doctrines. No matter the noble or righteous reason for such treatment God love through Jesus Christ will expose them as a lie!

Jan 08, 2010

**1John 3:9 Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God.**

To read John's words here one might think he is confused or lying for in the same letter John says: **1John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

Why would John say the exacted opposite here; do we not have sin, or do we have sin? Well both statements are inspired of God and are truth, but if we think in terms of law, that is, proving ourselves sinless by good works we are terrified and live in fear because our hearts condemn us in knowing we sin daily.

But if we believe God is love there is no fear; love throws fear outside, we we have a choice is this matter where do we places our faith in love or law? Jesus Christ is sinless, that is, there is no judgment of God against him, Christ is under God's love there is no law against love. If we are born of God through His incorruptible Spirit (anointed) God places us in Christ Jesus as a body member. All the merit of Christ Jesus (as the head) is given to us as a free gift (love gives freely) we than stand sinless in God eyes.

Faith is required of us to remain in God's love and to believe we are sinless in God's eyes. The devil would have us earn through our own good works this free gift, thus, falling into fear and judgment and living the same lie devil told Adam and Eve. Do we proudly boast and think we have earned or received such a great gift as grace by our human power, then we are of the devil and we are believing the lie.

Jan 09, 2010

**1John 3:10 In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who doesn't love his brother.**

Have you ever thought that our righteous comes from love? Yes, love, God loved the world so much that he gave us His Son's life. Jesus Christ love for His Father and the human race laid down his life for us, no greater love can there be than one should give his life for another.

To be righteous we must walk in love, God's love, how? We must understand God's righteousness for the human race. The Old Law was righteous, but it did not love us, no! It condemned us as sinners, void of love, it did not make us righteous, but judges us as unrighteous. But God 's love moved Him to give us a “new righteousness” Jesus Christ through love.

We must understand that Jesus Christ has become our righteousness, by removing the righteous Law through God's love for us. No longer can we do righteousness according to the Law (or any laws) we must receive our righteousness through Jesus Christ righteousness, and God's love to us as a free gift of undeserved kindness/grace. The proof we have received this gift is we stop judging one other by law.

Matt.7:1 "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. 7:2 For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

Jan 10, 2010

**1-16-2010-1John 3:11 For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;**

This is the simple pure message for all those professing Christ Jesus; that we should love one another. Unfortunately, many Christians read this simple messages and it is the last message they apply in theirs lives, fear grips their heart knowing they fall far short of the wonderful message from our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Moreover, they find themselves in groups defining love by works of law making them feel disloyal to the group by loving those not considered in/outside the group as so called “real Christians”. And there are those that have not come from a loving family or had a loving Father, so they are moved to rules and laws for security of structure instead of freedom of spirit and truth in love.

But none of those the Apostle John was speaking too had those excuses for not showing love, no, why? Because they all came from a loving heavenly Father born by His will and educated by Him with His Holy Spirit writing the law of love into their hearts. Yes, they had been conceived by the incorruptible life of God Himself found from beginning of the world by the creator of our DNA .

John spoke with absolute faith that all needed for his brothers and sisters is supplied to them by Almighty God, he needed not live in fear that human power was required to help God's Children nor should we.

Jan 11-2010

**1John 3:12 unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.**

Law creates jealousy through comparisons of human goodness; it judges our acts so when others appear to perform what we struggle to do out of obligation we feel condemned. Love makes no such comparison; love is not based on performance, it is given freely with no expectation. Abel loved God he wanted to please Him. Cain on the other hand, did not love God, he wanted rules to justify his actions before God.

Thus, his sacrifice was not accepted by God; no one can obligate God, for He is love. Cain looked bad, his pride was diminished, but he could not admit he was angry with God for not accepting and honoring his perfunctory sacrifice, so he blamed and killed his brother instead whose sacrifice was accepted. Now this is the pattern that John warns us about, that is, those that base their love for God on rules, laws, or doctrine, would find themselves condemning those that can't be condemned in Jesus Christ.

The Law was righteous, but it exposes evil in us, using it again to judge those freed from the Law in Christ Jesus creates evil, and judges that evil to death. One does not need to physically kill their brother like Cain our heart thought is enough under love's law.

Matt.5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, 'You shall not murder;' {Exodus 20:13} and 'Whoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment.' 5:22 But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause {NU omits "without a cause".} shall be in danger of the judgment; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca' {"Raca" is an Aramaic insult, related to the word for "empty" and conveying the idea of empty-headedness.}!' shall be in danger of the council; and whoever shall say, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fire of Gehenna. {or, Hell}

Jan-12-2010

**1John 3:13 Don't be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.**

No #Christian should be surprised that the world hates them of course not; Jesus was hated by the world and so are we, but a brother hating a brother or sister, like the world? This is the context of John's words here, before and after his statements regarding the world's hate.

Yes, the world hates God's Children; many would believe because of Jesus name, that is, saying it, but no! It is because #Jesus Christ is in God's Children, he dwells in love within them, he creates them into the #spiritual temple of God. The world cannot know God because it requires more than knowledge, or saying a word, it requires God's #Holy Spirit so we can worship God in spirit and truth, or we cannot know God.

This is what John was speaking about here, how could someone in the same #body of Christ Jesus hate another body member? It not possible, both are under love not law, yes, the world judges everything by law it must the world's whole system is built on law, but a brother or sister in Christ Jesus that should walk in love, and who are to love even their enemies, how odd?

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Jan-13-2010

**1John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother remains in death.**

Yes, we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers; this is the most important message a Christian can hear, why? Passing out of death is a free gift of love by our heavenly Father; He loved us first before we love our brothers.

He removed death for us how? By His giving us the life of His own Son Christ Jesus, so that the law condemning us to death was removed in favor of love. No great love has ever been expressed and given to humans, yes! A complete pardon from our sin being account against us under God's own commandments (the Old Law). God did not remove sin from us He removed the Law condemning our sins, how? He replaced the requires of the Old Law with Jesus Christ, that is, his righteousness then he give us as a free gift Jesus Christ righteousness so we are accounted sinless, although we still have sin.

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So powerful is this one point that if John's brothers and sister missed it and reclaimed parts of the Old Law they would not be walking in love for their brothers. All in the life of a Christian is new, God does not mix old wine into new wine skins, nor did He take part of the Old Law mixing it into love's Law.

**Jan-14-2010**

**1John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.**

Murder according to God is hate for our brother; the laws of humans say that murder is: "the most extreme form of unlawful, unjustified killing, often described in traditional language; a killing with malice aforethought; intentional, premeditation, and deliberation, wanton disregard for life.

Jesus said that hating our brother in our heart is murder, why? Well the better question is what would cause us to hate our brother to murder them in our heart? Law, not just law but sacred laws, nothing is more offensive to a religious person than disregard of God's sacred laws. Laws are set up for judgment that is the point of law, judgment, and violation of a law creates hate for the violator, hate is murder. The deception is to think our hatred is righteous because of the Law, that is, it is justified and mandated by the law and we then become ourselves a violator if we do not hate.

Jesus walked in love not law, at his cruel and unmerciful death by hatred through the law, he asks his Father to forgive those murdering him. Yes, he understood the power of law in the hearts and minds of people; knowing they were blinded by self-righteousness through Law. Jesus Christ did not add too their blindness, he removed it by love, and so should we, that his life eternal continues too dwells in us.

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**1John 3:16 By this we know love, because he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.**

Can a law makes us lay down our life for our brothers? Perhaps, but our Lord and Master laid down his life for us because he loved us and His Father. Laying down our lives for brother may not be giving up our physical life, but our rights given to us through some legal entity other than God, yes!

We are to walk in love, not law, so where the two conflict those walking in love give up their rights.

They loved their enemies; they turn the other cheek, and give up their inner garment for those asking for their outer garment. These are rights that others have died for keep, yes! The law gives a person the rights to fight for their legal rights, love does not, but it instead does this:

1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud, 13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; 13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 3:8 Love never fails.

If we are walking in love we lay down our lives for our brothers ,and sisters each day. Is this an easy course, no it not all, but it is the course we are called to, and the one that in our hearts love.

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**1John 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of compassion against him, how does the love of God remain in him?**

When we hurt ourselves we generally treat our injured part with compassion because it affects the rest of our body until it is healed. The mark of our faith as Christians is love; the body of Christ Jesus and its members walk in love.

It seems strange that a person could be a part of the same body of Christ and not feel compassion for their brother not having food or clothing. Yet, this is what John is remaining his brothers and sisters of in this verse. Jesus Christ told his followers that God would take care of them like the birds of the heavens, and each hair of their heads were numbered by God, and they should not be anxious, but trust in God's love. Perhaps these brothers and sister felt because of God' s love they didn't need to help a brother in need?

However, the better reasoning should have been; "this is my brother part of me where is my compassion?" But laws and rules can make our heart cold towards those we should have compassion, and yes, love for. None of God's Children are beggars, nor should they have to ask other members of the same body for compassion when they fall into hard times. God in allowing hard times is giving us an opportunity to show love for each others, but if our hearts are not moved with God's love and compassion God's own heart will not fail us in His promises; He will take care of us as His Son Christ Jesus promised that our Heavenly Father will.

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**1John 3:18 My little children, let's not love in word only, neither with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.**

Jesus Christ did not love in words only, he laid down his life for those he loved, and our heavenly Father provides for us daily; their words mean something they are the foundation to our faith. Can you imagine God giving us a great talk on His promises, and then never proving He is love when we fall into need?

Not imaginable, God would become a fancy; words, but not a real person; and so it is with humans claiming they love God, but their actions in meaningful help are but words! On the other hand, Christians should not expect that other Christians taken care of them, no! If we are not willing to work we should not eat. If we walk in love and believe we are God's Children then love believes all things, there no need to set thousands of law/doctrines to protect ourselves from so called Christians that might take advantage of our love.

Love says we are moved in our heart to help; love in the person we help will not allow them to use a person kindness as an excuse for material gain. Moreover, lets recall that we have disown our faith if we don't help our family, who really is our family? Those doing the well of their Heavenly Father.

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**1John 3:19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and persuade our hearts before him.**

If we are void of love there is only law and this is a fact for those not spiritual; they are control by fear of not being protected by rules, laws, and doctrines. Simply put looking foolishly by allowing someone to take advantage of them drives them into protectionism through law; becoming obsessed with every possible scenario in protecting themselves from being taken advantage of again.

Under law one looks foolish for allowing themselves to be taken advantaged of, but under love we give up and go the extra mile. This of course requires love and a much greater reason then ourselves; narrow and cramped is the road leading into life, and few find it. Yes, we are in the truth without bars and doors of law for protection because truth is love. We are willing to let ourselves be wronged and to look foolish like Christ Jesus our Lord and Master did in showing love.

In this we know we are in the truth, Jesus Christ, we walk as he walked and we receive help from God's Holy Spirit by putting our entire trust in God's love for us. Living as by fire, and all of us fail daily, and sometime we get it, and realize how badly we fail, and our own hearts condemns us as unworthy. But God is greater than our

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**1John 3:20 because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.**

What is it that condemns our hearts; well it is a lack of love. When we fail in showing love towards others it is that simple. But God is greater than our hearts; he knows all things, in that we are but green grass knowing little without His help. But still there is more, spiritual waters run deep, and John's meaning here can be much deeper. Law condemns us, that is, our hearts for we have a wrestling daily in our flesh.

None of us are without sin, and none of us is without daily test, Thankfully God see the big picture, He provided the pardon, in His Son Christ Jesus. Moreover, He gives us a gift of Christ righteousness/sinlessness in placing us in the body of Jesus Christ.

Though our hearts condemns us in our personal worth it cannot condemns us in Christ Jesus. Where our flesh is under law condemning and being condemned our spirit rest is our justification in Christ Jesus. God is greater than our hearts providing away out through His love too us in Jesus Christ. We will never be worthy there is one in heaven and on earth that is worthy and because of God's great love we have been give a gift of his worthiness we are not condemned, but loved in Christ Jesus.

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**1John 3:21 Beloved, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have boldness toward God;**

Our hearts do condemn us? Well, for many of us yes; because we are judging ourselves according to law, we don't see ourselves as being worthy of God's love. These are the trials of God's Children, but they certainly do not change the unchangeable love of God for us. It may seem strange to some that our personal evaluation of ourselves bears no weight with God, why? Well, He is Almighty, and has set the standards for our judgments in His Son Christ Jesus.

In other words, we are citizens of a country because we are born in that country not that we are good or bad. We are born again not by mans will, but God's will into God's kingdom, that is, Christ Jesus. As a citizen of God's heavenly Kingdom our country/city is New Jerusalem above. Although our hearts condemns us at time because of failing short in sin; feeling unworthy of our citizenship we are nevertheless the Children of God.

Moreover, the judgment for citizens of New Jerusalem is love, so there is no judgment against God's Children, love never fails. But still our hearts condemn us at times, and in these times we are walking in the flesh not Spirit; demanding judgment for our sins condemning ourselves to deaths Law. No matter what our judgment(s) of ourselves it does not rest in our hands any longer, but in God's hands. He is stronger then our condemning heart, His love will heal our sins, and brings to us our spiritual senses, and than we have boldness in God's saving love for us.

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**1John 3:22 and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.**

One might think here that John is speaking of hundreds of commandments and in keeping them we work our way into God's favor and then heaven, but if so you are thinking wrong, why? Simply put there is one New Commandment of love for those in the New Covenant with God. If we obey out of obligation instead of love for our brothers and sisters we break all the commandments.

Although we can never be perfect in love each day; our hearts will not condemn us because God is love and He promises to teach us love by His Holy Spirit. Moreover, it is love that cleanses us from all unrighteousness and sets us unblemished in Christ Jesus. We are only pleasing to God when we walk in love not law. God does not want us condemning each other according to the Law, no! He removed that condemnation for us in Christ Jesus, thus, Jesus stated for those walking in newness of life under love for them to stop judging and they would not be judged.

Furthermore what ever we ask in love we will receive, love is free from material covetousness, love is free from fear, and jealousy, thus, in love we shall receive the spiritual blessings for ourselves and others, no greater love is there in trusting our God to supply our daily needs physically and spiritually for this day, and for all eternity. When we love God we trust/put faith in Him, nothing we ask will be denied.

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**1John 3:23 This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded.**

The Apostle John exposal but two commandments here, not many commandment(s), or many principle(s) of the Old Law. Why because Adam and Eve the first humans on earth were not burden with many rules, laws, or doctrines, no! Jesus came to restore that which had been lost by Adam and Eve, God perfect loving ruler-ship over the human race.

Although to a world that is interwoven from its foundation on with many laws, and which cannot exist, or function without those many laws; God does not need but one law to govern, and that law is love, for He is love. The simplistic nature of such a statement to the world, and it many elite judicial systems appear absolutely foolish. Yet, it is God's will, and His reality for human race to live according to love. Those that the Apostle John was speaking to faced death for walking in love, without protection of human judicial laws, moreover, the laws of nations were used against them; so it was no easy course to walk in love.

John knew the power of Law he had witnessed his Lord and Master crucified by Roman laws, he had witnessed thousands of his brothers and sisters deaths at hands of those wheeling the law, and yet under all this pressure John did not succumb to the efforts of false brothers to once again enslave the body of Christ Jesus under the Old Law. There is no fear in love; John would not create a protectionist mentality in the body of Christ through his teachings under the direction of God's Holy Spirit.

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