

# *Have One Mind (in Christ) - Philippians 2:5*

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## *He That Doeth Truth Cometh to the Light (John 3:21)*

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### **Part 2 - Satan, Which Deceiveth the Whole World** (Revelation 12:9)

As we continue the true investigation of God's commandments, the origin, the intent of them, how long they are to exist, etc., we pick up the story shortly after everything was created and having God say, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Of course, we know that "when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:6).

A lot of people, especially of the Christian world, see this incident take place and think that it was all about the eating of the forbidden fruit. The fruit of the forbidden tree had no special powers. It was not just a matter of this one act that caused the loss of Eden. It

was what the act declared in light of the Ten Commandments.

To explain how we know the Ten Commandments are involved, we first identify that the act of eating the fruit was considered "Adam's transgression" (Romans 5:14). As a result of this transgression, "in Adam all die" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Why do we die? "The wages of sin [is] death" (Romans 6:23). What is sin? "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). In other words, because the Ten Commandments existed prior to the creation of Adam and Eve, the eating of the fruit declared that they had broken the commandments and not just one of them but almost all of them.

First, in consulting with what they want, such as becoming gods (Genesis 3:5) and even becoming wise (Genesis 3:6), versus what God wanted, they put themselves before God and broke the first commandment. They created an idol out of the fruit, which broke the second commandment, as

they thought the fruit itself gave them such wisdom when it was the act of transgression that did it. They were a son and daughter of God but acted in disobedience, which means they took God's name in vain and broke the third commandment. God is the parent, so disobeying God was to disobey their parent and broke the fifth commandment. They knew that the death penalty was associated with the act of disobedience and therefore killed themselves through the act, which broke the sixth commandment. In adulterating their relationship with God (see Jer. 3:8,9), they broke the seventh commandment. The fruit was not theirs to eat per God's instructions so they stole from God, which broke the eighth commandment. They then tried hiding and lying, which broke the ninth commandment. And finally, they coveted the fruit, which broke the tenth commandment. One act, and nine commandments were broken. That is why they were banned (Genesis 3:24).

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If they were banned from the garden just over a piece of fruit, then when God said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15) will not make sense. God is going to send enmity against eating a certain fruit? In other words, substitute the reason for the condemnation into the verse and see if it makes sense because we are told "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Now, here is why eating the forbidden fruit being the issue does not make sense. If we inject the full understanding, the verse would read, "For as in Adam all die because he ate the fruit, even so in Christ shall all be made alive because He avoided the forbidden fruit." Of course, there is no temptation of Jesus involving a forbidden piece of fruit that Jesus successfully resisted, but there are plenty of examples where Jesus "was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He was tempted with "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16), all of which He said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matthew 5:17). In other words, Jesus kept all of the commandments perfectly unlike Adam. In fact, "God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3). And that sin stems back to the incident in the garden, for both Adam and Eve needed a Savior along with everyone else that lived since Adam and Eve. And where we see the word

"sin", by Bible definition, we can substitute the words, "transgression of the law". So, "God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for transgression of the law, condemned transgression of the law in the flesh".

At the same time that all of this breaking of the commandments was going on, God instituted another law – the sacrificial law for "it was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; [and it was] ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator" (Galatians 3:19). We know that it was added on an individual basis because "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Genesis 3:21). Just where did those skins come from? Animal sacrifice is the answer, which continued with Adam and Eve's children for "Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (Genesis 4:4). This would continue on and eventually be expanded to a sanctuary service under Moses, but more on that later.

The important part to recognize is that these animal sacrifices were only a symbol pointing to the Savior, "For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). So, please, do not believe the lie that the Ten Commandments is for the Old Testament people, and when they sinned, the animal sacrifice was used to take away the sin. That is contrary to the scriptures. As stated, no animal sacrifice took a single sin

away. We are all saved by the precious promise, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). The enmity enters into our soul when we "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7) for "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). The possibility is made possible through "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" (2 Peter 1:3).

So many have been taught that the Ten Commandments were required for the people in the Old Testament, and when they sinned, they simply sacrificed an animal, and then they were forgiven, but since the cross, we are under grace and the Ten Commandments have no bearing upon us today. And that is destructive theology. It is destructive because that is where so many are going to end up – in destruction, for they "shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:9) because "they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3) who are preachers that are really "ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 1:4).

The truth of the matter is that the sacrificial system was "a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ" (Colossians 2:17).

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What was abolished at the cross were the laws that governed the pointer, or pointers, to Jesus that began in the Garden of Eden. Everything pointed to Jesus, “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), “Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building” (Hebrews 9:11), and more. That is because “the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect” (Hebrews 10:1).

All of the earthly tabernacle processes has no application for us today because once the Lamb was sacrificed on the cross, Jesus began to fulfill the symbols in addition to the sacrificial Lamb and High Priest, He is also “the bread of life” (John 6:35), is the “living water” (John 4:10), is “the light of the world” (John 8:12), and more. The tabernacle and all the activity associated with it has no purpose since the object that they pointed towards has come – Jesus. That is the law that we are no longer under.

As for the moral law of the Ten Commandments, since they are on display in Heaven (Revelation 11:19), as the prior article explained, they were not abolished. In fact, not only are we expected to keep the moral law still today because that is what a godly person does, we shall do so throughout eternity because “affliction

shall not rise up the second time” (Nahum 1:9).

Now that the sacrificial system was well established from the Garden of Eden through Adam and Eve’s children, let us dwell a moment on the situation with Cain and Abel. Only thorough Bible study reveals why God liked Abel’s sacrifice over Cain’s. It is not explicitly stated, in fact, just reading the opening verses of Genesis 4 makes God out to have a preference to meat over the fruit of the ground. But that is not the case. Though Abel’s sacrifice, involving blood, did not take away a single sin, it pointed to the One whose blood was shed for you and me (Luke 22:20). “Almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). Therefore, when Abel sacrificed lambs, he did so to point to the One whose shed blood would remit or take away our sins. When Cain offered mere “fruit of the ground” (Genesis 4:3), “unto Cain and to his offering” God “had not respect” (Genesis 4:5). That is because there was no blood symbolism in the offering and that means there was no request to be forgiven of his sins. In other words, “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh” (Hebrews 11:4). Abel knew that the blood from the animal did not save him or take away his sin. He had faith in the One that it pointed to. Therefore, Cain had no faith by offering a bloodless sacrifice.

To show that everything about the Ten Commandments and grace has been purposefully mixed up with most preachers today, we move forward in time to when “the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). What is the measure of the wickedness? Something arbitrary that changes from generation to generation? Absolutely not! God says, “I [am] the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6).

Think of it like this, if what most preachers today teach, which is that the Ten Commandments were given to the Jews through Moses and the commandments are then only for the Jews but we are under grace, then that means that at any given time, God’s standards change. No one would ever be able to figure out how to glorify God, or how to “do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22). In fact, the Bible becomes meaningless if that is true, hence, why so few Christians read or study it. And that is exactly how Satan wants it – Christians rejecting the Bible. It would be taught, as many preachers do teach, that Satan was unhappy in Heaven and started a rebellion. He was cast out because of that unhappiness. Therefore, in their reasoning, unhappiness was the standard of God at that moment. Then we have Adam and Eve, who were to obey just one commandment, but did not, we now have a new standard – eating or not eating fruit. Then we have Cain and Abel, in which Cain did not meet the standard of sacrifice, never being told that killing was

wrong, and ended up killing his brother and being condemned for it. Moving quickly in time, we then would have to say that God experimented with people and put the Israelites, who dwindled down to just being Jews (tribe of Judah and Benjamin), and placed them under the standard of the Ten Commandments. Finding that such a standard did not work out, God finally decided to put people under grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ so Christians can be free from keeping the Ten Commandments and do whatever they want and still go to Heaven. What utter nonsense! but that is exactly what Christians are taught today and are accepting it. Is God that arbitrary? Absolutely not!

And then we have a curve ball, a challenge, a conundrum in the false theology that was just presented. "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8). One children's book actually states that grace is really Grace and is Noah's wife. That is an unbelievable attempt at covering up the truth.

Noah was as much under grace as we are today. Some ministers try to declare that it was a different

level of grace or that the use of grace then is not the same as today. That is strange because it is in the Old Testament that we are given the definition of grace: "If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it [is] a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance" (Exodus 34:9). And of all people, it is Moses that we receive the definition from – the great law receiver.

The 'grace-only' ministers do not know what to do with that verse regarding Noah and try to cover up the definition being found in Exodus of all places.

Noah was under grace "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Noah was not perfect for his entire life. We even have the drunken incident after the flood that is recorded in (Genesis 9:21). Though we do not see it, Noah, more than likely, confessed his sin and was forgiven.

Again, moving forward, we have "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Genesis 26:5). Interestingly,

later, under Moses, the same three words are stated: "If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, [and] if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 30:10). The words "laws", "commandments", and "statutes" are actually in nine places in the Old Testament. The point is, using comparative method of Bible study, as instructed by Isaiah 28:9-10, we have established that what Abraham kept were the Ten Commandments, the statutes pertaining to rules to conduct one's life, and the laws that outline the sacrificial system. In other words, Abraham continued what was established under Adam and Eve.

And grace was no stranger in the days of Abraham, for Lot, who did not deserve to be rescued from Sodom for the way he lived and for the hesitation to leave in the end, said to God, "thy servant hath found grace in thy sight" (Genesis 19:19).

*To be continued...*



## *Be In Health — 3 John 1:2*

### **He Giveth His Beloved Sleep (Psalms 127:2)**

We are not created to work around the clock. We are not created to use all hours of the night in selfish desires either. Our bodies have been designed to go

through a period of refreshment each and every night.

Now, before we go any further, though we may use some strong statements, do realize that those who have third shift employment, even though the body is still being

damaged, it is an unselfish act to do what it takes to provide for the family. Please do not take any statements that even may question late night second shift work as a personal attack. Even the apostle Paul pulled late night hours so as

to fund himself regarding the gospel work (Acts 18:3-4, 2 Thessalonians 3:8).

In general, the body was designed to arise at daylight and slow down after sunset. The use of caffeine or other stimulants to keep the energy going so as to “enjoy the evening”, push the body further than intended, etc., and does lead to eventual breakdown.

Some boast of not sleeping at all but rather power nap their way through the twenty-four-hour cycle. Sure, the body may become “used to” that schedule, but it does not mean that wear and tear is being avoided. It simply will mask rejection of being treated that way in just some other manner. Usually, it is by stroke or heart attack leading to death. Milder symptoms include frequent headaches, loss of appetite, and even stress.

The gift of rest is just that, a gift from God. During the sleeping hours, memories are being stored properly making it easier to recall at a latter time. Therefore, pulling

an all-nighter before a test is not the best way to prepare for a test as recall will be affected. Healing of injuries also occurs while the body is at rest more so than when awake.

Lack of rest also leads to becoming more indecisive, having slowness of the mind, even developing fog-giness. To compensate the indecisiveness, many will rashly make decisions so as not to be accused of being indecisive. To combat slowness of the mind and the feeling of fogginess, more caffeine is usually funneled through the system.

Many brag how they survive the abuse, but a day or two after the grueling exercise of the body forcing to cope with an unnatural schedule will result in needing to depend upon the mind in the precise working order only to find that it is a struggle to form cohesive thoughts. Again goes the caffeine to combat this feeling.

Yes, sunsets and sunrises vary so as a typical schedule, and as we have been told, early to bed and

early to rise makes one healthy and wise. As for the wealthy part, that may not always be the case. Therefore, turning in at an hour that permits a proper morning routine, the recommendation is to set a goal of about 9:30pm. One should then be able to arise around 5:30am or so, spend some time with God in His Word, and then tackle the day.

Using the excuse that prime time TV is still occurring at that time is simply trading in proper tuning of the body for some meaningless TV program. This then leads to not having time with God in the morning, and that leads to taking on the day in your own strength, which is foggy, slow minded, and indecisive until two or three cups of caffeine are swallowed.

So, if you want to be wise because you have a clear mind and can think properly, if you want the best opportunity to stay out of the hospital and avoid medications, look into getting the proper rest.



## Healthy and Delicious Recipes

### ***Veggie Cobb Salad with Coconut "Bacon"***

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 small head romaine lettuce, chopped
- ½ cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 medium zucchini, spiralized or peeled into ribbons
- 1 ear of corn, grilled, kernels

sliced off cobb

- 1 avocado, pitted and diced
- 12 to 14 ounces extra-firm tofu, patted dry and cubed
- ½ cup coconut “bacon” (recipe below)

#### **Coconut “bacon”**

- 1½ cups unsweetened coconut

flakes

- 1½ teaspoons garlic and onion powders (mixed together in maple syrup)
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika (optional)

#### **Cashew “buttermilk” dressing:**

**(this makes extra)**

- 1 cup raw cashews, soaked in water 3 to 4 hours, preferably overnight, drained and rinsed
- ½ to ¾ cups fresh water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon sea salt

**Instructions**

1. In a blender, combine the cashews, ½ cup water, lemon juice, onion powder, garlic powder and ¼ teaspoon of sea salt. Blend until creamy,

adding more water if necessary. Taste and season with additional salt as needed. Chill until ready to use.

2. Preheat the oven to 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the coconut flakes along with the maple syrup, garlic & onion powders, and smoked paprika (if using) on the pan and toss gently to coat. Spread in a thin layer on the pan and bake until dark golden brown and slightly crispy, about 8-10 minutes. Watch it closely, it will burn.
3. Increase the oven

temperature to 400°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the tofu cubes on the pan and toss with a drizzle of olive oil and generous pinches of salt. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until golden brown around the edges.

4. In a serving bowl, assemble the salad with the romaine, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, corn, avocado and tofu. Top with the coconut “bacon” and serve with the dressing on the side.



## Natural Vitamins

### Aloe Vera

Aloe vera is a beautiful succulent plant but did you know it has many uses other than brightening up a room?

Aloe vera gel is great for relieving sunburn. You can buy pure aloe vera gel or if you have the plant, simply cut open one of its leaves and scoop the gel out. Simply spread the gel over the burn to help relieve pain and speed up healing.

Aloe Vera has also been known to help with GERD. Simply take 1-3 ounces of aloe vera with your meal to help reduce heartburn.

Have some fruit or veggies in the fridge that you are not going to use immediately? A study published by the Cambridge

University Press showed that coating the food (such as tomatoes, apples, etc) with the gel helped keep it fresher longer and blocked the growth of some harmful bacteria.

Studies have also shown that two tablespoons of aloe vera helped lower the blood sugar levels of people with Type 2 Diabetes. However, it should be noted that people who take glucose lowering medications should use extreme caution as taking both the medication and aloe vera together could lower glucose levels to dangerous levels.

Having issues with constipation? Take aloe vera!! Just a tiny bit will help relieve constipation. Again,

extreme caution should be taken if you use this method. Only a tiny bit is needed. If you suffer with Crohn’s disease, colitis, or hemorrhoids DO NOT USE.

Aloe Vera is great to use in your skin care routine. It is great for hydrating the skin and as a pain reliever.

Aloe Vera has a very low toxicity and is generally considered safe, however, always check with your doctor before starting any herbal supplement especially if you are currently on medications as it can cause adverse reactions.



## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

2 Peter 2:14 uses an opposite statement to show who the lost are, therefore, the expectation of the Christian is to not participate in those things. "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children." Now, many Christians say, "I don't seek after adultery!" But many Christians enjoy a bit of adultery in movies and TV as well as in participating, hearing or telling, of sexual jokes. Statistics state that a good portion of Christians enjoy porn. All of that is adultery including simply enjoying looking at the opposite gender who are not fully clothed, enjoying looking at them in swimsuits, etc., again is all adultery in God's eyes. But the main point is what is upon almost every Christian's lips and that is that "No one can cease from sin!" That is a lie. There are way too many verses in which God commands otherwise. If it were not possible, then God would not set the expectation that high. Sure, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Further, 2 Peter 2:10 tells us that those who live for the "flesh", what the body craves, are going to fall into verse 14 and think there is no way to stop. But Paul tells us "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16), therefore, those who think they cannot stop sinning are actually not spiritual. They live selfishly, gratifying whatever the body craves when Jesus tells us, "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his

cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). So, are you walking after the flesh, believing that you cannot stop sinning, or are you walking after the Spirit and by the grace and power of God stopping sinning?

Jude 1:20-21 is so loaded with information. "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." To be told to "keep yourselves in the love of God" clearly teaches that "once saved, always saved" is not true. The danger is that it places people in complacency, indifferent regarding developing a Christian character, uninterested in the Ten Commandments, uncaring towards true Bible study, and eventually, a pompous attitude of "I'm saved and I can do anything I want and cannot be lost" is developed. How do we keep ourselves in the love of God? "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10). "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). Keeping the Ten Commandments and obeying the scriptures is how we keep in His love. Disobedience, on the other hand, as Jesus said, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent

me" (John 14:24). Additionally, we are told to build upon a most holy faith, not just to have faith, for people think faith cancels out the Ten Commandments. Paul wrote, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). Too many Christians are "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5). Too many Christians "profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16). So, do you love God shewing (not earning) the world by keeping God's commandments and abiding by the Word of God?

Matthew 5:16 states, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The word "let" is not just a desire; it is a command. "Let us go to the store", in today's terms, would allow the response of, "No thanks." And that is the problem with many Bible readers. Modern use of words can greatly weaken the meaning. Therefore, we are actually to show our light of good works, not to earn Heaven, but glorify God the Father, and I would say that it glorifies Jesus too. Showing forth our light shows that the salvation that God the Father sent through His Son is shining forth in us. In other words, Jesus came to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21) that we "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body" (Romans 6:12)

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin” (1 Peter 4:1) that “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9). So, how does your light shine? Does it shine forth worldliness and even sin showing the light of the world and even Satan, or does it shine forth the life of Christ righteousness for you have “put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof]” (Romans 13:14)?

Romans 2:5-8 speaks of “the righteous judgment of God”, and He “will render to every man according to his deeds” (Romans 2:6). It does not excuse away anyone claiming to be saved. It is every man. The verses go on to identify two groups. “To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life” (Romans 2:7). This is the expected holy and sanctified life. “But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath” (Romans 2:8). There are only two options. We either obey the truth in well doing and are saved, or if we do not, we are lost. This is not earning Heaven. This is a result of being saved. Once we are justified, freely forgiven of our sins, and freely provided with the gift of eternal life, we then go forward in obedience to God instead of our selfish and even sinful ways. So, are you really in a saved relationship obeying the truth and well



## ***I Am Come to Deceive The Whole World***

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doing, or are you claiming it by name to be saved while participating in unrighteousness here and there?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are.” This is for everyone. This is not for the lost when they commit suicide. This is not for the rebellious who fill their minds with the awful entertainment of the world. This is for both the believer and the unbeliever. To protect the temple, our bodies, and treat them properly, is the sanctified and holy life. A true Christian will not smoke. A true Christian will be careful what the mind is filled with. A true Christian will watch what they eat, how

much they eat, even when they eat. They will be careful of all health aspects. So, how careful are you?

2 Corinthians 5:15 says, “And [that] he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” Not doing our own thing but doing those things that Christ would want us to do is the expected holy and sanctified life. Paul said it this way also: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me” (Galatians 2:20). Basically, “the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). “[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but

after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1). Now, the conclusion is that when we live to ourselves, participate in sin, walk after the flesh, we are lost, no matter if we were baptized or not. When we deny ourselves, live in obedience to Christ, walk in the gift of eternal life, walk after the Spirit, we are saved. It is a choice. It is not earning. It is a revelation of our relationship with Christ. We either live like the devil or live like Christ. So, do you "walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6) referring to Jesus, or do you live a life of whatever you feel like doing?

Galatians 5:24 states, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Therefore, the opposite is true. If we have not crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts, then we are not His. Crucifying the flesh is the expected holy and sanctified life. Eating and drinking whatever one pleases, giving in to the urges to participate in harmful things, including cigarettes and non-married sexual arousing (does not even have to go as far as intercourse), getting involved in watching sports, wasting time in front of the TV, enjoying the entertainments of the world that are not wholesome, and the list goes on, are all part of the affections of the world, some are even lusts. Basically, walking after the flesh and not the Spirit, which is the opposite of Romans 8:1, is what God condemns and considers us unconverted. Despite claiming to be saved, if we give in to those things, we are lying to ourselves. So, what affections or lusts are you giving in to carelessly, or have you truly crucified the flesh, "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" (Romans 6:6)?

Philippians 3:15 says "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Jesus also said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), and "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Keep in mind, "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mark 4:28-29). "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 John 2:5). We are to be thus minded that perfection is realistic. We are to "Strive to enter in at the strait gate" (Luke 13:24). Those who do not think perfection is possible reject the power of God as predicted that they would in 2 Timothy 3:5), but we "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). So, has God revealed unto you through all of these verses (8 of them) without definition of man see that the expected life of a Christian is holy, sanctified, even perfect at every level of Christian growth where God in "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30), or do you excuse now 9 verses away

because you have been convinced without the strength of a multitude of scriptures to live like the world relying only on faith and grace failing to "shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18)?

Colossians 2:7,8 tells us, "Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of the world, and not after Christ." First, people can indeed entice us to leave the hand of God (John 10:28-29), but it would be our own choice to leave the faith and be lost. Second, every Christian is expected to be established in the faith observing those things that they have been taught to observe, just as Jesus commissioned it to be done: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Those that do not observe those things or give up those things and pick up traditions of men at the expense of not following the commandments (Matthew 15:6), turning to mingling in worldly ways, basically not living the life that Christ taught us to live, is failure of living the holy and sanctified life, where we are to "Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). So, have you been taught to fit in with the world for better witnessing, that people who are living righteous lives are deceived, that there are no consequences to losing eternal life once you are saved, or any other excuse that sets aside obedience to God, especially through His

commandments; or have you been rooted and built up in Christ, established in the faith doing those things that you were taught that true Christians are, and more, with all thanksgiving?

James 1:23-24 states, "For 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: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." Therefore, to simply say that "Jesus did it all", that "I am saved by grace and there is absolutely no regard for works", that "I am saved by faith and there is absolutely no regard for works", etc., is wrong theology, and deadly. Opening up God's Word and finding out what sin is and then closing the Bible and continuing indifferently is condemned here. A lot of people try to say that James was legalistic and prefer the writings of Paul that seem to push grace and faith while making the law of Ten Commandments void, yet Paul wrote, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God

may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Never mind that Paul was probably referring to the Old Testament at the time. The fact that any scripture has this purpose to it means that we are expected to do the work that is contained in the Bible to be reproved, corrected, and to live the way of righteousness to have a life of good works. Therefore, James is not wrong in what He stated, which is living the holy and sanctified life. So, do you just profess to be saved by being a hearer of the gospel only, or are you also a doer of God's Word because the gospel has saved you from sinning since "the gospel of Christ" "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16)?

1 John 2:9-11 states, "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." This tells us that we are

to walk or live in the light of understanding of God's ways, which is the holy and sanctified life, else, if we live in darkness, we shall be lost. One of the tests is our relationship with our brother. We are to "love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:39), which includes our brother. How we do this, Jesus continued on to say, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40). So, we turn to the Ten Commandments and find out that we ought to "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's" (Exodus 20:12-17). That is because these six show that we have the opposite of hate, which is to have love. How are you doing on obeying the second section of the commandments? [The first four are our relationship with God.]



## Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God

**After Receiving Freely of God's Grace [last study that you can see in the answer section], then What?**

1. How can grace be received? 2 Corinthians 6:1

2. With purpose of heart, Who will we cleave to? Acts 11:23

3. What shall we do towards Jesus because we received grace? 2 Thessalonians 1:12

4. What are we to do with the grace of God [hint: grace is not just a moment in time]? Acts 13:43

5. What does grace lead people to become? In other words, who receives the inheritance? Acts 20:32

6. How shall we live? Titus 2:11-12

7. How are we to look, be watchful, be careful in trying to prevent failure of grace? Hebrews 12:15

8. What shall happen after we have grace? Hebrews 12:28

9. What preparation is made for the end or result of grace? 1 Peter 1:13

10. What does grace make us become? 1 Peter 5:10

### June 2021 Bible Questions and Answers

#### Grace

1. What is the Bible definition of grace (take note that it is defined not only in the Old Testament but through Moses)? Exodus 34:9 “pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance”, which the inheritance is eternal life.

2. Receiving grace through faith allows us to be what? Ephesians 2:5, 8 “saved”.

3. How shall we approach God for grace? Hebrews 4:16 “boldly”.

4. Who receives grace? James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5 “humble”.

5. Like a baby becoming a toddler, becoming a child, becoming a teenager, becoming an adult, what are we to do through grace? 2 Peter 3:18 “grow”.

6. What does Jesus say to the really bad sinners? Romans 5:20, 2 Corinthians 12:9 “grace did much more abound” and “My grace is sufficient for thee”.

7. Salvation has two parts two it. Sanctification is one part. What does grace cover? Romans 3:24, Titus 3:7 “justified” or better known as justification.

8. By what does grace not come by? Galatians 2:21, 5:4 “law”.

9. Does that mean grace permits sinning, breaking God’s law? Romans 6:14-15 “God forbid.”

10. What does God call grace being carried too far, allowing for all kinds of worldliness in a Christian? Jude 1:4 “lasciviousness”.

11. When we receive grace, evidently, we can fall away if we do not follow what two things? Hebrews 12:14 “peace” and “holiness”.



## Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** Did God create evil?

The very direct answer to this question is ... No.

2 Chronicles 19:7 declares, “Wherefore now let the fear of the

LORD be upon you; take heed and do [it]: for [there is] no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.” Since there is no iniquity with God that

evil is not part of His character, God did not create the evil. In fact, the first appearance of sin is stated this way: “Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set

thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee” (Ezekiel 28:14-15).

Lucifer was created as a perfect being. Heaven enjoyed the presence of Lucifer until the day iniquity was discovered in him. Where it came from, the Bible declares it to be a mystery (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Just one day, Lucifer decided to obsess upon these thoughts: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:13-14). As we are told, temptation is not sin, “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:14-15). So, if Lucifer would have pushed the temptation out of his mind, Heaven would have continued to be the perfect environment.

Basically, evil is the result of a bad choice and continues through the number of bad choices that we, as free-thinking creatures, continue to make.

**QUESTION:** Is the Bible sexist?

**ANSWER:** Seeing that God is the Author (1 Corinthians 14:33) of the Bible and the contributors are mere writers free to use their own wording because the Bible was not

dictated word for word, which means the real accusation is against God. Now, the Bible states, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28), which means that there is indeed a contradiction if one is to accuse God, through His Word, of being sexist. The Bible just told us that He puts no difference between the genders.

The truth of the matter is that God and the Bible are not sexist. Men and women have corrupted God’s intention, exploited their meanings, and exaggerated the situations. God has given men and women roles based upon a general application for execution. This does not mean that all men can fulfill their roles, and it does not mean that certain women cannot do a better job than some men.

What has happened is that most men forget that in their role, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). Instead, most men, like 90% or greater, are unconverted, and think they can command the woman around. On the contrary, the husband is to do everything possible to support the wife and make sure she has everything possible to execute her role. The income is not the man’s, or for that matter where both are earning an income, man’s and woman’s money, but for the betterment of the household. There is no coming home from work thinking it is time to kick off the shoes and be waited on.

With that said, positions in the church are also not for sexist purposes. It ought not be about power. It is to be a representation of God the Father and His Son. God chose men for the priesthood and men for apostleship. The excuse that if Jesus wanted a woman in position, the times that He walked this earth did not permit it, is just what was stated at the beginning – an excuse. Jesus turned the world upside down with His teachings, so much so that He went to the cross over it, therefore, being God, He could easily have turned the leadership upside down by appointing women into those roles if that were to be His intent, but that was not His intent. Leaders, especially ministers, are to serve the people, not glory in the attention as so many do today. But unconverted women see it as a position in which power and decisions are made, and they want a piece of that action. And that is just wrong.

Speaking of being unconverted, women got tired of being treated as the daintier class, the more reserved, the more in self-control while the men were patted on their back for being unreserved, not in self-control, and wielding their strength around. So, what was the result of trying to become equal between the genders? We have women who freely cuss, are as free with their bodies as men, and are abusive just like the men. Now, who won? Satan. He has destroyed the proper relationship between converted men and women where it is nearly impossible, not completely, thank God, to find a couple that have a proper relationship and happy in their roles supporting the mission.

**QUESTION:** Who was Cain's wife?

**ANSWER:** Cain's parents were Adam and Eve (Genesis 4:1). They had more children than just Cain, Abel, and Seth (Genesis 5:4). With people living so long, many children were born unto them. Additionally, those children had children, of course, by marrying siblings. By the time Cain killed Abel and fled to another land (Genesis 4:8, Genesis 4:16) and found a wife (Genesis 4:17), who knows how old she was. Cain's wife may have been his sister, niece, or great niece. The bottom line is that he intermarried as they all did. This intermarrying happened a second time right after the flood. Restrictions on who may or may not marry in an intermarrying situation does not come about until Leviticus 18:6-18.

**QUESTION:** If God knew that Adam and Eve would sin, why did He create them?

**ANSWER:** We have freedom of choice (Joshua 24:15). If God were to hold back from creating any being based upon knowing if they would obey God explicitly or not would then mean that God did not really create us with the freedom to choose. He would have been accused of creating only beings that agree with Him.

Yes, eventually those who do not serve God will see their punishment, but it is not like they are in the dark about the result of their choices. "The wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Some argue that such is not really a choice then, but to expect God to sustain a sinner with the breath of life throughout eternity, would mean that God is an accomplice to sin, an enabler. So, if a person wants eternal life, "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?" (Romans 6:16).

So, if God were to skip the creation of Lucifer, Adam, or Eve, then we could accuse Him of "stacking" the outcome, which is not the action of a just God. And that is why God has to let evil run its course.



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*Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)*

Let's face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel's example and also be praying at least three times a day.

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# News and Comments

**April 28—NY Post**

## **USPS admits to spying on Americans' social media posts: report**

So much for privacy. Are they mounting material for control? James 2:6 says, "But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?"

**May 10—Market Watch**

## **Opinion: The FBI just got permission to break into private computers without consent so it can fight hackers**

There is always a good reason behind the invasion of our privacy, and to do so without permission is even scarier. The United States does not have to actually make a law or make an announcement to have "spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Allowing overreaching laws to be put into place giving permission to spy on the populous is just wrong. The constitutional rights are being dismissed under good excuses. What happens if something else is discovered while performing such allowance to find hackers? Where is the search warrant to bring that evidence into question, or worse, will that actually allow the FBI to create the warrant while keeping silent and then bust in to confiscate the equipment to keep it legal? We are in big trouble.

**May 10—Yahoo News**

## **How Big Pharma and D.C. Politicians Got Millions of Americans Hopelessly Addicted to Heroin**

It is not just Americans. Many are hooked on it around the world. "For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), where "sorceries" is the Greek word "pharmakeia".

**May 11—Fox News**

## **Colonial Pipeline CEO warns of possible fuel shortages following cyberattack**

With this coming from a hacker of a foreign nation, Matthew 24:7 says, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom". All of this is part of the great financial crisis that is soon to thrust the world in the very end events.

**May 20—The Blaze**

## **In order to go maskless into business or church in Oregon, individuals must first present proof of COVID-19 vaccination**

This is just the training for the Mark of the Beast, where a person must show proof that they participated in a non-financial transaction, in this case, having a vaccine,

or it will be difficult to buy and sell. Revelation 13:17 states, "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

**May 24—Reuters**

## **Future virus 'more deadly' than Covid-19 will spark new pandemic, WHO chief warns**

Revelation 18:23 says, "... for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." Sorceries or "pharmakeia" will be gearing up to deceive the world even more.

**May 28—CBN**

## **Brits Turn to Occult to Contact the Dead, Grieve Pandemic Losses: 'Invariably Leads to Bondage and Suffering'**

1 Timothy 4:1 states, "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."



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## Natural Remedies

### ***Ginger Tea for Menstrual Cramps***

Ginger is a natural anti-inflammatory agent, and can improve blood flow while reducing inflammation in your muscles, including those in the uterus where these cramps originate.

To make 3 cups of tea (so you will have some for later), bring to a boil 3 cups of water and add 3 tablespoons of grated fresh ginger. Cover saucepan and lower temperature so the tea can steep

for about 10 or 15 minutes. Strain the tea and add a little honey if you wish.

