

DAILY BIBLE THOUGHTS JULY 23 TO AUGS 22, 2009

July 23, 2009

Matt.5:1 And seeing great masses of people he went up into the mountain; and when he was seated his disciples came to him.

5:2 And with these words he gave them teaching, saying,

5:3 Happy are the poor in spirit: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Many have read the famous words of Jesus Christ on the Sermon on Mount and wonder how can I be happy as a Christian being poor in spirit? But his words are true that those rejoicing in this world, that is, the spirit of this world find themselves opposed too God.

Many are the teachings of modern day religions boasting in being blessed in spirit, yet Christ Jesus struggled in his flesh trying to maintain God's Holy Spirit and his disciple found themselves in the same position later when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them.

Such is the way of all Christians in this world some times we overcome with just a little help from our God. In this way we learn and are formed into Christ Jesus and God's love. Let's us look at the truth, Christ Jesus is our Truth and he clearly spoke to us about our walk in this world that we must suffer and yes, be poor in spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.

July 24, 2009

Matt.5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Strange words from Christ Jesus, blessed or happy are those that mourn for they will be comforted? Most Christians do not speak of mourning in their churches they speak of blessings without mourning. Something seems upside down here Christ always speaks truth so what did he mean?

God's Holy Spirit is our comforter that Jesus sent us to help us through trials while on earth. Nothing is confusing about Christ Jesus words if we take him at his words. Christ said we will be hated by all nations on earth if we love and accept him in our lives. He also told each of us we would have to pickup our torture stake/cross if we want to follow him. He never painted a picture for his follower that they would have an easy blessed life with no problems while on earth.

In fact, if we can not see that we are in a daily spiritual battle we are not his. So yes we do mourn each day while struggling in a world that is against us, but take courage we will be comforted each day by God's Holy Spirit and blessed by it.

July 25, 2009

Matt.5:5 Happy are the gentle (meek): for the earth will be their heritage.

God seems to have other plans for our earth, but first He tells us that He is going to change the type of personality living on the earth. Yes! Gentle or meek people will own and rule the earth, how unlike the earth we live on now.

How can gentle people be the owners of the earth? Well without God's Holy Spirit changing our heart it would be impossible it take a new personality and God has been working on people's personality for some two thousand years in transforming us into a new creation through Christ Jesus.

God loves a meek spirit a gentle person that can live in harmony with Him, people, and God's creation. All the show and blow of the tough talking world has no credit under God's new heavens and earth. Are you storing up the real treasure in heaven today?

July 26, 2009

Matt.5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness one must be without it! God lead the Israelites through the wilderness letting them hunger and thirst, in this, God was training his people to look to Him for all provision for this life so they might learn that man does not live on bread alone but every word coming from God's mouth.

Our righteousness as Christians is Jesus Christ; he is also the bread of life, our living water. We should expect that there are times every month wherein we hunger and thirst for Christ Jesus our righteousness. We are blessed and happy if we do so, why?

Simple our hungering and thirsting for Christ Jesus our righteousness shows that we are God's and His children under His direction and discipline.

July 27, 2009

Matt.5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

How much depth in Christ Jesus words to us blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. He also stated that we would be judge by how we judge others that in and of it self should sober us up and correct us not to judge, but it does not. Why? Because sinful humans cannot stop judging our flesh drives us to judge others no matter the consequences.

Thus, we all need mercy from God, and He provided us mercy; Christ Jesus is our mercy because in his death and resurrection he fulfilled the Law condemning us to death. Our judgment was removed in favor of God's mercy towards us.

How then can we subject others to the Law condemning them too death while we have been free?

July 28, 2009

Matt.5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Who of us can say we have a pure heart? So does that mean none of us will actually see God? We are told by God Himself the condition of the human heart: "*Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?*"

None of us can say we have purified our hearts from sin no one every living accept Jesus Christ can make such a statement in order to see God. God has provided us a replacement for our corrupted sinful hearts in Jesus Christ. Our being apart of the body of Christ we then have a pure heart sinless in God's eyes.

Our Father in heaven works with us daily in our sinful flesh while refining us with His Holy Spirit translating us into His Son love. In this way we have received a new heart and we are a new creation giving us a new personality. Glory too our God for His great mercy towards us.

July 29, 2009

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

The children of God are peacemakers because when Christ Jesus died on the torture stake/cross for us he removed the thing causing enmity with God, the old Law.

Later the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ Jesus disciples and peace from the Holy Spirit became their overseer. They were entrusted with a sacred work, that of administering the Holy Spirit to others. So in every way the children of God are peacemakers, not so much between others, but with helping others come into a peaceful relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The Children of God, and they alone know the truth of Christ Jesus as the way to eternal life through the Holy Spirit and understand they cannot rebuild the wall of the Old Law that Christ Jesus tore down or they are not peacemakers or God's children.

July 30, 2009

Matt.5:10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

No where within the many words of Jesus Christ can we find the message of most Christian's religions today, that message is, "Christians would lead a life of prosperity". Clearly the words of Christ Jesus are too much to hear for those wanting mega churches.

We are not blessed according to Christ Jesus if we are not persecuted for righteousness sake. Righteousness sake is not sticking our nose into peoples business ruining their lives. No! Our righteousness is Christ Jesus when we are persecuted for being apart of him we will be blessed. Our personal righteousness or religious doctrine in the name of Christ Jesus is not what is expressed here.

We are persecuted because there is enmity between God's seed and Satan the Devils seed. We are persecuted because we are led by Holy Spirit in putting Christ Jesus is in our hearts speaking through us in good works. In this all true Christians will persecuted automatically as Christ Jesus was.

July 31, 2009

Matt.5:11 "Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

5:12 Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

None of us want to be reproached and persecuted yet it cannot be avoided if we belong to Christ Jesus, why? Well as Peter found out when denying Christ Jesus on the night of his betrayal and later his death.

That is, people know if we belong to Christ Jesus even if we denied it. You see if you are one that considers only the flesh or human side of belonging to Christ Jesus it will make no sense to you. But if you understand spiritual matters, that is, the Spirit that marks us as Christ Jesus, what the spirit world can see about us; like the demons and the devil it makes much sense.

The issue is not us but what we are marked with, like wearing a suit of an army we stand out to God's enemies. Although people persecute and reproach us they do not know what they are doing, and most often they don't understand why they feel such hatred for us? In this we can rejoice and we are blessed as the prophets of God received the same treatment, we are in good company.

Aug 1, 2009

Matt.5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.

What does one do if salt has no taste? Well if you have ever been on a no salt diet you know how bland food tastes until you taste buds adjust. Salt would have no useful purpose if it were not salty. So people would pay no attention to it, and treated it like common dirt under their feet.

Salt does not give itself a salty taste so what is Christ speaking of here? We as Christians are given the Holy Spirit of God through Christ Jesus if we maintain our purpose we maintain the Holy Spirit. If in anyway such as going back to the Old Law we lose our purpose, how? It is by Holy Spirit that Christians make disciples, showing God's love, and put on the Christ like personality that the world see as the salt of the earth.

In other words, we have a purpose so long as we are in Christ Jesus the true vine. Without the vine we produce nothing at all, that is, the fruits that benefit others in coming to know Christ Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit we are as common as the world of flesh living in hopelessness and darkness.

Aug 2, 2009

Matt. 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't be hidden.

5:15 Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

5:16 Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Jesus Christ was the light of this world sent by His Father Jehovah God to shine truth and grace upon the human race. Some think because Jesus walked the earth over two thousand years ago and was killed by the Roman kingdom that his light was put out never to shine again.

However, Christ promised his followers that after his death he would send them the Holy Spirit which would make them the light of this world. That Holy Spirit exists on earth today in his follower and so we too have become the light of this world.

The good works are the works of the Holy Spirit working through us so other can see an invisible God and His Son Christ Jesus. Oil filled the lamps of those early Christian so they understood being filled with the Holy Spirit that would shine brightly where ones could read important information and do work at night.

Aug 3, 2009

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There is no profound meaning here in Jesus words except that we remember that even a lamp has a purpose the creator of the lamp created it for a useful purpose. Strange that we Christians have to be reminded that we are created by God for a purpose. But this is the natural confusion of our sinful flesh always fighting against what nature itself teaches us.

Yes, people build cities on hills for all kinds of reasons, but one thing is for certain there is a logical reason for it, and we know they can be seen for great distances so visitors can find them even at night or in a storm. We as Christians have been created for a purpose a lamp or a city has no purpose if we hid there light from people. And yet we do hid our light from time to time for all kinds of reasons, but none of them are good according to Jesus Christ

Aug 4, 2009

Matt.5:17 "Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Many religious groups take Jesus words to mean because he did not destroy the law but fulfilled it that they are still under the principles of the old Law. However, principles become laws when we judge by them. In other words, there is no difference between a principle and a law when either is enforced as doctrine, rules, or commandments.

Sadly these groups miss the mark in understanding that Christ Jesus did not lower God's standards, but raised the standards higher by love and forgiveness for sins done against the Old Law. If Christ did not complete or fulfilled the old Law there would be no forgiveness and we would all be under death instead of life in Christ Jesus. So if we treat a principle as a law we have removed the power of Christ Jesus blood in delivering from the Law producing sin, judgment, and death.

Aug 5, 2009

Matt.5:18 For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter{literally, iota} or one tiny pen stroke{or, serif} shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

The law cannot pass away until every human is redeemed through the blood of Christ Jesus, why? Simply if we do not accept Jesus Christ we are under Law of sin and death. In other words, Christ fulfilled the law by giving his life blood for the sins of this world.

The law was not evil but good it performed exactly as God planned it to do, that is, condemning all those under it to death by their sins. The foolishness of those promoting adherence to the law based on the Jesus words above; stating we are under the law because Christ Jesus said; it would not pass away not even the smallest letter or iota is a misrepresentation of Christ purpose and words.

Christ set us free from the law he was the fulfillment of the law, he was the end of the law. The caveat here is that we must accept him by putting faith in him then the law is fulfilled in our case in Jesus Christ. If we do not then smallest letter and iota stands in judgment against us of the law.

Aug 6, 2009

Matt.5:19 Whoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Neither Jesus Christ nor his Father are liars! There has been no one every living that could obey the law perfectly, but Christ Jesus and that is why God had to send His Son to die for us.

So everyone teaching the law except Christ Jesus would be least in the Kingdom of Heavens because they could not perform the law perfectly. So what is Christ Jesus talking about here? There is no confusion if one understands you cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heavens by the old law. Christ Jesus is the door into the Kingdom of the Heavens, by his blood he removed the law that condemns us to death and opened the shut door into God Kingdom of the Heavens.

So teaching the law instead of Christ Jesus and forgiveness means you remain under sins judgment through the Old Law and are least in the Kingdom of God. Whereas preaching Christ Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit puts you in Christ Jesus where the law cannot judge you any longer. Christ Jesus is the only one that taught the law perfectly and obey it perfectly he is great/greatest in the Kingdom of God. And our being a part of him/his body we receive as a gift of his righteousness making us also part of the Kingdom of God.

Aug 7, 2009

Matt.5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Taking Jesus Christ words here in the absolute negative will not bring understanding to his words above. We human like grouping life into good and evil that way life's judgment are easy. Not all the Pharisees were evil many accepted Christ Jesus after his death. Their righteousness was no more or less then that any person living Jew or otherwise. The Apostle was moved to state under Holy Spirit: *Rom.3:10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one"*

The righteousness of the Pharisees was the Old Law, the Old Law was not enough to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, why? It took Christ Jesus blood to exceed the righteousness of the Law; he fulfilling it so Christians are no longer judged by it.

So yes, if your righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees you cannot enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Are these harsh words by Jesus toward the Pharisees and us? No! They are a fact; resting upon shoulders of Christ Jesus is the salvation of the whole world. He became the door opening into heaven if we exercise faith in him then his righteousness is imputed too us, that is, he becomes our righteousness so we exceed the righteousness of the Old Law that the Pharisees were teachers of.

Aug 8, 2009

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}

The Old Law was exacting cut and dry, if you murdered your judgment was death and you would be put to death by the court. But Christ Jesus stated there was a greater judgment that was just as exacting that our hearts justifies and hides from others, but not God. The old Law was not enough to convince those Jews that more was needed then their Law that condemned them into death with no way out.

Which Law was given to expose the hypocrisy of their sinful hearts; somehow the Jews managed to hide their real heart condition by obeying and performing acts of outward righteousness towards the old Law. They were using God's righteous laws to make themselves self-righteous. Christ Jesus showed in his words above that no one accept him could fulfill the Old Law all were condemned not only to death by the Law, but Gehenna because of the natural sinful condition of our hearts.

Now there is no way out of our sinful nature it has been complete exposed! There is but one name given too us for our salvation and that is Jesus Christ. Through his blood and righteousness we have God's mercy and forgiveness call on him today.

Aug 9, 2009

Matt. 5:23 "If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you,

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Matt. 5:24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. upon him today. 5:24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Jesus exposed the truth condition of our hearts, lie as we do to others through our mouths if we have hate or contempt for our brothers in our hearts we are condemned. All of us have those sinful conditions in our hearts so even under the Old Law one needed to make peace through “forgiveness” with their brothers.

Peace come through forgiveness without forgiveness there is no peace. We need to make peace with God, how? Under the old Law true peace could not be made with God only temporary peace could be made through animal blood sacrifices. Christ Jesus is our peace through his blood he makes peace with God for us. God through His mercy and underserved kindness give us a free gift of love in Jesus Christ.

Now we have true everlasting peace provided we pass over from death to life in loving our brothers. We cannot hide hate or contempt in our hearts or we no longer have life (Jesus Christ) blood covering us.

Aug 10, 2009

Matt.5:25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

5:26 Most certainly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there, until you have paid the last penny.{literally, kodrantes. A kodrantes was a small copper coin worth about 2 lepta (widow's mites)--not enough to buy very much of anything.}

The Old Law was unforgiving for those transgressing against it, there was no wiggle room. Wisdom is with those that can make peace with their adversary. Pride does not bend the rule of law all that a judge can do is uphold the rule of law; emotions do not come into play. Our pride is full of emotion wanting justice; it is better to be humble, and accept the facts and make peace rather than lose everything.

But here in Jesus words is a greater meaning the Old Law condemns all sinners too death that is the law cannot be bent for good motive or pride.

The law is our adversary convicting, and condemning us constantly as a sinner deserving of death.

Wisdom is with the humble ones that make peace with the law by accepting the terms God holds out to all of us Jesus Christ with him alone we can have peace with God.

Aug 11, 2009

Matt. 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, {TR adds "to the ancients,"} 'You shall not commit adultery;'{Exodus 20:14}

5:28 but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The human heart is at the center of sin; our heart seems to have a mind of its own at times. Where we can control our heart in one area we are weak in another. Parts of the Old Law worked for some so they did not committed adultery; this certainly made them feel they deserved a reward/blessing for their righteousness. And God is well pleased when people have the desire to do uprightly according to the Old Law; for the Law is good and righteous because it is from God's own heart.

However our hearts are also treacherous as holy writing warns us; although we obey the law in actions our heart may not. When we accept Jesus Christ we fully come to understanding that the Old Law is righteous, but we are not. That is, the Law exposes our true heart condition as sinners and as much as we love God's Law our sinful condition cannot fully obey it.

God knows this about us so He came to our rescue in supplying a substitute for our treacherous hearts in Jesus Christ. Jesus did obey the Old Law perfectly in his body, mind, spirit, and heart, so by his death he fulfilled what our deepest desire is, to please God fully. Now with Jesus Christ righteousness imputed too us we can have a standing over our sinful hearts; bless be the God of love forever!

Aug 12, 2009

Matt.5:29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.{or, Hell}

This is one of the most controversial statements of Christ much evil has been wrought behind interpretations of this scripture.

Although people have plucked out an eye behind Christ Jesus words certainly none of his apostle did or is there recorded in Holy writing any prophet or for that matter any person that plucked out an eye, so what did Christ Jesus mean?

Well first of all plucking out the eye does not change ones heart it does not stop and adulterous heart. Christ was making the point that it would be just that hard for a person to make it into the Kingdom of Heavens under the Old Law. The Law did not change the true condition of our hearts it only exposed them as being full of sin. It would take the operation of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus for our hearts to change.

Yes, a radical operation of circumcision by God's own hand of our hearts. Plucking out an eye will not change our hearts, but God's love in sending His Son to die for us will. The Old Law was good but not designed by God to give us a new personality.

Aug 13, 2009

Matt.5:30 If your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Gehenna.{or, Hell}

What sane person would cut of their hand to obey a law? What type of a law would require a person to cut off a hand for an offense? It would be a cruel law indeed. Sadly even if a person obeys God's law, but does so without a complete heart it is not acceptable to Him.

Thus, reading all of Jesus words it becomes clear that he was addressing something other then literally cutting of a body part. The Old Law did not allow for mercy it was cruel for those that transgressed against it. It had one penalty for sin and that was death. Cutting off a body part shows the impossible situation all of us are in; we literally have to kill ourselves to make our sinful nature stop!

Instead Jesus Christ died for us substituting his perfect life for all sinners if they put faith in him. In other words, cutting off an offensive body part does not change the heart, brain, or spirit of the person it is a cruel temporary fixes to a much greater problem. The Old Law was just that a temporary fix for a much great problem human sin. As long as we remain under the Old Law the way to life is through paying the wages for sin,- death.

However, under the New Law of love in Christ Jesus life is imputed too us through Christ Jesus blood. No longer is our task master cruel causing death, but gentle lowly of mind full of good works and peace imparting everlasting life to us now.

Aug 14, 2009

Matt.5:31 "It was also said, 'Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce,'{Deuteronomy 24:1}

5:32 but I tell you that whoever puts away his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is put away commits adultery.

It is fairly clear that sexually immorality was the only grounds for divorce without styling oneself an adulterer. When religion interprets Jesus Christ words above they come up with all sorts of variation. Some people feel superior because a family falls into the sin of adultery and theirs don't. But Christ Jesus stated just a few verses above that if a person looked at the opposite sex with lust they had committed adultery with the person in their heart.

And the only way out of the problem was to pluck out their right eye! How many eyes have you plucked out? But the sins of our hearts don't seem so bad they can be justified by not violating the Old Law. But doing so does not make us better or more righteous than our neighbor committing adultery if we have done so in our hearts? And to make matters worst if we have not plucked out our right eye then we are still in adultery.

This is the dichotomy of self-righteous according to Christ Jesus; there is here a bigger message; stop judging and you will not be judged.

Our righteousness is not enough for any of us to gain life it requires Christ Jesus righteousness to be imputed to us from God for us to be pleasing to Him and gain life.

Our righteousness is equivalent to plucking out an eye to solve a sinful heart disease passed on too us by Adam sin; it not humanly possible. Christ Jesus did not say have someone else pluck out your eye, no! We must personally perform this impossible operation.

Aug 15, 2009

Matt.5:33 "Again you have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall perform to the Lord your vows,'

False hope! Have you ever been a victim of false hope? Will you may think it not so bad it just a little thing, but according to God it is not. Many of lives have been plunged into sin and depression by a broken promise.

Our world is so rotten with the fruits of broken promises that the stink flows into the heart of every person.

How can a person knowing God and the true condition of our sinful flesh promise anything when we are, but green grass a vapor unable to live more than one day at a time? People that hold out false hopes to others do not think it is a promise, but legally if a person acts upon those hopes it is a legal binding contract or vow.

We should know the power of false hope and broken promises, and why we make them, they are a work of the sinful flesh; a want of our own heart. We must think carefully and use words that take courage "yes or no" lest we fall into sin and judgment.

Matt.5:34 But I say to you, Take no oaths at all: not by the heaven, because it is the seat of God;

5:35 Or by the earth, because it is the resting-place for his foot; or by Jerusalem, because it is the town of the great King.

5:36 You may not take an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black.

5:37 But let your words be simply, Yes or No: and whatever is more than these is of the Evil One.

Our lives are but a vapor in one second the stove is shut off and the vapor disappears.

The universe and its stars are billions of or years old the creator of those stars tells us for good reason do not make an oath by heaven or His throne. If we are a Christian our lives are not ours to do as we will with. Moreover, we are a slave of Christ Jesus a good slave does not make vows without the knowledge of his master. Christ Jesus has plans for each of our lives vowing promise outside of Christ Jesus is wicked. We cannot serve two masters at a time without loving one and hating the other.

Ultimately our making a promise declares that we have control over our life and our death that we know for certainty that we will be alive long enough to perfect the promise. This type of boasting is wicked according to God we are told simply say yes or no every thing in between is from the evil one.

In other words, why do we make promises and not say yes or no? Not for good motive we want something and our word does not hold enough weight for people to put trust in us.

Aug 17, 2009

Matt.5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' {Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21}

5:39 But I tell you, don't resist him who is evil; but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Although Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Law by living perfectly under it as the only human being ever to do so, we must remember he also showed a higher way under the Law when he did not have to do so. Before the Law was completed at his death Christ Jesus showed love to his enemies. However, those under the Law did not show love for their enemies or turn the other cheek to the striker they were paying back injury for injury.

Most religions on earth today use Jesus words under the Old Law stating they should be applied also to those under the New Covenant, but this type of application is erroneous as seen from the verses above, why? Because a Christian can never repay injury for injury the New Law of love has no place for such conduct. So when we read Jesus words under the Old Law may we be mindful where judgment without mercy is found we must as Christian apply love, we must exceed the requirements of justice under the Old Law and give up our inner most garment (pride or our rights) and prove we are Son's of God.

In other words, understand that Jesus spoke about the Old Law and its requirements and at the same time exceeded the righteousness of the Pharisee by amplifying mercy and forgiveness. If we are not aware of this we will assume wrongly and apply the Law to the New Covenant enslaving others to it instead of Christ Jesus.

Aug 18, 2009

Matt.5:40 If anyone sues you to take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.

Christians do not gain by taking but by giving up and releasing. In a world where standing up fighting back and taking one's rights is the standard of conduct those led by Holy Spirit do just the opposite. The rights that a Christian has are the ones given them through Christ Jesus' headship when we are entrusted to Christ Jesus the King of Eternity we are in the best hands that any person can find themselves in.

We are promised protection, food, shelter, and peace, in times of trouble more over being wronged is not about our being wronged, but the person we represent Christ Jesus. When we give up we put our complete trust in the one that promises us a way out and salvation. We lose nothing we gain a spiritual increase and blessings from God.

Those walking in the flesh find it almost impossible to be wronged let alone give up a possession. Jesus Christ gave up all his rights to gain life for the world that put faith in him. Life comes from giving up even our souls to gain life if we are called to do so.

Aug 19, 2007

Matt.5:41 Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

5:42 Give to him who asks you, and don't turn away him who desires to borrow from you.

Life is not easy for a Christian and without the right mind-set it can be all but impossible.

If a Christian thinks these good works come from their corrupt flesh they are not going to perform what Christ Jesus ask us to do because we are his disciples. Not many modern day religions or their members will tell you that you are going to have to let go of yours rights if someone compels you to do so, such as an employer. Moreover, lend to someone that you don't know if they ask to borrow from you. Most groups spend hours analyzing every circumstance to protect themselves from being taken advantage of. In order to do this they must apply the Old Law or the principles of the Old Law that soon become a rule, doctrine or dogma

Christians our lead by the Holy Spirit as the wind blows so the Spirit led them where it wants. So each divine appointment has to be handled according to love, there is no blanket dogma, rule, or doctrine to protect oneself only love.

Aug 20, 2009

Matt.5:43 You have knowledge that it was said, Have love for your neighbour, and hate for him who is against you:

5:44 But I say to you, Have love for those who are against you, and make prayer for those who are cruel to you;

5:45 So that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven; for his sun gives light to the evil and to the good, and he sends rain on the upright man and on the sinner.

God never ask us to do what He is not willing to do. Has God shown love for His enemies? Yes, He has by sending His Son Christ Jesus to die for us. Has He allowed the earth to go on for thousands of years will men pollute and destroy each other even in His name? Yes, He has so that men and angles might know that God gave man the right to chose right and wrong.

Has God let it rain upon people doing good and bad in this world? Yes, He has. Have people blamed Him and condemned Him for not taking the rights away from the wicked? Yes, they have, both those that claim Him as Father and those that don't believe He exists.

Yet, still He helps those that hate Him. Should it surprise us that God would want us to do the same and should we not do the same if we are truly a part of Him?

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Matt.5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

5:47 If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Can a Christian be perfect in their flesh? No, if we make the statement that we have no sin then we are a liar. But we can be perfect in love; but is it our love or is it God's love working through us? Never may we forget that to love those not loving us takes power from a higher source and in our case (Christians) that power comes down from above.

Yes, God supplies us the fruits of His Holy Spirit and one of those fruits is love. When we are apart of the true vine Jesus Christ we bear fruit this fruit does not come from our flesh or human sinful nature, but from a perfect God of love.

So we become perfect when we allow Christ Jesus to work through us with His Father Holy Spirit; why are we laboring at this point? Not for any negative reason, but for the truth that will set us free when we understand our best efforts in loving those that hate us is not enough it will never measure up to God's perfection.

So when we constantly fail in this regard rather than punish ourselves as not good enough let us rejoice because the person we profess is good enough, and he will work through perfecting God's love in us. May all the glory go to God and we bow before the Great King that redeems us from such a great thing as death.

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Matt.6:1 Take care not to do your good works before men, to be seen by them; or you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Most Christians gives little or no consideration to Christ Jesus words here. In fact, every time some Christians does a good work a big deal is made of it in their congregation some how sanctifying the boasting about the good work because it is shared with the congregation.

We do encourage one another in good works and we need that, but when we perform good works thinking that others might come to know about them we are more concern with the praise of men rather than God's approval of us. Nothing dwells in our sinful flesh worthy of glorying; let us share in the good works of God's Holy Spirit working through us rather than take glory for a gift given us freely by God's love.

When Christ Jesus was approached with the words "good teacher" he said: "why do you call me good only one is good?" and that Good One was His Father in heaven. The reward we are storing up in heaven come to us from God's Holy Spirit. We want the Holy Spirit in us were are a channel or a vessel that God uses to glorify His good name and His great mercy. Why should any of us boast in something we did not earn or did not pay for?

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