

The Doctrine of Disfellowshipping

When considering the doctrine of disfellowshipping/excommunication, we must first invite the question, how did the early Christians uphold the Apostle Paul's admonishment to remove the wicked person from among themselves?

We must further understand what it was that was being removed? Was it the nature of God dwelling within the person, or the sinful nature of the flesh? In starting at this point as Apostle Paul himself chose to, that is, dividing the person into two different natures will bring us to another perspective of whole subject.

Apostle Paul's Admonishment

Chapter 5

1Cor. 5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles, that one has his father's wife.

5:2 You are puffed up, and didn't rather mourn, that he who had done this deed might be removed from among you.

5:3 For I most certainly, as being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him who has done this thing.

5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5:5 are to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

5:6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump?

5:7 Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed in our place.

5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

5:9 I wrote to you in my letter to have no company with sexual sinners;

5:10 yet not at all meaning with the sexual sinners of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then you would have to leave the world.

5:11 But as it is, I wrote to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother who is a sexual sinner, or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner. Don't even eat with such a person.

5:12 For what have I to do with also judging those who are outside? Don't you judge those who are within?

5:13 But those who are outside, God judges. "Put away the wicked man from among yourselves."

First, it was God who put His nature into this Child of God; God's nature is not corruptible. Furthermore, this Child of God had been declared righteous not by man's will, but by the will of God the Father, Jehovah. Each member of the body of Christ Jesus has also been freely forgiven of their sins in the flesh and declared righteous in the body of Jesus Christ.

1Pet.1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and remains forever. (In referring to the flesh Paul is talking about being under the Old Law that exposes us as sinners.)

Rom.8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.{NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"} (Paul is talking about not walking according to the Old Law, but rather in Christ Jesus who is now Spirit under the New Law of Love.)

Eph.1:5 Having predestinated us to the adoption of children to himself by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

So it is of vital importance here that we understand; God's accounting one sinless is because of what Christ Jesus did while in his flesh upon earth. (*that is he fulfilled the Old Law removing its condemnation against those in Christ Jesus*) Nothing within any human being to every lived on earth before, or after Christ Jesus; can or have by their own merit gained a sinless standing before God. Rather our sinless standing is a "gift" from God and is obtain by accepting and being a part of the body of Christ Jesus.

The Apostle Paul was well aware of this, seeing how most of his holy writings focused on this important subject (*that is, the gift of grace or underserved kindness as stated in some translations*) among the congregation of God. So the question begs did Paul institute a new "doctrine" inspired of God. Thus, mandating a "new standard", a "new rule" among all Christians as proof that their group our God's people in upholding this rule/doctrine?

Christ Jesus the "head" of the body that Paul and his brothers and sisters were now apart of laid two commandments upon his body members. 1.) The commandment to love one another, and 2.) Love your neighbor as yourself. These two simple commandments fulfill the Old Law of God completely leaving nothing undone.

John 5:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.

15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

15:14 You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you.

Rom.13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not give false testimony,"

"You shall not covet,"{TR adds "You shall not give false testimony,"}{Exodus 20:13-15,17; Deuteronomy 5:17-19,21} and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."{Leviticus 19:18}

13:10 Love doesn't harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

It was the Apostle Paul who wrote these words in the book of Romans regarding the fulfillment of God's commandments in love. He understood that the body of Christ Jesus did not need hundreds of rules and doctrines if they were to continue to walk in love. In fact, Paul's entire life course was that of fighting spiritually against those wanting to bring back the Old Law. Thus, enslaving brothers and sister once more to sins law, costing them their freedom gained from laws judgment in Christ Jesus.

So the type of disfellowshipping the Apostle Paul was referring to could not have been the type performed under the old law; as many groups harkens onto today. Paul would not have brought back a part of the old law enslaving the whole body of Jesus Christ into corruptions and death from sins law. (*Sins Law is referring to the Old Law that expose us a sinner, convict us as sinners and punishes us as sinners.*)

Gal.5:1 Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

5:2 Behold, I, Paul, tell you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing.

5:3 Yes, I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. (*Paul making the point even something healthy as circumcision commanded by the Old Law enslaved one to the whole law.*)

5:4 You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace. (*Christ Jesus is a Christians justification not the Old Law.*)

Rom.3:20 Because by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin. (*Law exposed our sin it could not justify our sins.*)

Rom.10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery,"{Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18} also said, "Do not commit murder."{Exodus 10:13; Deuteronomy 5:17} Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 2:12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom. 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Apostle Paul had been instituting love among the brothers not law; he was following Christ Jesus carefully in his entire ministry. Love as the Apostle Paul often spoke of within his writings would deal with problems on an individual level in love. In other words, God was now dealing with Son's of God, His own Children, how? Well in love, as good parents do; not in group punishment by law/rules punishing without thought to individual character, needs, or circumstance of the person. Nor was God using group punishment in dealing with problems in the body of Christ Jesus. That is, punishing all body members because of the sins of one. The body was led and control through God's love, that is, the New Commandment of Love, not the Old Law.

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.

13:8 Love never fails. (Paul's words to the Corinthian)

Col.3:12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance;

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.

3:14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

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

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. (Paul's words to Colossians)

So it is of no surprise that we don't read of Apostle Paul setting up this rule as a standard in his other writings. No! He was dealing with a problem in one of his brothers in Christ Jesus as an individual in one congregation.

Moreover, the Apostle Paul under the power of the Holy Spirit reminded his spiritual family, of the importance of headship in the body of Christ Jesus.

1Cor.11:3 But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.

He instructed them that God had placed each body part or member within the body of Christ as He willed. No man had any right or say in this matter; Christ had been given complete control of his own body by God. He had paid the price for his body with his own life and blood, in faithfulness to God.

Paul was not now advocating in light of his many writings that he could with impunity cut off a member of the body of Christ without consequences too himself and to the body.

1Cor.12:18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired.

Furthermore, Paul understood that any decision in the body had to be at the directions of Christ Jesus (the head of the body) through God's Holy Spirit, or the Apostle Paul would be sinning against the Holy Spirit within the body of Christ Jesus. Moreover, we must remember when Paul wrote these words of reproof he was under Holy Spirit penning the words of this letter to the Corinthian congregation, thus, this was no man made thought or decision.

1Cor.3:16 Don't you know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you?

3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, which you are.

Subsequently, cutting this brother off was not to make him adhere closer to the Old Law, no! Paul had told the brothers that they were freed from the law, and it would be sin too them in bring any part of it back; this would put them under slavery again too sins law.

Gal.3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

(Cursed, into the wages of sin, - death, a little law was equivalent to putting a little yeast into unleavened bread, which is Christ Jesus; there was no such thing a "little law", a little law meant breaking all the law, a little yeast made all the unleavened bread corrupted with yeast.)

What was needed in this brother case was more Holy Spirit not less Holy Spirit through the law. It would be by his walking in the Holy Spirit that he could put to death the sinful flesh.

This brother no longer had the ability to walk in Holy Spirit so it required his "flesh" being handed over to Satan to mortify it in death (Not God's Holy Nature that anointed him). This was not an act of hatred for this brother; it was an act of love. Christ Jesus does not hate his own body parts, which go against all that he is and spoke about. He does hate sin because he is a Righteous King. No person hates his hand because it has an infection; he does not long for a hand transplant in order to get ready of the infection.

Gal.5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh.

(Remembering here it is God's Holy Spirit that conquers sin in the body of Christ Jesus not self-will or Old Law.)

Nor should we conclude here that sonship is an impersonal thought on paper written two thousand years ago that magically Christ can regenerate like a star fish a new hand after cutting it off in some unreality, like some fair tale.

Christ Jesus was not going to save this brother flesh; flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; Christ was going to save his soul by killing the flesh so that God's Holy Spirit could work in him to save his spirit, or eternal spiritual life. That is, by allowing for the mortifying of his sinful flesh so he could once again be a spiritual temple God, and walk in Spirit. Thus, in allowing Satan the control of his flesh for a time would glut him with what he thought was a desirable sin.

Gal.5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit.

Now finding no way out of his sin; that is, without Christ deliverance by Holy Spirit; would reinforce the importance of purity of thought in the body of Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus would once again save him from his sin delivering him into God's love once the discipline was completed.

His discipline would be as from a physician; precise and controlled treatment in order to save the patient. It was not a haphazard treatment done out of the emotions from fleshly thoughts, no! It was done under the complete control and direction of Christ Jesus powerful headship.

Furthermore, it is good to remember no person on earth has the physically power to hand over a part of Christ Jesus body to Satan the Devil, nor does a person have personal power in delivering a someone from the Satan the Devil power. Both requires the power of God' s Holy Spirit. The act of disfellowshipping is a spiritual matter requiring God's involvement and permission, not fleshly, rules, doctrine, or law.

Heb.4:12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

4:13 There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

4:14 Having then a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold tightly to our confession.

4:15 For we don't have a high priest who can't be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but one who has been in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin.

Nothing in this disfellowshipping would be left to chance here; there would be no loss, but for the destruction of this brothers sinful flesh. He was not hated by Paul and his brothers and sister, why? They were all his body members; they all processed nothing in the way of "personal righteousness" to be in Christ or have their sins forgiven without Christ Jesus. Moreover, they were still sinner as long as they lived in their flesh. Their sins were not being accounted against them by God's grace/underserved kindness. God and Christ were dealing with them in love, mercy, and compassion, that is, provided they freely forgave one another from their hearts.

Each member had been delivery by Christ Jesus, not by the old Law, or their own will or power. How then could they boast in themselves and not help their brother? Unlike those that stop a bad habit, and become critics and judgmental of others with the same habit.

This could not happen in the body of Christ, why? Because nothing of their own will stop their sin it was Christ Jesus and God's will that stop their sins. They had no reason to be self-righteous towards a brother in sin. Moreover, their not returning too practice of sin was because of God's Holy Spirit working in them through Christ Jesus headship over them; nothing in their personal efforts or goodness was required in this process.

Php.3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh;

Php.3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 3:10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death;

Furthermore, this brother's sin would not be held against him as though he had earned a lower position in body of Christ Jesus do to the degree of his sin. God is not partial, not even under the old law was He partial, that is, each person got the measure of the laws wages, which is, death. However, under the new law of love each person gets its wages, which is, life, there are no degrees in life, no more so then there are degrees in death, so God is not partial.

Moreover, God had placed each member in the body as he pleased, sin does not make a hand an eye, or eye a foot, now does it? So it is the Law that demotes and that cannot forget or forgive sin

Rom.6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Apostle Paul and the brothers were not getting read of a problem no more so, then one cut's off his hand for relief. No! They were dealing with a problem, a sickness, a disease body part at the direction of the head of the body Christ Jesus; they were to help save this body part with Christ Jesus wisdom and help. This would require careful humble attention (*listening to the Spirit of the Congregation Christ Jesus*) so they did not lose this part altogether. What type of attention?

The same type of attention given to each body members and the whole body, which is love. The body of Christ exists because of love; love is the perfect bond of union; love feeds and cherishes each and every part of the body; without love it cannot produce good fruits.

Col.3:14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

All the body would suffers until this vital part is restored into perfect health within the body. If these brothers reverted to the law they would kill this brother and be guilty of murder. They would be hypocrites by freeing themselves from the judgment of the Old Law while at same time condemning their brother by it.

Nothing within Paul's decision could be based on personal judgment of the old Law, or the sinful flesh under deaths law.

The Apostle Paul informed his brothers and sisters in the same letter that there wisdom came through Jesus Christ and without God Holy Spirit they could not understand anything of God. Paul's was not reverting to human wisdom, legal judgments or the judgment of the law. He would not bring the spirit of the world into the body of Christ Jesus. He would not use the harsh judgments common among governments, corporations, businesses, or religions, practicing legal policies in today's world in removing undesirables, while protecting themselves from legal liability.

1 Cor.2:11 For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God, except God's Spirit.

2:12 But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us by God.

2:13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things.

2:14 Now the natural man doesn't receive the things of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he can't know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2:15 But he who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is judged by no one.

2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him?"{Isaiah 40:13} But we have Christ's mind.

The Apostle Paul understood that all body members received a sinless standing in Christ Jesus they could not be judged according too their flesh any longer by men and their judgments. The judgment of Christ Jesus body member was in the jurisdiction of the Heavenly Father alone, not under the jurisdiction of any man or man made courts on earth, religious or otherwise. Thus, the judgment of earthly courts can convicted a wrong doing of God's Children and they may suffer the penalty, but these judgments are not upheld in God's judgment of his children. That is, an earthly court does not say your son is guilty now God put him too death or convict him of sin.

The body members are solely under the control of God, He bought and paid for each member through the blood of His Son Christ Jesus; they are not mistakenly put in to the body of Christ Jesus as an experiment. They are however chosen from the founding of the world by God, the creator of human DNA, the giver of intelligence to the human race.

1Cor. 12:3 So it is my desire for you to be clear about this; that no one is able to say by the Spirit of God that Jesus is cursed; and no one is able to say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

1Cor.4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment. Yes, I don't judge my own self.

4:4 For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord.

4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each man will get his praise from God.

If Paul and his brothers and sister were too judge this brother without God's expressed permission and by Law they would be judging God Himself. So there can be no arguing that Paul's judgments were directed by God through Christ Jesus under love in dealing with his brother. Paul was under the Holy Spirit direction using the gifts given to the body of Christ Jesus so that perfect judgment would be render for life of the soul and spirit of this brother. Moreover, that each member would glorify God for this discipline not man or Paul.

1Cor 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup.

11:29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he doesn't discern the Lord's body.

11:30 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep.

11:31 For if we discerned ourselves, we wouldn't be judged.

11:32 But when we are judged, we are punished by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

In today's religious world the uses of disfellowshipping and or excommunication when practiced is based on legal bylaws the religion is incorporated under not the directions of God's Holy Spirit. The direction comes from attorneys protecting the interested of the corporation. This allows the religion to stay under the corporate veil of immunity in not violating its own bylaws. Thus the religion mixes bible verses with corporate legal interested to justify legal removal of the persons and protect the group against law suits. This conduct provides a justification for cruel acts of persecution against God's children.

Millions of spiritual lives have been destroyed in the interest of legal protection. There is no judgment too life as God and Christ Jesus judges, there is, however, a harsh legal judgment to death under hypocrisy of judging for God.

If these religious corporations were under God's direction there would be no lost of brothers and sisters in Christ. Furthermore they would understand through the Holy Spirit what is written about this matter.

They would also understand that the greater sin is not the uncleanness too their group, but in their unforgiveness. The unforgivness educated into the little ones among them causing them to believe they have a right too judge according to the old Law and bylaws of a legal corporation the brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus who are set free from judgment by God in Christ.

Matt.18:22 Jesus said to him, "I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

18:23 Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who wanted to reconcile accounts with his servants.

18:24 When he had begun to reconcile, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.{Ten thousand talents represents an extremely large sum of money, equivalent to about 60,000,000 denarii, where one denarius was typical of one day's wages for agricultural labor.}

18:25 But because he couldn't pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

18:26 The servant therefore fell down and kneeled before him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!'

18:27 The lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

18:28 "But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him one hundred denarii,{100 denarii was about one sixtieth of a talent.} and he grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

18:29 "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!'

18:30 He would not, but went and cast him into prison, until he should pay back that which was due.

18:31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told to their lord all that was done.

18:32 Then his lord called him in, and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.

18:33 Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?'

18:34 His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him.

18:35 So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you don't each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds."

Furthermore, using sins law (the old Law) to remove sin is the equivalent adding yeast to bread and calling it unfermented. The yeast of the Pharisees was the Law that if brought back would ferment the body of Christ under sin, death, and corruption. Christ Jesus is the body's sinless bread; his death bought each member unfermented sinless bread of life in Christ Jesus. Adding yeast or old Law would destroy the body of Christ bring it under judgment again. The same judgment the nation of Israel received by God hand for practicing what modern religions practice, that is, disfellowshipping/excommunicating through the laws abolished by Christ Jesus death and resurrection.

Gal.5:4 You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace.

5:5 For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.

5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision amounts to anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith working through love.

5:7 You were running well! Who interfered with you that you should not obey the truth?

5:8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

5:9 A little yeast grows through the whole lump.

Matt. 16:11 How is it that you don't perceive that I didn't speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

16:12 Then they understood that he didn't tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Although modern religious groups adhere to the law of the Pharisees as "righteous" which it is according to God, it is righteous in upholding God's standards that of exposing mans sins. That is, convicting all too sins law death with no way out. However, their judgments still must exceed that of Pharisees in mercy and in life through Christ Jesus to be correct and accepted by God.

While Jesus Christ was still under the Law he expressed to his disciple the law that the Pharisees used in removing the wicked man from among themselves. Within his words the weight of his teachings were placed squarely on forgiveness not judgment under the law. Christ righteousness (his life blood given for us) exceeded the Law of the Pharisees that produce only sin and death. Christ Jesus righteousness produced forgiveness, and life, and removes the sin produce by the Law

Religious groups today place their weight on Law not forgiveness; their judgments do not exceed that of the Pharisees. Their judgments are not Christ Jesus judgments; for Christ Jesus judges no one at all, but sets them free from the Laws judgment in taking our judgment upon himself.

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.

John 8:15 You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. (*Jesus words, those Jews judged according to the law, Christ judge according to Love that has no condemnation, but life.*)

Many of these groups claiming they have God's authority to practice disfellowshipping/excommunication do so according to the old law not the new law of love Christ instituted. They use Christ Jesus teachings under law instead of Paul's words under the New Law of Love.

Some groups justify using part of the Old Law or some yeast of law or the "principle of the Law, claiming it is not the law itself. This erroneous talk is meaningless and empty when a principle is enforced as a bylaw, rule, or doctrine; like the Pharisees that cleaned the outside of the cup while the inside was full of dead men bones are superfluous words when lives are destroyed by the harsh "principles of the Law". The equivalent is to say the identifying mark of Christians is the "Principle of Love, not love!

Matt.3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism,{or, immersion} he said to them, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

3:8 Therefore bring forth fruit worthy of repentance!

3:9 Don't think to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

3:10 "Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.

In turn these religious groups produce the product of the tree that Christ Jesus cut down. A tree producing works of the flesh not life for those disfellowshipped. Instead these groups demand closer adherence to death's laws not the law of life, love. Their fruits are seen in callus in difference to lost souls justified by law in their policy for disfellowshipping, and excommunicating members. The fruits are further seen in the unproductiveness of excommunicated members in works of the flesh not and increase of fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, the same groups brag that disfellowshipped members go back to the works of the sinful flesh as proof the discipline was correct. Instead of seeing the reproof as a total failure in producing the exact opposite result God wants, that is, the death of the sinful flesh and the renewal of the Holy Spirit in the person producing fruits of God Holy Spirit.

In this they condemn themselves proving they are not under Love, but Law not concerned with the lost of members, but rejoicing in reading themselves of a problem. Love does not take vengeance, vengefulness is taking delight in your enemies fall and bragging about the number of disfellowshipped member from the group.

These groups assume their righteousness by the law through practicing disfellowshipping/excommunicating, but ultimately it proves their righteousness does not exceed that of the Pharisees. In order to exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees does not come from human power or law. It is for those who have ears to hear ,and eyes see is is through Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is our “righteousness” not the law; how does Christ Jesus judge his body parts, or does he?

Gal. 2:18 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a law-breaker.

2:19 For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God.

2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

2:21 I don't make void the grace of God. For if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!"

1Cor.1:30 But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

The Apostle Paul under Holy Spirit expressed the truth of God's love in a sacred secret stating:

Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the assembly, being himself the savior of the body.

5:24 But as the assembly is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything.

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it;

5:26 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,

5:27 that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

5:28 Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.

5:29 For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly;

5:30 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones.

5:31 "For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife. The two will become one flesh."{Genesis 2:24}

5:32 This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the assembly.

5:33 Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The law of the Pharisees did not feed or cherishes anyone under it; it was a hard task master that condemned without mercy those judged by it. Can Christ Jesus treat his body members in such an impersonal harsh manner?

This secret was so great that Christ was moved in prayer to His Heavenly Father stating he had lost none of those the Father had given him. All in the body of Christ are also given to Jesus Christ by His Father. Certainly Christ Jesus judgments does exceeds that of the Pharisees.

John17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

The Law of the Pharisees made it easy too cut off a person from God; the law was righteous and perfect in judging all people sinners. All men are under the Law so those Pharisees were also dead under sins law. Death was judging death by Law. Christ Jesus is life and judges for life because he establishes the law of God. God is love, so He is the perfect Law, that is, the Law of love. There is no condemnation in love only life.

God does not destroy the body of Christ that He loves and cherishes and feed, as His own body. So when cutting off a person under the Law, a person would be cutting off a piece of God, a piece of Christ Jesus, and a piece of themselves.

This would be hard to do if a person feeds and cherishes the body of Christ Jesus, which they are a part of. However we do not feed and cherishes the body Christ Jesus. Jehovah God and Jesus Christ does, we are, but a part of the body. It is our head that commands the hand to cut off a body part.

But even in this for those with understanding through God's Spirit realize the body part is not cut off at all, but the flesh of the person that is sinning is cut off; the flesh was never a part of the body of Christ Jesus in the first place.

The book of Matthew

Chapter 18

18:1 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

18:2 Jesus called a little child to himself, and set him in the midst of them,

18:3 and said, "Most certainly I tell you, unless you turn, and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

18:4 Whoever therefore humbles himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

18:5 Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me,

18:6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him that a huge millstone should be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depths of the sea.

18:7 "Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! For it must be that the occasions come, but woe to that person through whom the occasion comes!

18:8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.

18:9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna{or, Hell} of fire.

18:10 See that you don't despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

18:11 For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.

18:12 "What do you think? If a man has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray?

18:13 If he finds it, most certainly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

18:14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother.

18:16 But if he doesn't listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.{Deuteronomy 19:15}

18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector.

18:18 Most certainly I tell you, whatever things you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever things you release on earth will have been released in heaven.

18:19 Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.

18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

18:21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?"

18:22 Jesus said to him, "I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

Here Christ Jesus is speaking under the Law the Law he was too fulfill; it is a dishonesty to stated that Christ was speaking here needs to be brought under the New Covenant in uphold disfellowshipping. First the Law no where allowed for forgiveness up to seventy times seven? Christ was teaching that their righteousness which was him must exceed that of the Pharisee in forgiveness and love.

(Taking note of the fact Christ Jesus was fulfilling the Law by being born under it, moreover, he was not lowering the standards of the Old Law he raised it by adding love a higher standard requiring God's Holy Spirit to meet and practice it.) To state that Jesus was talking about the New Covenant of Love not yet instituted in Matt.18 is dishonest. Christ had not died and been raised yet, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit had not happened. The Holy Spirit was the sign and seal of the New Covenant of Love writing it in the Child of God's heart.

1Cor.1:30 But of him (that is Christ Jesus), you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

Some religion use Christ Jesus teaching about cutting of a hand or plucking out and eye in justifying their harshness towards sinful members, but in this they condemning themselves, thus, proving the very cruelty that Christ Jesus expressed the Law was to those under it.

The cutting off of a hand or a foot expressed to his disciples the inhuman and impossible act of entering into the kingdom by the Law of the Pharisees. It expresses the actual cruelty of the Law personified in the heart of man. Christ masterful taught something unthinkable too the human conscience making his disciple feel helpless and in showing them the power of forgiveness.

What person cuts off a body part to enter into the kingdom of God? That is, the law itself was the stumbling block. The Law excited sin exposing us as dead too God with no way out. It must be done away with; fulfilled in Christ Jesus or there was no hope.

Forgiveness was the only way out not more law that judges us too death.

John 16:1 "These things have I spoken to you, so that you wouldn't be caused to stumble.

16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time comes that whoever kills you will think that he offers service to God.

Mr.9:42 Whoever will cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him if he was thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck.

Matt.13:41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his Kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and those who do iniquity,

18:7 `Woe to the world from the stumbling-blocks! for there is a necessity for the stumbling-blocks to come, but woe to that man through whom the stumbling-block doth come!

Rom 9:32 Why? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling-stone;

Gal. 5:7 You were running well! Who interfered with you that you should not obey the truth? **5:8** This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

5:9 A little yeast grows through the whole lump. **5:10** I have confidence toward you in the Lord that you will think no other way. But he who troubles you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. **5:11** But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been removed.

Without God's provision for forgiveness it was as impossible as cutting of a hand or a foot to enter into the kingdom of God there was no other way, but forgiveness in Christ Jesus. In other words, cutting off the hand does not remove the desire from our hearts. Plucking out the eye does not stop the desire of adultery. Your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees Law.

To claim we are upholding God righteousness towards his Children by cutting them off according to the Law of the Pharisees denies Christ Jesus himself. You would thus be required by legal logic to cut off any part of your own body that is sinning against God. No sane human being or religion practices that type of treatment. A cruel man can cut off other person body part, but not one of their own. Who in their right mind is going to parse out blame to parts of their body that have no brain?

Thus, trying to dove tail this old law into the Apostle Paul's words under the New Covenant for the body of Christ Jesus is equal in cruelty of cutting off your own hand or foot for the mind and hearts sinful thoughts. Punishing the body through law does not change the heart condition into love for God. If it did there would have been no place for a second Law of Love.

It requires God's Holy Spirit to put do death the desires of our hearts, It requires God to circumcise our fleshly heart with His Holy Spirit. It requires a miracle from God to delivery us from sins Law. Nothing of our own sinful nature places us in the body of Christ Jesus. We do not own the body; we do not have the legal rights to cut off body members according to the old Law. Moreover, the judgment must be from God not our flesh in reading ourselves of a problem.

The old law could not deal with the problem of fornication in the body of Christ Jesus. The law had been completed in Christ Jesus; Christ Jesus would deal with this sin in his body under the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit came through the New Covenant and would clean and sanctify the heart of this brother not the old law. The old law sanctified with animal blood and it was temporary provision leading to Christ Jesus. The old Law did not deal with hearts, but judgment and conviction of transgression. The New Law dealt with heart conditions, heart conditions causes transgression against the Law of God.

There is one Spirit in the body of Christ Jesus not many Holy Spirit(s). Paul although not present at the time felt the Holy Spirit being grieved in the body of Christ Jesus as should have all the other members.

Eph.4:28 Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.

4:29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear.

4:30 Don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Assuming here that this grieving of the Holy Spirit was a matter of prayer, Christ then directed the Apostle Paul to deal with the problem, how? Paul was an ambassador to the Kingdom of God; Christ Jesus often spoke through him as it does all the body members. The fleshly desires of this brother were affecting the Spirit of the body of Christ Jesus. Correction through God's Holy Spirit was needed to reset this broken part of the body. The brothers heart needed to be reset in order that it could walk in uprightness.

The Apostle Paul did not have to physically go anywhere to fix this problem because the body of Christ are all in one place in God's sight. It was a matter of delivering Christ's message to this brother. A message that he could no longer hear because of his fleshly desire that blocked what the Spirit of the Congregation was saying in him to correct him.

Christ Jesus did not treat anyone like a tax collector or a man of the nations. Christ gave his life for the tax collectors and people of the nations. It was the Law that mandated this treatment. Christ Jesus was not going to judge this brother (his own body) too death in treating him like a slave under law again. Christ was going to restore him in love so he could once again walk by Holy Spirit.

The book of Titus

3:1 Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

3:2 to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all humility toward all men.

3:3 For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared,

3:5 not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

3:6 whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior;

3:7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3:8 This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you affirm confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men;

Gal.5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh.

5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.

5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies,

5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,{or, faithfulness}

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit.

5:26 Let's not become conceited, provoking one another, and envying one another.

Heb.12:5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with children, "My son, don't take lightly the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by him;

12:6 For whom the Lord loves, he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives."{Proverbs 3:11-12}

12:7 It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn't discipline?

12:8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have been made partakers, then are you illegitimate, and not children.

12:9 Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?

12:10 For they indeed, for a few days, punished us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness.

12:11 All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised thereby.

12:12 Therefore, lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees,{Isaiah 35:3}

12:13 and make straight paths for your feet,{Proverbs 4:26} so that which is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

12:14 Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord,

The Apostle Paul would remind his brothers and sisters in his second letter to them; not to let their hearts be hardened into the Law of the Pharisees towards this brother. It was important for them to understand he was not the enemy and the discipline had come to him from the mouth of God. Their own sins were remember no more by God; certainly in not forgiving their brother brought greater judgment on the body of Christ Jesus.

Paul was not going to set himself up as a corporate board of directors putting personal responsibility off in forgiving his brother. This brother forgiveness was as personal as it gets; part of the same body as Paul holding an equal position in Christ Jesus. This type of relationship requires personal forgiveness on the part of each member.

Each member was accountable; as a child is in a loving family in forgiving and restoring a brother or sister back into the family.

The Law allowed for an impersonal indifference non-hands on approach to mercy. The law would delegate forgiveness through lesser committee's members. Christ Jesus, however, washes the feet of each of his disciples in showing his approach through love. If these brothers and sister were in Christ Jesus their identifying mark would be love. And love's identifying mark is forgiveness.

2Cor.2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be made sorry, but that you might know the love that I have so abundantly for you.

2:5 But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you all.

2:6 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many;

2:7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow.

2:8 Therefore I beg you to confirm your love toward him.

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2:9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things.

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2:10 Now I also forgive whomever you forgive anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

2:11 that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

The Law requires punishment and demands payment, love requires just the opposite love gives up rights and prays for it enemies. But in today's world where billions of dollars are invested in legal religious corporation where a few men or one person make financial decision for millions of lives, love does not produce the protection needed to survive in world controlled be law not love.

Christians must face the facts not assuming because their group claims divine authority on this earth it is true. Christ Jesus and his body have the only divine authority on this earth and they are governed by love; they are most often cast out of religious groups claiming God's authority.

Defellowshipping has one function that of destroying the sinful flesh resetting the broken bone. It is love that perfects our faith and cleanse us from unholy acts. Without love a person cannot be made holy and without blemish before their Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

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Those walking by the flesh promote Law over love, love appears weak to them and proves to be a stumbling block to their pride. They cannot trust God enough to correct and discipline His own children.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion no legal group on earth has the God given authority too use disfellowshipping or excommunicating without God's Holy Spirit. However, Legally according to the law of the land, governments, corporations, businesses, and religions do have the legal right under human law in removing people that don't follow their group policy. But as for a religious group to presumptuously assume the rights of God's Holy Spirit under the apices of Christ Jesus, that is, mixing Holy Writ and man made laws, thus, destroying the lives millions in the name of "Law Righteousness" are under greater condemnation than those they have removes from their mist.

Moreover, it is only the body of Christ Jesus that has the authority of God to remove members of its own body in love. Which body is led by God Holy Spirit and is not a corporation, or organization, on earth today, it is the body of Christ Jesus a spirit filled temple unseen by human eyes, and seen as one by God, and is in one place by God. The body of Christ Jesus does not legislate rules, but promotes freedom through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit of God. This body proves itself membership by praying and forgiving its enemies; and it further invites all to come taste and see that the Lord is good by taking life's waters free.

The body of Christ takes its direction not from attorneys or man made courts, but God and Christ Jesus through Holy Spirit. Although respecting the law of the land it does not worship or put the laws of the land over the life of any member of the body of Christ Jesus. And those of the body of Christ Jesus understand they are called to suffer at the hands of men using laws as did their master and head Christ Jesus.

Furthermore, they hold no fear of the judgments of men not under Holy Spirit. They understand that judgment of men under law is part of there calling and those judgments have no account in God's eyes. Moreover, they understand that their own personal judgments under law against themselves are of no account or value in God's acceptance of them either. They understand it is Christ Jesus value that God has accepted and gives too them as gift of grace or underserved kindness that frees them from Laws judgment.

And with this freedom they practice love among themselves and wage a spiritual war against those using the old law or any human laws, which enslaves their brothers and sister under sin and deaths Law.

This freedom in love obtain through struggle is the gift God gives to the human race, although not understood by the world, which fights against God Children, we must never lose sight of true freedom in God's love. In losing sight of our freedom in Christ Jesus we become the world lost in darkness and corruptions under sin Law condemning and being condemned.

May you find peace, freedom, grace, truth, and, mental calm, in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

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