

C & C: If it wasn't for My Grace, I would Drive you out of My Temple

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

20 **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

It is so important for you to understand that “**your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**” You are not your own! You have been purchased, bought, and paid for by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and your faithful obedience to the gospel teaching of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. We are then commanded as purchased possessions to “**glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**”

It's time to begin to examine yourself against the scriptures throughout the Bible and see if you are glorifying God “**in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**” If it wasn't for My Grace, I would Drive you out of My Temple and when God drives you out of this Temple you will lose eternal life.

What are you allowing yourself to watch, listen to, and partake of? Is it clean? Is it clean compared to the scriptures or only to what you have decided upon yourself as clean? There's a big difference here. What you determine to be clean of your own self if it doesn't align up with the Bible then you are just fooling yourself and you will be cut off from God. No matter how much you persuade yourself it is ok, you are not God, and if you don't obey his Word then your version of religion is vain and nothing more than the worship of your own self.

Ephesians 4:17-32

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, **because of the blindness of their heart:**

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 **But ye have not so learned Christ;**

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, **as the truth is in Jesus:**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 **And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

24 And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather **let him labour**, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Are you grieving the Holy Spirit of God? As a purchased possession by God you can be rejected by God if you continue to follow after your own ways.

James 1:19-27

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, **let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:**

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, **and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.**

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Are you keeping yourself unspotted from the world or are you indulging yourself in the world? You know the difference. God has given you a conscience unless you are a reprobate. However, the choices you make in your mind on what you allow yourself to see, hear, and partake of must align up to the Word of God not your version of the Word of God. You may ask what's the difference or is there a difference? Of course there is. There isn't fifty, an hundred, or a thousand different interpretations of God's Word. It is very clear. But I'm just saved by grace and following grace. Are you? Better check again.

Titus 2:11-15

11 For **the grace of God that bringeth salvation** hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke **with all authority**. Let no man despise thee.

How did you line up with what “**the grace of God that bringeth salvation**” teaches us? Are you “**denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**”? Then you have failed the grace of God and can’t possibly be saved by it because you have refused to apply the knowledge of the grace of God in your life. Are you “**zealous of good works**”? If not, then why? We were bought with a price and you are not your own. We were redeemed from all iniquity and have been purified by God through Jesus Christ and are to be zealous of good works. What works are you doing for God? Salvation is the free gift of God but being zealous of good works is something that you should be desirous of as you have been saved. If you aren’t zealous of good works then something is wrong in your life.

Any confusion that you may have concerning the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit is given to us in the scripture. One of the questions is do you even know what the Word of God, the Bible, even teaches? If not then you know right away that you are in great danger of falling short of the grace of God because you don’t even know how to keep your own vessel in sanctification and honor.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, **that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what **commandments** we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother **in any matter**: because that **the Lord is the avenger of all such**, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

Listen closely, “**He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.**” Is that you? Are you despising what you are learning?

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: **but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

That is very clear. Going as far as to let us know that “**all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**”

Let me give you a Do you Love the World test.

John 15:18-19

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Did you pass or fail? Let me try again.

1 Peter 4:1-4

1 Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Did you pass or fail? Are you friends you once had baffled as to why you no longer partake of the worldly lusts that you once partook of or do they even notice a difference in you?

Galatians 5:16-26

16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and **these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

23 **Meekness, temperance:** against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

The Apostle Paul has laid out for us again another example of the works of the flesh versus what the fruit of the Spirit is. They **“that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”** (Gal 5:24)

If it wasn't for My Grace, I would Drive you out of My Temple! Be not as the children of Israel in the Old Testament, which was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” (Gal 3:24)

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed **for lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, **I will also reject thee**, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Is that you? The knowledge was there but they rejected that knowledge. Are you a Christian in name only? I can guarantee you that God who knows the thoughts and imaginations of the heart knows. And God isn't the only one. Anyone who knows the scriptures also knows that you are a liar. Your fruit gave you away. You only bring shame on the name of being a Christian because you are not Christ like and you are not a disciple of Christ. Otherwise you would be following your Master.

Luke 6:43-46

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Great question isn't it? "**And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**"

2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for **what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?** and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

15 And **what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or **what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?**

16 And **what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;** and I will receive you,

18 And will be **a Father unto you**, and ye shall be **my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.