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 John 4:18-21

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. How many of you can relate to what this scripture is speaking about? How many of you are plagued with fear that is tormenting your mind? What was the answer? He that fears is not made perfect in love. So how do you perfect your love in God?

# 1 John 2:3-6

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected**: <u>hereby know we</u> that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

So to perfect your love of God and also see your fears, worries, and anxieties cease you must keep God's word. He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? We are commanded that he who loves God love his brother also!

# Matthew 22:36-40

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

If you love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind, you will love your neighbor as yourself. And if you don't then you will not be saved from your sins! So if you hate your brother or your neighbor then you will not be saved!

## **Romans 13:10**

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

So if you have any ill intent toward your neighbor then you do not love God with all your heart, your mind, and soul. So then you will not love your neighbor nor your brother as yourself! And you will not be saved from your sins either!

Who is my neighbor?

## Luke 10:30-37

- 30 And Jesus answering said, <u>A certain man</u> went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, <u>and fell among thieves</u>, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
- 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, <u>he took out two pence</u>, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- 37 And he said, **He that shewed mercy on him.** Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.**

Your neighbor is every one! And we are commanded to love every one! Or the love of God is not in you!

#### **Matthew 7:12-14**

- 12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
- 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

So how do you get rid of hatred and bitterness out of your heart so that you do love your neighbor and your brother? Again, whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

# Luke 6:31-38

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

- 32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.
- 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.
- 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
- 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.
- 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- **37 Judge not,** and ye shall not be judged: **condemn not**, and ye shall not be condemned: **forgive**, and ye shall be forgiven:
- 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

To overcome hatred and bitterness you must forgive those who have trespassed against you! It is not an option if you want to be saved from your own sins! "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

#### Colossians 3:12-14

- **12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved**, <u>bowels of mercies, kindness</u>, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13 **Forbearing** one another, and **forgiving** one another, <u>if any man have a quarrel against any</u>: **even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**
- 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Again, we see the bond of perfectness is love! Love is the fulfilling of the law! Whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected!

## John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

# **Hebrews 12:6-17**

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

If you do not chasten your children then you hate their souls!!! "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." (Pro 19:18) "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." (Pro 13:24) betimes - Early; quickly. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." (Pro 23:13-14)

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Spiritually speaking "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons" "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." Whereof all are partakers meaning before you came to God. "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Eph 2:3)

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Chastisement is necessary for the saving of your souls!! For your children after the flesh and all of us who are the children of God all need chastisement that we might be partakers of his holiness!!

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, <u>but grievous</u>: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Without this chastisement and your correct response to this chastisement from your Heavenly Father who loves you, then you are bastards and not the children of God!!

- 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
- 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

The Word of God is like an Anointing Salve that Heals our Wounds!! "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

# 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15) "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 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. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." (1 Thess 4:3-8)

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

"And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended." (Mk 4:16-17)

# 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Look diligently unless any man fail of the grace of God; unless any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled, but rather receive chastisement of the Father of spirits and live!! Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven!!

## Hebrews 4:12-16

- 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 14 Seeing then that we have **a great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession.
- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

# 1 John 5:1-4

- <u>1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God</u>: **and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**
- <u>2</u> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.