

Your Life is a Written Epistle. Known and Read of ALL Men

A topic of great importance in your life is how you conduct yourself. For your life is a written epistle. Known and read of ALL men. Many times we forget that as Christians it is of the utmost importance to behave yourself according to the Word of God. Disciplining yourself to follow after Christ!

Many people claim to be followers of Christ. But their behavior is telling another story. For your life style does not match that of a disciple of Christ. As a disciple of Christ, we must learn to apply the Word of God in our life, and this will bring about a change in your behavior. You will no longer take pleasure in the things of the world you once partook of. For you are molding and shaping yourself to be all that you can be in Christ.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And **be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and **perfect, will of God.**

We must not remain conformed to this world, but we must be transformed from this world. We do this by following after the Lord Jesus Christ, by applying the Word of God, and by following after the Will of God. **Which the Apostle just told us,** that we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God!!! Which is **only our reasonable service!!!!**

For the Lord Jesus Christ came and **suffered great contradiction of sinners against Himself,** that through His death, we might find Life. Thus, it is only our reasonable service, **to also die out to sin and to follow after righteousness!!!**

Romans 6:20-22

20 For when ye **were** the servants of sin, **ye were free from righteousness.**

21 What **fruit had ye** then in those things **whereof ye are now ashamed?** for **the end of those things is death.**

22 But now being made free from sin, and become **servants to God,** ye have your

fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

As was spoken, What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? **for the end of those things is death.** We now should be living our lives **unto righteousness** and the fruit thereof **unto holiness.** This **is not** taking place in your life if you are still living in sin!!! HELLO!!!

But **the end** of that fruit of sin, **of which we should now be ashamed,** is DEATH!

1 Peter 3:15-16

15 But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:** and be ready always to give an **answer** to every man that asketh you a reason **of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, **as of evildoers,** they may be **ashamed that falsely accuse** your good conversation in Christ.

If you sanctify the Lord God in your heart, you will then **desire to be pleasing** in His sight. This **will lead you** to developing a close personal relationship with the Lord, **which will lead you to studying** the Word of God, **which will lead you to be ready** to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you. You are to respond with meekness and in the fear of the Lord.

Notice verse 16!!! If your lifestyle, that you are living, is not like that of the footsteps of Christ, Yet **you claim** to be a follower of Christ, then their accusations against you, as of evildoers, **are NOT false.** For **you are living** a hypocritical life! Claiming one thing, and doing another!

You **are destroying** not only your testimony of Christ, but you are also **doing a disservice** to the Lord Jesus Christ, and **you are destroying the faith** of multitudes of people that you witness too. For the **only difference** between them and you, **is** that they are not claiming to be following Christ! Whereas **you are claiming** to be a follower of Christ, **yet living an ungodly life** before them. You Sir or Mam **are a hypocrite** and **need to repent** of your sins and **pick up your cross and follow** after Christ.

Mark 8:35-37

35 For whosoever will **save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.**

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**

37 **Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

You can not be giving up your life for Christ and that of the Gospel's and living a life of sin. For it is impossible!!!!!!

James 3:1-13

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place **sweet water and bitter?**

12 Can **the fig tree**, my brethren, **bear olive berries?** either a vine, figs? so can **no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.**

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Matthew 6:24

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

1 John 2:4-6

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: hereby know we that we are in him.

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

If you know the Lord, then **you will keep** His commandments. For if you love God, **you will desire** to keep His commandments. And when you make a mistake, **you will repent** of your mistake and **press on!!**

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

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.

What more can be said? What communion hath light with darkness? What concord hath Christ with Belial? What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters!

Do you want to be a son or daughter of God? Then **come out** from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not** the unclean thing; and **I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you.**

FOR YOU ARE.....

Matthew 5:14-16

14 Ye are **the light of the world**. A city that is set on an hill **cannot be hid**.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, **but on a candlestick**; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that **they may see your good works**, and **glorify your Father** which is in heaven.

You can not walk in the Light and walk in darkness.....

John 3:19-21

19 And **this is the condemnation**, that **light is come** into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, **because their deeds were evil**.

20 For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, **lest his deeds should be reproved**.

21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are **wrought in God**.

For you are the witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ!!!!

Isaiah 43:10-11

10 **Ye are my witnesses**, saith the LORD, and **my servant** whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and **beside me there is no saviour.**

Luke 14:33-35

33 So likewise, **whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot** be my disciple.

34 Salt is good: **but if the salt have lost his savour**, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 **It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out.** He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

You are the witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! **You are** the light of the world! **You are** the salt of the earth!

BUTif the salt have lost his savour, It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men **cast it out!**

Therefore you **MUST** walk as the Lord walked! You must come out from among them and be separate! For if you are not walking in the footsteps of the Lord, you are walking in the same footsteps of those you are trying to reach. And if this be so, how then can they possibly want what you have to offer? For all you have to offer to them is **DEATH!** And they are already walking in **DEATH!**

Who is he that is a child of God, **but he** who does the will of God. And **who is he** that will do the will of God, **but he** in whom the Lord has chosen. **Who is he** in whom the Lord has chosen, **but he** that in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, **keeps it**, and brings forth fruit with patience.

Hebrews 12:6-15

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?

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

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.**

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

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.**

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

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**;

Our God loves us so much that He chastens us that we **might be partakers of his holiness.** For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives, that **afterward it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.**

Luke 6:44-46

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?**

IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, YOU MUST KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

Does a man yet work for his salvation?

No.....

Ephesians 2:8

8 For **by grace** are ye **saved through faith**; and **that not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God:

But if you wish to obtain this grace of God that is accessed through your faith in God's grace, then you must apply the processes of both faith and of grace.

Galatians 5:6

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

So then faith works by love. And if you love God you will keep His commandments. For faith without works is dead being alone. So then if you desire to access God's grace, then your faith in the saving power of God's grace will cause you to produce actions of love in accordance to the keeping of God's commandments. This is not being saved by works, but being saved by grace. But in order to be saved by grace, you must apply the process of which the grace of God teaches you.

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.

So then, we are saved by applying the process of grace which is accessed by your faith in the saving power of God's grace, which works by love, which will cause you to produce actions of obedience to the keeping of God's commandments.

Since no man can be saved by their own works of righteousness, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. That through His death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Therefore it is not your works of righteousness which is saving you, but rather the free gift of God. For no man is saved by works. **But we are saved by applying what grace teaches us, through our faith,** (which works by love), **thus producing** actions of obedience to the keeping of what God has told us to do.

And when we fall short of the glory of God, we then come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. **Thus fulfilling** being saved by grace through faith, and **that not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God.

Hebrews 10:26-29

26 For **if we sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,**

27 But a certain fearful looking for of **judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.**

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

This is meaning that Christ died for the sins of the world once. He was the sacrificial Lamb that took away the sins of the world. So if you sin wilfully, there remains no more sacrifice for you.

However, this **is not** meaning that you can not sin. **Nor** does it mean that if you have backslidden from God that you are forever damned. This is stating that if you continue to sin, and do not repent, by the turning away from your sins, that you have counted the blood of the New Testament Covenant, wherewith Jesus was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace. And for you, **you will perish in your sins!!!**

Jude 1:4

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,** and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Turning the grace of God into lasciviousness is **denying** what the grace of God teaches us to do, (which was, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;) and **then claiming** that you are saved by grace, while you **continue** to follow after an ungodly lifestyle of sin.

Either you lack understanding of the grace of God **or you are** trying to protect

your lifestyle of sin, **while perverting** the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Either way**, today is the day of salvation. It is **time to repent, and turn from** your wicked ways, **and follow** after Christ **and apply** what the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us.

Romans 6:16

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of **sin unto death**, or of **obedience unto righteousness?**

You are either a servant of righteousness or a servant of sin!! There **is no other** choice. You are either a child of God or a child of the devil. It is that simple. **Which one are you?**

For those of you that are seeking after Christ and His Righteousness, **it is only found** by turning away from your ungodly lifestyle through repentance and then continuing to grow **in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and grace**, by applying the Word of God. To apply the Word of God, **is to follow after Christ**. To follow after Christ, **is to keep His commandments**. For **if you love Him**, you will keep His commandments.

1 John 5:3

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments **are not grievous**.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be **the epistle of Christ** ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

Verse 3 is referring to the **New Testament Covenant of being born again**.....

Hebrews 8:10-13

10 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant**, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

And in order for you to partake of the New Testament Covenant, you must partake of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. In order for you to partake of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection, you must die out to sin (repentance), be born of water (baptism), and be born of the Spirit. (The indwelling Spirit of God). And this fulfillment of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection, of which is **the New Testament Covenant, is fulfilled in.....**

Acts 2:36-39

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel **know assuredly**, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ**.

37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 **Then Peter said unto them**, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.