

ONE GOSPEL

When a Brother or Sister falls

Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside



God called His church to be separate from the world, to be holy and without blemish, for He is holy and He walks in our midst.

He commanded that His church join not the confederacy of those who do not believe, nor to fear their fear (Isaiah 8:12).

He commanded that we trust Him, for there is no other God but Him (Isaiah 44:6).

We follow the shepherds God placed in the church, but only while they follow Jesus, because we are followers of Jesus Christ, and only Him we serve. (Page 4)

TO THE PASTORS

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (Acts 20:28)

Everyone will give an account unto God, and judgment must begin at the



We Preach

house of God (1 Peter 4:17). If you sin against God, He knows it even if you sin in secret. Your sin will not be hid (Luke 8:17; 12:2; Psalm 90:8) so that you may repent and continue in Jesus. If you die before you repent, your sin will follow you (1 Timothy 5:24, 25) to judgment and hell.

JESUS is Faithful to Forgive

And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; 21 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. 22 For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. (1 Samuel 12:20-25)



WHAT DOES IT MEAN
WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS
THAT GOD TRIES THE
REINS? (JEREMIAH 17:10)

Jeremiah 17:10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

There are times where the Lord God may appear to you as being silent as you go through a particular situation or trial, and where you will be required to make a decision.

Jesus allows you to act on your own, so that He may reveal to you what is in your heart; a hidden thought that you may or may not know you have, that you need to get rid of.

He does this in order to purge you, to mold you, to strengthen you, so that you develop patience to wait on Him.

Patience is necessary, so that when things come against you as a child of God, you may trust Him and stand on His Word:

(James 1:2-4 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; **3** Knowing this, *that the trying of your faith worketh patience.* **4** *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*” And,

Revelation 3:10 “*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee*

from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”)

Jesus Christ is the potter and you are the clay: “Lord keep me in Your potters wheel,” is a simple prayer of submission. We want God to search our heart, to know us, cleanse us, and keep us. We want Him to be a part of our daily life here on earth.

We want to read God’s word (the Scriptures) the Bible, so that when we go through a trial we may stand on what is written therein, and not to rely on our own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5; Hosea 13:2)

If your response to a given situation or trial is based on God’s Word, your trial or situation will improve almost immediately. (Matthew 11:28)

If your response is based on your own understanding or someone’s suggestion or advice, your trial may linger and may shake you to the core!

Sometimes your trial may not appear to be a difficult situation, sometimes it may appear a normal event without consequences. But listen carefully to this:

In the Bible a king in Israel was blessed to the extent that he was “magnified in the sight of all nations.” The Lord gave him “exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious

stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; 28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.” (2 Chronicles 32:27-29)

And God tried him:

King Hezekiah is given to us in the Bible as an example (2 Chronicles 32; 1 Corinthians 10:13).

God allowed king Hezekiah to go through a trial on his own. The Bible says that ambassadors were sent from Babylon to the king, and in says: “Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, *God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.*” (2 Chronicles 32:31)

Hezekiah did not pass the test, so God sent the prophet Isaiah to explain to him the error of his ways.

God will not allow us to continue in our error; He will send someone to explain what we did wrong, or allow us to understand through the Bible what we should have done.

God will reveal to us what we did right, and our pleasing thought to Him, should we make the right decision.†

WHO DID YOU VOTE FOR AND WHY?

The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Some of God's children have sinned against Him. Those who proclaimed to be Christians have sinned and moved away from His word.

They proclaimed to be Christians but joined the confederacy of murderers and those that do abominations against the LORD.

"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." (Romans 1:24-32)

Who did you vote for? Don't you understand that the person you vote for is receiving your agreement? You are saying, "I agree with what you say and believe, and I am with you."

If the person comes against the Lord Jesus Christ, and His word, even if they say they are Christian, do you know that by voting for them, regardless of whatever reason you can come up with, you are going against God?!

Did you know the Bible says, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth

rule, the people mourn." (Proverbs 29:2) ?

The Bible says, "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him." (Psalm 68:1)

Did you know that a person does not have to "say" that they hate God or curse Him to be His enemy, and be considered by Him that they hate Him?

In John 14:23 and 24, Jesus said: "...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

If you keep His word you love Him, if not...

God gave us a commandment: Thou shalt not kill. When we agree with a candidate that believes in abortion, we are agreeing to his or her belief that abortion should be done, regardless of our supposed reason for voting for him or her. We become part of their confederacy, we make an agreement with them to the extent that their sin becomes our sin.

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of

Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (2 John 1:8-11)

God tells us, "Be ye not unqually 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." (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

It doesn't matter if your friends, family, or neighbors believe differently, if it conflicts with God's Word, do not join their confederacy! †

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Many pastors have young children, boys and girls, in their congregation who view them as heroes. They hear their parents speak well of their pastor, as well as their school teachers and friends. They emulate their pastors and seek to be like them when they are older.

Many young Christians, those that are new in the Lord, hear that the pastor was put in the position of leadership and respect, because of their calling. They recognize that the position is not an easy one. Pastors have a gift from God to understand human behavior, and can be called upon at all hours of the day and night for counseling, support, and the comforting of the sick, and grieving families.

The children and the young Christians, and those that are being called by God the Father to accept His Son Jesus, are the ones who are hurt the most when a pastor falls. (A woman whom the Lord is calling, still remembers when a pastor fell, and resists even more the Lord's calling when she hears scandal in the church. She considers all pastors as hypocrites. (We pray for her continually.))

We know that God forgives, and a pastor who repents is forgiven. But the weak conscience is defiled in those that are new and those who do not know Jesus Christ the Lord. (1 Corinthians 8:7; Titus

1:15) If we do not preach to them to follow us, but only while we follow Jesus, that Jesus is the one they must conform to and love and serve and emulate, then if we fall, we take them down with us.

We must not allow that to happen: "...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:10-12) And,

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:31) (Romans 14; 15:1; 1 Corinthians 8:9, 11, 12)

Likewise the Congregation Must Stand

"Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! 8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father

which is in heaven. (Matthew 18:8-10)

God is telling us here that there are scandals and offenses committed in the world, and that they would occur in the Church, but woe to whoever does so in the Church.

If there are things that make you sin, such as those that are there to help you (hands); those that are there to teach (feet); and those that are there to lead (eyes), cast them away and pluck them out. In other words, do not heed them or follow them. It is better not follow your pastor, son, daughter, wife, husband, sister, brother, etc., than allowing them to keep from heaven.

If you sin, remember that Jesus Christ is the advocate between you and the Father. Go to Him and tell Jesus that you have sinned; tell Him what you did; and repent (don't do it again). But above all, do not stop from following Jesus. Do not stop being a Christian. If you leave your church because you were offended by someone there, go to another church, one that preaches and teaches Christ Jesus.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62) Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (Hebrews 10:38, 39)