

Persevering the persecution Part 2 **(blessed to have the strength of Christ)**

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Joh 15:22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

When God introduces the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve no longer have a cloke for the sinful marred in the hand of the potter condition we find ourselves in.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the law for the lawless (1Ti 1:9) which is where we all start when we come into the churches of this world.

Wherever there is a Gentile non Christian, there is going to be some form of a law for them as well and so Paul writes, knowing that God is working all this (Eph 1:11) and will eventually drag all men unto Himself (Rom 2:14 , Rom 7:7, Act 17:28).

Joh 15:22

With minds not converted or strengthened by the holy spirit, we are left with one inevitable outcome as we are used by God to bring sin into the world along with Adam and Eve, just as Christ was used to take it out of the world, just as we will be used of God as saviors coming up on mount Zion if we're blessed to endure until the end (Mar 13:13)

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead

(*how many is many?* Rom 3:23, Rom 6:23) much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many (*how many is many?* 1Co 15:22).

2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

We all come to see the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life which is within us, by way of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which is a type of the ten commandments, the law for the lawless. (1Jn 2:16, Rom 7:7).

The gentiles themselves are convicted by the law that they have unto themselves, whatever shape or form that law takes, it is just another variation of the law for the lawless (i.e. The law of Hammurabi)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_of_Hammurabi

Until we take of the tree of the knowlege of good and evil, the cloke that we have is ignorance (Act 17:30).

We live by every word of God, so our Adam and Eve moment of taking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as babes is when we are introduced to the law for the lawless within Babylon. If were not part of a church at this stage we are still in Babylon as the gentiles are a law unto themselves (Rom 2:14-15)

Rom 2:14For, whensoever the nations which have not law, by nature, the things of the law, may be doing, the same, not having law, unto themselves, are a law,—
Rom 2:15Who, indeed, shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience therewith bearing witness, and, between one another, their reasonings accusing—or, even excusing, them:—

Eventually when the world is given to rightly divide the word of God comparing spiritual with spiritual using the physical they will be without excuse, but as we just read Adam and Eve did have an excuse, just as the apostle Paul stated in the new testament, and that excuse was ignorance (Eph 4:17-18)

Joh 15:23**He that hateth me, hateth, my Father also.**

1Jn 4:20If one should say, I love God, and should be hating, his brother, false, is he; for, he that doth not love his brother, whom he hath seen, God, whom he hath not seen, he cannot love!

Joh 10:30I and the Father, are, one.

Joh 15:24 Had I not done among them, the works, which, no other, had done, sin, had they none; but, now, have they, both seen and hated both me and my Father.

Christ is saying the same thing he said in verse 22 (Joh 15:22). When He does works in front of our unconverted flesh we hate those works, because they expose are sin. It takes a miracle to accept those works, and acknowledge that they are of the Father and not of Christ.

The same is true for us, the world will hate us because we are proclaiming that the works that we are doing are being done by God, and we are the workmanship of His hands.

We will do even greater works than Christ, so we can expect even greater persecution and rejection from the world. (Joh 14:12 , Mat 10:25)

The works that Christ did were not for the converting of the masses, and in this way the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, was not for the converting of the masses either.

It is the tree of life being within us which is the hope of glory, this is the tree that converts and matures us so that we can rightly divide the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Heb 5:14).

The world is looking for a sign, and an evil and adulterous generation which we were apart of is always looking outwardly for a sign, and by God's grace we die daily (1Co 15:31) and are able to halt this process of looking outwardly and to examine ourselves inwardly whether we be in the faith or not (2Co 13:5).

The law preserves us until we start to come out of Babylon and begin to truly partake of the tree of life, which is the living waters we receive by having Christ within us (Joh 7:38).

So we live these words of Joh 15:24, we hate Christ and God and the brethren, and it occurs at the point that we start to see the work of God in others, and that work not manifesting in our own lives.

This is a crushing experience that brings God's elect to finally see that Paul and

Apollos within us can water all day long, month after month, year after year, but it is God who gives the true spiritual growth.

1Co 3:6I, planted, Apollos, watered,—but, God, caused to, grow.

Jas 4:13 Come now! ye that say—Today or To-morrow, we will journey unto this city here, and will spend there a year, and will trade and get gain,—

Jas 4:14 Men who are not versed in the morrow—of what sort your life will be ; for ye are, a vapour—for a little, appearing, then, just disappearing!

Jas 4:15 Instead of your saying—If, the Lord, be pleased, we shall both, live and do this or that;

Jas 4:16 Whereas, now, are ye boasting in your pretensions:—All boasting like this, is, wicked,

When we go into new Jerusalem which is above, or come boldly before the throne of God which we know to be represented by the city of Jerusalem which is above, God is teaching us to always say, "If, the Lord, be pleased, we shall both, live and do this or that;" as we enter into this city whose inhabitants are the elect of God.

Gal 4:26But, the Jerusalem above, is free,—the which is our mother;

Joh 15:25 **But...that the word which, in their law, is written, might be fulfilled—They hated me without cause.**

Verse 24 explains verse 25 and why we hate Christ without cause. We are immature babes at some point and tearing at each other (Gal 5:15-16), and not able yet to see that there is one event unto all men (Ecc 9:2) , and that all things are ours (1Co 3:22). When God grants us the maturity to believe and remember and be grateful it is a miracle which brings us to see that boasting is excluded by the law of faith (Rom 3:27), and we are exactly where we are by the grace and faith of God (Rom 12:3).

Joh 15:26 **Whensoever the Advocate shall come, Whom, I, will send unto you from the Father, The Spirit of truth, which, from the Father, cometh forth, He, will bear witness concerning me;**

We see in this verse that the disciples are not yet converted, and this is the means by which we are all going to be converted, by continuing (abiding) in **"The Spirit of truth, which, from the Father, cometh forth, He, will**

bear witness concerning me;"

He, will bear witness concerning me;" through the body of Christ!

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit cometh upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and Samaria and as far as the uttermost part of the land.

Joh 15:27 **And do, ye also, bear witness, because, from the beginning, ye are, with me,**

When we are with Christ, we are bearing witness of Him, whether that is in belief or unbelief (Peter denying Christ 3 times, crow crowing 2 times witness).

It will take our denying Christ three times (process of judgement of flesh) like Peter, which is the witness described as a crow crowing twice.

Christ will not lose any that are the Fathers, even though we must all come to see that we deny Christ three times, are Father's plan to save His elect first fruits has never been in jeopardy.

Mat 16:18 And, I also, unto thee, say—Thou, art Peter,—and, upon this rock, will I build my assembly, and, the gates of hades, shall not prevail against it.

Mat 24:12 And, because of lawlessness being brought to the full, the love of the many, will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But, he that hath endured throughout, the same, shall be saved.

2Ti 2:12 If we endure, we shall also reign together; If we shall deny, he also, will deny us,

2Ti 2:13 If we are faithless, he, faithful, abideth,—for, deny himself, he cannot!

any comments or questions on this last verse....