

#108 NO PAIN . . . NO GAIN

There's a saying that body builders use all the *time*...

NO PAIN . . . NO GAIN ! It's not a saying that one can just *mime*

But a truth that **to receive** ANYTHING *worthwhile*

A cost MUST be paid. And from the beginning that's been **God's style.**

Because *one can only see* what one surely has **gained**

After it has been lost and / **or damaged** as unworthy and **then renamed**

As a **BRAND NEW CREATION way better** than what has *passed*

With a promise of a Glory that for ever will *last*.

The **physical body was designed to regenerate** from *within*

And it would have if not for Adam & Eve and their offspring **if not for sin.**

Our **physical body still renews** each cell (though a bit weaker); with

Some brand new **within hours** and **days & others taking up to 7 years!**

But the **Spiritual body of Christ** within us is regenerated totally after

Death and thankfully too also while alive - with *tears!*

Tears of anguish in longsuffering, painful sorrow of repentance, or with Shameful *fear*

Of being separated from the **Love** we seek or a heartbreaking yearning

To stay *near*.

But **that IS** the lesson **God also chose to experience Himself**

By letting His children die just as **Jesus did first** - to gain the **wealth**

Of His **entire creation** that **must first be destroyed in order**

That the **NEW CREATION** can be built of **The ROCK** with **GRACE** as its

Mortar.

And **GRACE** of course is **God's Love, Christ Jesus the ROCK** who is

Purifying the new *container*

So *more and more* His chosen ones **will put to death** the *nature of the*

Carnal complainer.

All His WILL KNOW that **with correction MUST COME pain**

And **ONLY** through suffering the **stripping away** of the **carnal nature**

Comes *gain*

Because **Christ's nature IS** what the **VERY BEST IS.**

No more any of our **OLD ways** that were **selfish** and **OPPOSITE OF HIS.**

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Love means *long-suffering* until the *true way is being done*.

Then, and only then will we be aware of what really is *fun*.

It's when you **CAN SEE the Kingdom of Heaven** BEING APPLIED in *Another*

Who now *isn't any longer an enemy*...but **SEEN AS** a Christian sister or *Brother*

Who **NOW** has his or her **OWN TESTIMONY** on how **God has worked** in Their *Life*.

The leading of the **Holy Spirit** causes pain that cuts like a *knife*.

He will not and can not ignore any **sin nature** upon whom **He** has *Chosen*.

So the whole world will see exactly who *His* FOLLOWERS ARE... and **Who's just *posin'***

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