ROMANS 12:

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.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same **office:**

*4234 praxis {prax'-is} a doing, a mode of acting, a thing to be done,*

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us **prophesy** according to the proportion of faith;

4394 propheteia {prof-ay-ti'-ah} divine inspiration. *This word is not used to define a ministry of manner of preaching. In Revelation 11 it speaks of the two prophets and the days of their prophecy, but I believe that scripture is foretelling of events not a message.*

7 Or **ministry,** let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

1248 diakonia {dee-ak-on-ee'-ah} *service, ministering*

*That speaks of both spiritual and physical ministering to give unto others what is needed.* ***1****(****minister to****) attend to the needs of (someone*):

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

*We spoke in the last service about a person born again cannot sin*.

COLOSSIANS 3:

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

ROMANS 4:

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

ROMANS 8:

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

*When a person is born again, he is a member of the body of Christ and any sins was already paid in full by the suffering of Christ*.

EPHESIANS 5:

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

ROMANS 6

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

*If the body of sin is destroyed it will not be resurrected it is gone spiritually*.

*I know that many that are baptized were not baptized unto the death of Christ. It would be possible that sometime after baptism they would come to the spiritual understanding of what the baptism meant.*

*If a person is born again it puts the love of God in their heart.*

ROMANS 5:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

JOHN 14:

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, 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.

*Being in a free will General Baptist they taught they could backslide and of course the Pentecostal Oneness denomination I once belong to also believe you could backslid and be lost; Let look at scripture they use and believe them as they are written.*

MATTHEW 12:

36 But I say unto you, That every **idle** word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Idle: 692 argos {ar-gos'} *without purpose or effect; pointless:*

LUKE 8:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

EPHESIANS 5:

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

LUKE 8

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

LUKE 8:

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

*Sometimes the Word is taken and replace with a tradition or even* a lie.

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, **receive the word** with joy; and these have no root, which **for a while believe**, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

MATTHEW 13:

19 When any one **heareth** the word of the kingdom, and **understandeth it not**, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that **heareth** the word, and anon with joy **receiveth it;**

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that **received seed** among the thorns is he that **heareth** the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

*All had the Word they believed received but the only one that produced fruit was the good ground. Did they have faith? Yes, they heard and believed but not go on to the fulness of the promise.*

REVELATION 2:20

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce **my servants** to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

*They were servants but as of that time had no inheritance in the Kingdom of God.*

GALATIANS 5:

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

*When a person commits to becoming a Christian, the Lord takes them at their Word, and they can be forgiven but also under condition.*

MATTHEW 6:

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

MATTHEW 18:

23 **Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.**

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

*I cannot and neither can anyone else explain why one person as in Act 10 be filled with the Holy Ghost and other places and other do not seem to have a born again experience but only God can determine when a person is eligible to be fill with His spirit and that should be understood by your ability to serve, love and render fruit through Christ*

I CORINTHIANS 5:

1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

CORINTHIANS 5:

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

*I know this man was not born again yet he was identified with the body of Christ, not as the body of Christ.*

*All sinners are already in the hands of Satan except with what God restrains. They are already the children of wrath we do not turn them over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh*

II PETER 2

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

*I know that some were instantly saved and filled with the Holy Ghost but apparently not everyone is. I cannot say why other then perhaps a lack of faith or true repentance* or scriptural understanding.

ACTS 20:

28 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.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, **and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

II CORINTHIANS 12:

19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which **have sinned already,** and have not repented of the uncleanness and **fornication** and lasciviousness which they have committed.

II CORINTHIANS 13:

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write **to them which heretofore have sinned**, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye **be reprobates**?

96 » adokimos {ad-ok'-ee-mos}. not standing the test, not approved, unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate

EPHESIANS 1:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

GALATIANS 4:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

GALATIANS 4:

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

GALATIANS 3:

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus*.*

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**Faithfulness And Grace Bring Glory To Christ**

In a recent message I read **Titus 2:10** which ex­horts us to "*ADORN the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."* When we think of the word "adorn," usually we think of ADDING to the beauty of some­thing. For example: "Ribbons adorned her hair." Now we can add nothing to the perfect glory and beauty of the doctrine of Christ; but to ADORN the doctrine of Christ and the gospel we believe and love is to grace that gospel WITH ITS OWN BEAUTY, to show forth the works of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope which only the gospel of Christ can produce in a person (1 Thes. 1:2-3).

Paul said in 1 Cor.15:10, *"But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all; YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS IN ME.*" The faithfulness and grace Paul manifested brought glory to Christ, whose they were!

Because of His sovereign, eternal love, we are NOW (at this present time) SONS OF GOD. The people of the world know you as an earthly son, brother, or sister; but they do not know you as a son of God be­cause they do not know God. They did not know His only begotten Son when He came to this world, and they rejected His claims as they will deny yours! But though this world does not recognize us as sons of God; though our present condition is far short of His glory; though our bodies are but flesh and death is before us; though we are subject to many miseries, temptations, and trials; though we are aware of the sin within us; now, at this very moment, we are sons of God! From what we are, it does not appear what we shall be; but when He returns, we shall see Him AS HE IS (not as He was on this earth in the like­ness of sinful flesh); and we shall BE LIKE HIM! Then the world will know what we now know, that we are the sons of God. "*I in them, and thou in me that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me"* (John 17:23). **Henry T. Mahan**