Increase (notes)

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***LUKE 17:1***

 *1 ¶ Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!*

 *2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.*

 *3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.*

 *4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.*

 *5 And the apostles said unto the Lord,* ***Increase*** *our faith.*

***EPHESIANS 1:11***

 *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:*

***LUKE 16:16***

 *16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

Presseth is the Greek word 971 biazo {bee-ad'-zo}

It means to use force, to apply force, to force, inflict violence on and it comes from the word 979 bios {bee'-os} which means life or living that by which life is ritual., which applies to natural things as well as spiritual.

***I JOHN 3:1***

 *1 ¶ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

 *2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

 *3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

***ROMANS 12:1***

 *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.*

 *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****.*

Measure- determined extent, portion measured off, measure or limit; the required measure

***MATTHEW 5:48***

 *48* ***Be ye*** *therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

Be ye wise, not troubled, therefore merciful, neither of doubtful mind, therefore ready,

We already read what Paul said in Romans 2:2

 *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.*

Other places mentioned by Paul Be ye- followers of me, neither be idolaters, reconciled to God, enlarged, not unequally yoked, separate, angry and sin not, kind, thankful.

***I PETER 3:8***

*¶ Finally, be* ***ye all*** *of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*

***I PETER 4:7***

 *7 ¶ But the end of all things is at hand:* ***be ye*** *therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

***I JOHN 2:27***

 *27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

***II PETER 1:3***

 *3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

 *4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

 *5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence,* ***add*** *to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

 *6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

 *7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

 *8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

***ROMANS 10:17***

 *17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

***ROMANS 10:13***

 *13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

 *14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

Hearing the Word doesn’t just bring about our salvation but also brings us to perfection or completion.

***EPHESIANS 4:11***

 *11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

 *12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

 *13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

***I CORINTHIANS 3:6***

 *6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*

 *7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*

An integral part of our increase is our life here on earth and how we react and grow, as a result of things we go through.

***I PETER 4:12***

 *12 ¶ Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

 *13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

***II TIMOTHY 1:7***

 *7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

 *8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner:* ***but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;***

 *9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an* ***holy calling****, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

***EPHESIANS 1:4***

 *4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

 *5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

***PHILIPPIANS 3:20***

 *20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

 *21 Who* ***shall change our vile body****, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

***I CORINTHIANS 15:51***

 *51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be* ***changed,***

 *52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

 *53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

 *54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

***ROMANS 8:28***

 *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.*

 *31 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*