

Hebrews 10

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Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

([Psalm 147:1-20](#); [Romans 3:1-8](#))

1For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Perfection of mankind could not happen with the Law. The Law was created to show us, mankind, how far short of God's perfection we really are. To make mankind perfect and fulfill the Law as required, the Law required a perfect sacrifice. That perfection was offered by Christ to the Jews first and then to all mankind. But only a few will accept it.

The term "few" is relative, meaning of the multiple billions of lives that have lived on earth since the creation of time a relatively small percentage of them will Believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, as the Son of the Living God, High Priest to God and to His Believers.

*Matthew 7: **13**Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: **14**Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it. (emphasis mine)*

We can't put a number on the word few or many. In the Strong's Concordance we find:

“Many”

“Transliteration: polus

Phonetic Spelling: (pol-oos')

Definition: much, many

4183 *polýs – many (high in number); multitudinous, plenteous, "much"; "great" in amount (extent).”*

“Few”

“Transliteration: oligos

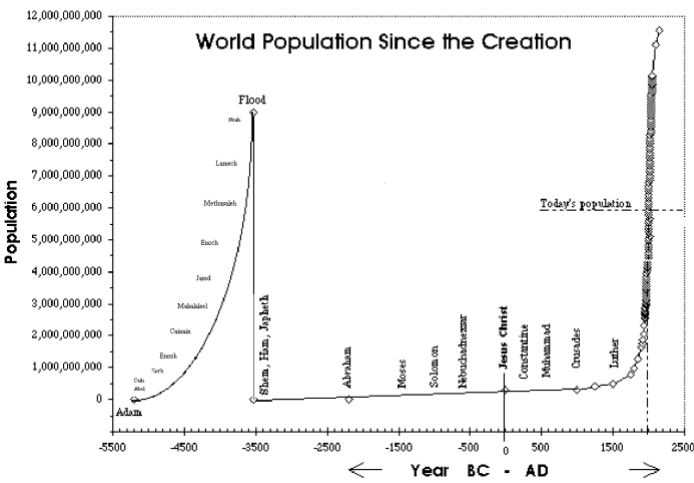
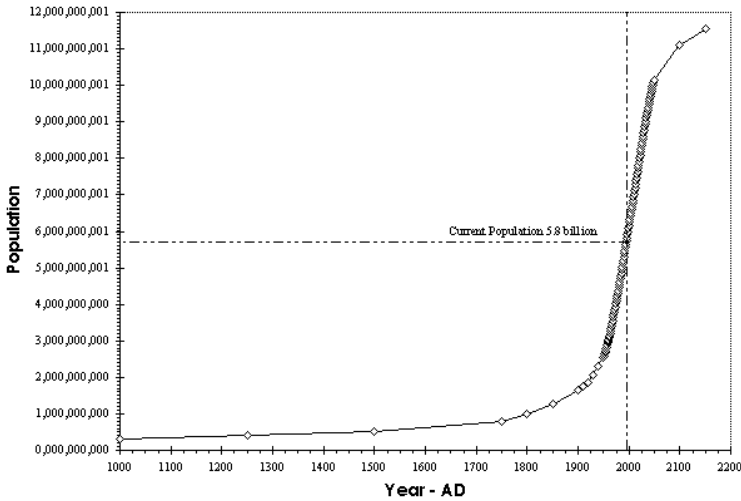
Phonetic Spelling: (ol-ee'-gos)

Definition: few, little, small

As you can see there is no way to attach a number to those words; they are like the term “large and small”. All relative to the whole.

The lifelong population of the world is actually in the Trillions considering calculations of pre-flood and post-flood. Today's population is at over 8 billion. The following charts were updated in 2007, and the world population at that date was 5.8 billion. In just 16 years that has jumped another 3 billion people to exceed 8 billion.

Recent-History Population Growth



In the calculations done by Lambert Dolphin, he projected mathematically that the world population at the time of the flood was around 9 billion people.

World Population Since Creation

by Lambert Dolphin

<https://www.ldolphin.org/asstbib.shtml>

So, based on a number like one trillion, what is few and what is many? It is an unanswerable question to all except God.

For context of vs 2 I'll re-read vs 1:

1For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

2For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

The point being that if those sacrifices would have been perfect then they would have only had to be offered once. The single sacrifice would have removed sin from the consciousness of man. But the sacrifices were not perfect, so they had to be offered repeatedly for sinful man. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they had no consciousness of sin, rebelling against God hadn't even cross their mind. Only after Satan introduced the idea of rebelling to Eve did the idea of rebellious sin enter man's consciousness.

With Christs sacrifice, the perfect sacrifice we are set free from sin. We are not bound by its power unless we let it.

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As a recap of vs 1 and 2 God's point is that the blood of animals would never make man perfect. Vs 2 God makes the point that if those animal sacrifices were adequate to make man right with God then only one animal would have to have been sacrificed for all of man's sin. We know, the Jews know that was not the case, the animal sacrifices were done over and over for hundreds of years and there was no eternal salvation in all those innocent animals, only blood and pain. But God used it as a Type and Shadow of what was to come. A perfect Sacrifice, for the Redemption of mankind once and for all.

3But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made of sins every year.* 4For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

God declared in vs 4 that animal sacrifices were not sufficient. God used them as a steppingstone from what worked temporarily toward an eternal solution that would work for mankind, all of mankind and all of man's sins.

The "he" is of course Jesus in vs 5. Jesus was referring to God's statement that He prefers obedience of sacrifice. Jesus declares that "***Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not***" meaning God

declared that animal sacrifices were incomplete, and He took no pleasure in them. They were an example of what sin required in the Law; innocent blood, death. But God gave Jesus His Son a body that would be the perfect Sacrifice for all sin for all mankind.

1 Samuel 15: [22](#)And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

[6](#)In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Psalm 51: [10](#)Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. [11](#)Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. [12](#)Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. [13](#)Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. [14](#)Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. [15](#)O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. [16](#)For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. [17](#)The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

[7](#)Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Jesus' most important goals to accomplish while on earth was to bring Salvation. In order to accomplish that most important goal Jesus would walk in "obedience" to demonstrate the opposite of what happened in the Garden. So, after Salvation what is

perhaps our most important goal? Like Jesus, Obedience to God's Word.

8Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law;
9Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

It is a strange thing to have two covenants operating at the same time, but that is in the hands of mankind, more specifically the Jewish Nation. God intends to operate in only one Covenant, the second supersedes the first on one condition. That single condition is that man would leave behind the first covenant and adhere to the new covenant.

The problem is the Jewish nation and add to that all the religions of the world including the new ones that put their faith in the law, in man, or climate or trees or UFO's, or World Economic Forum, or even President Donald Trump. The more we change as mankind the more we stay the same. Seeking salvation and eternity in all but the One Place that God has delivered to us.

The Jews have clung to the Old Covenant and God can only shake His head. The Gift is there for them as well as for us. It was through the promise to Abraham that we as gentiles, heathens if

you will, that salvation came to us through a Jew, Christ the Messiah.

Acts 13: [46](#)Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

[47](#)For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

[48](#)And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. [49](#)And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. [50](#)But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. [51](#)But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. [52](#)And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

[10](#)By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

This declarative sentence is not ambiguous about our position in relation to God's Holiness. The previous verses gave us the means by which holiness of Jesus as the premier sacrifice is transferred to Believers.

[9](#)Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

That sacrifice leads us to vs 10 and a declaration of Believers being Holy before God.

10By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word “sanctified” from Strong’s Concordance in Greek is:

Transliteration: hagiázó

Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-ad'-zo)

Definition: to make holy, consecrate, sanctify

Making us Holy is an act of God not of ourselves. We quite frankly are incapable of making ourselves Holy. That was demonstrated by the sacrifices in the Temple. The High Priest was not a Holy person in his own right. He had to use the blood and ashes of various innocent animals to achieve a temporary Holiness in order to approach God once a year.

That same process is used by us but with access to the most Holy Sacrifice, Jesus the Messiah. We now are declared Holy by God’s Will, not of our own will or doing but solely by His Will. We now have access on not a yearly basis but a moment by moment basis through prayer to and with God thru our mediator and High Priest Jesus Christ.

11And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

Again, a reference to Old Covenant Law. Vs 11 describes the futility of the Law to solve the sin issue that separates us from God. The Law of animal sacrifices could not create a relationship between man and God on a daily or moment by moment basis as it was in the Garden of Eden before sin entered the world. We now have that avenue to God in the Spirit. There will come a day when that avenue includes the Body, Soul and Spirit in direct contract with God as His children, sons and daughters for eternity, just as was God's Perfect Will in the Garden with Adam and Eve before man fell to sin.

12But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Thru one man Adam, sin entered the world, that thru the ONE man Jesus, the penalty for sin was dealt with.

13From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

God and Christ are patient. We know that to God a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day.

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

There will be a day when all evil will be judged, the enemies of Christ will be forever judged and committed to the Lake of Fire. It

was by that singular offering of the Most Holy Sacrifice the universe will know Justice. The Law was fulfilled by Jesus on the Cross. His resurrection was the assurance of that fulfillment, a down payment of sorts for all that Believe.

15Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

The Law is no longer a written document to be studied and tried. It is now in the hearts of Believers, fulfilled by Christ. The Law was at odds with mankind, but through the Mercy and Grace of God the Law is now within us in the form of the Holy Spirit. Ever striving for us to walk in obedience to God the Father as His Son Jesus Christ did. All the while we are declared by God to be Holy, set aside for Him by an act of HIS WILL, not by ours.

17And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18Now where remission of these *is*, *there is* no more offering for sin.

We did nothing to bring this about, it was Christ and Him alone. As Believers in Christ but still in this flesh, the Law in and thru the Holy Spirit still convicts us of our sins, striving, urging us to walk in

obedience as Christ did. But our Spirit is Holy, set apart by and for God.

One day when we are in our resurrected bodies, no longer plagued by the sin nature, our Body, Soul and Spirit will be unified as was the case in the Garden of Eden. One with God through Christ our redeemer, to walk in the cool of the evening in God's domain, with HIM forever.

A Call to Persevere

[\(Jude 1:17-23\)](#)

19Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

In the Old Covenant a High Priest once a year could enter the Holiest place by following strict sacrificial practices. Now in the New Covenant, Believers whom God calls priests to Himself can enter into the Holiest place anytime day or night with our petitions and prayers. We are met there by the High Priest Jesus Christ who gave His life to set us free from bondage of sin. By His fleshly sacrifice we are saved.

The temple was built with cold lifeless stones under the Old Covenant. The New Covenant Temple is built with living stones, the Believers in the power of Holy Spirit. The Living Stones the

Believers are joined together in a structure built in Heaven called the Church big (C).

God intended Israel to fulfill that role as His chosen people. But when they rejected His Son, He invited in the Gentiles to be Believers, His children along with any Jew that would come to Christ. This Heavenly Temple is not made of only Gentiles but Jews that would surrender the former Old Covenant for the New Covenant. In the church there is no Jew nor Greek, only Believers.

Colossians 3: [5](#)Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: [6](#)For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: [7](#)In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. [8](#)But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. [9](#)Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; [10](#)And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: [11](#)Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

[12](#)Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; [13](#)Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. [14](#)And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. [15](#)And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be

ye thankful. [16](#)Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. [17](#)And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Moses was told to tell Israel their special place in God's eye and their mission, to be ***“a kingdom of priests”*** as recorded in Exodus 19:6. The implication was that as a chosen Nation they were to walk in Holiness under the Power of the Living God to show the world the Creator God. They instead followed after other gods and worshipped idols, causing God to withdraw His protection and blessing from them.

The commission to Moses, the heritage of Jacob, Israel:

Exodus 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The failure in the House of Jacob, Israel:

Ezekiel 9: 9Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. 10And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

After a thousand years when Israel failed in their mission God opened the door to the entire world through the Blood of His Only Son. The mission of being Priests and Kings to serve Him our Messiah God.

Revelation 5: [10](#)And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 20: [6](#)Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

[21](#)And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

Believers are the “house of God” the CHURCH built with living stones the hearts and spirits of Believers.

[22](#)Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Everything has been done for us through the Mercy and Grace of God by the Blood of Jesus. God gave us His Son. God gave us Faith to believe. God gave us eternal life through Faith. God asks only one thing in return, OBEDIENCE.

Just a few things that are contained in OBEDIENCE: certainly not a complete list.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Show Mercy and Grace to others through forgiveness as we have been forgiven.

Do not forsake the assembling together.

Encourage one another in Love.

23Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) 24And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

These past few verses put into context the outcome of what Jesus obediently walked out in His flesh, overcoming His flesh with the Spirit of the Living God. Obedient to the Cross, which now casts its shadow over all Believers. Saved, Redeemed, Sanctified by the Will of God. We are to encourage one another as we continue to walk out this life in the flesh to know we are Saved and Sanctified. To walk in obedience to His Word.

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26For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29Of how much

sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

In no way should we want to minimize any sin that we commit after becoming saved, we need to repent of our sin and walk in Obedience to God. But these verses are speaking of something very specific as a sin.

29Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

This sin that is the chief sin of the lost, the rejection of Jesus as Messiah and Savior. It is magnified to such a point as being implausible for a Saved person to ever question the validity of Jesus as the Son of God, sacrificed on the cross to death, buried in a tomb and 3 days later raised from the dead to life by the Power of the Holy Spirit. This sin is so life altering that there is no way back. Anyone, especially a Christian who could ever reject this truth will never be saved again. They have in a sense re-crucified Jesus by rejecting His One and Perfect Sacrifice.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the obvious and that is any sin committed by a Believer in some commentator's minds

puts that Believer in jeopardy of judgement. There is no sin beyond the reach of the Blood of Christ except rejection of the Messiah Jesus.

All of us in one way or another had rejected Christ as Messiah in our own lives before believing. Either by outwardly rejecting the TRUTH or ambivalence in simply not caring or looking to Christ for salvation. We were so caught up in the world and or sin we weren't even looking for a Savior. We were ignorant to the idea that we needed a Savior thereby by fiat rejecting Christ.

In any case we rejected the Redeemer, we rejected Jesus as Savior. But through the Power of the Holy Spirit God touched our hearts and opened our eyes to the simple fact that we were sinners and destined for Hell and needed a Savior.

The follow on to repentance and acceptance to Jesus as Lord and Savior is obedience to God's Will in our lives. As Christians when we sin, we place ourselves in jeopardy of sliding toward that unforgivable sin of rejecting Christ. Depending on how ordinary we make or allow sin in our lives determines how close we are moving to the unforgivable sin. Paul spoke to this:

Romans 6: [15](#)What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. [16](#)Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of **sin unto**

death, or of obedience unto righteousness? [17](#)But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. [18](#)Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. [19](#)I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

[20](#)For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. [21](#)What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. [22](#)But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. [23](#)For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 1: 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When we sin as Believers, we are causing an interruption in our relationship with God. The veil as in the Temple is put back between us and God. The beginnings of that interruption came in the Garden when Adam and Eve committed the first sin, that was when God put a veil, the flesh, between He and man. That interruption of relationship lasted thousands of years up until the Cross. God used the Temple as a demonstration of how that veil, the flesh, affected His relationship with His creation, separation from God.

We **CANNOT** take sin in our lives today as not a serious breach of trust with God. He is faithful to forgive us IF we repent and turn from our sin.

What does He do if we persist in a specific sin? We are placing ourselves in jeopardy and are not to take it lightly. Because He loves us He will discipline us for our sins in order to get our attention. If we are sinning and see no discipline for our behavior we should be very afraid. God says He disciplines those He loves.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

God is extending Grace and Mercy to us; we cannot take that lightly. Obedience requires us to reject sin, in our thoughts and deeds. As was stated, sin in our lives causes an interruption in our relationship with God. How far will we let that interruption go?

Repent today and turn from our sin. Walk in Obedience to the One who saved us.

30For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

The key to this verse is that “The Lord shall judge his people”. Who are His people? Believers are His people. Our hope lies in Jesus and what He did for us. As Believers we will be judged for

our **obedience** in walking out our Sanctification and carrying out His commission for each of us. I still believe our Salvation is secure as Believers, but the sins we commit as Believers are a real problem for us and our relationship with the one that offered Himself for us.

32But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

Most if not all Believers as soon as we became born again experienced great conflict in our lives. The flesh fighting for survival against this new creature within. Satan would send attacks as he hates when anyone turns to Christ. The longer you walk in Christ the stronger the Spirit in us becomes as the flesh is denied and Christ is praised. The Old man does not want to die but the power of the Holy Spirit must be dominate in our lives. The old man must die. The affliction spoken of here must fall to victory in Christ.

33Partly, whilst ye were made a gazing stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

The new Believer is often faced with a dichotomy between old friends that are not saved and new brothers and sisters in the Lord. Most often a separation takes place over the following months of being saved. The old man, the one that loved hanging

out with our friends that were of the same sinful nature as we had constantly called us back to the old ways.

Our new fellow Believers encouraged us to walk in Grace and Mercy. As new Believers we were infants requiring milk of the Word. As we grew in knowledge of God's Word, and Will we saw how selfish our lives had been and how much at peace we felt when fellowshiping with God and with other Believers. Our hearts changed, some quickly, others more slowly, but in the end our desire changed to fellowship with Believers and not with our old lives.

34For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

The author was apparently bound likely in prison for his beliefs. There were other believers that willingly supported the author at risk of losing their own freedom and property (***took joyfully the spoiling of your goods***). They did this as they had faith in their real lives in eternity with Christ and gave no thought to the pain, they endured for supporting the author and other believers. (***that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.***)

35Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36For ye have need of

patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

The fear of falling away is a real fear in many Christians including me. The fear comes I believe from allowing sin to continue to operate in our lives. Satan is more than willing to accuse us before God and through those accusations to put fear of falling away in our hearts. So how do we combat that fear. The words are simple the method is hard. Seek God's Will and Walk in OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

37For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Habakkuk 2:23 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

This is referring to those who claim or perhaps even walk with Christ. Some dreadful thing happens, and they pull back from their boldly standing for Christ. It is like a believer when persecution comes, he runs to a fortress for safety denying the protective power of God in his life. When someone who claims Faith but when Faith is required relies on his own manner of defense may be considered as a person with no True Faith in Christ.

Why would God bring this up if it were not a real problem; “my soul shall have no pleasure in him”. This idea of drawing back easily starts with unrepentant sin. We may be committing sin that we are so used to committing that it has become a part of our daily lives.

Well, the good we may be doing is from our flesh and not from the Holy Spirit. Are you judgmental, offended when family or friends rejects your speaking about Christ. The problem is us in doing it in the flesh. Stop, wait patiently on the Lord to see how He wants us to proceed. But always walking in humbleness. To charge ahead is fraught with problems and can easily slip into sin. Sin is a slippery slope, the longer we stay on the slope the faster speed we pick up all downhill.

Words can hurt or they can heal. Do we speak ill of a brother or sister or a neighbor? Do we covet what our neighbor has? Do we have something, anything that we love more than God? The Holy Spirit is speaking to us about repenting and we either ignore Him or think it can't be me, it can't be that? I am doing God's work here. Are we really or are we doing what we want?

I am in no position to judge anyone, but if you don't want to be judged, God says to judge ourselves.

1 Corinthians 11: [31](#)For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

[39](#)But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Let's not kid ourselves, if we are not seeing a growth in our lives and in our ministry, stop, take stock, do a real self-evaluation on where the motivation and fire is coming from in what we are doing. Are we doing it in the flesh, or have we surrendered to the Holy Ghost and wait for His leading? Walking in obedience not legalism, but Obedience as Christ walked.

If we are not walking in Obedience to God with a joyful heart, if we grumble, complain, gossip, backbit, then we are not pleasing God.

Romans 1: [20](#)For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: [21](#)Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, **neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. [22](#)Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, [23](#)And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (Emphasis mine)**

[24](#)Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: [25](#)Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Emphasis mine)

26For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ***27***And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

These next verses are what God condemned these folks to for their rejection of Salvation and Truth. When they removed God from their minds, God gave them over to their own lusts.

28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a** reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ***29***Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ***30***Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ***31***Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ***32***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.

When these folks actively reject Christ, they are released from any conviction of their actions and God allows them to go and do as they please against everything He has told us. We need to weigh ourselves constantly against the specific things God speaks here, judging ourselves with all Righteousness and Truth. Don't think that the little sin you commit is not a big deal. It is a big deal it draws us into a position of disobedience and challenges us in our faithfulness to God.

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