James #74

The Christian must choose submission to God’s plan to find true happiness.

Pick it back up in 1John chapter 3 RF.

Our current study into a greater depth of the plan of God from eternity past, shows us, that it has two distinctive paths all people choose.

The Unbel is on a pathway that remains as a collateral piece on a chess board, to vast for them to even fathom.

While the Bel has entrance and eternal security inside the plan, as a relevant and possibly heroic winner in the end.

/Jhn 3:36 “**The one who believes in the Son has eternal life**; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but **the wrath of God remains on him**.”\

There is no other pathway that you are walking on at this moment of time.

Even as a loser Believer, you are eternally secure and a relevant child of God.

Because as we are learning, as free will decides – then the Divine decree locks that into eternal law.

God knew you would turn to HIS precious SON at some point, and that calculated into the Divine decree millions of years ago.

As we left off in 1John 3, we know there was an ongoing issue with the Gnostic movement. We also know the Apostle John was handling several congregations at once, so this is circular letter sent out for all the CA Bels to wake up and get serious in their walk with GOD.

The Apostle John is putting a strong emphasis on the lifestyle of the Christian.

He points to the righteousness and virtue Love of Christ becoming visible in our life.

[/1Jo 3:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/19/s_1162019) We will know by this **that we are of the truth,** and will set our heart at ease before Him,

*To be OF THE TRUTH* – tells us this is our lifestyle, BD is the norms and standards and ideologies, now dominating our soul structure.\

The truth is singular, as in BD, the mind of Christ.

There were some Christians who claimed they still walked in union with Christ.

Yet they were following the new age doctrines of the Gnostics.

Your heart – your mind, or soul is the reference here, for that to be at ease, it speaks to a serios relationship, a deep fellowship.

That fellowship and relationship has to be grounded in truth, not deception or false doctrines.

REPEAT

/God is not having fellowship with your flesh. There is no good communication or divine knowledge flowing from a soul occupied with self and occupied with the devil’s world. The exterior of mankind’s immediate action is not always true to what resides deep within the soul. The soul is revealed through time, pressure and challenges. What our LORD revealed over 3 years of pressure and challenges was the Virtue Love and Righteousness of GOD in action.\

That is the protocol for spiritual maturity.

Jesus Christ fulfilled the whole of the Bible because it is HIS very mind.

Every law, command, scripture and prophecy is fulfilled in HIM.

Therefore, the only way to remain centered in God’s plan is - IN CHRIST.

The major concern within this chapter is to encourage obedient and active love from all those who claimed to be Christians.

/1Jhn 3:19 - *will set our heart at ease (peithō) before Him*,

It means strong assurance and to have a calm soul, a quiet heart. Because you are confident you have walked to the best of your ability as a true child of God.\

The Greek verb PIE-THO, is written in a future tense meaning two things; one as we move forward, we do not lose confidence.

Two that at the Bema Seat Judgment of Christ, we will stand firm on our Divine Good.

No one preaching false doctrine, or throwing accusations at our walk with God will shake us up!

Guilt and shame are tools of Satan because they drive us into doubts and anything that lacks faith is sin!

(Rom 14:23)

If you know you are handling the WORD accurately, studying and applying BD to the best your ability – then stand firm.

REPEAT

Do not allow anyone…a pastor, a friend or even a spouse, to try and make you feel condemnation.

[1Jo 3:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/20/s_1162020) that if our heart condemns us, that God is greater than our heart, and He knows all things.

Often times we even get down on ourselves, GOD looks at your heart! HE knows when you are reaching for HIM, when you doing the best you can.

/Heb 4:16 Therefore **let's approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of *our* need.

Act 9:28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, **speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.\**

In Acts 9 the Apostle Paul was still being rejected by many Christians because he was considered a new convert. They deemed him very untrustworthy, because he had been known as Saul of Tarsus.

Yet Barnabas played an instrumental role in the early support of the Apostle Paul.

Sometimes just one good doctrinal friend, can lift us up with just a little support and help us maintain our confidence.

Een if they don’t, if you know you walking in union with Christ… stand strong!

[/1Jo 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/21/s_1162021) Beloved**, if our heart does not condemn us**, we have confidence before God;

***IF*** -This is a 3rd class condition, there is a strong probability here. We are called into short accounts with sin, so that we have a clear conscience that does not interfere with our walk with God.\

This is written in a Greek present tense, meaning we are caught in a cycle of emotional waves.

If you trust in the person and work of Christ and you understand the mercy, justice and forgiveness of God, then you will not be in a state of constant guilt, which is chain sinning.

This is imperative for a steadfast walk with God, this is why fully studying and understanding BD matters so much!

REPEAT

/Sadly, many legalistic people are steeped in guilt or shame deep within their soul, and their arrogance points outward at others. They lash out, in a form of transference arrogance, one of many defense mechanisms we all have. Assign to others that which you feel or have guilt over yourself. Legalistic people often operate from a place of a constant cycle of fear and discipline; they usually transfer that upon others.\

Remember something, unstable people are often people with little or no relationship with GOD.

Also…some of the most miserable people to be around are religious zealots!

God’s plan is not one of consistent guilt and discipline, punishment or payment, that would be the antithesis of GRACE.

REPEAT

Now notice the next two verses point us directly at the plan of GOD.

[/1Jo 3:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/22/s_1162022) and **whatever we ask**, we receive from Him, **because we keep His commandments**and **do the things that are pleasing in His sight**.

This points to our Believer Priesthood, operation within its proper context matters. This is a conditional clause (3rd class) the present tense, tells us keep asking/praying. The active voice points to the BELIEVER.\

There is a strong probability it will happen, because we are operating in our Bel Priesthood in the proper fashion.

/The CA Christian is directly linked to the throne room because of our High Priest Jesus Christ. Our prayers when done in proper context (filled by HS, aligned with BD), can be answered. God’s commands for this dispensation are clearly fulfilled IN CHRIST. Not simply rebound, but walking in union with HIM. What is pleasing in God’s sight, is HIS precious SON shining through our temporal life (fruit of the Spirit).\

Now we see the pathway for success inside the plan of GOD;

[/1Jo 3:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/23/s_1162023) This is **His commandment**, that **we believe in the name of His Son Jesus** Christ, and **love one another**, just as He commanded us.

Salvation is the only entrance. Then walking in union with Christ into maturity is phase two, where Virtue Love flows from your lifestyle.\

Most people seek complete and unconditional love from other people, yet it is not possible in the flesh.

Outside of how a parent should love a child, unconditional love is a source of incredible human frustration.

REPEAT

Yet it is a calling and a mandate inside the plan of GOD.

Notice how the Apostle John puts a cap on this chapter;

[/1Jo 3:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/24/s_1162024) **The one who keeps His commandments remains in Him**, and He in him. We know by this that **He remains in us, by the Spirit** whom He has given us.

The walk in union with Christ is dependent upon the TWO POWER options.\

The OT saints were never told over and over again that they had CHRIST in them.

It is impossible without Christ.

All the work and power is there for us, we need to simply follow the protocol.

/Jhn 13:34 “**I am giving you a new commandment**, that you **love one another; just as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. 35 “**By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples:** if you have love for one another.”\

This is why growing up and understanding the whole plan of God matters, including the age you live and the protocol of the Christian way of life.

/Only our union with Christ, in its proper application, can produce impersonal, unconditional love (Virtue). That means that everyone inside the cosmic system is incapable of this divine virtue love, unless they are walking habitual in union with Christ. Mankind seeks to receive unconditional love in many relationships, yet outside of a child-parent relationship it is a journey into frustration. Only a true relationship with God opens this opportunity up.\

It is better to be respected by a person than to be loved by a person.

This will carry intimate relationships much further than insisting upon unconditional love at every turn.

Without Virtue Love, intimate relationships such as family, marriage and close friends will always have points of frustration and failure throughout their lifetime. REPEAT

/Personal, intimate love is a wonderful emotion, yet it can be very fragile. It can be the culprit for great anger, misery and confusion in human relationships. Arrogance and immaturity demand personal love carry right over into unconditional love, because it comes from a soul minus BD. Growing up into SM makes the difference in harmonious human relationships.\

God has designed a perfect plan from eternity past, that plan was legally, satisfied through Justice System of God and all details and outcomes calculated into the Divine Decree.

If we are willing to do our best to understand and follow the WORD of God we can reap the many benefits inside that perfect plan.

REPEAT

/The cross was decreed in eternity past but the human volition of Christ decided for the cross at Gethsemane (Mat 26:39- 42). God has provided salvation for you through the cross but it must be your free will choice in time —

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/The plan of God and the Divine decree did not oppose or manipulate human freedom, but once a choice is made from your free will by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, that means that the function of the decree does slightly limit your free will after salvation. You agreed to participate in the plan of God. So limited choices as well as self-induced misery, or even discipline are part of the yoke you agreed to.\

Mat 11:30 “For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

The Bel has now agreed to participate in God’s plan which means certain avenues should be chosen, or certain expectations may fall upon them. By the same token they are given 40 grace gifts, spiritual power and eternal security. They are in union with Christ forever.

REPEAT

/The Christian will have true inner happiness, yet they must choose to function under the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP/ 2 power options). Rejection of the true relationship with Christ (GAP) means misery for that Bel. Once you believe in Christ the divine decree does have a limitation on you. That limit is found in Bible doctrine and filling power of the HS. Refusing that limitation begins a journey into misery and confusion.\

The sooner you reach levels of spiritual maturity the sooner God is free to benefit you to the maximum, releasing blessings and rewards already reserved in your name. Upon the point of the super-grace life, then God is legally free to give you maximum blessing.