

## Introduction:

Certain lessons we think we have learned but life's experiences teaches more than we knew. Our recent quarantine and trials with CO-VID 19 has brought some things to mind.

### I) The Invisible Enemy

#### A) CO-VID 19 like any other virus cannot be seen with the naked eye.

1. Yet it is real, its affect is real as some people get sick to the point of death.
2. We might disagree as to how to deal with it but its reality cannot be denied.

#### B) Satan is real

1. We can't see Satan or the devil personally with the naked eye but he is our adversary.

***1 Peter 5:8b your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.***

2. He is active (walks about) , he is ungodly (a roaring lion), he has a purpose (to devour, or destroy)
3. Sin and suffering are all real. His devices are real – temptation, arrogance, anger, false doctrines, etc.
4. What will be our response? Indifference, apathy, denial, etc.
5. What should be our response? ***1 Peter 5:8a Be sober, be vigilant;***

### II) It Is Hard To Be Alone

**A) For various reasons the isolation was harder this time than in the spring .**

1. Get tired of being alone, not going anywhere, man is a social creature.
2. Have you ever gone on vacation by yourself? Gone to a ballgame by yourself? Just not the same.

***Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.***

***Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.***

**B) The church is a fellowship organization/relationship.**

1. Our fellowship is with God in and through Jesus Christ.

***1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.***

2. Fellowship – is where we get the word “citizenship”.
3. List of one another passages teaches us the responsibilities of fellowship.

a. ***Ro 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.***

- b. **Ro 13:8** *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.*
- c. **Ro 15:5** ¶ *Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,*
- d. **Ro 15:7** ¶ *Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.*
- e. **Ro 15:14** ¶ *Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*
- f. **Ro 16:16** *Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.*

### III) There Are Times We Are Alone

**Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.*

#### A) No choice of our own.

1. We had to talk about the possibility of one of us going to the hospital alone.
2. Which would be harder, to be the patient by yourself or being left at home?
3. Being hooked up on machines without any one there to hold your hand or to not know what is happening?

**B) The Bible speaks of those who were alone.**

1. The rich man had family but died and was alone.

***Luke 16:23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.***

***Luke 16:27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'***

- a. He died alone and was now suffering alone.
  - b. He wanted to remain alone.
2. We will stand before the judgement seat alone- no preacher will be by your side, no parent or good friend.

***2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.***

3. Which is better to make that journey to the grave alone or to be left alone?

**IV) Where No one Stands Alone.**

*Once I stood in the night with my head bowed low  
In the darkness, as black as could be  
And my heart felt alone  
And I cried oh Lord  
Don't hide your face from me*

*Hold my hand all the way*

*Every hour every day  
From here to the grave  
I know  
Take my hand  
Let me stand  
Where no one stands alone*

*Like a king I may live in a palace so tall  
With great riches to call my own  
But I dont know a thing  
In this whole wide world  
Thats worse then being alone*

*Hold me hand all the way  
Every hour, every day  
From here to the grave  
I know  
Take my hand  
Let me stand  
Where no one stands alone*

**A) The Christian is not alone.**

***Matthew 28:18*** ***And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.***

1. The Apostles were not alone on their journeys and trials.
2. The Christian, holding to God's word is not alone.

***2 John 1:9*** ***Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.***

**Conclusion:**

Don't be alone when this life ends and eternity begins.