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Introduction

In Genesis 2:24 it says, **“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”** This was spoken by Adam after the LORD God brought to him the woman that He had made out of one of Adam’s ribs.

It is very important that Christians understand what was said by Adam the same day that the LORD God made woman to be an help meet for man. One thing of importance about what Adam said in Genesis 2:24 is that it was not Adam’s idea. It was spoken by Adam, out of his mouth. But it was a prophetic Word from the LORD. Adam was speaking prophetically when he spoke those words.

In Matthew 19:4,5 Jesus was talking about the day that Adam spoke in Genesis 2:24. As it tells us, Jesus was answering the Pharisees question concerning divorce. It says that Jesus **“...answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,...And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?”** This is important to see, for it says that it was the LORD God that said what the Scriptures say Adam said in Genesis 2:24. That is evidence of God speaking through Adam prophetically. If God was speaking through Adam prophetically, then it is the same as if God had spoken it Himself.

Therefore, in answering the Pharisees question about divorce, Jesus said, **“Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”** (Matt. 19:6). If God said **“...they shall be one flesh,”** in the beginning, then we need to understand what God is talking about. How can we walk with God if we do not agree with God? In Amos 3:3, it says, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”**

Amos 3:3 is a very serious question that all Christians need to recognize. If we cannot walk together with God here on earth, how can God take us to heaven to live with Him there?

Lucifer, now called Satan, the Devil was at one time in heaven, before the throne of God. Lucifer disagreed with God. Lucifer’s disagreement is considered “rebellion.”

In 1 Samuel 15:23 it says, **“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”**

The LORD God rejected King Saul because of his rebellion. God cannot accept rebellion from anyone, not even Spirit-filled Christians. Therefore, we must recognize the attacks of the enemy (the spirits of this world), and come into agreement with God in everything He tells us in His Word.

In this subject of **“they shall be one flesh,”** it is very important that Christians understand what God was saying. For God was speaking prophetically through Adam.

For those who “study their Scriptures,” this is considered to be one of “God’s principles” that He revealed from the beginning. This subject has a number of purposes, which God ordained for man here on earth.

Christians must understand God’s principles, if they are to inherit eternity in heaven. There are many doctrines of men being taught in Churches today. God will not accept the doctrines of men. God only accepts His doctrines, which are established in His Word, according to His principles.

Some of God’s principles are revealed in Hebrews 6:1,2, where it says, **“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the**

foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,...Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” These are some of the principles of Christ, which include, “**...repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,...Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”**

To enter into eternal life “in Christ Jesus,” we must agree with “**...the principles of the doctrine of Christ...**” This same agreement is that which God established from the beginning, as His principles for mankind, here on earth.

Anyone who does not agree with God’s established principles is actually in rebellion against God. Rebellion is as witchcraft. Witchcraft is serving another god.

We cannot serve our God and another god at the same time. We can only have One God (that is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit). Serving any other god is not acceptable by God, and should not be acceptable among Christians.

The Principle of “They Shall Be One”

Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** Christians need to know how God teaches us. God dwells in our spirit, and from our spirit comes bits of information (a little at a time), that God uses to teach us. This is all explained in Isaiah 28:9-13. We must learn how God teaches us from our spirit.

For me, many times there will come to me from my spirit, a few words, or a complete Scripture verse from the Bible. When this happens, I usually check it out very carefully, to be sure it agrees with the written Word of God.

One day, an unusual thing happened in the same way as when I get a complete Scripture verse from my spirit. That day, the words came to me, *“Look up the word one in the dictionary.”* I was taken by surprise that time, for I was use to receiving Scripture verses, or parts of Scripture verses.

I went and looked up the word “one” in the dictionary. There was a whole page of definitions for the word “one.” After studying the complete page I was convinced that the meaning of the word “one,” was “not more than and not less than one.” In other words, one is only one, not two, three or more, and not less than one, just one.

After looking this up and being convinced that one meant only one (not more and not less), there came from my spirit, **“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”** That is written in John 17:21.

Since that time, the LORD has opened up to me the revelation of “they shall be one flesh.” What does it mean by “they shall be one flesh?” It actually means, “they shall be one in agreement.” This principle was established by God even before the foundation of this world.

This principle was already in effect from the beginning of eternity. Jesus made mention of this in John 10:30, saying, **“I and my Father are one.”**

Are Jesus and the Father One person? No, for Jesus said in John 14:28 **“...my Father is greater than I.”** God the Father is one person and Jesus (the Son of God), is another person. Yet, they are One, because “they always agree as One.” There is never any disagreement between the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in 1 John 5:7, it tells us, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”**

(Note: if you have a Bible that does not have this verse in it “saying exactly what it says here,” it would be wise for you get a Bible that does have the Truth in it. Men have taken things out of our Bibles, and also added their ideas and doctrines in some Bibles. That is not good, to say the least. Be sure you are using a Bible that God inspired, not one that men have changed).

With the many different references in the Scriptures concerning “they shall be one,” we can know that God was establishing a principle of God all throughout the Scriptures.

Being that God established the principle of “they shall be one,” we need to understand what God is telling us whenever He does things according to this principle.

Every principle God established was established for a purpose. God has a purpose for everything He does. That purpose is to establish God’s total plan for man, and then bring to pass that which God reveals to us in His Word.

Therefore we must consider the first principles revealed to us in the beginning, and then continue to enlighten our understanding according to what is revealed later. That is, start in Genesis and continue on through Revelation, and get the total view of God's principles. Then live according to God's principles that agree with the complete revelation of God's Word.

Some have taken parts of God's Word and added to it their idea of what God said (according to only a few Scripture verses). By not taking all that God said about a certain principle (but only a few verses), men build their own doctrines and theologies of what they believe. If what we believe does not agree from Genesis through Revelation, there is something wrong what we believe.

When God established the principle of **"...they shall be one flesh"** (Gen. 2:24), He was first laying the foundation of families among people. In this, God was establishing the principle of man replenishing the earth by women having children. How else was man to replenish the earth?

This was established in God's principle of **"...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..."** (Gen. 1:28). Marriage was established by God, among people. Whereas, among animals and fowl, marriage is not necessary.

This was already shown in a principle of God in Genesis 1:27, where it says, **"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."** Why did the LORD God create mankind **"...male and female..."**? God's principle included, how that man would **"...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..."** (Gen. 1:28). To accomplish this, God created human beings, male and female.

In Genesis 1:26 it says, **"God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion..."** There are two things of importance about this dominion God said man should have.

One thing is, to have this dominion, man must **"walk in the likeness and image of God."** (No other creature can have the dominion that God planned for man. Not the Devil, not angels, and not any other living creature). Only man can have the dominion God planned for man from the beginning.

Some men have taught man's doctrines and theologies of man's dominion. But God's principle of dominion is still in effect today. See Psalm 8:4-9 and Hebrews 2:6-13.

The second thing about this dominion God gave to man is that it included both **"male and female."** (Not just Adam as some teach). Thereby, this dominion would continue as long as man lived upon this earth. (By God's foreknowledge, He knew Adam would only live 930 years). God also knew that Jesus would come in the flesh and take dominion over all flesh.

Then by Jesus' death and resurrection, all who are "in Christ" could also operate in the dominion given to man. In order for man to operate in this dominion, man had to operate in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, those who are born again "in Christ," have the very life of God in them. God has given them the ability to walk in the likeness and image of God.

Being that God's plan for man included for man to have dominion, God was setting the principle of dominion while also laying the foundation for the Body of Christ, **"they shall be one Spirit in the LORD."**

In I Corinthians 6:16,17 it says, **"What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh....But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."** If we do not understand Genesis 2:24, how can we understand 1 Corinthians 6:17?

By this we can see how important it is to understand God's principle of "they shall be one

flesh.” Once we understand that “they shall be one flesh,” does not mean “two physical bodies shall be one physical body,” then we can understand what it does mean. It means, “they shall walk in total agreement with each other.”

This is the way it was with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden before sin entered into mankind. Before Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil Adam and Eve were “one flesh,” (two people in total agreement with each other).

Some Churches teach that the husband is to rule over the wife. That is a doctrine of men. It came right from **“the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”** The LORD commanded man not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (If you will look at Genesis 3:14-16 you will notice that the husband ruling over the wife is a part of the curse of the law that came upon mankind when man sinned in the garden of Eden). Anyone who is listening to the Holy Spirit, and is taught by God will know that is a doctrine of men.

For more information on this subject get the book **“The Snare of the Devil,” Part 1** by Merle E. Koepke.

Christians are to be free of the curse of the law, by walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh. In Romans 8:1,2 it says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”**

Notice, to be free of the law of sin and death, Christians must **“walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.”** (Some Bibles do not have this part in Romans 8:1 where it says, **“...who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”** If you use one of these Bibles, you need to get yourself a Bible that has the truth in it. Men have taken the truth out of a lot of Bibles. That is not of God, and if you desire to walk with God you need a Bible with all the truth in it).

One day, it came from my spirit, *“Never use Romans 8:2 without using Romans 8:1 or Romans 8:5-8 along with it.”* The LORD is not pleased with those who change the Word of God, to make it say something other than what the Holy Spirit inspired.

Look what happened when Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? It says, **“...she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat”** (Gen. 3:6).

Did you notice, Adam was still walking in agreement with Eve. When Eve gave of the fruit of the tree to Adam, he did eat also. Eve was already deceived by the serpent, but Adam was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14).

Adam did not keep the first principle of the LORD God, which was told to him in Genesis 2:17, saying, **“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”**

Christians cannot try to hold to one principle of God and not hold also to the other principles of God. The first principles of God must not be neglected, to do what we want to do.

God established His principles in order, right from the beginning. We must follow them from the beginning of Genesis through Revelation. We cannot do what we want to do and still please God. Galatians 5:17 says, **“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”**

Therefore, it is very important that Christians understand God’s principles. They are the foundations of all that God reveals to man in “the written Word.” If we do not understand God’s

principles, Satan will have an advantage over us. We will easily be deceived by the teachings of men, and doctrines of Devils.

THEY SHALL BE ONE

Understand the importance of marriage, and “They Shall be One.” Marriage is God’s institution, of husbands and wives. God ordained that one man and one woman should be joined together as one in agreement to carry out His plans here on earth.

Marriage is not for man’s pleasure, but to fulfill the will of God here on earth. We must fulfill the will of God for our lives here on earth before we can go to heaven for all eternity. For, there will be no marriages in heaven. Jesus said, **“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven”** (Matt.22:30).

Marriage should be between two people whom God joins together as husband and wife. Jesus said in Matthew 19:6, **“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”** Therefore, marriage is God’s institution of two becoming “one flesh.”

We know that all marriages are not joined together by God. We see evidence of this in Ezra, Chapter Ten, when the children of Israel needed to put away all of the heathen wives and husbands that were not joined together by God.

But, what about Christian marriages? Even if they were not joined together by God in the beginning, before they knew God. What about God’s plan and principles concerning these marriages?

In 1 Corinthians, 7:13-16 the Apostle Paul gave instructions to those who are married to an unbeliever. Therefore, God has a principle to follow for all Christian marriages.

To understand God’s principles concerning marriages, we must look at a few other principles also, which are very important to marriages. The first principle we should look at is, “God is Love” (1 John 3:8). God is love, and being that God is love, God operates in love in everything He does.

God also requires that Christians operate in love one to another. Jesus gave us two commandments for the New Covenant. In Mark 12:30,31, Jesus said, **“...thou shalt love (agapao) the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment...And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love (agapao) thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”**

To understand what Jesus is speaking of when He said, **“...thou shalt love the Lord thy God...Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,”** we need to understand the Greek word “agapao.” In the Greek, “agapao” is the verb form of “agape,” which is a noun. Therefore, depending upon the sentence structure, either a noun or a verb is used, yet they both are speaking of the love of God, which is “unconditional love.”

There are two major types of love spoken of in the New Testament, in the Greek. There is “agape,” the very love of God that is poured out in our heart by the Holy Spirit when we are born again of the Word and the Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

This love is the first of all **“the fruit of the Spirit”** (Gal. 5:22). This is the love that is talked about and defined in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, saying **“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up...does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil...does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”** (NKJV). This love is “unconditional love.” Because it is “God’s love, not human love.”

The other major type of love spoken of in the New Testament, in the Greek is “phileo.” This

is human love, “which is conditional.” This is the type of love the world knows and operates by. The world does not have God’s love. Therefore, they only have human love, “which is conditional.”

In the world, “phileo” is the type of love most husbands have for their wives, or most wives have for their husbands, or most mothers have for their children. This love operates only when there is a like response from the others in whom they love. If the husband does not receive love back from his wife, he no longer loves her. If the wife does not receive back her love from her husband, she no longer loves him. If this lack of response continues over a period of time, they may end up getting a divorce from each other. Why? Because human love “is conditional.”

Some things of importance about this “agape” love is as it tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, **“Love suffers long and is kind...”** and love **“is not rude, nor selfish...”** Therefore, being God is love, God **“suffers long and is kind...” “is not rude, nor selfish...”**

When Christians truly love someone, they are never **“rude”** in the way we do things concerning them. The word “rude” means “cruel, harsh, or rough in the way we do things.” That means, God is never “cruel, harsh, or rough in the way He does things.”

In 1 Corinthians 13:4, it also tells us that love is **“not selfish.”** The word “selfish” means, “too much concerned with one’s own welfare or interests and having little or no concern for others.” This is also a description of God. God is not selfish or self-centered.

This also means, Christians must not be “rude,” which means “cruel, harsh, or rough in the way we do things.” This also means, Christians must not be “selfish.” Which means, “too much concerned with one’s own welfare or interests and having little or no concern for others.”

God will never force Himself upon someone else. God will never do things against your will. God’s love does not operate by force and is never rude or selfish. God’s love also **“...suffers long and is kind...”** (1 Cor. 13:4, NKJV). Therefore God also **“...suffers long and is kind...”** Without the Holy Spirit leading, guiding, comforting, helping, and teaching us we cannot truly know God by His love.

This also means, Christians must also “suffer long and be kind” one toward another. Christians must do as God does. Christians must walk in the same love God walks in. By this, when there are two Christians married together, they “must walk” in God’s “agape” love, not human “phileo” love.

Why is this so important? Simply put, it is because if Christians are walking in “phileo” (human conditional love), they are walking in the flesh (Rom. 8:1-8; Gal. 5:16,17). When Christians walk in the flesh, they are **“sowing to the flesh.”**

In Galatians 6:7,8 it says, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”**

When Christians sow to the flesh, they put themselves right back under “the curse of the law of sin and death” (right where Adam and Eve were after they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil). Remember, Jesus came and took the curse of the of sin and death upon Himself, that we could be free of the law of sin and death. If we do not do what God tells us to do, we put ourselves right back under the curse of the law, whereby Satan is in control of what we do. For more information on this very important subject, get the books “The Curse of the Law,” by Merle E. Koepke.

There is something very important that Christians should understand. Adam and Eve were

driven out of the garden of Eden because they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:23,24).

Now, Christians should also look at Revelation 3:4,5, where it says, **“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy...He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”**

Christians who do not walk in love “agape” one toward another could get themselves in a position where their names could be blotted out of the Lamb’s Book of Life. That would be worse than if they had never become a Christian. There is no guarantee that once a Christian’s name has been blotted out of the Lamb’s Book of Life, that it can be put back in the Lamb’s Book of Life. For more information on this very important subject get the books “The Book of Life,” by Merle E. Koepke.

Christians need to understand the seriousness of God’s principles. Especially, God’s institution of marriage. When the LORD spoke to the Church at Sardis, and implied that there were some who had defiled their garments, that includes all of those who serve another god. Christians can serve another god by walking after the flesh and not after the Spirit.

When Christians walk after the flesh or walk after another spirit, they lose their fellowship with God (1 John 1:5-7). Without fellowship with God, Satan has them in his control. Being in Satan’s control, their names can be taken out of the Lamb’s Book of Life. That is not a good position to be in at anytime. Especially for someone who is a born again Christian.

When Christians recognize there is something that is not working out right in their marriage, they need to turn to God and find out what to do and how to correct the situation, before it is too late.

Once Satan gets a hold on a marriage situation, he will destroy it (not only the marriage but many people along with the marriage). Satan is a destroyer of all that God planned for in man. Satan hates it when Christians walk with God, and their marriages are blessed by God. God wants to bless Christian marriages, but He cannot bless those who let Satan have a place in their marriage.

What about the children in a marriage? What about those who are born again children and do not have the ability to do things for themselves? Will they be offended by what their parents do?

If so, it is important to see what Jesus said about offending a little child that believes in Him. In Matthew 18:6, Jesus said, **“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”**

Satan is out to destroy every Christian he can. Satan will get Christians to walk after the flesh, and not after the Spirit whenever and wherever he can.

If Satan can get husbands and wives to walk after the flesh, he has a good foot hold in their lives. Thereby, he can lead them into areas where they may not recover themselves from.

Then the next thing Satan will do, is get their names taken out of the Lamb’s Book of Life. Then, Satan has them in hell for eternity. That is Satan’s goal. To get every Christian he can into hell for all eternity.

Marriage problems are a work of Satan. They are not of God. And they are not of man. They are of Satan himself, sending evil spirits to get control of individual people, to destroy their “walking in agreement with each other” which is “they shall be one flesh.”

The first thing a Christian who is married should do when they see there is a problem with not being in agreement with their mate is to take their situation before God. Get God involved, to get their situation turned back to total agreement between them and their mate.

God can turn any situation around, if they will get serious with God. **“For with God nothing shall be impossible”** (Luke 1:37) **“...for with God all things are possible”** (Mark 10:27). **“The things which are impossible with men are possible with God”** (Luke 18:27). In Genesis 18:14, the LORD said to Abraham, **“Is any thing too hard for the LORD?”** Jeremiah 32:17 says, **“Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.”**

Christians must keep up their fellowship with God at all times. Then the Blood of Jesus will cleanse them from all sin. With all sin cleansed from them, they will have fellowship with God and Satan will not be able to destroy in their lives.

Unfortunately, most Churches are not teaching the principles of God, and how to maintain fellowship with God on a daily basis. By this, many Christians are battling Satan daily in their lives.

When they turn to many of the Pastors of their churches, all the pastor does is try to help them “by walking in the flesh” right along with those who need help. We cannot fight the Devil using the Devils weapons.

We must get God involved in every situation that arises in our lives. We are no match for Satan without God.

But, with God, Satan will have to flee. James 4:7 says, **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”**

Marriage problems come when at least one of the two wants to do their own will of the flesh. That opens the door for Satan to attack the marriage. Once Christians start walking after the flesh, they become enemies of God.

Romans 8:5-8 says, **“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit...For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace...Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be...So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”**

When God is not pleased in our lives, we are open targets for the Devil. Galatians 5:17 says, **“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”**

God cannot help Christians who “walk after the flesh.” Without God, we are no match for the Devil. But, with God, Satan does not have a chance to destroy in our lives.

Marriage is God’s institution. God ordained marriage. Christians must honor God’s institution of marriage and become “one in agreement with each other at all times.” They must become “one flesh,” as God said from the beginning.

Marriage is not a matter of what people want to do. It is a matter of what does God want us to do? Anyone who turns away from God’s principles, and tries to live according to their own desires of the flesh opens the door for Satan to destroy in their lives.

This earth, and life upon this earth is limited. Some Christians only live short lives here on earth. Some have died in their teens. Some have died in their early twenties. Some have never reached the age of fifty.

As Christians grow older, many of them die before their time. What happens to those Christians who did not do the will of God in their lives? Where do they go?

I believe it is better to do the will of God, then to do our own will here on earth. Eternity is a long time to spend in the wrong place.

God is a good God. God does not desire that anyone (especially Christians), should spend eternity in hell. But, God will not force anyone, not even Christians to do His will.

We must be willing to do God's will ourselves. It must be our desire to follow Jesus in every area of our lives. Tomorrow may be too late to decide to make a change in what we desire more, God or this world?

God is for us. God is not against us. God wants us to enjoy life here on earth and then enjoy life in heaven when we leave this earth. But, to enjoy life here on earth, we must walk after the Spirit of God, not after the desires of the flesh.

God has made us many great and precious promises. Both for here on earth, and for eternity after we leave this earth. But, all of God's promises are dependant upon obeying His Word. We must obey the written Word of God. Which includes, we must be led by the Holy Spirit in our lives, and not walk after the flesh (Rom. 8:1-8).

The Apostle John lived many years on this earth. The Devil tried everything he could to stop the Apostle John. But, the Apostle John continued to live and do the will of God here on this earth. John wrote the Gospel of John. Then he wrote the Epistles of John. Then he wrote the book of Revelation.

Christians need to study the writings of the Apostle John. Keep studying them, daily, until you reach the same relationship and fellowship with God that the Apostle John reached in his life. This is only one example of how much God loves those who obey Him.

We need good examples of men like Jesus, the Apostles John, Peter, Paul, and others who did the will of God here on earth. Then we know, if we follow their examples, we will also spend eternity in heaven with them.

This earth is only temporal. It will some day be gone. Our lives here on earth are only temporal. Some day we will be gone. Where will we go, to heaven or hell? It all depends upon whose will, will we do? Will we do our own will of the flesh? Or, will we do the will of God?

It is not easy to make a change from doing our will of the flesh to doing the will of God. But, if we will truly make a commitment to do the will of God, God will give us the ability to do all things. God does not ask us to do anything, without giving us the ability to do what He asks.

It is not by our power or our ability (Phil. 2:13). It is by God's Holy Spirit within us that we have the ability to do all things. Therefore, we must "walk after the Spirit," and "not after the flesh." When we walk after the Holy Spirit He will empower us with the power of God to do the will of God here on earth.

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