

## Power Key: The Jesus Standard

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**Into Jesus Standard:** The standard of God has never changed. Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Gen 17:1 "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." Deut 18:13 "Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God." Matt 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." James 1:4 "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Eph 4:15 "But speaking the truth in agape-love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Phil 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." 1 John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 3:2 "Agape-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." Col 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." The goal of this article is to get you there that you may enter into a similar Epaphras ministry.

**Father, in Jesus' name,** work in me to agape-love as You agape-love. Thank You that Jesus is my Lord and my righteousness. Thank You that You are working in me to will and to do of Your good pleasure. You are working in me to be willing to agape-love others and to agape-love You. Teach me to labor effectively that Christ be formed in others and they may stand perfect and complete in all Your will. Thank You, in the name of Jesus, thank You.

Many use the following scripture to bring people to the Lord but do not recognize that the rest of what Jesus said in this same section is how we are to live after we first come to Him. John 3:16 "For God so agape-loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting zoe-life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be sozo-saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men agape-loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." Father God did not come in Jesus to take, accuse, kill or punish but to give zoe-resurrection life and healing to the measure of God. Healing is for restoration and life to grow in grace and the knowledge of Him until the whole earth is full of His glory, until "His kingdom come, His will is done on earth as it is in heaven."

Another scripture showing that God has always held Himself as our standard is: Rom 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" We are measured against the glory of God, not something less. The standard is to just not sin, but we are made and measured to show the entire glory of God in us, not a watered down version. This is not just sinning less; this is doing like God would do it if He were here knowing He is in you and is a co-laborer with you. We are to see ourselves as different from the world and dedicated only for God's use, this is what holy means: Lev 20:7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God." 1 Peter 1:14 "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." The measure for us is God, not some good or best human being. Holy means totally dedicated to God, no

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exceptions. So our purpose, each Christian, is to be holy, self-dedicated in every part of life, 24 hours a day for our entire lives to the purpose and glory of God. This is the standard, no exceptions, as all exceptions are sin and not of God.

Remember iniquity is evil thinking of any kind; sins are falling short of God's standard in what we allow ourselves to think on, say, do and fail to do, and transgressions are purposeful disobedience. There is no iniquity in God: 2 Chron 19:7 "Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts." James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of zoe-life, which the Lord hath promised to them that agape-love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my agape-beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

The devil may tempt us to doubt God's goodness and faithfulness, such as we go about our daily lives in doubt, fear and despair, or when you go to lay hands on the sick. The thoughts come, "Will it work?" "I sinned today," or others such as, "They don't deserve this goodness from God, and they are full of unbelief." Sometimes the devil will throw up a wall of unbelief that feels as palpable as a cloak over your heart. It did not stop Jesus and it is not to stop us. Faith is not easy against the flesh, our five senses, fears and doubts. Prov 3:26 "For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Heb 10:35 "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

Doubt-unbelief is a sin. Rev 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Matt 21:21 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done." We are to keep on going, not drawing back. Heb 10:38 "Now the just shall zao-live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the sozo-saving of the soul." This is true because we are born again after the nature of God who is a God of faith and agape-love. Our real, born-again, agape-love nature is to hang on and blast through those doubts unto victory.

The doubts to fear and draw back from faith and faith-works are almost guaranteed to come every time even before we start to pray or command the goodness of God. The thoughts of doubt are a temptation to sin and will plague us as long as the devil is in the earth. Until you renew your mind the devil will pound you continually that you are not reconciled to God by faith but by works and we will not walk in: 2 Cor 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

It is when we heed the doubts and draw back that they become iniquity and usually very quickly become sin. That is one of the advantages David had as he ran down hill at Goliath. Once running, he could not stop. But it can be done uphill, Caleb at over eighty years old ran uphill conquering giants to get his inheritance. We are to stir ourselves up in our most holy faith and run at the devil, ignoring the doubts. It is when we stop and draw back that we accept the doubt and let fear take over unto the sins of unbelief and fear. Unbelief, doubt in God and fear are not the glory of God. 2 Tim 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of dunamis-power, and of agape-love, and of a sound mind." That sound mind

includes boldness in God. Faith working by agape-love produces the desire to deliver God's agape-love and strength to get the job done.

All our evil actions and omissions start with our entertaining iniquitous thoughts, which is why we are to be continually 2 Cor 10:5 "...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" The standard is to bring captive every thought to the measure of Christ and hold fast to that which is of God and reject all not of God. We are to reject any that are not the glory of God. This is the standard to think just like Jesus – not anything less. 1 John 4:17 "Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in agape-love; but perfect agape-love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in agape-love. 19 We agape-love him, because he first agape-loved us."

God has solved even this for us by giving us Holy Spirit to work in us to renew our minds into godly thinking. John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me (*Jesus*): for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." 1 Cor 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that agape-love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." 1 Cor 2:16 "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Not only do we have God Himself, in Holy Spirit, to teach us, but Father God has healed us in Jesus of every evil thought when He raised Jesus from the dead. Rom 4:6 "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Col 2:9 "For in him (*Jesus*) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." This means we can walk in the mind of Christ by faith because that is part of this "completeness" in Him. Glory to Jesus, Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

And this is summed up this way: 2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." For God said in the new covenant: Heb 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." Note God's absolute standard of righteousness and absolute redemption unto Him giving us His absolute righteousness in Jesus by faith and not by works. Per the new covenant God will complete you so your heart and your mind operate just like His.

Failure to confess still costs us unless someone (either yourself or someone else) covers our sin for us: 1 Peter 4:8 "And above all things have fervent agape-charity among yourselves: for agape-charity shall cover the multitude of sins." James 5:19 "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall sozo-save a soul from death (*the demon-enforced law of sin and death*), and shall hide a multitude of sins."

Here you show the sinner their sins, the blood of Jesus unto confession, and give zoe in setting them free from demonic bondages with power and truth.

We are to know that Jesus did not come in His first coming to judge mankind, but to speak truth and to heal men and judge the devil. John 12:46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to sozo-save the world." John 16:11 "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." 1 John 3:8 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Heb 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

This is why we are to preach the gospel so that all may know that there is plentiful compassion, goodness and forgiveness in God. 2 Cor 6:1 "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of soteria-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)"

In this day of salvation not only the oppressed, but even the lawful prisoners, those who earned their griefs and sorrows, go free and are healed: Isa 42:7 "To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." Isa 49:9 "That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places." Isa 49:24 "Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children."

We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus with zoe-life that we might work together with God to make everything on earth as it is in heaven. We get this by faith independent of our works by the grace of God. We don't just have righteousness, we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and are fellow workers, just like Jesus, bringing that reconciliation by obeying: Matt 10:7 "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." That word "received" in the Greek is lambano, which means to catch or grab as in a field of demons trying to steal it from you and then to hold onto as if it were a greased pig in a rainstorm. Hold onto the knowledge that you have the zoe-life of God and it will flow as you pray and command in the name of Jesus.

Just as the Father is in Jesus, He is in us also: Col 3:3 "For ye are dead, and your zao-life is hid with Christ in God." John 17:21 "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." John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he (*Father, Son and Spirit*) may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ...20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. Eph 4:6 "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." John 20:21 "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Therefore 1 John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him (*Jesus*) ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." Again the standard is Jesus, not even the Apostle Peter or Paul, but Jesus. If Jesus is

anointed, we are anointed for the same purpose: Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." We are the body of Christ, the Jesus-in-the-flesh for the world today, that God can continue bringing His reconciliation to all mankind. Just like father God sent Jesus to demonstrate His true nature, He has now given us that same job, the same zoe-life and the same Holy Spirit.

And how did Jesus walk? John 5:30 "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 5:19 "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 8:29 "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." 1 John 3:7 "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Our standard is Jesus, not that of some good or kind man or woman, but Jesus Himself. Col 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

God could have accused us of sin and condemned us to death in Jesus, but He judged us to zoe-life in Jesus instead. John 3: 17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be sozo-saved." The world is full of corrupt and good sounding ideas of how to live, yet they all lead us away from Jesus and the redemption of the cross. God says, "Come to Me as you are every day, show Me your life, and as you do I will give you My life to replace yours." Or as He said in Prov 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones."

If we judge ourselves as imperfect, that we did not depart from evil in any of its forms, including our thoughts, and put that imperfection, that evil thinking, that sin and death working on us, onto Jesus who paid for it on the cross, He will release in us resurrection zoe-life for it. The issue is not that we think evil thoughts/iniquity or that we sin, but that the false religion of self works builds walls of evil fear and guilt toward God so that we do not judge ourselves before God as worthy of the death Jesus took for us. 1 Cor 11:30 "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." Our sins and iniquities tear down the hedges God builds around us and we then suffer the dreadful consequences of not judging ourselves against being just like Jesus. Until we agree with God on this Jesus Standard, we will always be hiding from Him in some way and defending our sin and left with 1 Cor 11:30.

The choice is simple, judge ourselves by the Jesus Standard so when we are judged by that same standard, there is nothing there, or be judged by the Jesus Standard by the word of God on the Day of Judgment for Christians. 2 Cor 5:9 "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." 1 Cor 3:13 "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be sozo-saved; yet so as by fire." 1 Cor 1:8 "Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 1:7 “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”

When we come to Him, and not like Adam, run away in our sins, then He gives us zoe-life for our sins and for others in sin. Heb 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may –lambano-obtain-*receive the mercy already given in Jesus* mercy, and find-*perceive grace already give to the measure of Christ* to help in time of need.” So whether you think you have to ask for it or confess you already have it, your response will be “Thank You Father, salvation is mine, I have for this need. Thank You, in the name of Jesus, thank You!”

This is how we can obey: 1 John 5:13 “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal zoe-life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise* any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise*, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise*, and he shall give him zoe-life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.”

We have been given grace to the measure of Christ: Eph 4:7 “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” There is not more grace to be had, that is all there is, the grace of Jesus Himself, Col 2:9 “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.” We are left to work with that grace that is already there: 1 Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” So it is not the presence of the grace, it is learning to labor with it.

We block that grace when we think God will answer our prayers for any reason other than the justification given by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ or that we have to do something other than believe God and acknowledge our sin to get our fellowship restored: Gal 2:21 “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness (*which includes healing or any other covenant promise*) come by the law (*doing the right things*), then Christ is dead in vain.” Note: this is about our fellowship with God. If our sin has impacted others we are to make reconciliation and restoration as appropriate. That is always part of how we are to operate. Reconciliation and restoration are part of how we are to agape-love our neighbor as ourselves. Holy Spirit will always direct us to the right path on this. So if you have a nagging guilt over a sin, ask the Lord if you need to reconcile or restore, otherwise stand on your confessed sin and the guaranteed forgiveness of God. Your Father God put that sin on Jesus and made Jesus die for it. He made you so valuable that He paid the price of His own Sin, having Him take the curse due us. The sin is not new to the living God who lives outside of time, only your acknowledgement of it is.

All of this is so that the glory of the Lord can fill the earth. In *The Healing Reawakening*, Francis McNutt put it beautifully concerning the Gospel as we are taught by Jesus to “say the Kingdom of God has come near” and prove it by setting people free from the kingdom of darkness without question. For example: Mark 16:15 “And Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be sozo-saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Luke 9:1 “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.”

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Not only did Jesus say to preach the Kingdom of God, but that we are to demonstrate that it is here by destroying the Kingdom of Darkness. You don't do one, you do both. Tear down the evil and build the righteous. Either one by itself will not produce the fruit of the kingdom. We can do neither properly without the power of God, the Holy Spirit, but we are to do both, not just one or the other through the Holy Spirit who is with us forever.

What Jesus said in effect was: "Proclaim that the rule of God has started by showing them that the power of the devil is broken. Show them prayer that cannot be broken (tongues) and the word of God on your lips, the sword of the Spirit. Show them that devils are real and that they have to leave in the name of Jesus. Even the natural things that can kill like snakes, scorpions and poisons will have no effect on you in My name. That sickness and evil addictions are of the devil and you can heal them by simply laying hands on them in My name. Continue the work of destroying the works of the devil in My name. This is kingdom against kingdom war. Even God's very soldiers will come from the ranks of the enemy's workers as you set them free in My name. Just look at the Apostle Paul who went from being a demon powered-destroyer to a Holy Spirit-powered builder of the body of Christ." For Jesus said: Matt 28:20 "...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Jesus preached the absolute standards of God: not just outward sin, but that the inward sins like lust, unforgiveness and hate were iniquity He had to die for even before they manifested as outwards sins. He preached against Corbin, the practice of depriving parents of support in old age (Matt 15, 23 and Mark 7) by dedicating the money to the "altar." He was cleaning up the religious practices by proclaiming truth and then demonstrating chesed-mercy by healing of all the oppressions of the devil. Jesus proclaimed these absolute standards so no man who would hear could boast in the presence of the Lord, but call on God for mercy. Gal 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Rom 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

Jesus tells us, "Tell the people the perfect standard is not a "good life," but to be just like Me. Until then you are all in sin and worthy of death, but I have overcome death for Rev 1:18 "I am he that zao-liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am zao-alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." I have taken your death, now you lambano-receive my zoe-life, lambano-receive my Spirit and set others free with faith, hope, agape-love, power, a sound mind and truth. If you condemn, that is the job of the accuser of the brethren. If you want to do that work you are not doing Mine. If you instead judge righteously that they are falling short of my glory and come to Me confessing their sins as yours and demanding of Me zoe, resurrection-life for them, I will give it you and in the process give you zoe-life for yourself." Or simply, "Go, bring my kingdom by destroying the devil's." Doing one is doing the other.

So answer to prayer is not a function of our perfection in becoming just like Jesus, but our Holy Spirit-powered determination in the truth of God's word and our standing in the face of the enemy's resistance in the righteousness that comes by faith not works. This is the mechanical or "truth" aspects of answered prayer. Mechanically you accept the righteousness of Jesus by faith in spite of your sins and failures to walk just like Jesus.

This is what it means to be "saved." Eph 2:5 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are sozo-saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" Note: only the healed, righteous and fully complete sit in heaven because Jesus is healed totally. Eph 1:19 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when

he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”

But there are deeper aspects. While not true in every case, there is an aspect of prayer that the long awaited answer has to do more with our heart than that of the power of the enemy. Therefore Jesus said: Rev 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I agape-love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Notice this is not for the heathen, but the Church. Jesus is telling us Christians that He is on the outside and wants back in, just like when He said, "Adam, where are you?"

So that you may obey to actually loving the Lord by joyful endurance: James 1:2 "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. ...12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of zoe-life, which the Lord hath promised to them that agape-love him." There is a trying of our faith that is required to become more like Jesus. But this trying is not sickness and disease as there is no record of Jesus every being sick.

It is often that our heart has looked to something or someone else other than Jesus, and Jesus wants back into our sight so that we may continually be Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." We are on the right track when the long-awaited answer to prayer drives us to Eph 5:1 "THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-agape-beloved children [imitate their father]." AMP 3 John 11 "Agape-Beloved, do not imitate evil, but imitate good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen (discerned or experienced) God [has enjoyed no vision of Him and does not know Him at all]." AMP When we want to be more like Jesus, be and do the work of agape-love, this is the best track.

So one aspect of delay is to build our perfection knowing Heb 6:12 "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Here God tells us it is sloth, laziness on our part, that keeps us from obtaining the promises. Remember, if God did not give you a hope and a promise, you would not be looking to Him for an answer; instead you would be just like the world, looking into everything else for your answers.

Christianity requires diligence, work on our part for success: 2 Peter 1:5 "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 agape-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. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Heb 4:9 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."



We can have the hand of man when we see it as the hand of God to our profit. If we see just the hand of man, we get the answer but not profit in God. Jer 17:5 “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.” But rather: Ps 118:7 “The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. 8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.” Ps 146:5 “Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: 8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: 9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. 10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.”

You are involved in a process with Father God, the Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit and His building truth into you and therefore us, the Body of Christ. Our faith-battles help build the Body of Christ. Sometimes the only way that we will actually seek Him is to let our prayers take long to answer. These are not usually prayers to cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead, etc. which are battle actions against the kingdom of darkness, but often prayers involving people’s wills, such as the unjust judge of Luke 18:1-8. As we seek Him in persistence, and His gifts, we become more like Him. Heb 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Diligence means you go through long periods when it is not fun but you do it with excellence anyway.

As any one of us stands one more second longer in faith and patience, we build the Body of Christ to His glory and not just get answers to our prayers. Perfection includes knowing that you are part and one with the Body of Christ always, and not just individually or in a single church or denomination. There will be no denominational groups in heaven nor will there be Jew or Gentile. God is all about making the divided one: Eph 2:15 “Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off (*Gentile*), and to them that were nigh (*Jew*). 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” One access to God through one Spirit means no denominational barriers to God. And in faith working by agape-love we will release the power of God by agape-loving one another and the world. Gal 6:10 “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

This is why Holy Spirit had Paul pray: Eph 3:14 “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in agape-love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the agape-love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fullness of God**. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise* or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” This walking in the revelation of the Body of Christ is part of the process of being filled to the fullness of God. There is no iniquity, sin, sickness, disease or lack in the fullness of God. The legal position is given when you get born again; the experiential or abiding comes as we walk in this life.

Note the goal is not just a good human, but to be continually filled with the fullness of God – just like Jesus. And it will come as we walk in agape-love to the measure of Jesus, and not just a good man.

God wants us to be more than those who fit: 1 Cor 13:2 “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not agape-charity, I am nothing.” God wants our answers to healing and deliverance to profit us into “something” in Him. That something instead of nothing is Jesus. Otherwise they are gifts but not fruit.

When the word of God is first, when because He has said it, you have it, when you have it so much that you do not worry that you do not see it now, but you have it, that it is on the way, when you can say: Ps 27:13 "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait on (*entwine into every part of life*) the LORD: be of good courage (*faith*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*entwine into every part of your life*), I say, on the LORD," Then the long awaited answer or the recent quick prayer can come quickly. When you have so much to do to get ready for the answer that you want it delayed, then you will often get it quickly.

That is what I learned when my wife divorced me and many thought I was crazy to stand on Mark 10:9 “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” We were later remarried legally (yet I did that to please her as between Father God and I we were never unmarried). My confession was not "If, but when," so much so that I no longer even pushed or pressured her when I saw her, instead I said to the Father, "give me agape to agape as You agape." This is exactly what Jesus is now doing for us and releases in us as we turn to Him continually. This is not about going to heaven. If you are born again that is assured; this is about being an agape-love slave of Father God to deliver His agape-love to a hurting world by destroying works of darkness and bringing the zoe-life of the kingdom to the earth as it is in heaven.

When we call sin sin and proclaim that the hurt of the person in sin or sickness, or any other aspect of unrighteousness or death, is also the hurt of Jesus on the cross; that Jesus himself became that sin and hurt to pay the price to set them free; when you see that in their sin they are depriving the Father of joy and love, and that the devil has deceived one made in the image of God from knowing the One they were made to love; that they are being deprived of the love Jesus shed for them on the cross; when you see that Father God willingly spent Jesus for their redemption which includes healing; when you know Jesus agape-loved the Father and each of us to pay that terrible price so the sick one may be healed; when you hate the devil’s work which has them ensnared and in bondage to the devil's glory and not God's - then we start to walk in His agape-love and answers don't come, they already are.

Remember we are to be as Jesus is now, risen and glorified, not as He was on the cross: 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in agape-love; but perfect agape-love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in agape-love.” Again the measure is perfect agape-love, not just a good person.

This is how Jesus could say, "Take up your bed and walk." No prayer, just proclaim release to the lawful prisoner. It is not based on any special anointing; it is based on knowing the anointing, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, abides in you forever with the chesed-agape love of God and knowledge of Him. 2 Cor 1:19 “For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”

We already have the same anointing that Jesus has: Gal 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” The same Holy Spirit is the same attitude and power for healing and miracles that Jesus has. The same Holy Spirit that Jesus said: Luke

4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Holy Spirit is in us for the very same purpose. This is the same Holy Spirit power we have when we ask Him to come dwell in us: Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that aiteo-ask-require, demand, expect as due by covenant promise of him?”

Even the same Jesus dwells in us: 2 Cor 13:5 “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” This is one of those acid tests in the scripture. If this knowledge is not abiding, controlling, impacting you every moment, then we are in a reprobate condition, useless, worthless to God, just mere flesh-ruled, carnally ruled by your senses, walking as mere men and caught in man-based religion. Not to be thrown away, but you are not bringing the glory of God to the earth for Him.

This is why the old Saul that was stopped on the Damascus road was shattered when God revealed to him: Gal 1:15 “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:” This revelation of Christ in him was so powerful in Paul that he felt no need to confer with the “other” disciples. The destroyer of Jesus suddenly discovered that he had a calling that transcended his sins and Yahweh Himself was dwelling in him. This is the kind of revelation that can say: Gal 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I zao-live; yet not I, but Christ zao-liveth in me: and the life which I now zao-live in the flesh I zao-live by the faith of the Son of God, who agape-loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

For Paul this appears to be true: Luke 7:42 “And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will agape-love him most? 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. ...47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she agape-loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same agape-loveth little.” Paul learned agape-love from how totally forgiven he was in Jesus. Eph 1:5 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the agape-beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness-remission-purging-total removal, the obliteration of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;”

It is an amazing thing that our ability to stand in the trials of life depends on how much we know we are forgiven because to love the Lord is to trust in Him to victory: James 1:12 “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of zoe-life, which the Lord hath promised to them that agape-love him.”

As a shepherd of God I acknowledge that those who do not know Jesus is in them, or can be in them, are in bondage not just because of their fault, but also because I, or someone in the Body of Christ, did not get the life they needed and did not preach the life they needed and I/we did not raise them up to serve the Lord gladly in agape-love from childhood. When our prayer is more about God making us more into just like Jesus per the salvation He has already given, to what we already are by grace, and not giving us the answer because we want it, then we are on the right track. When we want the life of Jesus to flow out of us, so that not only do we walk in truth and power, but that we put no stumbling block to anyone to know Him, and for them to see Him in us, so that they want to be like Him and to share Him in purity, in spirit and in truth with others, then we are after Father’s heart for why He made us new creatures in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor 5:16 “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known

Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Yes, we sorrow over a hurting world, but we sorrow even more that they are denied the zoe-life of Father God and that Father God is denied life and joy in them. The expression John 3:16 “God so agape-loved...” means “God to maximum extent of all power and possibility agape-loved...” John 3:16 “For God so greatly agape-loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost, *sick, weak, poor or die early*) but have eternal (everlasting) resurrection-zoe life.” AMP

Our mission is to walk in His righteousness knowing that we put no offense to others in God because God put all the offense we are onto Jesus 2 Cor 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” Notice this is the righteousness of not some good man, or better version of you, but of God Himself in Jesus. There is no greater righteousness than this, and it is ours always to walk in by faith independent of our actions and thoughts, i.e., our iniquities and our sins. This is part of being saved by faith. James 1:21 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to sozo-save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

When we portray Jesus as He is in reality so that they have to have Him as evidenced by our agape-love for each other, then they will know Him in truth. It is never just Jesus; it is always Jesus and we, the Body of Christ. John 17:11 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. ...21 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. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast agape-loved them, as thou hast agape-loved me.”

Hear again as Holy Spirit calls us up to the Jesus Standard: Phil 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” We have the mind of Christ: 1 Cor 2:16 “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” Holy Spirit is telling us to know we have it to walk in it. In the Old Testament God said: Isa 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

These words are a lament, but here is the New Testament version: 2 Cor 10:3 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ:” We are to make mighty, God-powered, spiritual war on our minds (which is part of our soul) so that we do think like Christ, like God. Now this makes consistent sense: Phil 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” If God calls us to think like God then it is possible through Jesus Christ. Never lose sight of the target: Phil 3:14 “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

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and not to some lesser standard. We may not be able to control what thoughts we are “offered” in life to think, but we can control which ones we accept, which ones we reject, and which ones we dwell on.

God’s purpose for us now, not later when Jesus comes but now, is to grow up into Jesus in all respects. This is true as long as we have pastors and teachers, not to forget the other body ministries. Eph 4:11 “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: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in agape-love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in agape-love” Phil 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” That “willing unto doing” is to think just like Jesus unto works-actions just like Jesus.

This is the Jesus-mind that Holy Spirit calls us to: Phil 2:1 “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of agape-love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same agape-love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”

This is a call to be a son of God who is a lover of the brethren, a servant of men, master of devils and a destroyer of the devil’s works. This is where the power of God flows in us; this is where we hear the still small voice direct us to zealously perform the good works of righteousness in Jesus to set free the oppressed. Because with this mind developed by you and Holy Spirit in the school of the word of God: 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.” As we start being who and what we are, God’s agape-love is released and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven through us.

Furthermore we are to bring ourselves to the same level of purity as is Jesus: 1 John 3:2 “Agape-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.” 2 Tim 2:19 “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” 2 Cor 6:17 “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” 2 Cor 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly agape-beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 1 John 2:6 “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in agape-love; but perfect agape-love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in agape-love.”

Many will say this is impossible, "I could never walk like Jesus." If you don't believe it, you won't because one abiding principle is: Matt 8:13 "...as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee..." Matt 9:29 "...According to your faith be it unto you." We are required to participate in this process. God does not use a magic wand and instantly change people to walk like Jesus, He builds us over time in this day. This is all about renewing our mind, because we are complete in Christ, now we are to learn to think like Him to be able to consistently walk like Him. And it takes effort: Phil 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Heb 4:11 "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Rom 12:2 "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." Rom 13:14 "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

In the context given, Paul labored to accept this love, just as we have to: 1 Cor 15:9 "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." If I am any measure, then the battles to accept the grace of God for Paul must have been mighty.

We need to agree with the standard to walk just like Jesus and that this is what God is doing: Phil 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." The rest of this scripture says for us to cooperate with the goal. Here is the full section: Phil 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my agape-beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of zoe-life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Sons of God are to think like Jesus.

The "let this mind be in you" of Phil 2:5 is Holy Spirit commanding you to cooperate. And Phil 2:12-16 (as well as the rest of Philippians) tells how to do it so we will cooperate as Holy Spirit builds these things into us. This is repeated in almost every letter of the New Testament where Holy Spirit tells us the spiritual or legal reality and then practical steps to bring that spiritual reality to the earth in our lives and for others. For example Colossians 1-2 is exalting Jesus and then chapters 3-4 tell us what to do so this becomes reality on the earth.

We are faced with the spiritual reality that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, new creature in Christ Jesus made after the image of God the Father Himself, just like Jesus, yet we continually fall short of the glory of God. One great principle of God is nothing happens until somebody, a person on earth, requires God to bring it to the earth. The general principle is to ask God to work every step in us by faith. Prayers such as Eph 1:17-23, Eph 3:14-21, Col 1:9-22, and even a direct command to God in Heb 13:20-21 are part of the process. This is one of the reasons I wrote *The Prayer Cards*, which is full of these and other similar scripture prayers. God may even give you the ministry of Ephraim: Col 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in

prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” Then you will have to have faith that God can make not only yourself, but others walk just like Jesus for their times.

In all cases we must recognize that growth comes as we press in and not draw back: Heb 10:38 “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.” Note our spirit is already saved when we are born again, now the next target is our soul and we already know we get a new body on the resurrection or rapture, whichever applies first. We are to continually go to Jesus as Paul did. 2 Cor 12:9 “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

So how do we handle it when we do things wrong, even not cooperating, much less confessing our sins? The short version is: acknowledge, cast off, put on and then do agape-love. As we are convicted of falling short of the glory of God we are to agree with Holy Spirit. As long as we agree we stay in fellowship with Him, but when we will not agree we lose our fellowship, not our salvation. 1 John 1:5 “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” If you are not sinning the blood is not needed; it is needed as we sin and immediately confess.

For the Christian to ask for forgiveness as a new thing is a sign of unbelief and a lack of knowledge of the word we are commanded to desire earnestly (1 Peter 2:2). In 1 John 1:9, God clearly says our part is to confess, agree as true, and He will forgive. We do not ask forgiveness; we already have it in Jesus. Sin is only removed by blood and Jesus is never going to die again. It was either handled 2000 years ago or it never will be again. God does the forgiving as we do the confessing. He is faithful to do His part as we do ours. The forgiveness is already there, we just receive it. To ask God to do what He has already done is unbelief in the scriptures and the effectiveness of the death and resurrection of Jesus. So instead of asking Him to forgive, we are to thank Him that he has forgiven us and is cleansing us of all unrighteousness.

One exception to this is if you are returning God's word to Him. Then your response would be something like, “Father, I confess \_\_\_\_ is sin, thank you that You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You.”

If we do not agree as Holy Spirit convicts us of iniquity and sin, we are calling God a liar and He will work in us so that we finally agree. The law of sowing and reaping is always there to drive us to God for mercy: Gal 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 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 zoe-life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

If you fail to accept the mercy of God in Jesus for every failure in your own life and in the lives of others you now dwell in the land of you are judged as you judge: James 2:13 “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.”

Rather than the negative consequences of the law of sowing and reaping, God's preferred solution is for us to reap the positive consequences of sowing with the word to God by staying in His word,

continually asking Him to show us our true motives and to teach us; and as we agree as we read, fellowship is restored. Heb 4:11 “Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession - *confession*. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

The better approach was described by Jesus this way: John 3:20 “For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” Humble and broken heart continually comes to test his deeds before the word.

Remember it is not the terror of the Lord that changes us to repentance but His goodness: Rom 2:3 “And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds.” As we burn our evil deeds in His light now we avoid the fire and agony on the day of judgment. Again, this is for Christians, not the heathen, i.e., those not born again. 2 Cor 7:10 “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”

Once we acknowledge our sins and iniquities the next steps are to cast off, put on and go do agape-love. This is summarized in Rom 6, Rom 13, Eph 4 and Col 3. God calls us walking in sin and not confessing it as sleep – not walking in the zoe-life of God, those who are alive but are dead. Rev 3:1 “...These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou zao-livest, and art dead.” A continual problem for God’s people is to have eyes and do not see, and ears that do not hear unto glad obedience into faith working by agape-love. When the light enters we are to wake up: Rom 13:11 “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

The simplest way to cast off is to name the sins and iniquities and command them to go in the name of Jesus. For example: Acts 16:18 “But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” This works whether the work of darkness is in you or someone else. Remember Jesus came to set the prisoners free: Isa 42:7 “To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.” Isa 29:18 “And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.”

The steps are 1) acknowledge/confess, 2) cast off, 3) put on and 4) go do agape. The next is to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” per Rom 13:14. For those steeped in evil religion, this is the hardest part because of so much past teaching of “how rotten we are.” The difference is we may act rotten but the good news is that this is not our born-again nature. The real us is the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus as a brand new kind of creature, one just like Jesus per: 2 Cor 5:20 “Now then we are ambassadors for



Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ..." Gal 6:15 "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."

We have problems when we do not obey: Gal 5:16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 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. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." One way to walk in the spirit is to cast off the works of darkness and put on the Lord Jesus Christ because God says to do this. This is part of the new way of thinking that leads to the free flow of the zoe-life of God. Eph 4:23 "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Col 3:10 "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

And how do you "put on the new man?" The image is like putting on a new coat, or more like putting on a new coat of skin. Your spirit is already born again, now we are working on your soul – your heart, mind, your will and your emotions. We are to make our thinking match our born again reality knowing that which is not of God will be destroyed on the Day of Judgment. You make your confession the opposite of whatever work of darkness you have cast off. For example if you find yourself in fear say, "In the name of Jesus I cast off fear and command it to go from every part of my life now, and not to return. Demon of fear go now in the name of Jesus. I put on the Lord Jesus Christ for He has not given me a spirit of fear but of power and of love and a sound mind. I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might, just like Jesus. Therefore I face this fear and say: 'I will not fear but trust in the Lord.'" Of course you will need to adapt this command and confession as the situation needs.

If you cannot obey this command to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" then simply ask the Father, "Father, in the name of Jesus, get me to walk in this, give me revelation and understanding that I might obey. Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You." And then expect Him to do this by a steady reading of scripture, at least 30 minutes a day. If you cannot read, ask Him to fix whatever He needs so you can and will. And expect Him to do that also. Get yourself the Bible on tape, CD or MP3 and keep that word in your eyes and ears and read out loud as you listen.

The final step is to "do." Going back over these scriptures of Rom 6, Rom 13, Eph 4 and Col 3 notice that both evil actions to cast off and godly actions to put on are listed in detail. Simply go over these scriptures and look for something to do. For example if someone has said unkind words, pray for them and ask God to bless them. Then look for a way you can bless them, such as make them a cake, go wash their car, pray in tongues for them for an hour, etc. The Spirit of Agape-Love, the Holy Spirit, will give you wisdom for what to do.

Remember, Holy Spirit is in you to help you do these things as well as heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons and cleanse the lepers: Gal 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." The Holy Spirit, the spirit of Jesus, is given us and we are required to have Him if we are Christians, He is part of the package. Rom 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is zoe-life because of righteousness." Eph 4:29 "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be

ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Is it not amazing that the awesome power of God, the Holy Spirit, is given us yet we can grieve Him by our lack of cooperation with Him? He is our seal, a seal you did not put there but God put there, you don't even know where it is and you cannot remove it. Eph 1:13 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your soteria-salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” 1 Cor 6:19 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” 2 Cor 1:21 “Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is *Father* God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”

That Holy Spirit seal was put there as you now belong to God; He paid His Son for you. When you first believed and confessed Jesus as Lord, your title, your ownership changed from Satan to God and that Holy Spirit seal was put in place to guarantee that Father God will get what He paid for. If God put it there then only God can take it off. When you get to know Father God as well as Satan did and you decide to turn, I guess you can ask Him to remove it, until then, at best, you are just a spoiled child throwing a temper tantrum. Your answer from Jesus will be: Luke 23:34 “...Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” That seal of the Holy Spirit stays there until the Day of Redemption; after that, if you want to go to the Lake of Fire with Satan - that can probably be arranged.

Notice these scriptures are all written to Christians who are born again and baptized with the Holy Spirit. If you are not, now is the time to become a born again Christian: Rom 10:8 “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be sozo-saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be sozo-saved.” Believe God has raised Jesus from the dead and now say with your mouth, “Jesus, You are Lord.” Believing and saying are how just about everything in God is given us. So start now.

When we receive our 2000 year old-justification by grace, the righteousness of zoe-life by Holy Spirit, we are born again: John 3:3 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 1 Peter 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” 1 Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” Rom 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal zoe-life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” John 3:15 “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal zoe-life. 16 For God so agape-loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting zoe-life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be sozo-saved.”

Notice in 1 Peter 1:25 that believing the gospel is what gets us born again in the spirit, made a new man after the image of Father God Himself. And per verse 23 we are born again of the incorruptible word of God. That part of us which is born again is like its seed, incorruptible. Our souls and our bodies may be a mess because we are walking in the flesh and not the spirit, but our spirit, the real us, is born again. 1 John 3:9 “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” 1 John 5:1 “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that agape-loveth him that begat agape-loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we agape-love the children of God, when we agape-love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the agape-love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

When we walk in the spirit we will walk in agape for our true nature is the nature of Jesus: John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.” Heb 10:7 “Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 1 John 5:18 “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.” We absolutely need Holy Spirit in power to walk like Jesus. 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our agape-love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.”

Jesus required disciples to wait to receive this Holy Spirit power. Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

To receive Holy Spirit by Jesus to get this necessary power simply pray, “Father, in the name of Jesus, give me Your Holy Spirit, give me all Your gifts, thank You Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You.” You do this knowing: Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise of him?*” And as Jesus said: John 14:13 “And whatsoever ye shall ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise* in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask *by demanding as due by covenant promise* any thing in my name, I will do it.” You have asked in the name of Jesus and Jesus not only wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit, He delights to do so that the Father may be glorified. Now, you have asked based on God’s word, so if you have not already done so, open your mouth and start to speak in tongues. Start with simple sounds. Holy Spirit will take it from there.

Now you are a new creation in Christ, a born-again child of God, you are made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and a joint heir with Jesus. Not a second son, but a joint heir with Jesus. For a former son of Adam it does not get any better than that. Rom 8:16 “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ...” This is what we are legally and God is now completing the next part: Eph 4:11 “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: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and

fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in agape-love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

This is the process Father God has for us. We have the mind of Christ in us, Holy Spirit dwells in us, but we must learn to cooperate with Him. This is why Holy Spirit says: Phil 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” Eph 5:1 “Be ye therefore followers (*imitators*) of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in agape-love, as Christ also hath agape-loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.” And as Jesus said: Matt 5:44 “But I say unto you, agape-Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye agape-love them which agape-love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

As we start to agree with Holy Spirit and no longer argue with Him over what is the goal (and where we are right and where we fall short) we will start to walk in the grace to get us there. And we will then judge ourselves properly, by the Jesus Standard: 1 Cor 11:28 “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves (*against Jesus as our standard*), we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.”

When we, the Church, judge ourselves against the Jesus Standard, know we are healed by grace into the Jesus Standard, portray Jesus so perfectly that there can be no argument that Jesus is indeed Lord, then we can find fault with each other without being judged likewise, because we will do it like Jesus did, not as the world does. When we judge their faults are also in Jesus and that the only thing they lack is zoe-life in that part of their life, and it is up to us to get it for them, and then we actually get it for them and see them walk in it, then Christ is being formed in us. 1 John 5:16 “If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him zoe-life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.” Jude 20 “But ye, agape-beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the agape-love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal zoe-life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others sozo-save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

Until then, each time Holy Spirit convicts us of sin or as we expose our works to the Father's light and find we fall short of the glory of God, acknowledge, cast off, put on Jesus and go do agape love in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we will be walking in the Jesus Standard. You may walk like the devil but always and quickly judge yourself against the Jesus Standard and you will be cleansed to walk like Jesus. This includes anything not like Jesus from our thoughts/iniquities, to our sins, sickness, diseases, lack of agape-love and impatience – anything that is not just like Father God in Jesus Christ – the Jesus Standard.

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