

THE JOY OF THE FLESH

MY CONCERN IS THIS:

FOR YEARS I HAVE SUFFERED MANY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISCOMFORTS FROM YOU, FLESH. CERTAINLY I AM ENTITLED TO COMPASSION FOR MY MENTAL ATTITUDE AT THIS TIME.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF A LACK IN ANY AREA OF MY LIFE, I DEMAND PAMPERING FROM YOU, FLESH.

I CRAVE SORROW AND TEARS FOR MY AGONY, REGARDLESS OF THE FACT, "IN ME THERE IS NO GOOD THING".

I DO NOT CARE WHAT IS SAID, FLESH, YOU OWE ME.

BUT WHAT DOES GOD SAY IN REGARD TO YOUR FLESH?

GOD TELLS YOU IN HIS WORD, "THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT, THE DAY IS AT HAND. CAST OFF YOUR WORK OF DARKNESS AND PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT; THAT IS, PUT ON JESUS CHRIST AND MAKE NO PROVISION TO FULFILL YOUR LUST OF THE FLESH FOR SORROW, DISCONTENT AND LIES."

AND FURTHERMORE HE SAYS, "YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, AND BY HIS STRIPES YOU WERE HEALED."

WHY DO YOU ACT AS IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN HEALED?

OBEY GOD, "WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND YOU **SHALL** FORFEIT YOUR LUST FOR SORROW AND SELF PITY."

ROM 13:12, 14 GAL 3:27 GAL 5:16

PSALM 51:8 (JOY)..... PSALM 51:10 (CREATE)

THE BIBLE TELLS US OF THE HARM CAUSED BY THE FLESH. LET US LOOK AT THE FRUIT OF THE FLESH ACCORDING TO GOD.

GAL 5:19-21 Now the (PRACTICING) works (OR FRUIT) of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, Idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissension, heresies, Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time

past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(GLOSSARY AT END OF LESSON)

IF YOU PUT THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH FIRST, YOU WILL NOT ENTER IN. AM I SAYING THAT IF I BREAK ONLY ONE OR THE LEAST OF THESE, I WILL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM? WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY?

JAM 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

AND

DEU 27:26 'Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

WELL THEN, HOW SHALL WE BE JUDGED?

JAM 2:12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

AS BEING FREE....."BORN AGAIN"...

WHAT IS THE LAW OF LIBERTY?

2CO 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

AS BEING FREE.....BORN AGAIN!!

AND WHERE IS THAT SPIRIT OF THE LORD?.....IN YOU.... IN YOUR LIFE!

IF I AM OF THE OPINION THAT I AM SO GOOD, OR THAT MY MORALS ARE ABOVE REPROACH, WHY DOES THE SPIRIT OF GOD SAY WHAT HE SAYS IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES?

ROM 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my **flesh**) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

GEN 8:21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's **heart** is evil **from his youth**; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

MAN'S NATURE **CANNOT HELP HIMSELF**. I AM EVIL FROM MY YOUTH.. WHAT IS EVIL FROM YOUTH?..... ONE'S HEART.....ONE'S MIND...

JOB 15:14-16 "What is man, that he could be pure? And he who is born of a woman, that he could be righteous? If God puts no trust in His saints, and the heavens are not pure in His sight, How much less man, who is abominable and filthy, Who drinks iniquity like water!

AND

JER 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?

NOW LET US LOOK AT THE FLESH ACCORDING TO THE WORLD.

EPH 2:1-3 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

HOW DID, OR HOW DO WE GET DELIVERANCE? BY GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

EPH 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

BY DIVINE INFLUENCE ON YOUR MIND, AND THE REFLECTION IN YOUR LIFE, YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED.

AGAIN, REMINDING YOU, YOU DID NOT DO IT! YOU DID NOT SAVE YOUR-SELF.

ROM 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

LET US READ VERSES 19 THROUGH 23 ALSO, AND UNDERSTAND THIS VERSE.

LET US LOOK AT SPECIFICS:

1CO 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

ALL OF THIS FOOLISHNESS IS SELF-DESTRUCTIVE.

PSA 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

WHY WILL PRACTITIONERS OF THIS SORT NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD? BECAUSE THEY SEEK THE WRONG KINGDOM. THEY SEEK FULFILLMENT OF THEIR EARTHLY OR FLESHLY DESIRES.

I AM NOT TALKING OR REFERRING TO AFTER-DEATH KINGDOM, BUT OF THE **NOW KINGDOM**.

HOW DO WE ARRIVE AT THIS KNOWLEDGE? LET US LOOK AT THE LORD'S PRAYER, WHICH IS FOUND IN MATTHEW 6:9-13. I SUGGEST YOU INSERT A MARKER HERE AS WE WILL BE RETURNING TO THIS VERSE.

AT THIS TIME WE WILL LOOK AT ONLY VERSE 10.

MAT 6:10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

IS HIS WILL DONE NOW?.....YES!!

WHERE?.....ON EARTH!

HOW?.....THROUGH JESUS' NAME...IN THE BELIEVER.

LOOK NOW AT

MAT 6:13 "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

DOES GOD LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION????

JAM 1:13-15 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "LUST" MEAN?.....THE DESIRE TO SATISFY ONE'S SENSES.

WHAT ELSE DOES THE SPIRIT OF GOD TELL US IN THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD?

JAM 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?.....PERFECTION.

WHERE DO WE FIND PERFECTION?.....IN THE BELIEVER.

YOU MEAN I'M PERFECT? YES, LET US PROVE IT.

1JO 3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1JO 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God **keeps himself**, and the wicked one does not touch him.

1PE 1:23 Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

LET US NOW RETURN TO THE LORD'S PRAYER.

MAT 6:13 "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

LOOKING AT THE LAST PART OF THE VERSE.....FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER.

NOW IF WE ARE NOT ALREADY IN THE KINGDOM, WHY DOES IT SAY DIFFERENTLY?

EPH 2:6 And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

WHERE OR WHAT ARE THE HEAVENLY PLACES?

EPH 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

THE KINGDOM IS WHERE?.....IN HEAVEN.....AND ON EARTH **IN** THE BELIEVER. **Luke 22;18..Acts:40;41....John 21:13,14**

BACK TO MATTHEW 6;13.....THE WORD "POWER" IS USED. THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER.....WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? CAN WE BACK IT UP IN SCRIPTURE?

LUK 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority (POWER) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

WHAT DOES HE SAY HE GIVES US?.....POWER.....AUTHORITY...NOW, IF THE KINGDOM HAS NOT COME, WE CANNOT SIT IN HEAVEN, NOR CAN WE HAVE POWER, NOR CAN HIS WILL BE DONE.

MAT 18:18-19 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

LET US NOW CONSIDER MAN A LITTLE DEEPER....

MAN IS MADE OF A)...THE MIND.....
AND B).....THE FLESH.

YOU MAY ASK, "IS THIS SOMETHING THAT I, GENE, CAME UP WITH?"....NO.....AGAIN WE TURN TO THE WORD.

ROM 7:25 I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the **mind** I myself **serve the law of God**, but with the **flesh** the **law of sin**.

ALL I AM INDICATING IN THIS VERSE IS THAT YOU ARE TWO ENTITIES....

YOUR MIND.....AND YOUR FLESH!!!

REPEATING:

EPH 2:1-6 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

THE **FLESH** AND **MIND** ARE SELF ORIENTED. SEEKING TO PLEASE SELF. "I WILL".....OR I WON'T.....I LIKE....I DON'T LIKE...I.I.I.I.

THE **MIND** HAS ITS DESIRES AND THE **FLESH**, ITS DESIRES....(MIND REASONING. ONE IS ALWAYS EXCUSING ONESELF.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MIND'S DESIRES?

ENTERTAINMENT (READING, READING, T.V., RADIO, HOBBIES) THE MIND ALWAYS WANTS TO ENTERTAIN YOU.

MORE DESIRES OF THE MIND?.....EDUCATION...DREAMS....DAY DREAMS...CONVERSATION (SUCH AS CHIT CHAT...GOSSIP)...

PRIDE....SUCH AS WEARING APPAREL, FURNITURE, AUTOMOBILES, MATERIAL GOODS.....WILD IMAGINATIONS.

THE DESIRES OF THE MIND.....GOD MUST REMOVE....WE CANNOT.

BECAUSE OF PRIDE, HIGH TREASON WAS COMMITTED. MAN'S TOUCH OF REALITY WAS DESTROYED. HIS COMMUNICATION DIMINISHED TO SUCH A POINT, HE COULD NO LONGER FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD. HIS PRIDE WAS BEYOND HELP...HIS PRIME PURPOSE WAS AND IS TO PLEASE SELF.

RESCUE WAS NEEDED; OTHERWISE, GOD'S ENTIRE PLAN WOULD HAVE TO BE ABOLISHED. IF THERE IS ANY ONE SIN WHICH GOD ABHORS OR WILL NOT TOLERATE, I BELIEVE, WOULD BE **PRIDE** IN SELF.

ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS STEM FROM THAT ONE WORD,PRIDE....WHY?

LET US LOOK AT THE MEANING OF "PRIDE".

UNABLE TO ADMIT WE ARE WRONG: SELF-IMPORTANCE, EGOTISM, CONCEIT, SELF-LOVE, SELF-SATISFACTION, POMP, PRETENSION, SWAGGER, ARROGANCE, HAUGHTINESS:

IN OTHER WORDS, LET ME SATISFY ME FIRST AND WHATEVER IS LEFTOVER, YOU MAY HAVE.

WE **ALL** HAVE THIS PROBLEM. I AM NO MORE IMMUNE THAT YOU ARE. IF YOU WANT TO ENTER INTO THE ABUNDANT **SPIRITUAL** LIFE, MEDITATE ON THIS DAILY AND ASK THE LORD TO DELIVER YOU. THE WORD TELLS US TO DO THIS:

JAM 4:6 But He gives more grace. (DIVINE INFLUENCE ON THE MIND, REFLECTION IN THE LIFE) Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace (DIVINE INFLUENCE ON THE MIND, REFLECTION IN THE LIFE) to the humble."

HE GIVES MORE GRACE TO THOSE WHO ARE HUMBLE TO HIM.

IN ADDITION, IT STATES:

HEB 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

A NATURAL INSTINCT IS TO AVOID LOOKING INWARD AS EVE AND ADAM DID. HE BLAMED HER AND SHE BLAMED THE SERPENT. THEY WERE BOTH LIARS. SHE SAW THE FRUIT AS BEING GOOD FOR FLESH AND PLEASING TO THE EYE AND BEING EQUAL TO GOD PLEASED HER MIND.

WHO WAS AT FAULT FOR ALL THIS? THE MIND AND THE FLESH. PRIDE DESTROYED, BLAMING OUTSIDE SOURCES.

HERE IS THE CURSE AGAIN.....

THROUGH WHOM DID THE CURSE ENTER IN?.....GOD?....IF SO, HOW COME GOD SAID EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE WAS GOOD, AND THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD. GENESIS 1.

DID NOT ADAM AND EVE EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. WERE THEY NOT WARNED THAT THEY WOULD DIE?

CAN YOU PROVE THEY WERE **NOT** IN A HOSTILE WORLD, ANYWAY? YES, IF EVERYTHING GOD MADE WAS GOOD, THEN THE WORLD WAS NOT HOSTILE. ALL OF THE CREATION WAS AT PEACE. MAN AND BEAST...ALL VEGETARIANS...THEY DID NOT DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER. SO THE FRUIT OF THE MIND DID POSITION US IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

THE FLESH ALSO HAS ITS CRAVINGS OR FRUIT:

PHYSICAL COMFORTS (WARMTH, SEX, FOOD, DRINK, SMOKING, EXERCISE, REST, NATURAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY, PAIN, ETC.) ALL MANIFESTED BY THE SENSES.....SEE, HEAR, FEEL, SMELL, TASTE.

ROM 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

DOES THE SCRIPTURE INFORM US AS TO WHAT THE FLESH CONSISTS OF?

JOB 4:19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before a moth?

GEN 2:7a And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,

ROM 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

ROM 7:21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

ROM 7:22 For I delight in the **law of God** according to the inward man.

WHY IS EVIL EVER PRESENT WITH ME? BECAUSE THE HUMAN NATURE IS NOT COMPLETELY DEAD. HOW SO?

1CO 15:31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

ROM 8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

IS THE WORD TALKING ABOUT PHYSICAL DEATH? NO, DEATH OF SIN IN OUR LIFE. IF GOD DELIVERS ME FROM DRINKING, SMOKING, GOSSIP, ETC.....I DIE TO THAT SIN. THAT PORTION OF MY OLD NATURE IS DEAD. THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY I COULD DIE DAILY. AS STATED BEFORE, "IN ME, THAT IS IN MY FLESH (MY OLD NATURE), THERE IS NO GOOD THING".

LET US UNITE THE MIND AND FLESH AND SEE HOW BOTH CAN BE OVERCOME THROUGH CHRIST JESUS....LET US NOT BE AFRAID OF THE WHOLE TRUTH.

LUK 11:52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

AND:

MAT 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

IF WE DO NOT KNOW OURSELVES, HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY DEFEAT OUR NATURE?

LUK 11:39-40 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is

full of greed and wickedness. "Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

LET US LOOK DEEPLY AT MATTHEW 23:23-29, VERSE BY VERSE.

MAT 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

MAT 23:24 "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

MAT 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

MAT 23:26 "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

MAT 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

MAT 23:28 "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

WHAT MUST WE DO AS TO **NOT** FALL INTO THE SAME PATH AS THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES?

ROM 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

BACKING THIS UP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

JER 17:5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO ENTER INTO THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR. WHAT WAS HIS LABOR?.....HIS BODY ON THE CROSS.

WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR?..FREEDOM FROM MANKIND'S' SELF-DESTRUCTION, AND THE ABUNDANT SPIRITUAL LIFE!

PSA 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

WHAT **IS** THE WAY?.....AGREE WITH WHAT THE SPIRIT TELLS US, AS HE STATES IN:

AMO 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

AS I HAVE STATED PREVIOUSLY, IT IS ONE THING NOT TO UNDERSTAND, AND QUITE ANOTHER NOT TO BELIEVE. WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT MAN WENT TO THE MOON. WE BELIEVE THE T. V. OR AUTOMOBILE WILL

FUNCTION, YET WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES OF HOW THESE THINGS WORK.

WE AGREE WITH WHAT THE WORLD TELLS US IN ITS NEWSPAPERS, OR IN THE EDUCATION FIELD, YET WE HESITATE WHEN WE COME TO THE WORD OF GOD.

THIS IS THE REASON THE LORD SAYS THE FLESH IS EXCEEDINGLY WICKED.

WHY DOES HE SAY THE FLESH IS WICKED? BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF. IF YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FLESH IS WICKED, YOU CERTAINLY WILL NOT RECEIVE.

IT IS ALWAYS EASIER TO AGREE THAN TO DISAGREE, WHEN IT COME TO THE WORD OF GOD. WHY IS THE FLESH SO STUBBORN?

ROM 8:7 Because the carnal (FLESHLY) mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

NEITHER CAN THE NATURAL MIND BE SUBJECT TO THE WORD OF GOD, AS IT IS STATED:

ROM 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

LET US LOOK AT THE WORD ENMITY IN ROMANS 8:7. IT MEANS HATRED, HOSTILITY, BEING AT WAR WITH GOD, WILL NOT OBEY GOD AND CANNOT, IT IS A NATURAL ENEMY.

LOOKING AT ROMANS 8:20 AGAIN, THE WORD VANITY MEANS PRIDE, CONCEIT, SELF-LOVE, SELF-PRAISE, AND SELF-ADMIRATION. NO WONDER MAN IS UNABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD. HIS ENTIRE REASONING POWER IS DIRECTED TO SELF-GLORIFICATION. SELF SAYING LOOK AT ME, SEE WHAT I HAVE DONE.

HOW DO WE WIN THE BATTLE? WE DO NOT...HE DOES. AS IT SAYS IN:

ROM 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

WHO WILL DO IT?...THE HOLY SPIRIT....NOT YOU...NOT ME...NOT YOUR WIFE...NOT YOUR HUSBAND..NOT YOUR PARENTS..NOT YOUR FRIENDS..BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

EVEN THOUGH OUR NATURE IS NOT PLEASING TO GOD, HE DID NOT LEAVE US DESOLATE, BUT GAVE US HOPE.

HAS ANY OF THIS HOPE BEEN REALIZED IN US?...YES...THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN OUR LIVES (AS WE ALLOW) AND HAS MADE US RIGHTEOUS. WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE CURSE AND LAW, WHICH IS SIN. WE HAVE BEEN LIBERATED. WE HAVE BEEN SET FREE. WE HAVE BEEN ANOINTED.

1JO 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

1JO 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

2CO 1:21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

NOTE IN THIS NEXT VERSE THAT GOD HAS SET A STAMP OF PROTECTION ON THOSE WHO ARE BELIEVERS, THE ANOINTED ONES.

PSA 105:15 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

PSA 20:5-6 We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

ISA 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

IS THERE ANYTHING YET TO HOPE FOR? YES..NEW BODIES, NO SICKNESS, NO SADNESS, NO FEAR!

WE ALL HAVE A FREE WILL....A FREE CHOICE. WE ALL KNOW NOW THAT FREEDOM OF THE WILL, WILL EITHER PROVIDE US WITH VICTORY OR DEFEAT IN OUR DAILY WALK. OUR CHOICE SHOULD BE TO RELINQUISH OUR FREEDOM TO GOD. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO WILL YOUR FLESH TO DO ONE THING OR THE OTHER, BUT IT IS QUITE ANOTHER THING TO WILL YOUR WILL.

TELL ME, IS THIS POSSIBLE? CAN YOU DO IT? IF SO, GIVE ME AN ILLUSTRATION.

SO IT IS GOD WHO CREATES VALUES IN US. WE DON'T.

PHI 2:13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

LET ME PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...FOR IT IS GOD HIMSELF WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU TO HELP YOU DESIRE IT, AS WELL AS DO IT.

ANOTHER WAY, IT IS GOD WHO MAKES YOU WILLING AND GIVES YOU THE ENERGY TO DO WHAT HE WANTS.

ALSO:

HEB 13:21 Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

DO YOU NEED MORE CONVINCING? LET US LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

PHI 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

PHI 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

OR.....I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.

GAL 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

1CO 9:27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

LET US HAVE SOME EXAMPLES:

HAVING SIGNS ON CAR REGARDING JESUS AND GOD, OR WEARING CROSS OR OTHER EMBLEMS, AND NOT ACTING CHRIST-LIKE.
MAKING STATEMENTS OF EXPERIENCES WHICH HAVE NOT OCCURRED, SUCH AS HEALING, DREAMS, VISIONS, ETC.

YOU HAVE NO DOUBT REALIZED THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE DISCUSSED, AND THAT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO YOU IS **POSITIVE FAITH**, NOT POSITIVE THINKING.....POSITIVE THINKING IS "WILL WORSHIP". WORSHIPING SELF AND ONE'S OWN ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE FLESH IS OUR BIGGEST ENEMY. IT IS WITH US ALL OF THE TIME. GOD WANTS US TO WIN. IN HIM, WE DO WIN! HE DOES BRING THE FLESH INTO SUBJECTION AND HE GETS THE GLORY.

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GLOSSARY OF FRUIT OF THE FLESH (NEXT PAGE)

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1. HERESIES - OPINION OR DOCTRINE CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH OR GENERALLY ACCEPTED BELIEFS.
2. WITCH-CRAFT - WORSHIP OF THE DEVIL, CULT OF SATAN.
3. STRIFE - (FACTIONS) - SELFISH FIGHT OR STRUGGLE, UNREST, TURMOIL, WARFARE WITHIN, ENMITY.
4. IDOLATRY - EXCESSIVE LOVE OR PRE-OCCUPATION, SENSELESS ATTACHMENT TO A THING OR IDOL.
5. DRUNKENNESS - UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, TO BE INTOXICATED.
6. PROFANE PERSON - IRREVERENT, BLASPHEMOUS, GODLESS, IRRELIGIOUS, TEMPORAL, EARTHLY, EARTHLY, WORLDLY, ABUSES OTHERS.
7. LASCIVIOUSNESS - LUST, OBSCENE, IMPROPER, VULGAR.
8. UNCLEANNES, UNHOLY - MORALLY OR SPIRITUALLY IMPURE.
9. REVELLINGS - TO TAKE INTENSE SATISFACTION IN, OR PARTICIPATING IN WILD PARTIES OR CELEBRATIONS.
10. VARIANCES - (STRIFE) - BEING IN DISAGREEMENT.
11. SEDITION (DIVISIONS) - URGING RESISTANCE AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY.
12. WRATH - VIOLENT ANGER, RAGE.
13. MURDER - TO KILL THE BODY, OR TO OPPRESS ANOTHER.
14. HATRED (ENMITIES) - UNFORGIVING, VENGEFUL, HOSTILE, ACTS OF AGGRESSION.
15. ADULTERY - VOLUNTARY SEXUAL INTERCOURSE BETWEEN A MARRIED PERSON AND ONE NOT HIS/HER SPOUSE.

16. WHOREMONGERS & FORNICATORS - ALL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE NOT BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE (INCLUDING NON-MARRIED).
17. EFFEMINATE - UNMANLY, HAVING UNSUITABLE FEMININE QUALITIES, MARKED BY WEAKNESS AND LOVE OF EASE (SUCH AS AN EFFEMINATE CIVILIZATION).
18. HOMOSEXUALS - ABUSERS OF THEMSELVES WITH MANKIND OR THEM THAT DEFILE THEMSELVES WITH MANKIND.
19. THIEVES - THOSE WHO STEAL.
20. MENSTEALERS - KIDNAPPING
21. EXTORTIONERS - TO OBTAIN FROM A PERSON BY FORCE, OR USING ILLEGAL POWERS.
22. LIARS - THOSE WHO LIE.
23. PERJURED PERSON - GIVING FALSE WITNESS, LYING UNDER OATH, FALSE SWEARING.
24. EMULATIONS - (JEALOUSIES) - AMBITION TO EQUAL OR EXCEL.
25. ENVYINGS - JEALOUSY, RESENTMENTS, SPITE, BE-GRUDGE.
26. COVETOUS - TO WISH FOR ENVIOUSLY, TO DESIRE ANOTHER'S POSSESSION.
27. SODOMY - SEXUAL INTERCOURSE HELD TO BE ABNORMAL, SUCH AS TWO PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX, BEASTIALITY, ETC.