

UNCOMPROMISING

You Are Not Your Own. A Life of Devotion

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **proclaiming the good news of the kingdom** and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** on them, **because they were harassed [Confused NLT] and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

MATTHEW 9:35-38

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Ever **confused** or caught off guard by teachings claiming to affirm or tolerate sexual immorality?

Do you have a loved one that you care about so deeply, you're not sure what to say or do, and you have questions like: Do they still have faith? Are they still going to heaven?

Do you feel **helpless**?

I am same sex attracted or transgender, but I want a relationship with Jesus. I don't know where to begin in my Journey of faith.

I need **help**.

GRACE + LOVE

For God so **loved the world** that **he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever **believes in him** shall not perish but have **eternal life**. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:16-17

TRUTH + FREEDOM

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "**If you hold to my teaching**, you are really my disciples. **Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"

JOHN 8:31-32

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NOT

... *I tell you, **become your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you,*

TOLERANCE & INTOLERANCE

TOLERANCE:

“The ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behavior that one dislikes or disagrees with.”

INTOLERANCE

The inability to **live peaceably** with someone of differing beliefs, values, opinions"

From the work of John Inazu:

"Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving through Deep Difference."

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

ROMANS 12:18

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace, forbearance**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

FOREBEARANCE

- 1. Patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.**
- 2. The action of refraining from exercising a legal right, especially enforcing the payment of a debt.**

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SALVATION

For it is by **grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God— not by works**, so that no one can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

This righteousness is given **through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe**...and all are **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 3:22

Therefore, since we have been **justified through faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,...we have **gained access by faith into this grace** in which we now stand.

ROMANS 5:1-2

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

TITUS 3:4-7

know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus ...

GALATIANS 2:16

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: **If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

ROMANS 10:8-10

Jesus as Lord...

You are not your own

Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; you were bought at a price.** Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. **So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**

ROMANS 14:7-8

And he died for all, **that those who live should no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:15

I have been crucified with Christ **and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

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Jesus replied, **“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”** “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

JOHN 3:3-8

Surely **I was sinful at birth**, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

PSALM 51:5

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.**"

JOHN 8:34

For we know that our old self was crucified with him **so that the body ruled by sin** might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin.**

ROMANS 6:6

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?** ... But now that **you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God**, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

ROMANS 6:16, 22

Or do you not know **that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God... Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10, 18

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

GALATIANS 5:19-21

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

EPHESIANS 5:3

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-5

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: **The old has gone, the new is here!**

1 Corinthians 5:17

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:9

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:12

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; **they cannot go on sinning,** because they have been born of God.

1 John 3:9

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives** in this present age,

TITUS 2:11-12

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. **They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **The acts of the flesh are obvious:** sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

GALATIANS 5:16-26

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

GALATIANS 5:16-26

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:** sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, **which is idolatry.**

COLOSSIANS 3:3-5

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be **my disciple must deny themselves** and **take up their cross** and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.** But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? **It was worth a year's wages."**

JOHN 12:1-8

He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. **“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”**

JOHN 12:1-8

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? **Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!** Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." **But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, **whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

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