#### "Does the Believer Suffer for the Wrong He Does?"

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#### **TEXT:** Colossians 3:23-25 (KJV)

- <sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- <sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- <sup>25</sup> But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

**Statement of fact:** It is true that your choices on how you live cannot affect your final destination; however, you will receive for the wrong you have done.

- You are free to choose to obey or disobey.
- God is free to choose what he believes is the appropriate measure of correction or blessing.
- Explain walking in the Spirit / Flesh

#### 1. Galatians 5:16-18 (KJV) Notice the options

- <sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- <sup>17</sup> 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. (Without a fight)
- <sup>18</sup> But if ye be <u>led of the Spirit</u>, ye are not under the law. SONG: "WHERE HE LEADS ME I WILL FOLLOW"
- HOLY Spirit never leads you to walk in the flesh for he is HOLY.
  - o Obeying God is not legalism; legalism is using to law to be saved.
  - o Legalism is using the law to determine or produce spirituality.

## 2. Galatians 6:1-2 (KJV) (Options / Choices)

- 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, **ye which are spiritual**, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
- 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

# 3. Galatians 6:7-9 (KJV) (Options / Choices)

- 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Don't claim spirituality by walking in the flesh)
- 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 life everlasting.
- 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

## 4. Romans 13:8-14 (KJV) (NOTICE OPTIONS/CHOICES)

<sup>8</sup> Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

- <sup>9</sup> For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**
- <sup>10</sup> Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
- <sup>14</sup> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

### 5. Hebrews 10:22-24 (KJV) (NOTICE OPTIONS/CHOICES)

- <sup>22</sup> **Let us** draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
- <sup>23</sup> **Let us** hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
- <sup>24</sup> And **let us** consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

## 6. Hebrews 12:1-3 (KJV) ) (NOTICE OPTIONS/CHOICES)

- <sup>1</sup> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us** lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us** run with patience the race that is set before us,
- <sup>2</sup> **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.
- <sup>3</sup> For **consider him** that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

## 7. Hebrews 12:5-6 (KJV) (Chastening is for CORRECTION!)

- <sup>5</sup> And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- <sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

## 8. 1 Corinthians 11:28-32 (KJV)

- <sup>28</sup> But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.
- <sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- <sup>30</sup> For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
- <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (Notice choice)
- <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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