

That Others May Know...
we are Christians.

By our love for each other.

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 **By this shall all men know** that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. *(Emp. Added)*

1Jn 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God Whom he hath not seen?

By our attitudes.

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.

Eph 4:26 **Be ye angry**, and **sin not**: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. *(Emp. Added)*

Pro 15:1 A **soft answer turneth away wrath**: but grievous words stir up anger. *(Emp. Added)*

Pro 16:32 *He that is* **slow to anger** is better than the mighty; and he that **ruleth his spirit** than he that taketh a city. *(Emp. Added)*

Col 3:17 And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed**, *do all* in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *(Gk.2532-even)* the Father by Him. *(Emp. Added)*

3Jn 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who **loveth to have the preeminence among them**, receiveth us not. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with **malicious words**: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church. *(Emp. Added)*

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

By the way we forgive.

Luk 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and **if he repent**, forgive him. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I **repent**; thou shalt **forgive** him. *(Emp. Added)*

Mat 18:21 Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots. Did God do as Jesus asked?

Act 2:23 ..., **ye have taken**, and by wicked hands have **crucified** and **slain**:
(*Emp. Added*)

Act 2:37 Now **when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? (*Emp. Added*)

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:41 Then **they that gladly received his word were baptized**: and the same day there were **added** *unto them* about three thousand souls. (*Emp. Added*)

Only when they repented and were converted. We can only do as God did and nothing more. He does not expect us to do what He Himself cannot. God did as Jesus asked but only when those who agreed with Christ's crucifixion repented of that sin.

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. 3 For consider Him that **endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself**, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have **not yet resisted unto blood**, striving against sin. (*Emp. Added*)

Act 7:59 And they **stoned Stephen**, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he **kneeled down**, and **cried with a loud voice**, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (*Emp. Added*)

We should never seek retribution for crimes committed against us when we know that those who accused us of wrongdoing, when we did no sin, will suffer at the judgment. That, in and of itself, should cause us to desire peace among all men.

Mat 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother **hath ought** (*Gk.5100-anything*) **against thee**; (*Notice Jesus isn't saying if you have anything against your brother. It would be easier to go to **that** brother. But going to a brother who has something against you would take a humble person to attempt to try and work things out.*) 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled (*Gk.1259-to conciliate [Webster: win over, placate, i.e., pacify]*) (*in other words "make peace"*) to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (*Emp. Added*)

By our humility.

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall **humble himself as this little child**, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. *(Emp. Added)*

1Co 6:1 Dare *(Gk.5111-boldness, through the idea of extreme conduct; to venture [in act])* any of you, having a matter against another, go to law **before the unjust** *(Gk.94-heathen, unrighteous)*, and not before the saints? *(Emp. Added)*

1Co 6:4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life *(Gk.982-relating to the present existence)*, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church *(to have someone in the church who is nothing, who has no experience in making judgments of any kind, to judge between brethren, would be better than making a public display of contention for the world to witness)*. 5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? *(if there isn't then let the brother who has no experience judge)* no, not one that shall be able to judge *(Gk.1252-separate thoroughly, discriminate)* between his brethren? 6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers *(Gk.571-heathen, infidel)*. 7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather *(Gk.3123-in a greater degree)* take wrong *(Gk.91-suffer wrong)*? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to be defrauded* *(Gk.650-deprived, destitute [lose when you know you lost when you were in the right])*?

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, **let him have thy cloke also**. *(Emp. Added)*

1Pe 2:18 Servants *(Gk.3610- menial domestic)*, be subject to *(Gk.5293-subordinate, be under obedience)* your masters *(Gk.1203- absolute ruler)* with all fear *(Gk.5401-to be put in fear)*; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward *(Gk.4646-warped, perverse, crooked)*. *Unless, of course, they ask or command you to sin.*

Peter uses the same language here in regard to the absolute ruler and the domestic as he does concerning the relationship between husbands and wives (3:1-7). Even though the relationships are not the same, just as the wife by her conduct is to fear not converting her husband, so the domestic is to fear the same when it comes to his master.

1Pe 2:19 For this is thankworthy *(Gk.5485-graciousness, of manner or act)*, if a man for conscience *(to know in your heart/mind that you are innocent)* toward God **endure grief, suffering wrongfully**. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but **if, when ye do well, and suffer for it**, ye take it patiently *(Gk.5278-have fortitude, endure)*, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an **example**, that ye should **follow His steps**: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: 23 Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but **committed** *(Gk.3860-to surrender, yield up, intrust)* Himself to Him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed. *(Emp. Added)*

When we are accused of whatever wrongdoing that others, Christians or non, say we are guilty of, we are to put it into the hands of the One Whose judgment is fair.

Heb 10:30 For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge (*Gk.2919-distinguish, decide judicially*) His people. 31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather **out of His kingdom** (*the church*) all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (*Emp. Added*)

Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass (*Gk.264-to miss the mark [and so not share in the prize]*) against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

2Th 3:15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

By our desire for peace.

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain (*stop, pause*) his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile (*trickery, deceit*): 3:11 Let him eschew (*shun, decline, avoid*) evil, and do good; let him **seek peace**, and ensue (*persue, follow after*) it. (*Emp. Added*)

By our example.

1Ti 4:12 ... be thou **an example of the believers** (*Christians are to be ambassadors to the lost*), in word (*whatever you say*), in conversation (*behavior*), in charity (*love*), in spirit (*mental disposition, are we rational or irrational?*), in faith (*moral conviction of religious truth*), in purity (*cleanness, chastity*). (*Emp. Added*)

- If we don't stand out in a crowd, shame on us. Christians of the first century AD stood out in the crowd and lost their lives because of it. We are to live such lives so that others may know we are Christians by our love, attitude, forgiveness, humility and desire for peace.

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