

“And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.” James 3:18 KJV



Where there is strife and anger, there is NO “fruit of the Spirit.” What may appear to be love, joy, and peace is merely a façade of hypocritical fawning. You will not grow in grace while at odds with another. I’m not talking about being at odds with their sin, but letting their sin destroy your peace with God. “A soft answer turneth away wrath.” How can you “walk in the Light” while bitter anger and spitefulness infest your heart? “Put on therefore, as the Elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels (emotions) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering: forbearing one another, and FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Fore-giving is the readiness to “give before” mercy and grace are sought or deserved! Do not confuse forgiveness with tolerance or acceptance. Tolerance endures; acceptance ignores; but forgiveness is prepared to heal and mend with mercy and grace! Forgiveness, should in no way, be given before sought. God only forgives those who come to Him, confess, and repent, that is; admitting and willing to forsake their error and turn back to right. God determined “before the foundation of the world” to extend grace, mercy, and forgiveness to every soul who seeks Him. “A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench.” God will not add suffering to the penitent, but will heal and restore all who trust and obey. If, dear believer, you feel your love of God has died to but a wisp of smoke; that even the glowing ember has withered; come back to God through obedience and His very presence will fan anew the flames of your “first love.” Christ set forth the example of “the mind of Christ” while walking the earth. Study the Savior. He never refused to heal or forgive, but never tolerated or condoned sin! He forgave all who repented and healed all who sought Him. Our Lord prayed for you and me. “Neither pray I for these alone, but FOR THEM ALSO WHICH SHALL BELIEVE ON ME through their word; 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.” He endured without murmur the cruelest death men could devise! “Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the Joy (reunion with His Beloved Children) that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set Him free, but He died alone: For you and me!

The Prince of Peace hath died for me,
That I might live eternally,
All who seek in humility,
Will find forgiveness for their plea! ~CGP

When Satan uses another’s sins to stir up angry and bitter thoughts against them, remember: Christ forgave you without hesitation when you undeservedly sought it. “Be angry and SIN NOT!” Another’s wickedness is no threat to the peace of God in your heart unless you yield to evil thoughts and sinful lust!

“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. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.” Galatians 6:1-3 KJV