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HEBREWS 2:11

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

HEBREWS 2:12

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

HEBREWS 2:13

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

HEBREWS 2:14

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

HEBREWS 2:15

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

HEBREWS 5:8

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

HEBREWS 5:9

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

The word "perfect" is the translation of teleios. The fundamental idea in this word is the bringing of a person or thing to the goal fixed by God.

The word "author" is the translation of aitos which means "that in which the cause of anything resides. " Messiah in His death on the Cross is the cause of our salvation. His death is that from which our salvation proceeds.

ACTS 5:32

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

II THESSALONIANS 1:7

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

II THESSALONIANS 1:8

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

I PETER 4:17

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

I PETER 4:13

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

I PETER 4:14

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

I PETER 4:16

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

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215 But let me say this. A man who has once come in contact with God, which is the Word, and the Word has been made plain and manifested to him, there is no shameness about that.

You're not embarrassed. Doesn't embarrass me to say I believe every Word of God. Doesn't embarrass me when the Lord says to say anything, you go say it and do it. It don't embarrass me to say that I've been filled with the Holy Ghost.

It don't embarrass me to say that I've spoke with other tongues. It don't embarrass me to say that our Lord has showed me visions. It don't embarrass me to say He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

216 "When you're brought before rulers and kings, for My Name's sake, take no thought what you shall say, for it'll be given to you in that hour. It's not you that speaketh, but My Father that dwelleth in you.

But whosoever is ashamed of Me and My Word, in this generation, him will I be ashamed of before My Father and the holy Angels. " God help us not to be ashamed, but help us to be a living testimony.

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223 Don't be ashamed of Him in this generation; sinful, perplexed, the last generation that'll ever be on the earth, this sinful, adulterous, and full of all putrefied sores.

All, everything that's been decent has become indecent. National politics, filth! Nations are broke up.

ROMANS 5:5

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

ROMANS 9:33

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

I JOHN 2:28

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

I PETER 4:16

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

116-2 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. But does He hold back the persecution?

Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says, "I KNOW your tribulation--I am not at all unmindful of your suffering." What a stumbling block this is to so many people. Like Israel they wonder if God really loves them.

How can God be just and loving if He stands by and watches His people suffer? That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3, "The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet we say, Wherein hast Thou loved us?"

Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. "

You see, they could not figure out God's love. They thought that love meant no suffering. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was "elective" love.

The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth).

He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose,

then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled.

117-1 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

"Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift.

A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne,

then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes.

Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

117-2 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

"Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you. " That is what Peter said.

Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christ-like character that comes through suffering? No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons.

Not one but goes through that. The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it--it isn't of God.

Heb. 12:6, "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. "

117-3 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Now this special condition in Smyrna must be applied to every age. There is no age free from it. There is no true believer free from it. This is of God. This is the will of God.

It is needful. We need the Lord to teach us the truth that we are to suffer and be Christ-like in doing it. "Love suffereth long and is kind. "

Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. "

118-1 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval.

His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO,

and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him?

By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

118-2 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 4

Like a father He is looking down upon His family. He is the Head of His household. He is the provider. He is the protector. Yet He looks on at their poverty.

Oh, how the untutored believer stumbles at this. How can God bear to look upon His own in a time of need and not just stop it all--just give in and lavish everything material upon them?

I PETER 3:16

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Our word "conscience" comes from two Latin words: con, meaning "with," and scio, meaning "to know." The conscience is that internal judge that witnesses to us, that enables us to "know with," either approving our actions or accusing.

I PETER 3:17

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

I PETER 4:19

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.