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**Staying Alive**

1 John 5:16-18 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. (17) All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. (18) We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. (KJV)

Sometimes you will see a brother or a sister walking or talking in an area that God has dealt with you in and showed you how to overcome it. For those that are truly seeking a deeper more intimate relationship with our Lord are not intentionally sinning on purpose, where those that have already fallen away from the Lord are dying spiritually and will not be seeking for the right reason. If someone is not truly seeking or asking you the reason of the hope within you then you don’t owe them an answer. This is how silly strife’s and debates get started, like a wildfire.

2 Peter 3:3-6 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: (6) Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: (KJV)

When someone has reached the stage of becoming willingly ignorant they have basically already died spiritually and their life is starting to decay. Many Christians become that way, when instead of dying to the lusts of the flesh they try to justify themselves by playing the blame game with others. Hey remember what Adam did when he got caught, yeah blamed the woman for his own ignorance of what he knew was truth.

Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, (5) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (6) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (KJV)

That same door that you entered when you were born again is the same one many are walking back out of when they become self willed and ignore the Lord. Once someone knows better and then still chooses to live in sin, God is not going to send another savior to bail them out. This is when people enter the realm of a sin unto death, where unless they decide for themselves to get right with God again there is no reason to pray for these hardhearted people.

2 Peter 2:20-22 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. (21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (KJV)

Remember what our Lord said about those that would allow themselves to become stumbling blocks to others and cause them to fall? Yeah, a millstone around the neck and then tossed into the sea is a death sentence, and an end to your walk in the Spirit.

1 Peter 4:1-2 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (2) That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. (KJV)

So to sum up this week, are you armed and ready today so that you don’t get hit with a fiery dart from the wicked one? God’s thoughts and ways are so much higher than ours, are you willing to step out in faith so that you can experience a new life in Christ? I hope so Church; and that is my prayer for all, that they would quit being limited by their carnal minds, and no longer follow the same old dead end paths that lead to destruction. Stay alive people.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (KJV)