

The Doctrine of Christ

Isaiah 42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 6:63 : the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

2 John 1:9

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son

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John 7:16

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

Would it be unreasonable to say that all who profess to be Christian should devote their life's study to the teachings of Christ?

And that their every waking moment should be for the express purpose of understanding the very divine nature of God the father as it was revealed perfectly in His own Son Jesus?

Would this be the correct procedure in order to progress toward perfection of character which is ultimately sinlessness , so as to give all glory to God not by any human works but by the miracle of transformation by the spirit through submitting to His wisdom as the authority in our lives .?

Philippians 2:5 "let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."

Throughout this study let us focus upon gaining a clear understanding of just what is the doctrine of Christ and what it is not, .as there is so much written about God throughout all religious history books which is in direct contradiction with the teachings of Jesus, and if we are to be real Christians in the truest sense, then should we not hear His voice only and follow Him implicitly refusing all other inferior teachings and leanings toward anything less than the perfect and matchless wisdom of God as it was displayed in his precious Son?

Jesus said

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

It is eternally important to know the God we serve according to the words of Christ with regard to the keeping of the commandments Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Jesus condensed all of the commandments into these two because He taught us that our love for God should naturally receive our prime attention and devotion and our love for our fellow man will follow and be as is equally as important, as the love we have for ourselves when we treat others the way we would like to be treated and ultimately, the way you perceive your God is the way you will treat your fellow man, It is a natural progression that thoughts produce feelings and feelings produce actions, so if we see God as Jesus portrayed Him to be, we will become naturally gentle, peaceful, caring beings full of compassion and love for one another, always willing to reason and forgive. However if we see God as harsh, exacting and arbitrary with a violent temper that flares up every now and then and punishes and destroys at will, all those who push Him too far, then that is exactly the way we will treat our fellow humans - and have done from the beginning of earth's history.

The very reason war has been condoned and promoted as the right thing to do, is because it has been falsely recorded and reported that God has directed and recommended such actions as justified.

The term 'holy war' is a direct contradiction in terms - an oxymoron.

In this study we will try to address the importance of acquiring a Christ-like character and the reason why it is of vital importance to be able to discern truth from error. This can only be achieved through trusting in divine wisdom to show us the false teachings in all spiritual material.

If Jesus is indeed as scripture says , the way the truth and the life then would it not be a perfect formula to use Jesus as our perfect example in all things for deciding truth from error by measuring everything that we read , hear and see, with the teachings of Christ and only those teachings which harmonise with the commandments of God, because He lived the commandments in the flesh, would not this be the safest way to discern truth ?..

If we can imagine Jesus as the final filter in our fuel system and we pour all of our gathered information into Him then whatever makes it through and past the test of his character ,that is the purified food for us,! and is the only thing acceptable for our spiritual digestive system , for Jesus said Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door , I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me”. (eat the same spiritual food) and if we eat the same spiritual food as Jesus ate then we will be as spiritually healthy and strong as he is and the food He bids us eat is the food of Heaven and that is love, for God is love not as humans think of love but as God is selfless peacefull kind and forgiving tender and gentle .These are just some of His matchless traits,. gal 5:22 tells us that the fruit of His spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness goodness, faith,23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

We might also note in these statements regarding the makeup of the character of God that there is no mention of anger or wrath or violent or negative attributes , did the scribes and writers forget something, ?or is God hiding something from us? or could it be that God is absolutely free from any such evil and destructive traits as it was clearly displayed in His perfect Son Jesus Who came bearing the sinless character of His Father.

1 Corinthians 14:33

*For God is not the author of confusion, but of **peace**, as in all churches of the saints.*

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth ,.and here are some further text from both old and new testament to support the truth of Gods peaceful and gentle nature.

Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.(Father and Son)

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable,

gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

1 cor 13:4 ¶ Gods love suffereth long, and is kind; Gods love envieth not; Gods love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 ¶ Gods love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Could it be that , “that which is perfect”, has already come to us in the form of the doctrine of Christ and when we embrace it fully then we will we know clearly and completely the requirements of God for us.

As it was in Jesus day, so is it in our time. The tide of popular and traditional opinion is ever raging against those who pursue truth and question the doctrines of the religious establishments of their time.

Although Jesus was absolutely forgiving and full of loving kindness He nevertheless corrected the leaders of The churches with regards to their misunderstandings of Gods character, due largely to the erroneous writings of old as it is clearly seen in many places in scripture and particularly the whole chapter of Matthew 5 and especially the account of the woman caught in the act of adultery who was facing the death penalty according to the teachings of Moses whom the rulers believed was totally inspired of God and commissioned to set such inhumane laws against His people.

In this particular instance Jesus said to the accusers of the adulteress “ who ever is without sin cast the first stone”! and not one person could do it but according to the concept that all scripture is from God, Jesus commanded that law through Moses and He was without sin, so that gave Him according to the law, the right to kill her , but He did no such thing , instead he saved her life and said where are your accusers now , did Jesus have a change of heart and feel sorry for all of the people that he commanded to be put to death in old testament times, or could it be that there was some misconception on the part of his people as to the truth of His

Character ?

**Did God make the mistakes or was it mankind who was at fault !
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Question : If mankind from the beginning of time clearly understood that God was absolutely peaceful and frowns upon violence of all forms and that warfare was definitely out of the question, would there have been any wars throughout history????????????????????????????????????????????????????????

It is clear to me in my mind that throughout all ages there has been an elitist group within the political structure of governments and churches who are driven by power, and war is their vehicle for making the money that it takes to run empires to control the masses they preside over and these establishments need people to do their killing so they can plunder and rob their neighbours in their struggle for supremacy over those other nations .

In order to get decent people to become murderers they must dupe them into thinking that it is a good and noble thing to go to war and mutilate and destroy those who they think might be a future threat and this has usually been done by having some prominent religious personality claim that God has given him the authority to instigate war against another tribe or nation ..

It is the oldest trick in the book and our generation is no exception as we still have holy wars going on as well as the leading nations on earth who proclaim to be Christian, attacking other nations who they proclaim to be evil and need wiping out, this is definitely not in harmony with the teachings of Christ and if we are Christians who condone and support war directly or indirectly then I think we need to do some serious investigation as to just what is the doctrine of Christ and what is not, because if He said that we should love our enemies and forgive those who would want to harm us and even kill us then that is where our beliefs should be and not in the historic writings of some misinformed religious legendary persons.

If Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” then it is a logical deduction for me to say that His Father is the “King of Peace,” and if they both share these portfolios, then how can they be dabbling in warfare?, can a peacemaker be a warmonger,????????????????

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

If it is true that our eternal life rests upon the knowledge of both Father and Son, and that their kingdom is established upon peace then it should also be logical that as followers of Christ, we should promote the non-violent love

of God as the foundational principle upon which to build our doctrine.

John 17:3 “And this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.”

To know someone is more than to have met them once or twice, and spoken with them briefly. In Genesis we read that Adam knew Eve and then she conceived with child, and without emphasising the sexual side of it I can safely say that the two first inhabitants of Eden shared a very intimate and close personal relationship just as in any marriage. Theirs was a special bond and this is the same as in our relationship with Jesus who is spoken of as our husband - how he is preparing his people for eternal union with Him and His Father .

To know in depth the nature of the person whom you are speculating for a life partnership with, has always been in my mind, a wise thing to do, as so many marriages end in divorce because of either lack of knowledge of the person, or lack of communication or both.

These are all very important points that I believe we should consider and God desires also that we investigate His character thoroughly so that we can be sure that we want to spend eternity with Him. Just as you would be very concerned if you found that your prospective partner had undesirable underlying traits to his / her character whether it be compulsive lying or unfaithfulness or violent spasmodic moments; all these things would and should affect your willingness to permanently commit to a lifetime with this person and rightly so. It is our own instinctive protective measures which are there to prevent us from making unwise decisions and save us from a life time of misery and regrets.

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

It is a sad truth that many people from the world will not even bother to investigate the love of God because they say that God and religion are responsible for all of the wars throughout history and I would have to sympathize with them because the mainstream traditional Christian view of God depicts Him as a director of warfare and this is a universal concept ,they have no other model to choose from and if by chance they do enter a church or religious group , they are taught that Jesus is that God of the old testament who directed His people to commit all of those atrocities mentioned , any wonder they file out of the churches as fast as they go in ,it is because of the confusion between the old testament mentality and the new testament one and I don't blame them for becoming dismayed and leaving , many very learned men of scripture have openly admitted that there are conflicting issues with both books but for the sake of peace in their church and keeping their job, they give it a back seat and carry on with their preaching .but Jesus said “Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother

more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

And further more he warned of pastors leading His flock

astray, Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Believing in a God who loves us so much that He would risk His eternal life for us in order to save us , and then turn on us and begin to destroy us because we got up His nose too much is impossible for me to digest as sane logical reasoning, it is like being diagnosed with food poisoning and then being prescribed medicine which has some of the poisoned food in it that made you sick in the first place and then being reassured that it is good for you and will bring no harm to you , it is exactly the same situation with the teaching that Gods character is polluted with destructive satanic characteristics.

It is the blend of good and evil that is the basis for all satanic doctrine,

It was Satan who first questioned the fathers/Christs doctrine in heaven and accused Him before all of the angels of having fault in His character and this has been His sole work , throughout earths history , to discredit the glorious name of our God and to paint a terrible picture of Him in our minds so that we will be repulsed and would reject any thought of being involved with such a horrible being, it is Satans greatest glory to see Gods children go to their graves willingly believing his lies and never knowing of the wondrous love which could have saved them. This is the grieving of the spirit

Hence the ones that stay in these corrupt churches, do so for some other reason than to seek truth and sadly become sick from being poisoned by the cup of mans mentality and usually are emotionally threatened by their teachers and do not take it to Christ and put to test what they are taught, and for this reason they are easily duped into believing that Jesus in the beginning of biblical history could be so evil and then turn up later in the flesh totally reformed, preaching peace on earth and good will to all men and that it is all good !!!!!, this defies all reason and logic to me but that's the way its been from the beginning ,men would rather believe human leaders than the only one who is worthy of being a leader, Jesus

Out of all this mess I pray to God that He can open our eyes to the truth so that we can believe whole heartedly that Jesus is the prince of peace and that He only ever has been and will be this way past present and future

,why ? because Jesus lived the commandments and did no sin ,to be our example and all to the glory of the Father.

If we cant trust in Jesus as the essence of goodness without a blend of evil then there is nothing left to believe in that is purely good and profitable for us, for there is no person or prophet past or present who can substantiate a claim of living a sinless life and be an example for us.

This is why God sent his Son Jesus to this earth to reveal his character to us so that all the myths and traditional misconceptions could be dispelled and we could have a clear understanding of His divine holy nature in the pure form without the blend of destruction and violence interwoven into it . What you see in Jesus is exactly the way the Father is in his spirit.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Fullness str. Meaning from 4130; TDNT-6:283,867; adj AV-full 17; 17 1) full, i.e. filled up (as opposed to empty) 1a) of hollow vessels 1b) of a surface, covered in every part 1c) of the soul, thoroughly permeated with 2) full, i.e. complete 2a) lacking nothing, perfect

His character is the same as His Son with nothing added and nothing left out. This means to me that if there were any violent warlike traits in the Father then they would have showed up in His son who came in the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and the same applies to the Father.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. This is truly the Gospel (good news) that we can completely trust and rely upon our God knowing and believing He will never change His nature and that He will always remain as He has always been ,faithful , loving gentle and kind , always there to assist us in the fulfilment of all our needs according to His will, To realise this is the true motivation for transformation and can never be achieved through fear of punish or death, fear may alter the actions so as to avoid discomfort or demise, but will never transform a character, like the old saying goes ,

“a man forced against his will is a man of the same opinion still”

The changing of the will can only be by freedom of choice not by force.

So before we even entertain the thought of marriage with someone we first must be impressed with their character traits and find them admirable and desirable. The next thing is ,we must be sure that they are of sound mind and body and that they would never do harm to us ever, but most of all, it

must be a very pleasurable experience to be with them. All these things are a part of a healthy courtship and if enough time is taken to intelligently look for any possible, hidden, bad traits and those issues are addressed, then we can be more certain of a happy and long lasting loving marriage relationship .

It is the same with our courtship with Jesus and even more serious and important to scrutinise His character, for we will be bound to Him for eternity; not so much as in marriage as far as human mentality can think of, but more as a union of mind, our ultimate attitude, the way we act and react to everything.

Will we choose divine love and wisdom, perfect peace and harmony? Will we be able to rationalise and mingle our minds with all minds without conflict or violence? Did the people of His time follow Him to the hilltops to hear him rattle off scripture ? or were they attracted to His gentle and peaceful character traits because there was none who spoke like him, the leaders of the synagogues were preaching their traditional glory stories of how their ancestors killed thousands of people and Jesus was explaining the truth of His Fathers character , the fathomless depth of His love for us ,and that he desired that we love one another and do no harm to anyone, to love and forgive the most repulsive people who would think to do us harm.

These sayings were foreign to people of Jesus time because of their distorted traditional view of God ,even the apostles after spending so much time with Jesus still could not grasp His doctrine ,after all that he told them of his union and oneness with God in spirit, they still had to ask Him to show the Father to them , and to add insult into injury they asked him to send fire down upon a group of people who would not receive their group , you don't have to be Einstein to work out why Jesus was frustrated with them and said, “ you don't know what manner of spirit you are of”, the irony of their mentality was that their behaviour toward people of another group was exactly like that of the leaders of the synagogues who were seeking to destroy them for preaching Christ and one would think that they should have known better after being in direct contact with the Son of God and having His personal attention for so long , but sadly that is the seriousness of traditional teaching.

ITS ROOTS GO DOWN A LONG WAY !

Jesus is the only one strong enough to pull them up .

This is why it is so desperately important that we know the Father and His Son Jesus in detail, so that we can make a conscious decision to trust His word of our own free will without being motivated by fear of punishment or greed in all of its forms. After all what husband/wife wants his/her partener to stay with them because they are afraid of being beaten up or killed should she/he think of leaving, or that should the money run out so will the

spouse ?

It is not this way with the sane thinking person, and it is definitely not the way God thinks toward us. He merely shows us through Christ, a sample of heaven and invites us to investigate further the boundless wonders of a life in a world full of perfect love , a life without violence, pain, lies and all negative thinking - a sterile environment full of peace and perfect harmony. He is preparing us to become citizens of heaven by choice .

Citizenship in heaven depends entirely upon our willingness to be transformed into the likeness of Christ because there is no other mindset there to choose from. It is based on perfect trust in His doctrine of unconditional love and peace. If we cannot have faith in His words here on earth then it would not magically happen in heaven. Jesus counsels us that we cannot serve two masters, we will choose one and reject the other the choice must be made ,will we trust in His words alone and believe that he is the perfect representation of His Father in heaven or will we put all of our trust in traditional writings which implicate our creator with all manner of devilish activities and accuse Him of breaking His very own commandments which are a transcript of His divine sinless nature .

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

James 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

James 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Christ's own special group stand on the sea of glass at the end of time, having been through the fires of persecution and all the perils that Satan could hurl at them purely because they have the faith of Jesus and hence keep the commandments of God ,and because they strive to reflect the true nature of God as it is in Jesus ,they are the number one target of the evil one ,for it is his work to destroy any and all traces of the divine nature in us .

More than just having faith in Jesus alone, these special people have rather the faith **of** Jesus - the same faith that He had in His Father to keep Him from sin and bring Him through to victory.

Was he afraid of the horrible earthly death He was to face or the eternal death should He have failed, or was he more concerned that we might perish , what was His ultimate motivation ,????????????????????????????????????????????????????????????

If we can answer this question correctly then we will be closer to the truth of

just what is doctrine of Christ , in my mind the answer has to be an everlasting divine love for us coupled with faith(complete trust)that the Father would be His strength in all things

How is such a strong faith made possible?

Faith (implicit trust)in a person, can only be developed through having a thorough knowledge of that Person's character.

The Father can be completely trusted because His character is consistently completely loving, kind and non-violent, even to His enemies. The life of Jesus inarguably demonstrated that God is indeed – only love. 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Romans 1:17

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

Indeed, “the just shall live by faith” - faith placed solidly upon the loving principles seen in the character of God, through His precious Son Jesus.

The doctrine of Christ explained in scripture (old and new testament)

It is the doctrine of absolute selfless love and perfect peace.

2 John 1:9

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Isaiah 52:7

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth **peace**; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

Romans 14:19

*Let us therefore follow after the things which make for **peace**, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

1 Corinthians 14:33

*For God is not the author of confusion, but of **peace**, as in all churches of the saints.*

10 ¶ *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:*

11 *For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

What is the doctrine of Christ ? and what is it based upon, ?.

The early writings in scripture (Old Testament) tell us that it is founded upon **peace** (see Is. 9 :6) and later in the closing books of the Bible (New Testament) Agape , or the love of God is pronounced often as paramount.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, (agape) these three; but the greatest of these is charity.(God's love)

Although Gods Love,(agape) and peace are spoken of separately in some passages , they really go hand in hand for without Gods love , there can be no peace and without peace in our hearts we cannot recognize the love of God.

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 14:1

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in **peace**; and **the God of love and peace** shall be with you.*

Human love is referred to as (eros) and is defined as very physical and limited. God's love however is boundless and far above our capacity to understand , and not because He is too intellectual for us , but because of His limitless compassion and mercy; His perfect and faultless character of selflessness , these traits are alien to our selfish nature and difficult to process and adopt .

Philippians 4:7

*And **the peace of God, which passeth all understanding**, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

In this respect God is awesome to us because we find it difficult to comprehend a life devoid of self, where true concern for others takes the prime place in the thinking processes, and to go without comforts and little luxuries so that others can be sufficed in their life is foreign and strange to us.

I speak corporately when in scrutiny (in examination) of the human nature, for we are all affected by selfishness in one way or another, and we are all in desperate need of Christ to show us the Father's love in its pure form. He will do just that if we ask to become willing to be taught and transformed into His likeness, and it is possible, not of our own determination or actions, but purely by submission to the God of all wisdom.

Malachi 2:6

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

The doctrine of Christ is the same doctrine of the Father in heaven.

John 7:16

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

John 14:9

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

*Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.***

Zechariah 6:13

*Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and **the counsel of peace** shall be between them both. (The Father and the Son)*

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.**

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the **peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

Psalms 37:11

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of **peace.**

James 3:17,18

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, **then peaceable,** gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the **fruit of righteousness** is sown in **peace** of them that **make peace.**

Psalms 37:37

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the **end of that man is peace.**

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Ephesians 6:15

And your feet shod with the preparation of **the gospel of peace;**

Isaiah 32:17

And **the work of righteousness** shall be **peace;** and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him **in perfect peace,** whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Jeremiah 28:9

The prophet which prophesieth of **peace**, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

Isaiah 55:12

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with **peace**:

Zechariah 8:16

These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of **truth and peace** in your gates:

Mark 9:50

Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1 John 4:6 -5:5

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us,

and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 ¶ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

*17 ¶ **Herein is our love made perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world.***

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 John 5: 1-3 ¶

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Colossians 3:15

*And let **the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.***

Hebrews 12:14

***Follow peace** with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

2 John 1:3

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Some scriptures seem to be in contradiction to the doctrine of Christ.

(Even the very texts recorded as the words that He spoke) often implicate the Father with wilful destruction of His children however in some instances these oddities can be explained by studying the original meanings of the words used in that language ,the following passages old and new testament are a typical example of the very many misunderstandings injected into scripture because of the general mindset of the translators who unfortunately saw God with a twist of violence to His nature just as it has been from the beginning of time.

Matthew 10:28

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

King James Version (with Strong's Greek concordance numbers)

“but <1161> rather <3123> fear <5399> (5676) him which <3588> is able <1410> (5740) to destroy <622> (5658) both <2532> soul <5590> and <2532> body <4983> in <1722> hell <1067> .

Fear 5399 fobew phobeo fob-eh'-o
to frighten, i.e. (passively) to be alarmed; by analogy, to be in awe of, i.e. revere:--
be (+ sore) afraid, fear (exceedingly), reverence. see GREEK for 5401

Thayer's Greek Lexicon #5399

1c) to **reverence**, venerate, to **treat with deference** or **reverential obedience**
from 5401; TDNT-9:189,1272; v
2) **reverence for one's husband**

Destroy 622 apollumi apollumi ap-ol'-loo-mee

1f) to perish, to be lost, ruined, destroyed

from 575 and the base of 3639; TDNT-1:394,67; v

1) of **separation**
1a) of local separation, after verbs of motion from a place i.e. of **departing, of fleeing, ...**

1b) of separation of a part from the whole

1c) **of any kind of separation** of one thing from another by which the **union** or **fellowship** of the two is destroyed

1d) of **a state of separation**, that is of distance

1d1) physical, of distance of place

1d2) temporal, of distance of time

1 Samuel 12 :15

But if ye will not obey <08085> (8799) the voice <06963> of the LORD <03068>, but rebel <04784> (8804) **against** the commandment <06310> of the LORD <03068>, then shall the **hand** <03027> of the LORD <03068> be against you, as it was against your fathers <01>.

Hand #3027 (Strong's Hebrew Concordance) - a hand- the open one -indicating power, means, direction; **fellowship, ministry**

Against #5927 (Strong's Hebrew Concordance) - **Depart, go away;**
Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon: depart, **withdraw, retreat**

If we read these passages with the correct understanding which is in harmony with the true way that God deals with sinners we will see a completely different God than that portrayed by the translators, and it is exactly what Jesus did when the Jewish nation rejected him continually. He finally walked away from them and proclaimed that their house was left desolate, and His heart was laden with grief because of their choice to reject Him, and yet he still loved them with an everlasting love and He proved that when He cried out in his final moments, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

He did not call upon the Father to send down fire or terrible curses! No, far be it from Him to even think that. No. He left them to reap the consequences of their bad choices and Satan's harvest was ripe for the reaping , a nation of God's children sealed in their sin and destined for eternal destruction - a great victory for the evil destroyer - and an eternal loss for the God of love and peace.

"A solemn warning to all those who are trifling with the offers of divine grace in turning away the pleadings of divine mercy" Great Controversy, p. 37. E,G White.

The formula for God's wrath for me personally is that God separates himself from the sinner because His wisdom has been rejected and sin has been chosen as their way and Satan becomes their ultimate guide in all they do , He then encourages foolishness resulting in chaos and finally destruction takes place by their own hands ,directly and indirectly.

If we could only have a glimpse of how much grief Gods heart is laden with because of the senseless death of His precious children it may turn us from our sinning which causes Him more heartache than He already has to deal with, this to me is the true motivation for transformation, if you really love someone beyond mere words it will be a natural occurrence that you would be ever concerned that they are happy and healthy and there needs are met before your own, this would be your first thoughts before you would consider yourself, this is the matchless and selfless character of God as it was displayed perfectly in His Son Jesus and as it

will be manifested in the 144thousand just before the close of earths history of sin.

I think we must take into account that the translators of the King James Version of the Bible were steeped in idolatrous concepts and also saw God in a less than passive light and this dictated their projection of Him hence, the subtle twists in the verses seem to say quite blatantly, something that is not there.

It has always been a serious problem for me trying to figure out why God is portrayed in some parts of scriptural writings as the director of warfare and in other parts quite the opposite, in fact it seems to be that in many places throughout scripture, He is giving very stern warnings against violence of all forms but the ultimate question remains, is God one or the other, does He have integrated into His nature these violent and destructive traits, .?

Could the creator of a beautiful baby child with its delicate little hands and features give orders to have its life terminated by heartless cruel men of war ?to be dashed to pieces against a brick wall or to be run through with a spear and paraded around like a trophy, or the old and feeble people to be bludgeoned to death before their family members, and young girls raped before their parents eyes .!

War is not as sanitary as the news portrays it to be, it is absolutely horrendous and deplorable to think that one human being can carry out such acts of debased violence upon another and it is a further ultimate crime to attribute these atrocities to the one who loves us so dearly the one who would risk eternal death to save us, is the human race to Him like broken pieces of a machine that He throws out when they fault, or are we His treasure as it is spoken of in scripture, the prime object of His divine love and devotion !?

Some people who try to make rational explanations for Gods seemingly erratic behaviour as it is written in scripture attempt to use human behaviour as an analogy to how God thinks and acts, I have heard it said that God is like a doctor who cuts out cancer in order to save the patients life, but this is the human way of dealing with disease it is a violent method and does not address the cause of the problem it doesn't strike at the root of the disease it only deals with the symptom, there is a gentle way of dealing with it and that is to cleanse the body of toxins by drawing them out of the body with fasting, herbs and flushes just as Jesus drew the sin out of the sick and healed them passively with divine love and devotion, he never killed anyone nor cast any out of his fold even, and the account of Judas is perfect proof of His true nature and flaws all ideas of God destroying the wicked because he knew they would never repent, Jesus treated Judas with equal regard as that of the other disciples, He knew his heart was not converted and yet he persevered with him until the end and He counselled us to let the wheat and the tares grow together and when the harvest is ripe the angels will gather the wheat into His barn.

His ways are far above that of ours and He is constantly trying to elevate our thinking above our depraved standards whilst man is constantly trying to drag God down to his level of thinking most probably to justify their evil deeds, when you really think about it, how much intelligence does it take to drive a sharp object into someone's heart or to hit them over the head with a heavy object in order to

terminate their life ,it only requires a couple of commands from the brain to move a limb or two and make a forward or downward thrusting motion , on the other hand how much more thinking needs to be employed in order to reason with someone over a volatile situation and be able to reach a mutually agreeable conclusion and a peaceful solution ,it is much more than intelligence involved really, it is actually all of the fruits of Gods spirit combined with divine intelligence which is the perfect formula ,in short THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST.

Following His teachings and only those which are in harmony with the commandments is our only hope of being perfected in the fathers likeness and becoming citizens of heaven.

The choice is yours as to what you will believe, will it be conclusive to you that God is indeed pure and holy , free from any defects of character or will you decide that he is a blend of good and evil as some of the misguided writers of history have depicted Him to be , .

As for me and my house we will follow the teachings of Jesus and will accept only the doctrine of Christ.

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no **violence**, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Jonah 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

Zephaniah 3:4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

Ezekiel 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

Psalms 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

2 ¶ A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

6 ¶ Blessings are upon the head of the just:
but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

11 ¶ The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Isaiah 59:6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Proverbs 28:17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

Psalms 72:14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do?(to inherit eternal life) And he said unto them, **Do violence to no man,**

15 neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

I pray that this study has been if nothing else a reminder that Jesus Christ is our perfect example in all things and if we can take that beyond human reasoning and allow God to show us things that we know not ,we may all come together in the unity of the faith forgoing all loyalty to groups which preach other than the doctrine of Christ and do the work of the last days , the broadcasting of the gospel message which is the revelation of the true nature of God the Father as it was displayed perfectly in His Son Jesus Christ.

Rev 21:1 ¶ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Hebrews 10:22 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.

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, **be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.***

The beginning.

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