

One-Ness with God

Chapter 3

Lets start with why. Why should we become one with God? Becoming one with God is being obedient, it is loving Him, which we show by following His commands. God clearly shows that it is a must for us to become one with Him, just like Jesus was one with our Father. It was out of this One-ness that Jesus was able to do miracles and to know what He was doing, which was that He only did what His Father wanted Him to do.

LK 22:39 "Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. [40] On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." [41] He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, [42] **"Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."** [43] An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. [44] And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

John 14, 15, 16 and 17; and Hebrews 7 to 11 are the best chapters to help us to understand (we will discuss this part in the Chapter called Holy of Holies). A link, to these verses, is in the Table of Contents.

So today, like in the time of Jesus, John 14, 15, 16 and 17 makes it clear and certain that everyone is called to come into the presence of God, we are all called to become one with God, but not all people make it, for the path to One-ness is a very small and narrow road. It is not automatic. As a Christian we are saved, yes, but that is not One-ness with God. That is being "Born Again", receiving a new, clean and pure human spirit from God, and everyone can be baptized in the Holy Spirit where the Holy Spirit now lives and fills our every being with Himself, but that is still not One-ness with the Lord God our Father.

So what is this One-ness with the Lord? It is a special gift of God for those who are willing to take and fulfill all steps to God with their life by dedicating themselves as a living sacrifice to the Lord. It is to be one with Him and to live for Him and always obey Him. When we finally come to that place, He will reward us with this One-ness with Him and open fully to us the Kingdom of God and reveal all of Himself by bringing us into the Holy of Holies. Only at this point will we touch His heart and move Him and fulfill these scriptures:

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.**"

3.1 How you become One with God

John 14, 15, 16 and 17 talks about this. Mostly it is this:

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"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you..." I have been seeking all my Christian life to understand this. I have been seeking to find out "How" to do this. This is the secret of Spiritually standing in the presence of God. Only the Chief Priest could do this in the Old Testament. But now we can all be Chief Priests.

1PE 2:8 "and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

**They stumble because they disobey the message—
which is also what they were destined for."**

1PE 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, ***a royal priesthood***, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, **but now you have received mercy."**

I believe that this Royal Priesthood means that, like King David, we to can stand in the Holy of Holies—in the direct presence of God. In the Old Testament, King David was not an official Chief Priest but stood before the Ark of God in the Holy of Holies and he not only lived but he spoke with God and was also heard. God heard King David's confession and pleas for his people and God accepted his confession, forgave King David and God healed the land and the people.

David went through the purification and cleansing to be received by God at the Ark in the Holy of Holies.

As the Chief Priests did physically, we who are a chosen people and a Royal Priest, we need to do it spiritually also, so that we can fulfill the scripture "***If you remain in Me and My words remain in you***". Remember, that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, and then He was made immortal in His resurrection. His presence is made in us through His oneness with the Holy Spirit, and it is the Holy Spirit that lives within us with our purified and cleansed human spirit through the blood of Jesus.

After the Chief Priest visited God in the Holy of Holies, he would emerge “Anointed” by God’s presence. Like Moses, when he came down from the mountain after living in the presence of God, he was also greatly “Anointed”.

EX 34:27 “Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." [28] Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant--the Ten Commandments.”

EX 34:29 “When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that **his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD**. [30] When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, **his face was radiant**, and they were afraid to come near him. [31] But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. [32] Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.”

EX 34:33 “When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. [34] But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with Him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, [35] **they saw that his face was radiant**. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.”

We to need to be anointed and live in His anointing after we emerge from our spiritual time in the presence of God when we stand in the Holy of Holies. This is done spiritually any time and anywhere. We have the right to be able to stand in the presence of God. When we live, we live in His “Anointing” and in this anointing are His words remaining in you. This is not just an anointing that helps us to live a Christian life; it is “The Anointing” of Christ. The same one that Jesus received after He prophesied it in the Synagogue when He read Isaiah 61. “The Anointing” that came on Him that He used to minister by. His ministry did not start until after this prophecy was fulfilled and He lived in His “Anointing”.

LK 4:16 “He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. [17] The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

LK 4:18 "**The Spirit of the Lord is on Me,
because He has anointed Me
to preach good news to the poor.**

He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,

LK 4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

LK 4:20 “Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, [21] and He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Only now did His ministry begin as He shows us in John before He went through the testing period.

JN 2:1 “On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, [2] and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3] When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

JN 2:4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. **"My time has not yet come."**

JN 2:5 “His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

JN 2:6 “Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.”

JN 2:7 “Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.”

JN 2:8 “Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, [9] and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside [10] and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

JN 2:11 “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him.”

When His words remain in you, then that means that you **have** everything of God. You can know everything of God and the Kingdom of God.

JN 14:9”Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.** [11]

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Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

Jesus did not say or do anything on His own, but only the words and deeds that came from our Father, which came through “The Anointing” on and in Him through the Holy Spirit.

Likewise we are able to do the same.

JN 14:[12] “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.”

How can this be? Well we remain in Him and His words remain in us, then we will do what He wants, like He did what the Father wants. So we will only do what the Father wants. This is the only way to fulfill this, but more below on how.

Here is the clincher to this statement of John 14:14 above.

JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. **But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.** [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, He is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

Like you are one with yourself in your spirit, and you will only do what is best for yourself and obey yourself, so it is with being one with our Father through the Holy Spirit. This is how God knows that when we ask things of God, we are being obedient to ourselves in our spirit and we are being obedient to God through His spirit.

This happens as He says that “On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me,…” After you seek and search and pray and are cleansed and purified, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you the truth of being one with God as Jesus was one with God, and that They are one with you, then His Anointing will be on you and you will know all things of God. Then and only then will your ministry begin too. To me I believe that our ministry is to fulfill His final request to all Christians.

MK 16:15 “He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [17] And these signs will

accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."”

3.3 Things about God

I have often wondered why if I understand things of God and I do these things of God that nothing happens. It turns out that there is a simple answer.

RO 10:5 “Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: **"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' "** (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? **"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

The point here is that God shows that humans have to have an agreement between our mind and our heart. Here He is showing that with the mouth you confess, well what really controls your mouth? Your mind. And then He is showing that belief comes from your heart. They must be in unison for reality to take place. So God sees these things. He knows when you are insincere about what you are saying, because your mouth says something, when in fact your heart really does not believe what your mouth is saying.

So God does many things to get our mind and heart in agreement; then this is the faith that moves mountains. All the rest God does because of His pity, mercy and tremendous grace. Not because we have the faith that moves mountains.

Here is another idea.

JAS 1:12 “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

JAS 1:13 “When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; [14] but **each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.** [15]

Then, **after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin**; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

JAS 1:16 “Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. [17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created.”

The other day as we were fellowshiping, God revealed a great truth to us.

This concept of “**gives birth to sin**”, He revealed to us that being tempted is not the sin. Going through the battle against temptation is not the sin. Having sinful, nasty, evil thoughts are not the sin. But when you battle and battle and battle, and you give in to the temptation, when your heart finally agrees to go along with your mind as it receives these evil thoughts, then at that moment that the heart agrees with the temptation that is battling in the mind, then you have now conceived sin. You have now given birth to sin in your heart. This agreement of evil between the mind and the heart gives birth to sin. As with human birth, you need to have 2 parts—people—in agreement in mind and action to create life, and in our case it takes 2 parts of you in agreement to give birth to sin. As long as your heart does not agree with the temptation that is going on in the mind, you have not sinned and you can continue the battle. But once you have given up on the battle and you are willing to agree with the evil going on in your mind, you have lost.

That is why repentance is of two parts, 1. To ask forgiveness for the sin, and 2. To repent—to change, to remove—the evil that has come into your heart, when your heart agreed to follow your mind, for that agreement has opened the window that was keeping the evil out of your heart. Your mind is like a TV; it will receive anything that is in the air of the world. It is up to your heart to determine if you are to do all that comes into your mind or how. It is the judgment of good and evil to filter out what your mind receives daily.

This is why that even though your mind knows what you should do, and it knows the consequences of your decision, but heart does not understand or even believe the consequences of your decisions, you have a hard time. God is trying to convince your heart the truth and to help it believe what is going on, believe what God is doing and what you should be doing.

This is why willing to be willing is so important. Often times your mind knows what is happening and what needs to happen, but your heart just does not believe it. Your heart just does not understand it or even want to.

So willing to be willing is that your mind is telling God that you are willing to allow Him to change your heart and that you are willing to trust God to do what is right, to make your heart understand what is going on. To make your heart believe in God and what He is doing. So your willing to give up your free will of your heart to God and allow Him access to your heart to change it so that your mind and heart are in agreement with the will of God.

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I have found it that this is the hardest thing in the world to do: “To be willing to always be obedient to God.”

But once you do, and you finally step into the Holy of Holies and you walk into the presence of God and receive His wonderful anointing and living water, you will never be the same. You will realize life, and living. You will see the Kingdom of God and all of His Glory. You will then receive all of His Glory and you will be ONE with God and nothing can compare to that. It is well worth striving for.

Here we see another perspective on faith and sin. Above in James 1 we were looking at when sin gives birth to death, and here we have everything that does not come from faith is sin. What is the difference? Well the one in James is talking about when the enemy attacks us with simple but evil thoughts trying to get us to commit sin as in doing evil things. This is trying to deceive us to do something that is directly against God, like stealing or lying.

RO 14:1 “Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. [2] One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. [3] The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. [4] Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.”

RO 14:5 “One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be **fully convinced in his own mind**. [6] He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. [7] For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. [8] If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

RO 14:9 “For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. [10] You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. [11] It is written:

“ `As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
`every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will confess to God.' ”

RO 14:12 “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

RO 14:13 “Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, **make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle** in your brother's way. [14] As one who is in the Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean. [15] If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no

longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died. [16] Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil. [17] **For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,** [18] because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.”

RO 14:19 “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. [20] Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. [21] It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall.”

RO 14:22” So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. [23] **But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.**”

What God is saying here in Romans is not that obvious. It is talking to the mature person who knows God’s voice, and does things without knowing what God’s will is or assuming what God wants or they are being deceived to believe that God changed His mind. He is talking about a mature Christian who has learned that doing certain things are ok, but the immature person does not believe that it is ok.

But the point is, each Christian must act according to the faith that they have in the Lord, and to do contrary is sin. And that the mature person must be wise enough to understand the immature person faith, and to accept it and not judge him or force him to do contrary to it, for then he will be forcing the immature Christian to sin.

Here are a couple of examples.

1KI 12:31 “Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. [32] He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. [33] On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings.”

1KI 13:1 “By the word of the LORD a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. [2] He cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD: "O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: `A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'" [3] That

same day the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign the LORD has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

1KI 13:4 "When King Jeroboam heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, he stretched out his hand from the altar and said, "Seize him!" But the hand he stretched out toward the man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back. [5] Also, the altar was split apart and its ashes poured out according to the sign given by the man of God by the word of the LORD."

1KI 13:6 "Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the LORD your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the LORD, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before."

1KI 13:7 "The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and have something to eat, and I will give you a gift."

1KI 13:8 "But the man of God answered the king, "Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. [9] For I was commanded by the word of the LORD: 'You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.' " [10] So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel."

1KI 13:11 "Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king. [12] Their father asked them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him which road the man of God from Judah had taken. [13] So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it [14] and rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?"

"I am," he replied.

1KI 13:15 "So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat."

1KI 13:16 "The man of God said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. [17] I have been told by the word of the LORD: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.' "

1KI 13:18 "The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of the LORD: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.' " (But he was lying to him.) [19] So the man of God returned with him and ate and drank in his house."

1KI 13:20 "While they were sitting at the table, the word of the LORD came to the old prophet who had brought him back. [21] He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, "This is what the LORD says: 'You have defied the word of the LORD and have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. [22] You came back and

ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers.' "

1KI 13:23 “When the man of God had finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had brought him back saddled his donkey for him. [24] As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was thrown down on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. [25] Some people who passed by saw the body thrown down there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived.”

1KI 13:26 “When the prophet who had brought him back from his journey heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who defied the word of the LORD. The LORD has given him over to the lion, which has mauled him and killed him, as the word of the LORD had warned him."

1KI 13:27 “The prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they did so. [28] Then he went out and found the body thrown down on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it. The lion had neither eaten the body nor mauled the donkey. [29] So the prophet picked up the body of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him. [30] Then he laid the body in his own tomb, and they mourned over him and said, "Oh, my brother!"

1KI 13:31 “After burying him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. [32] For the message he declared by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and against all the shrines on the high places in the towns of Samaria will certainly come true."

Here the Man of God believed a lie. He was deceived; God was testing him to see if he would keep his faith and obedience in God. He did not eat and drink out of faith, but out of believing the lie, just Adam and Eve did: they also did not eat of the tree out of faith but out of anti-faith, believing the lie instead of the truth. God does not change His mind or will. The dead prophet thought that God had, and was disobedient. You must do everything out of faith, not lies, or ignorance or selfishness.

Here is another one.

AC 5:1 “Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. [2] With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.”

AC 5:3 “Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? [4] Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.””

AC 5:5 “When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. [6] Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.”

AC 5:7 “About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. [8] Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that is the price."”

AC 5:9 “Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.””

AC 5:10 “At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. [11] Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.”

They did not give their money out of faith, but out of a lying spirit and selfish spirit. Since when is giving money or eating a sin and one that deserves death? It is when it is not given out of faith, which is to do something for God out of obedience.

Lets look at one more.

1SA 15:1 “Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over His people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD. [2] This is what the LORD Almighty says: `I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. [3] Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.' ””

1SA 15:4 “So Saul summoned the men and mustered them at Telaim--two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men from Judah. [5] Saul went to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the ravine. [6] Then he said to the Kenites, "Go away, leave the Amalekites so that I do not destroy you along with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites moved away from the Amalekites.”

1SA 15:7 “Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, to the east of Egypt. [8] He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. [9] **But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs--everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.**”

1SA 15:10 “Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: [11] **"I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not**

carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night."

1SA 15:12 "Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal."

1SA 15:13 "When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions."

1SA 15:14 "But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?"

1SA 15:15 "Saul answered, "**The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.**"

1SA 15:16 ""Stop!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night."

"Tell me," Saul replied."

1SA 15:17 "Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. [18] And He sent you on a mission, saying, '**Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make war on them until you have wiped them out.**' [19] Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?"

1SA 15:20 ""But I did obey the LORD," Saul said. "I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. [21] The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

1SA 15:22 "But Samuel replied:

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD?"

To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

1SA 15:23 ""**For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king.**"

1SA 15:24 "Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the LORD's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them. [25]

Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.””

1SA 15:26 “But Samuel said to him, "I will not go back with you. **You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!**””

1SA 15:27 “As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. [28] Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors--to one better than you. **[29] He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man, that He should change his mind.**””

1SA 15:30 ““Saul replied, "I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD your God." [31] So Samuel went back with Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.””

1SA 15:32 ““Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag king of the Amalekites." Agag came to him confidently, thinking, "Surely the bitterness of death is past.””

1SA 15:33 “But Samuel said,
"As your sword has made women childless,
so will your mother be childless among women."
And Samuel put Agag to death before the LORD at Gilgal.”

This is a major loss for Saul, he did not act out of faith and righteousness, he did not obey the Lord. So he paid the ultimate price. So to do or to act not in faith is sin. Remember what Faith is: it is the decision to believe God, it is to decide to trust God and then it the decision to obey God: it is to act or do with knowledge as to what God wants you to do. If you do not know what God wants, then you need to seek Him first and find out what He wants you to do, and then to honestly do what you believe He wants you to do. Now you are acting in His righteousness. If you act on you honest and true belief as to what He wants you to do, then you have acted out of faith and that will be considered righteous like Abraham was when he tried to sacrifice Isaac on the altar.

Then the final outcome of this is God will fill you with His glory. He will indwell with you and He will pour out His “Anointing” on you. A natural result of this is that He will over fill you with His living water. Another way to look at this is His glory will shine out from you. This has several wonderful consequences: you will not need to put on your “Armor of God”, you will be protected by the Glory of God. Nothing can stand against His glory. A window open or closed will not really matter, because His glory will be shining out your window for all to see: people and evil spirits. His Glory will protect you, because you have entered into His Holy of Holies. You stand in His presence and in His presence no evil can hurt you.

This is how God fulfills this psalm of David.

PS 23:1 “The LORD is My shepherd, I shall not be in want.

PS 23:2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,

PS 23:3 “He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

**PS 23:4 “Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

PS 23:5 “You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

PS 23:6 “Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.”

This is how He helps us as He says, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;” He does not say that He will take us out of the “valley of the shadow of death” but that we will not fear it when it happens. For the Glory of God that shines out of us, the Living water that flows out of us will defeat the enemy. This is the **ARMOR of LIGHT**.

Then every time we are in His presence, He can teach us more and we can be of service to Him. We can then do anything He asks us to do, and He can trust us to do it.

In conclusion, how do we know that we are one with God? Every day that we are walking with Him, obeying His commands, seeking Him and His righteousness, every time we do, think, pray and praise Him with thanksgiving,

We are becoming ONE with God.

And as we do, we are coming closer to living in the Holy of Holies, living in His presence. As we come closer to Him, He will explain more and you will realize that you are one with Him.

Appendix A

Small Straws In A Soft Wind

by Marsha Burns

October 14, 2004: Prepare for change. I am about to bring you to higher understanding of your authority and effectiveness in fighting the good fight of faith and gaining the victory. Be on the alert for revelation that will teach your fingers to make war and strengthen your arms to pull the bronze bow. The days of fighting the enemy from a position of fear and intimidation are ending. Your days of threshing wheat in a winepress are over! No need to hide. I will transform you into a mighty army that will indeed run through a troop and leap over a wall. Take your position by faith and expect to gain the victory as I lead you through every battle. Be strong and courageous

One-Ness with God