

Why are there so many Christian denominations? (John 17 Contradiction)

Simply because there is disagreement with the truth.

And what do we know about the truth? The truth is Jesus (John 14:6). He is the light of the world (John 8:12) that without Him is in darkness. We speak of the light of the spirit of man, not his intellect. And what do we know of that light? "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him" (John 1:11). Also, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19). There have thus been departures from the pure Christian doctrine, which Jesus Christ Himself taught, since the time of the apostles (Acts 20:29-31).

Jesus commanded "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:47)

And that indeed was done:

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 26:19-20

19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but I declared to those in Damascus first, and then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds consistent with repentance.

But understand through the following verses the hostile climate that has prevailed against the truth even at the beginning of Christianity and fathom the result:

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Matthew 24:4-5

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:24

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Matthew 23:13

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

Titus 1:13-14

13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.

1 Timothy 1:3-4

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Acts 20:29-31

29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

These words are for you...

It is not wise to imagine without a determined effort to test what you believe that what has been portrayed to you and that you have accepted as the form of your

faith in Jesus Christ has not been poisoned, resulting in you following another gospel and another Jesus, that is, an idol (2 Corinthians 11:4)? The Old Testament does not lack in lessons to us about how the Lord, the one true God regards the sin of idolatry. Many are the warnings in the Gospel. Their mere existence is a reproach to anyone's apathy to seek the truth. It only takes one disagreement over a point of doctrine, or the most futile disagreement between people, or the entrepreneurial spirit of some to justify the formation of a new religious movement. With some understanding of humanities, it is not difficult to see how all this mess of religions has been formed. Have you questioned the reason for your own comfort and your visceral attachment to a particular religious tradition or a so-called man of God perhaps at the expense of any drive to scrutinize the Holy Scriptures (Acts 17:11) that testify of the truth (assuming that you can)? I go far but it is as much your responsibility towards yourself as your responsibility towards your neighbor who has not been given the same facilities as you in his quest for the truth. One day you will understand that Matthew 28:19-20 is for you. What type of a receiver the word of God are you? It's easy to find out by reading Luke 8:4-15. If you will take the time to read it, I am sure you can understand the parable if you want to. Regardless of the case, ask God to enlighten you. Do not deceive yourselves. It is dangerous to cling to a system that is only made of various comfort zones with the truth, established by various men, each with their predilection for a given intensity of darkness. Do not deceive yourselves. In the formation of the various religions, the idea is not to embrace this or that alternative. The truth is unique and absolute. And to depart from it is to embrace error. When the truth is equivalent to the life (John 14:6 again), error is consequently fatal. Do not deceive yourselves. Today we speak of ecumenism, but I warn you: unity in error does not make the error any less fatal. Know WHO you follow. Jesus (Luke 9:23) or men – blind men (Matthew 15:14)? Are you following men (Acts 4:18-20, Acts 5:29-32)?

Understand ...

* The reality:

The result of any disagreement with the Word of God, Jesus and the doctrine of the Apostles is an antichrist system that exchanges the truth for error, whether it be groups who profess the Christian faith or other world religions. Pray for your understanding of this call "Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4)

*The paradox:

The truth is still available and knowable. The testimony of the bible is true.

*The danger :

A.) Failure to understand the Gospel.

May you not, with an evil spirit of love of darkness and tolerance of error, keep yourself away still from the truth, in an effort to "dodge" the only true God who

demands your love and obedience. He is perfect and does not tolerate a careless approach. One must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24), that is, being led by his Spirit and according to what is true about Him, not one's imagination or the suggestions of religions of men that all lead to idolatry.

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--> In fact, many consider their affiliation with a denomination (church) as their encounter with Christ himself. Nothing is further from the truth. But nothing surprising nonetheless. The antichrist systems will point you to themselves as an end in itself when it comes to your seeking and your knowledge of God, but won't tell you (preach to you) to repent (Mark 1:15, Matthew 3:8, Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19, 2 Corinthians 7:10; James 1:21; James 4:8; Isaiah 55:7; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9 - without a perversion of what it means) and to seek Christ in the way of your obedience to his word to receive the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-17; 21, 23) and thus be born again (John 3:3-7, Titus 3:3-7, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - without corrupting what that means) and find the grace that frees you and keeps you from sin and death. No. They won't tell you that at all, for that would shatter their core and destroy their business model! These systems must be able to maintain your dependence to them; at least, they will strive to convince you of the necessity of that dependence and of your obedience to their precepts of men (Matthew 15:8-9, Titus 1:13-14) for your salvation. They make wrought iron cages – which are their doctrines, put them in halves around your head and weld them together. Your fate is sealed. So nobody will know that freedom in the truth that sets free (John 8:31-32), all (the majority... Matthew 7:13-14) remaining slaves of sin (Romans 6:16) and thus away from the light of Christ. All their doctrinal points form together a logical whole that contributes to make their teachings around the points in which they are in disagreement with Jesus pass off as truth. Many have been deceived into thinking that Jesus' call "Come to me" (Matthew 11:28; John 7:37) means "Go to church" and their approach does not comprise an earnest seeking of God (Hebrews 11:6; Jeremiah 29:13), and of his truth in order to do his will indeed (Romans 12:2), all being happy to assume that what they have always heard and always seen practiced and preached is the unadulterated truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

B.) Failure to understand God in His revelation to the people of Israel.

We must study and understand the history of that people and its relationship with God (cf. Old Testament) and fear Him, which is wisdom (Proverbs 9:10, Job 28:28), or we can reject the truth, rebel as fools (1 Corinthians 3:19), start our own religion (following one's heart is one – Proverbs 28:26) and we will all die.

Deuteronomy 4:1-4

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.

Acts 3:22-23

For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet (Jesus – Acts 3:26) like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.’

*The unforgiving logic:

True & true & true & true... & true (n times) & false = false & fatal error.

Therefore love the truth and seek it with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength (cf. Mark 12:29-30; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 4:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10).

*The proof of the truth:

John 7:15-17

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” 16 Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 --> If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know (John 14:21) concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak of Myself.

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Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

May the Lord bless you and may His peace indeed be with you!

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Understanding and Responding to the Love of God

God manifested his love towards all men by offering his only begotten Son to die for the forgiveness of our sins. He calls all men to repentance (Luke 24:46-47) in which his peace and reconciliation through his Son are accepted, so a relationship with Him can begin. We are called to come to God and abide in his love.

John 3:16-20

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [Note; coming or nor coming to the light:] 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Romans 5:6-11

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

This last passage speaks of those who have come to a relationship with God, having turned to Him in repentance and received his mercy. God's desire is that all come to such relationship with Him - all, not a certain class of people we like to call "men of God". He wants every man and woman to be his man or woman.

God's love is not just out there and giving a pass for all ungodliness / disobedience / rebellion against Him. He wants to manifest his love personally, intimately, deeply in each person's life but that person must come to Him, and come clean before Him. He is holy. He cannot overlook our sins (Isaiah 59:2), our acts of hostility towards Him who has offered us his love, until we acknowledge them and decide to turn from them, yearning to be set free from our sins and be separated from anything that offends Him. Obedience to Him leads us on that right path. Let us strive then to obey Him in all aspects of our lives, and we will abide in his love.

John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

God is after a deep, faithful, trustful relationship with every soul. He is after reciprocity and to that He will respond with the gift of his Spirit to whoever has so obeyed Him as to express their

love for Him and desire to have such a relationship with Him. He will not answer likewise to the rebelliously selfish who want the benefits of a relationship with God but will not obey Him.

John 14:15

If you love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:14

You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.

John 14:21

He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:22-23

22 Judas said unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Acts 5:32

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

Matthew 5:43-45

43 You have heard that it has been said, You shall love your neighbour, and hate your enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Don't be deceived about having a relationship with Jesus (Matthew 7:21-23) that is not according to the truth of his word (2 Timothy 2:19) or about how you come to such relationship. Rely on nothing but the truth. Evil and unjust men are the loudest voices in this world and they are also revered as "men of God", but speak lies in hypocrisy (1 Timothy 4:1-2). The bible holds a testimony of the truth and Jesus is there to guide all who will seek Him with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind and all with their strength.

Jeremiah 29:13

And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

John 8:31-32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Romans 2:4

Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

We follow Jesus because we trust Him and we obey Him because we love Him.

((TRUST))

Matthew 4:18-20

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 9:9

9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." And he arose and followed Him.

((LOVE))

John 14:15

If you love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:9-10, 14

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; continue in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

14 You are My friends if you do whatsoever I command you.

These make up the foundation of any truthful relationship with God. He reveals Himself to a person only when the conditions established by his word are met (John 14:21; James 4:8). Otherwise, such relationship is only a supposed one and is therefore of no merit before Him (Matthieu 7:21-23).

2 Timothy 2:19

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, The Lord knows them that are his. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

1 John 3:4-8

4 Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The illusion of being a "good" person.

DON'T BE DECEIVED.

There IS such thing as a "good", "happy", "decent", "beautiful", "loving", "generous", even "religious" person who even has "class" on top of all that in the eyes of men. But such does not indicate that God sees the same in that person. Seek that your own standing with God be good and keep it that way. It's not worth it to "love human praise more than praise from God." (John 12:43)

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Will God find you worthy of his kingdom? Do you address His concerns about you by obeying his word and following Jesus or are you following your heart and traditions and doctrines of men?

God's way of reaching us and leading us to salvation is through the foolishness of the Gospel that is preached (1 Corinthians 1:18). It's foolishness! It's unfit for human wisdom. Human wisdom is just that: the corrupted wisdom of the fallen man. True wisdom is only from God. Dare to reconsider your idea of wisdom and especially your own. You are wise and that makes you who you are in your own eyes, but if you go to Christ, you need to check all that wisdom at the door, along with everything that makes up your ego, which is a obstacle to Christ. That is why Jesus said if you will come after Him, you must first deny yourself (Luke 9:23). That is, take a road roller and run over yourself. Flatten that self. "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). If you have no idea about God's character and his will, all you can do is try to go around Jesus – the way – and break into his kingdom with religious and other "good" works. Jesus then calls you a thief and a robber (John 10:1). It will not work. It is written, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:8) By all means, take yourself out of the way. You cannot have God be your God if you are involved in idolatry of the self, or self-worship. That is why it is lethal to any relationship with Christ if you have been and continue to be indoctrinated by self-worship teachers (e.g. Joel Osteen, TD Jakes, Oprah, etc.) and won't give that up and get serious about undoing the spiritual harm. These people will turn you into a self-worshiper and a worshiper of men right under your nose and Jesus will look at you and say "You shall have no other gods before me" – 1st commandment violation. Self-worshipers, those who follow their heart (Proverbs 28:26) already have a god, but it's not the LORD. They are their own god (one of their own gods). New Agers also tend to believe that they are one with God so they are God or that we are all God. That is blasphemous. You can't possibly need a savior in those circumstances. You are too good or too "God" for that. Jesus Christ will not be your savior while you are operating outside of his will and trying to come to Him on your own terms. Once you are convicted of your sinfulness, don't try to "fix your life" to have something to boast about. Don't try to become "good" before God. Focus on your obedience to Him, which is love (John 14:15) – the love He commands. That obedience leads to righteousness (Romans 6:16-19; 1 John 3:7). Go

to God as you are, submit to Him, and through your obedience to Him, He will change you and make a new man or woman out of you (2 Corinthians 5:17). All you have to do is repent and confess your sins to Him (1 John 1:9). Let Him do what He has always intended to do in you. Let Him do that which is impossible to you. Let Him undo what seems unthinkable to you. Let God be God! Just as Adam sinned and surely died, repent and follow Jesus and you shall surely live (Romans 5:19). That is what salvation in Jesus Christ is all about.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Mark 8:35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

This denial of self goes to an extreme that allows you to love God in the way that He has commanded that you love Him: with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12:30). Anything or anyone that you love must appear to you as an ant on the ground as you stand before Christ. That is the love that you need to have towards God and with that love you will keep his commandments, conform to His will (Romans 12:2) and seek to please Him in every way. He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). By the grace of the Holy Spirit promised to those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9; Acts 5:32), you will have success walking with Jesus. It won't be your own success (boasting is excluded). But all that you do, you will do through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

Job 28:12, 28

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Proverbs 16:6

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

Addressing Iniquity In Repentance

Where do you currently stand concerning the practice of iniquity? Have you addressed the problem as indicated in the Holy Scriptures? Has your church led you in that direction or some other way of perdition? Are you wasting your life and setting up your soul for destruction as you sin as usual like that was the Gospel and thus stand in rebellion against God? Have you heard Jesus tell you "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11)? Have you heard the true Gospel of Jesus or some other gospel/salvation plan (Galatians 1:6-9) from Satan and his ministers (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)? Only the truth saves. It does not matter how great the cathedrals and churches are that impress you on this earth and have impressed generations of souls before you. An impressive illusion remains an illusion, even when men would have the power and influence necessary to make a counterfeit pass as reality. Is it that you love the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:43), that you'd rather obey men rather than God (Acts 5:29)? Are you finding your comfort in a fellowship of believers that prefer to trust in a certain "man of God" or a religious organization with all their heart rather than trust in the Lord and his word that can make their paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)? Do you fear (Matthew 10:28-31) displeasing a man or to be ostracized by an organization because you would rather obey the word of God that is true than listen to ear-tickling, customer-friendly, lies? The truth is available to all who love it. "Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32) Seek the truth with all your heart. Obey the Lord Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are his. And, let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Psalm 14:4

Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

Psalm 25:11

For you name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity; for it is great.

Psalm 32:2, 5

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

5 I acknowledge my sin unto you, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust (iniquitous) man.

Psalm 66:18-20

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: 19 But verily God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, which has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Proverbs 28:13

He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Ezekiel 33:11-20

11 Say unto them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn all of you from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12 Therefore, you son of man, say unto the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sins. 13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he has committed shall be mentioned unto him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17 Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die thereby. 19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O you house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

2 Timothy 3:12-17

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them; 15 And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.