

God's Stated Opinion/Judgment of a 'useless' Christian-Church:

²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without **works** is dead also.

- **'faith'** (πίστις **pistis**)– Knowledge/belief in the teachings/doctrines of Christ
- **'dead'** (νεκρός **nēkrōs**) -corpse...**Js. 2:20** 'useless' -dead, withered, dried up

CAN THE DEAD SEE THAT THEY ARE DEAD? MANY Christians need saving!

(2:14) What will it 'take' to Wake God's People? (Change my mind –50+)

'Willfully Ignorant' people will NEVER OBEY: Closed Bibles – No Accountability

Jn 14: ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

Example: Knowledge – No Faith...Jesus: With Faith You WILL Do Works

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [Some have sat in pews all their lives: Could not/will not explain this]

FAITH: ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

FAITH: ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me **for the sake of the works themselves.**

WORKS: ¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works** that I do he will do also; and greater **works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

ALIVE FAITH: ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. (**Js. 1:5-8**)

Spirit Led Wisdom from Above (Js. 3:13-18)

¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In your SERVING-SUFFERING-SACRIFICE: ¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [**Stephen**]

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

Instructing/Living by the Word/Messianic Law of Liberty:

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My **word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My **words**; and the **word** which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ **You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.** ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

➤ **'abide'** - μένω **mēnō**; OBEEDIENCE 4 Spiritual Fellowship...NOW->THEN

⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is **cast out** as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and **throw them into the fire, and they are burned.**

➤ **'does NOT abide-cast out - gather – throw – are burned':**

➤ **God's 'Acting Principle' against the Disobedience of the Christian – Church - Community: NOW -> THEN (I Cor. 3:15 – weeping and gnashing of teeth)**

➤ **Intimacy with Christ – Inheritance in Kingdom – Individual Place/Position**

Js.3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. [**NOW -> THEN**]

➤ **'teacher – instructor' – Context:** In Church Leadership (What about in Home?)

² For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in **word**, he *is* a perfect man [**mature**], able also to bridle the whole body.

➤ **Js. 2:10 -abiding -being Spirit Led** takes continual surrender- obedience

How can you tell a Christian is living in DISOBEDIENCE – Cut from Vine?

➤ **Listen to what comes out of their mouth – WHO is leading/controlling them?**

➤ **'perfect man'-MATURE: ALL 'OLDER' & should be spiritual leaders - Category**

What 'Gives away' a Backslidden - Wayward Heart? AN OUT of CONTROL Church?

³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

[YOU can try to hide/exc. /condone -WHAT is 'In there'-Comes out-Like it or NOT]

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. [**Prideful**]

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! [**Christians in the Church -COVID - 2022**]

⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. [**tongue fire of wickedness**]

The tongue *is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire* [**ablaze**] the course of nature; [**called existence**]

➤ **(2x -Js 1:23 -walks away from 'apostle call' – Here...it is 'burnt away' Jn.15:6**

and it is set on fire [**ablaze**] by **hell**. [**Gehenna**]. [**Chastisement-Punishment**]

➤ γέεννα **gēenna** – NOT 'Lake of Fire' -Place/Picture/WARNING of Consequence

What IS Jesus TELLING His Disciples – Future Church Leaders -People in the PEWS?

➤ **Matthew 5-7...(21-31) Kingdom Joy Serving Christ...Outside the Camp Conseq. Pretending to Live in Obedience/Love Jesus will one day come to an end:**