

## To the 'Brethern': Apostle-Ambassador's 4 Christ

[Spirit Led Christian Suffering – Attached to the Vine]

1. **Brethern [Apostles – Ambassadors]** Remember We Serve & Suffer as a Testimony for Christ

**Matt. 10:16** "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup> But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup> You will be brought before governors and kings **for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.**

### Commentary:

As James himself endures through the hardships, trials, and sufferings for Christ in Jerusalem, he reminds the 'sent out apostle-ambassadors', that each of them had been called to this very thing; **to suffer as a testimony of Christ.**

### Greek Text:

2Πᾶσαν (All) χαρὰν (joy) ἠγήσασθε (esteem it), ἀδελφοί (brothers) μου (of me), [ὅταν (when) πειρασμοῖς (testings of character) ] περιπέσητε (you might fall into) ποικίλοις (diverse),

Ζηνώσκοντες (knowing) ὅτι (Because) τὸ (that) δοκίμιον (test) ὑμῶν (you) τῆς (the) πίστεως ('Vine' faith) κατεργάζεται (brings about) ὑπομονὴν (endurance in difficulty).

4ἡ (THIS) δὲ (And) ὑπομονὴ (endurance in difficulty), ἔργον (work) τέλειον (perfect) ἔχέτω (have), ἵνα (so that) ᾗτε (you may be) τέλειοι (perfect-Mature) ] καὶ (and) ὀλόκληροι (complete), ἐν (in) μηδενί (nothing) λειπόμενοι (lacking). –  
Testimony

### Jeremy's Translation:

"All joy esteem brothers of me, when diverse 'testings' of character you may fall into, because knowing (with experience) that test of you 'the faith' [apostle -ambassador calling] brings about endurance in difficulty.

And this endurance in difficulty, perfect work have, so that you may be mature and complete, in nothing lacking. [When you stand before men bearing witness of Christ.]

## 2. Remember: In Persecution – I will Give U what to say – ASK for Wisdom

<sup>19</sup> But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour **what you should speak**; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

### Greek Text: In the Persecution:

5Εἰ (If) δὲ (But) τις (any) ὑμῶν (of you) [Apostle-Ambassadors] λείπεται (is deficient in) σοφίας (wisdom – understanding),

αἰτεῖτω (let him ask) παρὰ (from) τοῦ (WHO) διδόντος (GIVES), [Spirit] Θεοῦ (God), πᾶσιν (all) ἀπλῶς (without reservation), καὶ (BUT) μὴ (not) ὀνειδίζοντος (in reproach/Shame), [denying the suffering], καὶ (and) δοθήσεται (it will be given) αὐτῷ (to him).

### Apostle-Ambassadors 'On Trial' – in Persecution:

6αἰτεῖτω (Request) δὲ (however) ἐν (in) πίστει (Vine.faith), μηδὲν (in not even one thing) διακρινόμενος (seperating oneself) [From Suffering]

ὁ (he) γὰρ (for) διακρινόμενος (separates himself) ] ἔοικεν (is like) κλύδωνι (a wave) θαλάσσης (of the sea), ἀνεμιζομένῳ (being blown by the wind) καὶ (and) ῥιπιζομένῳ (being tossed b y the wind).

7μὴ (Not) γὰρ (for) οἰέσθω (suppose) ὁ (he) ἄνθρωπος (man) ἐκεῖνος (that), ὅτι (that) λήμψεται (he will take hold of) τι (anything) παρὰ (from) τοῦ (the) Κυρίου (Lord).

8ἀνὴρ (a man) δίψυχος (double-minded), ἀκατάστατος (unstable) ἐν (in) πάσαις (all) ταῖς (the) ὁδοῖς (ways) αὐτοῦ (of himself)..

### Jeremy's Translation: Context – Persecution

"But if any of you is deficient in wisdom (understanding), let him ask from WHO gives, God, all without reservation, but not in reproach (shame), and it will be given to him.....Request however in 'Vine Faith', in not even one thing separating oneself from. For he that separates himself is like a wave of the sea, being blown and tossed by the wind.

For not suppose he that man, that he will take hold of anything from the Lord. A man double minded, unstable in all the ways of him.

3. **Remember:** To lose your life for Christ -is to find it...Kingdom Inherit. - Position

**Matt. 10:38** <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup>and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

[Separate from Wealth – Heritage inheritance]

<sup>39</sup>He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**Greek Text:**

9Καυχάσθω (Exalt) δὲ (however) ὁ (the) ἀδελφὸς (brother) ὁ (he) ταπεινὸς (lowly in status) ἐν (in) τῷ (the) ὕψει (high raised position) αὐτοῦ (of him); [finding his life in **Suffering-Martyrdom**]

10ὁ (The) δὲ (But) πλούσιος (rich man), ἐν (in) τῇ (the) ταπεινώσει (downfall) αὐτοῦ (of him), ὅτι (because) ὡς (like) ἄνθος (a flower) χόρτου (of grass) παρελεύσεται (he will pass away).

11ἀνέτειλεν (Has risen) γὰρ (for) ὁ (the) ἥλιος (sun) σὺν (with) τῷ (its) καύσωνι (burning heat) καὶ (and) ἐξήρανε (withered) τὸν (the) χόρτον (grass), καὶ (and) τὸ (the) ἄνθος (flower) αὐτοῦ (of it) ἐξέπεσεν (has fallen), καὶ (and) ἡ (the) εὐπρέπεια (beauty) τοῦ (of the) προσώπου (appearance) αὐτοῦ (of it) ἀπώλετο (has perished). οὕτως (Thus) καὶ (also) ὁ (the) πλούσιος (rich man) ἐν (in the midst of) ταῖς (the) πορείαις (pursuits) αὐτοῦ (of him) μαρᾶν θήσεται (will fade away).

**Jeremy’s Translation:**

“However, exalt the brother he lowly in status, in the high position of him; But the rich man, in the downfall of him, because like a flower of grass he will pass away.

For the sun has risen with its burning heat, and withered the grass, and the flower of it has fallen, and the beauty of the appearance of it has perished.

Thus also the rich man in the midst of the pursuits of him will fade away.

4. Suffering Persecution for Christ: **Don’t Flee from it Committing Sin!**

**Matt. 10:22** And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. **But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

**Greek Text:**

12Μακάριος (Blessed is the) ἀνὴρ (man) ὃς (who) ὑπομένει (endures-holds ones ground) πειρασμὸν (enticement to sin), [Fleeing Suffering] ὅτι (because) δόκιμος (approved) γενόμενος (having been), λήμψεται (he will take hold of) τὸν (the) στέφανον (crown) τῆς (THE) ζωῆς (life) ὃν (that) ἐπηγγείλατο (He has promised) τοῖς (to those) ἀγαπῶσιν (loving) αὐτόν (Him).

13Μηδεὶς (No one) πειραζόμενος (being ENTICED TO SIN) λεγέτω (says) ὅτι (that), “Ἀπὸ (By) Θεοῦ (God) πειράζομαι (I am being ENTICED to Sin).” [Running/Hiding from Suffering]

ὁ (HE) γὰρ (For) Θεὸς (God) ἀπείραστός (unable) ἐστίν (to be) [enticed to sin] κακῶν (by evils); πειράζει (Entices) δὲ (now) αὐτὸς (He Himself) οὐδένα (no one).

14ἕκαστος (A man) δὲ (however) πειράζεται (is ENTICED), ὑπὸ (by) τῆς (the) ἰδίας (personal) ἐπιθυμίας (desire) ἐξεκόμενος (being drawn away) καὶ (and) δελεαζόμενος (being enticed). [Disobeying Suffering]

15εἴτα (Then) ἡ (The) ἐπιθυμία (desire), συλλαβοῦσα (having conceived), τίκτει (gives birth to) ἁμαρτίαν (sin); ἡ (THE) δὲ (and) ἁμαρτία (sin) ἀποτελεσθεῖσα (having become fully grown), ἀποκύει (brings forth) θάνατον (death).

These are BELIEVERS – This is NOT talking about Heaven or Hell: *Death*

1. Chastisement with Physical – Mental – Emotional consequences –
  - a. Acts 5; I Cor. 5; I Cor. 11:17-34; James 5:19-20
2. Broken Spiritual Fellowship – Spiritual Death: *Spiritual Death*

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

## 5. The King Promised Upon Approval – The Crown of Life in His Kingdom

### Greek Text:

16Μή (Not) πλανᾷσθε (Go astray),  
ἀδελφοί (brothers) μου (my) ἀγαπητοί (beloved). [Apostle-Ambassadors]

17πᾶσα (Every) δόσις (Gift) ἀγαθὴ (good),  
καὶ (and) πᾶν (every) δῶρημα (gift) τέλειον (perfect),  
ἄνωθεν (from above) ἐστίν (is),  
καταβαῖνον (coming down) ἀπὸ (from) τοῦ (the) Πατρὸς (Father) τῶν (the)  
φώτων (light – pl.),  
παρ’ (with) ᾧ (whom) οὐκ (not) ἔστι (there is) παραλλαγὴ (variation) ἢ (or) τρ  
οπίης (of shifting) ἀποσκίασμα (shadow).

### [Jewish/Christian Anticipation:

Coming Christ – Kingdom – Place/Position – Inheritance - Blessing]

## Attached to the Vine for this ‘Suffering Call’: John 15

18βουληθεὶς (According to His will),  
ἀπεκύησεν (He brought forth) ἡμᾶς (us) [apostle – ambassadors]  
λόγῳ (by the word) ἀληθείας (of truth), εἰς (INTO) τὸ (this)  
)εἶναι (BEING/State of) ἡμᾶς (us) ἀπαρχὴν (firstfruits-sacrifice) τινα (a kind  
of) τῶν (The) αὐτοῦ (HIM) κτισμάτων (Created)

**John 15:5** “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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.** <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**Jeremy’s Trans.:** Blessed is the man who endures the enticement to sin [in fleeing suffering], because having been approved, he will take hold of the crown the life that He has promised to those loving Him.

No one being enticed to sin says that, “By God I am enticed to sin.” [Departing from suffering.] For God unable to be [enticed to sin] by evils; entices now He Himself no one.

A man however is enticed, by the own desire being drawn away and being enticed. [Separating Himself from Suffering.] Then the desire, having conceived, gives birth to sin; and the sin having become fully grown, brings for death.

Do NOT go astray, brothers my beloved. Every good gift, and every perfect gift, from above is, coming down from the Father of Light, with whom there is not change or shifting shadow.

According to His will, He brought us forth by the word of truth, into this being/state of us as a kind of first fruits sacrifice, the Him created.

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#### Jeremy's 'Homework' Study James 1:2-18:

"All joy esteem brothers of me, when diverse 'testings' of character you may fall into, because knowing (with experiences) that test you, 'the faith' [apostle -ambassador calling] brings about endurance in difficulty.

And this endurance in difficulty, perfect work has, so that you may be mature and complete, in nothing lacking.

[Testimony-When you stand before men bearing witness of Christ – Judgment Seat]

#### Standing before Governors, Kings, and Councils:

"But if any of you is deficient in wisdom (understanding), let him ask from WHO gives, God, all without reservation, [but not in reproach (**shame-disobedient to the suffering call**)], and it will be given to him.....

Request however in '[Vine] Faith', in not even one thing [**persecution**] separating oneself from. For he that separates himself is like a wave of the sea, being blown and tossed by the wind.

For not suppose he that man, that he will take hold of anything from the Lord. [**Wisdom or Inheritance**] A man double minded, unstable in all the ways of him.

#### When one Loses His Life and Finds it:

"However exalt the brother, he lowly in status, in the high position of him; But the rich man [**held to earthly things**], in the downfall of him, because like a flower of grass he will pass away.

For the sun has risen with its burning heat, and withered the grass, and the flower of it has fallen, and the beauty of the appearance of it has perished. Thus also the rich man in the midst of the [**earthly**] pursuits of him will fade away.

### The urge to Run/Hide/Avoid/Disobey the 'Suffering Call':

"Blessed is the man who endures [**stands against**] against enticement to sin, because having been approved, he will take hold of the crown, the life that He promised to those loving Him.

No one being enticed to sin says that; "By God I am being enticed to sin." [**Run/Hide/Disobey**] For God is unable to be [enticed] by evil things; But entices Himself no one. A man is enticed, by the personal desire being drawn away and enticed.

Then the desire, having conceived, gives birth to sin; and the sin having fully grown, brings forth death.

[Physical-Mental-Emotional Consequences; Spiritual Death – Broken Fellowship....Separation from the Vine.]

#### Remember What we are Promised and Anticipate:

"We are to Sacrifice ourselves 'Like Him' 4 'Him'  
We will be Given our Wages – Place/Position – Inheritance – THEN"

Do NOT go astray, brothers my beloved. Every good gift, and every perfect gift, from above is, coming down from the Father of Light, with whom there is not change or shifting shadow.

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#### In 2021,

- #1 What does that look like in North American Churches? (Our Church)
- #2 Why is that?

#### Simple: [Application FROM TEXT]

"Sin Breaks Spiritual Fellowship with Christ – The Sinning Saint will NOT Stand and Suffer b/c they have Separated themselves from Christ"