

C & C: Keep Your Focus On The Lost

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Luke 13:23-29

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 **Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.**

25 **When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:**

26 **Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.**

27 **But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.**

28 **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.**

29 **And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.**

Strive to enter in at the strait gate! There are many obstacles standing close about this narrow way and few there be that find it. Hear what Jesus the Master is saying! This is a strait gate and you must strive to enter in. To strive is to struggle! You are going to have to struggle and fight a good warfare to enter in at this gate and to remain on this path! Other wise Jesus has plainly said, “When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.” Do you hear it? These were people who claimed to be followers of Christ! These were people who claimed to be Christians! These were people who claimed Christianity! They cried out to Jesus saying, “We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.” However, these people were liars! They refused to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ! Applying only what verses of scripture they liked or wanted to believe! Making excuses as to why they didn’t have to apply every scripture at all times! Living one way on their jobs and another at the Church! Hypocrites playing games with their souls and that of others with there so called conflicting testimony of Jesus Christ while at the same time acting just like the world that was around them as they were really of the world and not of Jesus Christ as he said, “I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.”

James 3:10-12

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

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

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

You are either a follower of Jesus Christ or a follower of satan! There isn't any other options! Followers of Christ depart from iniquity! Followers of Christ pick up their crosses daily and follow after him! Followers of Christ produce good fruit! Followers of Christ are soul winners! Followers of Christ are busy about the Master's business! Followers of Christ keep their whole body, soul, and spirit under subjection to Jesus Christ!

You are either gathering in for Jesus Christ or you are scattering abroad! You can't be both!! You are either a child of Christ or a child of the devil! Which one are you? Are you striving to enter in at the strait gate? Are you just putting on a good show? You may fool your friends and even one another but you are not fooling the Righteous King of Glory who is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart!

2 Timothy 2:19-22

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

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Luke 9:23-25

23 And he said to them all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

24 **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.**

25 **For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?**

Luke 6:43-49

43 **For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.**

44 **For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.**

45 **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

46 **And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Proverbs 11:30

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

James 1:5-8

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

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

Luke 2:46-49

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, **How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

John 3:34-35

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 7:16-18

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

17 **If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.**

18 **He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1 Thessalonians 5:22-23

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:14-16

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Matthew 12:30

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

John 8:42-45

42 Jesus said unto them, **If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.**

43 **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.**

44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

45 **And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Hebrews 4:11-13

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.