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Chapter 2 : The Household of Faith - J. Richard Clarke

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This epistle is written to the churches. The epistles; Romans through II Thessalonians, were written to specific churches and when they were done they would change the salutation and send it along to churches in other regions. The letters would be circulated among the Believers in their fellowships. So, Galatians is written to the brethren who Jesus Christ gave himself for that we might be delivered. Ephesians also gives us a key to understand who is of the household. Ephesians is written to the saints and faithful in Christ Jesus who have been blessed with all spiritual blessing, chosen before the foundations of the world, adopted and accepted in the beloved--that is us. We are no longer as the Gentiles were--strangers and foreigners but fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God. We are the building where Christ is the chief corner stone. The household becomes the temple for God to live in and manifest Himself through. We are His habitation and the household that grows unto a holy temple in the Lord. Now that we have identified who is the household, how are we to be especially good unto them us? Take care of one another Help the more spiritually immature ones. We are to be likeminded one toward another. No divisions, come together on the Word of God, receive each other to the glory of God. Receive one another no matter if they are rich, poor, a different race, your own brother, your own sister, your in-laws. Are they of the household of faith? That is the Word. Share, distribute your excess and be of one accord. In the first century church after Pentecost the Believers would come together and help each other as they saw need as well as eating together. They were of one accord--of one purpose. The end result was that the Lord added to the church daily. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. The word favour is the Greek word charis--grace. Is it praising God and having grace--merciful kindness turning people to Christ, strengthening them in the faith, knowledge and affection, kindling them the desire to exercise Christian virtues? Our speech and our actions are to be with grace to the household. It must be available. Be lovingly sensitive and aware of others and genuinely interested in others. Our attitudes and actions are to be taking care of one another unselfishly without a desire for recognition. Pay attention to the needs of other. Our actions are not for selfish reasons, but to be of benefit to the household. God will see that you are taken care of.

Chapter 3 : How to be Especially Good unto the Household of Faith I ~ Pictures of Silver

Such a people will be known as the "household of faith". That we may be found in their midst is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. That we may be found in their midst is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

It introduces a summary conclusion from the preceding argument. Therefore or, so then, as we have opportunity; wherever an opportunity offers. Them who are of the household of faith. It is true that the Greek word, meaning originally a "member of a household," came to mean simply "acquainted with," or "belonging to," the idea of a "household" being dropped; still, in view more especially of Ephesians 2: The Church is represented as a household in 1 Timothy 3: Pulpit Commentary Verse In every instance it marks a certain pause after a statement of premisses; in several, following a citation from the Old Testament; the writer, after waiting, so to speak, for the reader duly to take into his mind what has been already said, proceeds to draw his inference. In 1 Thessalonians 5: The words which follow seem to be commonly understood as meaning "whenever opportunity offers. Chrysostom gives the sense well thus: Anyway, we are reminded of the uncertain tenure by which we hold the season for doing that which, if done, will have so blessed a consequence. But on the other hand, this adjective frequently takes the sense of "benevolent," "beneficent;" as e. In the remarkable contrast between the righteous man and the good man in Romans 5: Indeed, that the present clause points to works of beneficence" is made certain by that which is added, "and especially," etc. The spirit of universal philanthropy which the apostle inculcates here as in other passages, as e. Witness that noble outburst of universal benevolence which we read of in Acts So the word also signifies in the Septuagint of Isaiah 3: It is, therefore, an unnecessary dilution of its force here to render it, "those who belong to the faith," though such a rendering of it might be justified if found in an ordinary Greek author. At first, we may believe, the Galatian Churchmen, in the fervour of their affection to the apostle himself, had been willing enough to help those teachers in every way. But when relaxing their hold upon the fundamental principles of the gospel, they had also declined in their affectionate maintenance of the teachers who upheld those doctrines. That to these an especial affection is due above all others is a sentiment commended and inculcated in almost all St. Christ has himself Matthew Thus we see that, after all, there is a particularism properly characteristic of Christian sentiment; only, not such a particularism as a Gentile, and too often a Jew likewise, would have formulated thus: They may impose upon others, yet they deceive themselves if they think to impose upon God, who knows their hearts as well as actions; and as he cannot be deceived, so he will not be mocked. Our present time is seed time; in the other world we shall reap as we sow now. As there are two sorts of sowing, one to the flesh, and the other to the Spirit, so will the reckoning be hereafter. Those who live a carnal, sensual life, must expect no other fruit from such a course than misery and ruin. But those who, under the guidance and influences of the Holy Spirit, live a life of faith in Christ, and abound in Christian graces, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. We are all very apt to tire in duty, particularly in doing good. This we should carefully watch and guard against. Only to perseverance in well-doing is the reward promised. Here is an exhortation to all to do good in their places. We should take care to do good in our life-time, and make this the business of our lives. Especially when fresh occasions offer, and as far as our power reaches.

Chapter 4 : Household of Faith Church, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida

Household Of Faith Lyrics: Here we are at the start committing to each other / By His word and from our hearts / We will be a family in a house that will be a home / And with faith we'll build.

It has been correctly translated Passover in most modern translations. God did not allow this, and sent an angel to free Peter. Soon after, Herod himself was struck dead of a ghastly disease Acts During each period four soldiers guarded one prisoner as indicated in Acts And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. Whatever he could do he was required to do, namely, putting on of his sandals and his cloak, and following the angel. He could have been transported. His own sandals or other sandals could have been fastened to his feet. A new coat might have been provided. But the lesson is a more profitable one as it was given. Thus still he gives us day by day our daily bread, in the rain and the sunshine and the seed; but he expects us to labor for it, to plow the ground, to sow the seed, to harrow it, to thrash it, grind it and bake it. This means to abide in faith in the Redeemer. Later on, it was determined in the Christian world to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus always on a Sunday, and remember the death of Christ by Good Friday, irrespective of whether Nisan 14th and 16th on the Jewish calendar actually falls on Friday or Sunday in a given year. Among brethren of the Bible Student fellowship, it is different. We customarily observe our Memorial accordinglyâ€”on the night following Nisan 13thâ€”that is, the night which technically begins the calendar day Nisan 14th. Their new rule established in A. Pagan Influences Came in Later Today, in our memorial supper, we recognize the influence of the Hebrew traditions by observing it according to the days of the Jewish calendar. The celebration is not of the Jewish Passover, however, but of the sacrificial death of our redeemer, Jesus, the antitypical Passover Lamb. Subsequently, however, pagan influences also blended with popular Christian observances. The Phoenicians called her Astarte a sister and consort of Baal, a god worshipped in many parts of the eastern world. Some of the ancient Hebrews also worshipped Baal. The festival of Eostre was celebrated at the vernal equinox, when day and night receive an equal share of light and darkness. The Teutonic goddess of fertility, Ostare, derives her name from the ancient word for spring. As the days of approaching spring grew longer, celebrations coinciding with the spring equinox emphasized the end of winter and a rebirth of nature, triumphing life over death. The Christian missionaries taught that this time also pointed to the resurrection of Jesus. Easter Eggs and Bunnies Eggs symbolize birth, fertility, and new life in many cultures. The ancient Egyptians and Persians would hand out coloured eggs as gifts during their springtime festivals. Europeans during the Middle Ages, collected eggs of different colours from the nests of various birds, using them as charms to avert evil and bring good fortune. The Easter egg hunt custom was gradually phased out by the more popular egg painting custom where colourful eggs were hidden and children as well as others would search for them. Polish people today still decorate their eggs with many traditional symbols for Easter, many of them with religious representations. Rabbits have also served as fertility symbols in some ancient cultures. Legends from ancient Egypt connected the rabbit with the moon because of their nocturnal feeding habits. This association with the moon is also thought to have originated with those who watched the cycles of the moon to determine the precise date of the approaching change of season, and the accompanying celebration. This event took place on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Later, edible Easter bunnies were prepared with pastry and sugar. During the years following the American Civil War, handcrafted chocolate Easter eggs and rabbits became increasingly popular. Hot Cross Buns Australians also celebrate Easter with hot cross buns, a spiced sweet bun made with currants or raisins and marked with a cross on the top. Myrrh, a bitter herb, represents suffering, and aloes is used for healing. For Christ in his resurrection glory has achieved a death of suffering that brings healing for the world. Lent Does the Bible teach us to celebrate or commemorate Lent? In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. However, this pleasant custom probably has benefited various ones who applied themselves to it through the centuries, if it focused their minds and hearts on proper spiritual values. However, if afterward its observers supposed they were free at other times to

practice worldly principles, then they would have missed the true value. A consecrated believer should remember that their life of service here first of all involves purity of heart and mind, always James 3: This may have useful benefits. However, for the true Christian, their entire consecrated life should be one of devotion. Fasting can be a good practice at any time of the year, both for our physical benefit, and for mortifying the things of the flesh, to focus on things of the Spirit. Sometimes eating less can cause the mind to sharpen. We are to be continuously humble and lowly of heart, as was Jesus Matthew Weaning away from earthly attractions, it can help us also to be satisfied with whatever God permits us to have in other temporal commodities also—food, housing, car, or job. God gives us what we need. If we experience some discomfort for the flesh, it can augment our hope for and appreciation of the spiritual values, and spiritual promises, that exceed anything Earth can provide. Regarding the practice of baptism at Lent season—perhaps this custom also had some beneficial results. However, it is not something mentioned in the New Testament, and baptism is appropriate at any time of year, when the believer determines to proceed in full commitment to God, with a personal consecration of themselves and their life to Him. Thus it is not reserved for a particular month of the year. See the post titled: From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. Hebrew Customs Concerning our opening text Acts Passover is the oldest and most revered festival in Judaism. It is observed in the spring, in the month Nisan, the first month of the Jewish religious new year Exodus As Jewish months began with a new moon, the timing of Passover about halfway through the month puts it about the time of full moon. The firstborn among the Israelites were passed over by the angel of death during the final plague suffered by Egypt. That tenth plague forced Pharaoh to release the Israelites from a life of compulsory servitude. The Passover is celebrated on an annual basis in accordance with the instructions that were given by God to Moses: In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: The Eastern Church preferred to not hold it as an annual Sunday event, but rather to observe it on whatever day Nisan 14 fell. These early Christians wanted to time the observance according to the timing of the Hebrew type. The Western Church, on the other hand, wanted to remember the resurrection of Jesus always on a Sunday—Easter Sunday—regardless of the day of the week indicated by the Jewish calendar Exodus Emperor Constantine wished to resolve this issue at the Council of Nicea in A. The question of the Easter date was one of the main issues of concern. After lengthy dispute, the council was unanimous in its decision that Easter should always fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. After further discussion, it was decided that March 21st was to be the date for the spring equinox. This dating process has been the general guideline for most of Christendom ever since. This is the true meaning and purpose of observing this most important occasion each year on the 14th day of the first month Nisan. They also remember his death, and solemnly renew their consecration to God annually by partaking of the meaningful symbols, bread and wine. In keeping the type of Exodus 12, the blood of each lamb that was slain in Egypt that night was sprinkled on the doorposts and lintels of the houses of Israel. Each Jewish household represents the Household of faith, that is, all believers in Christ. On that night, however, only the firstborn were under jeopardy, as only the firstborn has a spiritual life that could be lost. That all believers benefit from the Passover sacrifice is reflected in the deliverance of all the Israelites through the Red Sea, subsequent to the Passover night. Here are some lovely words by Br. Charles Russell on the Household of Faith, from Reprint The very fact that any one is drawing near to the antitypical Tabernacle is a strong reason why we should wish to encourage him to press on. He has come a part of the way, even if he has not made a consecration. But the words of the Apostle justify us in believing that those who are considering the matter, counting the cost, would in a broad sense be counted as of the Household of Faith. And we are to give these special assistance—all in whom we see any prospect of consecration. Our constant desire and effort should be to point men directly or indirectly to the Lord. The unleavened bread eaten with the lamb Exodus The household joining eating the Passover lamb—represents our common participation, our sharing together, of the merits of Christ 1 Corinthians Christ our Passover Lamb The Apostle Paul directs our attention to the significance of the Passover type and our need to purge out all unrighteousness and sin pictured by leaven. For even Christ our

passover is sacrificed for us: This was the exact time many centuries later when our Lord Jesus, as the antitypical Passover Lamb, died for the sins of the whole world of mankind. All who recognize Jesus as the true Passover Lamb and have accepted the merit of his shed blood on their behalf, may appropriate the merit of that blood by purifying their hearts from a consciousness of evil. Because of their faith in the blood of Jesus, they are privileged to enjoy a new relationship and standing before God. Later, the Apostle Peter, when comparing earthly riches with the true value of our redemption 1 Peter 1:

Chapter 5 : definition of the household of faith – BIBLE Students DAILY

The Household of Faith is a diverse community of believers brought together by the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. A non-denominational ministry of excellence built on the truth of the bible.

My dear brothers and sisters, the greatest test for any generation is how it responds to the voice of the prophets. Our prophets have admonished us to “Increase our personal righteousness. Live within our means and get out of debt. Produce, can, and store enough food, clothing, and, where possible, fuel for one year. This straightforward counsel has not been followed by all of you. Some have believed and complied; others have waited until they could be sure the storm clouds were really gathering; and still others have rejected the counsel. The lion killed several sheep. The boy was distressed: People respond only to what they are prepared to believe. The Brethren hesitate sometimes to talk in bold terms regarding the realities of the economy and the need for individual and family preparedness. Such talk is interpreted by the black-cloud watchers as a time of general calamity, and many stampede to the grocery stores to get ahead of the hoarders. Some of those who had not yet begun a home storage program rushed out and plunged deeply into debt to buy hundreds of dollars of groceries. They then sat back, as did the Prophet Jonah, to see what was going to happen to Nineveh: It was as if Brother Featherstone had officially set doomsday as April 1, This was not his intention. Let us be wise stewards. Let us ponder the lessons of history and profit from the experiences of those who have not heeded the prophets. Gibbons, Toynbee, Durant, and other noted historians have analyzed the reasons for the fall of the mighty civilizations. The repetition is monotonous. In summarizing cause and effect, an American educator lists six common reasons why each civilization fell: They lost their religious convictions and flouted basic morality. They became obsessed with sex. They debased their money of its intrinsic value and let inflation run rampant. Honest work ceased to be a virtue. Respect for law disintegrated and violence became an accepted method of achieving individual and group desires. Finally, citizens were no longer willing to be soldiers and fight for the defense of their nation and their heritage. Brothers and sisters, will our modern nations be wise enough to escape similar destruction? Are we prepared to reverse the course of history? Through the exercise of our political rights and responsibilities, through community service, and through personal righteousness, we must free our nations from tyranny and from fiscal and moral bankruptcy to the extent of our ability. But we must never forget that permanent security is possible only on the condition that we follow the prophets of the Lord. Later in this same revelation a very powerful lesson is taught in the parable of the husbandmen. You will recall that husbandmen were hired to plant twelve olive trees in the vineyard, to build a hedge around it, to build a tower, and to set a watchman thereon. It was a terrible way to learn the consequences of disobedience. How much better just to follow the simple instruction of the Master. Each gospel dispensation produces a number of valiant, faithful Saints—the truly elect and noble of God. They may be one individual or an entire family. They are honored and remembered not by worldly standards but for their simple majestic faith. They have placed obedience to God as their sacred obligation. They are committed to serve him. They are the bone, muscle, and sinew of the church of God in every age. They form the household of faith. Here are some classic statements from their ranks: Kimball, in Conference Report, Oct. Brothers and sisters, we do not always know why the Lord commands us to do certain things. But this much we do know—his paths are straight. They are not the crooked paths of men. We accept faith as the first principle of the gospel; but do we trust the Lord enough to act first and receive confirmation later? Some may call this blind obedience. However, we will often receive no witness until after a trial of our faith. If we have been disobedient in the past, let us commit today to repent and to put our house in order. I believe we can best accomplish this by applying the counsel of the prophets in three critical temporal problems confronting the Saints: Proper budgeting is essential to sound management. There is no question that we all need the discipline of a budget. We have been counseled to get out of debt. This directive has been confusing to many of us over the years. How is it possible to be out of debt and to buy a home, finance education, or start a business? When President Clark advised us to avoid debt as we would the plague, I believe he was teaching us a vital principle of temporal harmony. Debt is always a burden, but some debt is necessary. However, extravagant use of

credit, which comes from yielding to our emotions rather than reason, creates burden. For most of us, consumer debt is dangerous and difficult to contain because it is so readily available. It can appease an immediate want as well as a bona fide need. Enticing advertisements convince us that luxuries are our right and our need. Our guide for credit management should be: This requires restraint of appetites and practice of the time-honored virtue of frugality. There is an insidious philosophy that advocates plunging into debt and letting inflation pay it off. I reject this philosophy. If we all operated on that premise, we would completely subvert our economic system. As long as we secure our debt with equity, we can manage it; but to amass debt by pledging future earnings submerges us in financial quicksand. In order to balance our personal income and expenditures, we obviously reduce expenses or increase our earnings. Too often, however, people find it easier to adjust to a tighter budget than to find ways to generate additional income. Pride of workmanship has always been the heart of a competitive free-enterprise system. There are too many tradesmen who will not pay the price to become craftsmen, teachers who do not teach, repairmen who do not repair, farmers who do not farm, leaders who do not lead, and problem solvers in every field who do not solve problems. Our labor should be honest labor and quality labor. The Saints would be in demand everywhere and could command premium compensation if we would accept the challenge to set a Mormon standard of quality, unique because of its excellence. This is part of our religion. Let me repeat what has been taught from the beginning. Adam learned, as part of his first lesson by the Lord on economics, that the earth was to be subdued and dominion gained by sweat, by brain and brawn. The divine law of work shall never be repealed for God established it. He has cursed idleness and commanded parents in Zion to teach their children to work. There is a high price for excellence, but the compensation and soul satisfaction are truly worth it. To work below our capabilities creates a deep hunger in ourselves and enormous waste in society. Our doctrine of eternal progression certainly encompasses our occupational progress. Each of us should be on a career path which will require us to stretch to our full potential. Finally, concerning the insufficiency of reserves, God gave a natural instinct to the animals he created to preserve their surplus against a time of need. But man has developed the tendency to squander all that he harvests and to leave to chance or to others his satisfaction of future needs. This is contrary to divine law. Frugality is a principle of righteousness. Consumption should never exceed our production. Economic freedom comes from the surpluses we create. In addition to our reserve of food, we should build a cash reserve. We should form habits of thrift and teach our children that part of everything we earn should be ours to keep. It is true that inflation reduces the purchasing power of savings, but how much purchasing power do no savings have? Another major reserve is home equity. Our major concern is that too many families have overextended themselves so that the debt burden overshadows the benefit of home ownership. Again, let us be sure we do not confuse wants with needs. One final concern of reserve deficiency is the need to insure against our greatest potential loss. I think we all would agree that our ability to earn is our greatest asset. When the provider insures his life, he is insuring his future income for his family. As husbands, let us not force our wives into the marketplace to be both the provider and homemaker should our lives be cut short by premature death.

Chapter 6 : The Household of Faith – Intentional Faith

James Dillet Freeman - The Household of Faith (The Story of Unity) This is the landing page for the full text of James Dillet Freeman's book The Household of Faith. What's new here is that I have incorporated all 90 of Tom Witherspoon's Essence of Unity audio clips into the text of James Dillet Freeman's book.

August 15, by aGodMan 1 Comment In the completing ministry of Paul we see many aspects and definitions of what the church is, and one of these is, the household of the faith. The church is the house of God and the house of faith. First of all, without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, since if we come forward to Him we need to believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek Him see Heb. Abraham, the father of faith and of all those who believe, lived a life by faith by having God appearing to him all the time. As God appeared to him, he reacted by believing. Today we as believers in Christ are not merely Christians a nickname given by the people in the world, associating us with Christ but we are believers – we believe in Christ by being in an organic union with Him by faith. In the church life today we are one in our faith in Christ, and we are organically joined to Christ through this linking faith, joining faith, in which we grow every day! May we really have an appreciation of the church as the household of faith, composed of all the genuine believers in Christ! If we sow unto the Spirit, if we live by the Spirit and walk by the Spirit, we will reap eternal life and we will build up the household of the faith. But if we sow unto the flesh, we can damage the church. Footnote 2 in Gal. All the believers in Christ together constitute a universal household, the great family of God. This is through faith in Christ, not through the works of law. This household, as the new man Col. Hence, we should do good, especially toward those of this household, regardless of their race and social rank 3: Faith has two aspects: We need to realize that our faith, our believing ability, is NOT our own, coming from us, or conjured up by us – it is Christ entering into us to be our faith! When Christ appears to us, when we see Him and know Him through the preaching of the gospel, we appreciate Him, we treasure Him, and He causes faith to be generated in us. Christ infuses Himself into us to become our believing ability, and we simply believe into Him and love Him! The more Christ appears to us by our spending time with Him in His word, in the meetings with the saints, in vital group meetings, and in all kinds of situations as we contact Him, our faith grows in measure and we treasure Christ more! And on His side, God considers this as righteousness! Abraham, our father in faith, had God appearing to him and he just believed – because God infused Himself as faith into Abraham to become his believing ability. We now live a life by faith, the faith of Jesus Christ who loved us and gave Himself up for us Gal. Yes, we do believe all the words in the Bible and we read the Bible, but we also touch and are infused by the living Person revealed in the Bible! To believe is that God is and we are not. But there will be situations and people coming in your life which will show you that, really, you cannot do it, but God can. The end of man is the beginning of God. When we give up in trying to be a good husband or wife, trying our best to be a good student or employee, or even trying to be a good Christian – when we stop, give up, and let God come in, He can do it! The end of what we are is the beginning of what God is. Faith is to believe that God is everything to us and we are nothing see John 8: Exercising our Spirit of Faith and Growing in Faith Doubts are in our mind, but faith is in our spirit. As Christ infuses Himself into us to become our believing ability, we grow in faith. When we exercise our spirit of faith, we transfer all that God is objectively, all that the Bible tells us about Him, and all that He is – into us, to become our subjective experience and enjoyment 1 Pet. We need to exercise our spirit to substantiate God and transfer things from the unseen realm into our experience. As we exercise our spirit of faith and substantiate God, our faith grows! The saving faith, the initial faith which saved us, is the same in quality, but the quantity of faith depends on how much we contact the living God so that we may have Him increased in us see Rom. In the church as the household of the faith we have different measures of faith depending on how much we contact God and allow Him to be infused in us to be our subjective faith. May we be those who grow in faith until we are full of faith! Dear Lord Jesus, we love You! We have never seen You with our physical eyes or touched You with our hands, but we love You! Thank You for infusing us with Yourself to become the believing ability in us. Lord, keep us interacting with You, talking to You, and having You appearing daily,

so that our faith may grow. May we grow in faith daily, until we are full of faith, speaking the word of faith and infusing Christ into others to become their faith. Lord, we praise You for making us the household of faith by being the believing One in us! References and Further Reading Inspiration: Further reading on this topic: Life-study of Galatians, msg.

Galatians As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. God tells us to do good unto all, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

The Apostle has been exhorting to unwearied well-doing, on the ground of the certain coming of the harvest season. The reference in these words is probably to the cruel custom of branding slaves as we do cattle, with initials or signs, to show their ownership. For every man shall bear his own burden. The injunction in the former of these verses appears, at first sight, to be inconsistent with the statement in the latter. But Paul has a way of setting side by side two superficially contradictory clauses, in order that attention may be awakened, and that we may make an effort to apprehend the point of reconciliation between them. In the remarkable work known as his *Retractations*, Augustin makes a brief statement on the subject of this treatise on the Harmony of the Evangelists. The sixteenth chapter of the second book of that memorable review of his literary career, contains corrections of certain points on which he believed that he had not been sufficiently accurate in these discussions. In the former chapter we have shown, from Scripture and from reason, that our Church teaches only the plain truth, when she confesses that: By its natural birth, from sinful parents, it is not in the kingdom of God, but in the realm and under the dominion of sin, death and the devil. If left to itself--to the undisturbed development of *â€¦* G. And to holy David indeed it might more justly be said, that he ought not to have been angry; no, not with one however ungrateful and rendering evil for good; yet if, as man, anger did steal over him, he ought not to have let it so prevail, that he should swear to do a thing which either by giving way to his rage he should do, or by breaking his oath leave undone. But to the other, set as he was amid the libidinous frenzy of the Sodomites, who would dare to say, "Although thy guests in thine own *â€¦* St. On account then of these either occupations of the servants of God, or bodily infirmities, which cannot be altogether wanting, not only doth the Apostle permit the needs of saints to be supplied by good believers, but also most wholesomely exhorteth. For, setting apart that power, which he saith himself had not used, which yet that the faithful must serve unto, he enjoins, saying, "Let him that is catechised in the word, communicate unto him that doth catechise him, in all good things: Augustineâ€œ"Of the Work of Monks. The Hindrances to Mourning What shall we do to get our heart into this mourning frame? Take heed of those things which will stop these channels of mourning; put yourselves upon the use of all means that will help forward holy mourning. Take heed of those things which will stop the current of tears. There are nine hindrances of mourning. The love of sin is like a stone in the pipe which hinders the current of water. The love of sin makes sin taste sweet and this sweetness in sin bewitches the *â€¦* Thomas Watsonâ€œ"The Beatitudes: An Exposition of Matthew 5: As introductory to the following dissertation, I shall explain and define certain terms that frequently occur in it, especially canon, apocryphal, ecclesiastical, and the like. A right apprehension of these will make the observations advanced respecting the canon and its formation plainer. The words have not been taken in the same sense by all, a fact that obscures their sense. They have been employed more or less vaguely by different writers. Varying ideas have been attached to them. It is, indeed, beautiful beyond expression. Many of the houses are exceedingly grand and are finely intermixed with water and wood; yet are not too close, but so as to be sufficiently ventilated by the air. Being invited to tea by Madam de Vassenaar one of the first quality in the Hague , I waited upon her in the afternoon.

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These two verses are blanketed with figures of speech screaming for attention. In verse 9 we also have Synonymia—a repetition of words different in sound and origin, but similar in shades of meaning synonymous with the intent of attracting attention to the words collectively and impress the mind. The usage of the Genitive Case is also employed to draw our attention to "the God of peace" i. When thoughts enter our minds we line them up with the Word. Is it lovely Think on it. Is it of good report? Is there any virtue in it? Is there any praise in it? All the things that Paul has taught to us, every jot and tittle, we are to do and the end result is that God, the maker of peace and the one who gives peace will be with us. Knowing the figures of speech give this verse the proper emphasis without the expansion which makes it quite wordy. Read these verses in light of the figures of speech mark them in your bible so that you can remember them and stop and consider each and every item vs. And by the way—it must be available to think on those things. Serve one another; not because we are slaves to the gospel of Christ but because Christ has made us free. When we have a mind set to serve the household we must cultivate the Word in our heart so that we can agape-love people with the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. This cannot happen unless we love ourselves first. We cannot love our neighbor if we do not love ourselves. This will stem from realizing that God has forgiven us for our trespasses, loved us enough to send His only son to live and be an example of love, fulfill the law and be crucified--sacrificed for us. When we realize how much God loves us we can reciprocate that love of God to others. We can serve each other the bread of life, be there when we are needed and know God will have others there for us. This love is distinguished from phileo love--brotherly love. Our heart, with or without the love of God, will manifest itself in our actions and speech. It will then be evident that we are the disciples--disciplined ones-of Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ bore the cross--the spiritual cross-of us. He was the greatest example for all time. We are not required to die for one another, Christ died for us but we are to be there for people to help them get back on their feet and bring them back to the rightly divided Word of God. Bless one another, be kind, be tenderhearted.

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Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers]. BRG As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.