

We have read, in one dictionary, that fault means, "A weakness in character." The dictionary also defined fault as a *failing*, and even *sin* (self-imposed-nonsense). Please remember that we believe that sin is impossible in the Mind of God, or more accurately in the being of God. The main reason that we no longer believe in sin is that all of God's anger was canceled two thousand years ago, or two days ago by God's calendar, when He let His Son be crucified.

What pain that must have caused God Himself. It is still hard for us to imagine such sacrifice. But please remember that His Son, because of the perfect relationship that he had with his Father, gave His life for the **forgiveness of sin for all that would turn to him**.

Therefore, we conclude that sin represents the illusion that we are separated from God, which is impossible, at the *end* of God's Last Day of creation if in fact God's Son did give His life for us so that we could learn how to be forgiven. There is no doubt in *our new mind* however!

Considering that this world still has many agnostics, those people who have not as yet experienced God's **power, peace, love, harmony, and Glorious Presence**, and even a few atheists who still state that the existence of God cannot be proven, we are confident that the time will arrive that might be similar to WWII, as relates to people being in foxholes. The quotation that we remember is, "There are no atheists in foxholes, when they hear the booms dropping!"

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Everybody wants some help from something when there is no way out, and that *is* when God can do His Thing, if we will let Him. It seems a shame that some of us humans have to be that stubborn, but we understand. It was so with us. We suspect that some might not be chosen to experience the glory of the presence of God here on this earth.

Because our old faith was not created by God, it was just taught to us through religion, we had many failings of character. Failings galore, if you get our gist. There were far too many of them for us to even begin to count, because they had happened over our entire old life. We lived like all of our close friends lived, including our relatives, probably because of the *bloodline*.

There was one common thread however, which was anger and resentment, in one form or another, which caused rebellion. And as we have learned, anger is always fear based. Generally speaking, we can either act out of anger, which also involves hate, or we can act in our created faith which is always an act of kindness or love. We need to also remember that mankind's eGo is always punishment based, rather than forgiving, which is the very nature of God.

If we do not learn how to deal with the anger, it turns to resentment, which leads to an illness, because of hate. Hate, generally, is caused by selfishness or self centeredness. And if we do not do something about the hate, it turns into self-loathing, which usually grows into a disease. Over scores of generations, mankind's woes seems to be acceptable, here at the close of the twentieth century, considering the enormous growth of the judicial, legal, medical, penal, political, and religious community. It seems to be getting worse, but it will change.

If we had *true* religion, or belief in God, we - *civilization*, do not think that we would be in the mess that we are in as relates to crime and ill health, just to mention the smallest tip of many icebergs.

The best example that we can remember is about a forty-four year old man that had held a resentment - ill feeling - toward his grandmother since he was eight years old. One of us was working with him on his fifth step in one of the anonymous fellowships.

He had mentioned several times about the spanking that his grandmother had given him for playing ball in the yard when he was eight years old. He had done a very thorough job of his fearless moral inventory.

As it so happened, the spanking incident came up again, and the guy that was working with him suggested that the two of them get down on the living room floor, on their knees, and ask God to clear this up, because the older man could not imagine a grandmother spanking a kid for no apparent reason. He was even asked if he had broken a window, to which he said no.

Several hours later, the younger man exclaimed, "Now I remember, my grandmother came out on the front porch and told me, 'If you don't stop throwing the ball up against the side of the house, while I'm taking my nap, I'm going to spank you.'"

To top it off, he told me that it was a clapboard siding house. Can you imagine the loud noise that the base ball made when it hit and bounced off of the wood siding while the grandmother was trying to take a nap? He said that she also threatened to tell his dad at the end of the day when he was to be picked up by his parent.

Well, so much for spanking a little boy for playing ball in the yard. This is what we call selective memory - we only remember what was done to us, not what we did that caused it. We can now see the need to learn how to focus on what we as individuals did that was wrong, rather than what others did to us, if we are going to get well, to cancel the illness.

In other words, what was our fault in the event that keeps rolling around in our twisted mind that is warped, which the Bible calls a reprobate mind? And if we don't turn the illness around, it becomes a di-sease that needs medical attention, which usually requires hospitalization.

Now some very deep truth for us, which God finally let us realize, so hold on to your seat. Let us say that there was one particular parent, adult, or person that had profound guidance, authority, or influence in our life when we were little children, when resentments started forming. What we now understand is that, as we grew older, we had *anger at large*, against that same sex that had caused us so much personal grief.

One guy told us how he had despised a parent, that had made him practice and play the piano, when he had fantasized about either playing ball with his neighborhood playmates or riding his bicycle with his friends. It was sort of the same thing as relates to washing the dishes, doing the laundry, feeding the dog, running an errand, spring cleaning, studying, taking out the garbage, or even going to Church. We do not like people telling us what to do! It now seems that we can look back at our anger as being at large, against that particular gender. If you do not understand this, you were probably not as sick as we were.

Later on in life, we might have said to *ourselves*, when we were forming a new relationship with the same gender, "I will make this one love me the way I want and need to be loved." So our individual lust and passion was really caused by anger. Pure unselfish love, or altruism, truly did not have anything to do with it, just anger!

What it amounted to was control. We had been controlled, so we had to experience some control in return, until it too almost killed us. We needed only to read the Scriptures in the Book of Job, chapters 39 and 40, to learn about real control, and how useless human anger is.

There are several more aspects of anger, one that we might mention with respect to the following Scripture. Let there be full understanding of John 2:15; **Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out, and drove out the sheep and oxen, scattering the money changers' coins over the floor and turning over their tables.**

If you recall, this was a scene in the Temple area, and we believe that Jesus might have been frustrated because he did not know how to help those greedy people. Nonetheless, it still sounds like either He or His Father was angry since people were making money off of the people that were coming to the Temple area for pure motives. Let us also remember that anger goes all the way back to the time when Cain killed Able, the first descendants of spiritually created beings, Adam and Eve.

It still remains, however, that we need to have anger cast out of us, which has been around since the beginning of spiritual time - the privilege of visiting with God. Before ours could be cast, out *it had to be rinsed clean.*

Self-pity cannot be, nor will it be tolerated by us, if we are to overcome oppression. Oppression is deadly. We could not be grateful, joyous, happy, or free and of service to others if we had been bogged down with self-pity - needing to attract sympathy from others. We believe that people who are enslaved to self-pity are in bondage to being a victim.

We are not saying that we did not have the feelings of self-pity. Quite the contrary. As a matter of fact, we felt it oozing out of every pore of our being. But we did not stay in that mood, nor did we sue anyone, even though the lawyers told some of us that we had a wonderful set of circumstances for, "a good old-fashioned lawsuit!"

The absolute point is that through prayer, we learned how to cease fighting anything or anybody. When we were confronted with things that we thought were wrong, we would surely talk to God about it, but we would *always ask*, "*But God, start with us and not them.*" And in observing how long the legal process has become, with the escalating cost of man's alleged justice, we can surely appreciate Scriptures that pertain to legal matters.

Now let there be full understanding of Luke 12:58; "*If you meet your accuser on the way to court, try to settle the matter before it reaches the judge, lest he sentence you to jail; for if that happens you won't be free again until the last penny is paid in full.*"

Please remember we told you that we were turned and made to walk away, rather than instigate perfectly normal litigation. We had to quit fighting anything and anybody to hold on to *the peace that the Lord Jesus gives to the Risen Christ in us.* What a miracle to receive God's grace!

The only thing that we found that could let us be rinsed clean was to be willing to love our neighbor as ourself, by being their servants. That is definitely a process, not an overnight matter; **but try we must.** The point is that our anger may have hurt others at times, but we were *always* affected. In thinking about the little ball player for a moment, again, which appeared to be obsessed with playing ball, regardless of the consequences, and with no respect for his elders, we consider that to be a selfish and inconsiderate act.

We had a lifetime of disobedience that has been corrected, through the grace of God, with the aid of the comforter of mourning. Some people call this depression, reduced status, or anger turned inward. But it is better for us to turn it inward than fire a machine gun on them.

Being spiritual for us meant that the grace of God had entered our lives to the extent that His Spirit turned us around. We walked away rather than hurting them physically, when we thought we were being unjustly treated.

Over the years, even though there had been some major achievements in our individual lives, we had still formed many habits that were almost deadly. If we had not started a path of selflessness and repentance, we are convinced that we would all be dead by now.

The path to salvation is the ultimately journey, without exception. This journey requires singleness of purpose, dedication, discipline, long suffering, self-sacrifice, self-restraint, and altruism. Most important, *we need desperation*, a decision, and a will to live. Friends, we were in terrible predicaments when these choices were made.

Let us also remember that we forgave them in the name of Christ, and then asked God to bless them every time the thoughts of these people or the circumstances came back to the reprobate or warped mind, with the painful memories.

This process, for some of us sick ones, took years of practice. No, it was not easy for us, and probably will not be easy for you, but *it is required.* In time, we could understand where we had gone wrong, rather than them.

Now let us hear from a man that has the privilege of Godly wisdom, occasionally, because of his experience in learning how to focus on his own faults, rather than the faults of others.

Hopefully, this will expose human nature for what it is. Hopefully, we can learn how to perceive why we need to look at our *selves* rather than always looking at the faults of others, and wanting them to be punished.

But first, let us have full understanding of Luke 6:41-42; "*And why quibble about the speck in someone else's eye - his little fault - when a board is in your own? How can you think of saying to him, 'Brother let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the board in yours? Hypocrite! First get rid of the board, and then perhaps you can see well enough to deal with his speck!'"*

In our old life, when someone would accuse us of something bad, and we were guilty and knew it, we would say, "It takes one to know one," and just keep on walking.

Quite a few years ago, some people saw a conversation between a person that came from a very rich family of the elite, and a well established news person. It was on one of the PBS channels.

The man with a well-known family name said something to the effect of, "One of the biggest failures of religion was their total inability to teach their own members to respect the rights of others who believe the way they were taught."

In the interview, they were talking about the wars that had been going on in Ireland and Lebanon, which have lasted for centuries. If that rich man could have told us how they stopped all of the fights that they have probably had on their company property, for generations, it would have done us all much more good. It seems to us though that most continents have *many* types of prejudices!

Not long after that, a few people went to a movie about three civil rights workers who were murdered in a southern state. Subsequently, the FBI was called in. As they were leaving the theater, a comment was heard in which someone said, "If I were from that state, I would not tell anybody."

As it turned out, he started thinking about his own hometown, and ultimately about his own childhood. Things that he began to remember about his hometown had been on the national news every week, for years. There is even a downtown marker that reminds them of a much discussed event that turned the tide on one type of discrimination, but certainly we all know that there is still a lot of work to be done by much of humanity before we are all at peace.

The most obvious thing that he remembered was that many multi-story buildings stayed vacant and boarded for many years. An incident had finally broken out because of the tension that had built up for decades.

The laws and entitlements from subsidy to welfare make people dependent on the government, rather than on God. For anything to change, we must first determine what we want. More accurately, what do we truly need? Man's laws are not going to help the eGo one bit. Are we going to go on to the bitter end in denial, or are we going to find the courage to ask God to provide what is needed to learn how to do what is right and true?

If we are going to receive the grace and mercy that is finally available in God's Last Day of creation, we, as a society, need to *want to not participate* in crime, rape, violence, terror, pollution, greed, lust, corruption, and pride, just to mention a few. And even if they do not want to stop those things, we need to find a way for us to stop doing those self same things that cause misery. No, we are not choosing an easy path, but it is the right path!

It is up to God to show us how all things can be changed, because man's laws are just going to make it more expensive and hopeless. A few aspects of God's nature are perfect peace, charity, faith, forgiveness, harmony, healing, humility, justice, love, mercy, patience, strength, supply, in addition to being the wonderful and perfect counselor.

But God is only for those of us that are earnestly seeking Him wholeheartedly. What is our decision to be? Are we going to force ourselves to be in the time of **Great Tribulation**, or can we now at last bite the bullet and let God turn things around for us, even though there will be pain and suffering to the human eGo. We think that any sound-minded individual will want what is best, no matter what price has to be paid.

Killings resulted in this clash of personalities, which fueled extreme feelings and beliefs that had been passed on from one generation to another, for centuries.

Sometime later, old childhood fights came to the memory of this man. Without taking anybody's inventory but our own, we now need full understanding of James 4:1-3; **WHAT IS CAUSING the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it because there is a whole army of evil desires within you? You want what you don't have, so you kill to get it. You long for what others have, and can't afford it, so you start a fight to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask you don't get it because your whole aim is wrong - you only want what will give you pleasure.**

In the busy world of production, proficiency, expediting, speed, timing, debt, success, fame, prestige, and fortune, the good American way of life(?), many do not see how we use to, and still are affecting humanity as a whole, and naturally, our own soul. On the other hand, our laziness brought about many of the modern day conveniences that the developed world has today. And it is also true that much of humankind just stays lazy, barely getting their eight hours in, even if it means only a little cheating on the time card; we were just being sarcastic.

The other side of the spectrum is just as bad. Some depend on the government to the point that subsidies and entitlements, established by the politicians, have actually created a **national religion**, even though we do not realize it. When we look to the government for **needs**, rather than to God, *that is religion to us.*

All that is needed is the willingness to pray and ask God to change us and provide what is needed. Then our heads too can be in the clouds with him, with our feet planted firmly on the earth with our neighbor, no matter what is going on around this planet, or even in our immediate vicinity.

The change that is required on our part though is that we get tied into the magnificent obsession of helping others, for the right reason, so that restitution will occur, through grace, and then the restoration of God's church - or **TEMPLE** - can be Created. This is what we perceive as being the **New Jerusalem, the body of Christ.**

Now we ask for full understanding of Mark 10:42-44; **So Jesus called them to him and said, "As you know, the kings and great men of the earth lord it over the people; but among you it is different. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant. And whoever wants to be greatest of all must be the slave of all."**

As we work face to face with individuals these days, it is seldom that God does not bless each and every word that comes out of the spiritual being of the **living water**, which is the core of the new being. The proud and stubborn, who know their religion is the only right kind, fail to pay attention to what the Spirit is saying through us. We then back away and let them go on down their wide road of self-deception a little bit more, in hopes that they will come to their senses.

Hopefully, in time, they will come to truth when circumstances make them willing to. Even today, some of us are subject to have contempt in the human heart, prior to investigation, or before all the facts are known.

Many times, for years, the Holy Spirit has advised us not to work or share with a particular individual, because they are not ready to hear the truth, yet. But if we stay on the course of what the principles of each fellowship has established, we are confident that the human heart will be replaced with the Spiritual Heart.

Now we need a complete understanding of the Scriptures in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; **Don't be teamed with those who do not love the Lord, for what do the people of God have in common with the people of sin? How can light live with darkness? And what harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a Christian be a partner with one that doesn't believe? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For you are God's temple, the home of the living God, and God has said to you, "I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people." That is why the Lord has said, "Leave them; separate yourselves from them; don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you, and be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters."**

Only One has ever proclaimed that He would rebuild His Temple in Three Days! And what a miracle it will be when He is finally in charge.

The truth is that we understand where certain people are in their own recovery because we have been there. It is also true that we understand the next Scripture in 1 Timothy 1:20; **Hymenaeus and Alexander are two examples of this. I had to turn them over to Satan to punish them until they could learn not to bring shame to the name of Christ.**

Now, let us familiarize ourselves with a few Scriptures that we were not understanding of, which probably caused most, if not all, of our heartaches. To us, these following words of wisdom were the same as a foreign language that we had never even heard:

1 Corinthians 7:3-4; **The man should give his wife all that is her right as a married woman, and the wife should do the same for her husband: for a girl who marries no longer has full right to her own body, for her husband then has rights to it, too; and in the same way the husband no longer has full rights to his own body, for it belongs to his wife.**

Ephesians 5:21-28; **Honor Christ by submitting to each other. You wives must submit to your husbands' leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord. For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of the church. (He gave his very life to take care of it and be its savior.) So you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the church obeys Christ.**

And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when he died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's Word; so that he could give her to himself as a glorious church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault.

That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really loving himself when he loves his wife!

Maybe you remember that we told you we use to laugh at a statement, "The devil made me do it." Well, we have heard that we should not do this or that cause the devil would get a hold of us. We truly understand that only One Man was able to resist the temptations of the evil one.

All of human kind has been born into Satan's world because of lustful passion. Hopefully everyone who is still aboard is beginning to understand what it is going to take to be born of God's Spirit in order to be born into His Family through the Precious Blood of the Lamb, His Son, the Son of Man; the New Jerusalem!

It seems that many a Christian has passed on because their attitude is that all they need is Jesus Christ. Well, this is true, but why would He visit us and comfort us if we were not willing to do the necessary work of amends and restitution, because it was through this process that we found out just what we had done to others.

Until God's Son could judge our heart and know that we did not want to repeat that old behavior, we were still in very early kindergarten of life. Again, when we were upset because our emotions were still tied to things of this world, rather than God, we had to stay the course of finding out what was wrong on the inside of us, *not them*. It seems that this is the right place to introduce the Scripture in Colossians 4:...10; **These are the only Jewish Christians working with me here, and what a comfort they have been!**

It seems that most of our real problems came from relationships with the opposite sex. Some of our ropes really became twisted, tangled, and tied because of this aspect of life that we were terribly confused and stupid about.

No wonder we all had so many problems with relationships!

Titus 2:3-5; **Teach the older women to be quiet and respectful in everything they do. They must not go around speaking evil of others and must not be heavy drinkers, but they should be teachers of goodness. These older women must train the younger women to live quietly, to love their husbands and their children, and to be sensible and clean minded, spending their time in their own homes, being kind and obedient to their husbands, so that the Christian faith can't be spoken against by those who know them.**

No wonder so many of us, in these recent generations, have had such horrifying and appalling times and twisted emotions over relationships. Seldom have we seen such displays of obedience, loyalty, training, and love that requires perfect respect in every way. What a miracle, at the beginning of the **Seventh Day** of God's Creation, to have such Godly knowledge and wisdom available to us.

We know of an international Bible study group made up of only women. Hopefully, the Lord of Hosts can reach them with these truths, so that some day there will be a global religion for women *only* where they can learn how to be servants, too.

We understand their need to feel needed, as relates to God's Work. We believe only in the Scriptures however, rather than man's religious doctrine which we believe is helping people to get sick, which leads to illness, and then disease. It may or may not be the truth, in God's **Last Day** or **Seventh Day** of Creation. We have noticed some changes in some religions in recent decades however.

Now, again, we thank God for letting there be full understanding of Matthew 11:25-26; **And Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise, and revealing it to little children. Yes, Father, for it pleased you to do it this way!"**

The eGo of people has really gotten way off of this track because of success and prosperity in this world, in developed nations, at the close of this century. It is pleasant to think that this is the way God sees marriages though, as real helpmates. We are positively confident that all of 1 Timothy 2:1-15 will be fulfilled and adhered to in God's time.

The truth is that we are supposed to be ill at ease until this type of union is available to true believers. Sorry about that, but it is the truth for us whether we like it or not. The macho male and liberated female eGo may be in vogue or style, but they are still not good for either man, woman, or beast. These attitudes sure did give birth to quite a few animals, however. We were living proof of this fact, and if you do not believe that, please go back and read chapter three again.

As we come to the close of this chapter and the end of the first volume of this manual, it is imperative that we stay focused on what we have done wrong, and what we are doing wrong *now*, rather than what they are doing or did wrong. Let us remember that the noose around our neck, and piled high in some of our little red wagons, will not go away by their actions. It is going to take a lot of investigative introspection work on our part as individuals *to let the mountain of disobedience to God's laws be cast into the sea of forgetfulness* through grace.

We believe that this is the only way that He will let us be enveloped in His Spirit. Some of you might be thinking that this is just too much perfection. We understand each has to do what they need to do.

Considering that this is just the first volume in this manual of three books, we are keenly aware that there is extensive work ahead, but it is the direction that we need to keep aiming that is important for us. Now that we come to the close of this chapter, we suggest that Matthew 6:34 be read.