

## One Path.

Eph. 4:3 Endeavouring to ***keep the unity*** of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is ***one body***, and ***one Spirit***, even as ye are called in ***one hope*** of your calling; 5 ***One Lord, one faith, one baptism***, 6 ***One God*** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

One Lord that gave the Word of Faith—Rom. 10:17 So then ***faith*** cometh by hearing, and ***hearing by the word of God***.

### The Equation of All These Equal One Doctrine!

Rom. 6:17 . . . but ye ***have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine*** which was delivered you. 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences ***contrary to the doctrine*** which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. 2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth ***not in the doctrine*** of Christ, ***hath not God***. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Note: Do we gain truth from picking through Error? How many paths did Christ Identify?

Matt. 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for ***wide is the gate, and broad*** is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because **strait is the gate, and narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 ***Beware of false prophets***, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. ***Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?***

Question: How do we know who's preaching Truth? "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Isa. 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Matt. 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.** 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of man

shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh . . . , even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

### The Many Paths Condemned?

1Cor. 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, *every one of you hath* a psalm, hath a *doctrine*, hath a tongue, hath a *revelation*, hath an *interpretation*. Let all things be done unto edifying. Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

"5. And now mark the work of apostasy: This work never begins by thrusting out God's institutions, but always by bringing in those of men and at first only asking that they may be tolerated, while yet the ones ordained of God are sacredly observed. This, in time, being effected, the next effort is to make them equal with the divine. When this has been accomplished, the third stage of the process is to honor them above those divinely commanded; and this is speedily succeeded by the fourth, in which the divine institution is thrust out with contempt, and the whole ground given to its human rival." *JN Andrews CTEF pg. 4.4 reprint.*

Note: One Institution is God's word! The defense of error, to make equal with God's word is to accept error above God's word. To form an Image is to accept the principles of Romanism. Then to enforce these principles you must adopt its methods, Unconverted SDA's are following the lies of what will soon be the protestant image.

“. . . But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. . . . “ GC 587.1

There is to be in the [Seventh-day Adventist] churches a wonderful manifestation of the power of God,” (latter rain—out of the Holy Spirit) “**but it will not move upon those who have not humbled themselves before the Lord, and opened the door of the heart by confession and repentance.** In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, *they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous,*

*something which will arouse their fears, and they will **brace themselves** to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work.* "Why," they say, "should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?"—RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890.

As the storm approaches, a **large class** who have professed faith in the third angel's message, *but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth*, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By *uniting* with the world and partaking of *its spirit*, they have come to *view matters in nearly the same light*; . . . GC 608.2

And So it Has Been.

The murder of Abel was the first example of the enmity that God had declared would exist between the serpent and the seed of the woman—*between Satan and his subjects and Christ and His followers*. Through man's sin, Satan had gained control of the human race, but Christ would enable them to cast off his yoke. Whenever, through faith in the Lamb of God, a soul renounces the service of sin, Satan's wrath is kindled. *The holy life of Abel testified against Satan's claim that it is impossible for man to **keep God's law**. When Cain, moved by the spirit of the wicked one, saw that he could not control Abel, he was so enraged that he destroyed his life.* And wherever there are any who will stand in vindication of the righteousness of the law of God, *the same spirit will be manifested against them*. It is the spirit that through all the ages has set up the stake and kindled the burning pile for the disciples of Christ. But the cruelties heaped upon the follower of Jesus are instigated by Satan and his hosts *because* they cannot force him to submit to their control. It is the rage of a vanquished foe. *Every martyr of Jesus has died a conqueror*. Says the prophet, "They overcame him ["that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan"] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11, 9. {PP 71.1}

The two brothers erected their altars alike, and each brought an offering. Abel presented a sacrifice from the flock, in accordance with the Lord's directions. "And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering." Fire flashed from heaven and consumed the sacrifice. But Cain, disregarding the Lord's direct and explicit command, presented only an offering of fruit. There was no token from heaven to show that it was accepted. *Abel pleaded with his brother to approach God in the **divinely prescribed way**, but his entreaties only made Cain the more determined*

*to follow his own will.* As the eldest, he felt above being admonished by his brother, and despised his counsel. {PP71.3}

When Cain saw that his offering was rejected, *he was angry with the Lord and with Abel;* he was angry that *God did not accept man's substitute* in place of the sacrifice divinely ordained, and angry with his brother *for choosing to obey God instead of joining* in rebellion against Him. Notwithstanding Cain's disregard of the divine command, God did not leave him to himself; but He condescended to reason with the man who had shown himself so unreasonable. And the Lord said unto Cain, "Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?" Through an angel messenger the divine warning was conveyed: "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." The choice lay with Cain himself. If he would trust to the merits of the promised Saviour, and would obey *God's requirements,* he would enjoy His favor. But should he persist in unbelief and transgression, he would have no ground for complaint because he was rejected by the Lord. {PP 73.3}

But instead of acknowledging his sin, Cain continued to complain of the injustice of God and to *cherish jealousy and hatred of Abel.* He angrily reproached his brother, and *attempted to draw him into controversy* concerning God's dealings with them. In meekness, yet fearlessly and firmly, Abel defended the justice and goodness of God. *He pointed out Cain's error, and tried to convince him that the wrong was in himself.* He pointed to the compassion of God in sparing the life of their parents when He might have punished them with instant death, and urged that God loved them, or He would not have given His Son, innocent and holy, to suffer the penalty which they had incurred. All this caused Cain's anger to burn the hotter. Reason and conscience told him that Abel was in the right; but *he was enraged that one who had been wont to heed his counsel should now presume to disagree with him,* and that he could gain no sympathy in his rebellion. In the fury of his passion he slew his brother. {PP74.1}

Cain hated and killed his brother, not for any wrong that Abel had done, but "because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." 1 John 3:12. *So in all ages the wicked have hated those who were better than themselves. Abel's life of obedience and unswerving faith was to Cain a perpetual reproof.* "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." John 3:20. The brighter the heavenly light that is reflected from the character of God's faithful servants, the more clearly the sins of the ungodly are

revealed, and the more determined will be their efforts *to destroy those who disturb their peace.* {PP 74.2}

The schemes of the Babel builders ended in shame and defeat. The monument to their pride became the memorial of their folly. Yet men are continually pursuing the same course—depending upon self, and rejecting God's law. It is the principle that Satan tried to carry out in heaven; *the same that governed Cain in presenting his offering.* { PP 123.3}

Cain and Abel are a type of all worshipers from that time to the present. The followers of Cain *multiplied ceremonies, and made offerings to the sun* and various other objects. In it they overlooked the all-important principle that self must die, and that Christ must live in the temple of the human body. {1901 SNH, SDP 137.2}