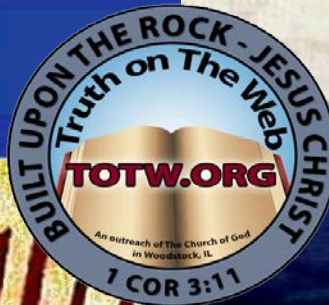
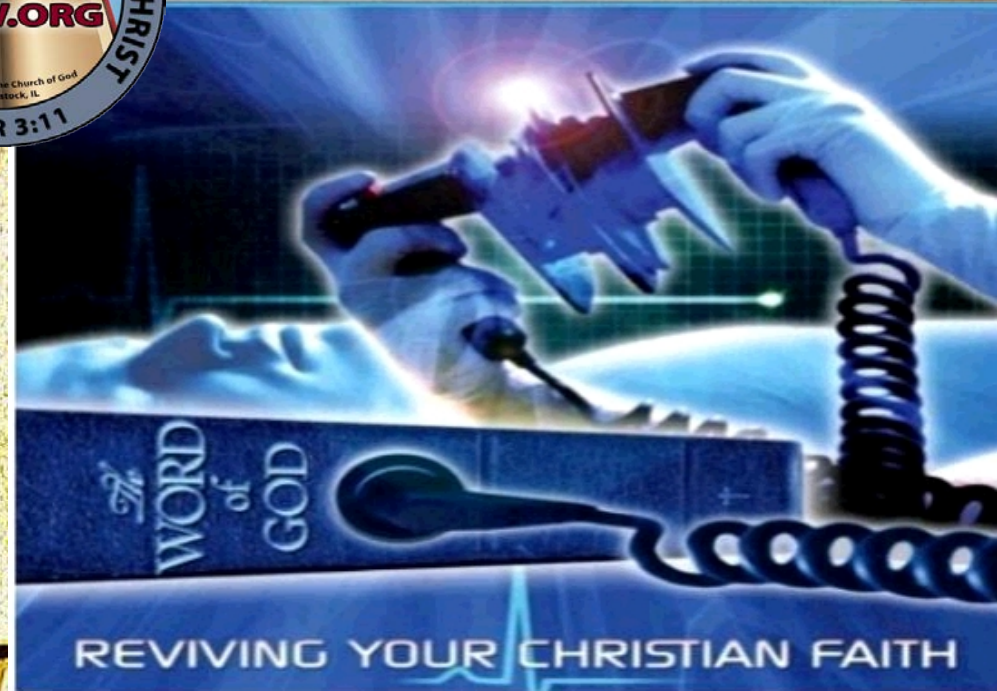
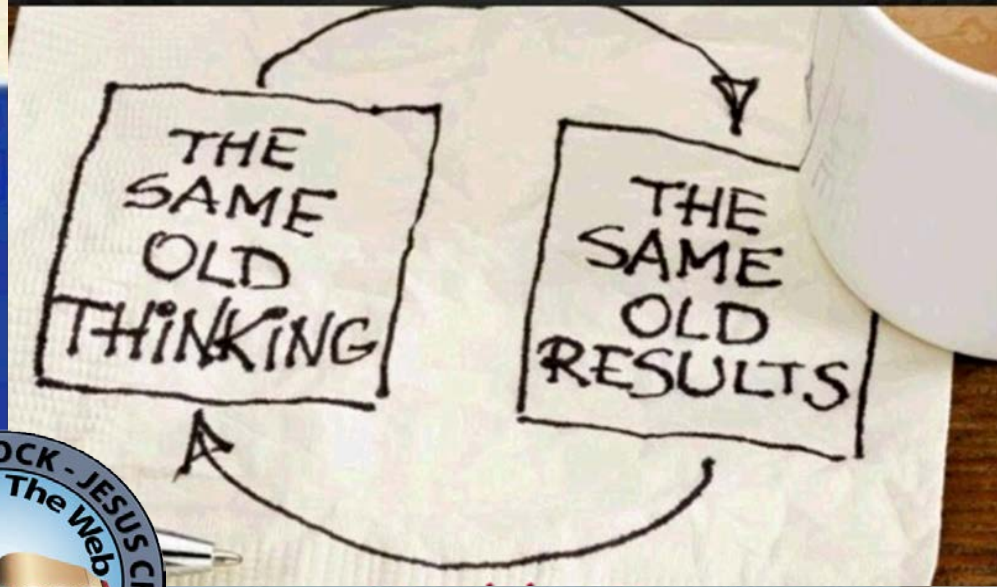


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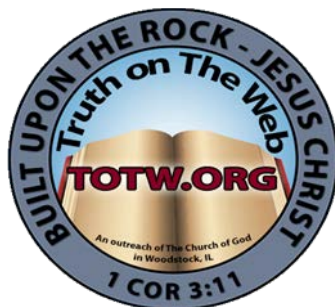
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ROMANS 12:2



REVIVING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH



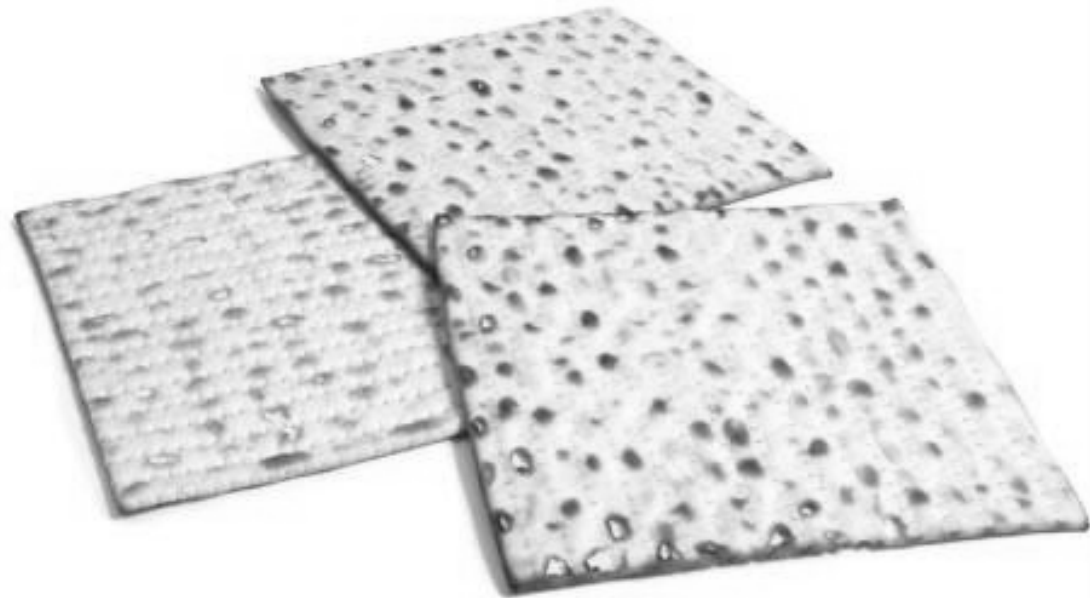
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Exodus 12:15 Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses...





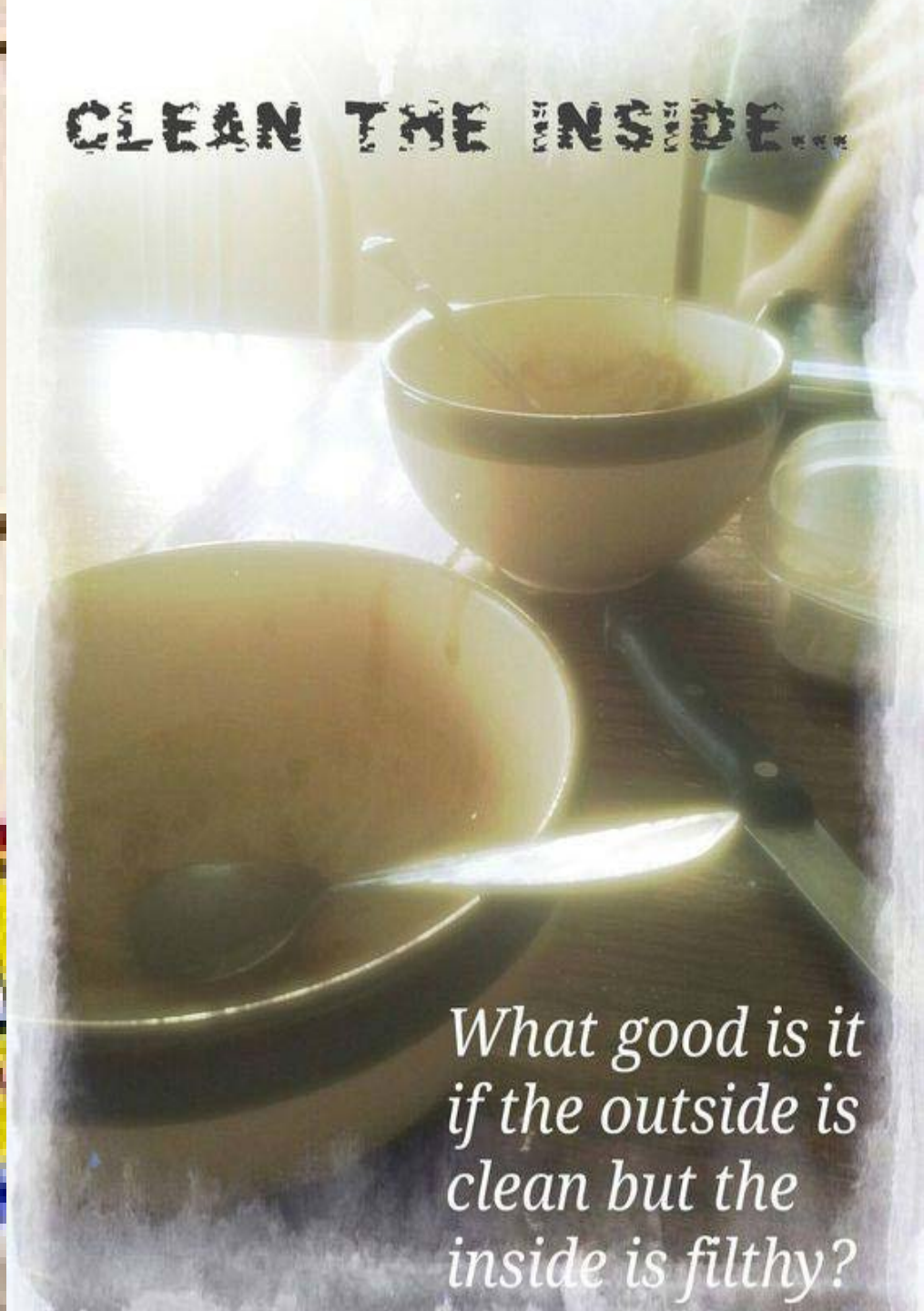
Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



1 Corinthians 5:7,8



CLEAN THE INSIDE...



*What good is it
if the outside is
clean but the
inside is filthy?*

What
leavens you?





***Matt. 15:18-20*, “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.”**

THE PRIDEFUL HEART



SELF
ME

THOUGHTS AND BELIEFS OF PRIDE

My opinion is
better
I am right
I am self-made
I am worthy of
honor
I don't deserve
this
I deserve better
I don't need
anyone, including
God to help me

LEADING TO THESE RESULTS

Sorrow
Self-pity
Anger
Bitterness
Envy
Jealousy
Hard heart
toward God



With over 173 million Christians in the U.S., there are tens of millions who say that they love God and yet they are liars, thieves, fornicators, adulterers, and child-murderers. Paul's warning to Titus seems to be true of much of the modern Church: "They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him" (Titus 1:16). Neither their beliefs nor their behavior aligns with biblical Christianity.

~ Ray Comfort

The spiritually complacent Christian is smug and overconfident before God. He does not repent, he does not actively seek God, he does not strive, through His grace, to serve Him more faithfully and follow Him more closely. The complacent Christian has no great love for God and no real consciousness of his own sin. He avoids dwelling on spiritual thoughts because he knows the truth will interfere with his comfortable way of life. The complacent Christian believes that he can be selfish, lustful, spiteful, vengeful, adulterous, disobedient, and prideful all he wants. In his mind, he'll reap the rewards of salvation regardless, despite the fact that Scripture excludes such people from the Kingdom (1 Cor 6:9).

The despondent Christian feels that he's incapable of following God. And he's correct that he's not capable of his own accord, yet he doesn't ask for God's help. He's given so much of his life to vain and materialistic pursuits that, he imagines, it's too late. He doesn't know how to set himself right and "walk in the light, as He is in the light," and again he doesn't consult God on the matter. He insults the Lord by thinking that even the God of all creation is not powerful or merciful or loving enough to rescue a lowly sinner such as he. He knows that he's made so many declarations and oaths and resolutions about the things he'll do, the ways he'll live, the holiness he'll attain, the faith he'll embody "from now on," but they've always amounted to nothing. Plans crumble, promises are broken, oaths are abandoned, and he finds himself in the same place he's been all along. What he says now means nothing tomorrow. His pledges for the future remain in the future, and the future never arrives.

The Christian life is something we can only live now. Today.
This moment. Actively. Purposefully. Faithfully. Right now.

1 Corinthians 8:1 ...Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

Do you spend more time thinking about yourself than about God or about other people?

Do you make yourself the center of most conversations?

Do you compare yourself with others often, judging yourself favorably?

Do you take credit for your own looks, intelligence, or ability?

Do you try to make sure that others are aware of your personal gifts or possessions?

Do you think you deserve more of this world's good things than other people do?

Are you willing to pursue your selfish goals even if it means others are hurt in the process?

“How often do I admit I was wrong?”

“Why is it so hard for me to admit when I’m wrong?”

“How often do I need to be seen or heard by others to feel good?”

“Why do I want others to see or hear me?”

“Why do I need others to validate me?”

Pride can lead us to:

Seek recognition to exalt ourselves.

Treat others unfairly.

Accept no responsibility for wrongdoing.

Speak constantly without listening.

Be only concerned with ourselves.

*Are you a
disciple of
Jesus?*

What does it mean to be a disciple?

- Follow His teaching
- Being a guide to others
- Being an example
- Mimics someone else (actions, character, in every way)
- Promoting what you believe
- Desires to learn and act upon that knowledge

Mark 8:34-38 ...Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

The Process of Discipleship

If anyone would come after me, he must...

Deny himself

Take up his cross

Follow me

What does it mean to deny yourself?

Denying Our....

- Self-trust
- Self-sufficiency
- Right to run our own lives
- Love of ourselves

“People will be lovers of themselves”

2 Timothy 3:2

To deny yourself means to....

- Not getting what you want, but what you can do for God
- Giving up control
- Sacrifice
- Getting rid of your pride and arrogance
- Putting others before yourself

The Process of Discipleship

If anyone would come after me, he must.....

- *Deny himself*
- ***Take up his cross***
- *Follow me*

To “take up his cross” means to...

- To die to yourself – doing God’s will rather than your own – putting action to words
- Not an easy task – going against the current
- Doing something out of devotion rather than duty
- To become like Jesus – bring others like Christ

What does “take up his cross” mean?

Our Character

Mark 7:21-22

“What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean.

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.”

Character of Love

1 Corinthians 13

Patient

Kind

Does not Envy

Does not Boast

Is not proud

Willingly
seeking death
to oneself

Does not delight in evil

Rejoices with the truth

Always protects

Always trusts

Always hopes

Always perseveres

Never fails

God's Character

1 John 5:8

“God is Love”

The Process of Discipleship

If anyone would come after me, he must.....

- *Deny himself*
- *Take up his cross*
- ***Follow me***

“Follow me” means to...

- Living every day as he lived
- A daily commitment
- Be willing to leave everything you have
- Being willing to be led
- A call to action – so others in turn will follow also

“Follow me” means to...

- To submit to His authority
- To adopt His world view
 - “*Love your enemy*” - Matthew 5:44
 - “*Pray for those who hurt you*” - Matthew 5:44
 - “*Forgive those who offend you*” - Matthew 6:14-15
 - “*Be kind to the ungrateful and selfish*” - Luke 6:35
 - “*Bear one another’s burdens*” - Galatians 6:2
 - “*Freely you have received, freely give*” - Matthew 10:8
- To participate in what He did
 - ...An ongoing, daily commitment

John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, **that they may be one, as We are.**

John 17:20-23 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; **That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us:** that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one;** and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.

1 Corinthians 10:15-17 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For **we being many are one bread, and one body**: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Luke 22:24-27 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And He said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

John 13:3-5 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

John 13:12-17 So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, **With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love**; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

John 13:34-35 A new
commandment I give unto you,
That ye **love one another; as I
have loved you, that ye also
love one another.** By this shall
all men know that ye are My
disciples, if ye have love one to
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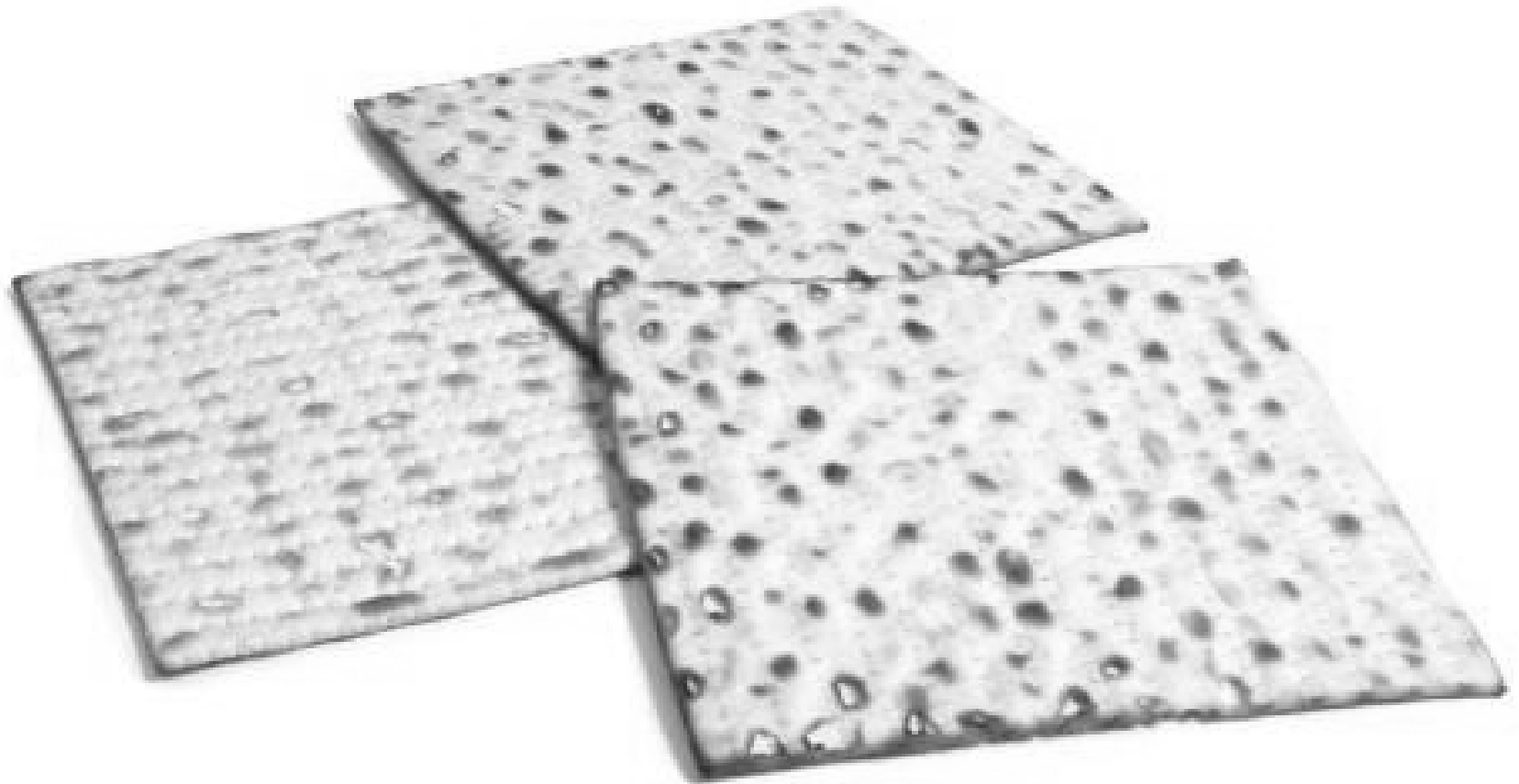
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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Philippians 2:1-4 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Let this mind be in you....ALWAYS:



Seek Yeshua!

HAPPY SABBATH
DAY!

KEEP IT HOLY!

HAPPY SABBATH
DAY!

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**Thy
Word
is
Truth**

John 17:17



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Eph 6:17

And take..the sword of the
spirit, which is the word of God.

THANK YOU!