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# KJIC June 2021 Newsletter

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## Love Your Enemies

*Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,  
Love your enemies?*

*How? Bless, do good to, & pray for.*

*Why? That you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*

*We should be imitating our heavenly Father. Remember the old adage, like father, like son!*

*He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?*

*Do not even the tax collectors do the same (they were considered traitors, for they collected for the Roman empire)?<sup>47</sup> And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?*

*<sup>48</sup> Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

*Amplified Translation - You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

More is expected from a disciple of Christ, than from the best of the rest.

June has traditionally been one of the most popular months for weddings. Weddings for thousands of years have been most sacred events. The man and the woman make commitments, and seal these with a vow to God. A vow till death. Their friends and family rejoice because their loved one has found that special person that makes them happy, and that brings them fulfillment, and that they love.

We live in a society where marriage is not respected; Gods ways are not honored; and if one gets tired of their mate society encourages divorce.

Did you know that we, the church, are the bride of Christ. We are engaged; the wedding is coming. We have made a commitment to "wait", remaining pure as we wait for our groom. But it's plain to see that many have become "spiritual harlots" while waiting for their groom.

The church is suppose to influence the society. But instead the society has influenced the church. Are we offering our groom, Jesus, a bride who has forsaken His ways for what the world offers. I am afraid that many will be disappointed when the groom returns for His bride.

Ephesians 5:25

*Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

***Our Groom, King Jesus, Is Coming!***

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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

FIND THESE WORDS FROM THE INDICATED CHAPTER AND VERSE IN THE BIBLE. (NKJV)

THEN LOCATE THEM IN THE WORD SEARCH.

- Rev 1:1 The Revelation of \_\_\_\_\_ ..... things which must \_\_\_\_\_ take place
- Rev 1:3 Blessed are those who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep the things that are written in it for the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev 1:4 Him who \_\_\_\_\_ and who \_\_\_\_\_ and who is to \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev 1:5 To Him who \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins in His own \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>6</sup>and has made us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His God and Father
- Rev 1:7 and every \_\_\_\_\_ will see Him, even they who \_\_\_\_\_ Him
- Rev 1:8 "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, .....the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rev 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called \_\_\_\_\_ for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- Rev 1:11 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev 1:12 "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_."

The Bright And Morning Star

Isaiah 14:3 It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup>that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,  
The golden city ceased!

<sup>5</sup>The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,

14:12 ↓ "How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Lucifer, son of the morning!  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
You who weakened the nations!

Who was this proverb to be against? Verse 4 clearly says the king of Babylon. Why then are we being told that it is a proverb against Satan?

Because in verse 12 the king of Babylon is called lucifer. Lucifer is not a proper name, but is a Hebrew word translated, day star or morning star.

This king had given himself such status. And now he was being debased. This passage has nothing to do with Satan. Satan is our adversary. Lucifer is a Greek word meaning day star.

I grew up on the KJV. It has always been my favorite. But they got it wrong here. I really like the NKJV, but they got it wrong too. The NKJV did have notes that helped to clear it up. Most translations today correctly translate the word *morning star* or *day Star*."

*I, Jesus,* have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. *I am* the Root and the Offspring of David, *the Bright and Morning Star.*"

Revelation 22:16

What's Our Problem

The Holy Spirit Promised——Acts 1:4-9  
*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup>for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."* <sup>6</sup>Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

The Holy Spirit was to be given.

(a promise the Father had made)

Why? To empower us to be witnesses.

(3000 were converted on the first day)

How are we doing in comparison?

What's our problem?

Have we not been empowered?

Have we not received the Holy Spirit?

What's our problem?

