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The Seriousness of Being in the Body of Messiah

Some can't bring themselves to repentance even when they shed tears or remorse like Esau who swapped his birthright for a momentary pleasure. Heb 12:16 — We must hate the deeds of those who fall away, the accumulated sins that lead to a sin unto death. We can't show partiality and forgive someone who is not being forgiven by our Father.

We seek first the kingdom of God. We can't seek our own safety first or our wife, husband or children's safety, but His kingdom. Ps 24:4. We lift our souls up to idols and drag the Holy Spirit along when we go against our conscience (like watching a movie). If anyone loves the world then the love of the Father is not in you and never has been. Can you imagine loving what crucified our Master? Isn't that what you were saved from? We were saved out of the world (out of this wicked and perverse generation) and into the Body of Messiah (Acts 2:40). Where love is, there God is also. Our Master spoke words to Judas for 3 1/2 years. Everything spoken in the last three months has been spoken right to Derush.

Num 15:32 — This person was detected. What if no one had found out about this man gathering wood on the Sabbath? What if no one had seen him? Would he have gone on in happy fellowship? Could he have gone on in his ministry? Num 15:30-31 — Anything done defiantly is blaspheming God and his guilt shall be upon him. It shall remain. It is the same word spoken as in Rev 19:2-3 and Jn 9:41. The punishment cannot be extinguished. There's no forgiveness in this age or in the age to come. This is talking about the people who are supposed to be God's people, those who claim to see but do not see and have to pretend. Rev 19:3 — Their smoke rises up forever and forever.

It is a serious thing to be in the Body of Messiah. We hear these things over and over again. If we despise the word of God there's no hope for us. If we do anything that's not building up the Body then we are tearing it down and we will be destroyed. Where love is God is there also, but where love isn't God isn't there. We know we've passed out of death into life because we love the brethren. 1 Cor 13.

Mt 12:30 — If we're not with Him we're against Him. The word of God is the absolute standard. We were born to build up the Body and we raise our children that way. It's not a complicated thing. He gave us His Spirit so we could live for Him to build up the Body. If you are sowing seeds of discord Prov. 6:16 you are scattering and tearing down. This is a deliberate thing. The

one who sows seeds of discord is an abomination, detestable to God and an enemy, a servant of satan who is the destroyer.

Those who claim to have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness do not have the truth in them. It is spiritual leprosy. If you fellowship with them you will get it just like AIDS. Lev 14:35 — If they unbind their hair and cry out, "Unclean! Unclean!", there might be hope for them.

Let's be God's domain where He lives and breathes — His kingdom. God doesn't want anyone to perish. 2 Pet 3:9 — He wants all to come to full repentance in everything as we judge ourselves.

Is this speaking to those in the world? No, it's to those who have hope for His coming. Let's progress every day even if it's just a little bit. If we give ourselves with a good attitude we'll make more and more progress. Let's love one another enough to not let each other go backwards.

Let's stand up and give thanks we are still in the covenant, and our children are still in the covenant too.