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Yahshua's Friends

The work of the Holy Spirit goes on in us every day. He wants to tear down every wall that stands between the friends of Messiah Yahshua (Jn 15:12-14). Jn 15:15 shows us how much He loved His friends, and how we are to love His friends or one another now (Jn 13:34). We who are His friends are his witnesses, or a plural witness, as Isa 43:12 says, that He is who He says He is.

1 Jn 5:12 — This life is the attestation, this life is the evidence of His resurrection and the giving of His Spirit to His friends. *You are my friends if you do what I say*. His friends do what He commands. This is why the church is one, without sects and divisions, just as He prayed in John 17:20-23, and in every place on earth all those who are His friends are one as He is one with His Father, as 1 Tim 2:8. Paul said, *but if you bite and devour one another* (Gal 5:15), as in partisan strife, as a resistance movement within the fellowship, what kind of *fellowship* could it be? Fellowship of friends of Messiah? They only do what He commands. Then who is the false witness?

Someone is giving false testimony to who His friends are. Gal 5:20 speaks of things like sorcery, which is not obeying 1 Pet 4:11. Speaking in the power of another spirit, but making people believe that it is God's Spirit speaking through them; or even serving in some capacity, but not with the strength He provides for His friends to serve Him (serving His friends). *You are my friends if you do what I say*, but in Gal 5:20 these are things that His friends have no part in doing. These are the very expression of Christianity today, which made this false religion the greatest example of a Christ divided into splintering groups (1 Cor 1:13).

The Amplified Bible lists idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, ill temper, selfishness, division, dissension, party spirit, factions, sects. All sects in Christianity, having peculiar opinions, different from one another, make them acquire different names for their group — denominations. Gal 5:21 say no one in any denomination will "go to heaven" when he dies. But Gal 5:22 speaks about His *friends* who have His Spirit. It says, *but the fruit of the Spirit*, in contrast with the fruit of the flesh. The fruit of the spirit in communion with the Holy Spirit is what makes the true church a community.