

Isaiah
Chapter 1

v. 16-17-- We must live with Him seven days a week, twenty four hours a day. We must love others and let Him live our lives for us. We have made an exchange with Him--our lives for His. He wants us to truly give our lives to Him to Live in us and for us, and when we do that, we find it easier to live our lives as He would live them.

v. 18-- This well-known verse tells of His beautiful forgiveness of our sins, but He wants our total honesty with Him. In the Bible, the most serious sins were forgiven when repented of, but dishonesty to the Spirit of God, and covering up of our sins was taken very seriously by Him. The early Jews thought He wasn't looking when they worshipped idols--the Pharisees were planning in private against Him--Ananias and Sapphiras lied to Him, and all came to greater punishment than the biggest sinners.

v. 19-20-- When we come to Christ totally and give Him every part of our lives, He will take care of every detail of our lives, but whatever we try to do of ourselves, we leave an unprotected area for Satan to slip in through a hole in our armor of Christ with his sword. (See Jeremiah 1:16)

v. 21-22-- The Christian Church began as a small band of true believers who were totally devoted to Christ and totally led by the Spirit, but they got off the track by adding rituals, beliefs and traditions which were not guided by the Spirit--differences developed and hard feelings grew. The fifth commandment considers a murderer anyone who speaks angrily to another, so many of God's people are murderers. The true wine of Jesus is mixed with the water of division of the Body of Christ due to doctrinal differences. All this was planted by Satan to divide the church and weaken it against him.

v. 23-- The church started becoming rich, political, and the hierarchy was becoming powerful and greedy and forgetting the simple faith in Christ and the love of neighbor.

v. 24-27-- But now the Spirit of God is turning that around. He will "restore the judges as at the first". His Spirit is moving among the "little people" the common man, not the leaders of the churches. He is revealing our righteousness in Christ to the common people and we will be the Body of Christ through which He will come again, and His chosen people will be redeemed.

v. 28-- And the people who take pride and comfort in the things of this world lose the glory, joy and strength of the Lord and are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan.