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» 16 † Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

» 17 † For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

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Stay right together. If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life." That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It will run Him from the tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt you pastor. It'll do everything. See? Don't you do that.

HOW DO I
UPROOT
BITTERNESS?



"Bitterness is like a rock
thrown into a placid pond;
after its initial splash it sends
out circular ripples that affect
the whole pond."

- Max Lucado

"The more bitterness you have in your heart, the less room there is for the Spirit of God.

Unforgiveness chokes out the life of God."

- Charles Spurgeon

"To be a Christian means to forgive
the inexcusable because God has
forgiven the inexcusable in you."

- CS Lewis

Bitterness: anger and disappointment at being treated unfairly; resentment.

- Lack of Love
- Lack of Self Worth
- Lack of Respect
- Lack of Fidelity
- Lack of Clothes or Food
- Lack of Human Connection
- Lack of Success
- Lack of Acceptance

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premeditated
resentments

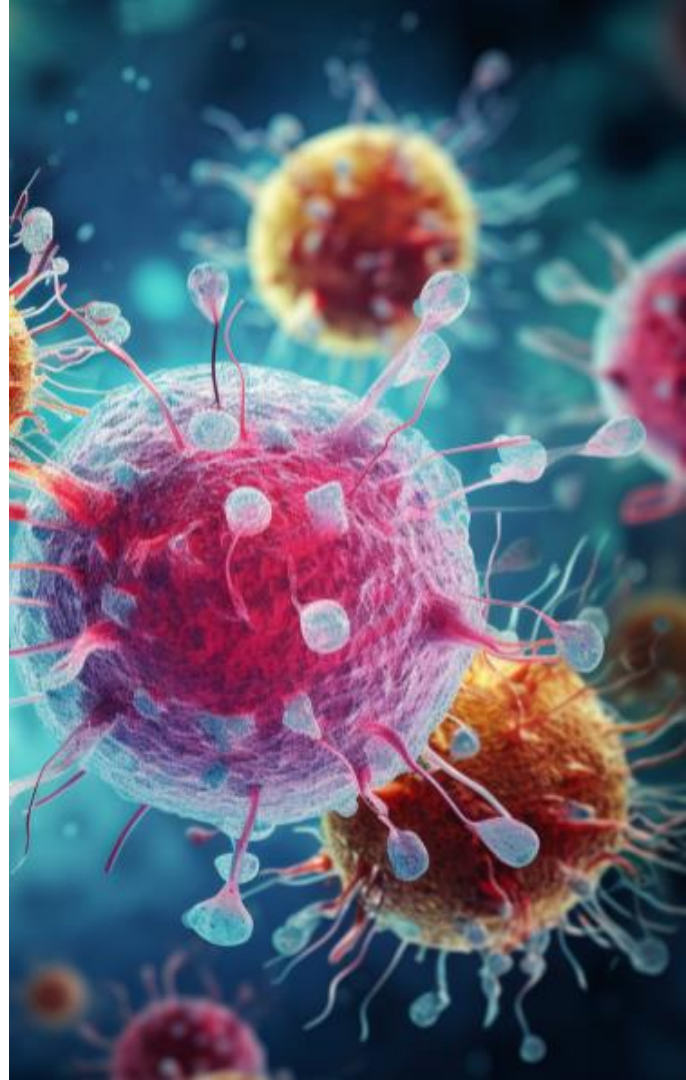
Be a **Healthy** 'Cell' in the Body

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A cancer comes from a bruise. A bruised cell, usually is where it's comes from. **The cell is bruised. All mashed up.** And that cau--it's otherwise, the cell is backslidden. If something happens in there that **fails to get the function of blood to it right.**

...

Oh, I'd like to preach the Gospel, now for five minutes, if I had the time. That's what happens in the church. When he gets someone failing to operate with the church, someone failing, and pulling off, and getting indifferent, that's a cancer in the church. It's a devil in that person. **That's right. And that causes the whole church to be sick over it.** The best thing to do is to have a spiritual operation.



EPHESIANS 4:31-32

» 31 † **Let all bitterness**, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, **and evil speaking, be put away from you**, with all malice:

» 32 † And **be ye kind one to another**, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



Hurt or Disappointment:

Bitterness often stems from a **hurtful experience**, such as **betrayal, rejection, or disappointment**. This initial **emotional injury** can lead to feelings of resentment.

Manipulation: Bitterness might lead to manipulative behavior, where the person tries to control situations or people to gain a sense of power or revenge.

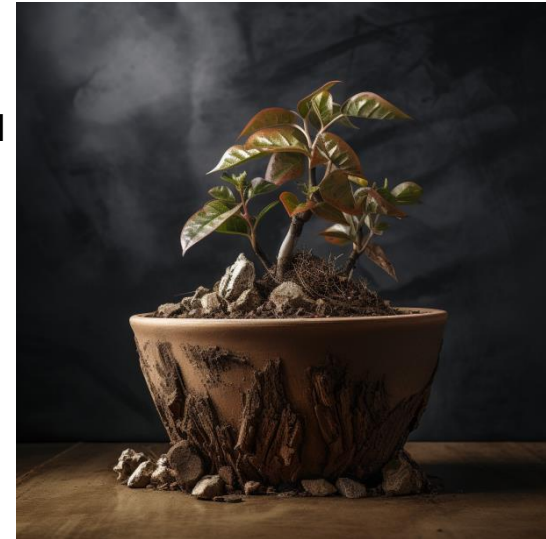
Resentment: As the hurt lingers, it can turn into ongoing resentment. The person may dwell on the perceived injustice and harbor negative feelings towards the person or situation involved.

Escalation to Hurtful Behavior: In extreme cases, bitterness can escalate to hurtful behavior, including spreading rumors, gossip, or engaging in actions meant to harm the source of bitterness.

Rumination: Bitterness can lead to constant rumination, where the person repeatedly replays the hurtful event in their mind. This rumination can intensify the negative emotions and reinforce the bitterness.

Self-Destructive Behavior: The internal turmoil caused by bitterness can lead to self-destructive behaviors, such as substance abuse, self-isolation, or neglecting one's well-being.

Grudge-Holding: Grudges are prolonged feelings of bitterness. The person holds onto the negative emotions over time, which can have a corrosive effect on their mental and emotional well-being.



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« E-40 † Somebody told me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, you know what happened? This great organization is talking about, that's always sponsored you--you know what they did? They ousted you. They won't have nothing to do with you no more." Said, "They drove down their stake." And said, "Nobody receive Brother Branham any more. "

I said, "Well, I drove mine down too, and went way out a past them, and took them in." That's just all of it. That's all. I take them in, because a lot of God's children's in there, and that's right. The message is to God's children, not to any certain organization, but to God's children. They put me out, I'll take them in by spreading mine a little wider and just take it in. That's all.

So we must love one another, keep the roots of bitterness out of us. Then God can go to working through us. But till we get that, then we're just fighting the wind. True. **We got to love one another. Jesus said, "By this all men will know you're My disciples." Right or wrong, love anyhow.**

Don't let it take root

- **Proverbs 17:14 (KJV):** "The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with."
- **II Samuel 10:**
David and King Hanun



Acknowledge Your Feelings:

"The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy."

Proverbs 14:10 (KJV)

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Hebrews 12:15 (KJV)

Seek Forgiveness:

"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

Colossians 3:13 (KJV)

Practice Gratitude

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)



Let Go and Let God

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Romans 12:19 (KJV)



Cultivate a Forgiving Heart

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)



What is Forgiveness?

- pardoning someone for a wrongdoing or offense and choosing not to hold their actions against them.
- letting go of negative feelings, resentments, and the desire for revenge or retaliation toward someone who has wronged you.
- an intentional decision to let go of resentment and anger.

Colossians 3:12-13

» 12 † Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

» 13 † **Forbearing one another**, and **forgiving one another**, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.



Cultivate a Forgiving Heart

- "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
But I say unto you, That ye **resist not evil**:
but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek,
turn to him the other also."
Matthew 5:38-39 (KJV)

- "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
Who did no sin, **neither was guile found in his mouth**:
Who, when he was reviled, **reviled not again**;
when he suffered, **he threatened not**;
but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."
1 Peter 2:21-23 (KJV)



Cultivate a Forgiving Heart

- **Luke 6:27-29 (KJV):** "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:15 (KJV):** "See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."



Practice Self Control

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:** For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

James 1:19-20 (KJV)



Replace Negative Thoughts

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**"

Philippians 4:8 (KJV)



Release Control

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10 (KJV)



Seek Reconciliation

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first **be reconciled** to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."
Matthew 5:23-24 (KJV)



Pray for Healing

"He healeth the
broken in heart,
and bindeth up
their wounds."

Psalm 147:3 (KJV)



Practice Love and Compassion:

And **be ye kind one to another,**

tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
even as God for
Christ's sake hath
forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)



- Love one another, above everything. Love one another.
- No matter what the devil tries to say!
- Now you're all one great big sweet group now, but remember my warning, see, **Satan won't let that stay that way.** No, sir.
- He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target.



- He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, and sit him down, **and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of a poison stuff**, and he'll start through the church with it.
- Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else.
- **You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another.**
- Pray for that man, that he'll be saved too, or that woman, or ever who it is, just pray for them.
- **And stick one with another.**



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HEBREWS 12:18-21

- » 18 † For **ye are not come** unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
- » 19 † And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
- » 20 † (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
- » 21 † And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)



Exodus 19

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- Now, now, that covenant lasted Israel on up till they made their final mistake.
- **Exodus 19**, hundreds of years later, when God had... Look what grace had provided: the unconditional covenant, not on any grounds at all, **but just on grace it was provided.**
- When they were taking their journey to the promised land, as God had promised back here--Abraham, his seed, would sojourn in a strange land for four hundred years under bondage, but would come out.
- Look, they was already out from under the bondage.
- **God, by grace, had provided them a prophet, a Pillar of Fire, a sacrificial lamb, a greatest revival they'd ever had; and they was standing on the banks dancing, beating tambourines, and having a real Pentecostal jubilee.**
- Everything, their enemies all killed behind them, and everything, **and yet they wanted something to argue about.**
- They wanted to get a law so they could have something to do into it.

The Covenant

EXODUS 19:3-6

» 3 † And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

» 4 † Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

» 5 † Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

» 6 † And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The Covenant

1.Obedience to God's Voice

2.Special Relationship (Treasure)

3.Kingdom of Priests

4.Distinct Identity

Exodus 19:8

And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.**

And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.



- Moses represented the law.
- God gave the children of Israel the law because that they wanted the law.
- God didn't want them to have it.
- That's man's choice.
- In Exodus 19, they said, "You give us something to do to merit our salvation."
- We'll keep a law if You'll give it to us, in other words.
- But it never was God's plan.
- It's better just to quit planning yourself and just use His plans.
- I find that much easier to take His plan.



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« E-65 † And the dove was not claved apart, but the animal, showing the difference between them, that there would be a time that law would change to grace, and so forth, **grace was first. And grace had already provided a Saviour down in Egypt. They already had a Moses to deliver them out. They already had a sacrifice. They already had everything, but where Israel made her final, fatal move is in Exodus 19, where she taken on, and wanted law, and rejected grace. That's right.**

Grace is always right; not what you do; it's what you believe.

It isn't works, lest any man should boast.

It's by grace are you saved through faith.



Grace

- unmerited favor
- freely given by God
- without any requirement for humans to earn it.

...For **ye are not come** unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

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« E-33 † The children of Israel on the road back, they had another conference with God, Moses did at the Red Sea. We'll call that the Red Sea conference. When right in the line of duty lay trouble. And listen Christians: **There's where you'll make your fatal mistake.** There's where Israel made her fatal mistake. When she asked for a law to serve God by. In Exodus 19, after grace had done provided a saviour, Moses, a prophet, done provided a lamb, done provided a covenant, done provided all these things **and yet they wanted something to do themselves. They wanted some theology.**

That's what's the matter today. If we'd have left Pentecost the way it was at the beginning... **But we had to have something to argue about. We had to be oneness, twoness, threeness, Church of God...** Oh, my. All these riding hump-backed camels of one hump, two humps, three humps and so forth. **What difference does it make how many humps a camel's got as long we're riding in? What difference does it make, whether you're in a Ford or a Chevrolet, just keep moving.**

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HEBREWS 12:22-24

» 22 † But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

» 23 † To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

» 24 † And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

HEBREWS 12:22

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SOMEBODY IS
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WORD LIVE
TODAY



HEBREWS 12:25-29

» 25 † See that ye **refuse not him that speaketh**. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

» 26 † Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

HEBREWS 12:27-29

» 27 † And this word,
Yet once more, signifieth the
removing of those things that
are shaken, as of things that
are made, that **those things
which cannot be shaken may
remain.**



He is going to blast and rock this sin-cursed world, my brother, my sister, and there is only one place that can stand that shock, and that is in the fold of the Lord Jesus. And I would beseech you while God's mercy is still available to you, that you give your whole life, unreservedly to Jesus Christ, Who as the faithful Shepherd will save you and care for you and present you faultless in glory with exceeding great joy.



MATTHEW 7:24-27

» 24 † Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

» 25 † And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

» 26 † And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

» 27 † And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



HEBREWS 12:27-29

» 28 † Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

» 29 † For **our God is a consuming fire.**

“He is a consuming Fire that burns up all your unbelief and your dross.”



HEBREWS 13:1

- » 1 † Let brotherly love continue.

- » 2 † Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

- » 3 † Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

- » 4 † Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

HEBREWS 13:5-8

» 5 † Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

» 6 † So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

» 7 † Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

» 8 † Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

HEBREWS 13:9-12

» 9 † Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

» 10 † We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

» 11 † For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

» 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

HEBREWS 13:13

» 13 † Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

» 15 † By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

» 16 † But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

HEBREWS 13:17-20

» 17 † Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

» 18 † Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

» 19 † But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

» 20 † Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Hebrews 13:21-28

» 21 † Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

» 22 † And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

» 23 † Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

» 24 † Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

» 25 † Grace be with you all. Amen.