

He Came to Cause Division on the Earth

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Jesus said, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and what if I desire it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with (the Cross); and how I am held-together until it is accomplished. Do you suppose that I have come to give peace on earth? I tell you, **No; but rather division**; for from henceforth there shall be five in one house **divided**: three **against** two, and two **against** three. The father **shall be divided against** the son, and the son **against the** father; the mother **against the** daughter, and the daughter **against the** mother; the mother in law **against** her daughter in law, and the daughter in law **against** her mother-in-law." ([Luke 12:49-53](#))

Earth: from the Greek word **gen** which means: the earth, soil, land, region, country, inhabitants of a region. In context the people who live on planet earth; even, in context, at the family level.

Peace: from the Greek word **eirenen** which means: peace, quietness, rest; wholeness in spirit soul and body; along with the absence of tribulation. In Context: Jesus is actually saying believers in Christ Jesus will not have peace, but will instead have tribulation with unbelievers.

Division: from the Greek word **diamerismon** a noun which means: a division; a breaking up; discord; disunion; dissension; hostility; a parting of ways, etc.

Divided: from the Greek word **diamemerismenoi** a verb which means: to divide up into parts, to break up; to be divided into opposing parts, to be at variance, to be in dissension.

Against: from the Greek word **epi** which means: on, or upon; but in context: against; in the sense of there being opposition, hostility, aversion, antagonism, resistance, etc. towards the one believing in Jesus by the one who is an unbeliever.

The enemies of true followers of Jesus, will often be of one's own household: family members! This often may result in inter-home hatred towards the true follower of Jesus. Please consider carefully the following words of Jesus:

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be you therefore wise as serpents, and harmless (innocent) as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and you shall be brought before governors and kings **for My sake**, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what you shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what you shall speak. For it is not you that speaks, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. And **the brother shall deliver up the brother to death**, and **the father the child**: and **the children shall rise up against their parents**, and cause them to be put to death. And you shall **be hated by all men for My Name's sake**; but he who endures to the end shall be saved! But when they persecute you in this city, flee you into another; for truly I say unto you, you shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, until the **Son of Man comes**. The disciple is not above His master, nor the servant above his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of His household? Therefore, do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hidden, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak you in light; and what you hear in the ear, preach that upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather **fear Him (God) who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**" ([Matthew 10:16-28](#))

Hated: from the Greek word **misoumenoi** which means: hated; detested; or despised. In context: hatred followed by hateful actions.

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Jesus gave us believers the following advice:

"These things I command you, that you **love** (*agapate*) one another. If the world **hates you**, you know that **it hated Me before (it hated) you**. If you were of the world, the world would love (*ephilie*) its own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, **therefore the world hates you**. Remember the word that I said unto you, 'The servant is not greater than his Lord.' If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's sake, because **they do not know Him (the Father) who sent Me**. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me **hates My Father also**." ([John 15:17-23](#))

This division, hatred, and lack of peace will grow and grow as the day of the Lord draws closer and closer! Please consider the following:

"Then He (Jesus) said unto them, 'Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and great earthquakes shall be in various places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But **before all these**, they shall lay their hands on you, **and persecute you**, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My Name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony (a witness). Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand what you shall answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to contradict nor resist. And **you shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends**; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And **you shall be hated by all men for My Name's sake**. But not a hair of your head will perish. In your patient-endurance you-will-gain your souls." ([Luke 21:10-19](#))

This division between believers and unbelievers was prophesied by God through the prophet Micah; please consider the following prophecy:

"Put not your trust in a friend; put not your confidence in a guide. Keep the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; **a man's enemies are the men of his own house**. Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." ([Micah 7:5-7](#))

This prophecy was quoted by Jesus Himself as follows:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword**. For I have come to set a man **at variance against his father**, and the daughter **against** her mother, and the daughter in law **against** her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be those of his own household. He who loves (*philon*) father or mother more than Me **is not worthy of Me**; and he who loves (*philon*) son or daughter more than Me **is not worthy of Me**. And he who takes not his cross, and follows after Me, **is not worthy of Me**. He who finds his life shall lose it; and he who loses his life for My sake shall find it." ([Matthew 10:34-39](#))

At Variance: from the Greek word *dichasai* which means: to cut into two parts; to cause a separation, to separate, set at variance, to alienate; to make hostile. This is what happens within a believers family when he/she decides to truly follow Jesus faithfully with trust in Jesus.

Against: from the Greek word *kata* which means: down and against someone or something. Again the context: the division between family members because of Jesus.

Remember, Jesus said:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword**."

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In this world we will not find peace; but will have tribulation instead. Only in Christ Jesus will we find peace. Please consider the following:

“Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, yes, is now come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own-place, and shall leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken unto you, so **that in Me you might have peace** (*eirenen*). In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**” ([John 16:31-33](#))

Tribulation: from the Greek word *thlipsin* which means: tribulation; in the sense of: persecution, affliction, distress, often carrying the challenge of coping with the internal pressure of thinking there is no way of escape. This is why Jesus encourages us by saying, **“Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”**

In this world, of unbelieving people, we will suffer division, tribulation, and separation with people who may have been once close to us who believe; and now they hate us! The source of this division is our Faith in Jesus the Christ-Messiah. Jesus was well aware of this, and did pray to the Father for His believing disciples as follows:

"While I was with them (His disciples) in the world, I kept them in Your Name; those whom You gave Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, except the son of perdition; so that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world, so that **they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.** I have given them Your word; **and the world has hated them,** because **they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** I pray not that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them from the evil (one). **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** Sanctify them through Your Truth! **Your word is Truth!**" ([John 17:12-16](#))

Finally, our Peace is found by embracing the following exhortation:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. **Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.** Be careful for nothing; **but in every thing by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. **And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Finally, brethren, **whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think (dwell) on these things.** Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the **God of Peace** shall be with you.” ([Philippians 4:4-9](#))

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**He compared this to casting destructive fire upon the earth !
The enemies of His disciples will often be their own blood relatives !
Some of His disciples will be killed because of their faith in the Name of Jesus !**

**But Jesus said that we should be of good cheer; for He has overcome the world !!
Jesus has asked the Father to sanctify us through the Truth !**

Jesus, You are the Word made flesh – full of Grace and Truth !!

**Please give us the courage to truly love our enemies, just as You loved us !
I pray that You will draw those who hate us into loving faith in our Savior Jesus !**

Thank You Lord Jesus for the Peace of God the Father !! Amen and Amen !!