



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We have all seen the signs as we travel: "*Buckle up: It's the law!*" It is just a simple reminder in each state for our safety that we must wear our seatbelts. I realize some just ignore the law and it seems if there is a fatal crash, authorities tell us that the driver or passengers were not wearing their seatbelts.

Over the years I don't hesitate or think about buckling up. It is automatic without giving any thought to the law. I have practiced it so long it has become a part of my security measure. When my grandchildren ride with me, I always make sure they are buckled up because I look out for their safety and well being.

God has supplied us with every needful help to make it to heaven, our goal. He provided us with Jesus as our substitute, with His blood flowing over us to cleanse us from all unrighteousness provided we are one with Him and walking in the Light. Because of the great gift of Jesus, God says, "*buckle up!*" "*Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth...*" (Ephesians 6:14). The term "*girded*" means to fasten around. The truth of the gospel came to us and we are dependent upon His truth for our present and future safety and travel. The only question is, will we "*buckle up?*"

I often hear people say it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe in the Lord. If Satan ever told a lie, this is the one! Only the truth can make one free. Those are the very words of Jesus in John 8:32. Before truth can make one free, Jesus says, "*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*" (John 8:31) Jesus stresses the importance of His disciples continuing in and holding to His word. If it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe, why would Jesus stress such? Why would Paul tell us to "*gird our loins with truth?*" There are too many believing and living a lie. The apostle John states, "*Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God.*" (II John 9)

Did it make any difference in Thyatira that a woman called Jezebel, calling herself a prophetess (a teacher of God) was leading the bond-servants of Jesus astray? It made a great difference to the Lord. In fact, Jesus says He was going to deal with her and those who followed her teachings with severe consequences (Revelation 2:20-25).

God warns from heaven against following false ideas and notions. If God warns against such, don't you think He will provide us the security and safety? What is that? "*Girding our loins with the truth.*" We need to make certain we, "*Buckle up: It's the law!*" Think about it!!!

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