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Topics.

- Let the evildoer still do evil.
- Let the righteous do right.
- Let the evildoer do evil and the righteous do right.

LET THE EVERDOER STILL DO EVIL

- **Revelation 22:11:** Let the evildoer (he that is unjust in KJV) still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy."

Evil: in this context embraces all classes of ungodliness, violence, and sins against society.

Unjust: is used here as a general term for an unrighteous or wicked person, and embraces all whose character fits the description of ungodly.

Filthy: refers to sensual and moral defilement and pollution, it embraces those who are corrupt and profane, ungodly, and blasphemous.

Let them continue in evil, carries the following idea, amongst the sea of humanity will always be those:

- Who rather than repent and change in character will continue in their wicked ways, and to do evil and deny Christ.
- Amongst the sea of humanity there will always be those who are selfish, corrupt, prideful and do injury to others.

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The following verse shows that this evil will still exist in the world even at the end of the millennial age.

- **Revelation 20:7-9:** When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them.

All mankind is originally, naturally, and universally corrupted with sin. Some are cleansed from it by the blood of Christ. Those who are not, will continue in their sin. The meaning is that throughout all generations there will always be wicked and evil people amongst the sea of humanity, the world will never be free of wickedness, until the end of Christ's millennial reign, and after the Great White Throne judgement, when all the wicked will be condemned to destruction (i.e., eternal death) symbolised by the second death and lake of fire, and eternity begins in all its perfect fulness and death is no more. The idea behind the words, "let the evildoer still do evil," is that no matter what we do wickedness will continue, so if we cannot change it according to the law, accept the reality and remain righteous.

LET THE RIGHTEOUS DO RIGHT

- **Revelation 22:11:** Let the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.

Some may think, who are the righteous and holy, for at this present time no one is holy or righteous, not even those in Christ, for they are not counted righteous because of their own self-righteousness and lifestyle, but solely upon Christ's righteousness.

The Bible clearly teaches: a righteous person before God is one that is righteous, not by their own righteousness, but by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are those who by faith trust in Christ for their righteousness and not themselves and as, a result of receiving by faith his righteousness, love and grace do all they can to live a lifestyle suited to righteousness. Though it is true, not one of us is holy and righteous in ourselves (if we could be Christ died for no reason), the focus of righteousness and holy in this context is not upon living a perfect holy godly life, or upon righteousness that comes by faith and leads to eternal life, but living a lifestyle of good works, wholesome morality, and doing what is right under the law and before God, and walking in the fruits of the Spirit (i.e., patience, kindness, forgiveness, and compassion etc.). It is about endeavouring to live a lifestyle suited to righteousness, not that to be more saved, or to add to our salvation, but for the following three reasons:

1. It is what all believers in the body of Christ are called to.
2. It brings honour to God and a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.
3. In the New World to come, the resurrected redeemed will be with Christ, as his Bride and his government working with him from Jerusalem to establish God's Kingdom of righteousness on earth, and before the throne of God, when eternity comes in all its perfect fulness.

- **Revelation 7:15:** Therefore they (those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb) are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

LET THE EVERDOER DO EVIL AND THE RIGHTEOUS DO RIGHT

Putting these two statements together, the overall meaning is that evil will always be in the world, and that no matter how bad it becomes the righteous are not to take up any of the following to overcome it:

- Take up violence.
- Twist and distort the law.
- Perform any unjust act.

The righteous are to do all things according to the law of justice and the law of love. Those in Christ should not stain their white garments, because of the wilful and malicious offence of others. It is true those who belong to Christ should do all they can to stand up against evil, but only according to the law of the land and by justice and peaceful means. Jesus does not call his followers to violence and war. If after doing all we can to change what is evil fails, we are not called to use violence to change what cannot be changed by the law of the land, by justice and by peaceful means. As one insightful writer wrote, "Lord help, me to change what can be changed, and accept what cannot." All those who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb are called to rest in the truth expressed in the following verses:

- Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.' (Deut. 32:35).
- Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Rom. 12:19).
- We know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." (Heb. 10:30).

As much as those who belong to the family of God through faith in the Saviour who gave up his life to the bloodstained cross of Calvary and ascended to heaven to sit at the right-hand side of his heavenly Father would like this world to be different, and free from so much suffering, the reality is that they will only find peace in this world when they accept that sin will reign until he who is perfect comes.

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