**Cause and Effect**

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Contrary winds whether they are physical or spiritual, cause waves of doubt and uncertainty; the effect of these waves is fear and unbelief even unto death. The thief (devil) comes to steal, kill and destroy; our Lord Jesus Christ came that we might have life and life more abundantly.

The spiritual winds include doctrine, the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches, and lusts of other things that enter into the heart and choke the word of God (Mark 4:18-19) that was sown in your heart at the beginning of your salvation; and the truth of the gospel of Christ that has been preached unto you by HIS apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers which were given for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ, until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: And that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive (Ephesians 4:11-14).

Ephesians 4:15-16 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (KJV)

There is “one” gospel (doctrine) of Christ that will keep us on the sure foundation firmly anchored (hope) to the Rock of our salvation, so that when the storms or trials of our faith come, we will not be moved. We will hold fast knowing the truth of the gospel and that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and a sound mind (2Timothy 1:7).

This is why it is so important that our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God; and to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness on a daily basis and allow the Holy Spirit, which we have been given, to lead and guide us into all truth (John 16:13-15). Because the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever (Isaiah 32:17-18). We will remain anchored in the hope of salvation, not focusing on the problems or storms of this life that are causing waves of doubt and confusion stirring up fear and unbelief, but keeping our focus on the Lord Jesus Christ our sure foundation that will hold up to the waves, giving us strength and wisdom with which he too rebuked the winds and spoke unto the sea, “peace be still”, and calmed the waves and immediately safety was brought forth.

And concerning doctrine, many in the Church are tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine (cause), by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; these winds of doctrine cause waves of doubt and uncertainty in what is truth, and they can lead to fear and unbelief (effect) in one’s walk in the Spirit if they allow it to enter into their heart. Knowing the truth that is in Jesus (Christ – Ephesians 4:20-21) will set you free and keep you free indeed; it will calm the contrary doctrinal winds so you can hear the still small voice of God guiding you into all truth which will put you immediately on a Rock-solid foundation (1Corinthians 10:4, 1Corinthians 1:24, Colossians 1:27) which will keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

So, brethren, let us cast all our care unto God and let him do the caring for us, and continue in the faith grounded and settled, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel by contrary winds of doctrine which are not of God, but of men, doctrines of devils that lie in wait to deceive (1Timothy 4:1-6) which will have a negative effect on you and your salvation.

Psalm 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (KJV)

God bless and keep the faith.

Video scripture list in order left to right:

Psalms 89:9, Mark 4:35-41,

Bible refers to the seas as the masses of people,

Revelation 20:13, Matthew 13:47-50,

Psalms 107:27-30, Matthew 6:33, Psalms 107:20, Psalms 23:1-3,

Amos 8:11-12,

Wander = waver, stagger

Matthew 7:14, Ephesians 4:5, James 1:2-8, Ephesians 4:11-16,

Perfect = mature

1Timothy 6:9-10, Mark 4:19,

Choke = to drown

Luke 6:46-49, Psalms 127:1, 1Corinthians 2:9-10, Romans 8:9,

1Corinthians 3:11, Acts 4:10-12, Matthew 16:16-18, 1Corinthians 10:4,

Isaiah 59:19,

Shall lift up a standard = way of escape or deliverance

Isaiah 54:11, Isaiah 32:17-18, James 5:16, John 6:16-21,

2Thessalonians 2:1-2,

Shaken = move or agitate, which is a motion produced by waves

Galatians 1:16