

"To those who have received a faith **of the same kind as ours**, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ" <2 Pet 1:1>

"Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our **common salvation**, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was **once for all** handed down to the saints."

<Jude 3>

"To Titus, my true child **in a common faith**: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior." <Tit 1:4>

SOMETHING BEING COMMON CAN BE A WONDERFUL THING!!!

In Solomon's day silver was common

"and the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stone..." <2 Chr 1:15>

The apostles were common men

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished." <Acts 4:13>

The early church had all of their worldly goods in common

"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the thing that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common." <Acts 4:32>

We face common temptations

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A COMMON FAITH FOR
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"What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what
will be done, and **there is nothing new under the sun.**" <Eccl 1:9>

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree.
And he asked that he might die, saying, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for **I am no
better than my fathers.** <1 Kgs 19:4>

Therefore, since **we are surrounded** by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us also** lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance **the race that is set before us, looking to
Jesus,** the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <Heb 12:1-2>

A COMMON FAITH MEANS A SHARED STANDARD

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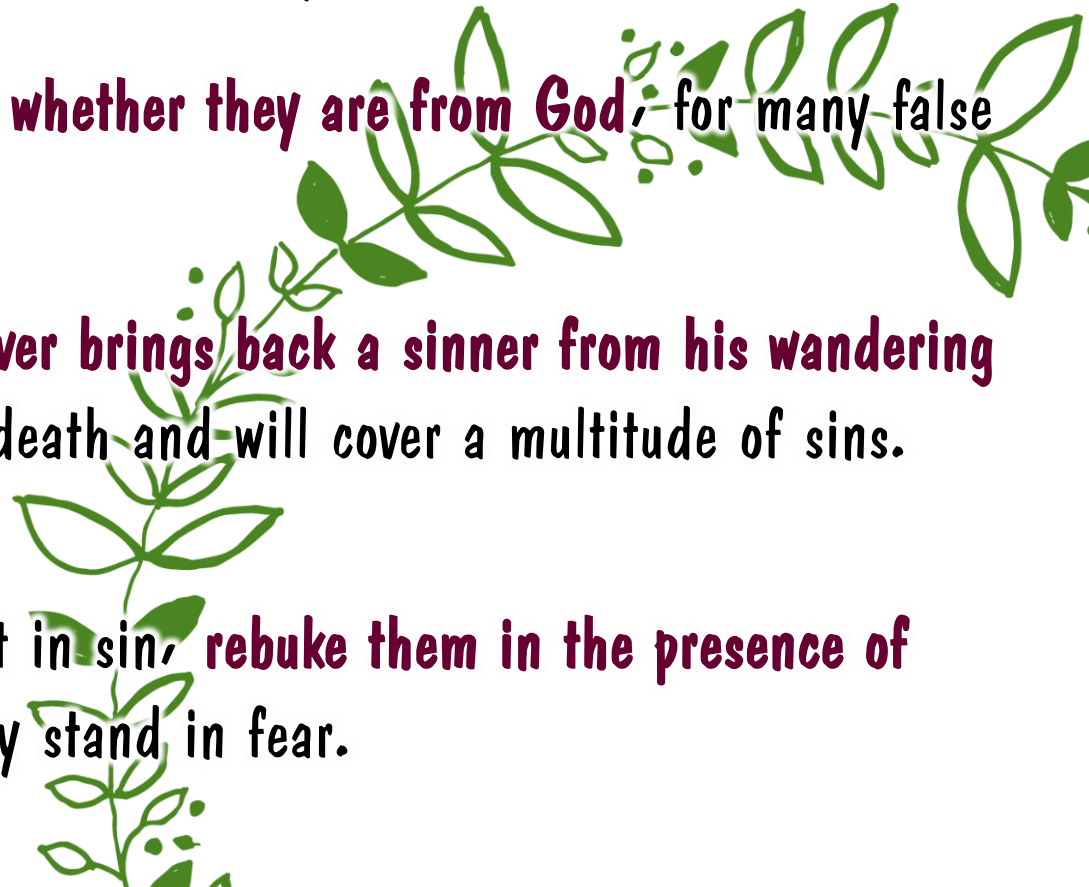
Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, **and from the truth itself**. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. <3 Jhn 1:12>

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits to see whether they are from God**, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <1 Jhn 4:1>

"**Examine yourselves**, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you fail to meet the test!" <2 Cor 13:5>

let him know that **whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering** will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. <Jas 5:20>

As for those who persist in sin, **rebuke them in the presence of all**, so that the rest may stand in fear. <1 Tim 5:20>



A COMMON FAITH MEANS EQUALITY & FAIRNESS

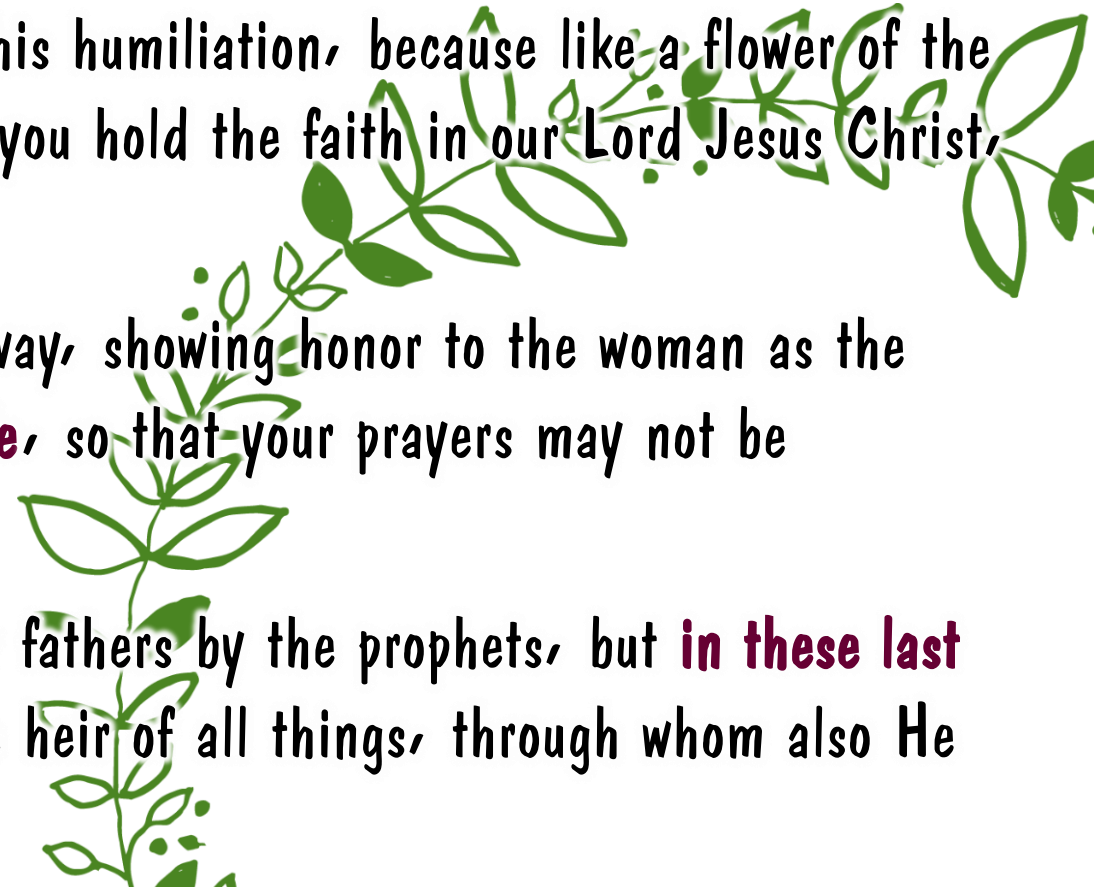
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <Gal 3:28>

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that **God shows no partiality**, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him." <Acts 10:34-35>

Let the **lowly brother** boast in his exaltation, and **the rich** in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away... My brothers, **show no partiality** as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <James 1:9-10; 2:1>

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since **they are heirs with you of the grace of life**, so that your prayers may not be hindered. <1 Pet 3:7>

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but **in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son**, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. <Heb 1:1-2>



A COMMON FAITH MEANS THE POSSIBILITY OF UNITY

until we all attain to **the unity of the faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

< Ephesians 4:13 >

There is **one** body and **one** Spirit—just as you were called to the **one** hope that belongs to your call—**one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **one** God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. < Eph 4:4-6 >

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are **standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side** for the faith of the gospel,

< Philipians 1:27 >