

EMBRACE, EMBRACED, EMBRACING

When Rachel told Laban that Jacob had come, he **embraced** Jacob. (Laban would feel *very* differently about Jacob by the time he left.)

- **Genesis 29:13:** "And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things."

When Esau saw Jacob (after being apart for decades), he **embraced** him.

- **Genesis 33:4:** "And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept."

When Joseph heard that Jacob was sick and brought his two sons to see him, Jacob **embraced** Joseph's sons.

- **Genesis 48:10:** "Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them."

Elisha told the woman that about this season, she would **embrace** a son. (In other words, in one year she would give birth to a son.)

- **2 Kings 4:16:** "And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid."

We must not **embrace** lies.

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We must not favor those who turn away from the upright path and **embrace** lies.

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If we **embrace** lies then we haven't put our trust in the Lord.

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We must **embrace** wisdom.

- **Proverbs 4:7-8:** "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her."

Wisdom will honor those who **embrace** her.

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It's an evil thing to **embrace** a woman who isn't your wife.

- **Proverbs 5:20:** "And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?"

There's a time to **embrace** others.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:5:** "A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;"

There's a time to avoid **embracing** others.

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Paul **embraced** the disciples at Ephesus before he left.

- **Acts 20:1:** "And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia."

When Eutychus fell out of a window and died, Paul **embraced** him (and raised him back to life again).

- **Acts 20:10:** "And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him."

The church needs to **embrace** the fact that it's composed of different parts that perform different functions. That's a necessary part of its design, and is the way God designed it to work.

- **1 Corinthians 12:15:** "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?"

Those who reject the gospel and **embrace** a false gospel aren't saved.

- **1 Corinthians 15:2:** "By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

Paul believed the false gospel the Galatian church had **embraced** was extremely dangerous.

- **Galatians 1:6-9:** "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

The Galatians were foolish to reject the true gospel and instead **embrace** the false gospel of salvation by works.

- **Galatians 3:1:** "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose

eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"

Christians must be unified in the Spirit. Unity must never come by opposing the Spirit and **embracing** sin and heresy.

- **Ephesians 4:3:** "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

All the words of Christ are words of wisdom. We must not neglect any of them, but instead **embrace** all of them.

- **Colossians 3:16:** "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

It's good to seek after wisdom. Christians must not reject wisdom or **embrace** ignorance.

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Some Christians have erred by **embracing** profane and vain teachings.

- **1 Timothy 6:20-21:** "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen."

Temptation is something we should avoid, not something we should **embrace**.

- **2 Peter 2:9:** "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:"

The false end-times religion will be **embraced** by many nations.

- **Revelation 17:15:** "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."