

## CouplesInBloom.com – No Longer Engaged

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They *left*. *Left* is a costumed word, wearing an air of necessity for self-preservation. Beneath this attire, though, *force joins distance to reject and disconnect*. Disengagement due to negativity is louder and deeper than other so-called ‘justifications’ communicated. Revelation 2:4 addresses Christians ⇨ “I have against you that you *left* your first love.” The Greek word here for *left* is *more intense than separation*; its *motivation* for eviction is *inseparable* from its action. We’re all naked and exposed before God ⇨ Hebrews 4:13.

This is important (and therefore taught against by Satan): **intentions comprise the relationship on which forgiveness is premised**. God does not forgive practiced sin by an apologetic prayer, because practiced sin is intended and He knows it ⇨ Hebrews 4:12. God’s forgiveness in salvation is *inseparable* from His Lordship of our life. If we fall into sin, we grieve through it via the intimacy produced by His Lordship of our life. Practicing sin contradicts His Lordship of our life, and **denying His Lordship denies His salvation**.

Salvation is *inseparable* from Lordship. The Bible couples the words **Lord** and **saved**: “Believe in the **Lord** Jesus Christ and be **saved**.” ⇨ Romans 10:9; Acts 15:11; 16:31. Without Lordship, “many” people foolishly believe they **are** saved ⇨ Matthew 7:21-23. Sin **example**: “I do not share God’s love with others. I am saved; God will forgive me.” Sin **example**: “I am divorcing my lazy spouse. I am saved; God will forgive me.” Both tell God He is **not** their Lord, therefore the benefits of His salvation do **not** apply to them.

**Remember: intentions comprise the relationship on which forgiveness is premised**. God’s quietness is not God’s permission; His Word already spoke what he wanted to say. “Asking for forgiveness is easier than asking for permission” is an intentionally damning sales pitch from Satan who *left* God, his first love. It is too late for him to repent, and he wants the same for us, and uses *very subtle ways* to get us **no longer engaged** with God:

- ❧ **Salvation: hypocritically** withhold the very love of God from others that saved us by telling us to be afraid of evil people, ashamed of the Gospel, or that we are stupid. Satan wants us **no longer engaged** with evil people Jesus died for from the cross.
- ❧ **Intimacy: busily** de-prioritize our time alone with God and our time studying His Word so that we do not become dangerous to the forces of hell, do not bless and honor God’s heart, and become **no longer engaged** with Jesus, the lover of our soul.
- ❧ **Outimacy: selfishly** avoid ministry, not overflow the wonderful intimacy or the life changing power (received in intimacy) to other Christians, and **no longer engaged** to anyone at all who needs the good God gave us to multiply in others around us.

Popular warfare against Christians is getting them to be **no longer engaged**; is this you?

\_\_\_ **My engagement** with God’s love; this is where passion for evil people comes from.

\_\_\_ **My engagement** with the Bible; this is where spiritual authority in life comes from.

\_\_\_ **My engagement** with Holy Spirit intimacy; this is where spiritual power comes from.

**Decrease** indicates becoming **no longer engaged** with God; so does **constancy**! God is relational: **engaged people grow closer, not further, not stay the same! Engage God! ♥**