

Luke 12:49-53 **Jesus came For Division – Not Peace**

49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. 52 For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! [Luke 12:49]
- ✚ Jesus came with a purpose: This purpose was stated by John the Baptist. [Matthew 3:11-12, Luke 2:16-17]
 - ✧ He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**.
 - ✧ His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with **unquenchable fire**."
 - ✧ This fire spoken of is the fire of trials and tests the Saints will face followed by the Lake of Fire at the judgment when all evil will be cast in to the fire at the beginning of the Kingdom thousand year reign of Christ.
 - ✧ Since the entire message of John and Jesus was focused on the Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of God, it is not surprising that Jesus would express His great desire to be past the Judgment and into the Kingdom.
- ✚ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!
 - ✧ The Baptism Jesus expressed His desire to see accomplished soon, is the Baptism of death on the cross which was followed by His resurrection, never again to need to face the suffering, anguish, and death. [Romans 6:10, Hebrews 7:27, 9:12, 10:10]
 - ✧ That is indicated in His discourse with James and John about the Baptism Jesus was to be baptized with. [Matthew 20:22, Mark 10:38]
- ✚ Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." [Luke 12:51-53]
 - ✧ The message of the Kingdom is a call to repent, and also a call to choose between the traditional religion of the Jews and the teachings of Jesus.
 - ✧ The persecution of the Saints at the hands of their countrymen has always caused division within the family unit.
 - ✧ Jesus predicted that as we draw nearer to the time of the end, family members will rise against family members and cause them to be put to death. [Matthew 10:16-23, 24:9-14, Mark 13:9-13, Luke 21:12-19]
 - ✧ God has allowed us all to be tested and tempted to cause us to **make a choice** between obedience to what God has commanded and disobedience, between **Life and Death**.
 - ✧ It was that way in the beginning, it will be that way in the end.
 - ✧ Jesus desires to get past the time of testing and into the blessed eternity in the presence of God. [Revelation chapters 20-22]
 - ✧ All the Saints say: AMEN! Come quickly Lord Jesus! [Revelation 22:20]