

Thanksgiving:

There are many in the religious world today having FUN; having HOLIDAY feasts, parties, drinks, just having a merry good time (**REVELLING**). We are sure some if not most would ask, what's wrong with that? There is nothing wrong with it according to our **FLESH**, actually it is **FUN!** But according to Christ and his apostles, to our **SPIRIT** it is a vexation, to our **SOUL** it is damnation **John12:24-26**, because the **FLESH** cannot please **GOD**. The **CARNAL MIND** is hatred against **GOD** and is not **SUBJECT** to the **LAW** of **GOD**. Thereby, not having the Spirit of Christ (**antichrist**), please read; **Rom.8:1-10; Gal.5:16-25; Phil.3:16-20; Titus3:8-11**. For even when the, "Holiday" season starts, what is **truly** thought of the most? Is it Christ or is it the **time off**, the **fleshly family gatherings**, the **glutinous foods** and **drinks**, the **carnal games**, the **vain carnal trees and decorations**, and or the **materialistic "gifts"**? According to scripture our thoughts cannot be of Christ, when the things that we are observing and or doing, **CANNOT** be found in **HIS** instructions to **HIS** **BODY**, the Church (Matt.17:1-8; Matt.28:18-20; John17:16-23; 2Cor.1:12-14; Eph.3:1-7; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:5-6). But rather are the things that goes against Christ, thereby **DENYING** **HIM** and his **FATHER**, (**ANTICHRIST**) (Isa.29:11-14; Matt.15:7-9; Mark. 7:6-9; Luke 6:43-49; 1John2:15-26; 2John1:7-13). Let your conversation be ONLY about the **ONE** thing that is **NEEDFUL**; Christ, the scriptures, and soul salvation while at these gatherings, and see how popular you will be (Philp.1:27; 1Tim.4:11 -16; 1Pet.1:13-19; 2Pet.3:8-12). Take the **carnal**, **fleshly** wants of man out of the equation; there would be no observance of these **CARNAL** days that **Christ has not authorized**, to those that are his. The proof is in the pudding; our **GOD** is truly our **BELLY** because it seems as though nothing in this **WORLD**, including the Religious World, can be observed without carnal foods, and or our carnal/ fleshly wants. "**Luke 10:38** Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, which also **sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word**. **40** But Martha was cumbered about **much serving**, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. **41** And **Jesus answered** and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **42** But **one thing is needful**: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." "**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule**, let us mind the same thing. **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame, who (1)mind earthly things.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

Definition: (1)MIND EARTHLY THINGS -from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed; intensively, to interest oneself in (**with concern or obedience**): KJV-- **set the affection on**, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, **savour**, think.

Please listen to what Jesus told the multitude; "**John 6:26** Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. **27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." For those that were to be invited to a feast, Jesus Christ left instructions. Now this is also an example of **TRUE GIFT giving**, and Christians **MUST** be of the **TRUTH**, **John17:16-17**. Note the definition of **GIFT** (g¹ft) *n.* **1.** Something that is bestowed voluntarily and **WITHOUT (1) compensation**. - **1.** To offset; counterbalance. **2.** To make satisfactory payment or reparation to; recompense or reimburse.

"**Luke 14:12** Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, **call not** thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a **recompence** be made thee. **13** But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the

blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot (2)recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.”

Definitions: (2) for they cannot **recompense** thee-468 antapodoma-the thing paid back, requital; 467 antapodidomi (an-tap-od-ee'-do-mee): KJV-- recompense, render, repay.

If these instructions were followed, the so-called Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter FEASTS would not exist with those professing Christ. Christians are to give to the **needy** always, not on some day put in place by man, the **creature**, **please read:** (Matt.5:38-48; Luke 6:27-36; Acts20:29-35; Rom.12:9-21; Gal.2:9-10; 6:9-10; Eph.4:28; Phil.2:1-8. Then, we would be following the instructions of God, the **Creator**, through Christ, and his apostles. But many choose NOT to follow these and many other instructions left by Christ. Why is this; is it because of the lack of knowledge or just **being rebellious**, because of what we like, (our BELLIES)? **“Matt 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.” “Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.” Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

Now here is a day that is among many others, that is Highly Esteemed among MEN, and has been set up by man for his BELLY, the things that he LIKES. Note the origin of this day; **“The Thanksgiving holiday has its origin in the Puritan Thanksgivings of colonial New England. Both the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Boston Puritans were strict Calvinist Protestants.” “Cal-vin-ism) n. The religious doctrines of John Calvin, emphasizing the omnipotence of God and the salvation of the elect by God's **grace alone.**”** Please check the complete history of this tradition, and you will find it NOT being **at all CHRIST LIKE**. As we have read, this tradition came MUCH too late to be of Christ or his apostles. Here again is the problem; it follows not the instruction given by Christ (Luke14:12-14; Rom.12:16). There is no need for man to set up such, not for a Christian because; the instructions for giving thanks has already been set by THE WORD, and it is Perfect and Complete. The CREATOR needs NO help from the CREATURE (Rom.1:25). The creature MUST OBEY and follow the instructions already given, IF we are to be followers of CHRIST through his apostles, (Christians). Christians must abound in thanksgiving **24/7**, and give thanks when ever we eat, according to the apostles' word, not on some day given by man. Christianity is **not SEASONAL**, but a **24/7 LIFESTYLE**, and according to scripture **ALL THINGS** MUST be done with thanksgiving. The statement, “salvation of the elect by God's **grace alone,**” is **NOT** according to scripture; therefore it is ERROR and is dangerous! According to scripture, we are saved by grace, but NOT grace ALONE. We are saved by many things, grace being one, baptism and the obedience of the WORD being another, which is another lesson, but for now please read (James1:21-27; 1Pet.3:20-22). As we start this study please get your Bible, and pay close attention to all scriptures and all definitions. **The study: Thanksgiving by Christ through his apostles to His body, the church;**

Thanksgiving-2169 eucharistia (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah);- from 2170; gratitude; **actively**, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): KJV-- thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

1Thes 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

2 Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall

raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. **15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.** **16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.** **17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;** **18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**(KJV)

2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; **he hath given to the poor:** his righteousness remaineth for ever. **10** Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) **11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.** **12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;** **13** Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your (1)liberal (2)distribution unto them, and unto all men; **14** And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. **15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.**(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)liberal**-572 haplotēs (hap-lot'-ace); from 573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal): KJV-- bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness. **(2)distribution**-2842 koinonía (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from 2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction: KJV-- (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. **5 Let your (1)moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.** **6** Be careful for nothing; **but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God. **7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **8 Finally, brethren,** whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do:** and the God of peace shall be with you.(KJV)

Definition: **(1)moderation**-1933 epieikēs (ep-ee-i-kace'); from 1909 and 1503; appropriate, i.e. (by implication) mild: KJV-- gentle, moderation, patient.

Col 2:4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. **5** For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. **6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:** **7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **8 Beware lest any man (1)spoil you through (2)philosophy and vain deceit, after the (3)tradition of men, after the (4)rudiments of the (5)world, and not after Christ.** **9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)spoil** you through -4812 sulagogeō- to carry off booty: a) to carry one off as a captive (and slave) b) to lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway. **(2)philosophy** and vain deceit -5385 from 5386 philosophia- love of wisdom; used either of zeal for or skill in any art or science, any branch of knowledge. 5386 philosophos (fil-os'-of-os); from 5384 and 4680; fond of wise things, i.e. a "philosopher": KJV-- philosopher. **(3)** after the tradition of men-3862 paradosis- 2) a giving over which is done by word of mouth or in writing, that is, tradition by instruction, narrative, precept, etc. a) objectively, that which is delivered, the substance of a teaching. **(4)** after the rudiments-4747

stoicheion- b) the elements from which all things have come, the material causes of the universe c) the heavenly bodies, either as parts of the heavens or (as others think) because in them the elements of man, life and destiny were supposed to reside d) the elements, rudiments, primary and fundamental principles of any art, science, or discipline, that is, of mathematics, Euclid's geometry. (5)of the **world** and not after Christ.-2889 kosmos- 1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, (the aggregate / the whole sum) of things earthly; the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.

Col 4:2 (1)Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; (see also 1Thes 3:7-13)

Definition: (1)Continue in prayer-4342 proskartereo-1) to adhere to one, to be his adherent, to be devoted or constant to one 2) to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing 3) to continue all the time in a place 4) to persevere and not to faint

1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, (1)giving heed to (2)seducing spirits, and (3)doctrines of (4)devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. 7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)giving heed-4337 prosecho- 2) to turn the mind to, to attend to be attentive; to a person or a thing: of caring for, providing for 3) to give attention to, to take heed 4) to apply oneself to, to attach oneself to, to hold or to cleave to a person or a thing a) to be given or addicted to b) to devote thought and effort to. (2)to **seducing spirits** 4108 planos-1) wandering, roving 2) misleading, leading into error a) a vagabond, a "tramp", an imposter b) a corrupter, a deceiver. (3)and **doctrines**-1319- didaskalia (did-as-kal-ee'-ah); from 1320; instruction (the function or the information): 1) teaching, instruction 2) teaching a) what is taught, doctrine b) teachings, preceptsKJV-- doctrine, learning, teaching. (4)of **devils** -1140 daimonion (dahee-mon'-ee-on); neuter of a derivative of 1142; a demonic being; by extension a deity: 1) the divine power, deity, divinity 2) a spirit, a being inferior to God, superior to men 3) evil spirits or the messengers and ministers of the devil KJV-devil, god.> see: 2 Cor.4:1-6, esp.verse 4.

We MUST believe on Christ through the words of the Apostles, according to Christ himself **John17:20-21**, and continue **steadfast in** the apostles' doctrine as those before us (Acts 1:1-4; Acts2:41-42), this is **SAFE**. Why must we always do the things to please the flesh rather than God? HIS Son did NOT: "**1 Pet 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:"** Christians MUST deny themselves as CHRIST did, and follow Him; hating our lives here (John 12:24-26), by crucifying and mortifying the flesh, according to God through Christ and his apostles. There be **few** that are willing to SUFFER and FOLLOW THE WORD, which is Christ, **(the narrow way)**, but there are **many** that choose to follow traditions and commandments of men, **(the broad way)**, rather than Christ and his apostles, please read;

Matt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it. **15 Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? “**Mark 8:33** But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, **Satan**: for thou **(1)savourest not the things that be of God**, but the things that be of men. **34** And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, **he said unto them**, Whosoever will come after me, let him **(2)deny himself**, and take up his cross, and **follow me.**”(see also Matt.16:23-25; Luke9:22-23; Titus 2:12-15)

Definitions: **(1)savourest not**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. **(2)Deny himself**-533 aparneomai (ap-ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); from 575 and 720; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain: KJV-- deny.a) to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone b) to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and one's own interests

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the (1)flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit **(2)do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** **14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)Flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx); flesh i.e. or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such): KJV-- **carnal (-ly, + -ly minded)**, flesh ([-ly]). **(2)Do mortify**-2289 thanatoo (than-at-o'-o); from 2288 to kill (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **become dead**, (cause to be) put to death, kill, mortify.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have **(1)crucified** the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk** in the Spirit. (see also Gal 6:14; Col 3:5-10)

Definition:(1)Crucified the flesh-4717 stauroo-b) metaphorically, to crucify the flesh, **destroy its power utterly** (the nature of the figure implying that the destruction is attended with intense pain)

The scriptures teach that among many works of the flesh, REVELLING is one of them, and that those participating in it or any such like, shall not inherit the kingdom of God. As we start this study, please as always, pay close attention to all scriptures and all definitions of words. We believe this will allow a better understanding of why **TRUE Christians**, i.e. followers of Christ through His apostles, cannot and must not Party; thereby making them right, righteous with God.

REVELLINGS: Tis the season to be Jolly; Jol·ly adj. jol·li·er, jol·li·est. 1. Full of good humor and high spirits. 3. Greatly pleasing; enjoyable. •merry. 1. To amuse oneself with humorous or teasing banter. A good or festive time, Amusement; kicks. • sad (antonym) • depressed (antonym). Folly• silliness• absurdity• absurdness• craziness• foolishness

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, **(1)revellings**, and **such like**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Definitions: **(1)revellings** and **such like** -2970 komos (ko'-mos); a carousal (as if letting loose): KJV-- revelling, rioting. a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and **sing and play** before houses of male and female friends; hence, **used generally of feasts and drinking parties** that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry **1.** To take great pleasure or delight. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. **rev·el** *n.* A boisterous festivity or celebration; **merrymaking**. . (n.) **Joyful**, exuberant activity and **entertainment**: **FUN**, reveling, **festivity**, gaiety, jollification, merriment, **merrymaking, party**. ANTONYM: **be downcast**> (John12:24-26 etc) **FUN** (fʊn) *n.* **1.** A source of enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure **1.** To behave playfully; joke. --**fun** *adj.* *Informal.* Enjoyable; amusing. --**idiom. for fun or in fun.** As a joke; playfully. **2.** (n.) Playful and often noisy activity: • horseplay• clowning• playfulness• sport• antic• game **3.** (v.) To tease or mock good-humoredly:• fool• jest• kid (colloquial)

Prov 23:20 Be not among (1)winebibbers; among (2)riotous eaters of flesh:

Definitions: **(1)winebibbers**-5433 caba' (saw-baw'); a primitive root; to quaff to satiety, i.e. become tipsy: KJV-- drunkard, fillself, Sabean, [wine-] bibber. 3196 yayin (yah'-yin); wine (as fermented); by implication, intoxication: KJV-- banqueting, wine, wine [-bibber]. **(2)riotous**-2151 zalal (zaw-lal'); to quake; figuratively, to be loose morally, worthless or prodigal: KJV-- blow down, **glutton, riotous** (eater), vile. **Glut·ton** (glʊt'n) *n.* **1.** A person who eats or consumes immoderate amounts of FOOD and DRINK.

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all **unrighteousness**, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, **proud**, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Rom 13:13 Let us **(1)walk** honestly, as in the day; not in (2)rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1) Walk**-figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about), to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself, to pass one's life. **(2) Rioting**-a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry

1 Cor 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.(KJV)

Eph 5:14 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. **18** And **be not drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; **19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **20** **Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;(KJV)

II Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but **had pleasure in (1)unrighteousness.** (see 1Tim 5:5-6; 2Tim.3:1-7)

Definition:(1)unrighteousness-93 adikia (ad-ee-kee'-ah); from 94; (legal) injustice (properly, the quality, by implication, the act); morally, wrongfulness (of character, life or act) 3) **a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness:** KJV-- iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.

1 Tim 5:23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

According to scripture, Christians MUST not live by the flesh anymore. Christians MUST put on Christ in baptism, and strive to KEEP him on, thereby putting on the new man, and that NEW man MUST be a SPIRITUAL one (**Rom.8:5-9; Gal.3:27**). For when we choose to take Christ OFF for our Belly's sake (fleshly wants); we then become that old fleshly man, and we SIN. We all have kinsmen in the flesh, but Christians MUST remember who their family truly is. The SPIRITUAL family reunion is set on each **Lord's Day (Acts20:1-7)**, and it must be attended (**Heb.10:25**). **Jesus said.....** "Who is my mother or my brethren, (Matt.12:47-50 & Mark3:32-35)?" If we are to be of Christ's family, we MUST follow HIM. For all have not obeyed the gospel; **Matt 7:14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. **Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**Rom 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (See also **James1:21-25**)

Matt 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. **47** Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. **48** But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? **49** And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! **50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.(KJV)

Christians are not to have any fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but, rather reprove them (**2Cor.6:14-18; 7:1-3; Eph.5:6-11**). Christians can't have it our way, we **must** do it Christ's way, because we are NOT our own, we have been bought with a price (**1Cor.6:20; 7:23**).

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. (see also **Rom 13:11-13**)

1 Cor 10: 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? (KJV)

Gal 5:16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit,** and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: **and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot** do the things that ye would.(see also **Gal 5:25**) (KJV)

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **20** **But ye have not so learned Christ;** **21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, **as the truth is in Jesus:** **22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that **ye put on the new man,** which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (see also **Eph 4:1-3**)

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.** **8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And **have no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather reprove them.**

Contrary to what is being taught in the religious world today, EARTH is a Christians' WORK place (**Philip2:5-16**), there is no time for FUN (horseplay), Christians MUST redeem the time (**Eph.5:14-17**). Christianity is a SERIOUS LIFESTYLE, and there is nothing more serious than it; in that it is about either having eternal life in HEAVEN, or eternal death and torment in HELL (**Matt. 12:34-37; Mark9:43-48; Luke16:19-25; Heb.10:24-31**). If Christ and those before us SUFFERED not to participate in such things, why do "Christians" today think they have the right not to suffer? True Christians today **must** SUFFER also, we MUST suffer to be **obedient** and follow those before us, so that we can cease from sin (**Philip.1:29; Heb.5:8-9; 1 Pet 4:1-4**). Here are some more scriptural instructions given for The Christian Lifestyle, TRUE Christians MUST focus and meditate on these and such like, to be right (righteous) with God, through Christ and his apostles.

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?(see also **Matt.7:15-27**)

John 12:25 (1)He that loveth his life shall lose it; and (2)he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **26** **If any man serve me, let him follow me;** and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)He that loveth-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction 3) to be fond of doing; to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV-- kiss, love. **(2)he that hateth-3404** miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful).

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, **brethren,** by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind not** high things, but **(2)condescend to men** of **(3)low estate.** Be not wise in your own conceits. **17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give (4)place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)Mind not high things-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, to be (mentally) disposed; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. **(2)condescend to men**-4879 sunapago-a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power. **(3)low estate**-5011 tapeinos-1) not rising far from the ground a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree b) brought low with grief, depressed c) lowly in spirit, humble. **(4) give place** unto wrath-5117 topos-b) opportunity, power, occasion for acting (see **Matt.5:38-39**)

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye walk (1)circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.(KJV).....**Definition: (1)circumspectly**-exactly, accurately, diligently. (See also **Eph.3:1-5**)

Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. **29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;(KJV)

Phil 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so **as ye have us for an ensample**. (see also **Col 1:9-12; 1Thes 2:11-12; 1Tim 6:17-19**)

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself (1)unspotted from the **(2)world**.

Definitions: (1)unspotted-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally): KJV-- without spot, unspotted. **(2) from the world**-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble**. **20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** (KJV)

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the (1)friendship of the world is (2)enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a (3)friend of the world is the enemy of god.(see **James 5:1-5**)

Definitions: (1)**friendship** of the world-5373 philia (fil-ee'-ah);from 5384; fondness: KJV-- friendship. (2)**enmity** with God-2189 echthra (ekh'-thrah); feminine of 2190; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition: KJV-- enmity, hatred. (3)**friend**-5384 philos (fee'-los); properly, dear, i.e. a friend; actively, fond, i.e. friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.): KJV-- friend.

I Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (KJV)

I Jn 2:15 (1)**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the (2)world. If any man love the world, the (3)love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is (4)antichrist, that (5)denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that (6)seduce you.(KJV)**

Definitions: (1)**Love not the world** -25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368. (2) neither the things that are in the world 2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ. (3)the love of the Father is not in him-26 agape (ag-ah'-pay); from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: KJV-- (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, good will, love. (4)He is **antichrist**-500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos); from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the Messiah, the adversary of the Messiah: KJV-- antichrist. (5)that denieth the Father and the Son-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee);perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate, 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered: KJV-- deny, refuse. (6)that seduce you-4105 planao-1) to cause to stray, to lead astray, to lead aside from the right way, to go astray, to wander, to roam about 2) metaphorically: a) to lead away from the truth, to lead into error, to deceive b) to be led into error c) to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, to sin d) to sever or fall away from the truth; used of heretics e) to be led away into sin.

TRUE Christians, i.e. followers of God, through Christ and his apostles, do not have any example of those before us having EARTHLY, CARNAL, SECULAR fun, joys, pleasures, parties, and revellings or any such things. But rather, we have been warned against such. Note the examples of the joys and

pleasures of Christians before us; they are NOT EARTHLY, CARNAL, SECULAR ones, thereby following the instructions of JESUS CHRIST THE SAVOUR, (John 12:24-26). These are the same ones TRUE Christians must follow, to be right “righteous” with GOD through Christ and his apostles:

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. **24** But none of these things move me, **neither count I my life dear unto myself**, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. (see also **Rom 5:10-11; Rom 14:17-18; Rom 15:13; Rom 15:32-33**)

2 Cor 12:10 Therefore **I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake**: for when I am weak, then am I strong.(see also **Eph 1:5; Phil 1:3-6; Phil 1:25**)

Phil 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.(see also **1Thes 1:6-7; 2:19-20; 2Tim 1:4; Phil 4:1-4; Phil 1:20; Heb 12:2-3**)

James 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into divers temptations; **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (see also **James 5:7-8**)

1 Pet 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: **13** But **rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with **exceeding joy**.(KJV)

II Jn 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. **4** **I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth**, as we have received a commandment from the Father.(KJV)

3 Jn 1:1 The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. **2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. **3** **For I rejoiced greatly**, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. **4** **I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth**.(KJV)

We believe that there are some that perceive, understand and even believe these truths; but because of different reasons, do not choose to accept them. We believe that weakness maybe one reason. We also believe that such ones might ask these questions: “How can I tell my wife, husband, children, or friends?” “How can I tell my father, mother, or kindred, that these are truths?” The question should be: “How can a Christian, i.e. follower of Christ, not tell the truth to all (the truth being the WORD)”, **John 17:16-17**? Followers of Christ through his apostles MUST tell the TRUTH at all times, for no lie is of the truth, and there is no lie in Christ, **James 3:14; 1John 1:5-10** and **2:21-29**. Christians must be strong in the faith, not in a faith, and have been instructed to quit like men. “**1 Cor 16:13** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, (1)quit you like men, be strong.” **Warning**, for being timid, “fearful”; causes damnation. “**Rev 21:8** But the **(2)fearful**, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

Definitions: (1)quit you like men-407 andrizomai (an-drid'-zom-ahee);middle voice from 435; to act manly, 2) to show oneself a man, be brave: KJV-- quit like men. **(2)fearful 1169** deilos-timid, fearful

We believe that **pride** may be another reason for the refusal of the truth, in that we don't like admitting that we have been wrong. Jesus said that pride, among other things is evil, and defileth the man, see

Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48. This is true because first, and most of all Jesus said it. Secondly, when it hinders one from saving his own soul and the souls of others, by not admitting the truth by the word, can anything be more evil? Remember, among other things the WORD is profitable for correction: **2 Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We must not be too proud to accept the WORD; after all it is Christ **John1:1-18**, and it is what will judge us in the last day **John12:46-50**. We must change our minds and then our ways if we want to be SAVED, “Repent” **Mark 9:43-48; Rom. 12:1-2; 2Pet.3:8-18**.

Then the scriptures tells us of the few that will find and accept the WORD, and the many that will not accept it because of being blinded by the god of this world, “the Devil”; **Matt.7:13-29** and **22:14**; “**2 Cor 4:1** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (See also **Luke 4:1-13; 1John5:19-21; Rev.12:9 and 13:6-9**)

1 Pet 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? **18** And if the **(1)righteous (2)scarcely** be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **19** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful **Creator**.

Definitions: (1)righteous-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws. **(2)scarcely** be saved -3433 molis (mol'-is); probably by var. for 3425; with difficulty, **2) not easily, very rarely**: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.

Dear reader, our hope is that you would question those “Religious Leaders” by the Apostles’ doctrine, that observe, and or impose these unscriptural traditions upon you. **Jesus Christ said** that the belief of him is in the apostles’ word, so that we ALL will be ONE (**John17:14-21; Acts1:1-4; 2:42**) because he gave them, the apostles the Word, and they Kept IT, (**John17:5-10**). Remember the engrafted Word is also able to save our souls **if** we are **doers of it** and not hearers only (**James 1:21-22**). **He that hath an ear**, let them hear and then strive to do, if we are to be of the Church that Christ is building (**Acts 2:47**).

Please remember, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, which is false doctrine, for the purpose of saving our souls. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH**; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the continuance in it, is the **ONLY** thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, **2Tim.3:12-17!**

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