

PLEASE GET YOUR BIBLE AND FOLLOW THIS STUDY!

Dear reader, Last time we submitted scriptures dealing with the Sanctification, of a follower of Christ (Christian)(see John17:17). In the 17th chapter of John, it seems we find Christ praying to his Father, he mentioned in verse 4 that he had finished the work his Father had given him. In verse 6, Christ stated, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word". In verse 8 of the 17th chapter of John He prays, "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me". As I read verses 9 and10, I thought it interesting in that Christ seemed to have shown a difference between his chosen twelve, and the world. He seems to have shown ownership and authorization. He prays, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine". "And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them". All of chapter17 is good reading, as is the whole Bible, but for time and space purposes let's move on to verse14. "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world". This is a self check scripture for those striving to be true Christians. If we keep the word, we will not be of the world, and we will love not the world, neither the things that are in it(see 1John 2:15-17), we will then be peculiar(see Titus 2:14-15, 1Pet.2:9). Not only will we be peculiar, but we will suffer(see 2Tim.3:12) and we will be hated(to be loved less) just as our Lord Jesus, the Apostles and those that followed them before us. Now if you will, verses 16 and17 of the 17th chapter of John; "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." These scriptures takes us into the Sanctification, Dedication, Separation from the world, not out of the world, because one wouldn't be able to teach (see Eph.5:6-11)and or help others(see Matt.5: 42). This Sanctification, Separation from the world and Dedication to God, is done through The Truth, which is The Word and The Word is Christ. Being professed "Christians" we must follow Jesus only(see Mark9:7-8) and his Apostles as they followed Christ, Not Moses, Not Elias, Not David, Not Abraham, neither suffered for us, neither died and shed his blood for us. The traditions that is practiced by Christ- ians must be of Christ and the Apostles according to The Word, which is truth(see1Cor. 11:1-3, 2Thes.2:15, 2Thes.3:6 and Phil.4:9). Our loving Savior lead by example in that he lived a suffering life here on this earth. Make no mistake, his suffering started before the cross, it started at birth. God's only begotten Son, borne in a feed trough, which one of us would have been born in such manner, having the power that our Lord had? This was a suffering for our Lord, now it is understandable why our Lord never celebrated such, by scripture, neither did his Apostles, they never left any instruction on such (see John17:20-21). God's only begotten, had not a place to lay his head (see Luke9:57-62). He refused all the things of the world that Satan had to offer and the Glory of them (see Luke 4:1-14). He was hated, he was threatened, he was run off by his own people, and he was a man of sorrows (see Isa.53:1-7). Our Lord suffered many other things, even The Cross. The cruelest death suffered on the cross, for us the sinful, He that had no sin. There are some out there that teach, "Since Christ suffered we don't have to", this is a dangerous doctrine because, it is not the truth. Let's read what the word, which is the truth has to say, (seeMatt.5:38-39, Matt.10:32-39, Luke6:27-37, Heb.5:8-9, Heb.7:26, 1Pet.4:1-2). Contrary to what is being taught out there, this is true Christianity according to the word which is truth.

SEE BELOW FOR REFERENCED SCRIPTURES

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the 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.(KJV)

Titus 2:14 Who **gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.** **15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

1 Pet 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, **a peculiar people;** that **ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness** into his marvellous light:(KJV)

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall **suffer persecution.**(KJV)

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.**

Matt 5:42 **Give to him that asketh thee,** and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Mark 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **This is my beloved Son: hear him.** **8** And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, **save Jesus only** with themselves.(KJV)

1 Cor 11:1 **Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.** **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that **ye remember me in all things,** and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

II Th 2:15 Therefore, **brethren, stand fast,** and **hold the traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.(KJV)

II Th 3:6 Now **we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,** that **ye withdraw yourselves** from every brother that walketh disorderly, and **not after the tradition which he received of us.**(KJV)

Phil 4:9 **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)

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also **which shall believe on me through their word;** **21** **That they all may be one;** as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also

may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.(KJV)

Luke 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, **Lord, I will follow thee** whithersoever thou goest. **58 And Jesus said** unto him, **Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.** **59 And he said unto another, Follow me.** But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and **bury my father.** **60 Jesus said unto him,** Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. **61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee;** but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. **62 And Jesus said unto him,** No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.(KJV)

Luke 4:1 And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. **3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. **4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. **5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them:** for that is **delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** **7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.** **8** And **Jesus answered and said** unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (see also verses 9-14)

Isa 53:1 **Who hath believed our report?** and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? **2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, **there is no beauty that we should desire him.** **3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:** and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,** he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,** yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. (see also verses 8-12)

Matt 5:38 Ye have heard that it **hath been said,** An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: **39 But I say unto you,** That ye resist not evil: but **whosoever shall smite thee** on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.(KJV)

Matt 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. **34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.** **35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.** **36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.** **37 He that loveth father or mother more**

than me is not worthy of me; and **he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me**. **38** And **he that taketh not his cross**, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. **39** **He that findeth his life shall lose it**; and **he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it**.

Luke 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, **Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. 29** And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. **30** Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. **31** And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. **32** For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. **33** And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. **34** And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35** **But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.** **36** Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. **37** Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:(KJV)

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;(KJV)

Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is **holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners**, and made higher than the heavens;(KJV)

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.(KJV)

Dear readers remember as always, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, 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; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL!

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