

Dear reader as always it is again a blessing to be able to share with you some scriptural truths. Again, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, for the purpose of saving our souls. Again we believe this is best done by definitions and the preponderance of scriptures; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of scripture. We believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic.

Truly, there are many in the religious world today proclaiming to belong to Christ, "Christians": Loving this world and enjoying the things that are in it. We cannot have it our way, if we belong to Christ "Christians". We must do it His way because, we are not our own, we have been bought with a price. **Christians** must deny themselves, take up their cross DAILY, **not** the cross that everyone likes to hang on their walls, hold in their hands, hang around their necks, hang on their rear view mirrors, lay on their bibles: but the CROSS of SUFFERING to deny what we like and want DAILY, and follow Christ; "**Luke 9:22** Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **23** And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, (1)let him deny (2)himself, and take up his (3)cross daily, and (4)follow me. 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

Definitions:(1)let him deny-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate, 2) to deny someone, to deny oneself a) to disregard one's own interests b) to act entirely unlike himself 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered: KJV-- deny, refuse. (2)himself-1438 heautou (including all other cases)-himself, herself, itself, themselves. (3)take up his cross DAILY-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial: KJV-- cross. (4)and follow me-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow, reach.

The blueprint of The One Body, The One Church that Christ is building and is the head of, is found in The Apostles' Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures (**Matt. 16:13-19; Acts2:41-47; Eph.4:1-6; 5:22-33; Col.1:12-20; 1Pet.2:6-11**). This is the Church of and by Christ (**Rom.16:16-18; Eph.3:17-21**). Last month we shared with you a commandment of the Apostle John, as he was guided by The Holy Spirit, "**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world**" (**I John 2:15**). This month we will attempt scripturally as always, to examine as to **why** The Holy Spirit inspired the apostle John to give this commandment. Now, let us read in the words of the Apostles, of The Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (**John 17:16-23**), as it answers the question **why**, and defines those that belong to HIM. He that hath an ear let him hear, and then strive to do, if we are to be "They that are Christ's". Dear reader, again think about it, if we do those things that are not of the Father, then WHAT and WHO are we OF?

"FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD"

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 (1)all that is in the (2)world, the (3)lust of the (4)flesh, and the lust of the (5)eyes, and the (6)pride of (7)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)

Definitions:(1)For All-3956 pas (pas); including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole: KJV-- all (manner of, means), alway (-s), any (one), X daily, + ever, every

(one, way), as many as, + no (-thing), X thoroughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever. **(2)**that is 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, the world, the universe, the earth, the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race, the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ, 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 **Lust**-1939 epithumia; desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust. **(4)**of the **Flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx); probably from the base of 4563; flesh (as stripped of the skin), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such): the body of a man, the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God; KJV-- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]). **(5)**lust of the **Eye**-3788 ophthalmos (of-thal-mos'); from 3700; the eye (literally or figuratively); by implication, vision; figuratively, envy (from the jealous side-glance): KJV-- eye, sight, the eye, metaphorically, the eyes of the mind, the faculty of knowing, 3700 optanomai (op-tan'-om-ahee);KJV-- appear, look, see, shewself. **(6)**and the **Pride** of -212 alazoneia-1) empty, braggart talk 2) an insolent and empty assurance, which trusts in its own power and resources and shamefully despises and violates divine laws and human rights 3) an impious and empty presumption which trusts in the stability of earthly things. **(7)**of **Life** is NOT of the Father -979 bios (bee'-os); a primary word; life, i.e. (literally) the present state of existence; by implication, the means of livelihood: KJV-- **good, life, living,** life extensively, the period or course of life, that by which life is sustained, **resources, wealth, goods**

I Jn 2:16 ... the lust of the flesh... Ref. Scriptures:

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. **26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections:** for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **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.**(KJV)

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 **(1)righteousness.**(KJV)

Definition (1) because of **righteousness** 1343 dikaiosune-1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God b) integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting. 1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the

lusts thereof.(KJV)

1 Cor 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **7** Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.(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.(KJV)

Gal 5:24 And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit.**(KJV)

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.(KJV)

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **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.

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, **2** To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. **3** For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, **servng divers lusts and pleasures,** living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.(KJV)

1 Pet 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.(KJV)

1 Pet 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;** **12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.(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.** **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: **5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.(KJV)

2 Pet 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: **10** **But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness,** and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2 Pet 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. **18** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

Jude 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. **16** These are murmurers, complainers, **walking after their own lusts**; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, **having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.** **17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, **who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.**(KJV)

I Jn 2:16 ... and the lust of the eyes... Ref. Scriptures:

Ps 119:35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. **36** Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. **37** Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. **38** Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. (KJV)

Ecc 5:9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field. **10** He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: **this is also vanity.** **11** When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? **12** The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. **13** There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. (KJV)

Matt 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: **28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. **29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. **30** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Matt 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **22** **The light of the body is the eye:** if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **23** **But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.** If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! **24** **No man 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.**(KJV)

Mark 7:15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. **16** If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. **17** And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. **18** And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; **19** Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? **20** And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** **All these (1)evil things** come from within, and **(2)defile** the man.(KJV)

Definitions: (1) All these **evil things** come from within 4190 poneros (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of 4192; hurtful, i.e. **evil** (properly, in effect or influence, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) **the devil**, or (plural) **sinner**s: KJV-- bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). **(2)** **defile** the man-2840 koinoo (koy-no'-o); from 2839; to make (or consider) profane (ceremonially): KJV-- call common, defile, pollute, unclean.

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 2Cor.4:1-7; Rev.12:9-13; Rev.13:2-9) (KJV)

2 Cor 4:18 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 10:7 **Do ye look on things** after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, **let him of himself think this again**, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.(KJV)

I Jn 2:16 ... and the pride of life... Ref. Scriptures:

Ps 73:6 Therefore pride **(1)compasseth** them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.(KJV)

Definition: (1) Compasseth-6059 `anaq (aw-nak'); a primitive root; properly, to choke; used only as denominative from 6060, to collar, i.e. adorn with a necklace; figuratively, to fit out with supplies: KJV-- compass about as a chain, furnish, liberally.

Ecc 2:17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.(KJV)

Ecc 12:7 Then shall **the dust** return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit** shall return unto God who gave it. **8** Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.(KJV)

Gen 2:7 And the **LORD God** formed man of **the dust** of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul**. (KJV)

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.(KJV)

Matt 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word**, and he becometh unfruitful.(KJV)

Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed **evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,** **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from **within**, and **defile** the man.(KJV)

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? **18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. **19** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. **20** And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. **21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. **22** And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! **24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.(KJV)

Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are **choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection.(KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **Mind not high things**, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.(KJV)

James 1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: **10** But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. (see also Rev 18:10-20)

I Jn 2:16 ... is not of the Father... Ref. Scriptures:

John 8:21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. **22** Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. **23** And **he said unto them**, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.(KJV)

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.(KJV)

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. **13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (KJV)

2 Pet 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; **14** **Having eyes full of adultery**, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:(KJV)

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.

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin** which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set

before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.(KJV)

James 1:27 (1)Pure (2)religion and (3)undefiled before God and the Father is this, To (4)visit the (5)fatherless and (6)widows in their (7)affliction, and to (8)keep (9)himself (10)unspotted (11)from the (12)world.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)Pure-2513 katharos (kath-ar-os');of uncertain affinity; clean (literally or figuratively): KJV-- clean, clear, pure. **(2)religion**-2356 threskeia-religious worship; especially external, what consists of ceremonies, religious discipline, religion. **(3)undefiled** before God 283 amiantos (am-ee'-an-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 3392; unsoiled, i.e. (figuratively) pure, not defiled, unsoiled: free from that by which the nature of a thing is deformed and debased, or its force and vigor impaired: KJV-- undefiled. **(4)visit**-1980 episkeptomai (ep-ee-skep'-tom-ah-ee); middle voice from 1909 and the base of 4649; to inspect, i.e. (by implication) to select; by extension, to go to see, relieve: KJV-- look out, visit. **(5)fatherless** 3737 orphanos (or-fan-os'); of uncertain affinity; bereaved ("orphan"), i.e. parentless: KJV-- comfortless, fatherless. **(6)widows** 5503 chera (khay'-rah); feminine of a presumed derivative apparently from the base of 5490 through the idea of deficiency; a widow (as lacking a husband), literally or figuratively: KJV-- widow. **(7) in their affliction** 2347 thlipsis (thlip'-sis); from 2346; pressure (literally or figuratively): KJV-- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble. **(8)keep**-5083 tereo-to attend to carefully, to take care of a) to guard b) metaphorically, to keep, one in the state in which he is c) to observe d) to reserve: to undergo something. **(9)himself**-1438 heautou (including all other cases)-himself, herself, itself, themselves. **(10)unspotted**-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los);from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally), a) free from censure, irreproachable b) free from vice, unsullied: KJV-- without spot, unspotted. **(11)from**-575 apo-1) used of separation a) used of local separation, after verbs of motion from a place that is, of departing, of fleeing c) used of any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed d) used of a state of separation, that is, of distance. **(12)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.

We must remember, to become a Christian one must obey from the heart (mind) the New Testament form of doctrine, which is the gospel; (Rom.10:14-17, James 2:21-24; Mark16:16, Phil.1:27-30, James 2:17-26; Luke13:3, Acts 2:38; Rom.10:9-10; Matt.3:13-17, 28:18-20, Acts22:15-16, Gal.3:27, Col.2:11-12, 1Pet.3:20-22.) After obeying this form, which includes **putting on Christ in baptism** (Gal.3:27), then one becomes his bride, thereby making one NOT of the world (John3:27-29; John 15:17-27; John17:1-26; 1Cor.5:1-13; 2Cor.11-1-3; Eph.5:23-33; 1John4:4-17). Then to become "friends" of the World, we then become ADULTERERS, according to scripture.

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

Definitions:(1)friendship of the world -5373 philia (fil-ee'-ah); from 5384; fondness: KJV-- friendship. **(2)world**-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)is enmity** with God-2189 echthra (ekh'-thrah);feminine of 2190; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition, 2) cause of enmity: KJV-- enmity, hatred. **(4)whosoever therefore will be a friend**

of the world 5384 philos (fee'-los); properly, dear, i.e. a friend; actively, fond, i.e. friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.) b) an associate c) he who associates familiarly with one, a companion: KJV-- friend. **(5)** is the **enemy** of God-2190 echthros (ech-thros'); from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan), 1) hated, odious, hateful 2) hostile, hating, and opposing another used of men as at enmity with God because of their sin 1) opposing (God) in the mind 2) a man that is hostile 3) a certain enemy 4) the hostile one 5) the Devil who is the most bitter enemy of the divine government: KJV-- enemy, foe.

I Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (KJV) **(See Matt. 17:1-8 & James 1:21-22)**

2 Cor 13:5 (1) Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(*)reprobates?** **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not **(*)reprobates.** (KJV)

Definitions: **(1) Examine yourselves**-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo); from 3984; to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, discipline: KJV-- assay, examine, prove. **(*)reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; **unapproved**, i.e. **rejected**; by implication, **worthless** (literally or morally): KJV-- **castaway**, reprobate.

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 any one, especially one wanting to be or striving to be 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; 1 John 1:5-10 and 2:21-29**. Christians must also **show the truth of the scriptures**, thereby proving all things as has been commended by the Apostle Paul: "**1 Thes 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 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**, being timid, "fearful"; causes damnation. "**Rev 21:8** But the **(1) 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-ah-ee); middle voice from 435; to act manly, 2) to show oneself a man, be brave: KJV-- quit like men. **(1) fearful** 1169 deilos-timid, fearful

We also 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, Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48. This is true because first 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 reproof and 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 what will judge us in the last day, **John 12:46-50**. 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 tell us of the few that will find and accept the Word, **Matt.7:13-29 and 22:14**, and the many that will not accept it because of being blinded by the god of this world, "the Devil"; "**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**)

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; 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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