

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.

There are many in the religious world today thinking, acting, teaching and even believing a very dangerous doctrine, according to scripture. This “no suffering doctrine” teaches that there is no need to suffer here in the flesh (please read **Phil.1:29-30**). It also teaches that there is no need of denying ourselves of these earthly things (please read **Luke 9:23**), because “God is good” (please read **1Cor.5:6-11; 2Thes.1:1-11; Heb.4:8-16; Heb.10:30-31; Heb.12:23-29**). And, that “Jesus has already suffered for us” (please read and listen: **John17:14; 1Pet.2:18-24**). This doctrine is too easy, for there is no suffering in it. According the word of God, it will cause many that believe it to never cease from sin. Thereby never allowing one the opportunity of soul salvation because of not being willing to live the strait and narrow way; which is to suffer (please read, listen and understand: **Matt.7:13-29**). This doctrine is one that teaches it’s ok for “God’s children” to love their lives here on earth (please read and listen: **John12:25-26**). It also teaches that it’s ok to be aspiring in this world (please read and listen: **Rom.12:16**); loving this world and the things that are in it (please read and listen: **1John2:15-18**). It also teaches that one should advance in earthly wisdom (please read and listen: **Matt.11:25-26; 1Cor.1:20-31; 1Cor.2:1-8; 1Cor.3:16-23**). This then would allow for having access to high things thereby mindng earthly things, and being enemies of the cross of Christ (please read and listen: **Phil.3:16-20**). We will endeavor as always to disprove ALL error and to destroy by scripture, this dangerous doctrine. Yes, “destroy” might seem to be a strong use of words, but actually according to the Apostle Paul, as he was guided by the Holy Ghost, “destroy” is the instruction given to Timothy. The Apostle Paul's instruction is to "subvert" the hearer: **“2 Tim 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the (1)subverting of the hearers.”** **Definition:** **(1)subverting** of the hearers-2692 catastrophe (kat-as-trof-ay’); from **2690**; an overturn ("catastrophe"), i.e. demolition; figuratively, apostasy: KJV-- overthrow, destruction, subverting. 2690 katastrepho (kat-as-tref-o); from 2596 and 4762; to turn upside down, i.e. upset: KJV-- overthrow.

Finally, most simply and importantly, it is **a** doctrine, and not **the** doctrine that has been given by God through Christ and his Apostles, as we will learn, Lord willing, in this scriptural document. But first let’s listen as we read the instructions given on "another doctrine", by the apostle Paul, as he was inspired by the Holy Ghost: **“Rom 6:17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Rom 16: 16** Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. **17** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. **18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. **Gal 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. **10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. **11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. **12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. **Eph 4:13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **1 Tim 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; **2** Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. **3** As I besought

thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, **4** Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.” (KJV)

According to scripture Christians MUST be steadfast in the Apostle’s doctrine, so that we will be right, righteous with God, let’s listen as we read: **Acts 2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Now let’s listen as we read and study the instructions given by the Apostles on SUFFERINGS:

FOR HE THAT HATH SUFFERED IN THE FLESH HATH CEASED FROM SIN:

First, what is the Bible definition of Sin? “**I Jn 5:17** All (1)unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.”(KJV)

Definitions: (1)Unrighteousness-93 adikia (ad-ee-kee’-ah); unrighteousness of heart and life, a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness...**Righteous**-1342 dikaios (dik’- ah –yos); observing divine laws a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God 3) used of him whose way of **thinking, feeling,** and **acting** is wholly conformed to the will of God, 4) approved by or acceptable by God.

1 Pet 3:18-22 For Christ also hath **once suffered for sins**, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **19** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; **20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure **whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: **22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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:(KJV)

1 Pet 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **(1)arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:** for he **(2)that hath suffered in the flesh (3)hath ceased** from sin;

Definitions: (1)Arm-3695 hoplizo (hop-lid’-zo); to arm, to furnish with arms, to provide, to furnish oneself with a thing (as with arms) 4) metaphorically, to take on the same mind...**(2) Suffered**-3958 pascho (pas’-kho); to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful): KJV-- feel, passion, suffer, vex...**(3)hath Ceased** -3973 pauo (pow’-o); to make to cease or desist, to restrain a thing or person from something, to cease, to leave off, to have gotten release from sin; no longer stirred by its incitements and seductions.

1 Pet 4:1 ... Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh...Ref. Scriptures:

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 **(1)as a tender plant**, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no (2)form nor **(3)comeliness**; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty **(4)that we should desire him.** **3 (5)He is despised** and rejected of men; a man of **(6)sorrows**, and acquainted with (7)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. **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. **9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)as a tender plant**-3126 yowneq-a sucker, a suckling, a sapling, a young plant...**(2)no form**-8389 to'ar (to'-ar); from 8388; outline, i.e. figure or appearance: KJV-- + beautiful, X comely, countenance, + fair, X favoured, form, X goodly, X resemble, visage...**(3)nor comeliness**-1926 hadar (haw-dawr'); from 1921; magnificence, i.e. ornament or splendor: -beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty...**(4)that we should desire him**-2530 chamad-as a verb: 1) to desire, to covet, to take pleasure in, to delight in b) (Niphal) to be desirable c) (Piel) to delight greatly, to desire greatly as a feminine noun: 2) preciousness...**(5)He is despised**-959 bazah (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem: KJV-- despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), + think to scorn, vile person...**(6)sorrows**-4341 mak'ob sometimes mak'owb also (feminine Isa. 53:3) mak'obah-pain, sorrow a) pain (physical) b) pain (mental)...**(7)grief**-2483 choliy (khol-ee'); from 2470; malady, anxiety, calamity: KJV-- disease, grief, (is) sick (-ness). (**American Heritage Dictionary:** MALADY 1. (n.) A pathological condition of mind or body: An unwholesome condition. ANXIETY 1. (n.) An apprehensive and distressed state of mind: care, concern, uneasiness. CALAMITY 1. An event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; a disaster. 2. Dire distress resulting from loss or tragedy.)

Now let's note some specific sufferings that Jesus Christ endured for our sake, while here on earth:

Matt 21:1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, **2** Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. **3** And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. **4** All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, **5** Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, **thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon (1)an ass, and (2)a colt** the foal of an ass. **6** And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, **7** And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and **they set him thereon.** (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)an ass**-3688 onos-an ass, a donkey...**(2)a colt**-4454 polos-used of a young donkey, an ass's colt

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him **(1)in swaddling clothes**, and laid him in **(2)a manger**; because there was no room for them in the (3)inn. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)in swaddling clothes**-4683 sparganoo (spar-gan-o'-o); from sparganon (a strip; from a derivative of the base of 4682 meaning to strap or wrap with strips); to swathe (an infant after the Oriental custom): KJV-- wrap in swaddling clothes...**(2)a manger** 5336 phatne (fat'-nay);from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder): KJV-- manger, stall. (Webster's N. W. Dictionary: **manger**- a box or trough to hold fodder for horses or cattle to eat.)...**(3)inn**-2646 kataluma (kat-al'-oo-mah);from 2647; properly, a dissolution (breaking up of a journey), i.e. (by implication) a lodging-place: KJV-- guestchamber, inn, an eating room, dining room.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And

this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (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. **9** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: **10** For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: **11** And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. **13** And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. **(Please note the verification of verses 6 and 7 in 2Cor. 4:3-6, and note Jesus' reply in verse 8.)**

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)

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: (KJV) (SEE Heb.10:1-31)

1 Pet 4:1 ... arm yourselves likewise with the same mind...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. **24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

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 himself, and take up his (2)cross daily, and (3)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. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)let him deny himself-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, abnegate1) to deny 2) to deny someone, to deny oneself a) to disregard one's own interests, to act entirely unlike himself 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered (please read Luke4:1-8): KJV-- deny, refuse...**(2)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; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross...**(3)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): KJV-- follow, reach, to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him, to side with his party.

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** 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. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **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)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind not (2)high things**, but **(3)condescend to men (4)of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. (KJV)**

Definitions: **(1)Mind**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, be of the same mind, regard, savour, think, to feel, to think, to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious, to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for...**(2)NOT high things**-5308 hupselos- high, lofty, exalted on high, with an uplifted arm, that is, with signal power, metaphorically, eminent, exalted, in influence and honor, to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), to be aspiring...**(3)but condescend**-4879 sunapago- to lead away with or together, metaphorically, to be carried away with, used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away, to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power...**(4)to men of low estate**-5011 tapeinos (tap-i-nos'); of uncertain derivation; depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition): KJV-- base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), as a condition, lowly, not rising far from the ground.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. **13** Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. **14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not (1)provision for the (2)flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)provision**-4307 pronoia- forethought, providential care, to make provision for a thing. **(2)flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx); probably from the base of 4563; flesh, 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): KJV-- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

Phil 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, **2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through strife or (1)vainglory; but **(2)in lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves. **4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)vainglory**-2754 kenodoxia (ken-od-ox-ee'-ah);from 2755; empty glorying, i.e. self-conceit: KJV-- vain-glory, groundlessself, esteem, empty pride, a vain opinion, error...**(2)in lowliness of mind**-5012 tapeinophrosune- the having a humble opinion of oneself, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness, modesty, humility, lowliness of mind.

2 Tim 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: **12** If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. **14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the

Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (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. **3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. **4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.(KJV)

1 Pet 4:1 ... for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath...Ref. Scriptures:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2 God forbid.** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.(KJV)

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, **that our old man is crucified with him,** that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: **9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.(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. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.(KJV)

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.(KJV)

1 Pet 4:1 ... ceased from sin...Ref. Scriptures:

1Thes 3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. **4** For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.(KJV)

2 Tim 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. **12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.(KJV)

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. **10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. **11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.(KJV)

Heb 5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. **6** As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. **7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **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; **10** Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. **11** Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. **12** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. **13** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. **14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)

1 Pet 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:(KJV)

1 Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **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)

1 Pet 4:2 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)

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Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. **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,(KJV)

Eph 4:21 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.(KJV)

Eph 5:7 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.

1 Pet 4:2 ... the lusts of men...Ref. Scriptures:

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)

Eph 2:2 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)

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 mind earthly things.) **20** For our **(1)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (KJV)

Definition: (1)conversation is in heaven-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah);from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV—conversation...4176 politeuomai-to be a citizen, to administer civil affairs, to manage the state, to behave as a citizen, to avail oneself of or recognize the laws, to conduct oneself as pledged to some law of life.

James 4:4 (1)Ye adulterers and **(2)adulteresses**, know ye not that the **(3)friendship** of the **(4)world** is **(5)enmity** with God? whosoever therefore **(6)will be (7)a friend** of the **(8)world** is the **(9)enemy** of God. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)Ye adulterers-3432 moichos-1) an adulterer 2) metaphorically, one who is faithless toward God, ungodly...**(2)adulteresses**-3428 moichalis-1) an adulteress 2) as the intimate alliance of God with the people of Israel was likened to a marriage, those who relapse into idolatry are said to commit adultery or play the harlot; figuratively, equivalent to faithless to God, unclean, apostate. **(3)the friendship**-5373 philia (fil-ee'-ah);from 5384; fondness: KJV-- friendship...**(4)of the world**-2889 kosmos-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...**(5)is enmity** with God-2189 echthra (ekh'-thrah);feminine of 2190; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition: KJV-- cause of enmity, hatred...**(6)will be**-1014 {boo'-lom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing: KJV-- be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing), to will deliberately, to have a purpose, to be minded, used of willing as an affection, to desire...**(7)a 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...**(8)of the world**-2889 kosmos-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...**(9)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): KJV-- enemy, foe, hating, and opposing another, used of men as at enmity with God because of their sin, opposing (God) in the mind, a certain enemy, the Devil who is the most bitter enemy of the divine government.

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)

1 Pet 4:2 ... the will of God...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. **7** And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. **8** And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, **save Jesus only.** (KJV)

Matt 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.(KJV)

Matt 28:16 Then **the eleven disciples** went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Luke 6:46-48 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. (KJV)

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.(KJV)

Rom 12:1 **(1)I beseech** you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **(2)ye present** your bodies a living **(3)sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your **(4)reasonable** **(5)service.** **2** And be not **(6)conformed** to this world: but **(7)be ye transformed** by the **(8)renewing** of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)I beseech** you-3870 parakaleo- to call to one's side, to call for, to summon, to address, to speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, etc., to admonish, to exhort, to beg, to beseech, to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to instruct, to teach...**(2)ye present** your bodies-3936 paristemi or prolonged paristano- to place beside or near, to set at hand, to provide, to place a person or thing at one's disposal, to present or show...**(3)a living sacrifice**-2378 thusia (thoo-see'-ah); from 2380; sacrifice (the act or the victim, literally or figuratively):

KJV-- sacrifice...2380 thuo (thoo'-o); by extension to immolate (slaughter for any purpose): KJV-- kill, (do) sacrifice, slay...**(4)**which is your **reasonable**-3050 logikos (log-ik-os');from 3056; rational ("logical"): KJV-- reasonable, of the word spiritual, pertaining to the soul...**(5)service**-2999 latreia (lat-ri'-ah); from 3000; ministration or God, i.e. worship: KJV-- (divine) service...3000 latreuo (lat-ryoo'-o); to minister (to God), i.e. render, religious homage: KJV-- serve, do the service, worship (-per)...**(6)conformed** to this world-4964 suschematizo- to conform oneself (that is, one's mind and character) to another's pattern, (fashion oneself according to)...**(7)be ye transformed**-3339 metamorphoo- to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure...**(8)renewing** of your mind-342 anakainosis (an-ak-ah'-ee-no-sis); from 341; renovation: KJV—renewing, a renewal, complete change for the better.

2 Cor 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. **16** Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.(KJV)

Eph 5:15 See then that **(1)ye walk (2)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)

Definitions: (1)ye walk-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about), Hebrew for, to live, to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself, to pass one's life...**(2)circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce');adverb from the same as 196; exactly: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, perfect (-ly), accurately.

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;(KJV)

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.(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.**(KJV)

Definitions: (1) to keep himself unspotted-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally) 2) metaphorically, a) free from censure, irreproachable b) free from vice, unsullied: KJV-- without spot, unspotted...**(2) from the world**-2889 kosmos-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.

Please listen to what the Apostle Paul has to say about the devil in verses **3** and **4**, as he was guided by The Holy Ghost: “**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.” (KJV)

Now let’s listen to the Apostle John as he was guided by The Holy Ghost: “**1Jn 2:17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” “**1 Jn 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. **5** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (KJV)

Last, but definitely not least, let’s listen to **Jesus** as he gives a distinction between a non-follower of him, and one that is, thereby being a CHRISTIAN:

John 12:25 **(1)He that loveth his life (2)shall lose** it; and **(3)he that hateth his life in this world (4)shall keep it** unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, (5)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** his life-5368 phileo- to love, to approve of, to like, to sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend, to show signs of love; to kiss, to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something)...**(2)shall lose** it-622 apollumi-to destroy, to put out of the way entirely, to abolish, to put an end, to render useless, to kill; metaphorically, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell, to perish, to be lost, to be ruined, to be destroyed, to lose...**(3)he that hateth** his life in this world-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate, to be hated, to be detested...**(4)shall keep** it unto life eternal-5442 phulasso (foo-las'-so); probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally of figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: KJV-- beware, keep (self), observe, save...**(5)let him 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): KJV-- follow, reach, to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him, to side with his party.

Once again, according to scripture, “CHRISTIAN” is the most misunderstood, misapplied, misused and abused word on earth!

Dear readers once again, 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. Thanks again 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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