

Dear reader as always it is again a blessing to be able to share with you some SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS. Again as always, we thank Mr. Prayther and staff, and of course Fiesta for allowing us this opportunity. Remember, 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.

Again, it seems as though in the world today lies are more readily told and/or accepted than any other time in the past. Lies are not only more readily told, and/or accepted in the world, but also in the “religious world”, and are even Glorified! As always, those professing “Christianity” are who we will attempt to **test by scripture**. According to scripture, Christians are those that are to be first, the Salt of the earth. Salt defined as: prudence; those that are striving to be circumspect, exact, accurate, diligent followers of the word of God through Christ, and his apostles (**Eph.5:6-17**): thereby being the Light of the world: “**Matt 5:13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. **14** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. **15** Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Not so much the World will we attempt to **test by scripture**, for according to scripture nothing else is expected of them. They must first be willing to believe on Jesus through the word of His apostles (**John 17:14 and 20**), then come out of the world through baptism, thereby putting on Christ, (**Mark 16:15-16; Gal.3:27**). Let’s listen as Jesus prayed to his Father, for his apostles, those that he had given his Father’s Word to and the \*reaction of the world “**John 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **6** 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**. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** 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. **9** **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.** **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **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.” “**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.” Please read also: John 12: 25-26; Rom.8:5-12; **Gal. 5:16-26**; James 1:27 and 4:4; 1John 2:15-17 and 5:19. Before getting into the body of this study, we believe it is only fair that we address first, one of the most cunningly devised fables that has been attached to the Apostle Peter, by man!! Especially since the topic of this study is based on what the Apostle Peter confirmed about him and the other apostles. One must first remember that the Apostles were guided by the Holy Ghost. **Ref. Scriptures:**

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (KJV)

**John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)

**John 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: **27** And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. (KJV)

**John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (KJV)

**John 16:12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **15** All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (KJV)

**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (KJV) See the “apostles’ doctrine”: Acts 2:41-42 and see also the Apostle Paul: Acts 9:1-20

Now some say the apostle Peter was the first “Pope”, after searching the scriptures this is NOT what they teach. Peter said who and what he was, and never once was he called a “Pope by Jesus, himself or anyone else. The title Pope is not found in the inspired word of the New Testament. It is not in the inspired word of the bible **at all**. So who is he? What we did find was Christ, the head of the ONE BODY, which is the ONE CHURCH that he is building (**Acts 2:41&47**), and his apostles and other believing brethren. Now let us read, and allow the Word which is the Truth, tell us who and what Peter was. There was a dispute among the twelve, as to who was the greatest. Peter was one of the twelve, and here was an opportunity for Christ to have made it clear, as to who was the greatest among them. Note what the Lord Jesus had to say in **Mark 9:34-35**, also note that Peter said he was an apostle of Jesus Christ and an elder, NEVER a “Pope”. **Ref. Scriptures:**

**Mark 9:34** But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. **35** And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. (KJV)

**Acts 10:25** And as **Peter** was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. **26** But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.(KJV)

**1 Pet 1:1** **Peter**, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,(KJV)

**1 Pet 5:1** The elders which are among you I exhort, **who am also an elder**, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:(KJV)

**2 Pet 1:1** **Simon Peter**, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:(KJV)

**With all due respect**, titles that are worn by men in the religious world today, such as; “Pope”; “Holy Father” “Reverend”; “Master”; “Rabbi” .....etc., have not been authorized by God through Jesus Christ and his apostles. But rather, have been condemned by scriptures as titles worn by men. They all advocate

division so one must conclude they are not of the ONE FAITH. They all must be authorized by God [Elohiym; Theos] through Jesus Christ, the ONLY BEGOTTEN and Beloved Son in whom He is well pleased (**Matt.17:4-8; John 1:14-18; 3:16-18; Hebrews 11:17; 1John 4:9**). They must also be found in the Apostles' doctrine; which is in New Testament scripture, thereby following the blueprint of THE Church that Christ is building. Please read;

**Ps 111:9** He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and (1)reverend is his name. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:** a good understanding have all they that **do** his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)reverend is his name** 3372 yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; cause. to frighten: KJV-- affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), X see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

**Matt 23:8** But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and **all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. 11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.(KJV)

Dear reader, again **with all due respect**, we have not found any New Testament scripture, authorizing any of these titles. But, rather they have been condemned by God for the “spiritual/religious” usage of Any Man. Being that the title “Pope” cannot be found in the inspired word of TRUTH, then it MUST be a LIE. **Who is he** that attaches a title to the Apostle Peter or any one else; **when Jesus didn't?** Why would anyone LIE on Peter? One that professes Christianity must always remember who Jesus said the father of the lie is, please read and listen to Jesus Christ: **“John 8:42 Jesus said** unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **44 Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **45** And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. **46** Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.” Also one professing Christianity, must never forget, please read and listen: **“Rom 3:3** For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? **4** God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar;** as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.” **“Heb 6:17** Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: **18** That by two immutable things, **in which it was impossible for God to lie,** we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:” True Christians MUST always remember, according to the **inspired** written word of God, “that no lie is of the truth”; please read and listen (**1John 2:21**).

Who then is **he that corrects God Almighty**, in so much as when God's written word says something man says no, this is what it is? According to the word of God only the wicked and unrighteous will continue in his own ways and thoughts. **Please read, listen and understand: Isa.55:7-9 and Lam.3:35-40.** Who is he that counsels God Almighty, thereby **giving him advice?** Again, according to the word of God, there are many devices, which are defined as: thoughts, contrivances, advices, inventions and imaginings in a man's heart (mind). However, only the will of God will stand. Please read, listen and understand: **Prov.19:20-21 and 21:30; Isa.46:9-10.** Is man more righteous than God Almighty, is he stronger than he? Once again according to God's written word, there is only ONE righteousness authorized by him, and that is Christ through his apostles word (Isa.53:1-12; Matt.17:1-8; 28:16-20; John17:1-20; Acts1:1-4 and 1Cor.1:26-31). For **ALL of OUR righteousnesses are as FILTHY RAGS.** For there be **MANY faiths** when God through Christ and his apostles says there's only ONE (Eph.4:1-

5). Please read, listen and understand: “**Isa 64:6** But we are all as an unclean thing, and all (1)our righteousnesses are as (2)filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, (3)that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.” (KJV)

**Definitions:** (1)all our righteousnesses-6666 tsedaqah (tsed-aw-kaw'); from 6663; rightness (justice), morally (virtue) or figuratively (prosperity): KJV-- justice, moderately, right (-eous) (act, -ly, -ness)...(2)are as **filthy rags**-5708 `ed (ayd); from an unused root meaning to set a period [compare 5710, 5749]; the menstrual flux (as periodical); by implication (in plural) soiling: KJV-- menstruation; a filthy rag, a stained garment... (3)**that stirreth up himself**-5782 `uwr (oor); a primitive root [rather identical with 5783 through the idea of opening the eyes]; to wake (literally or figuratively): KJV-- to rouse oneself, to awake, to awaken, to incite, to be triumphant, to act in an aroused manner, to awake.

Man acts as though he is stronger than God when man says “yes” to something God says “no” to. And vice versa, when God says “yes” to something but man says “no” to that very thing, man personifies something that is stronger than God. So when God gives titles and/or names to those that are His, and yet man says no, “I will give him this one”, man acts as though he is stronger than God. When God warns against the use of different titles and yet man uses them anyway, and teaches others to respect them, again man acts as though he is stronger than God. Who does man think he is... the creature changing the instructions of the Creator?! God, The Creator, according to His Word, lets us know who man really is. He informs us that man thinks he can change His instructions. Once again according to God’s written word, man is as a drop of a bucket, and that ALL nations before him are as nothing and to him are counted less than nothing. It was also made clear, that all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed/ regarded as nothing. Please read, listen and understand: **Isa.40:12-15** and **verses 17-28; Dan.4:34-37.**

Now to those that have forgotten God because of their love for man and his thoughts, ways, lifestyles and traditions; please listen carefully to what God has to say: **Job 40:9** Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? **10** Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. **11** Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him. **12** Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. **Ps 50:22** Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. **23** Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: **(1)and to him that ordereth his (2)conversation** aright will I shew the salvation of God.

**Definitions:**(1)**and to him that ordereth**-7760 suwm or siym-to put, to place, to set, to appoint, to make, to put, to set in place, to plant, to fix, to transform into, to constitute, to fashion, to work, to bring to pass....(2)**his conversation** aright-1870 derek (deh'-rek); from 1869; a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb: KJV-- along, away, because of, + by, conversation, custom, journey, manner, passenger, through, toward, [high-] [path-] way.

Let’s SPEAK and DO the TRUTH and not LIE, so that we will have access to soul Salvation! Remember, Jesus Christ is the Author of Eternal Salvation. Please read and listen: “**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;** **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.**” This same Jesus said the DEVIL IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF IT. Please read again and listen: “**John 8:43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the (1)lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the **(2)father** of it.”

**Definitions:**(1)**lusts** of your father ye will do-1939 epithumia-desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust....(2)**father** of it-3962 pater-generator or male ancestor: a more remote ancestor, progenitor of a people, a forefather: metaphorically: the originator and transmitter of anything, **the authors** of a family or society of persons animated by the same spirit as himself, one who has infused his own spirit into others, who actuates and governs their minds.

So, according to scripture there is one that is the author/cause of Eternal Salvation, which is **Jesus Christ**, but it's unto ALL THAT OBEY HIM. Then according to scripture there is another that is the father of the Lie, thereby being the author/cause of Eternal Damnation; which is **the devil** and it's unto ALL THEM THAT OBEY HIM. Who then do you love and believe?

## **THE STUDY: CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLES**

**2 Pet 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: **2** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, **3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **5** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **12** Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. **13** Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; **14** Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. **15** Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. **16** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (KJV)

**2 Pet 1:16** For we have not **(1)followed (2)cunningly devised (3)fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)not followed**-1811 exakoloutheo (ex-ak-ol-oo-theh'-o);from 1537 and 190; to follow out, i.e. (figuratively) obey, yield to, to tread in one's steps a) metaphorically, to imitate one's ways of acting c) to comply with, to yield to, 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow....**(2) cunningly devised**-4679 sophizo (sof-id'-zo); from 4680; to render wise; in a sinister acceptation, to form "sophisms", i.e. continue plausible error: (BELIEVABLE ERROR), 1) to make wise, to teach (BY PARTICIPATING), a) to invent, to play the sophist b) to devise cleverly or cunningly: KJV-- cunningly devised, make wise....**(3) fables**-3454 muthos (moo'-thos); perhaps from the same as 3453 (through the idea of tuition); **a tale**, i.e. fiction ("myth"): 1) a speech, a word, a saying, b) a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood

## **2 Peter 1:16 ... we have not followed cunningly devised fables...Ref. Scriptures:**

**Rom 1:21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, **23** And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. **24** Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between

themselves: **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, spiteful, 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)

**1 Cor 1:17** For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (KJV)

**1 Cor 1:23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (KJV)

**1 Cor 2:1** And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much (1)trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. **6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** (KJV)

**Definition: (1)trembling**-5156 tromos-a trembling or quaking with fear, with fear and trembling, used to describe the anxiety of one who distrusts his ability completely to meet all requirements, but religiously does his utmost to fulfil his duty.

**2 Cor 2:14** Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge **by us** in every place. **15** For **we** are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: **16** To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? **17** **For we are not as many, (1)which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.** (KJV)

**Definition: (1)which corrupt** the word of God-2585 kapeleuo (kap-ale-yoo'-o); from kapelos (a huckster); to retail, i.e. (by implication) to adulterate (figuratively): KJV—corrupt, to be a retailer, to peddle, to make money by selling anything, to get sordid gain by dealing in anything, to do a thing for

base gain, to "trade" (traffic) in the word of God; to try to get base gain by teaching divine truth, to corrupt, to adulterate; peddlers were in the habit of adulterating their commodities for the sake of gain.

**2 Cor 4:2** 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. **7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (KJV)

**2 Cor 12:14** Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: **for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not (1)to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.** **15** And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. **16** But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile. **17** (\***Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?**) **18** I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus (\***make a gain of you?**) walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps? **19** Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. **20** For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: **21** And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed. (KJV)

**Definitions: (1)to lay up**-2343 thesaurizo (thay-sow-rid'-zo); from 2344; to amass or reserve (literally or figuratively): KJV-- lay up (treasure), (keep) in store, (heap) treasure (together, up)...2344 thesauros (thay-sow-ros'); from 5087; a deposit, i.e. wealth (literally or figuratively): KJV- treasure...(\***Did I make a gain of** 4122 pleonekteo (pleh-on-cek-teh'-o); from 4123; to be covetous, i.e. (by implication) to over-reach: KJV-- get an advantage, defraud, make a gain...4123 pleonektes (pleh-on-ek'-tace); from 4119 and 2192; holding (desiring) more, i.e. eager for gain (avaricious, hence a defrauder): KJV-- covetous.

**Eph 4:14** 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;

**1Thes 2:3** For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: (KJV)

**1Thes 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. (KJV)

**II Thes 2:9** Even him, whose coming is after **the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. **13** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: **14** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. (KJV)

**1 Tim 1:4** Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. (KJV)

**1 Tim 4:7** But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.(KJV)

**Titus 1:14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. (KJV)

**2 Pet 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **2** And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **3** And through (1)covetousness shall they (2)with feigned (3)words (4)make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)covetousness**-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness....**(2)with feigned**-4112 plastos (plas-tos');from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): KJV-- feigned...4111 plasso (plas'-so); a primary verb; to mould, i.e. shape or fabricate: KJV-- form. **(3)words**-3056 logos-what someone has said, decree, mandate or order, what is declared, a thought, declaration, aphorism, a weighty saying, a dictum, a maxim, a continuous speaking discourse – instruction, doctrine, teaching....**(4)make merchandise**-1710 emporeuomai (em-por-yoo'-om-ah-ee); from 1722 and 4198; to travel in (a country as a peddler), i.e. (by implication) to trade: KJV-- buy and sell, make merchandise, to go a trading, to travel for business, to traffic, to trade, used of a thing, to import for sale, to deal in, to use a person or a thing for gain.

**2 Pet 3:3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, **4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (KJV)

**2 Peter 1:16 ... the power and...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 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (KJV)

**Mark 9:1** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. (KJV)

**John 17:1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (KJV)

**Rom 1:4** And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (KJV)

**1 Cor 2:4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in

demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (KJV)

**1 Cor 5:4** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, (KJV)

**Phil 3:21** 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)

**Heb 5:7** 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;

**2 Peter 1:16 ... coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...Ref. Scriptures:**

**Mal 3:2** But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: (KJV)

**Mal 4:5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: (KJV)

**Matt 24:3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (KJV)

**Matt 24:27** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (KJV)

**1 Cor 1:7** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: **8** Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **10** **Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing,** and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. **11** For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. **12** Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. **13** **Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (KJV)

**Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (KJV)

**Jude 1:14** And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, (KJV)

**Rev 1:7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.(KJV)

**2 Peter 1:16 ... were eyewitnesses of his majesty...Ref. Scriptures to the evidence of the Apostles being eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty:**

**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.** (KJV)

**Mark 9:2** And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. (KJV)

**Luke 9:28** And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. **29** And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. **30** And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: **31** Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, **they saw his glory,** and the two men that stood with him. (KJV)

**John 1:14** 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)

**John 15:27** And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. (KJV)

**John 17:14** 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. (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)

**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, **being seen of them forty days,** and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (KJV)

**Acts 9:17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, **Brother (1)Saul,** the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

**Acts 9:26** And when **(1)Saul** was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. **27** But Barnabas took him, and **brought him to the apostles,** and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. (KJV)

**Definition:(1)Saul** 4549 Saoul-Saul = "desired"; the Jewish name of the apostle Paul

**1 Cor 9:1** Am I not an apostle? am I not free? **have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?** are not ye my work in the Lord? **2** If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. (KJV)

**1 Cor 15:7** After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. **8** And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (KJV)

**2 Pet 1:17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18** And this voice which

came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; **whereunto ye do well that ye take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came **not** in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

**I John 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. (KJV)

**I John 2:27** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (KJV)

**I John 4:14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Now let's read, listen and understand as the Apostle Paul charges us as he charged Timothy, to preach the Word. He also warns Timothy of the times to come, thereby warning us of these present times; that sound doctrine would not be endured. He also explained exactly what would happen as a result of this. He shared that rather than hearing the Word of God, which is sharper than any two-edged sword; they will rather hear something pleasing to the ear, even from the pulpits. He then in verse five instructed Timothy in the lifestyle of an evangelist **of the Lord**. Then the Apostle Paul in second Corinthians chapter 13 verses 5 and 6, charges us ALL to examine ourselves to see if we are in THE Faith, not A faith. But, this is THE FAITH that follows the pattern of the Apostles; thereby being IN Christ. Then in verse six he warns us that if we are not in that faith; that is authorized by God through Christ and his apostles, then we are reprobates, thereby worthless. Then note what the apostle Paul instructed the Church of and by Christ Jesus to do, as he instructs the church today (Phil.1:29-30 and 3:16-20).

**2 Tim 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not (1)endure (2)sound (3)doctrine; but after their own (4)lusts (5)shall they heap to themselves teachers, (6)having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto **(7)fables.** **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)endure**-430 anechomai; middle voice from 303 and 2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with: KJV-- bear with, endure, forbear, suffer....**(2)sound**-5198 hugiaino (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); from 5199; to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): KJV-- be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some)....**(3) doctrine**-1319 didaskalia (did-as-kal-ee'-ah); from 1320; instruction (the function or the information): KJV-- doctrine, learning, teachings, what is taught, doctrine, precepts....**(4)lusts**-1939 epithumia-desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust....**(5)shall they heap**-2002 epioreuo (ep-ee-so-ryoo'-o); from 1909 and 4987; to accumulate further, i.e. (figuratively) seek additionally: KJV—heap, to heap up, to accumulate in piles....**(6)having itching ears**-2833 knetho-to scratch, to tickle, to cause to itch, to itch, desirous of hearing something pleasant....**(7)fables**-3454 muthos-a speech, a word, a saying, a narrative, story, a true narrative, a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood.

**2 Cor 13:5** **(1)Examine yourselves**, whether ye be **in the faith**; **(2)prove** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(3)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, go about, prove, try.....**(2)prove** your own selves-1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo); from 1384; **to test** (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve: KJV-- allow, discern, examine, X like, (ap-) prove, try.....**(3)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.

**Phil 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only** to believe on him, but also to **(1)suffer** for his sake; **30** Having the same (2)conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me. (KJV)

**Definitions: (1)suffer**-3958 pascho (pas'-kho); including the forms (patho (path'-o) and pentho (pen'-tho)), used only in certain tenses for it; apparently a primary verb; to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful): KJV-- feel, passion, suffer, vex, to be affected or have been affected, to feel, to have a sensible experience, to undergo....**(2)conflict**-73 agon (ag-one'); from 71; properly, a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively, an effort or anxiety: KJV-- conflict, contention, fight, race.

**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 (1)for an ensample. **18** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **(2)enemies** of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is (3)destruction, whose God is their **(4)belly**, and whose **(5)glory** is in their **(6)shame**, who **(7)mind (8)earthly** things.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

**Definition: (1)us for an ensample**-5179 tupos (too'-pos); from 5180; a die (as struck), i.e. a model (for imitation) or instance (for warning): KJV-- en- ex-) ample, fashion, figure, manner, pattern, print, form: the teaching which embodies the sum and substance of religion and represents it to the mind, the manner of writing, the contents and form of a letter, an example: in the technical sense, the pattern in conformity to which a thing **must** be made, an example to be imitated; used of people who are worthy of imitation. **(2)enemies**-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. used of men as at enmity with God because of their sin, opposing (God) in the mind....**(3)destruction**-684 apoleia-a perishing, ruin, destruction, the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell....**(4)belly**-2836 koilia- the gullet, to be given up to the pleasures of the palate, to gluttony, the innermost part of a man, the soul, heart as the seat of thought, feeling, choice....**(5)glory**-1391 doxa (dox'-ah); KJV-- dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship....**(6)shame**-152 aischune (ahee-skhoon'-nay); from 153; shame or disgrace (abstractly or concretely): KJV-- dishonesty, shame....**(7)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 (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like, + be of one, + be of the same, regard, savour, think, to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for, to seek one's interest or advantage....**(8)earthly** things-1919 epigeios (ep-ig'-i-os); from 1909 and 1093; worldly (physically or morally): KJV-- earthly, in earth, existing upon the earth, terrestrial.

**Once again according to scripture, the terms “Christian and/or Christianity” are the most misunderstood, misapplied, misused and abused terms on earth!**

Dear readers again, 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, 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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