

Dear reader, because of Mr. Prayther and staff, and of course Fiesta, it is again a blessing, to be able to share with you some scriptural truths, and for this we are so thankful. We truly hope these articles are taken in the intent that they are written. The intent is not to point fingers at any specific ones, but to expose unscriptural practices that are done by those proclaiming Christianity. These exposures are to help us all, that proclaim Christianity find the truth, according to God through Christ and His apostles, which is in New Testament scripture; thereby all speaking the same things, and all ending up in the same place, which is heaven(1Cor.1:10; Philip.3:16-21). New Testament scripture is the only place one can find the commandments of God through Christ and His apostles (Matt.28:16-20; John17:14 and 20; Acts 1:1-4; and 2:41-42; 2Pet.3:2-3). It is the only place Christians are found (Acts11:26). It is the only place, The Church of and by Christ, the one faith, the one body, that Christ is the head of, is found (Matt.16:17-18 Rom.16:16; Eph.3:20-21; 4:3-6; 5:23-24; Col.1:18-19; 2:8-12), as well as the instructions, by which it MUST be run. We believe by using definitions and the preponderance of scriptures; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of scripture, allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET scripture, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. We also believe, according to scripture, it is of the UTMOST importance to know BY THE WILL of GOD, through Christ and His apostles, the PATH OF BELIEF!

Let's read and listen to God as He starts the path of belief IN HIM, for a Christian:“**Matt 17:4** 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.*”**Now let's read and listen to Jesus** as he verifies the power that his Father in heaven gave Him and also the commandments he gave the apostles: “**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.”

Continuing the God-given path of belief; In John the 17th chapter Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven for his glorification which was, leaving flesh and returning to a spiritual being, leaving this sinful earth and returning home to **Heaven**. He also prayed not for the world (**verse 9**) but for his disciples (apostles) whom he gave the word, and they kept it (**verse 6**); the ones that he kept while here on earth (**verse 12**), the ones the world hated (**verse 14**). He also prayed for those of us who will believe on him through their, the apostles' word (**verse 20**), that we all may be one even as God the Father and his Son is one, and that the world may know that God sent his Son (**verses 21-26**). **Now, let's read and listen** to parts of the Lord's prayer to his Father in heaven: “**John 17:18** 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. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.” **In Acts chapter 1** it is revealed unto us how he gave commands to the apostles (the ones that he had chosen) after his ascension back into heaven. And, in **chapter 2** we have the example of those doing exactly what Jesus had prayed for in John the 17th chapter, after gladly receiving the word of the apostle Peter. It is also revealed what they continued stedfastly in. **Let's read and listen:** “**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.”** “**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 read and hear** the Lord's apostles as they instruct the Lord's body the church, thereby verifying their authorization by God, through Jesus Christ. Let's start with the apostle Paul: “**Eph 5:14** **Wherefore** he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye walk **(1)circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the **will of the Lord is**”
 ...**Definition: (1)circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce'); adverb from the same as 196; exactly, accurately: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, perfect (-ly). “**Eph 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** **Whereby, when ye read**, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is **now revealed** unto his holy apostles and prophets **by the Spirit;**” “**2 Pet 3:1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:” “**1 Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God **heareth us**; he that is **not of God heareth not us**. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” “**Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;” After reading the preceding scriptures hopefully the order of belief is scripturally clear, God, through Christ and His apostles. All that ever was, is, and want to be a Christian, MUST follow this God-given path of belief, to be right, righteous with Him; whether we believe it or not. **Listen again** to the apostle Paul: “**2 Tim 2:13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.” This is THE WILL OF GOD, and it is simply WRITTEN.

Now there is a tradition in the religious world, and even in the Church of and by Christ, that has been used **as** a lawful one “by scripture”, for many years. This tradition seemed to have been gladly received and observed by many, i.e. and the people love to have it so. The tradition is, “being financially compensated for preaching the Gospel”. Understanding the scriptural path of belief, let's read, listen and understand God, through Christ and His apostles, as they were guided by the Holy Ghost about this tradition. If they authorize it, then we will know it is of God through Christ. **Let's start with reading, listening and understanding** the apostle Paul (**Eph.3:1-5**), as he instructed the Church of and by Christ in Corinth:

1 Cor 11:1 Be ye **(1)followers** of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now **(2)I praise** you, **(3)brethren**, that **(4)ye remember me in all things**, and **(5)keep** the **(6)ordinances**, **(7)as (8)I delivered** them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Definitions: (1)followers of me-3402 mimetes (mim-ay-tace'); from 3401; an imitator: KJV-- follower. **(2)I praise** you-1867 epaino (ep-ahee-neh'-o); from 1909 and 134; to applaud: KJV-- commend, laud, praise....**(3)brethren**-80 adelphos-a brother, having the same national ancestor, belonging to the same people, or countryman, a fellow believer, united to another by the bond of affection, brethren in Christ. **(4)ye remember**-3403 mimnesko-to be recalled or to return to one's mind, to remind oneself of, to remember, to be recalled to mind, to be held in remembrance, to be mindful of....**(5)keep**-2722 katecho (kat-ekh'-o); from 2596 and 2192; to hold down (fast), in various applications (literally or figuratively): KJV-- have, hold (fast), keep (in memory), let, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, to hold fast, to keep secure, to keep firm possession of**(6)ordinances**-3862 paradosis-giving over, a giving over which is done by word of mouth or in writing, that is, tradition by instruction, narrative, precept, etc., objectively, that which is delivered, the substance of a teaching....**(7)as**-2531 kathos (kath-oc'e'); from 2596 and 5613; just (or inasmuch) as, that: KJV-- according to, (according, even) as, how, when, just as, in proportion as....**(8)I delivered** them to you-3860 paradidomi-to give into the hands (of another), to give over into (one's) power or use, to deliver to one something to keep, to use, to take care of, to manage, to commit, to commend, to deliver verbally: commands, rites, to permit, to allow.

We hope that now, if not before, it is scripturally clear that those professing Christianity, MUST be followers of the apostle Paul as he also followed Christ. According to scripture, we must remember him **in all things**, thereby keeping the ordinances (traditions) as he delivered them unto the Church in Corinth; this is also to the one faith today as well (Eph.4:3-5), as we read and listen. In this study, not only will we be reminded by the apostle Paul of the traditions that are, and are not authorized by God through Christ, but by other apostles as well. **But first**, food for thought; for a Christian **to sin from time to time is never a good thing** and we should be **sorry for that**, confessing our fault one to another (James5:16), with a repentant, (change of) mind (2Cor.7:10). To be **a sinner is even worse**, but after being taught the Word of God and gladly receiving it with repentance (Acts26:20), then one should be baptized into Christ thereby putting on Christ (Gal.3:26-27). Then, **focus on the things that will keep one in Christ** (2Pet.1:1-14). But, for a Christian to implement anything, especially in worship that corrupts the Word of God, we believe there is **nothing worse! It defiles the whole worship**. So where does one go from there? According to scripture, we say “go home” (1Tim.6:3-5), so that we can worship in spirit and in truth (John4:23-24 and 17:17). This is exactly what we have had to do from such and from all those that fellowship such (Matt.18:20; Acts2:41-42; Eph.5:3-10; 2Thes. 3:1-9).

There is a commandment given by the apostle Paul that many professing Christianity have never known or have forgotten. It concerns the LIFESTYLE of a Christian, which is, **a none aspiring** lifestyle in this world. Let’s read and listen to God through Christ and the apostle Paul. “**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.”

Definitions: (1)Mind NOT-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think....(2)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)condescend to men-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)of low estate-5011 tapeinos-not rising far from the ground, metaphorically: as a condition, lowly, of low degree, brought low with grief, depressed, lowly in spirit, humble.

We believe that because of the disobedience of this commandment, it has caused many in the religious world and even in the Church of and by Christ, to live out of order. We also believe that it has been a large contributor to the corrupting of The Word of God! Now let’s start the study with the apostle Paul sharing with us the tradition that we believe according to scripture, is **not** authorized by God through Christ.

The study: FOR WE ARE NOT AS MANY, WHICH CORRUPT THE WORD OF GOD!

2 Cor 2:17 For we are not as many, (1)which corrupt the word of God: but as of (2)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-1) to be a retailer, to peddle 2) to make money by selling anything a) to get sordid gain by dealing in anything, to do a thing for base gain b) to "trade" (traffic) in the word of God; to try to get base gain by teaching divine truth c) to corrupt, to adulterate; peddlers were in the habit of adulterating their commodities for the sake of gain. (Please read how not to adulterate the word of God: Acts chapter 20: verses 19, 20, 26,27 and 33 thru. 35; 1Cor. 11:1-3; 2Cor. chapter1 verses 12 and 13; 2 Cor. chapter 4: verses 2, 5, and 6 etc.)....(2)sincerity-1505 eilikrineia (i-lik-ree'-ni-ah);from 1506; clearness, i.e. (by implication) purity (figuratively): KJV-- sincerity...1506 eilikrines (i-lik-ree-nace');from heile (the sun's ray) and 2919; judged by sunlight, i.e. tested as genuine (figuratively): KJV-- pure, sincere.

2 Cor 2:17 ...not as many, which...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Jer 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof? (KJV)

Jer 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. **25** I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. **26** How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; **27** Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. **28** The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. **29** Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? **30** Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. **31** Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. **32** Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. (KJV)

Matt 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. **24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (KJV)

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (KJV)

2 Cor 4:3 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. (KJV)

2 Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

II Th 3:11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. **12** Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. **13** But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. **14** And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and **have no company with him**, that he may be ashamed. **15** Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **3** Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and **know the truth.** **4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (KJV)

2 Tim 4: 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 endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, **(1)having itching ears;** **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV) ***(See also 2Tim. 3:12-13)**

Definition:(1)having itching ears-2833 knetho (knay'-tho); from a primary knao (to scrape); to scratch, i.e. (by implication) to tickle: KJV-- X itching, desirous of hearing something pleasant.

I Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

II Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **(1)confess** not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **(2)antichrist**. **8** Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. **9** Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **10** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: **11** For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)confess not-3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o); from a compound of the base of 3674 and 3056; to assent, i.e. **covenant**, acknowledge: KJV-- con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, to promise, to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent, to concede, not to refuse, not to deny, to profess oneself the worshiper of one....**(2)antichrist**-500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos);from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the Messiah: KJV-- the adversary of the Messiah...473 anti (an-tee'); a primary particle; opposite, i.e. instead of: KJV-- contrast, requital, substitution.

****Rev 13:6** And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **7** And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **9** If any man have an ear, let him hear. (KJV) ***(To verify verse 7, see also Luke 4:1-13 but specifically verses 5-7)**

2 Cor 2:17 ... corrupt the word of God...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Matt 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. **37** He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; **39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. **40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (KJV)

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 **(1)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. (KJV)

Definition:(1)avoid them-1578 ekkliino (ek-klee'-no);from 1537 and 2827; to deviate, i.e. (absolutely) to shun (literally or figuratively), to decline: KJV-- avoid, eschew, go out of the way, and 575 apo; used of separation, that is, of departing, of fleeing, used of separation of a part from the whole, used of any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed.

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

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 (1)accursed. *(See also Gal.4:8-12)

Definition: (1)accursed-331 anathema (an-ath'-em-ah); from 394; a (religious) ban or (concretely) excommunicated (thing or person): KJV-- accused, anathema, curse, X great.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man (1)spoil you through (2)philosophy and (3)vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)spoil you-4812 sulagogo-to carry off booty: to lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway....(2)through philosophy-5385 philosophia (fil-os-of-ee'-ah);from 5386; "philosophy", i.e. (specifically) Jewish sophistry: KJV-- philosophy...5386 philosophos (fil-os'-of-os);from 5384 and 4680; fond of wise things, i.e. a "philosopher": KJV-- philosopher....(3)vain deceit-2756 kenos-empty, vain, devoid of truth, metaphorically, destitute of spiritual wealth, metaphorically, used of endeavors, labors, acts, which result in nothing, vain, fruitless, without effect, vain of no purpose.

II Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, **2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. **3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come (1)a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. **5** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **6** And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. **7** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **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.

Definition: (1)a falling away first-646 apostasia (ap-os-tas-ee'-ah); feminine of the same as 647; defection from truth (properly, the state) ["apostasy"]: KJV-- falling away, forsake.

1 Tim 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **5** **(1)Perverse disputings** of men **(2)of corrupt** minds, and **(3)destitute** of the truth, **(4)supposing** that **(5)gain** is **(6)godliness**: from such **(7)withdraw thyself**. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)Perverse disputings of men-5674 diapatribē (dee-ap-ar-a-tree-bay'); constant arguing, mutual irritation....(2)of corrupt minds-1311 diaphtheiro (dee-af-thi'-ro); from 1225 and 5351; to rot thoroughly, decay utterly, figuratively, pervert: KJV-- corrupt**(3)destitute** of the truth-650 apostereō (ap-os-ter-eh'-o); from 575 and stereo (to deprive); to despoil: KJV-- defraud, destitute, kept back by fraud, seperated....(4)supposing that-3543 nomizo (nom-id'-zo); from 3551; properly, to do by law (usage), be usual; by extension, to deem or regard: KJV-- to hold by custom or usage, to follow a custom or usage; it is the custom, it is the received usage, to think(5)gain-4200 porismos (por-is-mos'); from a derivative of poros; furnishing (procuring), i.e. (by implication) money-getting (acquisition): KJV-- source of gain....(6)is godliness-2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: KJV-- godliness, holiness **and** 2152 eusebes (yoo-seb-ace');from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious: KJV-- devout, godly....(7)withdraw thyself-868 ahistemi (af-is'-tay-mee); frō 575 and 2476; to remove, i.e. (actively) instigate to revolt; usually (reflexively) to desist, desert, etc.: KJV-- depart, refrain, to go away, to depart from anyone, to shun, to flee from to keep oneself from, to absent oneself from.

Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: **11** Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, **for filthy lucre's sake.** **12** One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. **13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. **15** Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (KJV)

Definition: (1)filthy lucre's sake-2771 kerdos (ker'-dos);of uncertain affinity; gain (pecuniary or genitive case): KJV-- gain, lucre, advantage.

Here is another apostle of the Lord, the apostle Peter, warning us of those that corrupt the word of God:

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 (1)pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **3** And through (2)covetousness shall they **(3)with feigned words (4)make merchandise** of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. **4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; (KJV)

Definitions: (1)their **pernicious ways**-766 aselgeia (as-elg'-i-a); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices): KJV-- filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness, unbridled lust, excess, outrageousness, i.e. sexual lust, cravings, shamelessness, insolence....(2)through covetousness-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: KJV-- covetous practices, greediness, greedy desire to have more....(3)with feigned words-4112 plastos (plas-tos');from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): KJV— formed....(4)make merchandise of you-1710 emporeuomai (em-por-yoo'-om-ahee);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 deal in, to use a person or a thing for gain.

Jude 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: **2** Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. **3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. **4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into (1)lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Definition:(1)lasciviousness-766 aselgeia (as-elg'-i-a); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices): KJV-- filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness, unbridled lust, excess, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence, i.e. sexual lust, cravings.

2 Cor 2:17 ... but as of sincerity...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Acts 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; **2** And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. **3** And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. (KJV)

Acts 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. **17** And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. **18** And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all

seasons, **19** Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: **20** And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, **21** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. **22** And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. (KJV)

Acts 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. **28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (KJV)

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. **33** I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. **34** Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. **35** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. **36** And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

2 Cor 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. **12** For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. **13** For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; **14** As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. (KJV)

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 **(1)walking** in **(2)craftiness**, nor **(3)handling** the word of God **(3)deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)not walking**-4043 peripateo-to walk: Hebrew for, to live, to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself....**(2)in craftiness**-3834 panourgia-craftiness, cunning, a specious or false wisdom. **A. H. Dictionary:** spe·ci·ous (sp^h“sh...s) *adj.* **1.** Having the ring of truth or plausibility but actually fallacious. **2.** Deceptively attractive, true (antonym)....**(3)nor handling** the word of God **deceitfully**-1389 doloo (dol-o'-o); from 1388; to ensnare, i.e. (figuratively) adulterate: KJV-- handle deceitfully, to corrupt

2 Cor 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Cor 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. **11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. (KJV)

Gal 1:10 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. (KJV)

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Phil 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; **10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. (KJV)

1Thes 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. **3** For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: **4** But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. **5** For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: **6** Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. **7** But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: **8** So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. (KJV)

II Th 2:13 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. (See also **Jn.17:14&21; 1Cor.11:1-3; Phil.1:29-30; 3:16-17**)

II Th 3:2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. **3** But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. **7** For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; **8** Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, **that we might not be chargeable to any of you:** **9** Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. **10** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. (KJV)

2 Tim 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: **9** Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. **10** Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **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 **(1)subverting of the hearers.** **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **(2)rightly dividing** the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

Definition:(1)subverting of the hearers 2692 katastrophe ; from 2690; an overturn, i.e. demolition; figuratively, apostasy: KJV—overthrow....**(2)rightly dividing**-3718 orthotomeo; from a compound of 3717 and the base of 5114, to make a straight cut, i.e. (figuratively) to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message): KJV-- rightly divide, to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly

Titus 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. **7** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, **8** Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you... **And verses 11-14: 11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour

Jesus Christ; **14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (KJV)

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. **26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. **27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and **(1)to keep himself (2)unspotted** from the world. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)to keep-5083 tereo-to attend to carefully, to take care of, to guard, metaphorically, to keep, one in the state in which he is, to observe, to reserve: to undergo something....**(2)unspotted**-784 aspilos- spotless, metaphorically, free from censure, irreproachable, free from vice, unsullied

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

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. (KJV)

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (KJV)

2 Pet 1:14 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 **(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. **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)

Definitions: (1)not followed-1811 exakoloutheo (ex-ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1537 and 190; to follow out, i.e. (figuratively) to imitate, obey, yield to: 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: KJV-- to invent, to play the sophist, to devise cleverly or cunningly....**(3)fables**-3454 muthos (moo'-thos); perhaps from the same as 3453; a tale, i.e. fiction ("myth"): KJV--an invention, a falsehood.

I Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world **5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. (KJV)

I Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world (1)lieth in wickedness. **20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. (KJV)

Definition:(1)lieth in wickedness-2749 keimai-2) metaphorically: to be (by God's intent) set,, that is,

destined, appointed, lies in the power of the Evil One,, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil. (See again for verification ***Luke 4: 1-13 but specifically verses 5-7 and Rev.13:7-8**)

The apostles were also Ministers and Elders; and there were other **believing** brethren that continued in the apostles' doctrine, that were **SUPPORTED not only** financially, but were supplied with food, clothing, shelter, etc. as they were **NEEDY**. Members today who are "the lower class saints" supply the **financial WANTS**, not the **needs** of the ministers and others that receive these **salaries**. But when the members are needy, they are taught how to manage their monies and are supplied from the food pantry. Are ministers and other "upper class saints" that receive this pay, above being supplied from the food pantry? Just maybe if they had an occupation like the Apostle Paul(Acts 18:1-3 and chapter 20:26-35; see also 2Thes. 3:10-15), a salary from the Church would not be **necessary**; if they managed their own monies well: unless of course it would be for **covetousness**. Are they beyond learning how to manage their monies? Usually those that receive this pay live better than those that supply them. **This is out of order** [disorderly] according to **2Cor.** the **8th** chapter, verses **11-15**. This is why the terms "lower and upper class saints" were used. What happened to **EQUALITY**? Let us read and listen to what the Apostle Paul had to say as he was guided by The Holy Ghost, about **LIFESTYLE**(Rom.12:16) and **EQUALITY**; "**2 Cor 8:11** Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.**12** For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.**13** For I mean not that other men be (1)eased, and ye (2)burdened:**14** But by an **(3)equality**, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their (4)want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your **want: that there may be equality:****15** As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack." Tithing in Moses, no tithing nor pledging in Christ:"**2 Cor 9:7** Every man according as he **(5)purposeth (6)in his heart**, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Definitions: **(1)eased**-425 anesis (an'-es-is); from 447; relaxation or (figuratively) relief: KJV-- eased, liberty, rest....**(2)burdened**-2347 thlipsis (thlip'-sis); from 2346; pressure (literally or figuratively): KJV-- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened....**(3)equality**-2471 isotes (ee-sot'-ace); likeness (in condition or proportion); by implication, equity: KJV-- equal (-ity)....**(4)want**-5303 husterema (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from 5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty: KJV-- that which is behind, penury, want. 1) deficiency, what is lacking 2) in reference to property and resources, destitution....**(5)purposeth**-4255 proaireomai; from 4253 and 138; to choose for oneself (prefer), i.e. to propose (intend)....**(6)in his heart**-2588 kardia; the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle

According to the apostle Paul, in the Church that Christ is the head of (**Col.1:18-19**), the collection on the "Lord's Day" (**the first day of the week**) is for the **NEEDS of ALL saints (1Cor.16:1-3)**. **Take the salaries out** and see how many "MINISTERS" are left standing in the pulpits! Take away the money; the so-called "care for the souls" goes out the window because THE HIRELING FLEETH, because he is a HIRELING (John10:12-14). The only way one can **prove** that he is not a **HIRELING (preaching for money)** is that he doesn't take any, unless he is **NEEDY**. Then they that are in need according to New Testament scripture, are to be supported in the same manner the apostle Paul and others were; because they **did not PREACH FOR A LIVING** and neither did Christ for that matter, as is done today. They **LIVED TO PREACH** the gospel. Again, the apostle Paul made it clear that they, the apostles, were not of the **MANY** which corrupt The Word of God, by preaching for **MONEY (2Cor.2:17)**. Even though they had the power, they didn't use it so that they would **not hinder the gospel of Christ, and also to be an ensample (pattern) for us to follow them, the apostles (1Cor.9:12 and verses 8 and 9 of 2Thes.3:6-15)**. They did the work of an evangelist (**2Tim.4:1-5**) without charge, that he abuse not his power in the Gospel and for a heavenly reward (1Cor.9:9-19; 2Tim.4:6-8). Their lifestyle was preaching the gospel for the **SAVING of SOULS**. Today, the lifestyle is preaching for the **SAVINGS** in their **BANK ACCOUNTS**. We have even heard the brutally honest statement, "that's what you pay me for." According to the apostles' doctrine, the apostles were **not** on **SALARIES** whether they were needy or not. They lived a low and humble life (**1Cor. 4:9-17; 2Cor.6:4-10; 2Cor.10:1-18; 11:7-9; 12:5-11**). They were instructed **both** to be full and to be hungry. Contrary to what is practiced today, their concerns were for the **SPIRITUAL and FINANCIAL NEEDS of THE FLOCK**. The Church that Christ is building

(Matt.16:18-19; Acts 2:47; 20:28; Eph.3:9-21; 4:3-4; 5:25-27&32; Col.1:12-20) cannot only follow the examples of being full and abounding. The Church must also follow the examples of being abased, hungry and suffering needs; thereby having afflictions, if we are to be followers of Paul as he was of Christ (1Cor.11:1-3). This would truly cause us to love our lives less in this world. Please read **and listen to Jesus: John 12:25 (1)He that loveth his life shall lose it; and (2)he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)He that loveth-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for, denoting personal attachment, feeling; to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV-- to love to approve of to like to sanction....**(2)he that hateth**-3404 miso (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV--to be hated, to be detested. (Please read also John17:14)

So is “being financially compensated for preaching the Gospel” authorized by God through Christ, according to His apostles? Absolutely NOT!! Because, according to God’s word it simply follows not the path of belief in Him through Christ and his apostles, as He has commanded. But to the contrary! We haven’t always known these **TRUTHS**, but now we do and we now have a different **MIND SET** that we **struggle with daily (Luke 9:23)**. Our hope and our prayer is that **the truth of the scriptures** will have the same affect on some, if not all, as IT has on us.

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. **And verses 8-9: 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;** (**Christians** must always remember what Jesus said in **John17:14 and 20**)

Let’s read and listen to Jude as he is guided by The Holy Ghost: **Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they who separate themselves, (1)sensual, having not the Spirit. (KJV) (Please read and understand the apostle Paul, as he was guided by The Holy Ghost: **Phil.3:16-20, Noting verse 19; whose God is their belly**)

Definition: (1)sensual, having not the Spirit -5591 psuchikos-of or belonging to breath: having the nature and characteristics of the breath, which men have in common with the brutes, governed by breath; the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion, (i.e. fleshly, worldly)

Once again, according to **God through Christ and His apostles**, the terms “**Christian**” and/or “**Christianity**”, are the **most** misunderstood, misapplied, misused and abused terms 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; James1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN, and away from HELL!

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