

Dear reader, have you ever wondered why there are so many religious leaders teaching PROSPERITY in this world? Is it because of some personal agenda? **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** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **(1)supposing** that **(2)gain** is godliness: from such **(3)withdraw thyself.** **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **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**(4)covetousness** shall they with **(5)feigned words** **(6)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;

Definitions:**(1)supposing** that-3543 nomizo (nom-id'-zo); from 3551; properly, to do by law (usage), i.e. to accustom (passively, be usual); by extension, to deem or regard 1) to hold by custom or usage, to own as a custom or usage, to follow a custom or usage; it is the custom, it is the received usage : KJV--suppose, thing, be wont.....**(2)gain** is godliness-4200 porismos (por-is-mos'); from a derivative of poros (a way, i.e. means); furnishing (procuring), i.e. (by implication) money-getting (acquisition) 2) source of gain: KJV-- gain.....**(3)** from such **withdraw thyself**-868 ahistemi (af-is'-tay-mee); from 575 and 2476; to remove, i.e. (actively) instigate to revolt; usually (reflexively) to desist, desert, etc.: KJV--depart, draw (fall) away, refrain, withdrawself.....**(4)** through **covetousness**-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.....**(5)feigned** words-4112 plastos (plas-tos'); from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): KJV-- feigned.....**(6)make merchandise** of you-1710 emporeuomai (em-por-yoo'-om-ah); from 1722 and 4198; to travel in (a country as a peddler), i.e. (by implication) to trade, 4) to use a person or a thing for gain: KJV-- buy and sell, make merchandise.

We know not what their agendas are, but we know the Lord loves us and has but one agenda; “**2 Pet 3:7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to **(1)repentance.** **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in **all holy** **(1)conversation** and **godliness,** **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

Definitions: **(1)** all should come to **repentance**-3341 metanoia (met-an'-oy-ah); from 3340; (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication reversal (of [another's] decision), a change of mind (heart): KJV-- repentance. **(2)all holy conversation**-391 anastrophe (an-as-trof-ay'); from 390; manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment: KJV-- conversation.

There are so many warnings in the apostle's doctrine, **against;** being conformed to this WORLD (**Rom.12:1-2**), loving this world and the things that are in it (**1John2:15-17**), loving our life here (**John12:25-26**), minding HIGH things (**Rom.12:16**), or EARTHLY, TEMPORAL, (SECULAR) things (**Phil.3:16-20; Col.3:1-4; 2Cor.4:18; 5:16**)? The Lord warns us, that HE HAVE NOT CHOSEN these things. We believe by scripture these warnings are given by GOD through CHRIST and his apostles, to

the Church that Christ is building and is the HEAD of. If we profess to be of Christ and have been baptized into Christ according to the scriptural pattern, thereby putting on Christ, we MUST heed these warnings, to be right (righteous) with GOD. Lord willing for this month and next, we will attempt by scripture, to study in depth the things GOD HATH CHOSEN, thereby understanding the things He have not chosen and to close with WHY. Remember, the purpose of these articles is to share with you some scriptural truths, thereby exposing error, as we search for “**What is Truth**”. Again, we believe through **the preponderance of scripture** (which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence **of scripture**) and **definitions** on any topic, allows scripture to interpret scripture. This should also allow for a better understanding on that topic.

Please get your bible and follow this study; The Lesson: GOD HATH CHOSEN!

1 Cor 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: **23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **26** For ye see your (1)calling, brethren, how that not many (2)wise men after the (3)flesh, not many (4)mighty, not many (5)noble, are called: **27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And **(6)base things** of the **(7)world**, and things which are **(8)despised**, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29** That no flesh should **(9)glory** in his presence. **30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **(10)righteousness**, and **(11)sanctification**, and **(12)redemption**: **31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.(KJV)

Definitions:**(1) Calling**-2821 klesis (klay'-sis); an invitation (figuratively): KJV-- calling.....**(2)wise** men-4680 sophos-b) wise, skilled in letters, cultivated, learned 1) used of the Greek philosophers and orators 2) used of Jewish theologians.....**(3) after the flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx);the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such): KJV-- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).....**(4)mighty**-1415 dunatos-1) able, powerful, mighty, strong a) mighty in wealth and influence.....**(5)noble**-2104 eugenes (yoog-en'-ace);from 2095 and 1096; well born, i.e. (literally) high in rank, or (figuratively) generous: KJV-- more noble, nobleman.**(6) Base things**-36 agenes-ignoble, coward, base, of no family (that is, low-born).....**(7) World**-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3; 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race.....**(8) Despised**-1848 exoutheneo (ex-oo-then-eh'-o);a variation of 1847 and meaning the same: KJV-- contemptible, despise, least esteemed, set at nought.....**(9) Glory** in his presence -2744 kauchaomai (kow-khah'-om-ahee);from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and 2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): KJV-- (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.....**(10) Righteousness**-1343 dikaiosune-1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God b) integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting **(11) Sanctification**-38 hagioismos (hag-ee-as-mos');from 37; properly, **purification**, i.e. (the state) purity; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier: KJV-- holiness, sanctification. (Ant. pollution, defilement, contamination).....**(12) Redemption**-629 apolutrosis-a releasing effected by payment of ransom a) redemption, deliverance b) liberation procured by the payment of a ransom

Isa 26:5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. **6** The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. (KJV)

Isa 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. (KJV)

Zeph 3:12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. (KJV)

Matt 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. **19** And he saith unto them, **Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men. **20** And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. **21** And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. **22** And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. (KJV)

Matt 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, **Follow me**. And he arose, and followed him. (KJV)

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

Definitions: (1)an **ass**-3688 onos (on'-os); apparently a primary word; a donkey: KJV-- an ass.

Dear reader, think about it, if GOD had chosen a chariot or men bearers for His Son the King, do we not think that, that is exactly what he would have had? He did not have it simply because his Father did not choose it. This was done for an example for those of Christ to follow, MEEKNESS and HUMBLENESS. **Luke 9:22** Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **23** And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, **(1)let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** **Phil 2:5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself (2)of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Definitions:(1)**let him deny himself**-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate a) to disregard one's own interests b) to act entirely unlike himself, to refuse something offered: KJV-- deny, refuse....
(2)**of no reputation**-2758 kenoo (ken-o'-o); from 2756; to make empty, i.e. (figuratively) to abase, neutralize; used of Christ: he laid aside equality with or the form of God: KJV-- make (of none effect, of no reputation, void).

Luke 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a **(1)manger**; because there was no room for them in **(2)the inn**.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)**manger**-5336 phatne (fat'-nay);from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder) A trough or an open box in which feed for livestock is placed: KJV-- manger, stall.....(2)**the inn**-2646 kataluma (kat-al'-oo-mah); from 2647; properly, a dissolution (breaking up of a journey), i.e. (by implication) a lodging-place1) an inn, lodging place 2) an eating room, dining room: KJV-- guestchamber, inn.

Again, think about it, if GOD had chosen an Inn for His Son, the King, to be born in, do we not think He would have made room in the Inn. He was born in a feed trough simply because his Father chose not the Inn, but the feed trough. Again this was for an example for those of Christ to follow, MEEKNESS and HUMBLENESS. It is so strange how we miss the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. Jesus explained how we error; “**Matt 22:29** Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**” Note also what the Lord and savior said “**Mark 8:36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **37** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? **John 12:25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and 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. He practiced what he preached didn't he; then those that proclaim to belong to Christ MUST also follow him, and PRACTICE what HE PREACHED through his apostles. **1 Pet 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

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

The Son of man, The KING, The Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST had NOT where to lay His head because, his Father did not CHOOSE it. But, rather chose a SUFFERING LIFESTYLE (see **Isaiah 53:1-12**) of MEEKNESS and HUMBLENESS, for His Son and he OBEYED unto death; even the death of the cross. “**Rom 8:16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. **18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” “**Phil 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;”

Dear reader, please LISTEN again to what CHRIST said, so we will know what God Hath Chosen; “**Matt 16:25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. **26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” “**Luke 9:26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.” “**Mark 9:43** And if thy hand (1)offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

Definition:(1)offend thee-4624 skandalizo (skan-dal-id'-zo) ("scandalize"); from 4625; to entrap, i.e. trip up (figuratively, stumble [transitively] or to entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure) b) to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and OBEY 1) to cause to fall away: KJV-- (make to) offend.

Again those that profess to be in Christ; (**Gal 3:27** For as many of you as **(1)have been baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.), have been warned NOT to love the world, neither the things that are in it.

Definition:(1)have been baptized into-907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV-- Baptist, baptize, wash.

We MUST then conclude according to scripture, it is because God hath NOT chosen it and neither it's WISDOM. ...Ref. Scriptures:

Isa 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. (KJV)

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and (1)prudent, and hast revealed them (2)unto babes. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)Prudent-4908 sunetos-intelligent, having understanding, wise, learned....**(2)unto babes**-3516 nepios (nay'-pee-os); from an obsolete particle ne- (implying negation) and 2031; not speaking, i.e. an infant (minor); figuratively, a simple-minded person, an immature Christian: KJV-- babe, child (+-ish).

Matt 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? (KJV)

Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **13** Now when they saw the boldness of **Peter and John**, and perceived that they were (1)unlearned and (2)ignorant men, they marvelled; and **(3)they took knowledge** of them, **that they had been with Jesus.** **14** And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. **15** But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, **16** Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

Definitions:(1)that they were unlearned-62 agrammatos (ag-ram-mat-os); from 1 (as negative particle) and 1121; unlettered, i.e. illiterate: KJV-- unlearned. **(2) and ignorant men** 2399 idiotes (id-ee-o'-tace); from 2398; a private person, i.e. (by implication) an ignoramus (compare "idiot"), 4) in the New Testament, an unlearned, illiterate man as opposed to the learned and educated: one who is unskilled in any art: KJV-- ignorant, rude, unlearned. **(3)they took knowledge** of them, that they had been with Jesus-1921 epiginosko (ep-ig-in-oc'e'-ko); from 1909 and 1097; to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; by implication, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge, 1) to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly, to know accurately, to know well 2) to know a) to recognize by sight, hearing; used of certain signs, to perceive who a person is: KJV-- (ac-, have, take) know (-ledge, well), perceive.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. **8** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. **9** Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. **10** And they were not able to **(1)resist** the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Definition:(1)Resist the wisdom -436 anthistemi (anth-is'-tay-mee); from 473 and 2476; to stand against, i.e. oppose: KJV-- resist, withstand.

Acts 17:18 Then certain **philosophers** of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he

preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. (KJV)

Acts 24:24 And after certain days, when **(1)Felix** came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. **25** And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Definition:(1)Felix-proc-u-ra-tor n. 1. One authorized to manage the affairs of another; an agent. 2. An employee of the Roman emperor in civil affairs, especially in finance and taxes, in management of imperial estates and properties, and in governing minor provinces.

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 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:(KJV)

1 Cor 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. **19** **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. **20** And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. **21** Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; (KJV)

Please note; **according to scripture** God Hath Chosen **base things** of the world, rather than high things, the **POOR** that love and obey Him, rather than CARNAL PROSPERITY, things **which are DESPISED**, rather than things that are highly thought of and liked in this world. So, who are we going to believe man or GOD? **1 Cor 1:28** And **base things** of the world, and things which are despised, **hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Ecc 5:10 He that **(1)loveth silver** shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also (2)vanity. **11** When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? **12** The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)loveth silver-157 'ahab (aw-hab'); a primitive root; to have affection for (sexually or otherwise): KJV-- (be-) love, like, friend.....**(2)vanity**-1892 hebel (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) habel (hab-ale'); from 1891; emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something **transitory** and **unsatisfactory**; often used as an adverb: KJV-- X altogether, vain, vanity. **tran-si-to-ry** *adj.* Existing or lasting only a short time; short-lived or temporary.

Isa 2:11 The **(1)lofty looks** of man shall be humbled, and the **(2)haughtiness** of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)lofty looks of man-1365 gabhuwth (gab-hooth'); from 1361; **pride**: KJV-- loftiness, lofty. **(2)haughtiness of men**-7312 ruwm (room); from 7311; (literally) elevation or (figuratively) elation: KJV-- haughtiness, height, X high.

Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (KJV)

Jer 9:23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man

glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: **24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**(KJV)

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, **proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**(KJV)

Luke 18:18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? **19** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. **20** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. **21** And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. **22** Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. **23** And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. **24** And when **Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25** For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (see also **Matt 19:23-25- Mark 10:23-27**)

1 Cor 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. **10** We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. **11** Even unto this present hour **we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; 12** And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: **13** Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. **14** I write not these things to shame you, **but as my beloved sons I warn you. 15** For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. **16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.**(KJV)

2 Cor 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the **meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: 2** But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;(KJV)

2 Cor 10:10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech (1)contemptible. (KJV)

Definition:(1)Contemptible-1848 exoutheneo (ex-oo-then-eh'-o);a variation of 1847 and meaning the same: KJV-- contemptible, despise, least esteemed, set at nought.

2 Cor 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, **though I be nothing.**(KJV)

Gal 4:13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. 14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. **15** Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. **16** Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? (KJV)

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**(KJV)

James 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. **2** For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also **a poor man in vile raiment;** **3** And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: **4** Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? **5** Hearken, my beloved brethren, **Hath not God chosen the poor of this world** rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised **(1)**to them **that love him?** ...Ref. **Scriptures:TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM**“**I Jn 2:1** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, **is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** **5** But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily **is the love of God perfected:** hereby know we that we are in him. **6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked.**” (See also **2Peter 3:1-2**)

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with **(1)meekness** of wisdom. **14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the **(2)truth.** **15** This wisdom descendeth **not** from above, but is **(3)earthly, sensual, devilish.**(KJV)

Definitions:(1)meekness of wisdom-4240 prautes (prah-oo'-tace); from 4239; mildness, i.e. (by implication) humility: KJV-- meekness....**(2)the truth**-see **John 17:16-20**....**(3)Earthly**-1919 epigeios (ep-ig'-i-os);from 1909 and 1093; worldly (physically or morally): KJV-- earthly, in earth, terrestrial.

1 Pet 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and **(1)be clothed** with **(2)humility: for God **(3)resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.** **6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:(KJV)**

Definitions:(1)be clothed-1463 egkomboomai (eng-kom-bo'-om-ahee); from 1722 and komboo (to gird); to engirdle oneself (for labor), i.e. figuratively (the apron as being a badge of servitude) to wear (in token of mutual deference): KJV-- be clothed with.....**(2)humility**-5012 tapeinophrosune (tap-i-nof-ros-oo'-nay); from a compound of 5011 and the base of 5424; humiliation of mind, i.e. modesty: KJV-- humbleness of mind, 3) modesty, humility, lowliness of mind.....**(3)resisteth the proud**-498 antitassomai (an-tee-tas'-som-ahee); from 473 and the middle voice of 5021; to range oneself against, i.e. oppose: KJV-- oppose themselves, resist.

I Jn 2:15 **(1)Love not the **(2)world, neither the things** that are in the world. If any man love the world, the **(3)love of the Father is not in him.** **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is **not of the Father, but is of the world.** **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.(KJV)**

Definitions:(1)Love NOT-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense) 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368.....**(2)world**-2889 kosmos (kos'-mos); probably from the base of 2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]) 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of

earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ: KJV-- adorning, world. **(3)love** of the Father is not in him-26 agape (ag-ah'-pay);from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) 1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence : KJV-- (feast of) charity ([ably]), dear, love.

Note the admonishment given by the apostle Paul, to the Church in Corinth; “**1 Cor 14:37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge **that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** **38** But if any man be **(1)ignorant**, let him be ignorant.” See also **Eph.3:1-8** (Please read also the admonishments of the apostles Peter, John and others to the Church; **2Peter 1:1-21; 2Peter 3:1-2; 1John 4:6; Jude 1:16-19**)

Definition:(1)ignorant 50 agnoeo (ag-no-eh'-o);from 1 (as a negative particle) and 3539; not to know (through lack of information or intelligence); by implication, **to ignore (through disinclination) to be unwilling**: KJV-- (be) ignorant (-ly), not know, not understand, unknown.

Dear readers remember as always, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, for the purpose of **saving our souls**. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH**; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, 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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