

Dear reader, again we ask the question, why are there so many religious leaders teaching carnal PROSPERITY in this world? According to God through Christ and his apostles HE has NOT chosen it. So, again, is it because of some personal agenda? **Could they be HIRELINGS; John 10:12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. **13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep; **Supposing that gain is godliness; 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 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; **So that merchandise can be made of you; 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 covetousness shall they with feigned words **(3)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; **Why would one teach covetous practices ?; 2 Pet 2:14** Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; **(4)beguiling (5)unstable souls:** an heart they have **(6)exercised (7)with covetous practices;** cursed children: **15** Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; Again, we know not what their agendas are but the Lord knows.

Definitions:(1)supposing-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, 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, to deem, to think, to suppose: KJV-- suppose, thing, be wont.....(2)that 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), source of gain: KJV-- gain.....**(3)make merchandise** of you-1710 emporeuomai (em-por-yoo'-om-ah-ee); from 1722 and 4198; to travel in (a country as a peddler), i.e. (by implication) to trade to traffic, to deal in, to use a person or a thing for gain: KJV-- buy and sell, make merchandise.....**(4)beguiling-1185** delezao (del-eh-ad'-zo); from the base of 1388; to entrap, i.e. (figuratively) delude1 to bait, to catch with bait, to deceive: KJV-- allure, beguile, entice.....**(5)unstable souls-793** asteriktos (as-tay'-rik-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 4741; unfixed, i.e. (figuratively) vacillating: KJV—unstable, unsteadfast.....**(6)** heart they have **exercised-1128** gumnazo (goom-nad'-zo); from 1131; to practise naked (in the games), i.e. train (figuratively) ,to exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind: KJV-- exercise.....**(7)with covetous practices-4124** pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah);from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.

We do know that 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 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?

Definition:(1) all holy conversation-391 anastrophe (an-as-trof-ay'); from 390; manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment: KJV-- conversation.

Again, there are so many warnings in the apostle's doctrine, about the things that God Hath Not Chosen; being conformed to this WORLD (**Rom.12:1-2**), loving this world and the things that are in it (**1John2:15-17**), loving our lives here (**John12:25-26**), minding HIGH things (**Rom.12:16**), or EARTHLY, TEMPORAL, (SECULAR) things (**1Cor.1:22-31; 1Cor.3:18-21; Phil.3:16-20; Col.3:1-4; 2Cor.4:18; 5:16**). Dear reader, just as the Lord warns us that HE HAS NOT CHOSEN these things, if we truly care about SOUL SALVATION then, we believe it is our DUTY to give the same warnings BY scripture. If we profess to be of Christ and have been baptized into Christ according to the scriptural pattern, thereby putting on Christ (**Gal.3:27**), then we MUST also heed these warnings, to be right (righteous) with GOD. 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, so that we will NOT BE IGNORANT OF THE WILL OF THE LORD.

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.

THE LESSON: HATH NOT GOD CHOSEN THE POOR OF THIS WORLD (James 2:5) ...Ref. Scriptures:

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 (1)Hearken**, my beloved brethren, Hath not God **(2)chosen** the **(3)poor** of this world **(4)rich** in **(5)faith**, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised **(6)to them that love him?**

Definitions:(1) Hearken-191 akouo-1) to be endowed with the faculty of hearing (not be deaf) 2) to hear: a) to attend to, to consider what is or has been said b) to understand, to perceive the sense of what is said b) to get by hearing, to learn e) to give ear to a teaching or a teacher.....**(2) Hath not God chosen**-1586 eklegomai-to pick out, to choose, to pick or to choose out for oneself.....**(3) Poor of this world** -4434 ptochos-1) reduced to beggary, begging, asking alms 2) destitute of wealth, influence, position, honor a) lowly, afflicted c) poor, needy; destitute of wealth of learning and intellectual culture which the schools afford (men of this class most readily give themselves up to Christ's teaching and proved themselves fitted to lay hold of the heavenly treasure) (poor in faith destitute of the Christian virtues and eternal riches).....**(4) Rich in faith** -4145 plousios-1) wealthy, abounding in material resources 2)

metaphorically: abounding, abundantly supplied, abounding (rich) in Christian virtues and eternal possessions. **(5) Faith-** pistis (pis'-tis); from **3982**; KJV-- assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity. **3982** peitho (pi'-tho); KJV-- agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield. **(6) 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**)

Heb 11:1 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (KJV)

Rom 10:16 But they have not all **obeyed** the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath **believed** our report? **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)

James 1:22 But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (KJV)

James 2:5 ... **general references for verse**. **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 to them that love him?

Matt 8:19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. **20** And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (KJV)

Mark 6:2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? **3** **Is not this the carpenter**, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. (KJV)

Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, (1) pride, (2) foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (KJV)

Definitions: (1) Pride-5243 huperephania-1) pride, haughtiness, arrogance 2. **Pleasure or satisfaction** taken in **an achievement, a possession**, or an association; the character of one who, with a swollen estimate of his own powers or merits, who looks down on others. **(2) Foolishness**-877 aphrosune-1) foolishness, folly, senselessness, silliness, 2) thoughtlessness, recklessness

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold **the handmaid** of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (KJV)

Luke 1:48 For he hath regarded **the low estate** of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (KJV)

Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, **Blessed** is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. **28** But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. (KJV)

Luke 1:51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **52** He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and **exalted them of low degree**. **53** He

hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.(KJV)

Luke 2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **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 the inn.(KJV)

Definition:(1)manger-5336 phatne (fat'-nay);from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder) a feed trough: KJV-- manager, stall.

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, **Blessed be ye (1)poor**: for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. **22** Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, **for the Son of man's sake.** **23** Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. **24** **But woe unto you that are rich!** for ye have received your consolation. **25** **Woe unto you that are full!** for ye shall hunger. **Woe unto you that laugh now!** for ye shall mourn and weep. **26** **Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!** for so did their fathers to the false prophets. **27** **But I say** unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

Definition: (1) Poor-4434 ptochos-1) reduced to beggary, begging, asking alms 2) destitute of wealth, influence, position, honor a) lowly, afflicted, (poor in faith) destitute of the Christian virtues and eternal riches c) poor, needy; destitute of wealth of learning and intellectual culture which the schools afford (men of this class most readily give themselves up to Christ's teaching and proved them selves fitted to lay hold of the heavenly treasure)

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

A Righteous Beggar of Bread...Ref. Scriptures:

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: **20** And there was a certain **(1)beggar** named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, **21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **23** **And in hell he lift up his eyes,** being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. **25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. **26** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

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

Definitions:(1) Mind not-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, to be (mentally)

disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.....**(2) not High things**-5308 hupselos-1) high, lofty a) exalted on high a) in influence and honor b) to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), **not to be aspiring...** (in this world).....**(3)but****Condescend**-4879 sunapago-1) to lead away with or together 2) metaphorically, to be carried away with a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power.....**(4) Low estate**-5011 tapeinos-1) not rising far from the ground a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree

Rom 12:16 ... condescend to men of low estate...Ref. Scriptures:

1 Cor 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; **30** And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and **they that buy, as though they possessed not;** **31** And they that **(1)use this world, as (2)not abusing it:** for the fashion of this world passeth away.

Definitions:**(1)use this world**-5530 chraomai (khrah'-om-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb (perhaps rather from 5495, to handle); **to furnish what is needed;** (give an oracle, "**graze**" [**touch slightly**], **light upon**, etc.), i.e. (by implication) to employ or (by extension) to act towards one in a given manner: KJV-- entreat, use.....**(2)not abusing it**-2710 katachraomai (kat-akh-rah'-om-ahee); from 2596 and 5530; to overuse, i.e. misuse: KJV-- abuse.

Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. **12** I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Tim 6:6 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.

1 Tim 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not **(1) highminded**, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; **18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, **(2) ready to distribute**, **(3) willing to communicate;** **19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.(KJV)

Definitions:**(1) Highminded**-5309 hupselophroneo (hoop-say-lo-fron-eh'-o); from a compound of 5308 and 5424; to be lofty in mind, i.e. arrogant: KJV-- be highminded.....**(2) Ready to distribute**-2130 eumetadotos (yoo-met-ad'-ot-os); from 2095 and a presumed derivative of 3330; good at imparting, i.e. liberal:KJV-- ready to distribute.....**(3) Willing to communicate**-2843 koinonikos-1) social, sociable, ready and apt to form and maintain communion and fellowship2) inclined to make others sharers in one's possessions, inclined to impart, free in giving, liberal

Heb 13:5 Let your **(1) conversation** be without **(2)covetousness;** and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. **6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.(KJV)

Definitions:**(1) Let your Conversation**-5158 tropos-1) a manner, a way, a fashion, as, even as, like as 2) manner of life, character, deportment.....**(2) be without Covetousness**-866 aphilarguros- **loving money**, avaricious from 1 (as a negative particle) and 5366; unavaricious: KJV-- **without** covetousness,

greedy of filthy lucre.

James 1:9 Let the brother of **(1) low degree** rejoice in that he is exalted: **10 But the rich, in that he is made low**: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. **11** For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. **12** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Definition:**(1) Low degree**-5011 tapeinos-1) **not rising far from the ground** 2) metaphorically: a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree b) brought low with grief, depressed c) lowly in spirit, humble

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? **Can faith save him?** **15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, **16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are **needful to the body**; what doth it profit? **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.(KJV)

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. **2** Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. **3** Your gold and silver is cankered; and the **(1)rust** of them shall be a **(2)witness** against you, and shall **(3)eat** your **(4)flesh** as it were fire. **(5)Ye have heaped treasure together** for the last days.

Definitions:**(1)rust** of them-2447 ios (ee-os'); perhaps from eimi (to go) or hiemi (to send); rust (as if emitted by metals); also venom (as emitted by serpents): KJV-- poison, rust.....**(2)witness** against you,3142 marturion-testimony.....**(3)eat** your-5315 phago-1) to eat (consume) a thing b) metaphorically, to devour, to consume.....**(4)flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx); probably from the base of 4563; flesh, the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, KJV-- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).....**(5)Ye have heaped treasure together** for the last days.-2343 thesaurizo (thay-sow-rid'-zo); from 2344; to amass or reserve (literally or figuratively): KJV-- lay up (treasure), (keep) in store, (heap) treasure (together, up).a) to accumulate riches

James 5:5 **(1)Ye have lived in pleasure** on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.(KJV)

Definition:**(1)Ye have lived in pleasure** on the earth-5171 truphao (troo-fah'-o);from 5172; to indulge in luxury, to live delicately, to live luxuriously, to be given to a soft and luxurious life: KJV-- live in pleasure.

Dear reader please note, out of the seven Churches mentioned in Revelations, The Lord only chose two that **He had nothing against**, please note their CONDITIONS. This is just another example of the “few there be that find it.”Please read Matt.7:13-15; 20:16; 22:11-14; Luke 13:23-27; 1Pet.3:20-22; 2Pet.2:4-9.

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; **9** I know thy works, and tribulation, and **(1)poverty**, (but thou art **(2)rich**) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)poverty**-4432 ptocheia (pto-khi'-ah); from 4433; beggary, i.e. indigence (literally or figuratively), 2) in the New Testament poverty; the condition of one destitute of riches and abundance: KJV-- poverty.....**(2)** but thou art **rich**-4145 plousios-2) metaphorically: abounding, abundantly supplied, abounding (rich) in Christian virtues and eternal possessions.

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; **8** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a **(1)little (2)strength, and hast kept my word,** and hast not **denied** my name. **9** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. **10** Because thou **hast kept the word of my patience,** I also will **keep thee from the hour of temptation,** which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. **11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)little-3398 mikros (mik-ros'); including the comparative mikroteros (mik-rot'-er-os); apparently a primary word; small (in size, quantity, number or (figuratively) dignity): KJV-- least, less, little, small.....**(2)strength-**1411 dunamis (doo'-nam-is); from 1410; force KJV-- ability, abundance, meaning, power, strength

Remember GOD did not choose CARNAL PROSPERITY for HIS SON and neither did His Son choose IT, according to HIS WORD He has not chosen it for US EITHER. But rather has CHOSEN a MEEK, HUMBLE and LOWLY life on this earth. The Church that Christ is building and is the Head of cannot even THINK on SECULAR things, let alone strive for these things that GOD HATH NOT CHOSEN; and then say, “Lord, Lord” or “We are of God”, and be right (righteous) with God. Please read; “**Luke 6:43** For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **44** For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. **45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. **46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?** **47** Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: **48** He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. **49** But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.” “**1 Cor 10:20** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?” “**Phil 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, **that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who (1)mind (2)earthly things.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)who mind-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. **(2)earthly things-**1919 epigeios (ep-ig'-i-os); from 1909 and 1093; worldly (physically or morally), existing upon the earth: KJV-- earthly, in earth, terrestrial, SECULAR.

The Lord had something against five of the seven congregations in Revelation, but note this one “the church of the Laodiceans.” Please pay close attention to its CONDITION, a condition God hath not chosen; it even made The Lord “SICK” ; Please read carefully. “**Rev 3:14** And unto the angel of the

(1)church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; **15** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. **16 So then** because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will (2)spue thee out of my mouth.** **17 Because** thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not** that thou art **wretched**, and **miserable**, and **poor**, and **blind**, and **naked**: **18** I counsel thee to **buy of me** gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, **that thou mayest see.**”(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)church** of the Laodiceans-1577 ekklesia (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation: KJV-- assembly, church. **(2)spue** thee out of my mouth-1692 emeo (em-eh'-o); of uncertain affinity; **to vomit**, to vomit forth, to throw up: KJV-- (will) spue.

Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

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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