

## Subject: Happy Holidays; Please Get Your Bible and Follow This Study

**NOTE DEFINITIONS: Holiday-1.** (n.) A religious festivity: • feast • pageant • feast day

For those of us that choose not to follow traditions and doctrines of men, this is not a happy time of the year, but rather a sad one. This causes pain and suffering when so many of our fleshly family members, and/or those that profess to be followers of Christ (Christians), choose to do so. As true followers of Christ we cannot, and will not; (Matt.10:32-39; 2Tim.3:12-17; 1Pet.4:1-7). This hurts our Fleshly feelings, and it goes against our Carnal wants, (our Bellies) (Rom.16:16-19; 2Cor.10:1-7; Gal.5:16-26; Phil.3:16-21; James4:1-10). Those striving to follow Christ (Christians) are commanded by Christ through his apostles, not to observe or give heed to fables, traditions, doctrines, and commandments of **men**; for these things are Idle > (**free from labor, at leisure**) (Matt.12:35-37, 1Tim.1:4, 2Tim.4:3-4, Titus1: 13-14, Col.2:8-10 and verses 20-22). The commandments of God through Christ and his apostles, edifies the Spiritual Mind and strengthens the New Spiritual man in Christ Jesus, (Rom.12:1-2; 2Cor.5:14-17; Eph.4:20-24; Col.3:1-10). Christians must observe all things that Christ commanded his Apostles (Matt.28:20; John17: 20-21; Acts 1:1-4; 2Pet.3:1-3; 1John4:5-6; Jude 1:16-19). 'Tis a season that is full of Vanity, decorations, eating in a gluttonous manner, drunkenness and fables; which are lies. Now let's look at some lies that have been put in place by man, Santa (so-called), riding in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, and going down a chimney, of course we know this is a lie. "Santa Claus", Father Christ/mas and or Kris Kringle, derived from Christ/Kindle, meaning, "**Christ Child**" this is an **abominable** LIE. "This began in Germany, among Protestant denominations". How many lies can one tell, or be a part of and be right with God? Especially lies involving and surrounding God's Beloved Son: in whom He is Well pleased: (**please hear God and understand; Matt.17:1-8**). Christians MUST speak and DO the TRUTH, **if** we are of Christ, through his apostles' Word, (**please hear Jesus John 17:14-21**). Can anyone prove **by the inspired Word**, that there were three wise men; if we cannot, how can we know it's true, we cannot?

Think about it, children are taught that lying is wrong; except in some cases, one being, of ALL things, the unauthorized celebrations dealing with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. This is shameful and DEADLY, to soul salvation. Why would a Christian teach damnation to anyone, especially to their CHILDREN? There are no examples and or commands for Christians to observe Christmas; thereby being unauthorized by Christ and or his apostles. This also sends the message to children that, participating in, or being involved with some lies is ok, especially the ones that MAN thinks he has involved Christ in (**1John1:1-6**); instead of teaching the TRUTH; that **all** liars will have their part in HELL. "**Rev 21:8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **all (1)liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**"

**Definition: (1)all liars**-5571 pseudēs (psyoo-dace'); from 5574; untrue, i.e. erroneous, deceitful, wicked: KJV-- false, liar. Children are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of fables/lies, traditions, doctrines, and commandments of men, rather than of The Lord (**listen Eph.6:1-4**). Remember Christians are to exhort to godliness, (**1Tim 4:6-16**) please note **verses 12&13**). It is so sad that so many souls observe in any manner these **traditions** of men, instead of following the WORD, which is given to us by God through Christ, and his apostles. After all the Word is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL!

Note this ERRONEOUS statement, "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"; this is a cunningly devised fable, in other words, "believable error". Because, first of all, in any celebration of birth, to one that yet LIVES, one MUST first KNOW the date of that birth, and then ALL GIFTS MUST be given to the **one** THAT IS CELEBRATED. Jesus has never been and never will be the reason for any season, because JESUS IS NOT SEASONAL. Jesus Christ is a LIFESTYLE that one MUST strive as a **Christian** to live **24-7**. Jesus has left instructions on what **Christians** MUST remember about him, and it is not his birth, but his death (**1Cor.11:23-34**). He lived a life of suffering (**Isaiah 53:1-12; Matt.21:1-7; Luke 9:57-62; John1:9-11; John12:25-26**), then died most cruelly on the cross for us all. Remember, His Father for our sake was pleased to BRUISE His only begotten Son, **Isa.53:10**. Then, after His death, and

the shedding of blood for the remission of sin: raised Him up on the third day, thereby giving us a chance for salvation, **IF** we OBEY and follow HIM, through his apostles, (John 17:8-23; John 19:34; Acts 22:16; 1Cor.1:30; 6:11; Eph.5:26-27; Heb.5:5-9; Heb.9:13-28; James1:21-22; 1Pet.3:21-22; 1Pet.4:1-3; 1John1:6-10).

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”, this is another cunningly devised fable, in that **the word Christmas cannot be found in the inspired WORD, (the Bible)**. So then God, the ONE and ONLY HOLY FATHER, which IS IN HEAVEN, did not put his precious Son in it. Christ being the WORD (**John1:1-14**), never practiced it himself, and GOD made it clear in **Matt. the17<sup>th</sup> chapter**, that **Christians MUST** hear his beloved son, in whom He is well pleased and him ONLY (verse 8). In **Matt. 28:18-20** when Jesus Christ was about to ascend back into heaven, he made it clear to his apostles, that all power in heaven and earth had been given unto him, from his Father which is in heaven. Christ then began to leave them instructions on what they MUST do and teach **true Christians to observe**. In these instructions “Christmas”, and the practice of it, cannot be found. Now, we believe this should open the door for some legitimate questions, for those who want to know **the TRUTH**, and escape error. For we all MUST strive to escape error, in order to have eternal LIFE. Who made “JESUS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON”? Who put “CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”? It has been proven by the Apostles’ Doctrine that God the father did not; neither did Jesus Christ and his Apostles. Who else did Christ leave this authority; NO ONE ELSE. According to scriptures Jesus left his Apostles the Word (**John17:5-10**), so that when we read (**Eph.3:1-7**), study (**2Tim.2:15**) and strive to obey (**2Thes.1:7-9; James 1:21-25; 2:17-26; 1Pet.4:12-19**) the **commands of the apostles (Acts1:1-4; Acts2:41-42; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John 4:5-6; Jude 1:16-19)**, this and only this makes us all ONE, right (righteous) with God. Now let us examine the origin of this tradition.

**Christmas**: Date (**Dec. 25**), was established in (**A.D. 336**), by the Western Church, based at Rome. The Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Rite churches within the Roman Catholic Church chose (**January 6**). There seems to have been some confusion on the date of which this day was to be observed. God is not the author of confusion (**listen 1Cor.14:33**), this only happens with **man’s traditions**. This is why Christians MUST observe all things that Christ has commanded the Apostles, (Matt.28:20). Again you will **not find the word “Christmas”, or the traditional practice of it, by Christ nor his Apostles**. So, there is no such custom in the Church of God (**1Cor.11:16**), which he purchased with his blood (Acts20:28), which is the Church of and by Christ (**Matt. 16:16-18; Eph.3:21; 5:23-33; Col.1:18**). As we can tell by the dates given, this tradition came MUCH TOO late to be of Christ or his apostles. According to Christ Himself, Christians MUST believe on Him through his Apostle’s word, (John17:20-21) and continue STEADFAST, in the apostle’s doctrine, as those before us (Acts2:41-42), this is SAFE.

The TREE is one of the main things GLORIFIED in this tradition, which man has WITHOUT AUTHORITY; thereby without success, tried to make Jesus the reason for. After all, this is where the so-called “GIFTS” are laid, and so much time is spent in the DECORATING of it. The children of Israel were warned of a similar custom; “**Jeremiah 10:1** Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: **2** Thus saith the LORD, **Learn not the way of the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. **3 For the customs of the people are vain**: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. **4** They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers that it move not.” Now man has introduced the tradition of the “Christmas Tree”, that many Professing to be Christians, “followers of Christ”, observe. How can this be, when this tradition cannot be found in the apostles’ doctrine or in the inspired WORD of the bible, at all?

Man himself proves the fact that Jesus is not the reason for the season, and that he is not in it. For when the, so-called, Christmas season starts, what is truly thought of the most? Is it Christ or is it the **time off, the vain carnal trees and decorations, the materialistic gifts, the glutinous foods and drinks, the carnal games and the fleshly family gatherings?** Where is Christ? Let your conversation be ONLY

about Christ, the scriptures, and soul salvation while at these gatherings and see how popular you will be, (Philp.1:27; 1Tim.4:11 -16; 1Pet.1:13-19; 2Pet.3:8-12). Take the carnal, fleshly wants of man out of the equation; there would be no observance of these carnal days that **Christ has not authorized** to those that are his. The proof is in the pudding; our GOD is truly our BELLIES **Phil 3:16-20**, because it seems nothing can be done without carnal food. Today, even buildings that should **ONLY** be built for worship, which include the serving of SPIRITUAL food, for the spiritual edification of the body of Christ, **must** have KITCHENS.

Here Jesus made it clear **what is truly needful; Luke 10:38** Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. **40** But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. **41** And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **42** **But one thing is needful:** and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Please read what Jesus told the multitude; **“John 6:26** Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. **27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.”

Now here is an example given by Jesus Christ, for those that were to be invited to a feast. Now this is not the so called GIFT giving as pre-mentioned, but TRUE GIFT giving, and Christians **MUST** be of the TRUTH, **John17:16-17**. Note the definition of GIFT (g'ft) *n.* **1.** Something that is bestowed voluntarily and without (1)compensation; **“Luke 14:12** Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. **13** But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: **14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot (2)recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.”

**Definitions:(1)without com·pen·sation.** --*tr.* **1.** To offset; counterbalance. **2.** To make satisfactory payment or reparation to; recompense or reimburse. **(2)** for they cannot **recompense** thee-468 antapodoma-the thing paid back, requital; 467 antapodidomi (an-tap-od-ee'-do-mee): KJV-- recompense, render, repay.

It is of SPECIAL CONCERN, when those professing to be of the one body, the church of and by Christ (**Matt.16:13-20; Eph.3:21**), observe such traditions and doctrines **in any manner**. For there are those that say, “We don’t observe these days in a religious manner, but in a SECULAR one”; REALLY? **Definition: SEC·U·LAR** *adj.* **1.** Worldly rather than spiritual; Earthly, earthy, materialistic, ultra mundane, Temporal, Terrestrial, Physical, Carnal, mortal, World. How can those of the one faith even think about “secular” DAYS, let alone be PARTAKERS of them, and then call Him Lord, Lord. **“Luke 6:46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? See also **Matt 7:21-24**. These practices cause those of the one faith, to be **idolaters; lukewarm, doubled minded enemies of the CROSS of CHRIST, minding SECULAR things**. Followers of Christ must reprove those things that cannot be found in the Apostles’ doctrine, rather than participate in them (see **Eph. 5: 6-17**). We must be the **(1)SALT** of the earth, not mind the things of the earth, thereby being the **(2)LIGHT** of the world (Matt.5:13-16), rather than being **(3)conformed** to this world (Rom.12:1-2).

**Definitions: (1)SALT** of the earth-217 halas (hal'-as);from 251; salt; figuratively, prudence: circumspect, wise, levelheaded, sound, sensible, reasonable: (Foolish antonym), (hear **Col .4:5-6** also). **(2)LIGHT** of the world -5457 phos (foce); used of truth and its knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it. What is exposed to the view of all, openly, publicly. **(3)**rather than being

**CONFORMED** to this world-4964 suschematizo (soos-khay-mat-id'-zo); from 4862 and a derivative of 4976; to fashion alike, i.e. conform to the same pattern (figuratively): KJV-- conform to, fashionself according to. 4862 sun (soon); a primary preposition denoting union; with or together (but much closer than 3326 or 3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: KJV-- beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.

**IDOLATERS:** 1496 eidololates (i-do-lol-at'-race); from 1497 and the base of 3000; an image- servant or worshipper (literally or figuratively) 1) a worshiper of false gods, a idolater used of any one even Christian, participating in any way in the worship of the HEATHEN: KJV-- idolater. **Heathen**-1482 ethnikos- used of the pagan, the Gentile 3) in the New Testament savoring of the nature of pagans, alien to the worship of the true God, **heathenish**;

### **IDOLATERS ...Ref. Scriptures:**

**1 Cor 5:9** I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: **10** Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. **11** But now I have written unto you not (1) to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an **idolater**, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. **12** For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? **13** But them that are without God judgeth. **Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**

**Definition: (1)NOT to keep company**-4874 sunanamignumi (soon-an-am-ig'-noo-mee); from 4862 and a compound of 303 and 3396; to mix up together, i.e. (figurative) associate with: KJV-- (have, keep) company (with).

**1 Cor 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, **nor idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: **but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.** **1 Cor 10: 6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **7** Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, **The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.** **1 Cor 10:19** What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **20** But I say, that the things which the (1)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? **23** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. **Definition:(1)Gentiles**-1484 ethnos (eth'-nos); probably from 1486; a race (as of the same habit), i.e. a tribe; specially, a foreign (usually by implication, pagan): KJV-- Gentile, heathen, nation, people..... “**Metaphorically:** the whole mass of men alienated from God; because of their unwillingness to deny themselves, and suffer for Christ's sakes Gal.5:24-25; 1Pet.2:18-24; 1Pet.4:12-19; 1John2:3-6 and 2:15-26 etc.” **Rev 21:8** But the **fearful**, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and **idolaters**, and **all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (**Fearful i.e. timid**) **Rev 22:14** Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. **15** **For without** are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and **idolaters**, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

### **LUKEWARM...Ref. Scriptures:**

**Rev 3:14** And unto the angel of the 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 (1)lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will **(2)spue** thee out of my mouth.

**Definitions:** (1)lukewarm-5513 chliaros (khlee-ar-os'); from chlio (to warm); **tepid:** KJV—lukewarm; **Tep·id** (tɪpˈɪd) *adj.* **1.** Moderately warm;lukewarm. **2. Lacking** in emotional warmth or enthusiasm or **conviction; halfhearted.** (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.

#### **DOUBLE MINDED...Ref. Scriptures:**

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

(1)**MIND NOT high things**-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; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience) c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for a) to seek one's interest or advantage b) to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. (2)**condescend** to men-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. (3)**of low estate**-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 1:8** A (1)**double minded** man is unstable in all his ways. **James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye (1)**double minded.** **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

**Definition:** (1)**double minded** man-1374 dipsuchos (dip'-soo-khos); from 1364 and 5590; two-spirited, i.e. vacillating (in opinion or purpose), a) wavering, uncertain, doubting b) divided in interest: KJV-- double minded.

#### **ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST...Ref. Scriptures:**

**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **17 Brethren,** be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who (1)**mind earthly things.**) **20** For our (2)conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (**Please** listen to 1John 2:15-17, also)

**Definitions:** (1) who **MIND EARTHLY things** 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; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience) c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for a) to seek one's interest or advantage b) to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. (2)**our conversation is in heaven**-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from **4176;** a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV-- conversation. **4176** politeuomai (pol-it'-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively): KJV-- let conversation be, live.

There are many souls involved in many things that are not of the Body that Christ is the HEAD of (**Col.1:18**). The Church that Christ is the head of, **MUST be subject unto Christ in everything**; “**Eph 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore as the church is **(1)subject** unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.” **Definition: (1)Subject** unto Christ -5293 hupotasso; to subordinate; reflexively, to obey: KJV-- be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection), submit self unto.

**WOE** unto **any** man that tries to put Christ into anything, or make him the reason for anything! Man is the CREATURE, Christ is the CREATOR; please read **John1:1-5**; **Col. 1:12-20**. Christians MUST heed the warning of the apostle Peter, whom some erroneously calls the first “Pope”. This is error simply because, the word, Pope, can not be found anywhere in **the inspired** scriptures of the Holy Bible. However, the one GOD (**Eph.4:1-6**), which is in heaven, the Only Holy Father, Jesus the Only Christ (**Matt.23:5-12**), and his Apostles are found in the bible. Christians MUST remember that Peter, one of the apostles and one of the elders, warns the Church that Christ is the HEAD of, to beware of cunningly devised fables; but first note what the apostle Paul says, then the apostle Peter, as they were guided by The Holy Ghost; “**Gal 2:6**. But, of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: **7** But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the **circumcision** was unto Peter; **8** (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, **the same was mighty in me** toward the Gentiles:)” ...**Ref. Scriptures:**

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

**1 Pet 5:1** The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: (**listen to 2Pet.1:1 also**)

**2 Pet 1:15** Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. **16** For we have **(1)not 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.

**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.b) to follow one's authority. **(2) Cunningly devised**-4679 sophizo (sof-id'-zo);from 4680; to render wise; in a sinister acceptation, to form "sophisms", i.e. continue, to teach plausible [believable] error: KJV-- cunningly devised, a) to invent, to play the sophist b) to devise cleverly or cunningly. **(3) Fables**-3454 muthos (moo'-thos); perhaps from the same as 3453 (through the idea of tuition); a tale, i.e. fiction ("myth"): KJV-- fable.2) a narrative, story b) **a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood**

### “PEACE ON EARTH”

**Luke 2:11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a **(1)manger**. **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.(KJV) **Definition:(1)manger** 5336 phatne (fat'-nay); from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder), **man-ger** (m³n“j...r) n. A trough or an open box in which feed for livestock is placed.: KJV-- manager, stall.

This is what the Angels declared at the LOWLY birth of Jesus Christ in the flesh. For we must remember, Jesus was in the beginning (**John1:1-14**), but he became a little lower than angels, as God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh (**Rom.8:1-9**; **Gal.4:4-5**; **Heb.2:7-10**). This declaration that was made by the angels is heard often this time of the year. Peace on earth can ONLY exist if ALL men DENY themselves, and suffer to obey Christ through his apostles’ word, doctrine, traditions and commands; as

God has commanded (**Matt. 17:1-8; 28:18-20; John17:15-24; Acts2:41-42; 2Thes.2:14-17; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John 4:5-6**). Christ's will have always been good toward men, but man must first have a change of MIND (repentance). "**2 Pet 3:9 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 conversation and godliness,**" But man wants to have it his own way. He wants to be able to choose his own way to be righteous with God, thereby causing division, variance and confusion. According to Christ and His apostles; because of man's SCRIPTURAL ignorance (**Matt.22:29**), REBELLIOUS ways (**Luke 6:46-49**); and because man loves his life, the WORLD and the THINGS that are IN it (**John12:25-26; 1John 2:15-17**), there is and there will be no peace on earth (**Matt.10:32-38; Luke 12:51-53**).

Jesus said he didn't come to send peace, but a sword, which is the WORD. If we are Christians we MUST believe what Christ says. Do we not want to know the truth? "**Matt 10:32** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. **34** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, \*but a sword.** **35** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **36** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. **37** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, **is not worthy of me**" (hear also **Luke9:57-62**). "**Heb 4: 11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12** **For the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any **\*two-edged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (hear also **Eph.6:17**). "**Luke 12:51** Suppose ye that **I am come** to give peace on earth? **I tell you, Nay; but rather division:** **52** For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. **53** The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

Because of the insistence of many on following cunningly devised fables, rather than the more sure WORD of prophecy by the apostles, there is confusion. Since many are resolved to follow blindly, teachers that are false, without proving them by the apostles' doctrine, there is variance. Because many have chosen to follow the traditions and commandments of men, rather than those of the apostles, which would make PEACE and make us ALL ONE in Christ, there is, and there MUST be DIVISION; Please hear...**Ref. Scriptures:**

**II Th 3:4** 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 **(1)withdraw yourselves from every brother** that **(2)walketh (3)disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

**Definitions:** **(1)withdraw yourselves** from every brother-4724 stello (stel'-lo); probably strengthened from the base of 2476; properly, to set fast ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) to repress (reflexively, abstain from associating with): KJV-- avoid, withdrawself. **(2)walketh** 4043 peripateo- to walk: b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself. **(3)disorderly** 814 ataktos-1) disorderly, out of ranks (often so of soldiers) 3) deviating from the prescribed order or rule

**Matt 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many**

wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:(KJV)

**Matt 15:13** But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. **14** Let them alone: **they be blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. **15** Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. **16** And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? (see also **Matt.13:15**)

**Matt 24:11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.(KJV)

**Col 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.(KJV)

**Col 2:20** Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, **21** (Touch not; taste not; handle not; **22** Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **23** Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

**1Thes 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.(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.(KJV)

**2 Tim 3:14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, **knowing of whom thou hast learned them;** **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.(KJV)

**Titus 1:13** 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.

**2 Pet 1:17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; **whereunto ye do well that ye take heed,** as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.(KJV)

**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:**(KJV)

**I 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.(KJV)

Note the apostle Paul as he admonished the Church in Corinth, Philippi and Thessalonica, as he and they, the apostles were guided by The Holy Ghost: "**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me **in all things,** and keep the ordinances, as 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.” “**Phil 4:9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and **seen in me, do:** and the God of peace shall be with you.” “**II Th 3:4** 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.”(KJV)

Our hope is, that all striving to be Christians, according to the apostles’ doctrine (Acts1:1-4; Acts2:41-42), will become in the future, SPIRITUALLY MINDED and not the SECULARLY MINDED ones that WE ARE. Please hear; “**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death:** that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **6** Knowing this, **that our old man is crucified with him,** that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” “**Rom 8:5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **7** **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God.** **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**” “**2 Cor 5:16** Wherefore henceforth **know we no man after the flesh:** yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**” “**Eph 4:10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) **11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:** **13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with **every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;** **15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him **in all things,** which is the head, **even Christ:** **16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. **17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, **in the vanity of their mind,** **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **20** **But ye have not so learned Christ;** **21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is **in Jesus:** **22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation **the old man,** which is corrupt according to the deceitful **(1)lusts;** **23** And **be renewed in the spirit** of your mind; **24** And that ye **put on the new man,** which after God is created in righteousness and **true holiness.**” “**Col 3:1** If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things** which are above, **where Christ sitteth** on the right hand of God. **2** **(2)Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** **(3)Mortify** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing **that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;** **10** And have **put on the new man,** which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: **11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.” (KJV)

**Definitions:**(1)deceitful lusts-1939 epithumia (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); from 1937; a longing, craving (especially for what is forbidden): KJV-- concupiscence, desire, lust (after). (2)**Set your affection on things above, NOT on things on the earth** -5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience), to feel, to think c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for: KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. (3)**Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth**-3499 nekroo (nek-ro'-o); from 3498; to deaden, i.e. (figuratively) to subdue, 1) to make dead, to put to death, to slay 3) to deprive of power, to destroy the strength of: KJV-- be dead, mortify.

When one professes to belong to Christ (Christian), and chooses NOT to be doers of the Word and work, (**James 1:21-25**) but chooses to be spotted with the world (**James 1:27**) and chooses to love the world and the things that are in it, this makes one not of the Father (**1John 2:15-17**). According to scripture, this also makes one an adulterer or an adulteress, choosing to be a friend of this world (**James 4:4-10**). Again, according to scripture, one that chooses to love their life in this world, shall lose their life (eternally) **John 12:23-26**. Remember, if one, because of his/her own BELLY, chooses to mind earthly things, including the traditions of men, according to scripture this makes one the enemy of the Cross of Christ (Phil.3:16-20)! This then according to SCRIPTURE, makes one a DENIER of Christ and the Father rather than a DENIER of oneself (**Luke 9:22-26**). **This also makes one an ANTICHRIST 1John 2:22-23!**

**James 1:26** 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 to keep himself **(1)unspotted** from the world. (KJV)

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

**I Jn 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a (1)liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is (2)antichrist, that (3)denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that (4)acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.(KJV)

**Definitions:**(1)Who is a **liar**-5583 pseustes (psyoos-tace'); from 5574; a falsifier, liar 2) one who breaks faith: KJV-- liar. (2)He is **antichrist**-500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos); from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the Messiah, the adversary of the Messiah: KJV-- antichrist. 473 anti (an-tee'); a primary

particle; opposite, i.e. instead or because of : KJV-- for, in the room of. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, substitution, etc. (3)that **denieth** the Father and the Son-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, 2) to deny someone, 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered, abnegate: KJV-- deny, refuse.(see reject and belief John12:44-50; John17:17-24). (4)he that **acknowledgeth** the Son hath the Father also-3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o); from a compound of the base of 3674 and 3056; i.e. covenant, acknowledge, 1) to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent 2) to concede a) not to refuse b) not to deny: KJV-- con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, give thanks, promise.

We believe that there are some that perceive, understand and even believe these truths; but because of different reasons, do not choose to accept them. We believe that weakness maybe one reason. We also believe that such ones might ask these questions: “How can I tell my wife, husband, children, or friends?” “How can I tell my father, mother, or kindred, that these are truths?” The question should be: “How can a Christian, i.e. follower of Christ, not tell the truth to all (the truth being the WORD)”, (**John17:16-17**)? Followers of Christ through his apostles MUST tell the TRUTH at all times, for no lie is of the truth, and there is no lie in Christ (**James 3:14; 1John 1:5-10 & 2:21-29**). Christians must be strong in the faith, not in a faith, and have been instructed to quit like men. “**1 Cor 16:13** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **(1)quit you like men, be strong.**” **Warning**, for being timid, “fearful”; causes damnation. “**Rev 21:8** But the **(1)fearful**, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

**Definitions: (1)quit you like men**-407 andrizomai (an-drid'-zom-ah-ee);middle voice from 435; to act manly, 2) to show oneself a man, be brave: KJV-- quit like men. **(1)fearful** 1169 deilos-timid, fearful We believe that **pride** may be another reason for the refusal of the truth, in that we don't like admitting that we have been wrong. Jesus said that pride, among other things is evil, and defileth the man. Listen: **Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48**. This is true because first of all and most of all Jesus said it. Secondly, when it hinders one from saving his own soul and the souls of others, by not admitting the truth by the word, can anything be more evil? Remember, among other things the WORD is profitable for correction: 2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We must not be too proud to accept the WORD; after all it is Christ **John1:1-18**, and it is what will judge us in the last day **John12:46-50**. We must change our minds and then our ways if we want to be SAVED, “Repent” (**Mark 9:43-48; Rom. 12:1-2; 2Pet.3:8-18**).

Jesus tells us by scriptures of **the few that chooses not to follow man, but will find and accept the Word**; and the many that will not accept it (please listen **Matt.7:13-29** and **22:14**). The apostle Paul even speaks of those that follows not the Word, because of being blinded by the god of this world, “the Devil”; please listen: “**2 Cor 4:1** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (Hear also **Luke 4:1-13; 1John5:19-21; Rev.12:9 and 13:6-9**)

**1 Pet 4:17** For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? **18** And if the **(1)righteous (2)scarcely be saved**, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **19** Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**Definitions: (1)righteous**-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws. **(2)scarcely** be saved -3433

molis (mol'-is); probably by var. for 3425; with difficulty, 2) **not easily, very rarely**: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.

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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