

Holy and Reverend is His Name!

What is Truth? John17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth.”

There are many in the religious world today proclaiming to be "**Christ-ians**". The name itself indicates ownership. There are many proclaiming to belong to Christ, but they are thinking and doing things their own way. There are lifestyles, things that are put in place for worship, and titles that are given to men that cannot be found in the apostles' doctrine. It is certain these are traditions of MEN because again, they cannot be found for USAGE in the APOSTLES' DOCTRINE, which is in New Testament Scripture. But we have been WARNED AGAINST using these names by GOD, and the LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. We cannot have it our way, if we belong to Christ "**Christ-ians**" we must do it His way because, we are not our own, we have been bought with a price (**1Cor.6:19-20**). Christians must deny themselves take up the cross daily and follow Christ (Luke9:22-25). The blueprint of The One Body, The One Church that Christ is building and is the head of, is found in The Apostles' Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures (**Matt.16:17-18; Eph.1:21-23; Eph.3:20-21; Eph.4:4-5 and Col.1:16-19**). Now let us read in The Apostles' Doctrine as it defines those that belong to Christ. **He that hath an ear let him hear, and then strive to do, if we are to be "They that are Christ's"**.

In the religious world today, there are many titles worn by men. Let us focus at this time on five; Holy; Reverend; Father; Rabbi and Master. We believe that most have heard of these titles, and many have used them, honestly believing that these titles should be used when addressing one of the "cloth". Jesus said that those of God heareth His word, let's listen: **John 8:46** "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God". God made it clear in **Matt.17:1-8**, that He was well pleased with his beloved Son and that we must hear him, **verse 8** "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only". Jesus also made it clear how we must believe on him, and that is through his apostle's word, please listen: **John17:17** "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me". Those of the Church that Christ is building, (see **Matt.16:18; Acts2:47**) must continue in the Apostle's doctrine, just as those before us because; "**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. **Acts2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." We must also adhere to their commandments note: "**2Pet.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: **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own (1)lusts, **Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. **20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **21** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Definition: (1)own lusts-1939 epithumia (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); from 1937; a longing (especially for what is forbidden): KJV-- concupiscence, craving, desire, lust (after).

We have heard these statements made, “God came to me and told me”; “Jesus came to me and told me”. We have noticed that no one hardly ever, if ever says, “the apostles came and spoke to me”. Jesus said we are to believe on him through the apostles’ word, so if anyone from God is talking to us, it would have to be the apostles, because Jesus Christ said he gave them the word, (please hear Jesus: John 17:1-21). Dear reader, please remember the devil do not a bible. He does not have instructions by Holy Scriptures, but yet he communicates with us the only way possible; and that is in our minds (hearts). We must be careful, for he is shrewd; **2 Cor 11:3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. “**2 Cor 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” The devil will have us listening for a voice, or even looking for a sign, rather than hearing God through Christ Jesus and his apostles; by reading, studying and obeying the words of the apostles; (the Holy inspired written Scriptures). We submit according to the word of truth, that there is no need for God, Jesus, the apostles or even the Holy Ghost to come and tell US anything. For ONLY through the written word of God do we have access to the gospel of God, through Jesus Christ and his apostles; yes, and even the power of the Holy Ghost, please hear the words of the apostle Paul, as Jesus instructed (**Rom.1:1-6; 1Thes.1:1-10**). The Apostle Paul, as he and the rest of the Apostles were guided by the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, states that **we must READ, and then acknowledge** the apostles words, so that we will ALL understand their knowledge in the mystery of Jesus Christ. **2Cor.1:12** “For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.**13** For we write none other things unto you, than what ye **(1)read or (2)acknowledge**; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end”

Definitions: (1)read-314 anaginosko (an-ag-in-oc'e'-ko);from 303 and 1097; to know again, i.e. (by extension) **to read**, 1) to distinguish between, to recognise, to know accurately, to acknowledge 2) **to read**: KJV-- **read**. **(2)acknowledge**-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 a) **to recognize by sight, hearing**, d) to know, that is, to understand: KJV-- (ac-, have, take) know (-ledge, well), perceive.

Eph.3:1 “For this cause **I Paul**, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.**) **5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**” The Apostle Paul also state that we must study so that we can show that we are approved unto God, rightly dividing the **Word of Truth**, a workman that needeth not be ashamed (**2Tim.2:15-16**). The Apostle Paul did not say to Timothy, “Listen for God or Jesus to talk to you, so that you can show thy self approved unto them.” The apostle Paul told Timothy in **verse 15 of 2Tim.2**, to **STUDY**, this being so, we must conclude that we **ALL MUST STUDY**, (read and understand) to show (to prove) ourselves approved (acceptable) unto **GOD**, “a workman **(1)that needeth not to be ashamed, (2)rightly dividing the word of truth.** **16** But **(1)shun** profane and **(2)vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” According to the apostles’ doctrine, if anything else is **HEARD** or **TAUGHT**, it is not of **THE TRUTH**

Definitions:(1)A workman that needeth not to be ashamed 422 anepaischuntos-having no cause to be ashamed. **2)rightly dividing** the word of truth-3718 orthotomeo (or-thot-om-eh'-o); from a compound of 3717 and the base of 5114, to make a straight cut, to cut straight ways i.e. (figuratively) to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message), to proceed on straight paths, to hold a straight course, equivalent to doing right, to teach the truth directly and correctly: KJV-- rightly divide. **(1)shun**-4026 periistemi (per-ee-is'-tay-mee); from 4012 and 2476; to stand all around, i.e. (near) to be a bystander, or (aloof) to keep away from:KJV-- avoid, shun, stand by (round about). **(2)vain babblings**-2757 kenophonia (ken-of-o-nee'-ah);

from a presumed compound of 2756, 5456; empty sounding, i.e. fruitless discussion, empty discussion, discussion of vain and useless matters: KJV-- vain.

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

According to scripture, Jesus and the Holy Spirit told the Apostles All they needed to know, please hear Him **John 17:6** "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine". As the Word has been written and as we read and study it, it should shape our minds, thereby forming a conscious by the Word, **listen Heb. 4:12** "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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." How does one error from the truth? **Listen to Jesus: Matt 22:29** "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." For ONLY the HOLY scriptures completely furnishes the man of GOD; **hear the apostle Paul as he was guided by the Holy Ghost: 2 Tim 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **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. **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. (KJV)

Remember the purpose of these articles is to share with you some scriptural truths, thereby exposing error, by finding through the **(1) preponderance** of scripture and **definitions**, "What Is Truth?" (**John 17:14-17**). We believe this allows scripture to interpret scripture, thereby allowing a better chance of understanding that topic. **(1)pre-pon-der-ance** -.Superiority in weight, force, importance, or influence (of scripture). Now let us read what the scriptures teach on these names/titles, so that we will not be in error.

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...Ref. Scriptures:

Ps 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **(1) holy** and **(2) reverend** is **his (3) name.** **10 The fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.(KJV)

Definitions:(1)Holy- 6918 qadowsh (kaw-doshe'); or qadosh (kaw-doshe'); from 6942; sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) **God** (by eminence), an angel, a sanctuary: KJV-- holy (One), holy, the Holy One, a saint, set apart. **(2)Reverend-** 3372 yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; **to fear**; morally, to revere; **cause to frighten:** KJV-- **affright**, be (make) **afraid, dread (-ful)**, (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), X see, **terrible**, to stand in awe of, **to fear.** **(3)his Name-** 8034 shem (shame); an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character: KJV-- a name, a reputation, fame, glory, **the Name (as a designation for God)**

Matt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.(KJV)

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (KJV)

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.(KJV)

Psalms chapter 111 verses 9&10, has simply and firmly made it clear, that the names **HOLY** and **REVEREND** belong to **GOD** and to **GOD only!** Man is not worthy of such titles, note the definition of reverend, to fear; to cause to fright; be afraid; fearful etc.. **Matt.10:28** teaches us that we are not to fear man, because man can only kill the body. Please remember **“Heb.10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”** So why do men wear such titles or allow them to be used when one is being referred to, without scriptural correction? Is it because we do not know the scriptures? Is it because we do not understand the truth, or is it because we are vain? **In Matt.5:48** we are taught to be perfect/**holy** like God, this is what man should strive for, this is our duty not our name, it is **His Name**. All men sin from time to time, and man in and of himself, cannot be our helper, but the Lord is (**Heb.13:6**) **more...Ref.**

Scriptures:

Matt 23:6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, **7** And greetings in the markets, and **to be called of men**, Rabbi, Rabbi. **8** But be not ye called (1)Rabbi: for one is your **(1)Master**, even Christ; and **all ye are brethren.** **9** And call no man your father upon the earth: for **one is your Father, which is in heaven.** **10** Neither **be ye called masters:** for **one is your Master, even Christ.** **11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whosoever shall **(2)exalt himself** shall be **(3)abased;** and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)Rabbi**-4461 rhabbi (hrab-bee'); of Hebrew origin [7227 with pronominal suffix]; my master, i.e Rabbi, as an official title of honor: **KJV-- Master, Rabbi.**1) my great one, my honorable sir 2) Rabbi, a title used by the Jews to address their teachers (and also honor them when not addressing them). **(2)exalt himself**-5312 hupsoo (hoop-so'-o); from 5311; to elevate (literally or figuratively): **KJV-- exalt, lift up.**5311 hupsos (hoop'-sos);from a derivative of 5228; elevation, i.e. (abstractly) altitude, (specifically) the sky, or (figuratively) dignity: **KJV-- be exalted, height, (on) high.**c) metaphorically, rank, high station. **(3)abased**-5013 tapeinoo (tap-i-no'-o); from 5011; to depress; figuratively, to humiliate (in condition or heart): **KJV-- abase, bring low, humble (self).**5011 tapeinos (tap-i-nos'); depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated: **KJV-- base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly.**

Just as the first two titles/names Holy and Reverend, the scriptures are equally firm and clear on the last three, Rabbi, Master and Father. Man is not worthy of these titles, according to **Matt. 23:5-12**. What parts of the truth are we not clear on? **The Lord Jesus** did not stutter, he simply and firmly said in verse 8 of Matt. 23 chapter, “...be not ye called Rabbi; for **one** is your Master, even Christ; and ye are ALL brethren.” All, of the Church by Christ are brethren; there is no eminence, one over the other (1Pet.5:1-7). He goes on to firmly teach in verse 9, “And call no man your father upon the earth...” Then he tells us why, “...for **one** is your Father, which is in heaven.” Then in verse 10 “Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.” Please do not forget verses 11 & 12. There is no confusion in scripture, when it states honor thy father and mother (**Matt.15:4**), and for the cause of marriage, one shall leave father and mother (**Matt.19:5**). These scriptures only prove, that the father mentioned in this study, is not one of the flesh, but one of **SPIRITUAL EMINENCE; SUPERIORITY, and AUTHORITY**. All power belongs to God, and God gave it to the one in whom he was, and is well pleased, his beloved Son. Again, No fleshly man is worthy. Please read; Matt.17:4-8; 28:16-20; Acts4:12. There are offices that were **AUTHORIZED** by **GOD**; the **LORD JESUS**, and **HIS Apostles**: Prophets, Apostles, Elders, Bishops, Deacons, Ministers, Evangelist etc.; and he left some qualifications and warnings for these offices; Matt.7:13-23;1Cor.9:1-2; Eph.3:1-5; 4:1-30; Col.1:21-29; 1Tim.3:1-14; 1Tim.4:1-16; 1Tim.5:1; 5:17-20; 2Tim4:1-5; Titus1:5-11; 1Pet.5:1-5; 2Pet.1:1-21; 2Pet.2:1-4; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:1-6; Jude1:16-19...**more...Ref. Scriptures:**

Ps 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, **in whom there is no help.** **4** His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; **in that very day his thoughts perish.**(KJV)

Isa 2:22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of? **see also Jer.17:5** (KJV)

Matt 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5 While he yet spake,** behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.** (KJV)

Matt 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And **Jesus came and spake** unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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, **pride,** **foolishness: 23** **All these evil things** come from within, and defile the man.(KJV)

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

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think **(1)soberly,** according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.(KJV)

Definition:(1)soberly-4993 sophroneo- 1) to put a moderate estimate upon oneself, to think of oneself soberly

1 Cor 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men** after the flesh, **not many mighty, not many 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 **(1)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: **29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.**(KJV)

Definition: (1)base things of the world-36 agenes (ag-en-ace!); from 1 (as negative particle) and 1085; properly, without kin, i.e. (of unknown descent, and by implication) ignoble: KJV-- base things.of no family (that is, low-born) **1.** Not noble in quality, character, or purpose; base. **2.** Not of the nobility; common.

1 Cor 3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

1 Cor 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; **that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written,** that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.(KJV)

2 Cor 12:6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. **7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure.** (see verses 8-10)

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 Harken,** 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? (KJV)

James 4:5 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 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.** (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: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3** Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. **4** And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. **5** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. **Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with** **(1)humility:** for God **(2)resisteth** the **(3)proud,** and giveth grace to the **(4)humble.** **6** **Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: **7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (KJV)

Definitions:**(1)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, humility (of mind, loneliness (of mind). **(2)Resisteth**-498 antitassomai (an-tee-tas'-som-ah-ee); from 473 and the middle voice of 5021; to range oneself against, i.e. oppose: KJV-- oppose themselves, resist. **(3)Proud**-5244 huperephanos (hoop-er-ay'-fan-os); from 5228 and 5316; appearing above others (conspicuous), i.e. haughty: KJV-- proud. **(4)Humble**-5011 tapeinos (tap-i-nos'); of uncertain derivation; depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition): KJV-- base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly.1) not rising far from the ground 2) metaphorically: a) as a condition, lowly, b) brought low with grief, depressed.

1 Jn 2:15 (1)Love not the **(2)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. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)Love not**-25 agapao-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. **(2)World**-2889 kosmos-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

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 **(3)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Definitions:**(1)Mind**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, implication, to be (mentally) disposed, 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, regard, savour, think.**2**) 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 **(2)Earthly things**-1919 epigeios (ep-ig'-i-os); from 1909 and 1093; worldly (physically or morally): KJV-- **earthly**, in earth, terrestrial, **existing upon the earth.** **(3)Conversation**-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV--conversation, form of government and the laws by which it is administered

Again we ask the question, why do “RELIGIOUS” MEN wear such titles as, **Holy; Father; Reverend; Rabbi** and **Master**, appearing as though they are above others? Why do they allow these names to be used when being referred to, without SCRIPTURAL CORRECTION to those that call them these titles? Is it because they do not know the scriptures, nor THE POWER OF GOD (Matt.22:29)? Is it because they do not understand the truth, or is it because they are vain? **According to scripture, God and Jesus Christ command those that belong to them, not to be called these titles that BELONG TO THEM ONLY?** If we belong to Christ (Christ-ians) we must follow THE HEAVENLY FATHER through CHRIST and HIS **apostles.**

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

There are those in the religious world, that might not wear these titles/names but are wearing fine clothing and jewelry; riding around in their fine cars and limousines, with entourages appearing as though they are above those that struggle to support them in these earthly things, **Please read (2Cor.8:11-15; 1Tim.6:3-11; 2Pet. 2:1-4).** Why are these things being done, by those that profess to be spiritual leaders, when they are actually CARNAL leaders? Is it because of vanity and pride? By being contrary to scriptures, which is the truth, precious souls are being lead in the WRONG direction, (HELL). We must remember, God has chosen the poor, rich in faith, to be heirs to the kingdom, **to them that love him; John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments. **John 14:21** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, **and I will love him,** and will manifest myself to him. **John 14:23** Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. **24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. **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.**

God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; God hath chosen the weak things of the world; And base things of the world, That no flesh should glory in his presence (**see again 1Cor 1:26-31**). Religious leaders must lead by the example of the TRUTH. We must also remember that according to the truth, vanity and pride is evil, and that God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Because of our vanity and pride, there are many that Idolize and even Worship the created, creature, MAN, rather than The CREATOR; Please read (**Rom.1:25; Gal.5:22-26; Eph.4:17-20; Col.2:8; 2Pet.2:17-19**). According to scripture, we must **not** mind these earthly things (**Rom 12:16; Phil 3:16-20; 1John 2:15-17**); thereby leading precious souls in the right direction, (HEAVEN. Let us remember that **those that have been baptized into Christ**, thereby putting on Christ **according to scripture**, (**see Gal.3:23-29**) **ARE ALL BRETHREN nothing more and nothing less**, according to the Lord Jesus Christ (**see Matt.23:8**).

Matt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and (1)mammon.**(KJV)

Definition: (1)Mammon-3126 mammonas-1) mammon 2) treasure 3) riches

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. **14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.**

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?** (KJV)

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an **(1)idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them.(KJV)

Definition: (1)idolater-1496 eidololates-2) a covetous man as a worshiper of Mammon

1 Tim 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **5 (1)Perverse disputings** of men of **(2)corrupt** minds, and **(3)destitute** of the truth, **(4)supposing** that **(5)gain** is **(6)godliness:** from such **(7)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. **9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. **13** I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **14** That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **15** Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Definitions:(1)**Perverse disputings** 5674 diaparatribe (dee-ap-ar-a-tree-bay');constant arguing, mutual irritation. (2) men of **corrupt** minds-1311 diaphtheiro (dee-af-thi'-ro); from 1225 and 5351; to rot thoroughly, i.e. (by implication) to ruin (passively, decay utterly, figuratively, pervert), 1) to change for the worse, to corrupt; used of minds, morals a) to consume 2) used of the worm or moth that eats provisions, clothing, etc. b) to destroy, to kill: KJV-- corrupt, destroy, perish. (3)**destitute** of the truth-650 apostereo (ap-os-ter-eh'-o);from 575 and stereo (to deprive); to despoil: KJV-- defraud, destitute, kept back by fraud, to rob. (4)**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, 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 2) to think, to suppose : KJV-- suppose, thing, be wont. (5) that **gain**-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. (6) is **godliness**-2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme, 1) reverence, respect 2) piety toward God, godliness: KJV-- godliness, holiness. (7) 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. a) to go away, to depart from anyone b) to desert, to withdraw from one d) to shun, to flee from g) to keep oneself from, to absent oneself from: KJV-- depart, draw (fall) away, refrain, withdrawself.

I Jn 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.(KJV)

Are the titles Holy; Father; Reverend; Rabbi and Master, **authorized by God through Jesus Christ and his Apostles, for men to use in a religious manner? According to God, Christ and his Apostles: by scriptures, ABSOLUTELY NOT! (Psalms111:9-10; Matt.23:6-9) According to scripture**, if anything else is taught, said, or believed, it is NOT OF THE TRUTH; Rom.16:16-20; Gal.1:6-12; 1Tim1:1-4; 2Tim.1:11-13; 2Tim.4:1-5; Titus1:9-16; 2:1; 2Pet.1:1-21; 1John1:5-6; 2John1:5-11.

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 and 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-ahee);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, Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48. This is true because first 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, throughly furnished unto all good works. We must

not be too proud to accept the WORD; after all 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**.

Then the scriptures tells us of the few that will find and accept the Word, and the many that will not accept it because of being blinded by the god of this world, “the Devil”; **Matt.7:13-29 and 22:14; 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. (See also **Luke 4:1-13; 1John5:19-21; Rev.12:9 and 13:6-9**)

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. Thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH; GRACE** and **SALVATION**; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, 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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