

Dear reader, we are again so thankful for the opportunity to share with you some SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS. Again we thank Mr. Prayther and staff, and of course Fiesta for allowing us this opportunity. There are MANY professing Christianity, “followers of Christ”. If this is true, then this is GOOD. But we MUST remember the words of the Lord and savior Jesus Christ, how that He said; “**Matt 7:13** Enter ye in at the **(1)strait** gate: for **(2)wide** is the gate, and **(3)broad** is the **(4)way**, that leadeth to **(5)destruction**, and **(6)many** there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and **(7)narrow** is the **(8)way**, which leadeth unto life, and **(9)few** there be **(10)that find it**. **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” (see also Matt.7:16-28; 20:16 and 22:14; Luke13:24-28; 1Pet.3:20-22; 2Pet.2:1-7).

Definitions: **(1)**Enter ye in at the **strait** gate-4728 stenos (sten-os'); probably from the base of 2476; narrow (from obstacles standing close about): KJV-- strait. **(2)**for **wide** is the gate-4113 plateia (plat-i'-ah); feminine of 4116; a wide "plat" or "place", i.e. open square: KJV-- street. **(3)**and **broad**-2149 euruchoros (yoo-roo'-kho-ros); from eurus (wide) and 5561; spacious: KJV-- broad. **(4)**is the **way** 3598 hodos (hod-os'); apparently a primary word; a road; by implication a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means, 2) metaphorically: a) a course of conduct b) a way (that is, manner) of thinking, feeling, deciding: KJV-- journey, (high-) way. **(5)**that leadeth to **destruction**-684 apoleia (ap-o'-li-a); from a presumed derivative of 622; ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal), b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell: KJV-- damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste. **(6)**and **many** there be which go in thereat-4183 polus (pol-oo-s'); including the forms from the alternate pollos; (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many; neuter (singular) as adverbial, largely; neuter (plural) as adverb or noun often, mostly, largely: KJV-- abundant, common, many, much, plenteous. **(7)**and **narrow**-2346 thlibo (thlee'-bo); akin to the base of 5147; to crowd (literally or figuratively), 1) to press (as grapes), to press hard upon 2) a compressed way, narrow straitened, contracted, to distress: KJV-- afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble. **(8)**is the **way**, which leadeth unto life-3598 hodos (hod-os'); apparently a primary word; a road; by implication a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means, 2) metaphorically: a) a course of conduct b) a way (that is, manner) of thinking, feeling, deciding: KJV-- journey, (high-) way. **(9)**and **few** there be-3641 oligos-little, small, few a) used of number: multitude, quantity, or size **(10)that find it**-2147 heurisko (hyoo-ris'-ko); a prolonged form of a primary heuro (hyoo'-ro); which (together with another cognate form heureo (hyoo-reh'-o)) is used for it in all the tenses except the present and imperfect; to find (literally or figuratively): KJV-- find, get, obtain, perceive, see.

Now after reading, understanding, and accepting the WORDS of the Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST; it is NOT the MANY but the FEW. This study, as all are, is for SELF CHECKING according to the WORD; for there be few that are willing to live a 24/7, SELF-DENYING, Christian lifestyle. So, in Christianity the old saying “the majority rules” doesn’t apply. The Word of TRUTH RULES, and there be FEW that accept IT. Contrary to what seems to be the belief that living a Christian life is easy, according to Christ this is not true; because it is a suffering lifestyle of denying our secular wants, fun, pleasures etc. This is why we believe according to the Word, that the words “Christian” and “Christianity” are the most miss-applied words on earth. It was not easy for Christ, or for those that followed him. He lived a suffering, self denying lifestyle while here, that ended most cruelly on the cross, for our sake. Beware of false teachers in sheep’s clothing, which teach “Christ suffered for us, we don’t have to, and all we have to do is believe”. Christ speaks to the contrary, for DEVILS BELIEVE and tremble (**James2:17-26**), but they WILL NOT OBEY, which takes us into this study: **IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF**

Matt 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. **22** Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. **23** But he turned, and **said unto Peter**, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. **24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake

shall find it. **26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. (KJV)

Matt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will **come after** me, **let him deny** himself, and take up his **cross**, and **follow** me. (KJV)

Matt 16:24 ... If any man will come after me...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall **(1)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. **39** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

Definition: (1)confess me before men-3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o);from a compound of the base of 3674 and 3056; to assent, 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, to promise b) not to deny a) to declare openly, to speak out freely b) to profess oneself the worshiper of one 4) to praise, to celebrate: KJV-- con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, give thanks, promise.

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. **33** But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. **34** And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. **36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **37** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? **38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. (KJV)

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to **him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?** **18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. **19** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. **20** And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. **21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. **22** And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! **24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **26** And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? **27** And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. **28** Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. **29** And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you,

There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, **30** But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, **with persecutions**; and in the world to come eternal life. **31** But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. (KJV)

Luke 9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **23** **And he said to them all**, If any man will **(1)come (2)after me, (3)let him deny himself**, and take up his **(4)cross daily**, and **(5)follow me**. **24** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)come**-2064 erchomai-1) to come; used of persons: 1) to come from one place to another, and used both of persons arriving 3) to go, to follow one. **(2)after me**-3694 opiso (op-is'-o); from the same as 3693 with enclitic of direction; to the back, i.e. aback (as adverb or preposition of time or place; or as noun): KJV-- after, back (-ward), (+get) behind, + follow. **(3)let him deny himself**-533 aparneomai (ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee); from 575 and 720; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain, a) to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone b) to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and one's own interests: KJV-- deny.720 arneomai-b) to act entirely unlike himself 3) to deny, abnegate, abjure 4) not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered. **(4)take up his cross DAILY**-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial: KJV-- cross. **(5)follow me**-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: **to side with his party**: KJV-- follow, reach.

Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, **26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple**. **27** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, **cannot be my disciple**.

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. **34** Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? **35** It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

John 17: 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17 (1)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 **(2)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.

Definitions: **(1)Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth**-37 hagiazo (hag-ee-ad'-zo); from 40;

to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate, 2) to separate from profane things and to dedicate to God b) to dedicate people to God c) to purify internally by a renewing of the soul: KJV-- hallow, be holy, sanctify. **(2)through their word- 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.(also see **Matt.28:16-20**)

Acts 14:19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. **20** Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. **21** And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, **22** Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **18** And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. **19** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. **21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: **23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; **24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: **25** Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; **26** Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: **27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: **28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: **29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.(KJV)

1Thes 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; **2** And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: **3** **That no man should be moved by these afflictions:** for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. **4** For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. **5** For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain. **6** But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring

greatly to see us, as we also to see you: **7** Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: **8** For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. **9** For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; **10** Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? **11** Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. **12** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: **13** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

2 Tim 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **11** **Persecutions, afflictions**, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. **12** **Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.** **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, throughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

Heb 5:5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. **6** As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. **7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able **(1)to save him from death,** and **was heard** in that he feared; **8** **Though he were a Son,** yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (KJV)

Definition: (1)to save him 4982 sozo (sode'-zo); from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saoz, "safe"); to save, i.e. **deliver** or protect (literally or figuratively): KJV-- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, **be (make) whole**, to save, to keep safe and sound, **to rescue** from danger or destruction, **restore to health** to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or **rescue**.

Christ's Father did hear Him, and did save Him from death, in that God didn't allow His beloved Son to **stay** in the grave. Thanks be to God, **He raised Him up on the third day (Acts 10:38-42), to live for ever (Heb.1:1-14), seeing no corruption (Acts 13:33-37 see also Heb.2:9-18); giving Him all power in heaven and earth Matt.28:16-20!!!!**

Heb 7:22 By so much was **Jesus** made a surety of a better testament. **23** And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: **24** But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. **25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God **by him**, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, **(1)separate** from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; (KJV)

Definition: (1)separate from sinners 5563 chorizo (kho-rid'-zo); from 5561; to place room between, i.e. part; reflexively, to go away, to separate, to divide, to part, to put asunder, to separate oneself from, to depart: KJV-- depart, put asunder, separate.

Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. **24** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; **25** **Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;** **26** Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of

the reward. **27** By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (KJV)

Matt 16:24 ... and take up his cross...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: **39 But I say unto you**, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40** And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. **41** And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. **42** Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. **43** Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44 But I say unto you**, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven**: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?** do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.(see also Luke6:27-36 and 23:33-37; Acts7:57-60; Rom.12:14-21; 1Cor.4:12-14 and 13:3-8; 1Pet.2:18-25 and 3:9)

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. **24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **25 (1)He that loveth** his life shall lose it; and **(2)he that hateth** his life in this **(3)world** shall keep it unto life eternal. **26 If any man serve me, (4)let him follow** me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)He that loveth** his life shall lose it-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o);from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for; specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness), 1) to love a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend: KJV-- kiss, love. **(2)he that hateth** his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o);from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful). **(3)world**-2889 kosmos-3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 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. **(4)let him follow me**-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow, reach.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.** **18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (KJV)

Phil 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only** to believe on him, **but also to suffer for his sake**; **30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Phil 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, **2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. **4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:** **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took

upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)

Phil 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: **15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; **16** **Holding forth the word of life**; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. **17** Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. **18** For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. **19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. **20** For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. **21** **For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.** **22** But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. (KJV)

Phil 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **do count them but dung, that I may win Christ**, **9** And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: **10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death; **11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. **12** Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. **13** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. **15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. **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 **(1)enemies of the (2)cross of Christ**: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who (3)mind (4)earthly things. **20** For our **(5)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)enemies** of the-2190 echthros (ech-thros'); from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan): KJV-- enemy, foe. **(2)cross** of Christ-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross. **(3)mind**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed; 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 the same, mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. **(4)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. **(5)For our conversation** is in heaven-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV-- conversation. 4176 politeumai (pol-it'-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively): KJV-- let conversation be, live.

1Thes 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. **6** And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: **7** So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. **8** For from you sounded

out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. **9** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; **10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (KJV)

2 Tim 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 **But shun** profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **(1)purify** unto himself a **(2)peculiar** people, **(3)zealous** of good works. **15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)purify** unto himself-2511 katharizo (kath-ar-id'-zo); from 2513; to cleanse (literally or figuratively): KJV-- (make) clean (-se), purge, purify. **(2)a peculiar** people-4041 periousios (per-ee-oo'-see-os; from the present participle feminine of a compound of 4012 and 1510; being beyond usual, i.e. special (one's own)): KJV-- peculiar. **(3)zealous** of good works-2207 zelotes (dzay-lo-tace'); from 2206; a "zealot", 1) one burning with zeal, a zealot 3) most eagerly desirous of, zealous for, a thing a) to acquire a thing, (zealous of) b) to defend and uphold a thing, vehemently contending for a thing: KJV-- zealous.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. **13** Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, **bearing his reproach. 14** For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. 15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. **16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (KJV)

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. **26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. **27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself **(1)unspotted** from the **(2)world**. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)to keep himself unspotted**-784 aspilos-1) spotless 2) metaphorically, a) free from censure, irreproachable b) free from vice, unsullied. **(2)from the world**-2889 kosmos-3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 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

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? (KJV)

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

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? (KJV)

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

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

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.** (KJV)

1 Pet 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. **20** For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. **21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:** **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: **24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (KJV)

1 Pet 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;** **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: **5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. (KJV)

1 Pet 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning **the fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened unto you: **13** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. **14** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. **15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. **16** Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. **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. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)**And if the **righteous**-1342 dikaios (dik'-ah-yos); from 1349; equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively), a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God (see **Matt.17:1-8**), observing divine laws: KJV-- just, meet, right (-eous). **(2)scarcely** be saved-3433 molis (mol'-is); probably by var. for 3425; with difficulty, hardly 2) not easily, that is, scarcely, very rarely: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **10** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. **11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

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. **18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many **(3)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. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)Love NOT-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). **(2)the world** , neither the things that are in the world-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 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. **(3)even now there many antichrists**-500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos); from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the Messiah, the adversary of the Messiah: KJV-- antichrist.

Dear reader, after reading these instructions given by the Lord for one to be His follower; have we **confessed, (praised) Him** by applying these things to our lives (**true Christians**)? Or have we **denied Him** by **NOT denying** OURSELVES thereby being DISOBEDIENT (**antichrists**)? Remember the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, which is false doctrine, for the purpose of **saving our souls**. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. 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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