

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, “Life is Great”** that are striven for and are taught by “religious leaders”, that cannot be found in the apostles’ doctrine. We cannot have it our way, if we belong to Christ “**Christ-ians**” we **must** do it **Christ’s** way because, he is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE (John14:1-10). We are not our own, we have been bought with a price. Christians **must** deny themselves take up their cross **daily** and follow him. The blueprint of The One Body, The One Church that Christ is building, is found in The Apostles’ Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures (Matt.28:16-20; John17:16-21; Acts1:1-4; 2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-3; 2Pet.1:15-21; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:5-6). Now let us read as it defines those that belongs 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”.

Matt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.(KJV)

Matt 22:14 For many are **(1)called, but few are chosen**.(KJV)

Definition: **(1)called**-2822 kletos (klay-tos’);from the same as 2821; **invited**, i.e. appointed: KJV--called.

Luke 13:23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. (KJV)

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.(KJV)

The Lesson: He that loveth and hateth his life in this world!

John 12:24 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 (2)shall lose it;** and **(3)he that hateth his life** in this **(4)world (5)shall keep it** unto **(6)life eternal**. **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1) He that loveth his life**- 5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (**fond of** [an individual or an object]), i.e. **have affection for** KJV--to love, to approve of, to like, to show signs of love; to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to. **(2)Shall lose it**- 622 apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee); from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively: KJV--destroy, die, lose, mar, perish. **(3)he that hateth his life**- 3404 miseo; to hate, to detest, to be hated, to be detested, by extension, **to love less** **(4)in this World**-2889 kosmos (kos'-mos); probably from the base of 2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]), 1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, `the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3 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. **(5)Shall keep it** unto -5442 phulasso (foo-las'-so); through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be

on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication, to preserve, **obey**: KJV-- beware, keep (self), observe, save. (6) unto **Life eternal**-166 aionios; 1) without beginning and end, what has always been and always will be 3) without end, never to cease, everlasting

John 12:25 ... that loveth his life shall lose it; ... Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; **21** Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth **because of the word**, by and by he is offended. (see also Matt 10:39)

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

Definitions: (1)**Mind** NOT-5426 phroneo; to exercise the mind, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- **set the affection on**, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, regard, savour, think. (2) NOT high things-5308 hupselos (hoop-say-los');from 5311; lofty (in place or character): KJV-- high (-er, -ly) (esteemed).a) in influence and honor b) to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), **to be aspiring...(NOT)**. (3) but condescend-4879 sunapago-1) to lead away with or together 2) metaphorically, to be carried away with a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power. (4) to men of low estate-5011 tapeinos (tap-i-nos'); 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, of low degree b) brought low with grief, depressed c) lowly in spirit, humble

Phil 3:18 (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: **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)

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I Jn 2:15 (1)Love not the (2)world, (3)neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the(4) **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)

Definition: (1)**Love** NOT-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368.

(2)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. 1 Pet. 3:3 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)neither the things that are in the world-3366 mede (may-deh'); from 3361 and 1161; but not, **not even**; in a continued negation, nor:KJV-- neither, nor (yet), (no) not (once, so much as). (4) love of the Father is not in him-26 agape (ag-ah'-pay); from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; 1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence: KJV-- (feast of) charity ([ably]), dear, love.

John 12:25 ... hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. ... Ref. Scriptures:

Eccl 2:17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: **for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.** (KJV)

Matt 19:29 And every one that hath (1)forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. (see also Matt 16:25)

Definition: (1)forsaken 863 aphiemi (af-ee'-ay-mee); from 575 and hiemi (to send; to go); to send forth: KJV—cry, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up.

Mark 8:35 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. (KJV)

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him (1)deny himself, and take up his (2)cross daily, and (3)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.

Definition: (1)Deny himself-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); **to contradict**, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, **refuse**.a) to disregard one's own interests b) to act entirely unlike himself. (2)**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; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross. (3)**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 14:26 If any man come to me, and (1)**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. (see also **Luke 17:33**)

Definition: (1)hate not-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o);from a primary misos (hatred); to detest, by extension, **to love less**: KJV-- hate (-ful).

Acts 14:22 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)

Rom 8:17 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.** (see also **Rev 2:10**)

The **PROPHECY** and some examples of Jesus Christ's **SUFFERINGS**, one who **HATED** his life while in this **WORLD!**

EARTHLY APPEARANCE OF THE LORD JESUS ... Ref. Scriptures:

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? **2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath **(1)no form (2)nor comeliness**; and when we shall see him, there is **(3)no beauty that we should desire him.**

Definitions: **(1)No form**-8389 to'ar (to'-ar); from 8388; outline, i.e. figure or appearance: KJV-- + **beautiful**, X comely, countenance, + **fair**, X favoured, form, X goodly, X resemble, visage. **(2)Nor comeliness**-1926 hadar (haw-dawr'); from 1921; magnificence, i.e. ornament or splendor: -beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty. **(3)No beauty**-4758 mar'eh (mar-eh'); from 7200; a view (the act of seeing); **also an appearance** (the thing seen), **handsome, comeliness**; often plural the looks), or (mental) a vision: KJV-- X apparently, appearance (-reth), X as soon as beautiful (-ly), **countenance, fair, favoured**, form, goodly, to look on

EARTHLY SUFFERINGS OF THE LORD JESUS ... Ref. Scriptures:

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. **9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (see also verses 11 and 12)

Luke 1:45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. **46** And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, **47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. **48** **For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:** for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.(KJV)

Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. **28** But he said, (1)Yea rather, **blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.**(KJV)

Definition:(1)Yea rather-3304 menounge (men-oon'-geh): KJV-- nay but, yea doubtless (rather, verily), nay surely, nay rather... **But** (b³/₄t; b...t when unstressed) conj. **1.** On the contrary. (**American Heritage Dictionary**)

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a **(1)manger**; because there was no room for them in the inn.(KJV)

Definition: (1)Manger-5336 phatne (fat'-nay); (to eat); **a crib (for fodder):** KJV-- manager, stall; feed trough for domestic animals

Matt 21:1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, **2** Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and

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

Definition: (1)colt-4454 polos (po'-los); a young ass: a little donkey, KJV-colt.....

(Food for thought, why not a chariot or be carried by men, after all he was the King of Israel and now is the Lord and saviour **of all men; who is willing to suffers to deny themselves and follow him.**)

Matt 8:19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. **20** And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. **21** And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. **22** But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.(KJV)

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** Being forty days **tempted of the devil**. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. **3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. **4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. **5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **9** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: **10** For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: **11** And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when **the devil had ended all the temptation**, he departed from him **for a season**.(KJV)

EARTHLY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THE LORD JESUS ... Ref. Scriptures:

John 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. **15** And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having **(1)never learned?** **16** Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.(KJV)

Definition: (1)never learned-3129 manthano-to learn, to be appraised (**to set value on**) a) to increase one's knowledge, **to be increased in knowledge**

Some examples of the SUFFERINGS of those who FOLLOWED CHRIST, who also HATED their lives while in this WORLD!

EARTHLY APPEARANCE OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST... Ref. Scriptures:

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. **33** **(1)I have coveted** no man's silver, or gold, or (2)apparel. **34** Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

Definitions: (1)**I have coveted** no man's-1937 epithumeo (ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o); from 1909 and 2372; to set the heart upon, i.e. long for (rightfully or otherwise), 2) to have a desire for, to long for, to desire: KJV-- covet, desire, would fain, lust (after). (2)**apparel**-2441 himatismos (him-at-is-mos'); from 2439; clothing: KJV-- apparel (X -led), array, raiment, vesture.

2 Cor 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am

(1)**base among you**, but being absent am bold toward you: **2** But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

Definition: (1)**base among you**-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 Cor 10:7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

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

1 Tim 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with (1)**shamefacedness** and sobriety; **not with** broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; **10** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.(KJV)

Definition: (1)**shamefacedness** -127 aidos (ahee-doce'); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1492 (through the idea of downcast eyes); **bashfulness**, i.e. (towards men), **modesty** or (towards God) awe: KJV-- reverence, shamefacedness.

1 Pet 3:3 Whose adorning let it **not be** that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; **4** **But let it be** the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. **5** For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

EARTHLY SUFFERINGS OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST... Ref. Scriptures:

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. **24** But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. (KJV)

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. (KJV)

1 Cor 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for **we** are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. **10** **We** are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; **we** are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but **we** are despised. **11** Even unto this present hour **we** both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no **certain dwellingplace**; **12** And labour, working with **our own hands**: being reviled, **we** bless; being persecuted, **we** suffer it: **13** Being defamed, **we** intreat: **we** are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring

of all things unto this day. **14** I write not these things to shame you, **but as my beloved sons I warn you.** **15** For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. **16** Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

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. **8** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. **21** **For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** **22** But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. **23** For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: **24** Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. **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;(KJV)

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **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 subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (see also verses 26 and 27)

Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: **30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (see verses 32 and 33)

1 Pet 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; **2** While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

1 Pet 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: **6** Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.(KJV)

EARTHLY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST... Ref. Scriptures:

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

26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.(KJV)

Definition: (1)prudent -4908 sunetos- intelligent, wise, learned

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of **Peter and John**, and perceived that they were **(1)unlearned** and **(2)ignorant men**, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, **that they had been with Jesus**.

Definitions: (1)unlearned 62 agrammatos (ag-ram-mat-os);from 1 (as negative particle) and 1121; unlettered, i.e. illiterate: KJV-- unlearned. **(2)ignorant men**-2399 idiotes-4) in the New Testament, an unlearned, illiterate man as opposed to the learned and educated: one who is unskilled in any art

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ sent **me** not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: **not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.** (KJV)

1 Cor 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:** **23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**(KJV)

1 Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came **not with excellency of speech or of wisdom**, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.** **3** And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **5** That your faith **should not stand in the wisdom of men**, but in the power of God. **6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet **not the wisdom of this world**, nor of the princes of this world, **that come to nought:**(KJV)

1 Cor 2:13 Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.(KJV)

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

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

Definition: (1) his speech contemptible-1848 exoutheneo (ex-oo-then-eh'-o); a variation of 1847 and meaning the same: KJV-- contemptible, despise, least esteemed, set at nought, to make of no account, to despise utterly

2 Cor 11:6 But though I be **(1)rude in speech**, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.(KJV)

Definition: (1)rude in speech-2399 idiotes; an ignoramus: KJV-- ignorant, rude, unlearned. 4) in the New Testament, an unlearned, illiterate man as opposed to the learned and educated: one who is unskilled in any art

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.(KJV)

John 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.(KJV)

2 Cor 13:5 **Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;** prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be ***reprobates?** **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not ***reprobates...** ***{Rejected, Worthless}** (KJV)

Again, 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; 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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