

Dear reader, as always, it is again a blessing to be able to share with you some scriptural truths. We can never thank Mr. Prayther enough. Truly, there are many in the religious world today proclaiming to belong to Christ, "Christians": Loving this world and enjoying the things that are in it. Most believe it is a blessing to have all these earthly, materialistic things (secular). We believe this is true, but blessed by whom? In Luke the 4th chapter verses 1-8 these things were offered to Jesus Christ by the devil. The devil made it clear that these earthly, materialistic things had been delivered unto him, and that he gives them to whom he will. These things were offered by **the devil** under the condition of worshipping him, then all those things and the glory of them he, the devil would give. Christians must understand as Christ understood, in **verse 8 of Luke chapter 4**. To WORSHIP and SERVE SATAN is the accumulation of earthly, materialistic things; over and beyond what is needed, "necessary"; thereby loving, glorifying, and "praising" him, the devil. This doesn't sound good to the fleshly ear, because man loves to look good, dress good, ride good and live good. Man loves the glory "praise" of all these things and then says "I'm Blessed". Yes, but by whom?

Dear reader, the apostles are consistent with The Lord Jesus in their teachings, being guided by the Holy Ghost; whereby when we read we will understand their knowledge **in Christ** (Eph.3:1-7; Col.4:15-18; 1Thes.5:27-28; 2Pet.1:15-21; 3:1-2; Jude1:16-18). The Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ said in **John chapter 12 verses 25-26**, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it **unto life eternal**. 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." This is simply stated, do we believe the Lord? Do we love the Lord or do we love ourselves and our wants? Is our god our BELLY? "**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **17 Brethren, be followers together of me**, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18 (For many walk**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame, **who mind earthly things.**) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

We cannot have it our way, if we belong to Christ "Christians". We must do it His way because, we are not our own, we have been bought with a price (1Cor.6:19-20; 7:22-23). **Christians must deny** themselves, take up their cross daily and follow him (Luke 9: 22-26). The blueprint of The One Body, The One Church that Christ is building (Matt.16:13-18; Acts2:41-47), is found in The Apostles' Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures. This is the Church of and by Christ (Rom.16:16-18; Eph.3:17-21; 4:1-6). We have shared a commandment of the Apostle John, as he was guided by The Holy Spirit, "**Love NOT the world, NEITHER the things that are in the world...**" (**I John 2:15**). We have also scripturally examined "**why**" John gave this commandment; "**I Jn 2:16 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."

Now, let us scripturally examine a commandment given to the church that Christ is building "**...MIND NOT HIGH THINGS...**" (**Rom.12:16**). It was given by the Apostle Paul, as he was guided by the Holy Ghost. Let us read in the word of the Apostles', of The LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST (**John 17:16-23**), as it **authenticates** and **defines** those that belong to Christ. He that hath an ear let him hear, and then strive to do, if we are to be **one in Christ Jesus**.

...MIND NOT HIGH THINGS, BUT CONDESCEND TO MEN OF LOW ESTATE...

Rom 12:16 Be of the same (1)**mind** one toward another. (1)**Mind** not (2)**high things**, but (3)**condescend** to men of (4)**low estate**. Be not (5)**wise** in your own (6)**conceits**.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)**Mind** NOT -5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, 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; 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). (2)NOT High Things-5308 hupselos (hoop-say-los'); from 5311; **lofty** (in place or character): KJV-- **high (-er, -ly) (esteemed)**.1) high, lofty b) with an uplifted arm, that is, with signal power 2) metaphorically, eminent, exalted a) **in influence and honor** b) to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), **to be aspiring ...NOT!** 5311 hupsos (hoop'sos);dignity: KJV-- be exalted, height...(antonym; apathy, lack of interest or concern). (3) but **Condescend**-4879 sunapago (soon-ap-ag'-o); from **4862** and 520; to take off together, i.e. transport with: KJV-- carry (lead) away with, condescend. 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.... **4862** sun (soon); a primary preposition denoting union; with or together, i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality: KJV-- beside, with. Webster's Thesaurus: **CONDESCEND**-stoop, lower oneself, agree, **humble or degrade or demean oneself**, accommodate oneself to an inferior, descend, **waive a privilege**, comply, concede, accord, **come down off one's high horse**. (4)to men of **Low Estate**-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, of low degree. (5)Be not **WISE**-5429 phronimos-1) intelligent, wise 2) prudent, that is, mindful of one's interests. (6)in your own **conceits**-3844 para-from, of at, by, besides, near: 1438 heautou (including all other cases)-himself, herself, itself, themselves: (Webster's Thesaurus) **CONCEIT**; vanity, self-admiration, arrogance, stuck up, pride

Rom 12:16 ... Be of the same ...Ref. Scriptures:

Jer 32:39 And I will give them one heart, **and one way**, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: (KJV)

Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. (KJV)

Rom 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another **according to Christ Jesus**: **6** That ye may with **one mind** and **one mouth** glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye all speak the same thing**, **and** that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (KJV)

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; (KJV)

Phil 2:2 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. (KJV)

Phil 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule**, let us mind the same thing. (KJV)

Phil 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind **in the Lord**.

1 Pet 3:8 Finally, **be ye all of one mind**, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: (KJV)

Rom 12:16 ... mind one toward another...Ref. Scriptures:

Ps 131:1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. (KJV)

Jer 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? **seek them not:** for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest. (KJV)

Matt 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? **2** And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whosoever therefore **shall humble himself as this little child**, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)

Matt 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **26 But it shall not be so among you:** but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **27** And whosoever will be chief among you, **let him be your servant:** **28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (KJV)

Luke 4:5 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. (KJV)

Luke 22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. **25** And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. **26 But ye shall not be so:** but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. **27** For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

1 Pet 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but **being ensamples to the flock.** (KJV)

3 Jn 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the **preeminence** among them, receiveth us not. (KJV)

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

Job 31:13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; **14** What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? **15** Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

Job 36:5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom. (KJV)

Prov 17:5 Whoso mocketh **(1)the poor (2)reproacheth his Maker:** and **(3)he that is glad (4)at calamities shall not be unpunished.** (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**the poor**-7326 ruwsh (roosh); a primitive root; to be destitute, to be poor, to be in want, to lack 2) to be in want or hunger: KJV-- lack, needy, (makeself) poor (man). (2)**reproacheth his Maker** -2778 charaph. 1) to reproach, to taunt, to blaspheme, to defy, to jeopardize, to rail, to upbraid a) (Qal) to reproach b) (Piel) to reproach, to defy, to taunt. (3)**he that is glad**-8056 sameach (saw-may'-akh); from 8055; blithe or gleeful: KJV-- (be) glad, joyful, (making) merry ([-hearted], -ily), rejoice (-ing), showing joy b) you who rejoice (a substantive). (4)**at calamities** -343 'eyd (ade); from the same as 181 (in the sense of bending down); oppression; by implication misfortune, **ruin**: KJV-- calamity, **destruction**.

Prov 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. (KJV)

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 (1)**an ass**, and (2)**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 colt, and put on them their clothes, and **they set him thereon**. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**an ass**-3688 onos-an ass, a donkey. (2)**a colt**-4454 polos-a) used of a young donkey b) an ass's colt

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes **on his disciples**, and said, **Blessed be ye poor**: for yours is the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall **be abased**; and he that humbleth himself **shall be exalted**. 12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, **call not** thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.(KJV)

1 Tim 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is **proud**, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, (1)**supposing that** (2)**gain is godliness**: from such **withdraw thyself**. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 **And having food and raiment** let us be therewith content. 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. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**supposing that**-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: KJV-- suppose, thing, be wont; 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 deem, to think, to suppose. (2)**gain is godliness**-4200 porismos (por-is-mos'); from a derivative of poros (a way, i.e. means); furnishing (procuring), i.e. (by implication) **money-getting (acquisition)**: KJV—gain; 2) source of gain.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (KJV)

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

Rom 12:16 ... Be not wise in your own conceits...Ref. Scriptures:

Prov 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (KJV)

Prov 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him. (KJV)

Isa 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (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. (KJV)

1 Cor 6:1 Dare any of you, having **(1)a matter** against another, go to law before **(2)the unjust**, and not before the saints? **2** Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **3** Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? **4** If then ye have judgments of **things pertaining to this life**, set them to judge **who are least esteemed in the church**. **5** I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? **6** But brother goeth to law with brother, and that **before the unbelievers**. **7** Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. **Why do ye not rather take wrong?** why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)a matter**-4229 pragma; 1) what has been done, a deed, an accomplished fact 2) **what is done** or being accomplished; specifically, business, a commercial transaction 3) a matter, a question, an affair, a matter at law, a case, a suit 4) what is or exists, a thing. **(2)the unjust**-94 adikos (ad'-ee-kos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1349; unjust; by extension wicked; by implication, treacherous; specially, heathen: KJV-- unjust, unrighteous.descriptive of one who violates or has violated justice: a) unjust b) unrighteous, sinful c) of one who deals fraudulently with others, deceitful

1 Cor 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. **2** And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. **14** But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. (KJV)

Job 11:12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt. (KJV)

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (KJV)

Prov 23:4 Labour not to be **(1)rich**: cease from thine own wisdom. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)** Labour not to be **rich**-6238 `ashar (aw-shar'); a primitive root; properly, to accumulate; chiefly (specifically) to grow (causatively, make) rich: KJV-- be (-come, en-, make, makeself, wax) rich.

Prov 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; **but the poor** that hath understanding searcheth him out.

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. **Be not highminded, but fear:** **21** For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. **23** And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.(KJV)

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.(KJV)

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **8** For he that **(1)soweth to his flesh** shall of the **flesh reap (2)corruption**; but he that **soweth to the Spirit** shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Definitions: (1)Soweth to his flesh -4687 speiro (spi'-ro); probably strengthened from 4685 (through the idea of extending); to scatter, i.e. sow (literally or figuratively): KJV-- sow (-er), receive seed. **(2)Corruption**-5356 phthora (fthor-ah'); from 5351; decay, i.e. ruin (spontaneous or inflicted, literally or figuratively): KJV-- corruption, destroy, perish.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; **and avoid them.** **18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.(KJV)

1 Pet 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility**: for **God resisteth the proud**, and **giveth grace to the humble**.(KJV)

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **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)

Remember this is a **command** given to the church of and by Christ by the Apostle Paul, as he was guided by the Holy Spirit. To a **true** follower of Christ "**Christian**", it is not a choice!

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

Are we enjoying ourselves, having a good time in this world? Is life good, and are we comfortable? Are we looking good, dressing good? Do we have **need** of nothing, are we "Blessed"? If our answer is yes then maybe we need to examine ourselves, to see if we are **in the** faith, let's read what Jesus says. **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 (2)shall lose it**; and **(3)he that hateth his life in this (4)world (5)shall keep it** unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, **(6)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 (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or

feeling; 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 2) to show signs of love; to kiss 3) to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something): KJV-- kiss, love. **(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, e) metaphorically, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell: KJV-- destroy, die, lose, mar, perish. **(3)he that hateth** his life-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful). **(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: KJV-- adorning, world. **(5)shall keep** it unto life eternal-5442 phulasso (foo-las'-so); probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: KJV-- beware, keep (self), observe, save. **(6)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.

John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. **49** For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting:** whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **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;

We believe this study is another example of why the Lord Jesus said, there will be many lost to destruction and few that will be saved in the judgment: “**Matt 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to (1)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.” “**Matt 22:14** For **many** are called, (2822 Kletos; invited), but few are chosen. (See Matt.7:21-24; Luke 6:46-49)

Definition: (1)destruction 684 apoleia- b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell Note again what the apostle Paul admonished **The Church in Corinth** to do, so that they would not be worthless and rejected... **(IN THE JUDGMENT)**

2 Cor 13:5 (1)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 **(2)reprobates?** **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)Examine yourselves-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo); from 3984; to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, discipline: KJV-- assay, examine, prove, try. **(2)be reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; **unapproved, i.e. rejected;** by implication,

worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- **castaway**.

Please remember, 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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