

Dear reader, **WARNING... WARNING**, according to many in the religious world today all one has to do is to believe, and let Christ in their hearts to be saved. “You don’t have to suffer, because he has already suffered for us; pray this prayer, calling on the name of Jesus; in Christ’s name then you are saved by GRACE only.” This all sounds good and convenient, but this is not what God said through Christ and his apostles. There are those that teach baptism, but hardly any teach suffering. Many believe this private interpretation of man. Private interpretations are dangerous teachings (2Pet.1:14-21); it leads to error, thereby putting souls in jeopardy. Think about it, if all it took was belief then DEVILS would be in HEAVEN, “**James 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.**” Not only do devils believe, but they do more than us in that they tremble. Does anyone believe that DEVILS will be **in heaven**, of course **NOT!** What devils will not do is suffer, suffer to obey; disobedience is what makes them and us DEVILS. According to scripture, being disobedient and or rebellious to the APOSTLES’ WORD, DOCTRINE, and COMMANDS (Matt.28:16-20; John17:16-21; Acts2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-3; 2Pet.1:14-21; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:5-6) is what will keep the devils and us out of HEAVEN and into HELL. We believe that definitions and the preponderance of scripture, which is (Having superior weight, force, importance, or influence **of scripture**) on any topic, will allow scripture to interpret scripture, and should allow a better chance of understanding the topic. Jesus said how we error “**Matt. 22:29** Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

THE LESSON: Not only to believe on him

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;**(KJV)

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Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only so, but we (1)glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, **hope;**(KJV)

Definition: (1)we glory in tribulations -2744 kauchaomai (kow-khah'-om-ahee); base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and 2172; to vaunt: KJV-- (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. **4** But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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.

Phil 1:29 ... not only to believe on him... Ref. Scriptures:

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.(KJV)

John 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.(KJV)

John 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.(KJV)

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.(KJV)

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** **God forbid.** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.** **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.(KJV)

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized **into Christ** have put on Christ.(KJV)

1 Pet 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: **22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.(KJV)

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.(KJV)

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (KJV)

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.** **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **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.(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? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. **24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.(KJV)

Phil 1:29 ... BUT ALSO TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE ... Ref. Scriptures:

Dear reader most of the following scriptures are about to be **HARD** sayings; who can hear them? This is the Apostle Paul's response, as he and all of the apostles were guided by the Holy Spirit; "**1 Cor 14:37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." (See also 1Cor.11:1-3; Eph.3:1-10; 2Pet.1:14-21; 2Pet.3: 1-2; 2Pet 3:15-18; 1John 4:5-6). He that hath an ear let him **HEAR**, if we are to be members of the one faith, the one body, (Eph.4:1-5) the one church that Christ is building (Matt.16:16-18; Acts2:47); the Church of and by Christ (Col.12:1-20; Eph. 3:21).

Jer 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?(KJV)

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 **(1)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 (2)perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (see also Rom 12:16-21)

Definitions: **(1)ye resist not evil**-436 anthistemi (anth-is'-tay-mee);from 473 and 2476; to stand against, i.e. oppose: KJV-- resist, withstand. **(2) Be ye therefore perfect**-5046 teleios- a) consummate human integrity and virtue b) used of men, full grown, adult, of full age, mature

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, (1)let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.(KJV)...**Definition:** **(1)let him deny HIMSELF** -533 aparneomai (ap-ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); from 575 and 720; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain: KJV-- deny. b) to forget oneself, **lose sight of oneself and one's own interests**

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)

Acts 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Acts 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.** **42** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. (see also Acts 9:15-18; Acts 22:16) (KJV)

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)

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. **17 (5)Recompense to no man (6)evil** for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Dearly beloved, **(7)avenge not yourselves,** but rather give **(8)place** unto **(9)wrath:** for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **20 Therefore if thine enemy** hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21 Be not overcome of evil,** but **overcome evil with good.**(KJV)

Difinitions: **(1)Mind** -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 like-, + be of one, + be of the same) mind (-ed), 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 (soon-ap-ag'-o); from 4862 and 520; to take off together, i.e. transport with: KJV-- carry (lead) away with, condescend. 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, addition, etc.: KJV-- beside, with. **(4) 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 a) as a condition, lowly b) brought low with grief, depressed . **(5) Recompense to no man**-591 apodidomi (ap-od-ee'd'-o-mee); from 575 and 1325; to give away, i.e. up, over, back, etc.: KJV-- deliver (again), give (again), **(re-) pay (-ment be made),** perform, recompense, **render,** requite, restore, reward, sell, yield. **(6) evil for evil**-2556 kakos (kak-os'); apparently a primary word; worthless (intrinsically, such; whereas 4190 properly refers to effects), i.e. (subjectively) depraved, or (objectively) injurious: KJV-- **bad,** evil, **harm, ill,** noisome, wicked. **(7) avenge NOT yourselves**-1556 ekdikeo (ek-dik-eh'-o); from 1558; to vindicate, retaliate, punish: KJV-- a (re-) venge.1) to vindicate one's right, to do one justice, to protect, to defend one person from another 2) to avenge a thing, to punish a person for a thing. **(8) give place**-5117 topos-b) opportunity, power, occasion for acting. **(9) unto wrath**-3709 orge-1) anger, the natural disposition, temper, character 2) movement or agitation of the soul, any violent emotion, but especially anger 3)wrath, indignation

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.**(KJV)

1 Cor 6:5 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?** **8** Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. **9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.(KJV)

1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord **to be faithful.** **26** I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. **27** Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. **28** But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless **such shall have trouble in the flesh:** but I spare you. **29** But this I say, **brethren,** the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; **30** And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; **31** And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. **32** But I would have you without carefulness. **He that is unmarried** careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: **33** **But he that is married** careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. **34** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **35** And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may **attend upon the Lord without distraction.** (KJV)

1 Cor 14:34 Let your women **(1)keep silence in the churches:** for it is not **(2)permitted** unto them **(3)to speak;** but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. **35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. **36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? **37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)keep silence in the churches**-4601 sigao-1) to keep silence, to hold one's peace. **(2) not permitted** unto them-2010 epitrepo (ep-ee-trep'-o); from 1909 and the base of 5157; to turn over (transfer), i.e. allow: KJV-- give leave (liberty, license), let, permit, suffer. **(3) them to speak**-2980 laleo; a prolonged form of an otherwise obsolete verb; to talk, KJV-- preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, **5) to use words in order to declare one's mind and disclose one's thoughts.** (If you will NOTE, SINGING is NOT included in the definition, "to speak").

2 Cor 10:7 Do ye look on things after the(1)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. (see also

Matt.23:27-28; 2Cor.4:16-18; 10:1-12; 1Pet.3:1-7)

Definitions: (1)**outward appearance**-4383 prosopon (pros'-o-pon); the countenance, appearance, surface; **presence:** KJV-- (outward) appearance, face, **fashion**, (men's) person.

2 Cor 12:10 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.(KJV)

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, **working with his hands** the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.(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.** **25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;** **26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **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. **32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular **so love his wife even as himself;** and the wife see **that she reverence her husband.**(KJV)

1Th 3:2 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.(KJV)

1Th 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; **11** And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

II Th 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; **4** So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: **5** Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

II Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. **11** For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. **12** Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. (see also 1 Cor 9:11-12; II Th 3:1-9)

1 Tim 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **15**

Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. (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:** (KJV)

2 Tim 3:11 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.(KJV)

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: **2** **That the aged men** be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. **3** The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **4** **That they may teach the young women** to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** To be discreet, chaste, **(1)keepers at home,** good, obedient to their own husbands, **that the word of God be not blasphemed.** **6** Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. **7** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, (KJV)

Definition: (1)keepers at home-3626 oikourgōs (oy-koor-gos') or oikouros (oy-koo-ros'); from 3624 and ouros (a guard; be "ware"); a stayer at home, i.e. domestically inclined (a "good housekeeper"): KJV-- keeper at home, caring for the house, working at home a) the (watch or) keeper of the house b) keeping at home and taking care of household affairs c) a domestic

Heb 11:24 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;(KJV)

1 Pet 2:20 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:(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. (see also 1 Pet 3:14)

1 Pet 4: 16 **Yet if any man suffer as a Christian,** let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.(KJV)

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

Definitions: (1) righteous-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws. **(2) scarcely be saved-**3433 molis (mol'-is); with difficulty: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.2) not easily, very rarely

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **4** Ye

adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** **Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.(KJV)

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.(KJV)

The apostle Paul admonished the Church in Corinth, to examine themselves whether they were **in THE FAITH, not A FAITH.**

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.** (KJV)

Definition: (*) **reprobates**-96 adokimos; unapproved, i.e. rejected; **worthless** :KJV-- **castaway.**

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

Definitions: **(1)quit you like men**-407 andrizomai (an-drid'-zom-ahee);middle voice from 435; to act manly, 2) to show oneself a man, be brave: KJV-- quit like men. **(1)fearful** 1169 deilos-timid, fearful

We believe that **pride** may be another reason for the refusal of the truth, in that we don't like admitting that we have been wrong. Jesus said that pride, among other things is evil, and defileth the man, **Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48.** This is true because first of all Jesus said it. Secondly, when it hinders one from saving his own soul and the souls of others by not admitting the truth by the word, can anything be more evil? Remember, among other things the WORD is profitable for correction: **2 Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We must not be too proud to accept the WORD; after all it is what will judge us in the last day, **John12:46-50.** We must change our minds and then our ways if we want to be **SAVED**, "Repent" **Mark 9:43-48; Rom. 12: 1-2; 2Pet.3:8-18.**

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

Dear readers remember as always, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, for the purpose of **saving our souls**. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH; GRACE and SALVATION;** John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the **continuance in it**, is the **ONLY** thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, **2Tim.3:12-17!**

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