

What is Truth? John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth.

Old Testament praise; Continued

Dear reader, it is again a privilege and a blessing, because of Mr. Prayther and staff, to be able again to share with you, some scripture truths, for this we are so thankful. We truly hope these articles are taken in the intent that they are written. The intent is not to point fingers at any specific ones, but to expose unscriptural practices that are done by those proclaiming Christianity. These exposures are to help us all, that proclaim Christianity find the truth, according to New Testament scripture, thereby all speaking the same things, and all ending up in the same place, which is heaven(**1Cor.1:10; Philip.3:16-21**). New Testament scripture is the only place one can find the commandments of Jesus Christ and his Apostles (**Matt.28:16-20; John17:20; 2Pet.3:2-3**). It is the only place Christians are found (**Acts11:26**). It is the only place, The Church of and by Christ, the one faith, the one body, that Christ is the head of, is found (**Eph.4:3-6; 5:23-24; Col.1:18-19; 2:8-12**), as well as the instructions, by which it **MUST** be ran. As was stated in last month's article "New Testament Praise" there is many different ways given to praise the Lord, in the religious world today. There are many different ways given in The Old and New Testaments, to praise Him. In the Old Testament, which is the one we will look at this month, all that was under the old law, was given instructions on how to praise Him. These instructions were given by God, through different ones, and if followed **(1) circumspectly**, these made them right [righteous] with Him.

Exod 23:13 And in all things that I have said unto you be **(1)CIRCUMSPECT**: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.(KJV)

Definition:(1)CIRCUMSPECT-8104 shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, **attend to**, etc.: KJV-- beware, be circumspect, **take heed** (toself), **keep** (-erself,), **mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save** (self), **sure**, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

We found in this study, overwhelming differences in Old and New Testament Praises, these differences we will point out later. But first, note how specific God was in his instructions of praise, to all those under the Old Law [**Israel**]. Remember they were to be circumspect in all things (Exod.23:13), that God had told them through Moses, David, and the Levitical Priesthood etc.

1 Chr 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that **David had pitched for it**: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. **2** And when **David** had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. **3** And he **dealt to every one of Israel**, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. **4** And he appointed certain **of the Levites** to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and **praise the LORD God of Israel**: **5** Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel **with psalteries** and **with harps**; but Asaph made a sound **with cymbals**; **6** Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests **with trumpets** continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

1 Chr 23:5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand **praised the LORD with the instruments** which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

2 Chr 7:6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with **instruments of musick of the LORD**, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and **all Israel stood**. (read also 1 Chr 25:5-6)

Ezra 3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to **praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.**

Ps 33:1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. **2 Praise the LORD with harp:** sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. **3** Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

Ps 71:22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will **I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.** (read also Ps 43:4)

Ps 150:4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. **5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. (read also Ps 149:3)

1 Sam 16:16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, **(1)that he shall play with his hand,** and thou shalt be well. **17** And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can **play well,** and bring him to me.(KJV)

Ezek 33:32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and **(1)can play well on an instrument:** for they hear thy words, but they do them not.(KJV)

Definition: (1)that he shall play-can play-5059 nagan (naw-gan'); a primitive root; properly, to thrum, i.e. beat a tune with the fingers; espec. to play on a stringed instrument; hence (generally), to make music: KJV-- player on instruments, sing to the stringed instruments, melody, minstrel, play (-er, -ing).

Ps 87:7 As well the singers **(1)as the players on instruments** shall be there: all my springs are in thee.(KJV)

Definition: (1)as the player on instruments- 2490 chalal (khaw-lal'); (from 2485) to play (the flute; X take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, wound.3) (Piel) to play the flute or pipe

2 Sam 6:5 And David and all the house of Israel **(1)played** before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.(KJV)

2 Sam 6:21 And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: **(2)therefore will I play** before the LORD.(KJV)

1 Chr 13:8 And David and all Israel **(3)played** before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.(KJV)

Definitions: (1,2, and 3)play, played -7832 sachaq-); **to play (including instrumental music, singing, dancing)**

Ps 68:25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels **(1)playing with timbrels.** **26** Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.(KJV)

Definition: (1) playing with timbrels-8608 taphaph (taw-faf'); a primitive root; to drum, i.e. play (as) on the tambourine: KJV-- taber, play with timbrels.

1 Sam 18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of **all cities of Israel**, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, **(1)and with instruments of musick.**(KJV)

Definition: (1)and with instruments of musick 7991 shaliysh (shaw-leesh'); or shalows (1 Chron. 11:11; 12:18) (shawloshe'); or shalosh (2 Sam. 23:13) (shaw-loshe'); from 7969; a triple, i.e. (as a musical instrument) a triangle (or perhaps rather three-stringed lute); KJV-- captain, instrument of musick.

1 Chr 15:16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.(KJV)

2 Chr 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;(KJV)

2 Chr 7:6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also **(1)with instruments of (2)musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD**, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and **all Israel stood**. (see also 2Chr 23:13; 34:12)

Definitions: (1)with Instruments of 3627 keliy-an article, a vessel, an implement, a utensil a) an article, an object (general) b) a utensil, an implement, an apparatus, a vessel 1) an implement (used of hunting or war) 2) an implement (of music) 3) an implement, a tool (of labor)....**(2)Musick of** -7892 shiy (sheer); or feminine shiyrah (shee-raw'); from 7891; a song; abstractly, singing: KJV-- musical (-ick), X sing (-er, -ing), song.

2 Chr 29:27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with **the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.** **28** And all the congregation worshipped, **(#1)and the singers** sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.(KJV)

Definition: (#1)and the singers -7892 shier or feminine shiyrah-a song of Levitical choirs as a feminine noun: 2) a song; a song, an ode

Ezr 7:24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levies, **(#2)singers**, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.(KJV)

Definition: (#2)singers -2171 seamier (Aramaic) (zam-mawr'); from the same as 2170; an **instrumental musician**: KJV-- singer.

Neh 10:28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levies, the porters, **(#3)the singers**, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;(KJV)

Definition: (#3) the singers -5411 Anthony (naw-teen'); or Nathan (Era 8:17) (naw-thoon') (the proper form as passive participle), from 5414; **one given**, i.e. (in the plural only) the Nethinim, or Temple-servants **(as given to that duty)**: KJV-- Nethinims.Temple slaves assigned to the Levies and priests for service in the sanctuary

1 Chr 9:33 And these are (#4)the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levies, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.(KJV)

Ecc. 2:8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I at me (#4)men singers (#4)and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. **9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. **10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor: and this was my portion of all my labor. **11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.(KJV)

Definition: (#4)men singers (#4)and women singers -7891 shier or (the original form) shower (1 Sam. 18:6)-1) to sing 2) singer, **SONGSTRESSES** (participle) 2) singer, **SONGSTRESS**(participle) to sing: KJV-- behold [by mistake for 7789], sing (-ER, -in man, -in woman).

It was stated early on in this study, that overwhelming differences were found in Old and New Testament praises. It was also stated that these differences would be pointed out later. Before this is done, let us have some scriptural food for thought. In the book of Matthew, Jesus made clear the origin of error; **Matt 22:29** Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. (KJV) In last month's article, "New Testament Praise Cont...." in our search of the whole NEW TESTAMENT, the words PLAYED; PLAYING; PLAYER; PLAYERS; INSTRUMENT, or SINGERS were NOT ONCE found. As was pointed out in last month's article the word PLAY was found only once in the N.T., and it had nothing to do with praising the Lord (**1Cor.10:6-7**). The word MUSICK [music] was found once and INSTRUMENTS twice and as PLAY they had nothing to do with praising the Lord (**Luke15:25-27; Rom.6:13-17**). Dear reader if you have read the above scriptures well, you will have noted that all of these words were found many times under the Law of Moses; under the Levitical Priesthood; under David the king of Israel; under the OLD TESTAMENT, but not ONCE found under GRACE and TRUTH; under the NEW TESTAMENT; under CHRIST, and his apostles.

Old Testament scriptures clearly prove, that the practice of praise done by those under the old law, which was given by Moses (John1:17), included MUSIC, DANCING and CHOIRS [note singers]. Not only did it include music, but also many types of musical instruments. The Lord God of Israel was to be praised in that manner, and this made Israel righteous with Him. The Lord God of Israel was also, as always, precise in His instructions of praise through Moses and etc. New Testament scriptures clearly prove, that the practice of praise done under GRACE and TRUTH, which is by Jesus Christ (John1:17), do not include, music; dancing, or choirs. The instruction to the Church by Christ is for all to sing, not to be a singer. Remember the definition of singers is, a choir and or a group, and is only given to those under the Old Law. The Lord of All Nations (Gal.3:23-29) is to be praised in the following manner, and this makes the Church that Christ is building, those of the one faith, righteous with him. Note the instructions given to the Church that Christ is building; "**Eph 5:19** speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, (1)singing and making melody (2)in your (3)heart to the Lord;" "**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Definitions:(1)singing-103 aido (ad'-o)' a primary verb;to sing, to the praise of anyone, to sing: KJV-- sing.....(2)in-1722 en-in, by, with, etc.....(3) your **heart** to the Lord-2588 kardia (kar-dee'-ah); prolonged from a primary kar (Latin, cor, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle: KJV-- (+broken-) heart (-ed).

In **Eph.5:19**, we found SPEAKING, not PLAYING to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. We found SINGING, not PLAYING. We found making melody IN (with or by) our HEARTS (minds), **not WITH INSTRUMENTS**. Lastly, we found this was to be done to THE LORD according to the apostle's doctrine; **NOT Singing and Playing**, but SINGING and making melody in our hearts to THE LORD. Scriptural food for thought, the statements "in your heart(s); in their heart(s); in he, she, the heart(s)" was used many times in the Old Testament, not ONCE did we find that MELODY was to be made in, by or with THEIR heart(s). According to Old Testament Scriptures, melody was to be made with INSTRUMENTS and this made THEM, the Children of Israel right (righteous) with God. Christians are to let the word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another by spiritual singing, see **Col 3:16**. Singing is what the Apostles' doctrine teaches, NOT songs accompanied by musical instruments, or in groups, to the pleasing of the ear; but to the Lord. True Christians MUST hear Christ and his apostles ONLY, according to GOD THE FATHER, in New Testament scripture. If we are of God we must hear God's word; "**John 8:47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." In **Matt. the 17th** chapter verses **1-8**, God made it clear, to whom Christians must hear. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: "**Matt 17: 1** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5 While he yet spake**, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. **7** And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. **8** And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." Again, according to N.T. scriptures, GOD THE FATHER interrupted the apostle Peter, as he yet spake of MOSES and ELIAS. GOD then made it clear that JESUS CHRIST is his beloved SON, in whom He is WELL PLEASED; hear ye him. Note verse 8, when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. It seems as though GOD is not going to tolerate anyone else being heard but his beloved son. So that we can be right (righteous) with GOD. Not only was Christ God's beloved Son, but he was and is His ONLY begotten Son (**John 1:6-18; John 3:16-21; Heb. 11:17; 1John 4:5-9**)....**Definition:** ONLY begotten-3439 monogenes (mon-og-en-ace'); from 3441 and 1096; only-born, i.e. sole; single of its kind, only b) used of Christ, denotes the one and only son of God: KJV--only (begotten, child).

Now let's read what The Only Begotten has to say, **Please read carefully**; "**Matt 28: 16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." We find in verse **17**, that some of his disciples doubted the authority of God's beloved Son. Many are guilty of this in today's religious world, because they follow the commandments and traditions of the Old Testament and of men, rather than Christ and his apostles. Jesus cleared up this doubt in verse **18**, by verifying what his Father had given unto him, because they are one; "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Then Jesus sent the disciples on the mission of teaching ALL NATIONS, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. This was to be done to ALL NATIONS because, **please read carefully**; "**Gal 3: 23** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. **24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Christ then told

his disciples (apostles) in **verse 20** of Matt. **the 28 chapter**, to teach all those that they had baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is the Church that Christ is building, to observe All things whatsoever he had commanded them (the apostles).

Then Jesus Christ continued to teach, as he prayed to his Father which is in heaven, on how one MUST believe on him through His apostles WORD; so that we all may be ONE. Please read carefully; “**John 17: 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.” According to Jesus Christ, in verse 20, all must believe on him through the Apostles word, and we can only find their word, in New Testament scripture. Remember, Jesus gave them the word (**John17:14**), and sent them “**the apostles**” the Comforter to guide them in ALL Truth; “**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” “**John 14:25** These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. **26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” “**John 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: **27** And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” “**John 16:5** But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? **6** But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” “**John 16:12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **15** All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”(KJV)

Then the Apostles, verified their authorization by Jesus Christ, **please read carefully**; “**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:” “**1 Cor 11: 1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” “**Eph 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** Whereby, **when ye read**, ye may understand **my** knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;” “**2 Pet 3: 1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,” “**1 Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” “**Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be **(1)mockers** in the last time, who should walk after

their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they who separate themselves. **(2)sensual, having not the **(3)Spirit.**”(KJV)**

Definitions:**(1)mockers**-1703 empaiktes (emp-aheek-tace');from 1702; a derider, i.e. (by implication) a false teacher: KJV-- mocker, scoffer. **(2)sensual**-5591 psuchikos-of or belonging to breath: a) having the nature and characteristics of the breath, the principal of animal life, which men have in common with the brutes b) governed by breath; the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion **(3)having NOT the Spirit**-4151 pneuma-2) the spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the highest angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ 4) the Spirit of God

Keeping all these things in mind, these are the examples, instructions, and commands, given by Jesus Christ, through the Apostles, to those of the church that he is building, and is the head of. Just as those under the Old Law, to be right [righteous] with God, those of the one faith must follow the instructions of the New Testament circumspectly. **Please read carefully;** “**Eph 5: 13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye **(1) walk **(2) circumspectly****, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)walk**-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around; figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about).1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life **(2)circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce'); exactly: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, accurately, perfect (-ly).

How can we that profess to be Christians, (followers of God through Christ and his apostle's word), follow traditions and commandments that are not found in the Apostles doctrine, and be right (righteous) with God? It is IMPOSSIBLE; if we follow the traditions and commands of Moses then we are of Moses. If we follow the traditions and commands of David, Elias etc., then we are of them. Those that are of God, MUST follow Christ through his apostle's word, traditions and commandments; Simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. Remember, those that are truly of the one faith, those that are truly under Grace and Truth, which came by Jesus Christ and not by Moses (John1:17); MUST heed N.T. scripture, please read carefully; “**Eph 5:23** 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.**” “**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.” “**Col 1:12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. **19** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” “**II Th 2:13** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: **14** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** **Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” “**2 Tim 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been

assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Dear reader, please remember there are no examples, traditions, or commandments, by the apostles for INSTRUMENTS of MUSIC, CHOIRS, or GROUP SINGERS, in the Church by Christ. We can continue to reject N.T. scripture and continue in these things of the O.T., if this is our choice. But, consider this carefully, to reject New Testament scripture is to reject the apostle's word and commandments, to reject the apostles, is to reject Christ and God the Father. We MUST not reject the words of the Lord Jesus, because they are the ones that will judge us in the last day: **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.**"

Now let us read what one of the Lord's apostles had to say on interpretation, as he was guided by The Holy Ghost: "**2 Pet 1:16** For we have not **(1)followed (2)cunningly devised (3)fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **(4)private (5)interpretation.** **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Definitions:**(1) have not followed**-1811 exakoloutheo (ex-ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1537 and 190; to follow out, i.e. (figuratively) to tread in one's steps a) metaphorically, to imitate one's ways of acting b) to follow one's authority c) to comply with, obey, yield to: KJV-- follow. **(2)cunningly devised**-4679 sophizo (sof-id'-zo); from 4680; to render wise; in a sinister acceptance, a) to invent, to play the sophist b) to devise cleverly or cunningly, to form "sophisms", i.e. continue plausible error [believable error]: KJV-- cunningly devised, make wise. **(3)fables**-3454 muthos (moo'-thos); perhaps from the same as 3453 (through the idea of tuition); a tale, i.e. fiction ("myth") b) an invention, a falsehood: KJV-- fable. **(4)private**-2398 idios-pertaining to oneself, one's own, belonging to oneself **(5)interpretation**-1955 epilusis (ep-il'-oo-sis); from 1956; explanation, i.e. application1) a loosening, unloosing: KJV-- interpretation.

Now here is a scary thought, let not this be our end because of our own interpretations and traditions. Now let's listen to Jesus in **Matt.7:21-24** and two of his apostles as they were guided by The Holy Ghost; Paul in **Phil.3:16-20**, and Peter in **1Pet.4:16-19** and **2Pet.2:1-3**. "**Matt 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:" "**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:" "**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. **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.” “**2 Pet 2:1** But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **2** And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **3** And through (3)covetousness shall they (4)with feigned words (5)make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Definitions:(1)if the **righteous**-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God (2)**scarcely** be saved-3433 molis (mol'-is); probably by var. for 3425; with difficulty, 2) not easily, scarcely, very rarely: KJV--hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work (3)And through **covetousness**-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness (4)**with feigned words**-4112 plastos (plas-tos');from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): KJV—feigned (5)**make merchandise of you**-1710 emporeuomai-to traffic, 3) to deal in, 4) to use a person or a thing for gain.

Please remember, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, which is false doctrine, for the purpose of saving our souls. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. 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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