

There were those before us, prophets that appeared in the “apostolic age” among Christians, that were associated with the apostles. They discerned and did what was best for the body’s sake, foretelling certain future events (Acts 11:27). Just as the apostles, in the religious assemblies of the Church, they were moved by the Holy Spirit to speak, having power to instruct, comfort, encourage, rebuke, convict, and stimulate their hearers. During the “apostolic age” these things were recorded in the Apostle’s word/doctrine, as they were guided by The Holy Spirit. God the Father, his Son Christ Jesus, and The Holy Ghost yet lives, for evermore! But, all of the Holy apostles, the ones that Jesus chose, are DEAD. **Acts 1:2 ... the apostles whom HE had chosen:** Matt.10:1-4; Mark 3:14-19; Luke 6:13-19; John 6:70; 13:18; 20:21; Acts 1:13; 10:40-42; Gal.1:1; Eph.2:20; 2 Pet. 3:2; Rev.21:14. **Acts 1:3 To whom also HE shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs:** Matt. 28:9 and 16; Mark 16:10-14; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-31 and 21:1-25; Acts 13:31; 1Cor.15:5-7; 1John 1:1-10. All of the Holy prophets, the ones that God chose, are DEAD. So, after the “apostolic, prophetic ages” if there are ANY professing to be EITHER, we believe according to scripture they are FALSE. For according to scripture there is no need for them anymore. They have done their work, now it’s time to do ours and that is according to scripture BELIEVE and STRIVE (SUFFER) to OBEY what is WRITTEN! We believe according to scripture, that ALL things that GOD has intended have been put in scripture through The Holy Spirit, and that these things have been, and will always be PROTECTED BY HIM, God Almighty, for he has the power! NOT by the decisions of ANY MEN or COUNCILS.

FALSE APOSTLES, now let’s listen to the Lord Jesus’ apostle, Paul as he was guided by the Holy Ghost: 2 Cor 11:12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. **13** For such are **(1)false apostles, deceitful workers,** **(2)transforming themselves** into **(3)the apostles** of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Definitions: (1)false apostles-5570 pseudapostolos (psyoo-dap-os'-tol-os);from 5571 and 652; a spurious apostle, i.e. pretended preacher: KJV-- false teacher, a false apostle, one who falsely claims to be an ambassador of Christ. **(2)transforming themselves** into-3345 metaschematizo (met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo);from 3326 and a derivative of 4976; to transfigure or disguise; figuratively, to apply (by accommodation): KJV-- transfer, transform (self), to change the figure of, to transform. **(3)the apostles** of Christ-652 apostolos (ap-os'-tol-os);from 649; a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ["apostle"] (**with miraculous powers**): KJV-- apostle, messenger, he that is sent.a delegate, a messenger, one sent forth with orders a) specifically applied to the twelve apostles of Christ.

FALSE PROPHETS, now let’s listen to Jesus and his Holy Ghost guided apostles, Peter and John: Matt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **Matt 24:11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **Matt 24:24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. **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 covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. **1 Jn 4:6** 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.(KJV)

We also believe According to scripture, **through the inspired WORD of TRUTH the power to instruct, comfort, encourage, rebuke, convict, and stimulate hearers,** is given; thereby through it, **receiving the power of The Holy Spirit: 2 Tim 3:14** “But continue thou in the things which thou hast

learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; **17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works". So, **ALL** that God has to say, has already been said **in his inspired written WORD!**

Matt 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **(1)Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)Ye do err**-4105 planao (plan-ah'-o);from **4106**; to (properly, cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue), 1) to cause to stray, to lead astray, to lead aside from the right way, to go astray, to wander, to roam about 2) metaphorically: a) to lead away from the truth, to lead into error, to deceive b) to be led into error c) to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, to sin d) to sever or fall away from the truth; used of heretics e) to be led away into error and sin: KJV-- go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way. **4106** plane (plan'-ay);feminine of 4108 (as abstractly); objectively, fraudulence; subjectively, a straying from orthodoxy or piety: KJV-- deceit, to deceive, delusion, error.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (KJV)

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)

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. **17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the **(1)name** of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)name of the Lord Jesus**-3686 onoma (on'-om-ah); from a presumed derivative of the base of 1097 (compare 3685); a "name" (literally or figuratively) [**authority, character**], 2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, that is, for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.: KJV-- called, (+sur-) name.

2 Tim 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is (1)a discerner (2)of the thoughts and (3)intents (4)of the heart. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)a discerner**-2924 kritikos (krit-ee-kos'); from 2923; decisive ("critical"), i.e. discriminative, relating to judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging: KJV-- discerner. **(2)of the**

thoughts-1761 enthumesis-1) a thinking, a consideration 2) thoughts. **(3) intents**-1771 ennoia-1) the act of thinking, consideration, meditation 2) a thought, a notion, a conception 3) mind, understanding, will, manner of feeling, and thinking. **(4) of the heart** 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).

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; **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. **8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **12** In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.(KJV)

THE STUDY: Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in... (KJV)

Let's listen to what Jesus said to those apostles whom he had chosen:

Matt 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto **them** in parables? **11** He answered and said unto them, Because it is given **unto you** to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it is not given.**

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. (KJV)

John 14:26 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.** (KJV)

John 16:4 But these things have I told **you**, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, **because I was with you.** **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.** (KJV)**

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.** (KJV)

Now let's listen as Jesus prayed to his Father, for those he had chosen (the apostles), and for those that would believe on him through the word of his apostles:

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. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **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. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **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. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (KJV)

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (KJV)

John 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (KJV)

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; **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. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. (KJV)

If we are followers of Jesus Christ (Christians), let us believe on him as he has commanded, thereby through the inspired **written** words of his apostles; so that we ALL will be ONE! Now let's listen to the apostles as they verify their authority, and as they give us instructions in righteousness: "**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, **being seen of them** forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, **being assembled together with them, commanded them** that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, **ye have heard of me** (KJV)". (See also Acts2:41-42)

1 Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. **6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.(KJV)

1 Cor 9:1 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work

in the Lord?(KJV)

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. (KJV)

1 Cor 14: 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them 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. **38** But if any man be **(1)ignorant**, let him be ignorant.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)ignorant-50 agnoeo (ag-no-eh'-o); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 3539; not to know (through lack of information or intelligence); by implication, to ignore (through disinclination): KJV--(be) ignorant (-ly), not know, not understand, unknown.

2 Cor 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. **2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) **3** Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: **4** But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, **5** In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; **6** By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, **7** By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **8** By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; **9** As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; **10** As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (KJV)

2 Cor 11:1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. **2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. **3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. **5** For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. **6** But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things. **7** Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? **8** I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. **9** And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. **10** As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. **11** Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.(KJV)

II Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** **11** And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. **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. **16** Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, **17** Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. (KJV)

II Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. (KJV)

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, (KJV)

I Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. (KJV)

I 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. (KJV)

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 mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. (KJV)

Eph 3:4 ... the mystery of Christ)...Ref. Scriptures:

Mark 4:10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. **11** And he said unto them, **Unto you** it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:(KJV)

Luke 8:9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? **10** And he said, **Unto you** it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.(KJV)

John 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. **15** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; **for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.** **16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.(KJV)

1 Cor 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.(KJV)

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **10** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: **11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: **12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. **13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (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)

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **19** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. **21** But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: **22** Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.(KJV)

Col 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; **2** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; **3** In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. **4** And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. **5** For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. **6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **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.

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (KJV)

Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;**3** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: **4** That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. **5** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without,

redeeming the time. (KJV)

1 Tim 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (KJV)

1 Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. **16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

The terms “**a faith or faiths,**” have not been found anywhere in the inspired word of God. However, this is what we have found: “**Eph 4:4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism”. **This** faith comes **NOT** by some COUNCIL or anyone, not even by God speaking to us personally through some **mysterious voices; NOR** by some **mysterious visions or signs. Let’s listen: “Rom 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”. We have also been instructed by the apostle Paul, through the WRITTEN word of the apostles on how to keep **the** faith, **not a** faith, and thereby examining ourselves by their word (**John 17:16-21**). Please listen: “**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 (rejects, worthless)? **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.”

Now let’s read and listen to Christ and his apostles on what they have to say about signs: “**Matt 12:38** Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. **39** But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a (*)sign;** and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: **40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **41** The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.” “**Luke 11:27** And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. **28** **But he said, Yea rather,** blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. **29** And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, **This is an evil generation: they seek a (*) sign;** and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet”. “**1 Cor 1:20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **22** For the Jews require a (*) sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: **23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

Definition: (*)**sign**-4592 semeion (say-mi'-on);neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of 4591; an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: KJV-- miracle, sign, token, wonder.

Now let us **READ and hear** what the apostle Paul said, as he was guided by the Holy Ghost, thereby authorized by Jesus Christ: “**Rom 10:14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”. Dear reader, we **MUST** remember, Christians cannot be readers, hearers, studiers and even believers of the **WORD** of **TRUTH ONLY** so, let us **READ and Listen** to what James, a servant of God and of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ said: **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 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. (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. **25** Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? **26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (KJV)

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. **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)

We believe according to scripture, the only way to “draw nigh to God” is through the acceptance, and obedience of His Holy, Inspired, Written Word; and that it is not SAFE to listen to ghostly, mysterious voices for our instructions in righteousness. Again, what is safe according to the apostle Paul is what is written. **Listen:** “**Phil 3:1** Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.” One may have a Zeal of God, but it doesn’t have to be according to knowledge. **Listen:** “**Rom 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a **(1)zeal of God, but not according to (2)knowledge**. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” **Definitions:** **(1)a zeal of God**-2205 *zelos*-excitement of mind, ardor, fervor of spirit a) zeal, ardor in embracing, pursuing, defending anything 1) zeal in behalf of, for a person or thing. **(2)not according to knowledge**-1922 *epignosis*-precise and correct knowledge; used in the New Testament of the knowledge of things ethical and divine. There are safe instructions for the Body of Christ Jesus, and everything else that is needed as well. ALL can be found in the complete, perfect, inspired written scriptures, of God; **listen** to what the apostle Paul instructed Timothy to continue in: “**2 Tim 3:14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **(1)profitable for (2)doctrine, for (3)reproof, for (4)correction, for (5)instruction in (6)righteousness: 17** That the man of God may be **(7)perfect, (8)thoroughly furnished** unto all (9)good (10)works”.

Now let’s specifically look at the definitions of what the Holy and inspired scripture of God, provides for

The Man Of God. First they are able to make him **wise unto salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus (verse 15 of 2Tim.3). For they are **(1)Profitable** to him-5624 ophelimos (o-fel'-ee-mos); from a form of 3786; helpful or serviceable, i.e. advantageous: KJV-- profit (-able), **(2)for Doctrine**-1319 didaskalia (did-as-kal-ee'-ah); from 1320; instruction (the function or the information): KJV-- doctrine, learning, teaching. **(3)For Reproof**-5688 elegmos (el-eng-mos');from 1651; found only in 2 Tim. 3:16: conviction (of a sinner), punishment, refutation of error, reproof. **(4)For Correction**-1882 epanorthosis (ep-an-or'-tho-sis);from a compound of 1909 and 461; a straightening up again, i.e. (figuratively) rectification (reformation), 1) restoration to an upright or right state 2) correction, improvement of life or character: KJV-- correction. **(5)For Instruction**-3809 paideia (pahee-di'-ah);from 3811; tutorage, i.e. education or training; by implication, disciplinary correction: KJV-- chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture. **(6)in Righteousness**-1343 dikaiosune-1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God b) integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting. So why does Scripture, not ghostly voices or mysterious visions or signs, provide all these things? Well according to the apostle Paul, as he was guided by the Holy Ghost, it was and is so that the man of God may be **(7)Perfect**-739 artios (ar'-tee-os); from 737; fresh, i.e. (by implication) complete, fitted; having reference apparently to "special aptitude for given uses": KJV-- perfect. **(8)Thoroughly furnished**-1822 exartizo (ex-ar-tid'-zo);from 1537 and a derivative of 739; to finish out (time); figuratively, to equip fully (a teacher), a) to furnish perfectly: KJV-- accomplish, thoroughly furnish, **(9)unto ALL Good**-18 agathos-2) useful, salutary 4) excellent, distinguished 5) upright, honorable, **(10)Works**-2041 ergon (er'-gon);from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: KJV-- deed, doing, labour, work.

Wow! The **written** Word of God is able to do all this. So what are we looking for, what are we feeling for? What are we listening for, what are we hearing? Let us hear and obey the **written** Word as we read and study it, as we have been instructed! For everything the man of God needs to make him PERFECT is in the inspired Word of God! So what's missing? There is something missing, but not in the Word. What we believe to be missing first of all is not being willing to except the Word gladly (**Acts 2:41-42**), not willing to study the Word and maybe most of all, not being willing to SUFFER to be DOERS of the Word! Dear reader let us Read, Listen and Strive to DO what the apostle Paul said, as he and the other apostles were guided by The Holy Ghost; again thereby authorized by Jesus Christ, to the Church of and by Christ in Philippi: "**Phil 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; 30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me". (**See also Heb. 13:20-22; James 1:21-25**)

WARNING, WARNING! There is one other that communicates with us all, and he has but ONE way to do it; and that is only through the MIND/heart. He cannot communicate by scripture; **because he has NO written word.** Please listen to the apostle Peter: "**1 Pet 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." He, the DEVIL, is very powerful. Please listen to the apostle Paul: "**2 Cor 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works". "**Eph 6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". But even the DEVIL knows where God's instructions are, and he even believes and trembles. Yes believes and even trembles. There is one thing that devils won't do, and that is the work and sufferings of obedience; thereby not following God's written instructions, through Christ and his apostles. Please listen: "**Luke 4:8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **9** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: **10** For it is written, He shall

give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: **11** And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” “**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?” It is not SAFE to be ignorant of Satan’s devices. Listen to the apostle Paul: “**2 Cor 2:11** Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” According to scripture what keeps one from being ignorant of Satan’s devices? The apostle Paul continues to **warn** and teach us as we READ. **Let’s listen:** “**Eph 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:” “**2 Tim 2: 14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself **(1)approved unto God, (2)a workman (3) that needeth not to be ashamed, (4)rightly dividing the word of truth.** **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.”

Definitions:**(1)approved** unto God-1384 dokimos (dok'-ee-mos); from 1380; properly, acceptable (current after assayal), i.e. approved, pleasing: KJV-- approved, tried. **(2)a workman**-2040 ergates (er-gat'-ace);from 2041; a toiler; figuratively, a teacher: KJV-- labourer, worker (-men). **(3)that needeth not to be ashamed**-422 anepaischuntos-having no cause to be ashamed. **(4)rightly dividing the word of truth**-3718 orthotomeo (or-thot-om-eh'-o);from a compound of 3717 and the base of 5114, to make a straight cut, i.e. (figuratively) to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message), 1) to cut straight, to cut straight ways, to proceed on straight paths, to hold a straight course, equivalent to doing right 2) to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly: KJV-- rightly divide.

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. **10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. **11** **Let us labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12** **For the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is **(1)a discerner** of the **(2)thoughts** and **(3)intents** of the **(4)heart.** **13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Definitions: **(1)a discerner**-2924 kritikos (krit-ee-kos');from 2923; decisive ("critical"), i.e. discriminative, to determine: KJV—discerner, relating to judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging. **(2)thoughts**-1761 enthumesis (en-thoo'-may-sis);from 1760; deliberation: KJV-- device, thoughts,1) a thinking, a consideration. **(3)intents**-1771 ennoia (en'-noy-ah);from a compound of 1722 and 3563; thoughtfulness, i.e. moral understanding: KJV-- intent, mind.1) the act of thinking, consideration, meditation 2) a thought, a notion, a conception 3) mind, will, manner of feeling, and thinking. **(4)heart**-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).

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and **to the word of his grace**, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all **(1)them which are sanctified.**(KJV)

Definition: **(1)them which are sanctified** 37 hagiazo (hag-ee-ad'-zo);KJV-- 1) to render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or to hallow 2) to separate from profane things and to dedicate to God b) to dedicate people to God 3) to purify b) to purify by expiation: to free from the guilt of sin c) to purify internally by a renewing of the soul.

And if I may say, one is also purified/sanctified by the renewing of the mind, according to scripture: **Rom.12:1-2; 2Cor.5:16-17)**

Again there is nothing left but to HEAR the **written** Word of God and strive to OBEY it! For it thoroughly /completely furnishes unto **all good works**, thereby it's all the man of God needs for instructions in righteousness; nothing more, nothing else, no other way! No wonder we should have comfort, yes comfort in **IT, please listen** to the apostle Paul: "**Rom 15:4** For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime were **written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." According to His **written** Word, any other way is not from the God of heaven, and if it is not from Him, then who is it from? **WARNING!** Please listen again to the apostle Paul: "**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." (KJV)

Please again; 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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