

There are many in the religious world today having FUN, going to family reunions, birthday parties, giving HOLIDAY feasts and New Year parties, having a few drinks just having a merry good time. We are sure some, if not many would ask, what's wrong with that? There is nothing wrong with it according to our **FLESH**, actually its **FUN!** But according to God through Christ and his apostles, to our SPIRIT it is a vexation, to our soul it is damnation, because it is VAIN thereby it is wrong **Rom.8:5-10; Gal.5:16-17; Phil.3:16-20; Titus3:8-11**, (See also **Eccl. chapters 1 and 2**). The scriptures teach that, among many, one of the **works of the flesh** is REVELLING, and that those participating in it **or any such like**, shall **not inherit the kingdom of God**. As we start this study please, pay close attention to all scriptures and all definitions of words, then it will be understood why **true Christians**, followers of Christ, cannot Party. Please read the instructions on feasts, given by the Lord and SAVIOR Jesus Christ; "**Luke 14:12** Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a (*)**recompence** be made thee. **13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:** **14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot (*)recompence thee: for thou shalt be (*)recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

(Definition: (*) cannot **recompence** thee -467 antapodidomi (an-tap-od-ee'-do-mee); from 473 and 591; to requite: KJV--recompense, render, **repay**.

Prov 23:20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

This takes us into the study: **REVELLINGS!** Now, let's listen to God through Christ and his Apostles, and hopefully understand. **First, let's listen to Jesus:**

John 12:25 (1)He that loveth his life (2)shall lose it; and (3)he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, (4)let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father (5)honour."(KJV)

Definitions: (1)**He that loveth**-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV—to kiss, to love, to approve of, to like, to sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend, to show signs of love, to be fond of doing...(2)**shall lose**-622 apollumi- to destroy, metaphorically, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell, to perish, to be lost, to be ruined, to be destroyed, to lose...(3)**he that hateth**-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful), to be hated, to be detested...(4)**let him follow** me-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o);from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple): KJV-- follow, reach, to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him, to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party...(5)**honour**-5091 timao (tim-ah'-o);from 5093; to prize, i.e. fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere: KJV-- honour, value, the value of something belonging to oneself, to have in honor, to revere, to venerate 5093 timios including the comparative timioteros and the superlative timiotatos --1) as of great price, precious 2) held in honor, esteemed, especially dear.

Now let's listen to his apostles, as they were guided by the Holy Ghost:

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, (1)revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Definitions: (1)REVELLINGS-2970 komos (ko'-mos); a carousal (as if letting loose): KJV-- revelling, rioting. a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and **sing and play** before houses of male and female friends; hence, **used generally of feasts and drinking parties** that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry**1.** To take great pleasure or delight. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. **rev·el** *n.* A boisterous festivity or celebration; **merrymaking.** . (n.) **Joyful,** exuberant activity and **entertainment: FUN,** reveling, **festivity,** gaiety, jollification, merriment, **merrymaking, party.** **ANTONYM: be downcast----** (CHRISTIANS)

FUN (fʊn) *n.* **1.** A source of enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure. **2.** Enjoyment; amusement. **1.** To behave playfully; joke. **--fun** *adj. Informal.* Enjoyable; amusing. **--idiom. for fun or in fun.** As a joke; playfully.**2.** (n.) Playful and often noisy activity: • horseplay• clowning• playfulness• sport• antic• game **3.** (v.) To tease or mock good-humoredly:• fool• jest• kid (colloquial)

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all **unrighteousness,** fornication, **wickedness,** covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, **inventors of evil things,** disobedient to parents, **31** **Without understanding,** **covenantbreakers,** without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: **32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that **they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

Rom 13:13 Let us **(1)walk** honestly, as in the day; **not in (2)rioting** and **drunkenness,** not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.(KJV)

Definitions: (1) Walk-figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about), to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself, to pass one's life. **(2) Rioting-** a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry.

1 Cor 6:9 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.** **11** **And such were some of you: but ye are washed,** but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.(KJV)

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 (1) for an ensample.** **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, **that they are the (2)enemies of the cross of Christ: 19** **Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly,** and **whose glory is in their shame, who (3)mind earthly things.) 20** **For our (4)conversation is in heaven;** from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Definitions:(1) for an ensample-5179 tupos (too'-pos); from 5180; a die (as struck), i.e. (by implication) a stamp or scar; by analogy, a shape, i.e. a statue, (**figuratively**) style or resemblance; specifically, a sampler ("type"), i.e. a **model (for imitation)** or instance (for warning): KJV-- en- ex-) ample, **fashion,** figure, form, **manner, pattern,** print...**(2)enemies-2190** echthros (ech-thros'); from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan): KJV-- enemy, foe...**(1)mind** earthly things -from 5424; **to exercise the mind,** i.e. entertain; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed; intensively, **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. ...**(4)conversation**

4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah);from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV—conversation, the administration of civil affairs, form of government and the laws by which it is administered, a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens...4176 politeuomai (pol-it-yoo'-om-ah-ee);middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively): KJV-- let conversation be, live.

II Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but **had pleasure in unrighteousness.**(KJV)

1 Tim 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. **6** But she that **liveth in pleasure** is dead while she liveth. (see **2Tim.3:1-7**)

1 Tim 5:23 Drink no longer water, but **use a little wine** for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

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. **3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, **revellings,** banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:(KJV)

Keeping the above scriptures in mind, the scriptures also teach that as Christians, we are **not** to give heed to fables and **endless genealogies** see (**1Tim.1:4**). Christians must not live by the flesh anymore, if they have put on the new man in baptism, and that NEW man MUST be SPIRITUAL (**Rom.8:5-9**). There is a SCRIPTURAL, **spiritual** family reunion, and Memorial Day, each Lord's Day (**Acts 20:7; 1Cor.11:20-34**), and it must be attended (**Heb.10:25**). **Jesus said,** "Who is my mother or my brethren?" (**Matt.12:47-50 & Mark3:32-35**)

1 Tim 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; **2** Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. **3** As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some **that they teach no other doctrine,** **4** Neither give (1)heed to fables and endless (2)genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.(KJV)

Definitions: (1) Neither give **heed;** (figuratively) to hold the mind i.e. pay attention to, apply oneself to, adhere to: KJV-- (give) attend (-ance, -ance at, unto), be given to, give (take) heed (to unto); have regard. To turn the mind to, to attend to be attentive; a) to be given or addicted to b) to devote thought and effort to...(2) **Genealogy**-from the same as 1075; tracing by generations, i.e. "genealogy": KJV-- genealogy, a record of descent or lineage.

1 Tim 1:4 ... endless genealogies...Ref. Scriptures:

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name **Eve;** because she was the mother of all living.(KJV)

Gen 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. **17** And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the

covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. **18** And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.(KJV)

Gen 10:32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.(KJV)

Gen 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. (see also **verses 4-10**)

We all have kinsmen in the flesh, but Christians, (those that have put on Christ in baptism according to scripture), must remember who their family truly is, and that the reunion is set on each **Lord's Day**.

Listen again to Jesus here in Matthew and Mark and then his apostles:

Matt 12:46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. **47** Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. **48** But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? **49** And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! **50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.(KJV)

Mark 3:31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. **32** And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. **33** And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? **34** And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! **35** **For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.**(KJV)

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; **27** That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: **28** **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;** as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.(KJV)

2 Cor 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.(KJV)

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. **9** But **(1)avoid** foolish questions, and **(2)genealogies**, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are **(3)unprofitable** and **(4)vain.** **10** A man that is an **(5)heretick** after the first and second admonition **reject;** **11** Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Definitions: **(1)avoid**-4026 periistemi (per-ee-is'-tay-mee); from 4012 and 2476; to stand all around, i.e. (near) to be a bystander, or (aloof) to keep away from: KJV-- avoid, shun, stand by (round about)... **(2)genealogies**-1076 genealogia (ghen-eh-al-og-ee'-ah); from the same as 1075; tracing by generations, i.e. "genealogy" a record of descent or lineage: KJV-- genealogy...**(3)for they are unprofitable**-512 anopheles (an-o-fel'-ace); from I (as a negative particle) and the base of 5624; useless or (neuter) inutility: KJV-- unprofitable (-ness)...**(4)and vain**-3152 mataios (mat'-ah-yos); from the base of 3155; empty, i.e. (literally) profitless, or (specifically) an idol 1) devoid of force, truth, success, result 2)

useless, of no purpose: KJV-- vain, vanity...(5)heretick -141 hairtikos-1) fitted or able to take or choose a thing 2) schismatic, factious, a follower of a false doctrine 3) heretic (KJV)

The scriptures also teach us that, NO FLESH should glory in the Lord's presence (**1Cor.1:26-31**). We are not to have any fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but, rather reprove them (**2Cor.6:14-18; 7:1-3; Eph.5:6-11**). Christians can't have it our way, we must deny ourselves (**Definition: deny ourselves** -533 aparneomai (ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee); from 575 and 720; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain a) to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone b) to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and one's own interests: KJV--deny), (**Matt.16:24-25; Luke 9:23; John 12:25-26; Titus 2:12-15**). We **must** do it Christ's way, because we are NOT our own, we have been bought with a price (**1Cor.6:20; 7:23**). The day that we are born in the flesh, is the day we began to die, even eternally; so why would one glorify such (see **Eccl. 4:1-4**)? The day that we are buried with Christ in baptism, thereby putting on Christ (**Rom.10:14-17; Mark16:16; Luke 13:3; Rom.10:9-10; Acts2:38; Rom.6:3-8; Gal.3:27 Col.2:1-12**), we are then born again (**John3:1-7; 1Pet.1:18-25**). We then **MUST** rise up a new SPIRITUAL man, a new CREATURE according to the apostle's doctrine. ALL things **MUST** become new (**2Cor.5:14-17**). Then we began to live, even eternally; **ONLY** if we hold to the traditions and commandments, that we have read and learned in the apostle's doctrine (**John 17:20-21; Acts2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-3; Eph.3:1-7; Philip.4:6-9; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:5-6; Jude1:16-19**). Now this is something to glorify and then we will be glorying in the Lord, not in the flesh (**1Cor.1:26-31**). Christians must celebrate this spiritual birth through obedience, and should be thankful for it every moment of the day. There are three places in scripture, the word birthday is mentioned as something celebrated or kept, two of the instances spoke of the same event. Executions happened at both of these celebrations, and they were **not** followers of God, Christ, or the Apostles (**Gen.40:1-23; Matt.14:1-12; Mark 6:14-30**). There are no examples of Jesus himself, his apostles or anyone that followed them, ever celebrating carnal birthdays or reunions in any manner. We believe this is true because these are **CARNAL, FLESHLY, EARTHLY** traditions. (**Rom.8:4-10; Philip.3:18-20**).

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. (see also **Rom 13:11-13**)

1 Cor 1:26 For ye see your **(1)calling**, brethren, how that not many **(2)wise men** **(3)after the flesh**, not many **(4)mighty**, not many **(5)noble**, are called: **27 But God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And **(6)base things** of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29 that no** **(7)flesh** should **(8)glory in his presence**. **30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)calling**, brethren-2821 klesis (klay'-sis); an invitation (figuratively): KJV—calling...(2) not many **wise men** after the flesh-4680 sophos-wise: a) skilled, expert: of artificers b) wise, skilled in letters, cultivated, learned 1) used of the Greek philosophers and orators...(3)after the flesh-2596 kata-; according to, toward, along...(4) not many **mighty**-1415 dunatos-1) able, powerful, mighty, strong a) mighty in wealth and influence...(5) not many **noble**, are called-2104 eugenes (yoog-en'-ace);from 2095 and 1096; well born, i.e. (literally) high in rank, or (figuratively) generous: KJV-- more noble, nobleman. **(6)base things** of the world-36 agenes-ignoble, coward, base, of no family (that is, low-born)...**(7) NO flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx); probably from the base of 4563; flesh (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), KJV-carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly])...(8)**glory in his presence**-2744 kauchaomai (kow-khah'-om-ahee);from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and 2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): KJV-- (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.(see also **Gal 5:25**) (KJV)

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **20** But ye have not so learned Christ; **21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (see also **Eph 4:1-3**)

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

TRUE Christians, which are followers of God, through Christ and his apostles, do not have any example of those before us having EARTHLY, CARNAL, SECULAR fun, joys, pleasures, parties, and revellings or any such things. But rather, we have been warned against such. Contrary to what is being taught, Christianity is SERIOUS, and there is nothing more serious than it; in that it is about either having eternal life in HEAVEN or eternal death and torment in HELL(**Mark9:43-48; Luke16:19-25; Heb.10:24-31**). If Christ and those before us SUFFERED not to participate in such things, why do “Christians” today think they have the right not to suffer? True Christians today **must** SUFFER also, please read; “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.”We **MUST** also SUFFER to be **obedient** and follow those before us, so that we can cease from sin (**Philip.1:29-30; Heb.5:8-9; 1Pet 4:1-4**). The following scriptures are some of the things TRUE Christians **MUST** focus on, to be right (righteous) with God, through Christ and his apostles.

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?(see also **Matt.7:15-27**)

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

Definition:(1)let him deny himself -720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, to reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, to refuse, to deny oneself, to disregard one's own interests or to act entirely unlike himself...**(2)cross** daily-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross.

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.(KJV)

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. **(Please read 1Cor.10:19-23)**

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, **brethren**, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind not** high things, but **(2)condescend to men** of **(3)low estate**. Be not wise in your own conceits. **17** Recompense to no man 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, avenge not yourselves, but rather give (4)place unto 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)

Definitions: **(1)Mind not** high things-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, to be (mentally) disposed; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think...**(2)condescend to men**-4879 sunapago-a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what carries away b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power...**(3)low estate**-5011 tapeinos-1) not rising far from the ground a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree b) brought low with grief, depressed c) lowly in spirit, humble...**(4)** give **place** unto wrath-5117 topos-b) opportunity, power, occasion for acting (see also **Matt.5:38-39)**

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye walk (1)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. **18** And **be not drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit**; **19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;(KJV).....**Definition: (1)circumspectly**-exactly, accurately, diligently

Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. **29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; **30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me. (KJV)

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **9** **Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do:** and the God of peace shall be with you.(KJV)

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:(KJV)

1Thes 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, **12 That ye would walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1 Tim 6:17 Charge them **that are rich in this world**, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; **18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, **(1)ready to distribute, (2)willing to communicate**; **19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)ready to distribute**-2130 eumetadotos (yoo-met-ad'-ot-os);from 2095 and a presumed derivative of 3330; good at imparting, i.e. liberal: KJV-- ready to distribute 1) ready or free to impart **(2)willing to communicate**;2843 koinonikos (koy-no-nee-kos');from 2844; communicative, i.e. (pecuniarily) liberal: KJV-- willing to communicate.1) social, sociable 2) inclined to make others sharers in one's possessions, inclined to impart, free in giving, liberal

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

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 (1)unspotted from the (2)world. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1) keep himself unspotted**-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally): KJV-- without spot, unspotted. **(2) from the world**-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ

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**? (KJV)

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **(1)friendship** of the world is **(2)enmity** with God? whosoever therefore will be a **(3)friend** of the **(4)world is the enemy of God**.(see also **James 5:1-5**)

Definitions: (1)**friendship** of the world-5373 philia (fil-ee'-ah);from 5384; fondness: KJV-- friendship. (2)**enmity** with God-2189 echthra (ekh'-thrah); feminine of 2190; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition: KJV-- enmity, hatred...(3)**friend**-5384 philos (fee'-los); properly, dear, i.e. a friend; actively, fond, i.e. friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.): KJV—friend...(4) of the **world**-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.

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.

I Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. **6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (KJV)

Note the examples of the joys and pleasures of Christians before us; they are NOT EARTHLY, CARNAL, SECULAR ones. These are the ones TRUE Christians must follow, to be right “righteous” with GOD through Christ and his apostles:

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

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but **we also joy in God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. (see also **Rom 14:17-18;** **Rom 15:13;** **Rom 15:32-33**)

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.(see also **Eph 1:5**) (KJV)

Phil 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and **joy of faith;** (see also **Phil 1:3-6**) (KJV)

Phil 2:2 **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**(see also **Phil 4:1-4**) (KJV)

1Thes 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? **20** For ye are our glory and joy. (see also **1Thes 1:6-7**)

Phile 1:20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord. (see also **2Tim 1:4**)

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.(KJV)

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. (see also **James 5:7-8**)

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.**(KJV)

II Jn 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. **4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth,** as we have received a commandment from the Father.(KJV)

3 Jn 1:1 The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. **2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. **3 For I rejoiced greatly,** when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. **4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**(KJV)

Note the Apostle Paul's command to the Church in Corinth and Thessalonica, as he was guided by The Holy Ghost. Notice he said "whether ye be in THE faith," **not in A faith.** Note also the admonishments of the Apostles Peter, John and Jude the servant of Jesus Christ, as they also were guided by The Holy Ghost." **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 **(1)reprobates?"...Definition:** **(1)reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos);from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate.

II Th 3:4 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 **(1)withdraw yourselves** from every brother that **(2)walketh** disorderly, **and not after the tradition** which he received of us.

Definitions: **(1)withdraw yourselves**-4724 stello (stel'-lo); probably strengthened from the base of 2476; properly, to set fast ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) to repress (reflexively, abstain from associating with): KJV-- avoid, withdrawself. **(2)walketh**-4043 peripateo-to walk: b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life

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 (1)lusts, **Definition:** 1939 epithumia-desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust

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 **(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 Spirit.

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**

Dear reader, 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 may be 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 any one, especially one wanting to be or striving to be 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**, 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 doctrine, reproof and 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**)

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 (Acts 2:41-42), is the ONLY thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, 2Tim.3:12-17!

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