

Dear reader, we have some deep scriptural concerns about the religious world today. It seems in today's religious world, every one has an interpretation. Remember, the purpose of these articles is to share with you some scriptural truths, thereby exposing error, as we search for **the Truth**. Again, we believe through definitions and the preponderance of scripture (which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of scripture) on any topic, allows scripture to interpret scripture. This should also allow for a better understanding on that topic. The apostle Peter warns us about private interpretations, Please read; "**2 Pet 1:15** Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. **16** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables (which is believable error), when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** We have also **a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture **is of any private interpretation.** **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God **spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**"

Then the apostle Peter begin to teach us why we do well to take heed of their more sure word of prophecy, Please read; "**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. **4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" again the apostle Peter warns us of false teachers, Please read: "**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,"

Because of all the different interpretations given in the religious world today there is division; many different faiths (names), doctrines, traditions and even baptisms, if it is taught at all. If all religious teachers would hear Christ, do, and teach what he says, we would all be one in these things: all teaching and observing the same things according to the apostles' doctrine (**Matt.28:18-20; 1Cor. 1:9-13; Eph.4:2-5**). This would make us all right, "righteous" with God, but instead we are divided. Jesus is clear on how we are all to be one, and that is to **believe on him** through the apostle's word (**John 17:17-22**).

Now let's look at some different private interpretations, before going into our study, one being "Baptism is not essential for salvation". But **Jesus commanded his apostles** to do so (**Matt.28:18-20**). The **apostle Paul's** sins were washed away by baptism (**Acts 22:12-16**). After all, this is how one gets **into Christ**, by **putting on Christ** in baptism, according to this same apostle (**Gal.3:27**)

**Definition: Baptized**-907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV-- Baptist, baptize, wash. **The apostle Peter** says that baptism saves us (**1Pet.3:21-22**). Many believe this interpretation of man, "Just

pray this prayer, and let Christ in your heart, calling on the name of the Lord and you are saved". According to Christ and his apostles, we must be baptized by immersion after gladly receiving the apostles word, and continue steadfast in them (**Acts2:41-42**), if we are to have a chance of salvation. We are going to believe Christ and his apostles, what about you? For Christ gave them (the apostles) the word (Matt.28:16-20; Acts1:1-4).

Another private interpretation is "It doesn't matter what faith you are, go to a Church of your choice, we are all worshipping God." This all sounds good and convenient; many believe this private interpretation of man. This train of thought was tried before, with the three tabernacles, but **God** was NOT pleased and said, we must hear his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased and him only; "**Matt 17:1** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three (1)tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5 While he yet spake**, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. **7** And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. **8** And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." Definition:(1)tabernacles 4633 skene-1) a tent, a tabernacle, (made of green boughs, or skins or other materials) 2) used of that well-known movable temple of God after the pattern of which the temple at Jerusalem was built. If we are of God we must hear his word (**John8:47**). **Jesus** said we are to believe on him through his apostles' word (John17:1-26); "**Eph.4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **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,**" (see**Col.1:18**) Man says many faiths, but **God, Christ and his apostles** say ONE, we believe Christ, what about you?

Now, to address another private interpretation of man; "Saved by Grace... Only?" According to man "All you have to do is believe, and let Christ in your heart; you don't have to suffer, because he has already suffered for us; pray this prayer, calling on the name of Jesus; in Christ's name then you are saved by GRACE." Again, this all sounds good and convenient, but this is not what God said through Christ and his apostles. Many believe this private interpretation of man, also. Note the order given by the apostle Paul, one that God authorized through Jesus Christ; **Acts 22:12** And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, **13 (#1)**Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.**14** And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. **15** For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. **16** And now why tarriest thou? **(#2)** arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, (#3)calling on the name of the Lord. **17** And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while **(#4)**I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

This is so like man, why are we so contrary and rebellious? Why can't man teach all of what is written on a topic, and then strive to OBEY. Private interpretations are dangerous teachings; it leads to error, thereby putting souls in jeopardy. There is a thought among men, that there is one thing by which man is saved. According to God, through Christ and his apostles, there are many things that bring about salvation; this is who we believe, what about you? True, there is more than enough GRACE for ALL that have lived, is living and will ever live, but according to scripture we must DO what it takes to access it. We cannot continue in SIN that grace may abound, for GOD FORBID! We MUST REPENT and be BURIED with the Lord Jesus Christ; by baptism. Then, continue in righteousness thereby becoming a NEW SPIRITUAL MINDED

MAN, walking in Newness of Life. For, one cannot be a SECULAR MINDED MAN and please GOD. Please read:

**Rom 5:20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: **21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might **(1)grace (2)reign (3)through (4)righteousness** unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. **Chapter 6:1** What shall we say then? **(5)Shall we continue** in **(6)sin**, that **(7)grace (8)may abound?** **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were **(9)baptized** into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore **(10)we are buried with him by (11)baptism** into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also **(12)should walk** in newness of life. **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not **(13)serve** sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin. **8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: (KJV)

**Definitions:****(1)grace**-5485 charis (khar'-ece); from 5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): KJV-- acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy). **(2)reign**-936 basileuo (bas-il-yoo'-o); from 935; to rule (literally or figuratively): KJV-- king, reign. 935 basileus (bas-il-yooce'); probably from 939 (through the notion of a foundation of power); a sovereign (abstractly, relatively, or figuratively): KJV-- king. **(3)through**-1223 dia-1) with 2) in 2) during 1) by 2) by the means of, the ground or reason by which something is or is not done a) by reason of b) on account of c) because of for this reason. **(4)righteousness** unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord-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 2) in a narrower sense, justice or the virtue which gives each his due. 1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws. **(5)Shall we continue**-1961 epimeno (ep-ee-men'-o); from 1909 and 3306; to stay over, i.e. remain (figuratively, persevere): KJV-- abide (in), continue (in), tarry.

**(6)in sin**-266 hamartia-1) equivalent to 0264 b) to miss the mark c) to err, be mistaken d) to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong e) to wander from the law of God, to violate God's law, to sin, an offence, a violation of the divine law in thought or in act. **(7)may abound**, God forbid -4121 pleonazo (pleh-on-ad'-zo); from 4119; to do, make or be more, i.e. increase (transitively or intransitively); by extension, to superabound: KJV-- abound, abundant, make to increase, have over. **(8)baptized** into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death-907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo); from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV-- Baptist, baptize, wash. **(9)Therefore we are buried** with him-4916 sunthapto-to bury together with; For all who in the rite of believer's baptism are plunged into the water, thereby declare that they put faith in the expiatory death of Christ for the pardon of their past sins. Therefore, Paul likens immersion to a burial by which the former sinfulness is buried, that is, utterly taken away. **(10)by baptism** into death 908 baptisma (bap'-tis-mah); from 907; immersion, baptism (technically or figuratively): KJV-- baptism. **(11)we also should walk** in newness of life-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around; figuratively, to live, deport oneself, b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life: KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about). **(12)henceforth we should not serve** sin-1398 douleuo (dool-yoo'-o); from 1401; to be a slave to (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary), 1) to be a slave, serve, to do service; used of a nation in subjection to other nations 2) metaphorically, to obey, to submit to. b) in a bad

sense, of those who become slaves to some base power, to yield to, to give oneself up to: KJV-- be in bondage, (do) serve (-ice).

**Rom 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of **sinful flesh**, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the (\*)flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be (\*)**carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **7** Because the (\*)**carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the (\*)**flesh cannot please God**. **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** **10** And **if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness**. (read also Rom.12:16; 2Cor.4:15-18)

**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.** **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who (\*)**mind earthly things**.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Definition: (\*)SEC·U·LAR** *adj.* **1.** Worldly rather than spiritual; Earthly, earthy, materialistic, ultra mundane, Temporal, Terrestrial, Physical, Carnal, mortal, World.

For one to have access to Grace, one MUST also SUFFER to deny himself, take up his cross **daily** and follow Christ; thereby HATING his life in this WORLD. **Luke 9:22** Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **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 (3)follow me.** **24** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

**Definitions: (1)let him deny himself**-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate, to disregard one's own interests: KJV-- deny, refuse. **(2)take up his 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. **(3)follow me**-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow, reach.

**John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **25 (1)He that loveth his life shall lose it; and (2)he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.** **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

**Definitions:**(1)**He that loveth his life** shall lose it-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, 1) to love a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend 2) to show signs of love; to kiss 3) to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something): KJV-- kiss, love. (2)**he that hateth his life in this world** shall keep it unto life eternal 3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful).

### **The Lesson: “Are We Saved by Grace Only?”**

**SALVATION...** Thru the belief of the apostles' doctrine, which is the gospel, Baptism and sufferings.....

**Mark 16:14** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. **15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;** but he that believeth not shall be damned.(KJV)

**John 17:20** 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 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)

**Acts 2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (see also Acts 16:30-31 and John 17:20-21) (KJV)

**1 Cor 15:1** Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** **By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.** (see also 1 Cor 5:5; Rom 8:24; Rom 10:16-17 see also verses **9-14**) (KJV)

**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.(KJV)

**1 Tim 4:16** **Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine;** **continue in them:** for in doing this thou shalt **both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**(KJV)

Here, the apostle Paul is admonishing Timothy to be partakers of the afflictions (sufferings) of the gospel, as they the apostles were.

**2 Tim 1:8** Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; (see also **verses 9-13**) (KJV)

**2 Tim 2:10** Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also **obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.** **11** It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: **12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:** if we deny him, he also will deny us: **13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. **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. (see also Titus 3:1-5)

**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.

**1 Pet 3:20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein **few**, that is, eight souls were **saved by water.** **21** The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**1 Pet 4:18** And if the **(1)righteous (2)scarcely** be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? (see also **1 Pet 4:1-2**)

**Definitions:(1)righteous-**1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws. **(2)scarcely** be saved-3433 molis (mol'-is);probably by var. for 3425; 1) with difficulty, hardly 2) not easily, that is, scarcely, very rarely: KJV-- hardly, scarce (-ly), + with much work.

**1 Pet 5:10** But the God of all grace, who hath **called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,** **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.** **11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (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: (KJV)

**SALVATION.....Thru Obedience.....**

**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; see also verses **5-7**

**Matt 7:24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. **26** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: **27** And the rain descended,

and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. (see also Matt 17:1-8 and Acts 5:29)

**Rom 1:5** By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: (see also **Rom. 3:23-31**)

**Rom 2:8** But unto them that are contentious, and **do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath. (KJV)

**Rom 6:17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (KJV)

**Rom 15:18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not (1)wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed. (KJV)

**Definition:** (1)wrought by me-2716 katergazomai (kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee);from 2596 and 2038; do work fully, i.e. accomplish; by implication, to finish, fashion: KJV-- cause, to (deed), perform, work (out).

**2 Cor 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

**Gal 3:1** O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye **should not obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?(KJV)

**II Th 1:8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that **obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**: (KJV)

**1 Pet 1:22** Seeing ye have **purified your souls** in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: (see also Heb 11:8)

SALVATION...By Grace, thru...The Word, which is Truth, Knowledge, Righteousness, Faith, Humility, Endurance, Maintaining good works, Reverence and godly fear.

**John 1:17** For **the law** was given by Moses, but **(1)grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ. (see also verses 12-16)

**Definition:** (1)grace-5485 charis; 1) grace: 2) good will, loving-kindness, favor; used of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.

**Acts 20:31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**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 them which are sanctified.(KJV)

**2 Cor 6:1** We then, **as workers** together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not **the grace of God in vain**.(KJV)

**Gal 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not **(1)frustrate** the **grace of God**: for if righteousness come by **(2)the law**, then Christ is dead in vain...(see also **Gal 1:6-10; Gal 5:4-7**)

**Definitions:****(1)frustrate**-114 atheteo-1) to do away with, to set aside, to disregard 2) to thwart the efficacy of anything, to nullify, to make void, to frustrate 3) to reject, to refuse, to slight **(2)the law**-3551 nomos-b) used of the Mosaic law, and referring (according to the context) either to the volume of the law or to its contents d) the name of the more important part (the Pentateuch), is put for the entire collection of the sacred books of the Old Testament

**Eph 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, **(by grace ye are saved); 6** And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: **7** That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **8** For by **grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained **that we should walk in them**. (see **Rom.10:16-17**)

Here, the apostle Paul explains how **we have access** to the **dispensation of the grace of God** which was given **to him**, and **the rest of the apostles (2Pet.1:15-21; 3:1-3)**. According to the apostle Paul, this was done by revelation given to him. Whereby when we read and study **(2Tim.2:14-16) what is already written**, we will understand **their knowledge in the mystery of Christ**. So contrary to what we hear, **there is no need for God, Christ or the Holy Ghost to talk to us because it is already written**, as **the apostles** were guided by God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Please read:**

**Eph 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the **(1)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**: **(Please read also 1Cor.11 :1-3; 2Cor.1:12-14; 2Pet.1:15-21; 3:1-3; 1Jn.4:6; Jude1:17)**

**Definition:** **(1)dispensation** of the grace of God -3622 oikonomia---\_b) the office of a manager or overseer, stewardship c) administration, dispensation

**Eph 4:29** **Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth**, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may **minister grace** unto the hearers. (KJV)

**Eph 6:23** Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **24 Grace** be with all them that **(1)love our Lord Jesus Christ in (2)sincerity**. Amen.(KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)love our Lord Jesus Christ-John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments. **(2)sincerity**-861 aptharsia-1) incorruption, perpetuity 2) purity, sincerity, incorrupt

**Col 1:2** To the saints and **(1)faithful** brethren **in Christ** which are at Colosse: **Grace be unto you**, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.(KJV)

**Definition:** (1) **faithful** brethren in Christ-4103 pistos (pis-tos'); from 3982; objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: KJV-- believe (-ing, -r), **true**. 3982 peitho (pi'-tho); **to assent** (to evidence or authority): KJV-- **agree**, assure, believe,) make friend, **obey**, **trust**, **yield**.

**Col 1:6** Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the **grace** of God **in truth**: (KJV)

**II Th 2:10** 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)

**1 Tim 2:4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**2 Tim 2:1** Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the **grace that is in Christ Jesus**. **2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. **3** Thou therefore **endure hardness**, as a **good soldier of Jesus Christ**. (KJV)

**Titus 3:6** Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; **7** That being justified by his **grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **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. see also **Titus 2:11-15** (KJV)

**Heb 12:28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have **grace**, whereby we may **serve** God **acceptably with reverence and godly fear**: **29** For our God is a **consuming fire**. (see also Heb 12:14-15)

**James 1:22** 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.

Is there anyone that believe devils will be in heaven? **Of course not**; according to scripture, they believe and tremble. So then, Faith “only” is not enough for salvation. Please read:

**James 2:13** For he shall have **judgment without mercy**, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. **14** What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? **can faith save him?** **15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, **16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;

notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? **17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.** **18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.** **20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. **24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.(KJV)

**1 Pet 1:13** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the **grace** that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; **15** But as he which hath **(1)called** you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. (KJV) **Definition: (1)called-** invited)

**1 Pet 5:5** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth **grace to the humble.** (see also verses 6-9)

**2 Pet 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,(KJV)

**2 Pet 3:17** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. **18** But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.(KJV)

**II Jn 1:2** For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. **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 **(1)walking in (2)truth,** as we have received a commandment from the Father.(KJV)

**Definitions: (1)walking-**4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o);from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large; figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about).1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself **(2)in truth-**John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**(KJV)

To **scripturally** answer the question, "Are We Saved by Grace, Faith or for that matter, any one thing Only?", **the answer is ABSOLUTELY NOT.**

**2 Tim 3: 12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **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.

Note the apostle Paul's warning to the Church in Corinth, to examine themselves whether they were in THE FAITH, not A FAITH.....**2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves**, whether ye be **in the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(1)reprobates**? **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.(KJV) **Definition: (1)be reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, **worthless** (literally or morally): KJV--**castaway**.

Please remember, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, 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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