

Dear reader, as always, it is again a blessing to be able to share with you some scriptural truths. Again, we can never thank Mr. Prayther enough. Truly, there are MANY in the religious world today proclaiming to belong to Christ, "Christians": Loving this world and enjoying the things that are in it, "on our way to HEAVEN." But The LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST says the opposite. In **Matt. the 7th chapter, verses 13 and 14** Jesus as he taught his disciples on the mount said, the way, the gate, that leadeth to DESTRUCTION (which is Hell), is **broad and wide** (which is easy) and MANY will go there. Then he continues to teach, the way, the gate that leadeth unto LIFE (which is life eternal in HEAVEN), is **strait and narrow** (which is a suffering) and FEW there be that find it. Of that FEW we believe there will be even FEWER willing to suffer and follow the strait and narrow path of the apostle's doctrine, which is found in New Testament scripture. Lord willing, these are the two scriptures we will attempt to examine by scripture. Now let's read exactly what the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said: "**Matt 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." This is simply stated, we believe Jesus Christ how about you? Jesus also warned them of false prophets in verse; "**15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

The apostle Peter warns the church of the same thing, let's 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 (1)pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through (2)covetousness shall they with (3)feigned words make (4)merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.(KJV)

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The apostles are consistent with God through the Lord Jesus in their teachings, being guided by the Holy Ghost; whereby when we read we will understand their knowledge **in Christ (Eph.3:1-7; Col.4:15-18; 1Thes.5:27-28; 2Pet.1:15-21; 3:1-2; 1John4:4-6; Jude1:16-18)**. The Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ said in **John chapter 12 verses 25-26**, "**He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 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.**" We cannot have it our way, if we belong to Christ "Christians". We must do it His way because, we are not our own. We have been bought with a price (**1Cor.6:19-20; 7:22-23**). **Christians must DENY** themselves, take up their cross DAILY and follow him (**Luke 9:22-26**). The blueprint of The One Body, The One Church that Christ is building (**Matt.16:13-18; Acts 2: 41-47**), is found in The Apostles' Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures. This is the Church of and by Christ (**Rom.16:16-18; Eph.3:17-21; 4:1-6**). Now, let us scripturally examine a command given by The LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, as he was teaching his disciples on the mount. Then we will study the verification of this command to the church, through the apostles' word/doctrine (**John 17:16-23**), as it **authenticates** and **defines** those that belong to Christ. He that hath an ear let him hear, and then strive to do, if we are to be **one in Christ Jesus**.

The Lesson: Enter ye in at the strait gate

Let's allow the **(1) preponderance** of scripture and definitions to interpret the **13th** verse of Matt.7, as is our practice.

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Matt 7:13 ... at the strait gate: (KJV)

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. (KJV)

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (KJV)

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

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (KJV)

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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

2 Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (KJV)

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (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)

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. **4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:(KJV)

2 Tim 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: (KJV)

2 Tim 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **11** Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. **12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.(KJV)

Matt 7:13 ... for wide is the gate, and broad is the way (KJV)

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (KJV)

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. (KJV)

Rom 3:9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; **10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **13** Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: **14** Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: **15** Their feet are swift to shed blood: **16** Destruction and misery are in their ways: **17** And the way of peace have they not known: **18** There is no fear of God before their eyes. (KJV)

2 Cor 4:4 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. (KJV)

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

I Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world (1)lieth in wickedness. (KJV)
Definition:(**(1)lieth** in wickedness-2749 keimai-2) metaphorically: a) to be (by God's intent) set,, that is, destined, appointed c) lies in the power of the Evil One,, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **7** And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (KJV)

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Prov 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Matt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)

Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (KJV)

Matt 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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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. (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: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (KJV)

2 Pet 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (KJV)

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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Matt 7:14 Because **(1)strait** is the gate, and **(2)narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that **(3)find it.** (KJV)

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compressed way, narrow straitened, contracted. **(3)** few there be that **find it**-2147 heurisko (hyoo-ris'-ko); to find :KJV-- find, get, obtain, perceive, see. a) after searching, to find a thing sought 2) to find by enquiry, thought, examination, scrutiny, observation, to find out by practice and experience a) to see, learn, discover, understand.

Matt 7:14 ... narrow is the way, (KJV)

Num 24:13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? (KJV)

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.(KJV)

Matt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **25** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (KJV)

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. **19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. **20** Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. (KJV)

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

1Thes 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: **3** That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. **4** For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. **5** For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain. (KJV)

1 Pet 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. **20** For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. **21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: **24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (KJV)

1 Pet 4:1 Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;** **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.(KJV)

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Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen. (KJV)

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (KJV)

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 13:23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. (KJV)

Rom 12:1 (1)I beseech you therefore, **(2)brethren**, by the mercies of God, that (3)ye present your bodies a **(4)living (5)sacrifice, (6)holy, (7)acceptable** unto God, which is your **(8)reasonable (9)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)

Definitions:**(1)I beseech**-3870 parakaleo-1) to call to one's side, to call for, to summon 2) to address, to speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, instruction, etc. a) to admonish, to exhort b) to beg, to entreat, to beseech, to strive to appease by entreaty d) to encourage, to strengthen e) exhorting and comforting and encouraging f) to instruct, to teach **(2)brethren**-80 adelphos-1) a brother, whether born of the same two parents or only of the same father or mother 6) brethren in Christ d) Christians, as those who are exalted to the same heavenly place. **(3)ye present**-3936 paristemi or prolonged paristano-1) to place beside or near a) to set at hand 3) to provide 4) to place a person or thing at one's disposal 6) to present or show, to stand ready. **(4)living**-2198 zao (dzah'-o); a primary verb; to live (literally or figuratively): KJV-- life (-time), (a-) live (-ly), quick. **(5)sacrifice**-2378 thusia-a sacrifice, victim. **(6)holy**-40 hagios (hag'-ee-os); from hagos (an awful thing) [compare 53, 2282]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): KJV-- (most) holy (one, thing), saint. **(7)acceptable**-2101 euarestos (yoo-ar'-es-tos); from 2095 and 701; fully agreeable: KJV-- acceptable (-ted), wellpleasing. **(8)reasonable**-3050 logikos (log-ik-os'); from 3056; rational ("logical"): KJV-- reasonable, of the word. **(9)service**-2999 latreia (lat-ri'-ah); from 3000; ministration or God, i.e. worship: KJV-- (divine) service.

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: (KJV)

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

2 Pet 2:4 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; **5** And spared not the old world, **but saved Noah the eighth person**, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; **6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **7** And **delivered just Lot**, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:(KJV)

There are **many** in the religious world today teaching “just call on the name of the Lord Jesus, and let him in your heart, pray this prayer in Jesus name and you will be saved”. According to scripture, this is not what Jesus said. Lord willing, we will scripturally examine this doctrine at another time. Please read: “**Luke 6:46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and **do not the things which I say?**” In Jesus name, means by his authority and what Jesus authorizes is found in the apostles doctrine; but for now Please read: **Matt 28:18** 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **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. **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. **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 **(1)scoffers, walking after their own lusts,** **Definition:(1)scoffers-1703** empaiktes ; a derider, i.e. **a false teacher**: KJV-- scoffer.)

If religious teachers are teaching things that the Lord Jesus have not authorized by God through his apostles, remember the warning given by the apostle Peter, as he was guided by the Holy Spirit.

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Note the apostle Paul’s warning to the Church in Corinth, and also to Timothy:

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**.

2 Tim 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3 For the time will come** when they will not **(1)endure (2)sound (3)doctrine**; but after their own **(4)lusts (5)shall they heap** to themselves teachers, **(6)having itching** ears; **4** And they shall turn away their **(7)ears** from the **truth**, and shall be turned unto **(8)fables**. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)endure**-430 anechomai (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from 303 and 2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) **put up with**: KJV-- **bear with**, endure, forbear, suffer. **(2)sound**-5198 hugiaino (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); from 5199; to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine), 2) metaphorically: a) used of Christians whose opinions are free from any mixture of error: KJV-- be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some). **(3)doctrine**-1319 didaskalia (did-as-kal-ee'-ah); from 1320; instruction (the function or the information): KJV-- doctrine, learning, teaching, precepts. **(4)lusts**-1939 epithumia (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); from 1937; a longing (especially for what is forbidden): KJV-- concupiscence, desire, lust (after), craving, lust. **(5)shall they heap**-2002 episoreuo-to heap up, to accumulate in piles. **(6)having itching**-2833 knetho (knay'-tho); from a primary knao (to scrape); to scratch, i.e. (by implication) to tickle, to cause to itch: KJV-- X itching, desirous of hearing something pleasant. **(7)ears**-189 akoe (ak-o-ay'); from 191; hearing (the act, the sense or the thing heard): KJV-- **audience**, ear, fame, which ye heard, hearing, preached, report, rumor. **(8)fables**-3454 muthos (moo'-thos); perhaps from the same as 3453 (through the idea of tuition); a tale, i.e. fiction ("myth"): KJV—fable, a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood.

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 maybe one reason. We also believe that such ones might ask these questions: “How can I tell my wife, husband, children, or friends?” “How can I tell my father, mother, or kindred, that these are truths?” The question should be: “How can 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 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, throughly 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**)

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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