

In the past few months we have studied the things that GOD has chosen (**1Cor.1:26-31; James 2:5**), again thereby understanding the things HE hath NOT chosen, and WHY (**Luke 4:5-7**). We have also learned by scripture HOW Christians are to live in this world, to be RIGHT, righteous with GOD, **Please read**,(Matt 19:20-26; Luke 4:1-6; Luke 6:24-25; Luke 8:14-15; Luke 12:15-20; Luke 21:33-36; Acts 18:1-3; Acts 20:32-35; Rom 12:12-15; 1 Cor 7:29-31; 1Thes 4:11; II Th 3:6-14; 1 Tim 6:17-19; 2 Tim 3:4-5; Titus 2:11-15; Titus 3:3; Heb 11:23-27; James 1:9-12; James 2:1-5; James 5:1-3; James 5:5 ; 1 Pet 1:24-25; I Jn 2:15-17; I Jn 5:17-21; Rev 12:9; Rev 13:7-9; Rev 14:13; Rev 21:4-8.) Again, we believe this is the key to Living a Christian LIFESTYLE. A Christian MUST understand the will of God through Christ and His apostles, in order to live the life that is RIGHT, righteous with GOD; **Eph 5:13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that (1)ye walk (2)circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

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Man teaches that to have Carnal (secular) Prosperity in this world is a blessing from God. In our study of scripture we have learned the opposite. We have learned that God has not chosen this type of lifestyle, let alone blessed us with it. Contrary to what is taught, we have also learned that God has given over these things and this type of lifestyle to the carnal/secular god of this world, which is the devil. According to scripture the devil gives it to whom he pleases; if we will worship him all shall be ours, (**Matt.4:8-9; Luke 4:5-7; John14:30; 1Cor.10:20-22; 2Cor.4:1-6; Eph.2:1-3; 6:10-13; 1John5:17-21; Rev.12:7-9; 13:6-9**). Yet there are many religious leaders teaching carnal PROSPERITY in this world. So, again, is it because of some personal agenda? **Could they be HIRELINGS, Please read;** “**John 10:12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. **13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep”; **Supposing that gain is godliness, Please read;** “**1 Tim 6:3** If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, (1)supposing that (2)gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself. 6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content”; **So that merchandise can be made of you, 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 (3)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”; **Why would one teach covetous practices ? Please read;** “**2 Pet 2:14** Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; (4)beguiling (5)unstable souls; an heart they have (6)exercised (7)with covetous practices; cursed children: **15** Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray,

following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness"; Again, we know not what their agendas are but the Lord knows.

Definitions: (1)**supposing**-3543 nomizo (nom-id'-zo); from 3551; properly, to do by law (usage), i.e. to accustom (passively, be usual); by extension, to deem or regard, to hold by custom or usage, to own as a custom or usage, to follow a custom or usage; it is the custom, it is the received usage, to deem, to think, to suppose: KJV-- suppose, thing, **be wont**. (2)that **gain** is godliness-4200 porismos (por-is-mos'); from a derivative of poros (a way, i.e. means); furnishing (procuring), i.e. (by implication) money-getting (acquisition), source of gain: KJV-- gain. (3)**make merchandise** of you-1710 emporoumai (em-por-yoo'-om-ah-ee); from 1722 and 4198; to travel in (a country as a peddler), i.e. (by implication) to trade to traffic, to deal in, to use a person or a thing for gain: KJV-- buy and sell, make merchandise. (4)**beguiling**-1185 deleazo (del-eh-ad'-zo); from the base of 1388; to entrap, i.e. (figuratively) delude1) to bait, to catch with bait, to deceive: KJV-- allure, beguile, entice. (5)**unstable souls**-793 asteriktos (as-tay'-rik-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 4741; unfixed, i.e. (figuratively) vacillating: KJV—unstable, unsteadfast. (6) heart they have **exercised**-1128 gumnazo (goom-nad'-zo); from 1131; to practise naked (in the games), i.e. train (figuratively) ,to exercise vigorously, in any way, either the body or the mind: KJV-- exercise. (7)**with covetous practices**-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah);from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.

Again, we do know that the Lord loves us, and has but one agenda; “**2 Pet 3:7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy **(1)conversation and godliness,** **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

Definition: (1) all holy conversation-391 anastrophe (an-as-trof-ay'); from 390; manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment: KJV-- conversation.

Man MUST have his own agenda if he teaches not the things GOD has chosen, through Christ, and his apostles. The lifestyle for **the** Church that Christ is the head of (**Eph.5:23-24; Col.1:13-20**) and is yet building (**Acts 2:47**), MUST be found in his apostles' doctrine (**Matt. 28:16-20; John17:17-21; Acts 1:1-4 and 2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-3; 2Pet.3:1-2; 1John4:4-6**). We MUST be very careful of what man teaches. We MUST check it by the WORD (**1Thes.5:21-22**) because, with FLESH, and with the FLESHLY EYE it might feel and look right, and with the CARNAL EAR it might even sound right. This brings us to the lesson, but before we get started, just as a scriptural reminder to those of us that profess Christianity, we MUST become new “SPIRITUAL” creatures in Christ Jesus; for with the carnal/fleshly (secular) mind we CANNOT PLEASE GOD (**Rom.8:4-9**). “**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.” “**Eph 4:20** 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.”(KJV)

THE LESSON: There is a way which seemeth right unto a man

Prov 14:12 There is **(1)a way** which seemeth **(2)right** unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of **(3)death**. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)a way**-1870 derek (deh'-rek); from 1869; a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb: KJV-- conversation, custom, a habit, a journey, a manner, a path, a direction, used of moral character. **(2)** seemeth **right** unto a man-3477 yashar (yaw-shawr'); straight (literally or figuratively): -convenient, equity, just, meet (-est), + pleased well, straight, (most) upright (-ly, -ness).straight, upright, correct, level, right, pleasing, correct straightforward, just, fitting, proper, uprightness, righteous, what is upright (substantive). **(3)death**-4194 maveth (maw'-veth); from 4191; death (natural or violent); concretely, the dead, their place or state (hades); figuratively, pestilence, ruin: KJV-- (be) dead ([-ly]), death.

Prov 14:12...There is a way which seemeth right unto a man ... Ref. Scriptures:

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)

Prov 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. (KJV)

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

Prov 30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (Please read also; 1Pet.3:21-22; Acts2: 36-47; 9:17-20; 22:13-17; Gal.3:27)

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **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)

Jer 10:1 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: **2** Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. **3** For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. **4** They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. (KJV)

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. (KJV)

Matt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to **(1)destruction**, and **(2)many** there be which go in thereat: **14** Because **(3)strait** is the gate, and **(4)narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that **(5)find** it.

Definitions: **(1)destruction**-684 apoleia (ap-o'-li-a); from a presumed derivative of 622; ruin or

loss (physical, spiritual or eternal): KJV-- damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste.b) the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell.

(2)**many**-4183 polus (pol-oos'); including the forms from the alternate pollos; (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many; neuter (singular) as adverbial, largely; neuter (plural) as adverb or noun often, mostly, largely: KJV-- abundant, + altogether, common, many, much, oft (-en [-times]), plenteous.

(3)Because **strait** is the gate-4728 stenos (sten-os'); probably from the base of 2476; **narrow** (from obstacles standing close about): KJV-- strait. 2476 histemi-b) to make firm, to establish 1) to cause a person or a thing to keep his or its place 2) to stand, to stand still, to stand immovable, to stand firm, 1) to continue safe and sound 2) to be of a steadfast mind 3) used of quality, one who does not hesitate, who does not waiver. (4)**narrow** is the way-2346 thlibo (thlee'-bo); akin to the base of 5147; to crowd (literally or figuratively): KJV-- afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.1) to press (as grapes), to press hard upon 2) a compressed way, narrow straitened, contracted 3) metaphorically, to trouble, to afflict, to distress. (5)few there be that find it-2147 heurisko (hyoo-ris'-ko); to find (literally or figuratively): KJV-- find, get, obtain, perceive, to see, after searching, to find by enquiry, thought, examination, scrutiny, observation, to find out by practice and experience, learn, discover, understand

Matt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **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. **28** And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: **29** For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (KJV)

Matt 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.(KJV)

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **14** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for (1)**that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God**.(KJV)

Definition:(1)**that which is highly esteemed** 5308 hupselos (hoop-say-los'); from 5311; lofty (in place or character), 2) metaphorically, eminent, exalted a) in influence and honor b) to set the

mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), to be aspiring: KJV-- high (-er, -ly) (esteemed).

John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? **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 9:13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: **14** And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. **15** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **16** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. **17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, **and was (1)baptized.** **19** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. **20** And **straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues**, that he is the Son of God.(KJV)

Definition: (1)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.

Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: **2** I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: **3** Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. **4** My manner of life from my youth, which was **at the first** among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; **5** Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. (Please read also; Acts 22:13-16)

Acts 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. **11** And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. **12** Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, **13** At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. **14** And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **15** And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

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. **7** Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. **8** For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. **9** For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong; and this also we wish, even your perfection. **10** Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction. **11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be

of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. (KJV)

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.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. **10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for **if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.** **11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. **12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. **13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: **14** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. **15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; **4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. **5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **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. **12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye **(1)walk (2)circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, **but understanding what the will of the Lord is.** **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; **21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Difinitions: (1)walk-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)circumspectly**-199 akribos-exactly, accurately, diligently

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 (2)that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. **7** For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; (KJV)

Definition: (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), c) to remove oneself, to withdraw oneself, to depart d) to abstain from familiar intercourse with one: KJV-- avoid, withdrawself. **(2)that walketh disorderly**-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary), 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life: KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about).

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. **26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. **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**.

Difinitions: (1)unspotted from-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally), 2) metaphorically, a) free from censure, irreproachable b) free from vice, unsullied: KJV-- without spot, unspotted. **(2)the world** 2889 kosmos (kos'-mos); probably from the base of 2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]) 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: KJV-- adorning, world.

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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