

There are many in the religious world today proclaiming to be “Christ-ians”. The name itself indicates ownership. There are many proclaiming to belong to Christ, but they are thinking and doing things their own way. There are lifestyles, things that are put in place for worship, and names that are given to men that cannot be found in the apostles’ doctrine. There are also TRADITIONS that has been put in place by MAN for worship and OBSERVANCE, it is certain these traditions are by man because, they cannot be found in the APOSTLE’S doctrine. We cannot have it our way just because it “SEEMETH RIGHT” (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25; Isa.55:6-9). Those that belongs to Christ has been commanded what to observe; **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. Jesus has also told us how to believe on him and that is through his apostle’s WORD; **John 17:18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Then the apostles’ authorization by Christ was verified; **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. **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. **1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. **Eph 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; **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: **1 Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. **Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they who separate themselves, **(1)sensual**, having not the Spirit....

**Definition: (1)sensual** 5591 psuchikos-b) governed by breath; the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion

If we belong to Christ, “Christ-ians”(Rom.8:9-15), we must do it his way because we are not our own, we have been bought with a price (1Cor.6:19-20 and 7:22-24). Christians must deny themselves take up the cross daily and follow him; **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, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and 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. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. The blueprint of The One Body (Eph.4:1-6), The One Church that Christ is building, and is the head of (Matt.16:13-18; Acts2:47; Col.1:9-20), is found in The Apostles' Doctrine, which is in New Testament Scriptures. Now let us read in The Apostles' Doctrine as it defines those that belong to Christ. **He that hath an ear let him hear, and then strive to do.**

**The Study: THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S.**

**Gal 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.(KJV)

**Ref. Scriptures for: Gal 5:24 ... they that are Christ's**

**Matt 23:5** But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, **6** And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, **7** And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. **8** But be not ye called Rabbi: for **one** is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. **9** And call no man your father upon the earth: for **one** is your Father, **which is in heaven.** **10** Neither be ye called masters: for **one** is your Master, **even Christ.** **11** But he that is greatest among you **shall be your servant.** **12** And whosoever shall **(1)exalt himself shall (2)be abased;** and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.(KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)exalt himself**-5312 hupsoo (hoop-so'-o);from 5311; to elevate (literally or figuratively): KJV-- exalt, lift up. **ex·alt** (1g-zôlt“) *tr.v.* ex·alt-ed, ex·alt-ing, ex·alts. 1. To raise in rank, character, or status; elevate. 2. To glorify, praise, or honor. 3. To increase the effect or intensity of; heighten. **(2)be abased**-5013 tapeinoo (tap-i-no'-o);from 5011; to depress; figuratively, to humiliate (in condition or heart): KJV-- abase, bring low, humble (self). a·base (...-b³s“) *tr.v.* a·based, a·bas-ing, a·bas-es. To lower in rank, prestige, or esteem. --a·base“ment *n.*

**John 1:17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.(KJV)

**John 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.(KJV)

**Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **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. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. **40** And with many

other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. **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)

**Rom 8:5** 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.(KJV)

**Rom 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. **5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. **6** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)(KJV)

**1 Cor 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.(KJV)

**1 Cor 7:22** For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **23** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. **24** Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. (KJV)

**2 Cor 10:7** Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. (KJV)

**Gal 3:23** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. **24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (KJV)

**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, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.(KJV)

**Eph 5:22** **Wives,** submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. **25** **Husbands,** love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife

loveth himself. **29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:** **30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and **the wife see that she reverence her husband.**(KJV)

**Ref. Scriptures for: Gal 5:24 ...have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust.**

**Rom 6:5** 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 serve sin.(KJV)

**Rom 8:12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.(KJV)

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

**Rom 13:14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not **(1)provision** for the **(2)flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof.(KJV)

**Definitions: (1)provision**-4307 pronoia- 1) forethought, providential care 2) to make provision for a thing

**(2)flesh**-4561 sarx (sarx);(by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, KJV-- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]), secularly minded.

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

**Gal 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. **19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.(KJV)

**Gal 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.(KJV)

**Eph 4:22** 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.

**1 Pet 2:11** **Dearly beloved,** I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts,** which

war against the soul;(KJV)

**Ref. Scriptures for: Gal 5:24 ... additional scriptures....they that are Christ's**

**Matt 5:29** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. **30** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

**Matt 5:38** Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: **39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40** And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. **41** And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. **42** Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. **43** Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.(KJV)

**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.(KJV)

**Matt 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.(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. **35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. **36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **37** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?(KJV)

**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. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. (KJV)

**Definition: (1)** If any man will come after me **let him deny** himself -533 *aparneomai* (ap-ar-neh'-om-ah-ee);from 575 and 720; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain: KJV-- deny. a) to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone b) to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and one's own interests

**(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)** and **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 3:5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (KJV)

**John 12:23** And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. **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 (2)shall lose it; and (3)he that hateth his life in this (4)world (5)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-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; to kiss (as a mark of tenderness), a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction 3) to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something): KJV-- kiss, love. **(2)shall lose it-622** apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee);from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively: KJV-- destroy, die, lose, mar, perish. **(3)he that hateth his life-3404** miso (mis-eh'-o);from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful).

**(4)in this 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. **(5)shall keep it unto life eternal-5442** phulasso (foo-las'-so); probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally of figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: KJV-- beware, keep (self), observe, save. Compare 5083.

**Rom 7:18** For I know that in me **(that is, in my flesh,)** dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.(KJV)

**Rom 12:16** Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind not (2)high things, but (3)condescend to men of (4)low estate.** Be not wise in your own conceits. **17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Definitions:(1)Mind not-5426** phroneo (fron-eh'-o);to exercise the mind, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, regard, savour, think. **(2)high things-5308** hupselos-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. **(3)conscend-4879** sunapago-b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power. **(4)low estate-5011** tapeinos-1) not rising far from the ground a) as a condition, lowly, of low degree

Dear reader please note **Romans chapter 13, verse one**; Christians are to be subject unto all higher powers, world wide; for God is not limited to any one country (Acts17:24-31). This is to be done as long as it doesn't cause conflict with God, through Christ and his apostles' doctrine (Acts5:25-29).

**Rom 13:1** Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. **2** Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.(KJV)

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

**1 Cor 14:34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. **35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. **36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? **37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.(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.**(KJV)

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

**Titus 2:3** The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **4** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** To be discreet, chaste, **(1)keepers at home,** good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)keepers at home**-3626 oikourgos (oy-koor-gos') or oikouros (oy-koo-ros');from 3624 and ouros (a guard; be "ware"); a stayer at home, i.e. domestically inclined (a "good housekeeper"), -caring for the house, working at home a) the (watch or) keeper of the house b) keeping at home and taking care of household affairs c) a domestic: KJV-- keeper at home.

**Titus 2:12 Teaching us that,** denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.(KJV)

**James 2:17 Even so faith,** if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. **20** But wilt

thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (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)

**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,

**1 Jn 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.(KJV)

**2 Cor 13:3** Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. **4** For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. **5 (1)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 **(2)reprobates?**(KJV)

**Definitions: (1)Examine yourselves**-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo);from 3984; **to test** (objectively), i.e. endeavor, **scrutinize**, discipline: KJV-- **assay**, examine, go about, prove, tempt (-er), try.

**(2)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.

Note: The Apostle Paul said “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith”, he did not say in a faith. We must conclude from this statement that there were other faiths, and those that profess to be of Christ, **MUST** make sure that they are in the one AUTHORIZED by CHRIST.

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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