

## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

**Acts 11:26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch.

**Christians 5546 Christianos- a Christian, a follower of Christ**

**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.

**Mark 8:34 ... called the people unto him with his disciples also,**

**Mark 7:14** And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:

**Mark 8:34 ... Whosoever will come after me,**

**Mark 8:27** And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? 28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. 29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. 30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. 31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to **(1)rebuke** him. 33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou **(2)savourest** not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. 34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will **(3)come (4)after** me, let him **(5)deny** himself, and **(6)take up** his **(7)cross**, and **(8)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?

### Definitions

**(1)rebuke-** 2008 epitimao- to tax upon, i.e. censure or admonish; by implication, **forbid**: (straitly) charge, rebuke. **(2)savourest-** 5426 phroneo- to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for; to seek one's interest or advantage; to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs). **(3)come-**190 akoloutheo- **to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany** (specially, as a disciple): **follow**, reach. **(4)after-** 3694 opiso-back, behind, after, afterward. **(5)deny-** 533 aparneomai- to deny; to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and one's own interests; to deny utterly, i.e. disown, abstain: **(6)take up-** 142 airo- to take upon oneself and carry what has been raised up, to bear **(7)cross-** 4716 stauros- 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: used of those who on behalf of God's cause do not hesitate cheerfully and manfully to bear persecutions, trouble, distresses,...thus recalling the fate of Christ and the spirit in which he encountered it KJV-- cross.

**(8)follow-** 190 akoloutheo- **to be in the same way with**, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple): **follow**, reach.

**Mark 8:34 ... Whosoever will come after me,**

**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.

**offend-** 4624 skandalizo- to put a stumblingblock (impediment) in the way, upon which another may trip and fall; metaphorically, to offend; to entice to sin

**Matt 7:13** Enter ye in at the **(1)strait (2)gate**: for **(3)wide** is the gate, and **(4)broad** is the way, that leadeth to **(5)destruction**, and **(6)many** there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and **(7)narrow** is the **(8)way**, which leadeth unto life, and **(9)few** there be that find it.

#### Definitions

**(1)strait-** 4728 stenos- narrow, strait. **(2)gate-** 4439 pule- metaphorically, the access or entrance into any state. **(3)wide-** 4113 plateia- a broad way, a street. **(4)broad-** 2149 euruchos- spacious, broad. **(5)destruction-** 684 apoleia- the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell. **(6)many-** 4183 polus- many, much, large. **(7)narrow-** 2346 thlibo- a compressed way, narrow straitened, contracted. **(8)way-** 3598 hodos- a way, a traveled way, a road. **(9)few-** 3641 oligos- little, small, few; used of number: multitude, quantity, or size

**Mark 9:43** And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter **halt** into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

**Definition: halt-** 5560 cholos - "halt", i.e. limping: cripple, halt, lame.

**Luke 14:25** And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

**Rom 15:1** We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. 3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

**Phil 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count **(1)all things** but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but **(2)dung**, that I may win Christ,

#### Definitions

**(1)all things-** 3956 pas- each, every, any, all, the whole, **everyone, all things, everything**

**(2)dung-** 4657 skubalon- **any refuse, as the excrement of animals**, offscourings, rubbish, garbage, dregs; used of things that are worthless and detestable

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying **(1)ungodliness** and **(2)worldly (3)lusts**, we should live **(4)soberly, (5)righteously**, and godly, in this present world;

#### Definitions

**(1)ungodliness-** 763 asebeia- want of reverence toward God, ungodliness; impiety, i.e. (by implication) wickedness. **(2)worldly-** 2886 kosmos- used of or belonging to the world; earthly, worldly, that is, having the character of this present corrupt age. **(3)lusts-** 1939 epithumia- desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust. **(4)soberly-**4996 sophronos (so-fron'-oce); adverb from 4998; with sound mind, i.e. moderately: KJV-- soberly.4998 sophron (so'-frone);from the base of 4982 and that of 5424; safe (sound) in mind, i.e. self-controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion): KJV-- discreet, sober, temperate. **(5)righteously-** 1346 dikaios- uprightly, agreeable to the law of rectitude

#### **Mark 8:34 ... take up his cross,**

**Mark 10:17** And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? **18** And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. **19** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. **20** And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. **21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. **22** And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! **24** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

**Acts 14:22 (1)Confirming** the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through **(2)much (3)tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God.

### Definitions

**(1)Confirming-** 1991 episterizo- to render more firm, to confirm; to support further, i.e. reestablish: confirm, strengthen. **(2)much-** 4183 polus- many, much, large. **(3)tribulation-** 2347 thlipsis- oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits

**Rom 6:6** 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.

**Rom 8:17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

**1 Cor 4:9** For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. **10** We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. **11** Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; **12** And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: **13** Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. **14** I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. **15** For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. **16** Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. **17** For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

**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.

**Gal 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the **(1)affections** and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also **(2)walk** in the Spirit.

### Definitions

**(1)affections-** 3804 pathema- used of an inward state: an affection, a passion. **(2)walk-** 4748 stoicheo- to walk, to direct one's life, to live

**Gal 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is **(1)crucified** unto me, and I unto the world.

### Definition

**(1)crucified-** 4717 stauroo- **to crucify: metaphorically, to crucify the flesh, destroy its power utterly** (the nature of the figure implying that the destruction is attended with intense pain). [I have been crucified to something and it has been crucified to me, so that we are dead to each other all fellowship and intercourse between us has ceased.]

**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.

**Mark 8:34 ... follow me.**

**Luke 9:57** And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (KJV)

**Luke 14:26** If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

**John 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**John 13:36** Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

**John 21:19** This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

**I Jn 3:16** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

**John 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

**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.

**John 12:26** 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.

**Matt 10:34** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

**2 Cor 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be

my people. 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,

**1 Cor 1:19** For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the **(1)wise**, and will **(2)bring to nothing** the **(3)understanding** of the **(4)prudent**.

#### Definitions

**(1)wise-** 4680 sophos- wise: wise, skilled in letters, cultivated, learned. **(2)bring to nothing-** 114 atheteo- to thwart the efficacy of anything, to nullify, to make void, to frustrate. **(3)understanding-** 4907 sunesis- knowledge; understanding. **(4)prudent-** 4908 sunetos- intelligent, having understanding, wise, learned

**1 Cor 1:20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God **(1)made foolish** the **(2)wisdom** of this world?

#### Definitions

**(1)made foolish-** 3471 moraino- to be foolish, to act foolishly; to make foolish, to prove a person or a thing foolish. **(2)wisdom-** 4678 sophi- wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual): wisdom.

**1 Cor 1:26** For ye see your **(1)calling**, brethren, how that not many wise men **(2)after** the flesh, not many **(3)mighty**, not many **(4)noble**, are called:

#### Definitions

**(1)calling-** 2821 klesis- a call, an invitation; used of the divine invitation to embrace salvation of God. **(2)after-** 2596 kata- according to, toward, along. **(3)mighty-** 1415 dunatos- able, powerful, mighty, strong; mighty in wealth and influence. **(4)noble-** 2104 eugenes- well born, of noble race

**1 Cor 1:27** But God hath chosen the **(1)foolish** things of the world to **(2)confound** the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And **(3)base** things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are **(4)not**, to **(5)bring to nought** things that are: **29** That no flesh **(6)should glory** in his presence.

#### Definitions

**(1)foolish -** 3474 moros- **dull or stupid** (as if shut up), i.e. **heedless**, (morally) **blockhead**, (apparently) **absurd**: fool (-ish, X -ishness). **(2)confound-** 2617 kataischuno- **to put to shame**, to make ashamed; **to shame down**, i.e. **disgrace** or (by implication) put to the blush: confound, dishonour, (be a-, make a-) shame (-d). **(3)base-** 36 agenes- ignoble, coward, mean, base, of no family (that is, low-born). **(4)not-** 3361 me- no, not lest. **(5)bring to nought-** 2673 katargeo- to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, or inoperative; to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency; to deprive of force, influence, or power. **(6)should glory-** 2744 kauchaomai- **(to boast)** and 2172; **to vaunt** (in a good or a bad sense): (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

**1 Cor 3:18** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is **(1)foolishness** with God. For it is written, **(2)He taketh** the wise in their own **(3)craftiness**.

### Definitions

(1)**foolishness**- 3472 moria- silliness, i.e. absurdity: foolishness. (2)**He taketh**- 1405 drassomai- (through the idea of capturing); to grasp, i.e. (figuratively) **entrap**, take. (3)**craftiness**- 3834 panourgia- a specious or false wisdom

### THE FIVE STEPS THAT PUTS ONE INTO CHRIST

#### (#1-HEAR)

**Matt 17:4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three 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.

**Acts 3:22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

**Acts 1:2** 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:

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

**2 Pet 3:2** 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:

#### (#2BELIEVE)

**John 3:14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 12:48** He that (1)**rejecteth** me, and (2)**receiveth** not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a (3)**commandment**, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

### Definitions

(1)**rejecteth**- 114 atheteo- to reject, to refuse, to slight. (2)**receiveth**- 2983 lambano- not to refuse or reject. (3)**commandment**- 1785 entole- an order, a command, a charge, a precept, an injunction, what is prescribed to one by reason of his office; a prescribed rule in accordance with which a thing is done

#### (#3REPENT)

**Mark 1:14** Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent** ye, and believe the gospel.

**Definition: repent-** 3340 metaneo- to change one's mind (heart) for the better, to amend heartily with abhorrence of one's past sins

**Luke 13:3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

**Acts 3:19** Repent ye therefore, and be **converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

**Definition: converted-** 1994 epistrepho- to turn to oneself; reform

**Acts 26:20** But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do **(1)works (2)meet** for **(3)repentance**.

#### Definitions

**(1)works-** 2041 ergon- from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: deed, doing, labour, work. **(2)meet-** 514 axios- **deserving, comparable or suitable** (as if drawing praise): due reward, **meet**, [un-] **worthy**. **(3)repentance-** 3341 metanoia- compunction (for guilt, **including reformation**); by implication **reversal (of [another's] decision)**: repentance.

**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.

**Definition: remission-** 859 aphesis- forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission (forgiveness) of the penalty

**(#4CONFESS)**

**Rom 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

**Definition: confession-** 3670 homologeo- to assent, i.e. **covenant**, acknowledge: con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, give thanks, **promise**.

**(#5BAPTISM)**

**Matt 28:19** 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.

**Mark 16:16** He that believeth and is **baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

**Definition: baptized-** 907 baptizo- 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: Baptist, baptize, wash.

**Acts 22:16** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace 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 baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also 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 serve sin.

**1 Cor 12:13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**Gal 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

#### **Gal 3:27 ... put on Christ.**

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

**Eph 4:19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**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.

**Col 3:1** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put

on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**THE SEVEN STEPS THAT KEEPS ONE IN CHRIST; IF WE ABOUND IN THEM**  
Giving all diligence, add to your faith

**2 Pet 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving **(1)all diligence, (2)add to your (3)faith (4)virtue**; and to virtue **(5)knowledge**; 6 And to knowledge **(6)temperance**; and to temperance **(7)patience**; and to patience **(8)godliness**; 7 And to godliness **(9)brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **(10)charity**.

**Definitions:**

**(1)all diligence**-4710 spoude (spoo-day'); from 4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness: KJV-- business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste. **(2)add**-2023 epichoregeo (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o); from 1909 and 5524; to furnish besides, i.e. fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: KJV-- add, minister (nourishment, unto). **(3)faith**-4102 pistis (pis'-tis); from 3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: KJV-- assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity. 3982 peitho (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty): KJV-- agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, trust, yield. **(4)virtue**-703 arete (ar-et'-ay); from the same as 730; properly, manliness (valor), i.e. excellence (intrinsic or attributed): KJV-- praise, virtue. **(5)knowledge**-1108 gnosis (gno'-sis); from 1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge: KJV-- knowledge. **(6)temperance**-1466 egkrateia (eng-krat'-i-ah); from 1468; self-control (especially continence): KJV-- temperance. **(7)patience**-5281 hupomone (hoop-om-on-ay'); from 5278; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: KJV-- enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting). **(8)godliness**-2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: KJV-- godliness, holiness. 1) reverence, respect 2) piety; devoted toward God. **(9)brotherly kindness**-5360 philadelphia (fil-ad-el-fee'-ah); from 5361; fraternal affection: KJV-- brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren. 1) love of brothers or sisters, brotherly love 2) in the New Testament, the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren. **(10)charity**-26 agape (ag-ah'-pay); from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: KJV-- (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love. 1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence 2) love feasts

**2 Pet 1:8** For if these things be in you, and (1)abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.(KJV)

**Definition:(1)and abound**-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....**4119** pleion neuter pleion or pleon-1) greater in quantity: the more part, very many 2) greater in quality: superior, more excellent