

SPORTS ARE WE WHAT WE WEAR AND WATCH?

“It may be only a game, but some in Texas see it almost as a religion”

In Texas, **football is more than just a game.** “It’s kind of its own religion in Texas,” Houston Texans center Steve Mc Kinney said. “There are **enough people who love football--who hopefully don’t worship it -- but who plan a lot of their days and time around watching it.**” Some might even say that the **sport’s 38th annual revival, the Super Bowl,** will be played on **football holy ground -- Texas.**

But is football really the official religion of the state? “I don’t know whether it should be defined that way, **but it is revered with a passion.**” said Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association and the legendary Baylor coach responsible for a 1974 victory over the Texas Longhorns known as “The Miracle on the Brazos.” “If it were categorized as **something people believed in, they supported it, they attended it, and they had a daily and nightly year-round, 24-hour-a-day passion for it,** then it could be compared to a religion,” added Teaff, a committed coach) and Christian. “But only in those categories.” (By Tara Dooley, **Houston Chronicle, Section G, Saturday, Jan.31, 2004**)

Brothers and sisters if we are honest with ourselves; we will have to admit that the above article is mostly, if not completely true. Sports are an **addiction**, thereby “**revered with a passion**” that many **worships**. Not only are sports Worshiped and Idolized but, so are the Athletes that Play the Game, and is worshiped with strong emotions: such as **Intensity, Anger, Enthusiasm and Love!** Jerseys are bought and worn with their numbers on them so that all may see who we love. Their shoes and other memorabilia are bought and worn, to show and support our idols, “I want TO BE LIKE MIKE.” The statement in the above article, “**something people believed in, they supported it, they attended it, and they had a daily and nightly year-round, 24-hour-a-day passion for it**”, should prompt The **Church** to ask the question, does this sports article apply to it, the Church in any manner?” The Church must have true answers and true concerns to this question.

Brothers and Sisters we must remember that, most all addicts will state that they are not addicted; it is what’s called denial. If we The Church, are truthful, we do not have “a daily and nightly year-round, 24-hour-a-day passion for” The Lord, **as we should.** Yet, what is done on the Lord’s Day is called Worship, with **no Passion!** Now, let’s look at a word or two that was used in the above article before we start our study, the main glossary will be at the end of this document. Please study it carefully.

Revered-*Syn.* reverence, venerate, **worship**, respect, **adore, idolize**, exalt, glorify, honor, **admire, esteem, worship the ground someone walks on***; see also **admire** 1.

Passion; see also **desire [Strong emotion]** *Syn.* emotion, feeling, ardor, outburst, **intensity**; see also **anger, emotion, enthusiasm 1, love, See Synonym Study at ENTHUSIASM, FEELING.** See **affection, ambition, constancy, fanaticism, hackles, heat, infatuation, obsession.**

Now let's search the WORD of God to find the truth, of whom we are to be **(1) wedded** to and of what our **(2) addiction** should be. This study is for those that are truly striving to be the matured, faithful **Wife of Christ** (Matt 22:1-2, John 3:28-29, Rom.7:1-4, 2 Cor 11:1-3 and Eph 5:24-27), which should be the goal of those of **The Church by Christ** (Eph.3:20-21), **The Churches of Christ** (Rom.16:16-18), **The Body of Christ** (Rom.7:4, 1Cor.10:16, 1Cor.12:27, Eph.4:12), **The Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood** (Acts 20:28), Amen).

Definitions:

(1)Wedded-Syn. married, espoused, in holy matrimony; see **married**. See **addicted (to), bridal, joined, matrimonial, spliced, unified**

(2)Addicted (to)-Syn. given over, given up to, **dependent on**, disposed to, inclined, **habituated**, prone, accustomed, **attached**, abandoned, **wedded**, **devoted**, predisposed, used to, imbued with, **fanatic about, obsessed with**, wont to, **in the habit of**, under the influence of, in favor of, **hooked on***, **strung out***. — *Ant.* **UNACCUSTOMED, disinclined, averse to.**

We believe as one **striving** toward **perfection**, to be a true, matured Christian (a **faithful follower** of Christ) the topic, "**SPORTS & THE CHURCH**" and the question, "**Are we what we wear?**" is legitimate. After being involved in sports, in our spiritual immaturity, we understand the devotion and the addiction it takes to be a **PLAYER** and or a **FAN**. After being shown the above article, which was in The Houston Chronicle; we saw the need, as concerned brothers in Christ to address this Addiction, **BY SCRIPTURE**.

(CHRIST'S WIFE AND HER STRIVINGS)

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;**(KJV)

***Phil 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; 30** Having the **same conflict which ye saw in me**, and now hear to be in me.(KJV)

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29** Whereunto I also labour, **striving according to his working**, which worketh in me mightily.(KJV)

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Heb 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, **lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.** 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, **striving** against sin.(KJV)

(TOWARD PERFECTION, WHICH IS MATURITY)

Luke 8:14 And that which **fell among thorns are they**, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to **perfection**.
15 But that on **the good ground are they**, which in an honest and good heart, **having heard the word, keep it**, and bring forth fruit with patience.(KJV)

2 Cor 13:9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your **perfection**.(KJV)

2 Cor 13:11 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)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **12** For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**:(KJV)

Phil 3:12-15

12 Not as though I had already attained, **either were already perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.(KJV)

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

15 Let us therefore, as many as **be perfect**, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. (KJV)

Titus 2:13-15

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.

Heb 5:9-6:1

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

CHAPTER 6

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection;** not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. (KJV)

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing **we also** are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight,** and **the sin which doth so easily beset us,** and **let us** run with patience the race that is set before us,

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted from the world.**(KJV)

We believe, that faithful is another term that is grossly misused, for sure in the world. Not only in the world: but in The Church as well. Some believe that the attendance of one in worship proves their faithfulness. Obedience (at all times) proves our faithfulness and attendance is included.

(THE FAITH-FUL WIFE)

Heb 11:1 Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things** not seen.(KJV)

Rom 10:16 But they have not all **obeyed the gospel.** For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **17** So then **faith cometh by hearing,** and hearing **by the word of God.**(KJV)

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.(KJV)

James 1:25 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.**(KJV)

James 2:18-22

18 Yea, a man may say, **Thou hast faith,** and **I have works:** shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou **believest that there is one God;** thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.**

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and **by works was faith made perfect?**

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**(KJV)

(FOLLOWER OF CHRIST)

John 8:47 He that is of God **heareth God's words:** ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.(KJV)

Matt 17:5 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.**(KJV)

Luke 9:23 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.**(KJV)

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **25 (1)He that loveth** his life shall lose it; and **(2)he that hateth** his life in this **(3)world** shall keep it unto life eternal. **26 If any man serve me,** **(4)let him follow** me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Definitions:

(1)He that loveth his life shall lose it-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend 2) to show signs of love; to kiss 3) to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something): KJV-- kiss, love.

(2)he that hateth his life in this-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful).

(3)world shall keep it unto life eternal-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3, 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 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.

(4)let him 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.

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.(KJV)

II Th 3:9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you **to follow us.**(KJV)

1 Pet 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an

example, that ye **should follow his steps**:(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.(KJV)

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore **followers of God**, as dear children;(KJV)

Phil 3:17 Brethren, **be followers together of me**, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.(KJV)

1Thes 1:6 And ye became **followers of us, and of the Lord**, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:(KJV)

2 Tim 2:11 It is a faithful saying: **For if we be dead with him**, we shall also live with him:**12** If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **13** If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.(KJV)

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution**.(KJV)

What we watch and wear, says much about what and who we love. It also shows where our minds are, and what we are willing to spend in **valuable time** and **monies**, to **watch, support and buy these vain, worldly/earthly** things. When the world observes The Church (the wife of Christ), spending **valuable monies** to buy and wear team memorabilia, such as Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Houston Rockets, Comets, Astros, Texas Longhorns, etc or even fancy expensive clothing and jewelry; the Light that is shown is not one of CHRIST. The light that is shown is of one that is a fan of these worldly teams and VAIN earthly things; that **loves and minds the outward appearance, and worldly things, (which are idle and darkness)!**

After this scriptural study, there are some things we will be scripturally sure of; if we have the Mind of Christ. We will find first, the Wife of Christ's (The Church) dress is neither FANCY nor ATHLETIC. Believe it or not Brothers and Sisters, Christ has a dress code, and instructions on money usage for his wife (The Church). The Church is commanded to work with our hands to give to him that needeth (**Eph.4:28**), and use our monies and time for the needed saints everywhere (**1Cor.16:1-2**), and bringing lost souls to Christ. **This, is the light and mind of Christ.**

(HERE ARE SOME SCRIPTURES ON THE APPEARANCE, ATTIRE AND LIFE OF CHRIST, THE HUSBAND).

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? **2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no **form nor comeliness**; and **when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.** **3** He is **despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief**: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.(KJV)

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in **swaddling clothes, and**

laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.(KJV)

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.(KJV)**

(CHRIST'S WIFE AND HER ATTIRE)

Rom 13:12&14

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us **(1)put on the armour of light.**

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

Definitions:

(1) Put ye On-(in the sense of sinking into a garment); to invest with clothing (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **array**, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on, to sink into (clothing), to put on, **to clothe oneself**

2 Cor 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in **(1)presence** am **(2)base among you**, but being absent am bold toward you:(KJV)

(1) Presence-(the visage, from 3700); the front (as being towards view), i.e. the **countenance**, aspect, **appearance**, surface; by implication, presence, person: KJV-- **(outward) appearance**, X before, contenance, face, **fashion**, (men's) person, **presence**.

(2) Base-of uncertain derivation; depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition): **base**, cast down, **humble**, **of low degree (estate)**, **lowly**, **not rising far from the ground**

2 Cor 10:7 Do ye look on things after the **(1)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.

Definitions: (1) Outward Appearance;(the visage, from 3700); the front (as being towards view), i.e. **the countenance**, aspect, **appearance**, **surface**; by implication, presence, person: KJV-- (outward) appearance, X before, contenance, face, **fashion**, (men's) person, presence.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **(1)have put on Christ.(KJV)**

Definition: (1) Have Put On-(in the sense of sinking into a garment); to invest with clothing (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **array**, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on, to sink into (clothing), to put on, **to clothe oneself**

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

Eph 4:20-24

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 **(1)put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**(KJV)

Definition: (1) Put On-(in the sense of sinking into a garment); to invest with clothing (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **array**, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on, to sink into (clothing), to put on, **to clothe oneself**

Col 3:10 And have **(1)put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:(KJV)

Col 3:12 **(1)Put on** therefore, **as the elect of God**, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;(KJV)

1 Pet 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that **outward adorning** of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or **(1)of putting on of apparel**; **4** But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.(KJV)

Definition: (1) Of Putting On-from *1746*; investment with clothing: KJV-- putting on, **(in the sense of sinking into a garment)**; to **invest with clothing** (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **array**, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on, to sink into (clothing), to put on, **to clothe oneself**

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

Definition: (1) Be Clothed With-(to gird); to engirdle oneself (for labor), i.e. figuratively (the apron as being a badge of servitude) to wear (in token of mutual deference): KJV-- be clothed with; knot or band by which two things are fastened together, to fasten or gird oneself; This was the white scarf or apron of slaves, which was fastened to the belt of the vest and distinguished slaves from freemen, hence, in 1 Pet. 5:5, "gird yourselves with humility as your servile garb" means by putting on humility, show your subjection one to another. Also, this refers to the overalls which slaves wore to keep clean while working, an exceedingly humble garment.

1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, **(1)Look not on his (2)countenance**, or **on the (3)height of his** **(4)stature**; because **I have refused him**: for the **LORD seeth not as man seeth**; for **man looketh on the outward appearance**, but the **LORD looketh on the heart**..(which is the mind)

Definitions:

(1) **Look not**-a primitive root; to scan, i.e. look intently at; by implication, to regard with pleasure, favor or care: KJV-- (cause to) behold, consider, look (down), regard, have respect, see.

(2) **Countenance**-from 7200; a view (the act of seeing); also an appearance (the thing seen), whether (real) a shape (especially if handsome, comeliness; often plural the looks), or (mental) a vision: KJV-- X apparently, appearance (-reth), X as soon as beautiful (-ly), countenance, fair, favoured, form, goodly, to look (up) on (to), look [-eth], pattern, to see, seem, sight, visage, vision.

(3) **Height**-or (fully) gabowahh (gaw-bo'-ah); from 1361; elevated (or elated), powerful, arrogant: KJV haughty, height, high (-er), lofty, proud, X exceeding proudly.

(4) **Stature**-from 6965; height: KJV-- X along, height, high, stature, tall.

(EXAMPLES OF SOME GOOD AND BAD LOVES, TO THE “WIFE” THE CHURCH)

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

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and **keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:** and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.(KJV)

John 15:10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.(KJV)

John 15:14 Ye are my friends, **if ye do whatsoever I command you.**(KJV)

Acts 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. **34** Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.(KJV)

1 Tim 6:10 For the **love of money is the root of all evil:** which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**11** But thou, **O** man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.(KJV)

James 4:4 Ye **adulterers and adulteresses,** know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore **will be a friend of the world is the enemy of**

God.(KJV)

I 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.**(KJV)

Christ also has instructions on where his wife's (the church) Mind should be; thereby showing whose fan we are. Brothers and Sisters, if the scriptures warn us of **IDLE** words, then how much more should we be careful of idle things and even thoughts "A Spiritual Mind Is Truly a Terrible Thing to Waste." After this scriptural study, there are some more things we will be scripturally sure of; if we have the Mind of Christ. We will also find the Wife of Christ's (The Church) **Mind** is neither **Earthly** or **Athletic**. This is a **suffering for and in the flesh**, but **eternal life for the Spirit**

(THE CHURCH, THE WIFE'S MIND)

Matt 12:36 But I say unto you, That **every (1)idle word** that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Definition: (1) Idle Word-free from labor, at leisure lazy, **shunning the labor which one ought to perform** 5ME *idel* < OE, empty, vain, empty **1a) having no value, use, or significance; worthless; useless** *!idle talk* **b) vain; futile; pointless** **3 a) unemployed; not busy b) inactive; not in use** *!idle machines* **c) not filled with activity** *!idle hours* **4** not inclined to work; **lazy to come to nothing, be useless, to spend time unprofitably;** be unemployed or inactive, to cause to be inactive or unemployed

Matt 16:21-24

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou **(1)savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**(KJV)

Definition: (1) Savourest-to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, **to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on,** (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, **savour**, think, to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, **to cherish the same views**, to be harmonious, **to direct one's mind to a thing**, to seek, to strive for, to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs)

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.(KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.** Be not wise in your own conceits.(KJV)

2 Cor 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are **(1)temporal;** but the things which are not seen are **(2)eternal.**(KJV)

Definitions: (1) Temporal-for the occasion only, i.e. temporary: KJV-- dur- [eth] for awhile, endure for a time, for a season, temporal. **(2) Eternal-**KJV-- eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

Gal 5:17 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.(KJV)

Eph 2:1-3

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
3 **Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;** and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.(KJV)

Phil 2:5-Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:(KJV)

Phil 3:15-20

15 Let us therefore, **as many as be perfect, be thus minded:** and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.**
17 **Brethren, be followers together of me,** and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and **now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**
19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, **who (1)mind earthly things.**)
20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:(KJV)

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to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), **regard, savour, think, to be of the same mind,** that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious, **to direct one's mind to a thing,** to seek, to strive for, to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs)

Col 3:1-4

- 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
- 2 **(1)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.

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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)

I 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. Heareby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

We must remember that The Wife of Christ must show and give her love, mind, soul and support for the things of Christ, and not these worldly teams and earthly things. What the world observes is obvious in The Church, and so is who our **IDOLS** are and what we Love and are Fans of; and that is The World, not what we say but what they **see (light)**. There is something eternally wrong with this Picture. The world should be asking why The Church does not participate in these worldly, idle, vain things, then, our light would bring them to the Truth, which is able to save theirs and our souls. Our **Team** is neither **Worldly** nor **Athletic** and our **ADDICTION** must be to our husband **CHRIST**, and **His Team only**; which is The Church. Again this is a **suffering for the flesh**, but **eternal life for the Spirit**. We will also prove the word fan, that way we will understand it thoroughly. The wife of Christ must understand we cannot "Serve Two Masters We Will Love the One and Hate the other" according to scriptures.

The only team that the church should love, idolize, be a fan of and addicted to is, one another.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, **That ye love one another**, as I have loved you. **13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour **(1)preferring** one another; (KJV)

Definition: (1) Preferring-from 4253 and 2233; to lead the way for others, i.e. **show deference:** KJV-- prefer.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. (KJV)

1 Cor 16:13-16

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **quit you like men, be strong.**

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 **I beseech you, brethren,** (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and **that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,**)

16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.KJV

1Thes 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead in Christ shall rise first:**

17 Then **we which are alive and remain** shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall **we ever be with the Lord.**

18 Wherefore **comfort one another** with these words. (KJV)

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and **our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

Heb 3:13 But **(1)exhort one another daily,** while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (KJV)

Definition: (1) Exhort; to address, to speak to, (call to, call upon), entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc. to beg, to entreat, to beseech, to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation.

Heb 10:24 And let **us consider one another** to provoke unto love and to good works **25** Not forsaking the assembling of **ourselves together,** as the manner of some is; but **exhorting one another:** and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (KJV)

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.(KJV)

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

Definition: (1)fervently: intensely

1 Pet 5:14 Greet ye **one another** with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen. (KJV)

Last, but by no means least brothers and sisters, here is a Glossary of key words used in this study. By all means these words should and must be studied, so that we will thoroughly understand them.

GLOSSARY OF KEY WORDS USED IN THIS STUDY

Fan 3. [Enthusiast] — *Syn.* **devotee, follower, aficionado, supporter**; see **enthusiast 1**. See **addict, admirer, breathe, fiend, frequenter, lover, strike out, zealot**

Fanatic — *Syn.* **zealot, devotee, extremist**; see **enthusiast 1, zealot**. See *Synonym Study at ZEALOT*.

See absolute, addict, bigot, bug, crank, demagogue, emotional, fanatical, hound, hustler*, lover, nut, partisan, religious, stickler, touched, unruly

Addicted (to)-*Syn.* given over, given up to, **dependent on**, disposed to, inclined, **habituated**, prone, accustomed, **attached**, abandoned, **wedded, devoted**, predisposed, used to, imbued with, **fanatic about, obsessed with**, wont to, in the habit of, under the influence of, in favor of, **hooked on*, strung out***. — *Ant.* **UNACCUSTOMED, disinclined, averse to**.

Vain-modif.1. [Possessing unwarranted self-esteem] — *Syn.* **proud, arrogant, haughty**; see egotistic 2. 2. [Trivial] — *Syn.* trivial, unimportant, frivolous, petty, insignificant, **idle**, empty, hollow, otiose; see also trivial, unimportant.

In vain- *Syn.* futilely, unprofitably, to no purpose; see vainly. 4. *Syn.* profanely, **irreverently, lightly**; see **casually 2, rudely. 5.** Useless] — *Syn.* worthless, unavailing, profitless; see futile 1, useless 1. *SYN* — vain applies to that which has little or no real value, worth, or meaning [**vain studies, indulging in vain pleasures**]; idle refers to that which is baseless or worthless because it can never be realized [**idle hopes, idle talk**]; **empty and hollow are used of that which only appears to be genuine, sincere, worthwhile, etc.** [empty threats, hollow victories]; otiose applies to that which has no real purpose or function and is therefore useless or **superfluous** [otiose remarks] See abortive, conceited, foppish, fruitless, **high and mighty**, hopeless, impossible, ineffective, nonproductive, null, priggish, self-satisfied, stupid, thankless, unsuccessful, **vainglorious**, void

Idol- icon 2, statue.2. [A venerated object or person] — *Syn.* **hero, heroine**, god, goddess, desire, true-love, **beloved, darling, favorite, ideal, role model, inamorata**. See **apple of one's eye, celebrity, deity, model, sacred cow***

Idolater-1a person who worships an idol or idols, 2 a devoted admirer; adorer, Worship, 1. [To adore] — *Syn.* adore, **idolize, exalt, adulate**; see **admire, love, revere**.

Idolize-1 to make an idol of, **2 to love or admire excessively; adore**

Idle-empty, vain, empty **1 a) having no value**, use, or significance; **worthless**; useless *!idle talk" b) vain*; futile; pointless **3 a) unemployed; not busy b) inactive**; not in use *!idle machines" c) not filled with activity !idle hours"***4 not inclined to work; lazy to come to nothing**, be useless, **to spend time unprofitably**; be unemployed or inactive, to cause to be inactive or unemployed

Sports-See athletics, exercise. Athletics *Syn.* sports, games, gymnastics, acrobatics; see **sport 3.**

1. [Entertainment] — *Syn.* diversion, recreation, play, amusement, merrymaking, jollification, festivity, revelry, revel, Saturnalia, carnival, pastime, pleasure, enjoyment; see also **entertainment 2, fun, game 1.**

[A joke] — *Syn.* raillery, pleasantry, mockery, jest, jesting, mirth, joking, mummery, antics, trifling, tomfoolery, nonsense, jollity, laughter, drollery, escapade, practical joke.

[Athletic or competitive amusement] — *Syn.* game, competition, contest, athletic event, amateur sport, professional sport.

Sports, sense 3, include: hunting, shooting, horse racing, automobile racing, running, dog racing, cockfighting, bronco busting, bullfighting, polo, horseback riding; fishing, angling, basketball, golf, bowling, billiards, pool, tennis, squash, handball, racquetball, table tennis, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, acrobatics, football, baseball, track and field, cricket, lacrosse, ice hockey, field hockey, skating, skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing; fencing, jumping, boxing, wrestling, hang gliding, parasailing, parachuting; windsurfing, diving, surfing, snorkeling, water skiing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, yachting; hiking, camping, backpacking, rock climbing, ice climbing; bicycling, motorcycling, Rollerblading, in-line skating, skateboarding; weightlifting, bodybuilding, powerlifting.
v.Syn. don, have on, be dressed in; see **wear**

If after a thorough study of the scriptures and of the glossary, we find ourselves Fans or Addicted to anything other than Christ, (our “Owner”; the Apostles our “Coaches”; or the saints “our Team, the Body”); our journey toward perfection has not yet, or just barely has begun. We then are yet CARNAL; we then are yet babes, having no desire for **strong meat**, but **for milk**.

Heb 5:8-14

8 Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**

9 **And being made perfect**, he became the **author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;**

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, **seeing ye are dull of hearing.**

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, **even those who by reason of use**

have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.(KJV)

Brothers and Sisters I would like to end this study with these last few thoughts. We **will give an account of every idle word**, in the judgment, every word that we speak, shall either justify or condemn us (**Matt.12:36-37**). Yet brothers and sisters we spend countless hours in watching, and countless dollars in supporting these IDLE things. We even bring up our children, which should be the future church, in these IDLE / WORLDLY things.(**See Eph.6:4**) We sit and watch tournaments, playoffs, Olympics etc. hours upon hours, and if we are not able to watch TV we will either tape it, or find ourselves a radio. We will listen to the radio while we are on the road or in route to our jobs and some even while on the job. But, when it is time to listen to THE WORD OF GOD on Lord's Day, **45 min.** you are too long, **1hour** you are in trouble, **1hour & 30min.** or longer, will not be tolerated (**See Acts 20:7-9**).

Who are we? Where are our Minds? Who do we Love? We The Church need **not** be ignorant of SATAN'S devices, lest he should get advantage of us. (**See Luke 22:31, 2Cor.2:11, 2Cor.11:2-3&14, Eph.6:11-12, 2Tim.2:24-26, 1Pet.5:8-9, Rev.12:9-11, and Rev.13:6-10.**) We must also remember that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God** and that to be a friend of the world, **makes us adulterers and adulteresses there by an enemy of God (James 4:4)**. If we want the love of the Father to be in us and want to be of the Father and not of the world; then we must not love the world neither the things that are in the world. 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 (I Jn 2:15-16)**.