

**FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST
AND
HOW THEY MUST SUFFER; ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.**

Mark 8:27-34

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 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 **(1)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 *come after me, let him (2)deny (3)himself, and take up his (4)cross, and *(5)follow me.**(KJV)

DEFINITIONS

(1) Savourest 5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); **to exercise the mind**, i.e. to be (mentally) disposed ; intensively, to interest oneself in **(with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on**, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, regard, savour, think, to have understanding, to be wise, to feel, to 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 seek one's interest or advantage, to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs)

(2) Deny 533 aparneomai (ap-ar-neh'-om-ahee); from 575 and 720; **to deny utterly**, i.e. disown, abstain: KJV-- deny, **to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone, to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself**, In composition (as a prefix) it usually **denotes separation**, departure, reversal, to contradict, i.e. disavow, deny, refuse, to deny someone, to deny oneself, **to disregard one's own interests, to act entirely unlike himself**, not to accept, **to reject**, to refuse something offered

(3) Himself 1438 heautou (including all other cases)-himself, herself, itself, themselves

(4) Cross 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.

(5) Follow 190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); **(a road)**; properly, **to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple/ Christian): KJV-- follow, reach, to follow one who precedes**, join him as his attendant, **accompany him**, to join one as a disciple, become or be his

disciple: **to side with his party.**

Mark 8:34 ... take up his cross, (KJV)

Matt 10:34-38 (see Heb.4:11-12)

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 **(1)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 (1)foes shall be they of his own (2)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.**(KJV)

DEFINITIONS

(1) Variance1369 dichazo (dee-khad'-zo); from a derivative of 1364; **to make apart, i.e. sunder (figuratively, alienate):** KJV-- set at variance.

(2) Foes 2190 echthros (ech-thros'); (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, **an adversary** (especially Satan): KJV-- **enemy, foe, opposing another, used of men as at enmity with God because of their sin, opposing (God) in the mind, the hostile one,** the Devil who is the most bitter enemy of the divine government

(3) Household 3615 oikiakos (oy-kee-ak-os'); from 3614; familiar, i.e. (as noun) **relatives:** KJV-- they (them) of (his own) household.

Mark 10:19-25

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.(KJV)

Luke 9:20-25

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, **The Christ of God.**

21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;

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?(KJV)

Luke 9:23 ... If any man will come after me, (KJV)

Luke 14:25-27

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and **(1)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.**(KJV)

Definition: (1) Hate 3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o);

(hatred); **to detest** (especially to persecute); by extension, **to love less:** KJV-- hate (-ful).

John 12:25-26

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and **he that hateth his life in this world** shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.(KJV)

Rom 8:5-9

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 8:13-14

13 **For if ye live after the flesh,** ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do (1)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)

Definition: (1) Mortify 2289 thanatoo (than-at-o'-o);

to kill (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **become dead, (cause to be) put to death, kill,** mortify.

Col 3:5-8

5 **(1)Mortify** therefore your **(2)members** which are upon the earth; fornication, **(3)uncleanness, inordinate affection,(vile passions) (4)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.(KJV)

DEFINITIONS

(1) **Mortify** 3499 nekroo-**to make dead, to put to death, to slay**, to be worn out; used of an impotent old man, to deprive of power, to destroy the strength of.

(2) **Members** 3196 melos (mel'-os); of uncertain affinity; **a limb or part of the body**: KJV--member.

(3) **Uncleanness**167 akatharsia-physical, in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, **luxurious, profligate living**: used of impure motives

(4) **Evil Concupiscence** 1939 epithumia-desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust

2 Tim 3:10-12

10 **But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,**

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

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

Luke 9:23 ... deny himself, (KJV)

Titus 2:11-15

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;

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.

James 4:4-10

4 **Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the (1)world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.(KJV)

I Jn 2:15-17

15 **Love not the (1)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)

(1) World 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.

Additional scriptures (KJV)

Matt 7:13-24

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.**

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:(KJV)

Matt 22:14

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

Luke 13:22-24

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.(KJV)

Acts 14:21-22

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to **continue in the faith**, and **that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**(KJV)

Acts 9:13-16

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16 **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**(KJV)

Rom 6:1-8

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.
7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:(KJV)

1 Cor 1:26-31

26 **For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:**
27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
28 **And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.
30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.(KJV)

2 Cor 6:14-7:1

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,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

CHAPTER 7

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.(KJV)

Rom 8:16-18

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God:**

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.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.(KJV)

Gal 5:24-26

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.

Gal 6:14

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)

Col 1:23-24

23 **If ye continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

24 Who now **rejoice in my sufferings** for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, **which is the church:**(KJV)

2 Tim 3:11-12

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1 Pet 4:1-2

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)

1 Pet 4:13-19

13 **But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings;** that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 **Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed;** but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**

18 **And if the righteous scarcely be saved,** where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore **let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.(KJV)**

Jn 5:17

17 **All (1)unrighteousness is sin:** and there is a sin not unto death.(KJV)

Definition: (1)unrighteousness;

a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness. **Righteousness;** observing divine law

Eccl 12:8-14

8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

10 **The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.**

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his *commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.(KJV)

***Matt 17:5**

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 10:38-42

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and **heard his word.**

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 **But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part,** which shall not be taken away from her.(KJV)