

FOLLOWERS OF GOD, AS DEAR CHILDREN

Eph 4:17-24

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **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.

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore **(1)followers of God**, as **(2)dear** children; **2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.(KJV)

Definitions: **(1)followers**-3402 mimetes ;an imitator. **(2)dear** children-27 agapetos; beloved, esteemed, dear, favorite, worthy of love

Eph 5:1 ... followers of God...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Matt 3:16-17

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: **17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**(KJV)

Matt 17:1-8

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **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. (KJV)

Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

John 17:1-23

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** And this is life eternal,

that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **6** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;** **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. (KJV)

Acts 1:1-4

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, **after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:** **3** To whom also **he shewed himself** alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, being **assembled together with them,** commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (KJV)

Acts 2:37-38

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.(KJV)

Acts 2:41-42

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (KJV)

1 Cor 11:1-3

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye

remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. (KJV) See also **1Cor.4:16**

2 Cor 2:17 For we are not as many, **(1)which corrupt** the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (KJV)

Definition: (1)which corrupt-2585 kapeleuo-1) to be a retailer, to peddle 2) to make money by selling anything a) to get sordid gain by dealing in anything, to do a thing for base gain b) to "trade" (traffic) in the word of God; to try to get base gain by teaching divine truth c) to corrupt, to adulterate; peddlers were in the habit of adulterating their commodities for the sake of gain, (a huckster).

2 Cor 4:1-5

1 Therefore seeing **we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor **(*)handling** the word of God **(*)deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** **But if our gospel** be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the (1)image of God, should shine unto them. **5** **For we preach not ourselves**, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Definitions: (*)handling; deceitfully-1389 doloo (dol-o'-o); from 1388; to ensnare, i.e. (figuratively) adulterate: KJV-- handle deceitfully, to corrupt...1388 dolos (dol'-os); from an obsolete primary verb, dello (probably meant to decoy; compare 1185); a trick (bait), i.e. (figuratively) wile: KJV-- craft, deceit, guile, subtilty....**(1)image of God** 1504 eikon (i-kone'); from 1503; a likeness, i.e. (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance: KJV—image, applied to Christ on account of his divine nature and absolute moral excellence.

Phil 3:16-17

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. (KJV)

II Th 3:4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. (KJV)

II Th 3:7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; (KJV)

2 Pet 1:16-21

16 For we have not followed **(1)cunningly devised (2)fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. **19** **We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:** **20** Knowing this **first**, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came

not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.(KJV)

Definitions: (1)cunningly devised-4679 sophizo (sof-id'-zo); from 4680; to render wise; in a sinister acceptation, to form "sophisms", i.e. continue plausible error: KJV-- to devise cleverly or cunningly...**(2)fables**-3454 muthos-b) a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood

2 Pet 3:1-3

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, (KJV)

John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (KJV)

John 1:12-14

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)

I Jn 1:1-3

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. (KJV)

I Jn 4:5-6

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us.** Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. (KJV)

I Jn 5:19-20

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world **(1)lieth** in wickedness. **20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (KJV)

Definition: (1)lieth-2749 keimai-to be (by God's intent) set,, that is, destined, appointed, lies in the power of the Evil One, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil. **See (God's intent): Luke 4:1-8; 2Cor.4:1-5 and 11:12-15; Eph.6:11-20; Rev.13:7-9. See also flesh: Rom.8:1-9.**

THE LOCATION OF THE SCRIPTURES AND DEFINITIONS REFERENCED TO DURING THE AUDIO

ON, FOLLOWERS OF GOD

1 Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (KJV)

Definition: world

2889 kosmos-the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race, the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ, 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.

The flesh cannot please God, because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred) against God, and is not subject to God's law...Ref. Scriptures

Rom 8:1-9

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk **not** after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **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)

(By God's Intent) The Whole World, Those That Heareth And Doeth Not The Apostles' Doctrine; Is Set,, That Is, Destined, Appointed, Lies In The Power Of The Evil One, That Is, Is Held In Subjection By The Devil...Ref. Scriptures.

Luke 4:1-8

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. **3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. **4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. **5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

2 Cor 4:3-5

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (KJV)

We Wrestle Not Against Flesh And Blood, But Against Principalities, Against Powers, Against The Rulers Of The Darkness Of This World, Against Spiritual Wickedness In High Places, (The Devil)...Ref. Scriptures.

2 Cor 11:12-15

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. **13** For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.** **15** Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers** also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (KJV)

Eph 6:11-20

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **19** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (KJV)

Rev 13:6-9

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. **7** And **it was given unto him to make war with the saints**, and **to overcome them**: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. **8** And **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. **9** If any man have an ear, let him hear. (KJV)

Rev 12:7-9

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was cast out, that **old serpent**, called the Devil, and **Satan**, **which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.(KJV)

Christians Can Not Be Believers Only, For Devils Believe And Tremble. But Christians Must Be Doers Of The Word And Works, Also...Ref. Scriptures.

James 1:21-25

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth

his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)

James 2:18-20

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. **20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (KJV)

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (KJV)

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. (KJV)

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

When We Read And Study The Epistles Of The Apostles, Then We Will Understand Their Knowledge In The Mystery Of Christ...Ref. Scriptures.

Eph 3:1-7

1 For this cause **I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ** for you Gentiles, **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which **is given me to you-ward:** **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages **was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;** **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (KJV)

Christians Must Remember Who Jesus Said The Father Of The Lie Is, (The Devil)

So, when one says “Colored, hard boiled, egg laying rabbit”, it’s a lie, so who is their father. So, when one says “three wise men”, which cannot be proven by scripture, or “flying reindeer and sled, and one going down the chimney”, it’s a lie, so again, who is their father according
Christ...Ref. Scriptures

John 8:43-45

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **45** And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. (KJV)

Those Professing Christianity Must Know, According To the apostle Paul, as he admonished the church of and by Christ in Ephesus and Colossae, There Is But One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Spirit And One Body THE Church, And Christ Is The Head Of IT...Ref. Scriptures.

Acts 4:10-12

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **11** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become **the head** of the corner. **12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

Eph 3:21 Unto him be glory in **the** church by **Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (KJV)

Eph 4:3-6

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (KJV)

Col 1:18-19

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. **19** For it **pleased the Father** that in him should all fulness dwell; (KJV)

Once again, according to **God** through **Christ** and **His apostles**, the terms “**Christian**” and/or “**Christianity**”, are the **most** misunderstood, misapplied, misused and abused terms on earth!

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