

FOLLOWERS OF GOD, AS DEAR CHILDREN

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 put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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

Definitions: **(1)dear** children-27 agapetos; beloved, esteemed, dear, favorite, worthy of love.

Eph 5:1 ... as dear children...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Matt 7:21-24

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)

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

Matt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. **9** Blessed are the **(1)peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)peacemakers**-1518 eirenopoios- 1) a peacemaker 2) ***pacific**, loving peace. (M.W.C.D): **Pacific 1:** tending to lessen conflict: CONCILIATORY **b:** rejecting the use of force as an instrument of policy **2: a:** having a soothing appearance or effect <mild~breezes> **b:** mild of temper: PEACEABLE

Matt 5:43-48

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44** **But I say unto you**, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (KJV)...See also **Luke 6:35-36**

Matt 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? **22** Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (KJV)

Luke 9:23-24

23 And he said to them **all**, **If any man** will **(1)come** after me, **(2)let him deny** himself, and take up his **(3)cross** daily, and **(4)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. (KJV)

Definitions

(1) come after me-2064 erchomai (er'-khom-ahee); to come or go (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively): KJV-- accompany, to be established, to follow one.

(2) let him deny himself- 720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, refuse, to disregard one's own interests b) to act entirely unlike himself, not to accept, to reject.

(3) cross daily-4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross.

(4) 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): KJV-- follow, reach, 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.

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (See verses 7-14 Jesus is the door)

John 12:25 (1) He that loveth his life (2) shall lose it; and **(3) he that hateth his life in this world (4) shall keep** it unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Definitions: (1) He that loveth-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend, to be fond of, i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV-- to approve of, to like, to sanction, to be fond of doing... **(2) shall lose** it-622 apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee); from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively: KJV-- destroy, die, lose, mar, perish; metaphorically, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell... **(3) he that hateth**-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful), to be hated, to be detested... **(4) shall keep** it-5442 phulasso (foo-las'-so); probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: KJV-- beware, keep (self), observe, save.

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. (See also doers of the word and works, not hearers ONLY, Ref. Scriptures: James 1:21-27 and 2:21-26)

1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. **14** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from **(1) idolatry**. (KJV)

Definition (1) idolatry-1495 eidololatreia-the worship of false gods, idolatry, used of the formal sacrificial feasts held in honor of false gods, used of avarice, as a worship of Mammon, in the plural, the vices springing from idolatry and peculiar to it.

Gal 3:25-27

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (KJV)

Gal 5:22-24

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (KJV)

Eph 4:1-6

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, **2** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; **3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (KJV)

Eph 4:25-32

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (See **grieve**: vex, offend, rebel, thereby Quenching the Holy Spirit of God, and choosing Satan)

Phil 1:27-30

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

Definition: (1)conflict-73 agon (ag-one'); from 71; properly, a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively, an effort or anxiety: KJV-- conflict, contention, fight, race, generally, any struggle or contest, a battle

Phil 3:18-20

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)

Definition

(1)mind-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; to be (mentally) disposed; intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, regard, savour, think, to be of

the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious, to seek, to strive for, to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs).

Col 1:13-19

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **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)

Col 2:6-12

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.** **9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **11** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (KJV)

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. (KJV)

1Thes 5:14-19

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. **15** See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. **16** Rejoice evermore. **17** Pray without ceasing. **18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. **19** Quench not the Spirit. (KJV)

1Thes 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1 Tim 6:5-12

5 (1)Perverse disputings of men **(2)of corrupt** minds, and **(3)destitute** of the truth, **(4) supposing** that **(5)gain** is **(6)godliness**: from such **(7)withdraw thyself**. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and **(8)a snare**, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the **love** of money is **the root of all evil**: which while some **(9)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)

Definitions

(1)Perverse disputings of men-5674 diaparatribe (dee-ap-ar-a-tree-bay'); constant arguing, mutual irritation. ***. This Greek word was not included in the original Strong's Dictionary but is found in other Greek lexicons. Alphabetically it belongs between Strong's number 1275 and 1276.

(2)of corrupt minds-1311 diaphtheiro (dee-af-thi'-ro); from 1225 and 5351; to rot thoroughly, i.e. (by implication) to ruin (passively, decay utterly, figuratively, pervert): KJV-- corrupt, perverted, defiled.

(3)and destitute of the truth-650 apostereo (ap-os-ter-eh'-o); from 575 and stereo (to deprive); to despoil: KJV-- defraud, destitute, kept back by fraud.

(4) supposing-3543 nomizo (nom-id'-zo);from 3551; properly, to do by law (usage), i.e. to accustom (passively, be usual); by extension, to deem or regard: KJV-- to be wont, to hold by custom or usage, to own as a custom or usage, to follow a custom or usage; it is the custom, it is the received usage, to think.

(5)that gain-4200 porismos (por-is-mos');from a derivative of poros (a way, i.e. means); furnishing (procuring), i.e. (by implication) money-getting (acquisition): KJV—gain, source of gain.

(6)is godliness-2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: KJV-- holiness, reverence, respect, piety toward God, godliness..2152 eusebes (yoo-seb-ace'); from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious: KJV-- devout, godly, dutiful.

(7)withdraw thyself-868 ahistemi (af-is'-tay-mee); frm 575 and 2476; to remove, i.e. (actively) instigate to revolt; usually (reflexively) to desist, desert, etc.: KJV-- depart, draw (fall) away, refrain, withdrawself.

(8)a snare-3803 pagis-a snare, a trap, a noose, used of snares in which birds are entangled and caught; it implies unexpectedly, suddenly, because birds and animals are caught unaware, a snare, that is, whatever brings peril, loss, or destruction, used of a sudden and unexpected deadly peril, used of the allurements and seductions of sin, the allurements to sin by which the Devil holds one bound, the snares of love.

(9)coveted after-3713 oregomai (or-eg'-om-ahee); to stretch oneself out in order to touch or to grasp something, i.e. reach out after (long for): KJV-- covet after, desire.

2 Tim 2:11-16

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. **14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

2 Tim 2:19-26

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his**. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **20** But in

a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore **(1)purge** himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **(2)sanctified**, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. **22 Flee** also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **23** But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Definitions: **(1)purge**-1571 ekkathairo (ek-kath-ah'-ee-ro); from 1537 and 2508; to cleanse thoroughly: KJV-- purge (out)....**(2)sanctified**-37 hagiazo-to separate from profane things and to dedicate to God, to purify, to purify by expiation: to free from the guilt of sin, to purify internally by a renewing of the soul.

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (KJV)

2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17 That the man of God** may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

2 Tim 4:2-5

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, **(1) having itching** ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5 But** watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)

Definition: **(1) having itching** ears-2833 knetho (knay'-tho); from a primary knao (to scrape); to scratch, i.e. (by implication) to tickle: KJV-- X itching, desirous of hearing something pleasant.

Titus 2:11-14

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 **(1)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. (KJV)

Definition: **(1)soberly**-4996 sophronos (so-fron'-oce); adverb from 4998; with sound mind, i.e. moderately: KJV-- soberly, temperately, discreetly...4998 sophron (so'-frone); from the base of 4982 and that of 5424; self-controlled (moderate as to opinion or passion): KJV-- sane, in one's senses, curbing one's desires and impulses.

Heb 5:8 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. (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)

1 Pet 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14 As obedient children, not** fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15** But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. **17** And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your **(1)sojourning** here in **(2)fear**: (KJV)
Definitions: **(1)sojourning** here in-3940 paroikia (par-oy-kee'-ah); from 3941; foreign residence, dwelling in a strange land: KJV-- sojourning, as strangers...**(2)fear** 5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: KJV-- be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

1 Pet 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **9** Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: **but** contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. (KJV)

1 Pet 4:1-5

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. **3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, **(1) revellings**, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: **5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. (KJV)

Definitions:**(1) revellings**-2970 komos (ko'-mos); from 2749; a carousal (as if letting loose): KJV-- revelling, rioting, a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry...**A.H. Dictionary:** rev·el (rɪvˈɛl...l) *intr.v.* rev·eled also rev·elled, rev·el·ing rev·el·ing, rev·els rev·els. **1.** To take great pleasure or delight. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. --rev·el *n.* A boisterous festivity or celebration; merrymaking. Often used in the plural. --rev“el·ler or rev“el·er, Joyful, exuberant activity and entertainment: fun **2.** (n.) A period of time spent drinking alcoholic beverages, To take great pleasure in, love, adore, delight in, **dislike (antonym)** **4.** (v.) To take extravagant pleasure: luxuriate, indulge, delight, rejoice. (v.) To feel or express joy or satisfaction about an event: Exult, celebrate, glory, jump for joy, rejoice, make merry, be **downcast (antonym)**

1 Jn 2:15-17

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

1 Jn 3:1-3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: **therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.** **2** Beloved, now are

we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (KJV)

I Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is **(1)a murderer**: and ye know that no **murderer** hath eternal life abiding in him. **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. (KJV)

Definition

(1)a murderer 443 anthropoktonos; from 444 and kteine (to kill); a manslayer, murderer.

I Jn 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. (KJV)

3 Jn 1:11 Beloved, **(1)follow** not that which is **(2)evil**, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. (KJV)

Definitions: **(1)follow** not that which is -3401 mimeomai (mim-eh'-om-ahee); middle voice from mimos (a "mimic"); **to imitate:** KJV-- follow. **(2)evil**-2556 kakos (kak-os'); apparently a primary word; **worthless**, i.e. (subjectively) depraved, or (objectively) **injurious:** KJV-- **bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked.**

THE LOCATION OF THE SCRIPTURES AND DEFINITIONS REFERENCED TO DURING THE AUDIO ON, FOLLOWERS OF GOD AS DEAR CHILDREN

Christians Must Know That We Cannot Be As The Many, Which Corrupt The Word Of God Ref. Scriptures:

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** the word of God-2585 kapeleuo (kap-ale-yoo'-o); from kapelos (a huckster); to retail, i.e. (by implication) to adulterate (figuratively): KJV—corrupt, to be a retailer, to peddle, to make money by selling anything, to get sordid gain by dealing in anything, to do a thing for base gain, to "trade" (traffic) in the word of God; to try to get base gain by teaching divine truth, to corrupt, to adulterate; peddlers were in the habit of adulterating their commodities for the sake of gain

1 Cor 9:15-18

15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. **16** For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! **17** For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. **18** What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ **(1)without charge**, that **(2)I abuse** not my power in the gospel. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)without charge-77 adapanos (ad-ap'-an-os); from 1 (as negative particle); and 1160; costless, i.e. gratuitous:KJV-- without expense, requiring no outlay, costing nothing

(2)I abuse not my power in the gospel-2710 katachraomai (kat-akh-rah'-om-ahee);from 2596 and 5530; to overuse, i.e. misuse: KJV-- abuse.

1 Cor 9:11-16

11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? **12** If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. **13** Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? **14** Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. **15** **But I have used none of these things:** neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. **16** For though I preach the gospel, **I have nothing to glory of:** for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me,** if I preach not the gospel! (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)

II Th 3:6-10

6 Now we **command you, brethren,** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. **7** **For yourselves know** how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; **8** Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: **9** Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. **10** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. (KJV)

Christians Must Know

The Path Of Belief In Christ, By God Through Christ And His Apostles

Ref. Scriptures:

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 always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

John 17:14-21

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. (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 2:41-42

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)

Christians Must Know

That To Be Able To Understand The Mystery Of Christ, We Must Read And Study The Apostles' Doctrine, Which Is The Word Of God, In New Testament Scriptures

Ref. Scriptures:

Eph 3:1-5

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;(KJV)

2 Tim 2:10-16

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **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. **14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** **16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

Christians Must Know

That to be Fond of the (world, Those that heareth not the apostles), makes us adulterers and adulteresses, having an affair with the devil, professing that we are of God through Christ. This also causes hatred with God, thereby causing us to be the enemy of God!!!

Ref. Scriptures:

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **(1)friendship** of the world is **(2)enmity** with God? whosoever therefore **(3)will** be **(4)a friend** of the world is **the enemy of God.** (KJV)

Definitions

(1) the friendship of the world-5373 philia (fil-ee'-ah);from 5384; fondness: KJV-- friendship.

(2) is enmity with God-2189 echthra (ekh'-thrah);feminine of 2190; hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition: KJV-- enmity, hatred...2190 echthros (ech-thros');from a primary echtho (to hate); hateful (passively, odious, or actively, hostile); usually as a noun, an adversary (especially Satan): KJV-- enemy, foe, used of men as at enmity with God because of their sin, opposing (God) in the mind the Devil who is the most bitter enemy of the divine government

(3)will be-1014 {boo'-lom-ahee};middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing: KJV-- be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing), to will deliberately, to have a purpose, to be minded, used of willing as an affection, to desire

(4)a friend of the world-5384 philos (fee'-los);properly, dear, i.e. a friend; actively, fond, i.e. friendly (still as a noun, an associate, neighbor, etc.): KJV-- friend.

Christians must know

That there is only one door, one way, which is the truth and the life, that enters into the sheepfold, and the sheepfold is of the one body, the one church, the one faith, which of the one spirit. And, there is only one name given among men, which covers everything even salvation and it is Jesus Christ, the good shepherd, the chief Shepherd. There is no other way even in prayer to get to the Father, but by Christ, and his sheepfold are obedient followers of him (Christians).

Ref. Scriptures:

John 10:1-14

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.** **2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. **4** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. **5** And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. **6** This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. **7** **Then said Jesus** unto them again, Verily, verily, **I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.** **8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **9** **I am the door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. **11** **I am the good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. **12** **But he that is an (*)hireling**, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. **13** The **(*)hireling** fleeth, because he is an **(*)hireling**, and careth not for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. (KJV)

Definition: (*)**hireling**, and not the shepherd 3411 misthotos (mis-tho-tos'); from 3409; a wage-worker (good or bad): KJV—hired servant, hireling, one hired, a hireling...3409 misthoo (mis-tho'-o);from 3408; to let out for wages, i.e. (middle voice) to hire: KJV—hire.

John 14:1-10

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. **4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. **5** Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? **6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** **7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. **8** Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **9 Jesus saith unto him,** Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? **10** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (KJV)

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, (1) 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)

Definition: (1) **let him follow me**-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o);from 1 (as a participle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple): 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

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 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)

Eph 5:22-27

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

Col 1:13-20

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of **his dear Son**: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **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** fullness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:1-4

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, **who am also an elder**, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3** Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. **4** And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. (KJV)

Christians Must Know

There is no other, “go between” (mediator) between God and men, ONLY Christ Jesus, not Marry nor any other. For if there is one between man and Christ, and it's not, it would be TWO mediators between man and God, which is CONTRARY to the Word of God

Ref. Scripture:

1 Tim 2:5-6

5 For there is one God, and **one (1) mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**; **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (KJV)

Definition: (1) one **mediator** between-3316 mesites (mes-ee'-tace); from 3319; a go-between, i.e. (simply) an internunciator, or (by implication) a reconciler (intercessor): KJV—mediator.one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or to form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant, a medium of communication, a arbitrator

Christians Must Know

That Christ Became The Author Of Eternal Salvation Unto All Them That Obey Him

Ref. Scripture:

Heb 5:5-10

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. **6** As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. **7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **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. (KJV)

Christians Must Know

That there is only one chief corner stone
And it is not the pastor, the elder, the priest, the master, the deacon, the rabbi, the pope, nor the

apostles, but Jesus Christ himself!!!

Ref. Scriptures:

Eph 2:18-22

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; **20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; **21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (KJV)

1 Pet 2:1-8

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, **2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: **3** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. **4** To whom coming, as unto a living stone, **(1)disallowed** indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, **5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. **6** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not **(2)be confounded**. **7** Unto you therefore which believe he is **(3)precious**: but **(4)unto them which be disobedient**, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, **8** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)disallowed indeed of men-593 apodokimazo (ap-od-ok-ee-mad'-zo); from 575 and 1381; to disapprove, i.e. (by implication) to repudiate: KJV-- disallow, reject.

(2)be confounded-2617 kataischuno- to dishonor, disgrace, to put to shame, to make ashamed, to be ashamed, to blush with shame, one is said to be put to shame who suffers a repulse, or whom some hope has deceived

(3)precious-5092 time (tee-may');from 5099; a value, i.e. money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: KJV-- honour, precious, price, some.

(4)unto them which be disobedient569 apisteo (ap-is-teh'-o);from 571; to be unbelieving, i.e. (transitively) disbelieve, or (by implication) disobey: KJV-- believe not.

**Christians Must Know
That God Is Against Young Men Sowing Their Wild Oats
Ref. Scriptures:**

Eccl 11:9-10

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: **but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.** **10** Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

Eccl 12:1-2

1 **Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth**, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; **2** While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: (KJV)

**Christians Must Know
That They That Heareth Not The Apostles Are Of The World, And Thereby Not Of God
Ref. Scriptures:**

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)

**Christians Have Been Warned,
By God Through Christ And His Apostles Against Revellings And Such Like, Please Read
And Listen!**

“Revellings, and such like:
of the which i tell you before, as i have also told you in time past, that they which do such things
shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Ref. Scriptures:

Rom 13:13-14

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in **(1) rioting** and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. **14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. (KJV)

Gal 5:19-26

19 Now **the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these**; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, **(1) revellings, and such like**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (KJV)

Definitions:**(1) rioting and revellings**, and such like-2970 komos (ko'-mos); from 2749; a carousal (as if letting loose): KJV-- revelling, rioting, a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry...**A.H. Dictionary: rev·el** (rɪvˈɛl) *intr.v.* **rev·eled** also **rev·elled, rev·el·ing rev·el·ling, rev·els rev·els**. **1.** To take great pleasure or delight. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. --**rev·el n.** A boisterous festivity or celebration; merrymaking. Often used in the plural. --**rev“el·ler or rev“el·er**, Joyful, exuberant activity and entertainment: fun **2. (n.)** A period of time spent drinking alcoholic beverages, To take great pleasure in, love, adore, delight in, **dislike (antonym)** **4. (v.)** To take extravagant pleasure: luxuriate, indulge, delight, rejoice. (v.) To feel or express joy or satisfaction about an event: Exult, celebrate, glory, jump for joy, rejoice, make merry, be **downcast (antonym)**

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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