

GIVING OF THANKS

1 Tim 4:1-5

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to (1)be received with (2)thanksgiving of them which believe and (3)know the (4)truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)which God hath created to be received-3336 metalepsis (met-al'-ape-sis); from 3335; participation: KJV-- taking...3335 metalambano (met-al-am-ban'-o); from 3326 and 2983; to participate; genitive case to accept (and use): KJV-- eat, have, be partaker, receive, take.

(2)with thanksgiving-2169 eucharistia (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah); from 2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): KJV-- thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

(3)of them which believe and know-1921 epiginosko (ep-ig-in-oc'e'-ko); from 1909 and 1097; to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; by implication, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge: KJV-- (ac-, have, take) know (-ledge, well), perceive, to know thoroughly, to know accurately, to know well d) to know, that is, to understand.

(4)The truth-John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:3 ... with thanksgiving of them which (KJV)

1 Sam 9:13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get ye up; for about this time ye shall find him. (KJV)

Matt 14:16-20

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. (KJV)

Matt 15:34-37

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. 35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. (KJV)

Luke 24:25-31

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have

spoken: **26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. **28** And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. **29** But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. **30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. (KJV)

John 6:23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) (KJV)

Acts 27:32-36

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. **33** And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. **34** Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. **35** And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. **36** Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat. (KJV)

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:4-5

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:3 ... believe and know the truth. (KJV)

John 8:31-32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)

Gal 2:11-21

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. **12** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. **13** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. **14** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? **15** We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, **16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. **17** But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. **18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of

the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (KJV)

II Th 2:13-17

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: **14** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. **16** Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, **17** Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. (KJV)

1 Tim 2:1-6

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **2** For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; **4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (KJV)

***1 Tim 4:4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing **(1)to be refused**, if it be received with thanksgiving: (KJV)

Definition: **(1)to be refused**, if it be received with thanksgiving-579 apobletos (ap-ob'-lay-tos); from 577; cast off, i.e. (figuratively) such as to be rejected: KJV-- be refused, thrown away, to be thrown away, rejected, despised, abominated as unclean.

Gal 1:6-9

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (KJV)

Gal 5:11-13

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. **12** I would they were even **(1)cut off** which trouble you. **13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (KJV)

Definition: **(1)cut off** which trouble you-609 apokopto (ap-ok-op'-to); from 575 and 2875; to amputate; reflexively (by irony) to mutilate (the privy parts): KJV-- cut off...575 apo (apo'); a primary particle; "off," i.e. away (from something near): KJV-- it usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.

II Th 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; (KJV)

Heb 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; (KJV)

1 Tim 4:4 ... every creature of God is good, (KJV)

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (KJV)

Deut 32:4-6

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. **5** They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. **6** Do ye **(1)thus (2)requite** the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? (KJV)

Definitions

(1)thus-2063 zo'th (zothe'); irregular feminine of 2089; this (often used adverb): KJV-- hereby.
(2)requite the LORD-1580 gamal (gaw-mal'); a primitive root; to treat a person (well or ill): KJV-- do (good), recompense, requite, reward, serve.

Matt 15:8-11

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **10** And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: **11** Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. (KJV)

Mark 7:13-23

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. **14** And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: **15** There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. **16** If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. **17** And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. **18** And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; **19** Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? **20** And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:4 ... and nothing to be refused, (KJV)

Acts 11:6-9

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. **7** And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. **8** But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. **9** But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. (KJV)

Acts 15:19-20

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: **20** But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. (KJV)

Acts 15:24-32

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: **25** It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, **26** Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **27** We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. **28** For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; **29** That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well. **30** So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle: **31** Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation. **32** And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. (KJV)

Acts 21:25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication. (KJV)

Rom 14:14-16

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **15** But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. **16** Let not then your good be evil spoken of: (KJV)

Rom 14:20-23

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. **21** It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. **22** Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. **23** And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. (KJV)

1 Cor 10:19-30

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **20** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles **(1)sacrifice**, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? **23** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. **24** Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth. **25** Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake: **26** For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. **27** If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. **28** But if any man say

unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: **29** Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? **30** For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? (KJV)

Definition: (1)sacrifice-2380 thuo (thoo'-o); a primary verb; properly, to rush (breathe hard, blow, smoke), i.e. (by implication) to sacrifice (properly, by fire, but genitive case); by extension to immolate (slaughter for any purpose): KJV-- kill, (do) sacrifice, slay, to offer as a sacrifice.

Titus 1:13-16

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. **15** Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:5

For it is **(1)sanctified** by the word of God and prayer.(KJV)

Definition: (1)sanctified-37 hagiazo (hag-ee-ad'-zo); from 40; to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate, 2) to separate from profane things and to dedicate to God a) to consecrate things to God b) to dedicate people to God 3) to purify a) to cleanse externally b) to purify by expiation: to free from the guilt of sin c) to purify internally by a renewing of the soul: KJV-- hallow, be holy, sanctify.

1 Tim 4:5 ... it is sanctified by by the word of God and prayer (KJV)

Luke 4:3-4

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. (KJV)

Luke 11:39-40

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. **40** Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? (KJV)

Luke 22:17-19

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: **18** For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. **19** And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. (KJV)

John 6:11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. (KJV)

1 Cor 7:12-16

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she

(*)be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. **13** And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he (*)be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. **14** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. **15** But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. **16** For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? (KJV)

Definition: (*)be pleased-4909 suneudokeo (soon-yoo-dok-eh'-o); from 4862 and 2106; to think well of in common, i.e. assent to, feel gratified with, 1) to be pleased together with, to approve together (with others) 2) to be pleased at the same time with, to consent, to agree to, to applaud: KJV-- allow, assent, be pleased, have pleasure.

THE LOCATION OF THE SCRIPTURES AND DEFINITIONS REFERENCED TO DURING THE AUDIO ON, GIVING OF THANKS

Christians Must Know The Carnal Mind Is Enmity Against God 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.

Christians Must Know That God Almighty Controls Everything, Including The Weather Ref. Scriptures:

Job. 38:24-41

24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? **25 Who** hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; **26 To cause it to rain on the earth**, where no man is; on the wilderness wherein there is no man; **27** To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth? **28** Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? **29** Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven who hath gendered it? **30** The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. **31** Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion **32** Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? **33** Knowest thou the ordinances of

heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? **34** Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? **35** Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? **36** Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? **37** Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, **38** When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? **39** Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, **40** When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? **41** Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

Jer. 5:22-24

22 Fear ye not me? **saith the LORD:** will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? **23** But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. **24** **Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season:** he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest

Jer.10:13 **When he uttereth his voice,** there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, **and he causeth** the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; **he maketh** lightnings with rain, and **bringeth forth** the wind out of his treasures.

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.

Christians Must Know

That There Is ONLY One That Holds In His Hand, The Soul/Mind, Of Every Living Thing, And The Breath Of All Mankind And It's God Almighty!!

Ref. Scriptures:

Job.12:9-11

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? **10** In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. **11** Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat

Acts 17:24-30

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though heneeded any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; **27** That they should

see the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: **28** For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. **29** Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. **30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

**Again, Christians Must Know, And Remember
Who God Almighty, The Creator Is, And Who We The Created Are, And Unto Him And
His Son Christ Jesus, Every Knee Shall BOW!!**

Ref. Scriptures:

Isa. 40:12-17

12 Who hath measured the waters in the **hollow of his hand**, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? **13** Who hath directed the Spirit of the **LORD**, or being his counsellor hath taught him? **14** With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? **15 Behold**, the nations are **as a drop of a bucket**, and are counted **as the small dust of the balance: behold**, he taketh up the isles **as a very little thing**. **16** And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. **17 All nations** before him are **as nothing**; and they are **counted to him less than nothing, and vanity**. **18 To whom then will ye liken God?** or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Isa. 45:22-23

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth for I am God, and there is none else. **23** I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me **every knee shall bow**, every tongue shall swear.

Rom. 14:11-12

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow** to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. **12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Phil. 2:8-11

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even in the death of the cross. **9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; **11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Again, Christians Must Know

**That, in the New Testament, under the Law of Christ, given by God to true Christians,
those that know the truth; know that nothing is to be refused, If received with thanksgiving
(1Tim. 4:1-5 referenced in the lesson)**

**But, In The Old Testament, Under The Law Of Moses, Given By God To The Children Of
Israel; Was Unclean Unto THEM...Ref. Scriptures:**

Lev.11:1-9

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, **2** Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. **3** Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted*, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that shall ye eat. **4** Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. **5** And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. **6** And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. **7** And the swine though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. **8** Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you. **9** These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

Lev. 11:10-11

10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you: **11** They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. **12** Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you. **13** And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and tesseræ and the ospray, **14** And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; **15** Every raven after his kind; **16** And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind **17** And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, **18** And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle, **19** And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. **20** All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you. **21** Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; (see also: verses **26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 38** and **Deut.14:7, 8,10, and 19**)

Again, Christians Must Know

That Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please God, And For Those That Diligently Seeks Him For A Reward Of Eternal Life, Must Know That Faith Is Belief Proven By Striving To Be Obedient!! Ref. Scriptures:

Heb 11:6 But without **(1) faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **(2) diligently seek** him. (KJV)

Definitions

(1) faith-4102 pistis (pis'-tis);from 3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: KJV-- assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity...3982 peitho (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexively or passively, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty): KJV-- agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield, to listen to, to obey, to yield to, to comply with.

(2) diligently seek him-1567 ekzeteo (ek-zay-teh'-o);from 1537 and 2212; to search out, i.e. (figuratively) investigate, crave, demand, (by Hebraism) worship: KJV-- enre-) quire, seek after

(carefully, diligently), to seek out, search for, to seek out, that is, to scrutinize, to seek out for oneself.

Heb. 5:8-9

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;**

Again, Christians Must Know

That the god of this world is the devil, by God's intent, and that he blinds the minds of them which believe not...Ref. Scriptures:

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 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)

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. KJV

Rev 12:9 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)

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)

Again, Christians Must Remember

That to be who we profess to be (followers of Christ/Christians), we are not to love our lives in this world, thereby suffering for Christ's sake!!!

Ref. Scriptures:

John 12:25-26

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

Definitions

(1)He that loveth his life 5368 phileo-to love, to approve of, to like, to sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend, to show signs of love; to kiss, to be fond of doing, to have affection for.

(2)shall lose it-622 apollumi-to destroy, to put out of the way entirely, to abolish, to put an end to ruin metaphorically, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell, to perish, to be lost, to be ruined

(3)he that hateth his life in this world-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 unto life eternal-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, to keep watch, to guard from being lost or perishing, to guard, that is, to care for, take care not to violate, to observe

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

Again, Christians Must Know

That after being baptized into Christ, thereby putting on Christ, we must strive to be no more of the fleshly, carnal mind thereby transforming into a new spiritual creature

Ref. Scriptures:

2 Cor. 5:14-17

14 For the love of Christ constrain us because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: **15** And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. **16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh:** yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more **17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new.**

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Again, Christians, (followers of Christ), must know

That No flesh should never deter us from doing the will of God, through Christ and his apostles, if we are to be right, righteous with God. Listen to Jesus as he reminded us of whom we must fear...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt.10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Luke 12:4-5

4 And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid** of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. **5** But I will forewarn you whom ye **shall fear**: **Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**

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 Must Know That

We Have Been Warned About Being Hypocrites, Those That Honour Him With Their Lips, But In Their Minds They Are Far From Him.

Therefore, They Are Sayers And Hearers But Not Doers Of The Apostles' Doctrine. For They Are Vain Worshipers. But Christians/ followers of Christ, must be doers, thereby **working out our soul salvation with fear and trembling ...Ref. Scriptures:**

Mark 7:6-9

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **7** Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **8** For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. **9** And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. (KJV)

Phil. 2:11-13

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to **do of his good pleasure.**

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 2:17-26

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.** **20** But wilt thou know, **O vain man,** that faith without works is dead? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. **24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. **25** Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? **26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (KJV)

Christians Must Know

That we can't pray for just any and everything, but that our Prayer must be according to God's will, as we strive to do his will, then will he heareth us, for he heareth not the prayer of a sinner...Ref. Scriptures:

1 John 5:13-14

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. **14** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything **according to his will,** he heareth us:

John 9: 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and **doeth his will,** him he heareth.

Christians must know

what the will of God is, so that we will know what to pray for
Ref. Scriptures:

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it **upon your lusts.**

Rom. 2:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, **brethren,** by the mercies of **God,** that ye present your bodies a **living sacrifice, holy,** acceptable **unto God,** which is **your reasonable service.** **2** And be **not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of **your mind,** that ye may prove what is that **good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

1 Thes. 4:1-5

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, **brethren,** and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye **ought to walk and to please God,** so ye would abound more and more. **2** For ye know what **commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.** **3 For this is the will of God,** even your sanctification, that ye should **abstain from fornication:** **4** That every one of you

should know how to **possess his vessel in sanctification and honour**; **5** Not in the lust of **concupiscence**, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

1 Pet. 4:1

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, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1 Pet. 4:19 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.

1 John 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.**

Saul, Which Is The Apostle Paul, Made Havock Of The Church Of And By Christ, But It Was Done Through Ignorance...Ref. Scriptures:

Acts 7:55-60

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, **56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. **57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, **58** And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was (*)Saul. **59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, **Lord Jesus**, receive my spirit. **60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1-3

1 And (*)Saul was (**)consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. **2** And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. **3** As for (*)Saul, (***)he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. (KJV)

Definitions

(*) **Saul**-4569 Saulos (sow'-los); of Hebrew origin, the same as 4549; Saulus (i.e. Shaul), the Jewish name of Paul: KJV—Saul, Saul = "desired"; the Jewish name of the apostle Paul

(**) **consenting**-4909 suneudokeo (soon-yoo-dok-eh'-o); from 4862 and 2106; to think well of in common, i.e. assent to, feel gratified with: KJV-- allow, assent, be pleased, have pleasure, to be pleased together with, to approve together (with others), to be pleased at the same time with, to consent, to agree to, to applaud

(***) **he made havock** of the church-3075 lumainomai (loo-mah'-ee-nom-ah-ee); middle voice from a probably derivative of 3089 (meaning filth); properly, to soil, i.e. (figuratively) insult (maltreat): KJV-- make havock of, to affix a stigma to, to dishonor, to spot, to defile, to treat shamefully or with injury, to ravage, to devastate, to ruin

Acts 9:1-24

1 And **Saul**, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, **2** And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. **3** And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: **4** And he fell to the earth, and **heard a voice saying unto him**, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? **5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. **7** And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. **8** And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. **9** And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. **10** And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. **11** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, **12** And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. **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. **17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, **Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee** in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: **and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.** **19** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. **20** And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. **21** But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? **22** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. **23** And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: **24** But their laying await was known of Saul. (KJV)

Acts 22:3-4

3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. **4** And **I persecuted this way unto the death**, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. (KJV)

Acts 26:9-11

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of

Nazareth. **10** Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: **and many of the saints did I shut up in prison**, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. **11** And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. (KJV)

1 Cor 15:6-10

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. **7** After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. **8** And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, **because I persecuted the church of God.** **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. (KJV)

Gal 1:10-16

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. **11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. **12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. **13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, **how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:** **14** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. **15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

Phil 3:4-11

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: **5** Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; **6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, **9** And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:** **10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; **11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (KJV)

1 Tim 1:11-17

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. **12** And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; **13** Who was before a blasphemers, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because **I did it ignorantly in unbelief.** **14** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. **15** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **16** Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth

all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. **17** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

Christians, (followers of Christ), must know

That we are Not only to believe on Christ but also to suffer for his sake, thereby not minding earthly things; which make us enemies of His Cross...Ref. Scriptures

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) same 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, the place of contest, the arena or stadium, hence the contest for a prize generally, any struggle or contest, a battle.

Phil 3:16-20

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

Christians, (followers of Christ), must know

That No flesh should never deter us from doing the will of God, through Christ and his apostles, if we are to be right, righteous with God. Jesus Christ revealed who his mother and brothers were, for he never yield to flesh, and as followers of him neither should we...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt. 10:32-39

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. **34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.** **35** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **36** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. **37** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. **39** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (See **sword: Eph. 6:17 and Heb.4:12**)

Matt. 12:45-50

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they

enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. **46** While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. **47** Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. **48** But he answered and said unto him that told him, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?** **49** And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! **50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Mark 3:31-35

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. **32** And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. **33** And he answered them, saying, **Who is my mother, or my brethren?** **34** And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! **35** For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Here the apostle John is verifying what Christ commanded them, the apostles, and is now teaching us, the Church of and by Christ (Col.1:18-19; Eph.3:14-21 and chapter 4:3-6), to observe this commandment...Ref. Scripture:

I Jn 2:15-17

15 **(1)Love not the (2)world,** neither the things that are in the world. **If any man (1)love the world,** the **(3)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)

Definitions

(1)Love not-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense): KJV-- (be-) love (-ed), used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly, used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing

(2) the 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.

(3) the love of the Father is not in him-26 agape-brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence

**Christians, (followers of Christ), must know
when we the bride of Christ, is having an affair with the Devil, Through fondness of the world, is hatred with God thereby causing one to be the enemy of God, Let's listen to James...Ref. Scriptures:**

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

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 **(5)enemy** of God (KJV)

Definitions

(1) 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, cause of enmity

(3) will be-1014 {boo'-lom-ahēe); middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing: KJV-- be disposed, 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, a friend, to be friendly to one, to wish him well, an associate, he who associates familiarly with one, a companion

(5) is the enemy of God-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, hostile, hating, and 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.

Again, Christians Must Know

That those that have not been baptized into the body of Christ, thereby putting on Christ, no other name, **Are Unbelievers. Those that have been, must not marry those that are not. Faithful Christians are at liberty to marry, but only in the Lord**, thereby keeping themselves unspotted from the world, and thereby not being unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Also note the question the apostle Paul asked about his power to marry... Ref. Scriptures:

1 Cor 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; **but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.** (KJV)

2 Cor 6:14-18

14 Be ye not (1) 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.** (KJV)

Definition:(1) unequally yoked together to come under an unequal or different yoke, to be unequally yoked, to have fellowship with one who is not an equal: 2Cor 6:14, where the apostle is forbidding Christians to have intercourse with idolaters

1 Cor 9:1-5

1 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, 4 Have we not power to eat and to drink? 5 Have we not power (1) to lead about (2) a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? (KJV)

Definitions

(1) to lead about-4013 periago (per-ee-ag'-o); from 4012 and 71; to take around (as a companion); reflexively, to walk around: KJV-- compass, go (round) about, lead about, to lead around, to lead about with oneself, to go about, to walk about

(2) a sister-79 adelphe-1) a full, own sister 2) one connected by the tie of the Christian faith

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and **(1)to keep himself (2)unspotted from the (3) world.** (KJV)

(1)to keep-5083 tereo-to attend to carefully, to take care of, to guard, metaphorically, to keep, one in the state in which he is, to observe, to reserve: to undergo something

(2) unspotted from the world-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally): KJV-- without spot, unspotted, metaphorically, free from censure, irremovable, free from vice, unsullied

(3) the world-2889 kosmos-the world, the universe, the circle of the earth, the earth, 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.

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