

WHERE THERE'S TWO OR THREE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME

There seem to be a misunderstanding by those in the religious world even the Church, when worshipping in the home is mentioned. Worshipping in the home is not some strange doctrine, because there are bible examples of such in the apostles' doctrine (**Rom.16:5, 1Cor.16:18-19, Col.4:15-18, Phile.1:1-4**). Christians before us worshipped in different places, for different reasons; According to scripture, there seem to have been large congregations, in designated buildings as well as small ones in the home. So then, for one to teach that one **must worship** in the home or that one **must worship** in designated buildings, would then be a strange doctrine. According to scripture, what one **MUST do** is **worship in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:23-24)**.

To teach separation because of some self-serving, carnal reason would also be a strange doctrine according to scripture (**Jude1:18-19**). But to teach that one must not separate/withdraw from those that are allowing **the worship** to be contaminated, by not following the traditions given by the apostles, is also a strange doctrine (**2Thes.3:6**)etc. The only reason we worship in our homes, is because, when using the bible as a guide, we believe that most of The Church today has left the old path, of the apostles word/doctrine (**John17:17-21; Acts 2:41-42**). We believe, with all due respect, that those that profess to be elders have allowed this evil to grow in The Church. This is a tragedy, because this causes, as it should, division. We do know the scriptures speak of the time that was to come and we believe according to evidence, the time is now! **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”**(2 Tim 4:3-4). According to scripture, when **we worship** God, it must be in spirit and in truth (**John 4:23-24**).

We believe, according to scripture, that when we come together into one place to worship, whether in a building or our homes, all things that go on there must be according to the apostles word/doctrine (**Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:16-21; Acts 1:1-4; 2:41-42**). If all things are not according to Christ and his apostles when we come together in one place **to worship**, we then become hypocrites; teachers of traditions, doctrines, and commandments of men (**Matt.15:7-9**). We also believe according to scripture, that **singing, praying, giving, taking the Lord's Supper and preaching** are the examples set in worship and they are also **fellowship**. So then, when one knowingly prays, sings, gives, and takes The Lord's Supper, with those that participates in those things, that are contrary to the Doctrine that, we have read and have learned; we then become partakers of their evil deeds (**Eph.5:6-11**). **Can two walk together except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3)**

We believe according to scripture, those that are truly striving, suffering to live the life of Christ while here on earth(**1Pet.4:1-4**), not only have the right, but have been **commanded, in the name of our lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw** from those that **walketh disorderly (2Thes.3:6)**. So, when members separate themselves or go out from congregations, this doesn't necessarily mean that they have gone out from God. Maybe, what they have separated, or gone out from, is disorderly according to scripture. Maybe, what they have separated from serves not our Lord

Jesus Christ, but their own **BELLIES** and by **good words and fair speeches deceives the hearts of the simple (Rom.16:18, Phlp.3:17-20)**. We must know if our worship is correct, it **MUST** be in the Spirit of Christ and in the Truth of the apostles' doctrine. This is why scriptures teach us to examine ourselves, whether **we** are in **The** Faith; and walk as Christ walked (**2Cor.13:5; 1John2:1-6**). We are to "prove **all** things" (by scripture) and "hold fast that which is good" (Thereby letting go, purging out, or withdrawing, separating from that which is evil) (**2Thes.5:21**). We must try **every** spirit to see if it is of God, which is the spirit of truth (**1John4:1-6**). We must be as the noble Bereans; searching the scriptures daily (**Acts17:11**). If where we worship, the spirit is not of God, thereby not being the spirit of truth, how can one be a true worshiper, worshipping in spirit and in truth? This is why those that are striving to be true worshipers, must follow Christ's commandments, and withdraw from those that has allows and is allowing traditions of men, to creep into the congregations, "**a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump**" **1Cor.5:6**.

Those that attends these congregations knows exactly of what we are speaking; the traditions, that have changed the Church from the old path of the apostles' doctrine. Forty plus years ago, most of these unscriptural things that are being practiced today, were not tolerated in The Church. But the more we study; we have found that there were more unscriptural things being practiced than we first thought. We find so few that is willing to strive toward perfection (**Luke 8:14; 2Cor.13:8-11; Phil.3:12-21; Heb.6:1-2**) and suffer to follow scriptures as they are written (**Luke13:24; Phil.1:27-30**). We are not saying that we don't sin; we are as every other brother and sister. What we are saying is, Lord willing, we will not knowingly allow; fellowship; nor support, in any manner, false doctrine; which is darkness (**Eph.5:11; 1John1:5-10**). Nor will we allow **the worship** to be contaminated with traditions of men. So far our homes have been sufficient to house us.

Please Read all scriptures; Matt 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.(KJV)

Matt 18:20 For **where** two or three are **(1)gathered together (2)in** my **(3)name, (4)there** am I **(5)in** the **(6)midst** of them.

Definitions(1) Gathered together-4863 sunago (soon-ag'-o);from **4862** and 71; to convene; specifically: KJV-- + accompany, assemble (selves, together), come together, gather (selves together, up, together), denoting union; with or together, i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality: KJV-- beside, with.....**(2)in** my name-**Gal 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.....**(3) Name**-3686 onoma (on'-om-ah);from a presumed derivative of the base of 1097 (compare 3685); a "name" (literally or figuratively) [authority, character]: KJV—called, 2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, for one's rank, authority, interests, command, excellences, deeds etc. 4) the cause or reason named: on this account, because he suffers as a Christian, for this reason...**(4) There**-1563 ekei- there, in or to that place...**(5)in**-1722 en- in, by, with, etc. ...**(6)midst**-3319 mesos- 1) middle 2) the midst 3) in the midst of, amongst

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Matt 15:7 **Ye hypocrites**, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, **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.**(KJV)

Matt 17:1 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)

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

John 17:16 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)

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, **when the doors were shut** where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Acts 2:41 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)

Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. **8** And there were many lights **in the (1)upper chamber**, where they were gathered together. **(1)upper chamber**-5253 huperoion (hoop-er-o'-on); neuter of a derivative of 5228; a higher part of the house, i.e. apartment in the third story: KJV-- upper chamber (room).

Rom 16:5 Likewise **greet the church that is in their house.** Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.(KJV)

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **10** Now I beseech you, brethren, **by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.** **11** For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. **12** Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. **13 Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (KJV)

1 Cor 5:4 **In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together,** and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,(KJV)

1 Cor 11:20 When ye **come together** therefore **into one place**, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. **21** For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. **1 Cor 11:33** Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. **34** And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.(KJV)

1 Cor 14:23 **If** therefore **the whole church be come together into one place**, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?(KJV)

1 Cor 16:18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such. **19** The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you **much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.** **1 Cor 16:23** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. (KJV)

Col 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and **Nymphas**, and **the church which is in his house.** **16** And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in **the church of the Laodiceans;** and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. **17** And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. **18** The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. **Grace be with you. Amen.**

Phile 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, **2** And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the **church in thy house:** **3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.** **4** I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,(KJV)

Matt 18:20 ... **there am I in the midst of them.** (KJV)

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you alway,** even unto the end of the world. Amen.(KJV)

Phil 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.(KJV)

II Th 3:4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. (KJV)

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (KJV)

1 Cor 5:6 ... a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (KJV)

1 Cor 15:33 Be not deceived: evil (1)communications corrupt good manners.(KJV)

(1)communications-3657 homilia-companionship, intercourse, communion

2 Pet 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **2** And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **3** And through (1)covetousness shall they (2)with feigned words (1)make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.(KJV)

(1)through_covetousness-4124 pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah);from 4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion, greedy desire to have more: KJV-- covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.

(2)with feigned-4112 plastos (plas-tos');from 4111; moulded, i.e. (by implication) artificial or (figuratively) fictitious (false): KJV-- feigned.

(3)make merchandise of you-1710 emporeuomai-to traffic, 3) to deal in 4) to use a person or a thing for gain

2 Pet 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; **13** And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; **14** **(1)Having eyes full of adultery**, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: **15** Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; **16** But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. **17** These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. **18** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. **19** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of

the same is he brought in bondage. **20** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. **21** For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. **22** But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. **(1)Having eyes full of adultery: James 1:27; 4:4; 1John2:15-17**

1 Cor 5:1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. **2** And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. **3** For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed. **4** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **5** To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. **6** Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **7 (1)Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of **sincerity and truth.**(KJV)**

(1) Purge out-1571 ekkathairo (ek-kath-ah'-ee-ro); from 1537 and **2508; to cleanse thoroughly:** KJV-- purge (out).**2508** kathairo from 2513; to cleanse, i.e. (specially) **to prune;** figuratively, to expiate: KJV-- purge.

1 Cor 5:7 ... Purge out therefore the old leaven, (KJV)

Amos 3:3 Can two **walk together,** except they be agreed? (KJV)

Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. **28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, **speaking perverse things,** to draw away disciples after them.(KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. **(1)Mind not high things,** but **(2)Condescend** to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.(KJV)

(1)Mind not-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o);from 5424; to exercise the mind, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, mind, regard, savour, think.

(2)Condescend-4879 sunapago-1) to lead away with or together 2) metaphorically, to be carried away with a) used of a thing, that is, by a thing, so as to experience with others the force of what

carries away b) to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **(1)mark them** which **cause (2)divisions** and **(3)offences contrary** to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **(4)avoid them. 18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.(KJV)

(1) Mark 4648 skopeo-1) to look at, to observe, to contemplate 2) **to mark** 3) to fix one's eyes upon, to direct one's attention to (anyone) 4649 skopos ("scope")-1) **an observer, a watchman**

(2)cause divisions-1370 dichostsis (dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah);**disunion**, i.e. (figuratively) dissension: KJV-- **division, sedition.**

(3)and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned-4625 skandalon (skan'-dal-on) ("scandal");**a trap-stick** (bent sapling), i.e. snare (**figuratively, cause of displeasure or sin**): KJV-- occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends, **stumblingblock.**

(4)and avoid them-1578 ekklino (ek-klee'-no);from 1537 and 2827; to deviate, i.e. (absolutely) **to shun** (literally or figuratively): KJV-- **avoid**, eschew, go out of the way.**575** apo; **used of separation; used of local separation**, after verbs of motion from a place that is, **of departing, of fleeing**; used of separation of a part from the whole where of a whole some part is taken; used of any kind of separation of one thing from another, by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed; used of a state of separation, that is, of distance.

1 Cor 5: 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? **13** But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.(KJV)

1 Cor 10:21 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.(KJV)

1 Cor 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **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)

2 Cor 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (KJV)

2 Cor 6:17 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)

Eph 4:21 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. (KJV)

Phil 3:17 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:(KJV)

Col 3:1 If ye then be **(1)risen** with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, **not** on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth..... **(1)risen** with Christ; **Rom.6:4-5;** Col.2:12-20

2 Tim 4:2 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.(KJV)

II Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. **6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **(1)withdraw yourselves** from every brother that **(2)walketh** **(3)disorderly,** and not after the tradition which he received of us.(KJV)

Definitions

(1) Withdraw 4724 stello (stel'-lo);**to set fast** ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) **to repress** (reflexively, **abstain from associating with**): KJV-- **avoid**, withdrawself.

(2) Walketh 4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o);from 4012 and 3961; **to tread all around**, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, **to live, deport oneself**, follow (as a **companion** or votary): KJV-- go, **be occupied with**, walk (about).

(3) Disorderly 814 ataktos (at-ak'-toce);, irregularly (morally): KJV-- disorderly; **out of ranks** (often so of soldiers) **deviating from the prescribed order or rule**

Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they **who separate themselves, (1)sensual, having not the Spirit.**(KJV)

(1) Sensual psuchikos (psoo-khee-kos'); governed by breath; the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion KJV-- natural, sensual.1. (adj.) Of, relating to, or concerned with **sensory gratification**:• **carnal**• Epicurean• **pleasure-loving**• **pleasure-seeking**• sensualistic• **luxuriant**• voluptuous;..... (antonym)>puritanical [Christians].

(1.) Preacher's Anniversaries, Birthdays or paid preachers (preaching for money), paid song leaders, paid secretary, elders, deacons etc. **(2.) Group singings.** **(3.) Eating's (feasting), revellings and games etc; These are our examples.** Acts 2:46; 1Cor.11:21-22, 33-34; Luke 14:12-14; Rom.12:13-16; Rom.13:13; 1Pet.4:3. **(4.) Holidays (traditions of men) observed, period:** Gal.4:8-12; Col.2:4-10, 16-17; 2Thes.3:6; 1Tim1:3-4; Philp.3:16-20; 1Tim.4:12-16. **(5.) Sisters speaking teaching and or usurping authority over the man;** 1Cor.11:1-3; 1Cor.14:33-36; 1Tim.2:11-14; **(Titus 2:3-5).** **(6.) Dressy attire for brothers or sisters; (common attire); just as our Lord and those before us;** Acts 20:33-34, Luke 16:15, 2Cor.10:7&9, 1Tim.2:9-10, James 2:2-5 1Pet.3:3-6