

HAVING A DESIRE TO DEPART

Phil 1:21-24

- 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.
23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.(KJV)

Phil 1:23

- 23 For **(1)I am in a strait** betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:(KJV)

Definition: (1)I am in a strait-sunecho (soon-ekh'-o);from 4862 and 2192; to hold together, i.e. to compress or arrest (a prisoner); figuratively, to **compel, perplex, afflict, preoccupy**: KJV-- constrain, hold, **keep in, press, lie sick of**, stop, be in a strait, straiten,

Phil 1:23 ... in a strait betwixt two...Ref. Scriptures (KJV)

2 Cor 5:1-4

- 1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 For in this we **(1)groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
4 For we that are in this tabernacle do **(1)groan**, being **(2)burdened**: not for that we would be **(3)unclothed**, but **(4)clothed upon**, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)groan-4727 stenazo (sten-ad'-zo); from 4728; to make (intransitively, be) in straits, i.e. (by implication) to sigh, murmur, pray inaudibly: KJV-- with grief, groan, grudge, sigh.

(2)burdened-916 bareo (bar-eh'-o); from 926; to weigh down (figuratively): KJV-- burden, charge, heavy, press. **(3)unclothed**-1562 ekduo-1) to take off, to strip one of his garments 2) to take off from oneself, to put off the one's raiments 3) figuratively, to put off the body, the clothing of the soul. **(4)clothed upon**-1902 enduomai (ep-en-doo'-om-ahee);middle voice from 1909 and 1746; to invest upon oneself: KJV-- be clothed upon.

Phil 1:23 ... a desire to depart...Ref. Scriptures (KJV)

2 Cor 5:8-11

- 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.(KJV)

2 Tim 4:6-8

- 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Phil 1:23 ... with Christ...Ref. Scriptures (KJV)

Ps 49:15

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Acts 7:59-60

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.(KJV)

1Thes 4:17-18

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.(KJV)

Phil 1:23 ... far better...Ref. Scriptures (KJV)

Ps 17:15

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.(KJV)

Ps 73:24-26

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.(KJV)

Rev 7:14-17 (See also verses 12 and 13)

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.(KJV)

Phil 1:23 ... additional scriptures...Ref. Scriptures (KJV)

Matt 25:21

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

John 12:25-26

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

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

Rom 8:10-14

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.(KJV)

Col 3:1-4

1 If ye then be 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.
(KJV)

Heb 11:13-16

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.(KJV)

Heb 4:9-16

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **(*)discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **(1)hold fast** our **(2)profession**.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.(KJV)

Definitions: (*)discerner-2924 kritikos-relating to judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging
(1)hold fast-2902 kratio (krat-eh'-o);from 2904; to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively): KJV-- hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).
(2)profession-3671 homologia (hom-ol-og-ee'-ah);from the same as 3670; acknowledgment: KJV-- con- (pro-) fession, professed.a) **subjectively**: whom we profess to be ours b) **objectively**: profession [confession] that is, what one professes [confesses]

Luke 4:1-13

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.
9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:
10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:
11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.(KJV)

Rev 12:7-9

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

Rev 12:12

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.(KJV)

Rev 13:4-9

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped

the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

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)

SCRIPTURES MENTIONED DURING THE AUDIO ON, HAVING A DESIRE TO DEPART

1 Cor 11:1-3

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you, **brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. 3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. (KJV)

Gal 5:14-26

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye

are not under the law. **19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations,

wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory,

provoking one another, envying one another. (KJV)

Eph 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. **2 Honour thy father and mother;** (which is the first commandment with promise;) **3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. (KJV)

Mark 16:14-16

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. **15** **And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every**

creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (KJV)

Rom 10:8-10

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy **(1) heart**: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **9** That if thou shalt **(2) confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine **(1) heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the (1) heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth (2) confession is made unto salvation. (KJV)

Definitions

(1) heart-2588 kardia (kar-dee'-ah); prolonged from a primary kar (Latin, cor, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle, that organ in the animal body which is the center of the circulation of the blood, and, hence, was regarded as the seat of physical life, the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors, used of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence

(2) confess-3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o); from a compound of the base of 3674 and 3056; to assent, i.e. covenant, acknowledge: KJV-- con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent, to concede, not to refuse, to promise, not to deny, to confess, that is, to admit or declare oneself guilty of what one is accused of, to declare openly, to speak out freely, to profess oneself the worshiper of one, to praise, to celebrate

Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **(1) work out** your own salvation with **(2) fear** and **(3) trembling**.

Definitions

(1) work out-2716 katergazomai (kat-er-gad'-zom-ah-ee); from 2596 and 2038; do work fully, i.e. accomplish; by implication, to finish, fashion: KJV-- cause, to (deed), perform, work (out).

(2) fear-5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: KJV-- be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, dread, terror; what strikes terror, reverence (respect) for one's husband

(3) trembling-5156 tromos (trom'-os); from 5141; a "trembling", i.e. quaking with fear: KJV-- + tremble (-ing), with fear and trembling, used to describe the anxiety of one who distrusts his ability completely to meet all requirements, but religiously does his utmost to fulfil his duty

Matt 12:34-37

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. **35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. **36** But I say unto you, **That every idle word** that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (KJV)

2 Pet 3:9-13

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also

and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (KJV)

Matt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (KJV)

Rev 14:12-13

12 Here is the **patience of the saints**: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. **13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **Blessed** are the dead which die **in the Lord** from henceforth: **Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.** (KJV)

The Example Of Meekness,

For God could have made room for His beloved Son, in even a palace! But He didn't choose such then, and He doesn't choose such NOW, for His!

(See Rom. 12:16)

Luke 2:4-16

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) **5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **6** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a **(1) manger**; because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a **(1) manger.** **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **15** And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. **16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a **(1) manger.** (KJV)

Definition: (1) manger-5336 phatne (fat'-nay); from pateomai (to eat); a crib (for fodder): KJV-
- manager, stall, a trough or an open box in which feed for livestock is placed.

Matt 9:1 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came **into his own city.** (KJV)

Matt 10:36 And a **man's foes** shall be they of **his own household.** (KJV)

Matt 13:54 And when he was come **into his own country**, he taught them **in their synagogue**, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these

mighty works? (KJV)

Matt 13:57-58

57 And they were offended in him. **But Jesus said unto them,** A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. **58** **And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.** (KJV)

Mark 6:1-6

1 And he went out from thence, and **came into his own country;** and his disciples follow him. **2** And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. **4** But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. **5** **And he could there do no mighty work,** save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. **6** And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. (KJV)

Matt 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? (KJV)

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that **the Son of man** must suffer many things, and **be rejected** of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (KJV)

Matt 8:18-20

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. **19** And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. **20** **And Jesus saith unto him,** The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (KJV)

John 17:14 **I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them,** because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (KJV)

John 17:20-21

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)

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.

any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (KJV)

Rom 12:1-2

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. (KJV)

Eph 4:17-24

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, **in the vanity of their mind**, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: **19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **20** **But ye have not so learned Christ**; **21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**; **24** **And that ye put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV)

2 Cor 5:16-17

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.** (KJV)

Col 3:5-7

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. (KJV)

**HOLIDAYS BY MAN PROVEN TO BE ILLEGITIMATE
BY SCRIPTURE
THEREBY NOT FIT FOR CHRISTIANS
(Col.3:16-17; 2Tim.2:14-16; 2Tim.3:12-17; 2Tim.4:1-5; Heb.4:12)**

Christmas: Date (**Dec. 25**), was established in (**A.D. 336**), by the Western Church, based at Rome. The Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Rite churches within the Roman Catholic Church chose (**January 6**). There seems to have been some confusion on the date of which this day was to be observed. God is not the author of confusion (**listen 1Cor.14:33**), this only happens with **man's traditions**. This is why Christians MUST observe all things that Christ has commanded the Apostles, (Matt.28:20). Again you will **not find the word "Christmas"**, or the traditional practice of it, by Christ nor his Apostles. So, there is no such custom in the Church of God (**1Cor.11:16**), which he purchased with his blood (Acts20:28), which is the Church of and by Christ (**Matt. 16:16-18; Eph.3:21; 5:23-33; Col.1:18**). As we can tell by the dates given, this tradition came MUCH TOO late to be of Christ or his apostles. According to **Christ Himself, Christians MUST believe on Him through his Apostle's word, (John17:20-21) and continue STEADFAST, in the apostle's doctrine**, as those before us (**Acts2:41-42**), this is SAFE.

Thanksgiving, this one we don't want to forget. This holiday according to history cannot be laid to Catholicism for its origin. If one will do a full examination of the history of this day, as a Christian Must, you will find that it is not at all **Christ like**; with the slaughtering of the very ones, (Native Americans), that helped the Puritans out of their almost sure demise. The Thanksgiving holiday has its origin in the Puritan Thanksgivings of colonial New England. Both the **Pilgrims of Plymouth** and the **Boston Puritans** were **strict Calvinist Protestants**. The first question that should be asked is what are Calvinist Protestants? **Definition:** Cal-vin-ism) n. the **religious doctrines of John Calvin**, emphasizing the omnipotence of God and the salvation of the elect by God's **grace alone**. With all due respect, neither they nor their doctrine can be found in New Testament scripture. But what we do find is the apostles' doctrine. Why would the Church **observe a tradition** of an organization that believes such doctrine, or the doctrine of any man for that matter? **How can the Church** trust any organization that believes in doctrine's **of MEN, to set a day of worship to God?** The day of worship has already been set by God through Christ His apostles; "**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." Here is the problem for a Christian a follower of God through Christ and His apostles; this tradition follows NOT the traditions given by God through Christ and His apostles. For a true Christian, ALL things must be proven and approved by the apostles' doctrine, to be right, righteous with God through Christ, Matt.28:18-20; 1Cor.11:1-3 and 1Thes.5:21-22.

The belief that one is saved by **grace alone** is **scripturally illegitimate**. For, there is no New Testament scripture for such doctrine. To the contrary, the scriptures teach we are saved not only by grace, but by grace through faith (**Eph.2:5-8**), and according to scripture "...faith cometh by hearing and hearing **by** the word of God" (**Rom.10:17**). The scriptures also teaches "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (**James 1:22**). There are other things one is saved by, according to scripture; baptism (**1Pet.3:20-21**), by the life of Christ (**Rom.5:9-10**), by hope (**Rom.8:24**), and by "..... lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the **engrafted word, which is able to save your souls**" (**James1:21-25 and 2:17-26**). The scriptures are sufficient enough to instruct the church in all things, including traditions. The Church of and by Christ, (Acts20:28; Rom.16:16-20; Eph.3:21; 4:1-6; Heb.12:23-29; MUST know that thanksgiving is neither SEASONAL nor FESTIVE, **but is a 24/7 way of life**, always abounding in thanksgiving, according to God through Christ and His apostles; not some day set by MAN, (2Cor.4:15; 9:11-12; Philp.4:5-7; Col.2:6-8; 4:2-5; 1Tim.4:1-6.etc).

Acts 21:39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people. (KJV)... (**See also chapters 22-28** for Paul's citizenship and spreading the Word delima)

1 Pet 1:15-19

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. **17** And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your **sojourning here in fear**: **18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (KJV)

1 Pet 1:22 Seeing ye **have purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: (KJV)

1 Pet 2:10-11

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained

mercy, but now have obtained mercy. **11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;** (KJV)

1 Cor 6:15-20

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. **16** What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. **17** But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. **18** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. **19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (KJV)

1 Cor 7:22-23

22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **23** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. (KJV)

Phil 3:17-20

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 (1) conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

Definition: (1) conversation-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV-- conversation, the administration of civil affairs or of a commonwealth, the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered, a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens...4176 politeuomai (pol-it'-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively): KJV-- let conversation be, live.

Heb 2:9-18

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.** **11** For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, **12** Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. **13** And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. **14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. **18** For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:6-8

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; **because your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**: (KJV) **Matt 22:29 Jesus answered** and said unto them, **Ye do err**, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. (KJV)

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 2:16-26

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? **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)

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1Cor. 16:1-3 and 2Cor. 9:5-9

2 Cor 8:11-15

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. **12** For if there **be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not**. **13** For I mean not that other men (1)be eased, and (2)ye burdened: **14** But **(3)by an equality**, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their **(4)want**, that their abundance also may be a supply for your **(4)want**: that there may be **(3)equality**: **15** As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. (KJV)

Definitions

(1)be eased-425 anesis (an'-es-is); from 447; relaxation or (figuratively) relief: KJV-- eased, liberty, rest.

(2)ye burdened-2347 thlipsis (thlip'-sis); from 2346; pressure (literally or figuratively): KJV-- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble, a pressing, a pressing together, pressure

2) metaphorically, oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits

(3)by an equality-2471 isotes (ee-sot'-ace); likeness (in condition or proportion); by implication, equity: KJV-- equal (-ity).

(4)want-5303 husterema (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from 5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty: KJV-- that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want, deficiency, what is lacking, in reference to property and resources, poverty, want, destitution