

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

Brethren there seem to be a misunderstanding of those in 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 received of the apostles, is also a strange doctrine (**2Thes.3:6**)etc. The main reason why 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! "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 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**, partaking of **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 partakes of The Lord's Supper with those that participates in those things contrary to the Doctrine that, we have read and have learned; we then become partakers of those evil things (**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 deceive the hearts of the simple (Rom.16:18, Phlp.3:17-20)**. We must know if our worship is correct brethren, this is why scriptures teach us to examine ourselves, whether **we** be 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” (and let go, purge out, or withdraw/separate 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 I am 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 as we study, we see that some of these traditions were tolerated. The other reason why we worship in our homes is because, 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 allow knowingly; 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 and our Hispanic brethren in our endeavor.

Please Read all scriptures; Jesus said we “do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

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**.

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)

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)

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)

1 Cor 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.(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 lead together, i.e. collect or **convene**; specifically, to entertain (hospitably): KJV-- + accompany, **assemble** (selves, together), bestow, **come together**, gather (selves together, up, together), lead into, resort, take in a primary preposition **denoting union**; with or together, i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: KJV-- beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, **including completeness**.

(2) **In** -1519 eis-into, unto, to, toward, for, among;

(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, (+sur-) name (-d).2) the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, that is, **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. Wigram's frequency count is 2798 not 2782.

(6)midst-3319 mesos- 1) middle 2) the midst 3) in the midst of, amongst

Matt 18:20 ... two or three are gathered together in my name, (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.

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)

Phile 1:2 ... the church in thy house: (KJV)

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 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.(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.**

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Heb 10:25 ... Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, (KJV)

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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 upper chamber**, where they were gathered together.(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.(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)

Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. **13** But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: **14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. **15** And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.(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)

Definitions: (1)Mind not-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o);from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this)

mind (-ed), 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 **(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)

Definitions:

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

(3) Offence 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) Avoid 1578 ekklineo (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.

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)

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)

Definitions: (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 covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.(KJV)

2 Pet 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak 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 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.(KJV)

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** 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)

Definitions: (1) Purge 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)

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 5:13 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)

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)

2 Tim 4:2 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, 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)

Definitions: (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].**

Here are some practices/traditions that we believe are questionable because, we have not found any New Testament scripture, commands or examples for such. **NOTE:** Please Read all scriptures

1. Implementing unleavened bread for the Lord's body:

This one is mentioned first because we believe if we don't get the Lord's body and blood right, we might as well stay home on the first day of the week. For, according to Acts 20 and verse 7 the first thing mentioned when the disciples came together upon the first day of the week was, "to break bread". And, that bread according to scriptures was not unleavened, note: "**Acts 20:7** And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break **(1)bread**, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." This is the same bread that Jesus said was his body in "**Matt.26:26** And as they were eating, Jesus took **(1)bread**, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body." This same bread "**ARTOS**" was also used in **Luke 22:19; John 6:35-58; Acts2:42 and 46; 1Cor.10:16-17** and was even used in what was received of the Lord by the apostle Paul and given to the church in Corinth. Note: "**1 Cor 11:23** For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took (1)bread:" Also in verses **26 and 27**... **Definition:(1)bread** 740 artos (ar'-tos); from 142; bread (as raised) or a loaf: KJV-- (shew-) bread, loaf, loaves were consecrated to the Lord, used of the bread used at the love-feasts and at the Lord's Table

Now in **1Cor.5:1-13** the apostle Paul was dealing with the purging out of the mental and moral corruption of the church in Corinth and he used the terms leaven (**ZUME**), leaveneth (**ZUMOO**) and unleavened (**AZUMOS**) metaphorically. Never was unleavened used for the instituting of the Lord's Supper, for it would have conflicted with all other scripture given, and we know all scripture is given by inspiration of God (**2Tim.3:16**) and we also know God is not the author of confusion, (**1Cor.14:33**) but man is! Note the definition of Unleavened-106 azumos (ad'-zoo-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 2219; unleavened, i.e. **(figuratively) uncorrupted**; (in the neutral plural) specially (by implication) the Passover week: KJV-- unleavened (bread), unfermented, free from leaven or yeast a) of the unleavened loaves used in the Paschal Feast of the Jews b) **metaphorically**, free from faults or the "leaven of iniquity"; and this bread was given by God, to Moses for the children of Israel, never by Christ to his body, the Church!!

2. Preacher's Anniversaries, Birthdays or paid preachers (preaching for money), paid song leaders, paid secretary, elders, deacons etc.

We all have **so-called** anniversaries and birthdays and we all should spread the Word, if not by word of mouth, by our conversation/lifestyle. If this is so, then everybody should get paid. God is no respecter of persons (**Acts10:34**). We believe in supporting the **needs** of all saints, as supported by scripture **Acts 20:28-38; 1Cor.16:1-3; 2Cor.8:11-15 and 9:5-9 etc.** We believe in following scriptures, the commands and examples that are in them. If **any would not work** neither should he eat **2Thes.3:10**; i.e. if able get a job to take care of our own needs and the needs of others; working with our hands the thing which is good **verse 28 of Eph.4**. We believe that strong healthy men, need to get off the church's payroll, and get a job just as Paul and others before us note **verses 9&10 of 2Thes.3**. The Lord's money should be for the Lord's people, widows indeed and those that truly in need. Note:1Tim.5:3-7 Acts- 18:3 & 20: 33-35; 1Cor.4:12; Eph.4:28; 1Thes.2:9; 1Thes.4:11; 2Thes.3:6-15 and Titus3:14. **Mal 1:10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for (*)nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for (*)nought.** I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. (KJV)

Definition:(*)for nought 2600 chinnam (khin-nawm');from 2580; gratis, i.e. devoid of cost, reason or advantage: KJV-- without a cause (cost, wages), causeless, **to cost nothing, free (-ly), innocent, for nothing.**

2 Cor 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. **15** And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. **16** But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile. **17 Did I make a gain of you** by any of them whom I sent unto you? **18** I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. **Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?(KJV)**

3. Group singings;

If we are truthful, we know that group singing is competitive and is done for the enjoyment of those in attendance. We have no New Testament example of such. First, we should "let the Word of God dwell in us richly in all wisdom" and we should be "**teaching and admonishing** one other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs". Our singing should not be to the ear but to the Lord. Let us think. . .what if there be one that sings off key, would he be allowed to sing in the group? If not, why not? Could it be because it doesn't sound good to the ear? We believe this is why the Lord says, "making melody in your heart" which is the mind, to Him. It doesn't matter to Him if we hit the right note or not. If then one is not qualified to sing in the groups because of the way they sound to the ear, this within itself disqualifies group singing. We must remember singing to the ear is glorifying the flesh and the Lord dislikes such. These scriptures are our examples: **Acts 10:34**

1 Cor 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: **27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And **base things of the world**, and things which are despised, **hath God**

chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **31** That, **according as it is written**, He that **glorieth**, let him **glory in the Lord. (Note also; Matt.15:8; 26:30; Acts16:25; Eph.5:19; Col.3:16-17)**

4. 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

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, **(1)revellings**, and **such like**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.(KJV)**

Definition: REVELLINGS; a carousal (as if letting loose): KJV-- revelling, rioting.a revel, carousal; a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honor of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence, used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted until late at night and indulge in revelry **1.** To take great pleasure or delight. **2.** To engage in uproarious festivities; make merry. --**rev-el** *n.* A boisterous festivity or celebration; merrymaking. . (n.) Joyful, exuberant activity and entertainment: **fun**, reveling, festivity, gaiety, jollification, merriment, merrymaking, **party (antonym)> be downcast [Christians]**

Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, **When thou makest a dinner or a supper**, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. **13 But when thou makest a feast**, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: **14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. **15** And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.(KJV)

5. Holidays (traditions of men) observed, in any manner:

Gal.4:8-12; Col.2:4-10, 16-17; 2Thes.3:6; 1Tim1:3-4; Philp.3:16-20; 1Tim.4:12-16

II Th 2:13 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)

6. 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)**

7. 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

(Note the prophecy, of the appearance Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? **2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. **3** He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.(KJV)

8. Separation because of language (interpreters); or skin color, because we love our brethren. 1Cor. 14:26-28

I Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. **15** Whosoever **(1)hateth his brother is a murderer:** and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.(KJV)

Definition: (1) Hateth 3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, **to love less:** KJV-- hate (-ful).

9. Pledging and Tithing: Acts 20:32-38; 1Cor.16:1-3; 2Cor.8:11-15 and 9:6-9.

Now brothers and sisters, if you are worshipping in a congregation that is implementing and participating in traditions that we haven't been taught, whether by Word or Epistle, how can we worship in the Spirit of Christ and in the Truth of the Word? If we hold/practice traditions in worship and in our everyday lives, which we haven't been taught in the apostles' doctrine, how can we be true worshippers of God? Being that we worship in our homes, we are able to control the service, so that it **conforms to the Word of God.** We will continue to do so, Lord Willing, so that we and others will have the opportunity **to worship** in Spirit and in Truth. Remember, there are examples of those that worshipped in the home, so be not afraid of this **scriptural tradition.** What we **must** do is "lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." And, "be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (**James 1:21-22**)