

**One Faith, Is Christ Divided?** Note how the apostle Paul answered this question to those of the church of and by Christ, in Ephesus. “**Eph 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is **one body**, and **one Spirit**, even as ye are called in **one hope** of your calling; **5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”(KJV)

Dear reader, it is again good, and I hope as always, a blessing, to be able to share some simple bible truths with you. We hope this article, as in all others, are taken in the context in which they are written. The intent is to search the scriptures to find “What is Truth”. Jesus stated clearly what made the Apostles Holy, right and one with God, as he prayed to his Father; the same makes us Holy, right and one with God; “**John 17:17** 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.”

These articles are not of ours, or no other man’s interpretation, this would be unscriptural. We believe through **definitions**, and the **preponderance of scripture** which is (Having superior weight, force, importance, or influence **of scripture**), allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Please read what the Apostle Peter had to say on interpretation, as he was guided by The Holy Spirit; “**2 Pet. 1:16** For we have not followed **(1)cunningly devised fables [believable error]**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; **whereunto ye do well that ye take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any (1)private (2)interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 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 [false] words **(3)make merchandise** of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

**Definitions:** **(1)private**-2398 idios-pertaining to oneself, one's own, belonging to oneself  
**(2)interpretation**-1955 epilusis (ep-il'-oo-sis); from 1956; explanation, i.e. application: KJV—interpretation, 1) a loosening, unloosing. **(3)make merchandise** of you-1710 emporeuomai- to use a person or a thing for gain.

In today’s religious world, there are many different ways given by man, to be right with God. We must remember the order of things [chain of command] **note the apostle Paul; “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.” God, the creator, tells the created (creature), through his Son, Christ Jesus, how to be right [righteous] with Him. It is not uncommon to hear one ask “**what faith are you?**” This is a legitimate question because there are many faiths. It is also common to hear this statement “**go to a Church of your choice**”. This is also a legitimate statement, seeing that there are so many different Faiths. We have even heard the statement “**there is nothing in a name; we are all worshipping the same God**”. If “there is nothing in a name”, why are there so many, in the religious world today? Lord willing, in this month’s article we will attempt to prove [try or test] by scripture these, what we believe to be erroneous statements that are so commonly made and believed by man (see **1Thes. 5:21**).

Man strives to be different, in faiths [which are beliefs, and or religions], in names, in practices, in

traditions, in doctrines and in baptisms, which advocates division. This is contrary to the instructions left by Christ, through his Apostles. We submit that names advocate ownership and doctrine. The theory of “there is nothing in a name, we are all worshipping the same God”, was tried once before by the Apostle Peter. Now let’s read what God had to say about, different names, all worshipping Him. Please read carefully; “**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.” You would think, that we would have learned from the example that we have just read. Why are we so stubborn? Peter wanted to build three Tabernacles, a type of “Church”, if you will, after asking Jesus’ permission. Note definition of “[Tabernacle- 4633 skene 1) a tent, a tabernacle, (made of green boughs, or skins or other materials) 2) used of that well-known movable temple of God after the pattern of which the temple at Jerusalem was built.]” Peter seemed to have thought that there was nothing in a name and there was nothing wrong with making tabernacles for two great men, Moses and Elias, if they made one for Christ first, all worshipping God. But, it was obvious that God was upset, in that while Peter yet spake, He interrupted him (see verse 5). Then in verse 8 God made sure that there would be no further mistake, note verse 8 “And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.” When will we learn? We hope and pray, it is before it’s too late!

Let us look at some names (faiths) that are given by man. We submit these are names given by men because, they cannot be found in New Testament scripture, which is the Apostles’ doctrine. Can one that is called a Jehovah’s Witness, thereby being of the “Jehovah’s Witnesses” faith, at the same time be called a Mormon? If we are honest, the answer would understandably be, absolutely not, because Mormons are of the Mormon faith, and the two have doctrinal differences which is [division]. For one faith is said to have been started by Charles Taze Russell, after the “Great Apostasy” and did not adopt its name until 1931. Please read: “Then on July 26, 1931, at the international assembly in Columbus, Ohio, came the public adoption of the name ‘Jehovah’s Witnesses’” [What Religion Has Done For Mankind, Copyright, 1952, p.311]. The other faith believes that Joe Smith was a prophet sent from God, and their doctrine is out of the Book of Mormon. Can one that is called a Methodist, thereby being of the Methodist faith, at the same time, be called a Baptist? Again, if we are honest, the answer would understandably be, absolutely not because Baptists, are of the Baptist faith, and they also have doctrinal differences which is [division]. For one faith believes in the twenty-five articles of religion in the Methodist Discipline. The other believes in the nineteen articles of faith in the Baptist Manual. It is also understood that one that is called a Catholic, cannot at the same time, be called any of the faiths mentioned, or any that have not been mentioned, simply because they are of the Catholic faith. This, of course, again causes doctrinal differences which is [division]. This faith uses a catechism as a summary of faith, and believes strongly in the “Pope” as their supreme leader on earth. Those that are of the Church of and by Christ, thereby being the Body of Christ; cannot at the same time, be called any of the faiths mentioned, or any that have not been mentioned, simply because they are of the One Faith that is legitimate by scripture(**Eph.4:3-5**). The proof is in the pudding, so, there is something in a name, as it should be. For with every name that is given by man, there is a different faith, doctrine, and way to be right with God. As much as we would all like to have it our way, like Burger King, there is not but one way, according to the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ (**John14: 6**).

Some say the apostle Peter was the first “Pope”, after searching the scriptures this is NOT what they teach. Peter said who and what he was, and never once was he called, nor did he call himself, a “Pope”. Charles Taze Russell, Joe Smith,\* John Smyth,\* John and Charles Wesley\*, John Calvin,\*the Pope, nor Alexander Campbell, are found in the inspired word of the New Testament, and neither their doctrine. They are not in the inspired word of the bible **at all**. So who are they? What we did find was Christ, the head of the ONE BODY (**Eph.4:3-4; Col.1:18-19**), which is the ONE CHURCH that he is building (**Acts**

**2:47**), and his apostles and their doctrine (**Acts 2:41-42**) and other believing brethren. Now let us read, and allow the Word which is the Truth, tell us who and what Peter was. There was a dispute among the twelve, as to who was the greatest. Peter was one of the twelve, and here was an opportunity for Christ to have made it clear, as to who was the greatest among them. Note what the Lord Jesus had to say in **Mark 9:34-35**, also note that Peter said he was an apostle of Jesus Christ and an elder, NEVER a “Pope”.

**Mark 9:34** But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. **35** And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. (KJV)

**Acts 10:25** And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. **26** But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.(KJV)

**1 Pet 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,(KJV)

**1 Pet 5:1** The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:(KJV)

**2 Pet 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:(KJV)

**With all due respect**, titles that are worn by men in the religious world today, such as; “Pope”; “Holy Father” “Reverend”; “Master”; “Rabbi” .....etc., have not been authorized by God through Jesus Christ and his apostles. But rather, have been condemned by scriptures as titles worn by men. They all advocate division so one must conclude they are not of the ONE FAITH. They all must be authorized by God [‘Elohiym; Theos] through Jesus Christ, the ONLY BEGOTTEN and Beloved Son in whom He is well pleased (**Matt.17:4-8; John 1:14-18; 3:16-18; Hebrews 11:17; 1John 4:9**). They must also be found in the Apostles’ doctrine; which is in New Testament scripture, thereby following the blueprint of THE Church that Christ is building. Please read;

**Ps 111:9** He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and (1)reverend is his name. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:** a good understanding have all they that **do his commandments:** his praise endureth for ever.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)reverend is his name** 3372 yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; cause. to frighten: KJV-- affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), X see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

**Matt 23:8** But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and **all ye are BRETHREN. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. 11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.(KJV)

Dear reader, again **with all due respect**, we have not found any New Testament scripture, authorizing any of these faiths, doctrines, or names. They simply cannot be found anywhere in New Testament scripture. What’s simply taught is; “**Eph. 4:4** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” This is to all that have obeyed from the heart the New Testament form [blueprint] of doctrine, which was delivered to us, by the Apostles (**Rom.6:17**). This New Testament blueprint advocates oneness, not division. According to scriptures, there is no Church of our choice, there is but one and it is **the Church of and by Christ (Rom.16:16-18; Eph.3:21)**. The one body, the one Church, is Christ’. He is the builder (**Matt.16:17- 18**) and the head of it (**Eph.1:22-23;**

**5:23; Col.1:18).** The one Spirit is Christ! The one hope is in Christ! The one Lord is Christ! The one faith is in Christ! The one baptism by submersion is of Christ, thereby putting one into Christ, as one puts on Christ (**Gal.3:23-29**)! Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ! No other name is “worthy”, “**NEEDED**” or given, under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved “**Acts 4:10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **11** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” The Church of and by Christ, the body of Christ, PRE-DATES ALL faiths mentioned and MOST not mentioned; and according to **Acts 4:12 only it has the power of eternal salvation.** Before the cross there was no power of eternal salvation, so Christ purchased the church with his blood, therein the remission of sin and the New Testament was brought about (**Matt.26:28; 1Cor.11:23-34; 2Cor.3:1-18; Heb.7:22-28; Heb.9:13-28**). Understanding these scriptural facts, there would be no need of any later Faiths! Even the idol worshippers before had no eternal salvation in them. As one that believes on God through Christ His Son, one must follow the New Testament blueprint in name; in doctrine; in traditions as given by Christ, to his Apostles, this makes one a Christian, and a Christian only! This is the New Testament example. Not a Mormon; “Methodist Christ-ian”; “Jehovah’s Witnesses”; “Baptist” Christ-ian or a “Catholic” Christ-ian etc., just a Christian, following the Apostles’ words, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else needed. This would make us all speak the same things, and there would be no division among us (**1Cor.1:10; Phil. 3:16-20**), thereby making us all One in Christ (**John 17:20-22; Rom.10:12**).

Now that we are scripturally clear that there is but one name authorized by the Apostles, for those that are members of the Church that Christ is building, and that is Christians, followers of Christ through the Apostles’ word, nothing else. This name was prophesied of by the holy prophet Isaiah. Please read carefully the reminder left by the Apostle Peter, to those of the one faith, as he was guided by The Holy Spirit; “**2 Pet. 3: 1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and **of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: 3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,” [scoffers;false teachers] . If you read carefully, we hope you noted that, Christians are not to be mindful, of the words spoken by just any prophets. According to the Apostle Peter, they must be holy prophets. One might ask, what made prophets holy? First of all, one must have been authorized by God, by being found in the inspired word of God. Then, their prophecy must have come true; Holy men of God, not by the will of man spake as they were moved by The Holy Ghost (**2 Pet.1:20-21**). Now let’s read carefully; “**Isa. 62:1** For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. **2** And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt **be called by a new name**, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.” Many years past, many events happened, but God’s people had no new name, and there was no evidence of the Gentiles, seeing the righteousness of God. So, the prophecy was holding true. There were some important chain of events for mankind’s salvation such as, the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (**Matt.26:27-28; Rom. 4:24-25; 1Cor.15:1-8; Gal.1:3-4; 3:12-13**). The Word, which was and is Christ, was in the beginning, with God. He was then born “...not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” (Please read **John1:1-17**) The Apostle John, continued to teach **in verse 14**, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the ONLY begotten of the father,) **full of grace and truth.**” Contrary to what many are taught and believe, Jesus’ suffering did not start on the cross. He lived a life of suffering. He left heaven, came down to this sin filled earth, being born in a feed trough (**Luke 2:7-16**), **meek (Matt.21:4-7). One that had no beauty, when they saw him (Isa.53:1-12)**, rejected by his own (**John1:1-11**), having no place to lay his head (**Matt. 8:20; Luke 9:58**), refusing all earthly, materialistic things offered to him by the devil (**Luke 4:1-14**), and then suffered and died most cruelly on the cross for our sins (**John19:1-42**). He was then buried, and rose again the third day early on the first day of the week according to the scriptures (**Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1-8**). He was seen of Cephas, and then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of about five hundred brethren at once (**1Cor.15:4-8**). Before ascending

back into heaven, Jesus commanded his apostles (see also **Matt.28:16-20**), to wait in Jerusalem for the Comforter / Holy Ghost, which was to be sent to them from heaven, from his Father; to guide them in all truth (please read **John 14:16-26; 15:26; 16:7-13**). When the Pentecost was fully come, they [the apostles] were in one place, with one accord and received the Holy Ghost as a rushing mighty wind (**Acts1:1-4 and Acts 2:1-4**). All these things had happened, but the Gentiles had not yet seen the righteousness of God so, no new name had been given to His people. Peter then preached the first gospel sermon, in the name of Christ. After they heard Peter preach the gospel, believing what they heard, they asked what they must do. Peter told every one of them, to repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:29-39; Rom.10:9 -17**). The Jews (**Acts 2:36-37**) gladly received (**Acts 2:41**) Peter's word, and on that same day, about three thousand souls were added unto them, and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. Yet, God had not given his people a new name.

Then in **Acts chapter10**, something occurred, that hadn't occurred before according to scripture. The first Gentile, Cornelius, had seen the righteousness of God, and was converted. Now according to the prophet Isaiah, God's people were now to have a new name. In **Acts chapter 11**, for the first time there was a new name, one that had not been heard of before, a name that was given by prophecy, please read; "**Acts11: 26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. **And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**" They were now Christians, not Baptist, Methodist, Catholic Christians, etc., just Christians. If there's any other name mentioned before the name Christian, this shows what's first in rank, (the preeminence). The first thing said identifies what BODY/FAITH one is of. There is but one body/faith that Christ is the Head of and that is his body, the Church with no other Name (Eph.4:1-24; Col.1:1-18). King Agrippa made this statement in "**Acts 26: 28** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me **to be a Christian.**" He was almost persuaded to be just a Christian, nothing more and nothing less. Dear reader, if there were no other names in the days of King Agrippa, given to those of the one faith, do you ever wonder, when and where the other names came from? Since they didn't come from God, Christ, or HIS apostles as they were guided by the Holy Ghost, then they came from man. WOE be unto man, and those that follow MEN. Know this; **Christian** cannot be spelled, unless Christ is spelled first. This new name, that was fulfilled through prophecy, gives Christ, and only Christ the preeminence; please read again "**Col.1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that **in all things he might have the (1)preeminence.19** For it pleased the **Father** that in him should all fulness dwell;" **Definition: (1)preeminence**-4409 proteuo (prote-yoo'-o); from 4413; to be first (in rank or influence), to hold the first place: KJV-- have the preeminence.

The Lord again, through the Apostle Paul, warns us, as Paul warns the Church in Corinth, about names of men. **Please read carefully;** "**1 Cor. 1:12** 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?"** "**1 Cor. 3: 3** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? **4** For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; **are ye not carnal? 5** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?" Just as it was and is unscriptural for those of The One Faith (**Eph.4:3-5**), to be known by names of men, it is equally unscriptural to be known by names of actions, conditions or commands. Those of The One Faith, in the times of the Apostles, were baptized into Christ, but they were not called "Baptist", but rather were called **Christians** and Christians only. Again, those of The One Faith, in the times of the Apostles, had the scriptural method by which the One Body, the One Church of and by Christ, was governed, but they were not called "Methodist", but rather were called **Christians** and Christians only. The One Bride of Christ (**John 3:25-36**), the church that he is the head of, was and is to be universal, but they were not called "Catholic", but rather were called **Christians**, and Christians only. The Church of God, **which he purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28)**, was to, just as today, follow the Apostles' doctrine, examples, and commandments, but they were not called "Apostolic". They were all called **Christians**, the Church of and by Christ; carrying Christ's name and his name only, just as the bride should.

There are many in the religious world today, proclaiming to be Christians, that are known by many other

names. If the name we are known by can not be found in the blueprint of New Testament scripture, drawn up by the Apostles as they were guided by the Holy Spirit, then we are not of the faith (**2Cor.13:5-8**). We believe by scripture, it has been proven there is something in a name, but not all is in the name. There are those that are known by the scriptural name of Christ (**Rom.16:16-17; Eph. 3:21**), but they practice non-scriptural things such as: the traditions of men, rather than the traditions of the Apostles. They also MIND secular things, and days that are not of The Faith, (**Philip 3:13-20; Col.2:1-12; 2 Thes.2:10-15; 3:6-7; 2 Cor.13:5-8**). If we then, are not of the faith, the Master inspector will reject us in the judgment; fine us to eternal damnation, because we tried to enter into heaven some other way (**John 10:1-5; 14:6**). According to scripture, we All must follow the New Testament blueprint, given by the Apostles for the church by and of Christ. The one faith, must do all in the name of Christ (**Col.3:17**); that is, All things must be by his Authority which are found in the Apostles' words, and by their commandments, to be right (righteous) with God (John 17:19-22; 1Cor.11:1-3; 2 Pet 3:1-3; 1John4:5-6; Jude1:15-19).

What must we all do, to become **Christians** only, and be right [righteous] with God, according to the blueprint of New Testament scripture? For one to become a member of the One Faith authorized by Christ, one must:

**(1)Hear:**

**Acts 10:28-33**

**Rom. 10:14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **Rom.10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **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. (**See also verses 23-27 and James 2:17-18**)

**(2)Believe:**

**Mark 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

**Rom. 10:10-12; James 2: 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? (**Also verses 21-26**)

**(3)Repent:**

**Luke 13:3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.(KJV)

**(4)Confess:**

**Rom 10:9** That if thou shalt (\*)**confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth (\*)**confession is made** unto salvation.(KJV)

**Definition: (\*)confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus-3670 homologueo-1) to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent 2) to concede a) not to refuse, to promise b) not to deny 2) to declare

**(5)Then be Baptized:**

**Matt.28:19-20; Acts2:41-42; 18:8; 22:15-16; Rom.6:3-4 and verses16-17; Gal.3:27; Col.2:10-12; 1Pet. 3:21**

**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. **Gal 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if ye be Christ's, then are ye

Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. **1 Pet. 3:21** The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

When the above commands are obeyed from the heart (mind) (**Rom.6:17**), then **the Lord adds** to his Church, such as **should** be saved (**Acts 2:47**). Then we are all **Christians** and Christians only, members of the church by and of Christ. All speaking the same thing, all with the same name, all practicing, and observing the same things, with no division among us, all being One, just as the Lord Jesus prayed for in **John the 17th chapter**. One must then continue to follow circumspectly, the blueprint of the Apostles' doctrine in worship, if not we will be in error according to scripture: "**Matt 22:29** Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." Note again the apostle Paul. "**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." "**Eph 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for **you Gentiles,** **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4 Whereby, when ye read,** ye may understand **my** knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;" Note again the apostle Peter; "**2 Pet 3:2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and **of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:**"(KJV)

After putting on Christ in baptism, one must continue to follow the blueprint of worship found in the apostles' doctrine, if we are to be **of the one faith.** (See also Matt.18:20; Heb.10:25)

**1. LORD'S SUPPER;** **Acts 20: 6** And we sailed away from Philippi **after the days of unleavened bread,** and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. **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. [No example or command for unleavened bread is found in the instructions for the Lord's Supper, by the Lord or his Apostles, therefore it follows not the blueprint of the Church that Christ is building, and **is error.**] (see also **Matt. 26:26; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19; 1Cor.10:16-17; 1Cor.11: 23-30;**)

**2. SINGING;** [No New Testament scripture or example, for the use of mechanical instruments; choirs (singers) nor singing groups in worship or praise. Therefore this follows NOT the blueprint and **is error.**] (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb.2:12; 1 Cor. 14:15)

**3. PRAYER;** (Acts 2:42; Luke 18:1; 1Thes.5:17) [No New Testament scripture nor example for Rosaries or Hail Mary, therefore, it follows not the blueprint, and **is error;** **1 Tim 2:5** For there is **one God,** and **(1)one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;** **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.(KJV)] **Definition (1)one mediator--**3316 mesites; from 3319; a go-between, i.e.an internunciator, or (by implication) a reconciler (intercessor): KJV-- mediator. (Note what **Jesus said in verse 28: Luke 11:27-28**)

**4. PREACH.** Acts 20:7; 1Cor.15:1-4; Gal.1:6-12; 2Tim.4:2-5; 1Pet.1:22-25...etc. [No New Testament scripture or example for preachers being paid just because they preached, but to be supported as all the rest of the saints, as they had needs, not wants, therefore it follows not the blueprint, and **is error;** **John 10:7-16; Acts 20:27-35; 1Cor.16:1-2 and 4:11-16 and 9:6-19; 2Cor.8:11-15; 1Thes.2:8-9; 2Thes.3:6-18]**

**5. GIVE;** Now Concerning the Collection for the Saints, as you have prospered, and or purposeth. [No example of tithing or pledging found in the Apostles' doctrine or command, therefore, it follows not the blueprint of the Church that Christ is building, and **is error.**] (**Acts 20:32-38; 1Cor.16:1-3; 2Cor. 8:11-15 and 9:6-9**)

Not only must one worship, according to the Apostles' doctrine, one must also live according to their doctrine, adding to our faith (**2Pet.1:1-11**). Contrary to what is taught in the religious world today, this

world is a Christian's WORK PLACE, and one must labour to enter into the rest of eternal life (**Phil.2:12-16; Heb.4:9-12; James 2:17-26**). Just as the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, and those that followed him.

A true Christian's Lifestyle is one of labouring, necessities, suffering to obey, and to NOT LOVE the WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS that are in IT (**Luke 4:5-8 and 9:23; John12:25-26; 1John 2:14-17**). Let us remember, these earthly sufferings are nothing compared to the great reward that is promised, which is eternal life, if we **(1) faint not** (**Gal.6:7-10**). **Definition: (1) faint** not-to relax; weaken; or grow weary. The reward of eternal damnation, is equally as great, and is promised to those of us, who choose to be disobedient, and rebellious; doing things our way, and not by the blueprint of New Testament scripture. The blueprint drawn up by Christ, given to the Apostles through the Holy Ghost for us to follow circumspectly: "**Matt 19: 21 Jesus said unto him**, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

**Luke 6:24** But **woe** unto you **that are rich!** for ye have received your consolation.(KJV)

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

**Definitions: (1)loveth** his life-5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from 5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; specifically, to kiss, to approve of b) to like c) to sanction d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to show signs of love; to be fond of doing: KJV-- kiss, love. **(2)hateth** his life in this world-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful). **(3)let him follow** me-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow, reach.

**Rom 12:1** 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) (**See also Acts 20:32-35**)

**Rom 12:16** Be of the same mind one toward another. **Mind not high things, but (1)condescend to men of low estate.** Be not wise in your own conceits. **17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)but condescend** to men of low estate-4879 sunapago (soon-ap-ag'-o);from 4862 and 520; to take off together, i.e. transport with (seduce, passively, yield): KJV-- carry (lead) away with, condescend, to yield or submit oneself to lowly things, conditions, employments: not to evade their power.4862 sun (soon);a primary preposition denoting union; with or together (but much closer than 3326 or 3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: KJV-- beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.

**Rom 12:19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **20** **Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him;** if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.(KJV)

**1 Cor 6** Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why

do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?(KJV)

**2 Cor 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.(KJV)

**Gal 6:7** **Be not deceived; God is not mocked:** for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.(KJV)

**Eph 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that **(1)ye walk (2)circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what **the will of the Lord is.**(KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)Ye Walk**-4043 peripateo-to walk: b) Hebrew for, to live 1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life. **(2)Circumspectly**-199 akribos-exactly, accurately, diligently

**Phil 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; **30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.(KJV)

**Phil 2:1** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, **2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. **4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **5** **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**(KJV)

**Phil 3: 16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.** **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so **as ye have us for an ensample.** **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **enemies of the cross of Christ: 19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) **20** For our **(1)conversation is in heaven;** from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:(KJV)

**Definition:** **(1)our conversation is in heaven** 4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV—conversation, 1) the administration of civil affairs or of a commonwealth 2) the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered 3) a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens.

**2 Tim 2:11** It is a faithful saying: **For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12** **If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13** **If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. **15** **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16** But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. (KJV)

**Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **(1)peculiar** people, zealous of good works.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)peculiar-4041** periousios (per-ee-oo'-see-os; from the present participle feminine of a compound of 4012 and 1510; **being beyond usual**, i.e. special KJV-- peculiar.

**1 Pet 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.(KJV)

**2 Pet 1: 5** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** **But he that lacketh these things is blind**, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: **for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:** **11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.(KJV)

**1 Jn 2:15** **(1)Love** not the **(2)world, neither the things** that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.(KJV)

**Definitions: (1)Love** not-25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). **(2)the world-2889** kosmos-the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) **world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.**

So, to scripturally answer the question, “**Is Christ Divided?**” the scriptural answer is, “**absolutely not.**” Note: The Lord’s Prayer: **John 17: 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. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:** **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. **24** **Father,** I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. **25** **O righteous Father,** the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, **and I in them.** (See also verses 1-16)

Dear reader, our plea is this; let us drop all these names, doctrines/faiths, traditions given by man, that are not found in the apostles’ doctrine. Let us all be baptized into the one name, doctrine and the traditions, which can be found in the apostles’ doctrine, thereby making us all walk by the same rule, speaking the same thing(**Phil.3:16-21**), having **no** divisions among us(**1Cor.1:9-10**). This was Christ’s Prayer in John the 17th chapter. Let us all be of the one Church of, and by Christ. The one He said he would build (**Matt.16:12-18**), purchased (**Acts20:28; 1Cor.6:19-20; 7:23**), the one faith, the one spirit (**Eph.4:3-5**), the one name (**Acts 4:10-13**), which is Christ. Christ the one body, HIS BODY; the one that he is the HEAD of (**Eph.1:17-23; 5:23-33; Col.1:12-25**). The one for which HE lived a life of SUFFERING and

DIED and BLED FOR (**Heb.5:5-14**); and is yet building (**Acts2:47**). Again: CHRIST, CHRIST, CHRIST, CHRIST, CHRIST, CHRIST. Let us do this before it is everlasting too late. Let us listen to the apostle Paul (**Eph.3: 1-5**), as we have been commanded to do. As we read, he tells us as he told those in Corinth, to **examine** ourselves whether we are **in the faith, not in A faith**. “**2 Cor 13:5 (1)Examine** yourselves, whether ye be **in the faith**; **(2)prove** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(3)reprobates**?”

**Definitions: (1)Examine** yourselves-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo); from 3984; to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, discipline: KJV-- assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt (-er), try. **(2)prove** your own selves-1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo); from 1384; to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve: KJV-- allow, discern, examine, X like, (ap-) prove, try. **(3)reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e.rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate.

**Matt 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that **leadeth to destruction**, and **many** there be which go in thereat: **14** Because **strait is the gate**, and narrow is the way, which **leadeth unto life**, and **few** there be that find it. **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ....**Acts 20:28** 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. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (KJV)

Let this not be our end, please read: **Matt 7:21** **Not every one** that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven**. **22** **Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: (KJV)

### **Christian, the most misapplied, misused and abused name, on the face of the earth!**

We believe that there are some that perceive, understand and even believe these truths; but because of different reasons, do not choose to accept them. We believe that weakness maybe one reason. We also believe that such ones might ask these questions: “How can I tell my wife, husband, children, or friends?” “How can I tell my father, mother, or kindred, that these are truths?” The question should be: “How can any one, especially one wanting to be or striving to be a Christian, i.e. follower of Christ, not tell the truth to all (the truth being the WORD **John17:16-17**)?” Followers of Christ through his apostles MUST tell the TRUTH at all times, for no lie is of the truth, and there is no lie in Christ, **James 3:14; 1John 1:5-10 and 2:21-29**. Christians must also **show the truth of the scriptures**, thereby proving all things as has been commended by the Apostle Paul: “**1Thes 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” Christians must be strong in the faith, not in a faith, and have been instructed to quit like men. “**1 Cor 16:13** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, (1)quit you like men, be strong.” **Warning**, being timid, “fearful”; causes damnation. “**Rev 21:8** But the **(1)fearful**, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

**Definitions: (1)quit you like men**-407 andrizomai (an-drid'-zom-ahee);middle voice from 435; to act manly, 2) to show oneself a man, be brave: KJV-- quit like men. **(1)fearful** 1169 deilos-timid, fearful

We also believe that **pride** may be another reason for the refusal of the truth, in that we don't like admitting that we have been wrong. Jesus said that pride, among other things is evil, and defileth the man, **Mark 7:20-23; Mark 9:43-48**. This is true because first of all Jesus said it. Secondly, when it hinders one from saving his own soul and the souls of others by not admitting the truth by the word, can anything be more evil? Remember, among other things the WORD is profitable for reproof and

**correction: 2 Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We must not be too proud to accept the WORD; after all it is what will judge us in the last day, **John12:46-50**. We must change our minds and then our ways if we want to be SAVED, “Repent” **Mark 9:43-48; Rom. 12: 1-2; 2Pet.3:8-18.**

Then the scriptures tell us of the few that will find and accept the Word, **Matt.7:13-29 and 22:14**, and the many that will not accept it because of being blinded by the god of this world, “the Devil”; “**2 Cor. 4:1** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (See also **Luke 4:1-13; 1John5:19-21; Rev.12:9 and 13:6-9**)

Please remember, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, which is false doctrine, for the purpose of saving our souls. We believe this is best done by definitions and the preponderance of scriptures; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the WORD of TRUTH; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the continuance in it, is the ONLY thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, **2Tim.3:12-17!**

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