

Please Get your Bibles and Follow this Study!

Is the Observance of Easter, by the Church or anyone else, authorized by God through Jesus Christ and his Apostles?

We ask this question because, those of us that proclaim to be Christians, have been given a commandment by the words of the apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; “**1Thes 5:21-22**. But first, please bear with us as we are scripturally reminded of the order of things, “the chain of command” in the belief of GOD. Jesus DEFINES those that are and those that are NOT of God, please read; **John 8:47**. God made it clear in His Word **Matt.17:1-8**, that we MUST hear Jesus Christ His beloved son, and in verse 8, him ONLY. In **John 12:48-49** Jesus warn us of rejecting Him, and receiving not His words.

Jesus, the only one that God has commanded us to hear, tells us **how we must believe on him**; in **John 17:17-21**. We must believe on Christ **only** in the manner he has stated, through his Apostle’s word, simply because he said so; being the head of every man; **1 Cor 11:1-3**.

Before Jesus ascended back into heaven, he left instructions with his apostles, **Matt 28:18-20**, these instructions are for the one church that Jesus is building, **Matt 16:16-18; Acts 2:47; Eph 1:21-23; Eph. 4:14-16, 5:23-24; Col.1: 18-19**. Jesus gave instructions to his Apostles, the ones that God gave him, on how to run HIS church, as **they** were guided by The Holy Ghost. No one else was given this authority. Remember he told them in **verses 16 thru 18 of Matt. 28th chapter**, that all power had been given him, by his Father in heaven and in earth. Jesus also told them in **verses 19&20** to go and teach all nations, and to baptize. He also made it clear by what names baptism was to be done and what things they were to teach to be **observed**, and those were all things that Jesus had commanded **them**. There were also things that he had yet to tell his apostles, after ascending back into heaven. According to scripture this was to be done by The Holy Ghost “The Comforter”, The Spirit of Truth, please read; John 16:7-15.

How then MUST we believe and hear Jesus? According to Jesus, it is NOT through some voice that come to us, but rather through the WRITTEN words of his APOSTLES as THEY were guided by The Holy Ghost. Please read; “**John 17:16-21; Eph 3:1-5**. **Let’s listen to the Lord’s apostle John as he describe those that are, and those that are not of God: I Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.**6** We are of God: he that knoweth God **heareth us**; he that is **not** of God **heareth not us**. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”

We MUST remember the Church by Christ (see **Eph.3:20-21**), the one he is building, and is the Head of (**Acts 2:47; Col.1:18-19**), has been commanded not to follow traditions and commandments of men (see **Matt. 15:8-10; Col.2:8-12 and 18-23; Titus1:13-14**), but to follow the traditions and commandments of the apostles which is found in New Testament scripture (**Acts 2:41-42; 1Cor.11:1-2; Philp.4:9; 2Thes. 2:13-15; 3:6**). It is true; Jesus and his Apostles did observed the Passover, before his death. Jesus was born in the flesh under the Law (see**Gal.4:4**), and so was his Apostles. After his cruel death on the cross; the New Testament, which was in his blood (see**1Cor.11:25**), and after His resurrection, we find no scriptural evidence of him observing such. Neither do we find any instructions in the apostles’ doctrine and or word, for the Church that Christ is building, (**Acts 2:47**) to observe such, but scripture to the contrary(**Gal.3:23-29; Eph.2:11-18**). We believe that we are SAFE and COMPLETE ONLY in Christ Jesus, NOT in Moses, Aaron, Elias or anyone else, note what the apostle Paul admonished the Church in Colosse to do; “**Col 2:5** For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. **6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **8 Beware** lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, **after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, **and not after Christ. 9** For **in him dwelleth all the fulness** of the Godhead bodily. **10** And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power: **11** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12 Buried** with him **in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.” Remember Christ left the apostles and only them instructions, and or

commands on the things that ARE to be OBSERVED (see **Matt.28:16-20**), by the Church that he is the head of, **Col 1:12-19**.

We must also remember that Jesus Christ, the **only** begotten of God was and is perfect, and so is The Holy Spirit. They did **not** forget **anything**, so that even before the deaths of all the apostles, there were offices put in place for the overseeing of the Church by Christ, the one that he is building, Elders and Deacons (see **Matt.16:16-18; Acts20:16-17, 26-31, Philp.1:1; 1Tim.3:1-12; 5:17; Titus1:5-11; Heb.13:17-18**). They, as well as all those that professes to be Christians, must follow the traditions and commandments of the apostles as **they** were guided by the Holy Spirit, until The **Chief Shepherd shall appear; 1 Pet 5:1-6. Let's listen to the apostle Peter: "2Pet 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:" And Jude: "Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; **18** How that they told you there should be **(1)mockers** in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. **19** These be they **(2)who separate themselves, (3)sensual**, having not the Spirit. (KJV)"

Definitions

(1)mockers-1703 empaiktes; from 1702; a derider, i.e. (by implication) a false teacher: KJV-- mocker, scoffer.

(2)who separate themselves-592 apodiorizo-to disjoin, to part, to separate from another, making divisions or separations

(3)sensual 5591 psuchikos; from 5590; sensitive, i.e. animate: KJV-- natural, sensual.5446 phusikos; "physical", i.e. (by implication) instinctive: produced by nature, inborn, agreeable to nature, governed by (the instincts of) nature. (and if I may add; fleshly, Carnally, secularly and worldly)

I hope we are clear on the order of things (**chain of command**) according to New Testament scripture. Now let us begin to answer the question; **"Is the Observance of Easter, by the Church or anyone else, authorized by God through Jesus Christ and his Apostles?"** Let us start with the **two** origins and there traditions. Now let us by scripture, prove **Easter #1. Easter**, which means Passover, was given by Moses and Aaron from God **to be OBSERVED** by **the children of Israel** according to the law. It was never given to the Church by Christ, to be observed by Christians according to the Apostle's doctrine and or word. Christ is the end of the Law (see **John 1:17, Rom. 10:1-5**). Notice the difference in the two Easters, the first one we can find scripture for the customs, traditions and sacrifices that was set in place. Again this was given to Moses and Aaron by God, for the Israelites and for a specific reason. The preparation of the foods that they were to partake of was specified by God through Moses and Aaron, **Let's read... Ref. Scriptures:**

Definition: Easter 3957 pascha (pas'-khah); of **Aramaic origin** [compare 6453]; **the Passover** (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it); **1** the paschal sacrifice (which was accustomed to be offered for the people's deliverance of old from Egypt) **2** the paschal lamb, that is, the lamb the Israelites were accustomed to kill and **eat on the 14th day of the month** of Nisan (the first month of their year) in memory of the day on which their fathers, preparing to depart from Egypt, were bidden by God to slay and eat a lamb, and to sprinkle their door posts with its blood, that the destroying angel, seeing the blood, might pass over their dwellings; the paschal feast, the feast of the Passover, extending from the **14th** to the **20th** day of the month Nisan: KJV-- **Easter, Passover**.

Exod 12:1 **And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron** in the land of Egypt, saying, **2** This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. **3** **Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel**, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: **4** And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: **6** And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall

kill it in the evening. **7** And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. **8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. **9 Eat not of it raw,** nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the **(1)purtenance thereof.**

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. **11** And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. **13** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. **14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial;** and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. **15** Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Definition: (1)purtenance thereof-7130 qereb; midst, among, the inner part, the middle a) the inward part: c) **entrails** (used of sacrificial animals)

Exod 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

The first Easter “Passover” was authorized by God through Moses and Aaron, to Israel and **is of the truth.** The instructions of observance and the dates were set, by God, and it was much earlier than **A.D. 325.** **If** Christians are under the Old Law “The Law of Moses”, which we are not according to the apostle’s doctrine, then all of the instructions of observance including the SACRIFICES, FOODS and the dates given, must be followed circumspect, to be right “righteous” with God. There were no fables, nor Greek gods or goddesses, in it. We must remember Christians **MUST follow God through Christ and his Apostles,** not Moses and Aaron. Christ is the end of the Law (see **John 1:17, Rom. 10:1-5**).

Now let us by scripture **disprove Easter #2.**

EASTER

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“The most joyous of Christian festivals, and one of the first celebrated by the Christians, commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. The English word "Easter" corresponding to the German "Oster", reveals the association **of many Easter customs with those of the Teutonic tribes of central Europe.** When Christianity reached these **people it incorporated many of their heathen rites into the great Christian feast day.** Easter month, corresponding to our April, **was dedicated to Eostre, or Ostara, goddess of the spring.** There was in common the time of spring and the triumph of life over death. **The practice of eating eggs on Easter Sunday** and giving them as gifts to friends and children probably arose because, in the earlier days of the church, eggs were forbidden food during Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and were therefore always eaten on Easter Sunday. **But the custom of coloring eggs goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians,** who practiced this custom during their spring festival.

The Easter hare, or bunny, comes from antiquity as well. The hare is associated with the moon in the legends of ancient Egypt. It belongs to the night when it comes out to feed. It is born with its eyes opened and, like the moon, is "the open-eyed watcher of the skies". Through the fact that the Egyptian word for hare, "un", means also "open" and "period", the hare became associated with the idea of periodicity, both lunar and human, and so became a symbol of fertility and of the renewal of life. As such, the hare became linked with the Easter, or paschal, eggs. **In the U.S. the Easter rabbit is fabled to lay the eggs** in the nests prepared for it or to hide them for the children to find. Although Easter was celebrated very early in the church, its date was not established until **A.D. 325** when Constantine convened the council at Nicea, where it was decided that it should be observed on the first Sunday after

the full moon following the vernal equinox, to be fixed each year at Alexandria, then the center of astronomical science. The date is an approximation, and may vary. This means that its date may vary as much as 35 days!" Bill Petro, your friendly neighborhood historian www.billpetro.com/holidayhistory

The **second Easter** has been **disproven by SCRIPTURE** simply because, **not one scripture** was given for the instructions and dates of observance. **Not one** of the traditional observances given, nor the foods, matched any of the ones given by God in the Old Testament. It is also stated that "Easter" is a Christian festival; according to SCRIPTURE this is ERROR, which is **FALSE DOCTRINE!** We must remember "Christian" and "Christianity" are not just words, but are lifestyles! Using the apostle's doctrine as a reference, as the Church of and by Christ has been commanded to do; **Christian and Christianity are the two MOST misunderstood, misused, misapplied and abused words on earth.** Christians MUST believe/follow Christ through his Apostle's word (**John17:20-23**). The truth is, the only Easter/Passover authorized by God was given by God through Moses and Aaron, to the children of Israel "those under the Old Law". The second one was given to man by man in **A.D. 325** MUCH too late to be of God or Christ for that matter, and it has **not one** custom or tradition given by God, Christ or his Apostles; thereby it is **not of the truth.** It's full of customs and traditions of men; such as "heathens and Greek goddesses". It also consists of Fables, which are lies; such as egg laying rabbits. Not only does rabbits lay eggs according to the lie that children are told, but they lay hard-boiled, colored ones. This lie is passed on from generation to generation. Children should be taught the truth because the scriptures teach that **all liars** will have their part in HELL, **see Rev.21:8.** We all may fall short and lie at some point in our lives, but to practice, to observe and to look forward to lying, makes us **LIARS.**

The scriptures teach that Jesus' resurrection was early on the first day of the week, **at the end** of the Sabbath, **NOT on Easter Sunday or Christian Sabbath.** Let's read and listen "**Mark 16:1** And **when the sabbath was past**, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. **2** And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." "**Mark 16:9** Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils." **See also Matt.28:1; Luke24:1.** Christian Sabbath, according to the apostles' doctrine, is a contradiction in that the disciples which were called Christians came together on the first day of the week "**Acts 11:26** 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." "**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 (1)break bread, Paul preached unto them,** ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."...**Definition: (1)break bread** 2806 klao-to break used in the New Testament of the breaking of bread (communion).

The **Sabbath** on the other hand, which was the seventh day of the week, ended the Passover;

(Definition: (1)Sabbath 4521 sabbaton (sab'-bat-on); **of Hebrew origin** [7676]; the Sabbath (i.e. Shabbath), or day of weekly repose from secular avocations (also the observance or institution itself); 1) the seventh day of each week which was a sacred festival on which the Israelites were required to abstain from all work a) the institution of the sabbath, the law for keeping holy every seventh day of the week: KJV-- sabbath.) All must believe the truth to be right with God, please read; "**II Th 2:8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had (1)pleasure in (2)unrighteousness."

Definitions: (1)pleasure-2106 eudokeo; 1) it seems good to one, is one's good pleasure a) to think it good, to choose, to determine, to decide b) to do willingly c) to be ready to, to prefer, to choose rather 2) to be well pleased with, to take pleasure in, to be favorably inclined toward one: KJV-- think good....(2)in

unrighteousness-93 adikia; from 94; injustice (properly, the quality, by implication, the act); morally, wrongfulness (of character, life or act) 3) a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness: KJV-- iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.

Now let us set by New Testament Scriptures the foundation of belief. But first let us look at the **only place** the word "Easter" is found in the bible and it's of **Aramaic origin; it** was used to define the feast of the Passover. According to **Acts 12:1-4**, these Jews were not of **the body, the Church that Christ was building (Col.1:18-20; Matt.16:17-18)**, because it pleased them that king Herod stretched forth his hand to **vex certain of the Church**. The scriptures then go on to name **those of the Church** that King Herod vexed, killing James, the brother of John with the sword, and putting Peter in prison.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to **vex certain of the church**. **2** And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. **3** And **because he saw it pleased the Jews**, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (**Then were the days of unleavened bread.**) **4** And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people (KJV)

We must remember All FLESH including their GENERATIONS ends **in** Christ; we are neither Jew nor Greek **in** Christ, according to scripture we MUST become NEW SPIRITUAL creatures, **Let's read... Ref. Scriptures:**

Exod 12:14 **And this day shall be unto you for a memorial;** and **ye shall keep** it a feast to the LORD **throughout your generations;** **ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.**

2 Cor 5:16 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)

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. **24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. **26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **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.**

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (KJV)

Eph 4:20 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)

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: **11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. (KJV)

All **must** believe on Christ through the apostles' word, and after baptism must continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine. This doctrine is found only in New Testament scriptures. Those Jews that believed according to Christ were his disciples and those that did not, were not of him, **Please read... Ref. Scriptures:**

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word,** then are ye **my disciples indeed;** **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)

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. **see also verses 36-41**

Acts 14:1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. **2** **But the unbelieving Jews** stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.(KJV)

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. **16** And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (KJV)

We must remember according to scripture, Christians cannot be believers and hearers of the word only, but must suffer to be doers, of the Apostle's Doctrine, **Let's read... Ref. Scriptures:**

Luke 9:23 And he said to them **all**, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. **24** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. (KJV)

John 12:25 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)

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we MUST through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. (See also; Rom.8:16-18; 1Thes.3:1-8; 2Tim.2:11-12; 3:12; 1Pet.4:1-2&18)

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)

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

James 2:18 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? (KJV)

Let's listen to the apostle Paul as he was guided by The Holy Spirit, instruct those of Christ, in how they are to remember him **because His last Passover supper was different: Matt.26:17-28; Mark14:12-24; Luke22:1-21; Let's read... Ref. Scriptures:**

1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The **(1)bread** which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. (KJV)

1 Cor 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? (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)

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:** **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: **this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, **in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.(KJV)

Definition: (1)bread-740 artos (ar'-tos); from 142; bread (as raised) or a loaf: KJV-- (shew-) bread, loaf.

We have been looking but, we have not been able to find in the Apostles' word, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday or even Easter Sunday, which again would be a CONTRADICTION to the Truth, thereby causing CONFUSION(**1 Cor 14:33**). These then must be traditions of men. According to scripture, true followers of Christ "Christians" cannot, MUST not, be followers of traditions and customs, not authorized by God through Christ and his Apostles. Because if we are, then there is a command given by the apostles, for such ones, please read; "**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 (1)ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that **(2)walketh** disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

Definitions: (1)ye withdraw yourselves-4724 stello (stel'-lo); probably strengthened from the base of 2476; properly, to set fast ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) to repress (reflexively, abstain from associating with): KJV-- avoid, withdrawself. **(2)walketh** 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

We were able to find Easter "Passover", not as the Church observing it, but the Jews, before being converted to Christ. There is no need for Jews or anyone else to observe Easter/Passover any more. Remember Christ is the end of the Law and there is neither Jew nor Greek in Christ Jesus (see **John 1:17, Rom.10:1-5**). We must not frustrate the Grace of God, by observing the things of the law (see **Gal. 2:14-21** and **3:1-5**). We are all one in Christ, if all hear and obey the law of God's only begotten Son, thereby being right with Him according to scriptures. See **Gal.6:2, Rom.3:27, James1:22** and **Heb.5:8-9** ... **Let's read more... Ref. Scriptures:**

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God **for Israel is**, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to every one that believeth. **5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.(KJV)

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate **the grace of God:** for **if righteousness** come by the law, then **Christ is dead in vain.**(KJV)

Those that have been baptized into the one Body which is the one Church by the one Lord Jesus Christ,

must know and believe according to scripture, there is **only one** Holy Father and He is not on earth **John 17:11-13**(see also **Ps 111:7-10**).. The belief and obedience of **Eph 4:3-5** would make all have the one Spirit of the one Faith striving to be followers of Christ “Christians”, after the one Baptism... **Ref. Scriptures:**

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 (1)baptism**,(KJV)

Definition:(1)baptism-908 baptisma (bap'-tis-mah);from 907; immersion, baptism (technically or figuratively): KJV-- baptism. 907 baptizo (bap-tid'-zo);from a derivative of 911; to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed (i.e. fully wet); used only (in the N. T.) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: KJV-- baptize, wash.

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 preeminence.**19** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

John 17:11 And now **I am no more in the world**, but these are in the world, **and I come to thee. Holy Father**, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

1 Tim 2:5 For there is **one God**, and **(1)one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**;

Definition: (1)one mediator-3316 mesites (mes-ee'-tace);from 3319; **a go-between**, i.e. (simply) an internunciator, or (by implication) a reconciler (intercessor): KJV-- mediator.1) **one who intervenes between two**, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or to form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant 2) a medium of communication, a arbitrator.

We hope it is **scripturally** clear on the One Mediator between God and man. There is no one else that man can appeal to as a medium of communication, or to make or restore peace and friendship, but Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ. If there is a mediator, between man and Christ, then that would be two mediators between God and man. According to God, through Christ and his Apostles, there is only ONE MEDIATOR. If anything else is taught, it is not of God through Christ and his apostles, and is **false Doctrine**; thereby being a lie! Let's remember what Jesus said about the lie: **“John 8:42 Jesus said unto them**, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **45** And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.” (KJV)

Now to answer the question that was asked at the start of this study. “Is The Observance of Easter, by the Church or anyone else, authorized by God (the **one and only Holy Father** which is in heaven, through Jesus Christ), the one and only mediator **between God, and man** and His Apostles?” **The SCRIPTURAL answer is, ABSOLUTELY NOT!** If anything else is taught, it is not of God through Christ and his apostles, and is **false Doctrine!** Let's listen again to Jesus: **“Mark 7:6** He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of **you hypocrites**, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their **heart is far from me**. **7** Howbeit **(1)in vain** do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **8** For laying aside the commandment of God, **ye hold the tradition of men**, as the washing of pots and cups: and **many other such like things ye do**. **9** And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”(KJV)

Definition:(1)in vain-3155 maten; (through the idea of tentative manipulation, i.e. unsuccessful search, or else of punishment); folly, i.e. (adverbially) to no purpose: KJV-- in vain, fruitlessly. **Tentative** (adj.) Attempted or advanced on an experimental or provisional basis: **Manipulation**-To influence or manage

shrewdly or deviously. **3.** To tamper with or falsify for personal gain.....**Phil.3:16-19**

Who is he that will try to change the TRUTH of GOD to a LIE? Let's read, listen and understand:

“Ps 111:7-10

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. **8** They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. **9** He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: **holy and 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.” (See God's command of the new covenant: **Matt.17:1-8, note verses 5-8**)

Ps 50:21-23

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. **22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.** **23** Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.”

Isa 40:13-15

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? **14** With whom took he counsel, and **who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?** **15** Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.”

Isa 40:17-18

17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. **18** To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?”

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all (1)our righteousnesses** are as **(2)filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

Definitions: **(1)our righteousnesses**-6666 tsedaqah (tsed-aw-kaw');from 6663; rightness, rectitude, justice, morality, virtue or figuratively (prosperity): KJV—goodness, righteous acts, decency.

(2)filthy rags-5708 `ed (ayd);from an unused root meaning to set a period; the menstrual flux (as periodical); by implication (in plural) soiling: KJV—filthy, menstruation; a filthy rag, a stained garment (figurative of the best deeds of guilty people).

Rom 3:3-4

3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? **4** **God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;** as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. (KJV)

MORE LOCATIONS FOR SCRIPTURES MENTIONED DURING THE AUDIO:

Luke 16:13-15

13 **No servant 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.** **14** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for **(1) that which is highly esteemed** among men is **(2) abomination** in the sight of God. (KJV)

Definitions:

(1) that which is highly esteemed among men is-5308 hupselos- high, lofty, in influence and

honor, to set the mind on, to seek, high things (as honors and riches), to be aspiring

(2) **abomination** in the sight of God-946 bdelugma (bdel'-oog-mah);from 948; a detestation, i.e. (specially) idolatry: KJV—abomination, a foul thing, a detestable thing; used of idols and things pertaining to idolatry.

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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)

I Jn 5:6-8

6 This is he that came by water and blood, **even Jesus Christ;** not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.** **8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (KJV)

Col 3:16-17

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your **(1) hearts** to the Lord. **17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,** giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)

Definition: **(1) in your hearts** 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: KJV-- (+broken-) heart (-ed), 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, seat of the sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions.

Gal 5:19-25

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. (KJV)

Eph 3:1-7

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;** **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (KJV)

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