

The Writings of Paul

Chapter 10

Neglect the Body of Corruption

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3

The great conflict that Paul is speaking of his worry that those who have come to accept the Teachings of Jesus as preached by Paul, will somehow be deceived by others, and pulled away from the truth that Paul has preached. Paul worries that the tribulation of persecution, torture, and even death at the hands of those in the service of Satan that we all who give true and correct worship to God, and chose to live under the morality of God, have to endure, will cause many to falter and be pulled away from their faith, back to Satan's lies and the lies of those who preach the pleasures of the Earth, professing to preach Jesus, but in fact preach in opposition to the Teachings of Jesus. The First day Sabbath is one such lie, even though at the time of Paul it did not exist, even so, Paul saw that it might arise.

Endure these hardships always with the promises of God and Jesus in your mind, know that this life is temporary, but the promises of God are eternal.

The Need for personal Study

Treasures of wisdom and knowledge, is a reference to the need to study and research for your own understanding, to educate yourself in the Word of God, and thereby know with certainty, what truth as spoken by God is and what words are false, not having been spoken by God.

Paul's Warning

*And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. **Colossians 2:4-5***

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

*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. **Colossians 2:8***

Only by educating yourself in the True Word of God will you know if a man is attempting to spoil you through a false philosophy or gospel, therefore study, research, and learn, for your eternal soul is at stake.

*For in him, (Christ Jesus), dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 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: **Colossians 2:9-11***

As followers of Christ, we are "Circumcised" in faith and hope of salvation. To be circumcised without hands, is a reference to the circumcision of the foreskin and how it is achieved by the hands of a man, whereas the circumcision of the heart is achieved through faith in the promises of God and the proof of those promises in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Revoked By Jesus

*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. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against you, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **Colossians 2:12-14***

The handwriting of ordinances that was against you refers to the traditions of the Temple as they pertain to the excessive restrictions concerning the Sabbath as well as those laws that pertained to the sacrifice of animals for the cleansing of sins.

The handwriting of ordinances does **NOT** refer to the Ten Commandments of God. Think of the Ten Commandments like the American Constitution; it is the supreme law, and all other laws are subservient to it. If a lesser law is enacted which nullifies or restricts one of the Commandments of God, then that lesser law is not legal, and is sinful.

With the sacrifice of Jesus, all laws or ordinances that relate to the sacrifice of animals are void and nullified. Anyone to engage in animal sacrifices since Jesus is to be engaging in sin.

In like manner, Jesus Said that the *Sabbath was made for Man, not Man for the Sabbath*, therefore all those ordinances established by the Temple Elders over the years, that made observing the Sabbath a thing of dread rather than a celebration of being with God, have been revoked by Jesus.

Spoiled Principalities and Powers

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. **Colossians 2:15**

The principalities and other powers that Jesus triumphed over were the Temple elders and their blasphemous traditions, as well as the power of the Roman Empire and its anti-God pagan laws.

Let No Man Judge You

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

What you Eat

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink refers to the acceptance by Jesus that it is not what you put into your mouth that defiles the body, but that which come forth from the mouth. All

animals are of God, therefore all meat is good, whereas that which you speak comes from the heart and if you speak blasphemy then your heart is defiled and through it your body.

Holiday Observances

I believe Paul is referring to the Passover when Paul says, “*Of a holyday, or of the new moon.*” The observance of the Passover is a part of the Second Covenant and as such is required of all Jews covered under the Second Covenant.

A New Passover Observance

With the resurrection of Jesus, and the stoning of Steven, the nation of Israel lost its covenant with God. The new or as I call it the Third Covenant makes no requirement concerning the sacrifice of an animal to be eaten during the observance of the Passover.

The Passover is still required to be observed but the New Passover is the Body and Blood of Jesus as shown in the following verses.

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, “**Take, eat; this is my body.**” And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “**Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**” **Matthew 26:26-27***

Instead of sacrificing an animal to eat during the Passover meal, as followers of Christ, we instead break bread as symbolic of the body of Jesus, and we drink wine, as symbolic of the blood of Jesus. This is the New Passover, which is to remember all God did to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt, but also to remember the sacrifice of Jesus for the remissions of our sins.

Therefore as a Saint of God under the Third covenant if you do not sacrifice an animal and eat it in the keeping of the Passover, the Jews of that time will persecute you for professing to be of the worship of the God of Creation and yet you fail to keep a fundamental requirement of the Second Covenant set by God.

I suggest that this is also a prophecy concerning the observance of Christmas and Easter as well. If you have read the Lessons and the section titled “**Why we Observe Christmas**,” you will know why I speak of this here.

The Christmas celebration has become a long held tradition as a celebration of the birth of Jesus, but you will find nowhere in the Bible where God or Jesus gives command or instruction that we are to keep such an observance, therefore if God did not speak it, it must be a lie.

If you accept that the Christmas celebration is a lie and therefore refuse to give observance to Christmas, then there are those who will condemn you, I see it is to this that Paul tells us not to allow them to pass judgment concerning holyday’s upon you. Keep true to the truth as preached by Jesus, and don’t allow yourself to be corrupted by other gospel or false traditions.

Sabbath Days

Or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come. This has a prophetic reference. There was only one Sabbath Day during the life of Jesus and Paul. This day is spelled out in the Fourth Commandment, **Exodus 20:8-11**, as well in the Seven Days of Creation, **Genesis 2:1-3**, this being from sundown on the Sixth Day of the Week, (Friday) to sundown on the Seventh Day of the Week, (Saturday).

Take Note: Paul uses the word “**Days**,” in reference to the Sabbath as being plural, and not singular. In my time there are two days that people observe as the Sabbath depending upon the gospel they adhere to. The Jews and the Seventh Day Adventist among a few others observe the seventh day as spelled out in the Forth Commandment, whereas the majority of Christian faiths observe the First Day of the Week as the true Sabbath. Knowing God’s Truth and therefore the correct day is critical to your being obedient to the Word of God or you being in opposition to the Word of God. **Your Immortal Soul hangs in the Balance.**

Seventh Day is Truth

As you will know, if you have read all of these writing from this web page, I have shown that the Seventh Day Sabbath is still God’s Holy Day, whereas the First Day Sabbath is Satan’s Lie. Therefore,

Paul is being prophetic in his understanding that in time there will be contention between the opposing gospels that exist in the world today. It is up to you, through study, education and in prayer to God, to decide which Sabbath is the one Commanded by God, for if it isn't commanded by God, who then commanded it?

Consider this: if Jesus had taught another day than the one that is spelled out in the Forth Commandment, then where is it written in the Bible. I can find nothing; so therefore, I keep the one that God did give commandment of. This is given discussion by Paul in, **Hebrews 4:4-11**.

In my life, I am convinced that many of those who belong to those churches that preach the First Day Sabbath would have no problem returning to the Seventh Day Sabbath except for the scorn and persecution that they would receive from other members of their church. It is to this scorn and persecution of men against you that Paul is warning you not to let affect your worship.

Hold Fast to God's True Word

It is to this that Paul speaks. Hold fast to the Truth, do not let false gospel and the traditions of men sway your resolve. Do not allow what others may think about you to sway your decision, God is the one whose opinion that you need to consider, not the opinion of men.

*Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. **Colossians 2:18-19***

When you come to know God and his truth, it is from educated understanding, therefore you have knowledge that others do not have. In that your knowledge is superior to any others, why would you allow the opinion of others, who are ignorant, sway you from what you know to be the correct worship of God? Believe God's Word is true, and put your reliance upon that belief, and salvation will be at hand.

Dead in Christ

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using; after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Colossians 2:20-23

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, relates to the lusts, desires and pleasures of the earth, those things that are of the flesh. If you understand that you are dead already, then what worth is there in having those things? Do not therefore endeavor to satisfy the things of the flesh, for you know that the flesh is already dead, endeavor to seek out God, in study, research, and prayer. It is this that will lead to heaven and eternal life, pursuits of the flesh lead to death.

Serve the Lord Christ

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **Colossians 3:1-3**

Do not partake in the pleasures of the earth or the flesh. If you are dead in Christ, then the things of this world have no value. Live your life as if you are already dead, and work towards the day of the resurrection so that you will be among those who are raptured into the clouds to be with Jesus.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:4

When Christ shall appear, is a reference by Paul to the Rapture and the Second Advent of Christ.

Sins of the Earth Revealed

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of

*God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. **Colossians 3:5-7***

Once more Paul is giving listing to several sins, all of which related to one or more of the Ten Commandments, therefore, if you have been told that you are above the Commandments of God, why then does Paul, implore that you refrain from such activities?

The word “**Mortify**” is defined as: to attempt to subdue the body or desires and passions by self-imposed discipline, through hardship, abstinence from pleasure, and especially self-inflicted pain, usually for religious purposes.

There are many religions who using these words by Paul engage in self-mutilation by whipping themselves, as part of the process of fulfilling what Paul is saying. These people are showing their ignorance of what Paul is in fact saying.

What Paul is saying, “**Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth,**” is to not give into the wants and desires of the members of your body, which include such things as: **fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.** Engaging in these things are all sins, therefore, Paul is saying that we must fight off the desire of engaging in such things. This is accomplished through prayer and self-restraint. It is your act of making the decision to not do these things that shows your love of God and his morality. To beat yourself with a whip or in any other way is not proving your mind over your body. God wants that his Saints live in peace and love, there is no love when you abuse yourself.

Cleans yourself of Sin

*But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: **Colossians 3:8-10***

The “**Old Man**” being spoken of here refers to the **sinful you** before you went through a rebirth of the soul in the Lord Jesus Christ. The “**New Man**” is you, having now educated yourself in God’s True Word and having embraced the morality and true worship of God.

What Paul is saying is that you must work to prevent yourself from falling back into the Old Man and his sinful ways, and hold fast to the ways of God, and the New Man.

One Faith, One Worship

*Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. **Colossians 3:11***

There is only One Christ Jesus, and there is only One Church of Christ, therefore, when we convert to the True Worship of God, we are no longer Greek or Jew, we are all Saints of God.

God decides who are Saints

*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. **Colossians 3:12-13***

All of these things that Paul is listing are aspects of God's Morality, and if you incorporate them into your personality and moral character, then you will be in the Spirit of the Lord, and One with God.

The word "**Elect**" is defined as: designate, chosen, and selected. Paul uses this word, "**Elect**", to impress upon you that it is not you who decides that you are a Saint of God, but God-Jesus who makes that decision. It is God who chooses whom he will touch with the Holy Ghost and whom he will not touch.

Holy

The word "**Holy**" is defined by the dictionary as:

1. dedicated or set apart for religious purposes,
2. devoted to the service of God,
3. having a character that evokes reverence.

These things are all true, but there is one definition that is not included in the dictionary definition but when you look at how the word **Holy** is used in the Bible, it also means, True, or Truth. The **Holy** Gospel of God is God's **True** Word.

Beloved

The word "**Beloved**" is defined by the Dictionary as: someone who is loved very much.

Bowels of Mercies

The word "**Bowels**" is defined as: the deepest or innermost part of something.

The word "**Mercy**" is defined as:

1. A kindness or forgiveness shown to someone, especially to somebody a person has power over.
2. A disposition to be compassionate or forgiving of others.
3. Easing of distress or pain.

Kindness

The word "**Kindness**" is defined as: the practice of being or the tendency to be sympathetic and compassionate.

Humbleness

The word "**Humbleness**" is defined as:

1. Modest and unassuming in attitude and behavior.
2. Feeling or showing respect and deference toward other people.

Meekness or Meek

The word “**Meek**” is defined as:

1. Showing mildness or quietness of nature.
2. To be “Cowed” or showing submissiveness and lack of initiative or will.

What the dictionary doesn’t give as definition is what the Bible tells us who the “**Meek**” are, and that is, The Saints of God.

The “**Meek**” shall inherit the Earth, which is to say that the Saints of God will inherit the Earth.

Longsuffering

The word “**Longsuffering**” is defined as: Patient and enduring in the face of suffering or difficulty.

God has been “**longsuffering**” as he waits for his children to return to him in love and obedience.

Forbearing

The word “**Forbearing**” is defined as:

1. To NOT do or say something that you could do or say, especially when this shows self-control or consideration for the feelings of others.
2. To tolerate something with patience or endurance.

Forgiving

The word “**Forgiving**” is defined as:

1. Willing to forgive, especially in most circumstances.
2. Allowing for or Coping well with a degree of imprecision, or lack of skill, or other imperfection of another.

3. Not choosing to pass judgment on others though it is in your power to do so.

Charity

*And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **Colossians 3:14-15***

The word “**Charity**” is defined as:

1. The voluntary provision of money, materials, or help to people in need.
2. The willingness to judge people in a tolerant or favorable way.

*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 hearts to the Lord. **Colossians 3:16***

*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. **Colossians 3:17***

Wives and Husbands

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. **Colossians 3:18**

In this Paul is warning wives, that they give themselves only to their husbands, for all sex is sin save that between husband and wife.

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. **Colossians 3:19**

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. **Colossians 3:20**

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. **Colossians 3:21**

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord,

*and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. **Colossians 3:22-24***

In this the Twenty First Century after Christ, at least in the Western World, slavery is outlawed. However, this still applies to those who are employed by others. When you go to work, it is your responsibility to give your full effort to doing a good job for the wage that you receive.

If you go to work and just procrastinate and get nothing done that your employer is paying you to do, then you are disrespecting your employer and at the same time you are in violation of the Commandments of God as Paul is giving listing of them.

Respect of Persons

*But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. **Colossians 3:25***

If you are a high ranking official of the Church, but then falter and revert to the ways of the “Old Man,” then you will be treated in the same way as someone who had never converted to the Teachings of Jesus. God will have no respect for your station in life, for God sees us all as being equal in Grace and equal in Sin.

Remember: When God’s beloved Adam sinned, he was treated as the sinner that he was, with no regard to the love that God had had for him before he sinned.

When you show disrespect for someone else, you are also showing disrespect for God. Paul has been giving examples of God’s Morality as that morality applies to the Way of God. When you are disrespectful, then you are not exercising the morality of God; if you are not moral, then you are not acceptable to God.

Obtain Knowledge and have Wisdom

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for

*us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. **Colossians 4:1-4***

Walk in wisdom** toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. **Colossians 4:5-6

As a Saint of God, you will walk through this life a person of wisdom surrounded by fools and the ignorant. Walk therefore in the knowledge that you are an example to them, and by your words and your actions, you show the Glory of God, and by your example others might be saved.

Walk not in Darkness

*Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. **I***

Thessalonians 4:1

Through all of the Writings of Paul and all his face to face preaching, Paul has shown the way of Righteousness, and the Way of God. In the above verse, Paul is imploring us who have read his words, to live according to them, which are the words of Jesus as given to Paul. If you live your life as Paul espouses, then you will abound in the pleasure of God.

You and I have never heard Paul speak, but through these written words, and my explanations of what Paul is actually talking about, we have heard that which he preached, therefore, we have no excuse of ignorance to hide behind.

Abstaining from Fornication

*For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication: **I Thessalonians 4:2-3***

*That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: **I Thessalonians 4:4-5***

Paul once more impresses upon all of us to remember the commandments, not only the Ten Commandments, but also all the things of morality taught by Jesus.

Your vessel is your body, if you walk through life always in obedience to the morality of God, then you sanctify your body, making it clean and righteous to the day of rapture, acceptable to Jesus and the Father.

This is a good warning today in that the Morality of God is under such attack by the godless religion of **Liberalism** and the immoral behavior that it preaches. To engage in sex, any sex, outside of that between a husband and wife is a sin, and it brings you down to being no more than the other animals of the Earth. God raised Man up above the animals when he made us a living soul, to be capable of becoming like God, something no animal can ever achieve. Why do you wish to lower yourself back to that of an animal?

Dust of the Earth

Remember: The Dust of the Earth refers to the fact that the Earth and all that is upon it, comes from star dust, blown out from stars that went super nova, therefore, Man is established upon this dust, that had no life. God gave life to the dust in the form of the plants and animals of the Earth, but we are still nothing more than an accumulation of star dust. God has raised us up from dust to have the potential of entering heaven, why then would you lower yourself back to that of an animal? Why would you want that the Star Dust that you are made up of should revert back to Dust of the Earth, without life, when God offers you so much more?

Love thy Neighbor

*That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. | **Thessalonians 4:6***

Jesus tells us to love others as we would have others love us. If on the other hand you show disrespect for someone by cheating them in commerce or stealing from them, then you sin against your neighbor, but more so against God. Jesus has warned us that to do so is to sin, and Paul is making it clear that this sin is against God, in that you are showing your disrespect for God when you defraud anyone else.

God is a moral being, and we who he created are his children. God has established a set of rules by which we his children are to obey. These are the same rules by which God lives, and are therefore his morality. When we live in God's Morality, then we are "**One with God**," Righteous and clean, when we live in opposition to God's Morality then we are filthy and evil in the eyes of God.

Live in Holiness

*For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. **I Thessalonians 4:7-8***

Remember: The living soul that you are is given to you by God, and it is a piece of God, which is why your body is a Temple to God.

When you show anger or hatred of another person, it is not just that person that you are showing your hatred of, but God, for God made us to live in his morality, and as God hates not, neither should we if we wish to walk in the ways of the Lord.

*But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; **I Thessalonians 4:9-10***

Avoid Sloth

*And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. **I Thessalonians 4:11-12***

In the above two verses Paul is saying the same as I have been saying, **study**, learn God's truth **by your own work**. In obtaining knowledge **by your own efforts**, so you will know without question. Do not rely on others to tell you what God has said or what God wants from you, study the Word of God yourself, and know from obtained knowledge, not hearsay.

When you have knowledge no lie can sway you, for the lie will be manifest as a lie to you because of your knowledge gained from your own education. When you accept blindly that which

others tell you, without verifying this for yourself, then you fall into Satan's trap, and his lies will be not manifest, and you will accept lies as the truth, which will make God's truth sound like a lie.

This is as it is with most who call themselves Christian today. They have accepted the lie that the Sabbath is on the First day of the week, even though God tells us it is on the Seventh day of the week. So deceived are they that they reject the Word of God even when it is shown to them in scripture.

Concerning those passed away

*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also, which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. **I Thessalonians 4:13-14***

Take Note: Paul is saying those who “Sleep IN Jesus” will be called up to God in the Rapture, as opposed to those who are not of the Faith and do not live their lives in the Teachings of Jesus. Only the Righteous shall be raised from the dead into life eternal, and enter Heaven. Those who reject the Word of God, will be rejected by God, and have only eternal death to look forward to.

Liberalism is Satan's False Prophet spoken of in the Book of Revelation. Liberalism is a godless religion that preaches immoral behavior. When you engage in Fornication or Adultery, you are following the Ways of Satan. When you defraud another person through theft or fraud, then you are following the Ways of Satan. When you have your child aborted, you are a murderer and are as Satan is, not as God is. If God says, “Thou shalt not,” then Liberalism says, “You can, it is OK.”

Those who are alive

*For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **I Thessalonians 4:15***

Through out the history of Man on the Earth, those who have lived their lives in the Morality of God, and who gave worship to the one and only God, as God himself has commanded, will be resurrected into Eternal Life, even those that lived before the First Advent of Christ. This is the purpose for Christ to come, to give a way of reconciliation to the Father, after the sins of Adam removed Man from the Father.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: I Thessalonians 4:16

After his death on the cross, when Jesus was resurrected from his grave, others also, who had died that were of the Saints of God, arose out of their graves as well. These others, which are spoken of in the Bible, were witnessed by many as revealed in the following verses.

Many Rose from the Grave

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Matthew 27:52-53.

These who had been dead arose and walked in the presence of their loved ones, as it was then so will it be at the Second Advent of Jesus.

I have heard it spoken of that in the time of the Second Advent of Christ that thousands and thousands of people will simply disappear, but that is not how it will be. There is a popular book of fiction that suggests that when the Rapture occurs, those who are the Saints of God will simply disappear but that is not as the Bible tells us it will be.

Rise Up from their graves

The Dead in Christ will rise from their graves first, and will be seen by everyone the whole world over. Then they will be lifted up to the clouds to be with Jesus, visible to all. Then those not dead that are of Christ will be lifted up into the clouds, again witnessed by the entire world. They will not just disappear, but their ascent into the clouds will be seen by everyone even those not Saints of God.

When this occurs, all those alive on the Earth will know without a doubt that Jesus has returned. The only problem is that except for the Jews that live in Jerusalem on that day, it will be too late for those who have rejected the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments of God. The Great War and Tribulation will be over by then and all those chances that the people had to realize God's Truth will have passed, and those that remain not already converted, will be lost to salvation.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. I Thessalonians 4:15-18

God will not hide these happenings from those that remain on the Earth and have remained in the sin of ignorance, just the opposite, God wants that all of Man know without a doubt that he is the Almighty. God wants that we all know that when God says, “Come to me in Righteousness, and you shall be saved,” his words are a promise, and what God promises, God performs.

Jesus Returns as a Thief in the Night

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. I Thessalonians 5:1-2

Paul wants us to know that when Jesus returns, **it is the time and day** that will be as a thief in the night, because no one knows, no one but God the Father. Do not think however that this means that the second advent of Jesus will bring Jesus back in secret, hiding in the shadows, NO, when Jesus returns, he will come with the trump of God, and all the angels and heavenly beings will return with him. When Jesus returns, all the world will know at the same instant, there will be no doubt.

From my study of God’s Holy Scripture, I am certain that Jesus will not return until after the Great War and Great Tribulation have come and finished, when the Earth will be a shell of what it is today, when human civilization will be shattered and broken, when millions who had once rejected or ignored the Ways of God will turn to God in repentance and in hope of forgiveness. Then will Jesus return, after the Great Falling Away.

Death and Destruction

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. I Thessalonians 5:3

The leaders of the world will give us to imagine that we are safe, and in peace, but then sudden destruction will befall the earth, and all of Mans civilization and constructs will be destroyed, leaving the world to suffer through a time of tribulation of which none will escape.

Awareness in Christ

*But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. **I Thessalonians 5:4-6***

The Saints of God know the truth, and through education and study, we will know the signs that give warning of these the End of Days. We will be in expectation of the advent, and therefore when it arrives, we will not be caught off guard and surprised, but fully prepared.

*For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. **I***

Thessalonians 5:7

The phrase, “**Sleep in the Night**,” does not refer to being asleep in your bed during the hours of the night time; it refers to being in blindness to God’s Truth and ignorant of the events around you that reveals the passing of those events prophesized in the Bible as they are fulfilled.

A Prophecy of Jesus Fulfilled

For Example: The following prophecy has come to past, though only a few are aware of its passing.

*When ye therefore shall see the Abomination of Desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand :) then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains. **Matthew 24:15-16***

The Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel is a reference to the anti-Christ.

The Holy Place is the land in and around the City of Jerusalem, but more specifically, the Holy Mound, where the Temple once stood.

Therefore, when we see the anti-Christ stand in the holy place, then those in Judaea should flee to the mountains.

How then do I know that this prophecy has come to pass? We first need to know who is it that Daniel tells us the anti-Christ is, and then with this knowledge we will be able to determine if this prophecy has come to pass.

As I have shown in the Lessons and our study of the Book of Daniel, the anti-Christ begins as the Church of Rome then expands to that of an international religion, then expands again into a worldwide religion with several other churches beyond that of the Church of Rome, and today wields the influence of an Imperial power among the nations of the world giving deference to its leaders.

Throughout its evolutionary process, the Pope is always the head or leader of the anti-Christ religion, and it is the Pope that will physically stand on the Holy Place which will be the point of the above prophecy that results in the beginning of the Great War which we are in today.

On this Web Page, several months before this event occurred, I gave warning that the New Pope, Francis, was going to Jerusalem, and that shortly afterwards the nation of Israel and those lands that make up the area of Judaea, would come under some kind of a military assault. This all came to pass, in the missile attack made by the group known as Humus. With this assault, the Middle East and parts of the rest of the world have been engaged in war to one degree or another with the rise of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

Because the world as a whole sees these events as only another of the many wars fought by Man and not a fulfilling of Prophecy, they live in the **darkness of ignorance**. Because you who have read these words, are now educated in the fulfilling of this prophecy, **you live in the light of knowledge** achieved through your personal efforts to educate yourself in the Word of God.

Have No Fear

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. I

Thessalonians 5:8-10

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. I

Thessalonians 5:11

*And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. **I Thessalonians 5:12-13***

Be Evangelist to others

*Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, and be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. **I Thessalonians 5:14-18***

The words, “warn them that are unruly,” refer to those that remain in the darkness of ignorance. Paul is telling all of us who have found God’s truth through our own education to take that knowledge and pass it on to others that still remain in ignorance.

It is our duty as Saints of God, to show the Way of God to others so that they will end their lives of sin and follow your example of righteousness.

Prove All Things

*Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. **I Thessalonians 5:19-22***

To prove all things is to ask questions then to go and find the answers through research and study on your own. Gain knowledge from your own education, not from the words of others. If you have read the Lessons you have seen how I have dissected the verses throughout, thereby gaining understanding of what the words are telling me. When a question still arises, I then go to the Bible Concordance, to verify the English words and their meaning with the original words and their meaning. In this way I “prove all things,” and so should you.

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **I Thessalonians 5:23***

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. I Thessalonians 5:24-28

Until A Falling Away

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. II Thessalonians 2:1-2

Be Not Deceived

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. II Thessalonians 2:3-4

As Most Believe

Satan has twisted the meaning of the above two verses to suggest that the falling away will be that Christian's will lose their faith and fall from their churches and into the ways of evil, turning their backs on God. Let me show you the true meaning of these two verses.

What Paul is saying, "*For that day shall not come,*" refers to the Second Advent of Jesus, and that Jesus will not return until the falling away occurs.

A False Religion

Except there come a falling away first, refers to a falling away from the **False** Gospel, and the acceptance of God's Word as truth. The anti-Christ is not a man as Satan will have you believe, but a **false religion**, and since its establishment as a power in and of itself, in 538 AD, it has grown into a world religion. This religion has more than one Church, it includes several separate churches, but all preach Satan's False Gospel, it is this False Religion that is the anti-Christ.

Son of Perdition

And that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, refers to the anti-Christ, but more specifically the religion that is the anti-Christ and the religion that is the False Prophet.

These two will be revealed to the entire world, for the agents of Satan that they are. More specifically, the False Churches will be revealed for the **False Gospel** that they preach, and when this is realized, those who seek to give true worship to the God of Creation will fall away from those false churches and convert to the true worship of God.

Defining the Son of Perdition

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped. These words give us verification of who the man of sin and the son of perdition are.

Know this: the **anti-Christ** and the **False Prophet** are both false religions but not the same religion. The false churches of the **anti-Christ** preach things that are in opposition to the first four of the Ten Commandments, which give instruction as to how God commands that we give worship to him, but they keep the last six of the Ten Commandments, until recently, which are the six moral imperatives of God.

Recently: the Pope spoke that he would give Absolution to women who had abortions, which is to say that the Pope will forgive the sins of those women who murder their unborn children. Only God can forgive, which is to say that the Pope has no such power, and therefore, those women who think that their sins are forgiven them, will still be in sin, because it was not God but Satan who forgave them.

The godless religion that is the **False Prophet**, will preach opposition to all ten of the Ten Commandments, and attempt to portray God's Morality as something to scorn or laugh at. Things like Sexual Purity will be opposed, and it will give rewards to those who lie and deceive to advance in life, which are all acts of immorality.

The Man that Leads

So that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. From our previous studies, you know that the anti-Christ is the Church of Rome and the Pope as head of the Church of Rome sits on a throne. It is to this imagery that God wants us to see, in these words written here by Paul.

Know this however: The anti-Christ religion has grown into more than just the Church of Rome. **The anti-Christ** can be defined as: any church professing to be Christian that is in violation to anyone of the Commandments of God, the most obvious is the Sunday Sabbath, but there are other so called Christian churches that keep the seventh day Sabbath, yet are in error concerning other of the Ten Commandments or the Word of God.

The Catholic Popes

The Popes have, over the centuries, declared themselves to be *Jesus hidden in the flesh of another*, that when the Pope speaks it is *not a man but Jesus who speaks*. This is blasphemy, and is they who sit as the head of the false religion that is called the anti-Christ. Think about it, whenever a quote or an opinion of a Christian is solicited, it is to the Pope that the question is raised. In this the Pope is considered the leader and spokesman for all who are Christian. It is for this reason why I no longer consider myself a Christian but an Israelite, as I have defined the word in my writings.

The Church building that sits upon the lands of the Vatican is considered by many to be the *Temple of God* as spoken of in these verses. The Popes that sit in the throne chamber profess and show themselves *to be God*, by their own arrogance and admissions.

Revealed in his time

*Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. **II Thessalonians 2:5-6***

Paul wrote these words around 2,000 years ago. I attest that in these words, which I have been given by God to write, I reveal to you that which Paul was speaking of, is now upon us.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **II Thessalonians 2:7**

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: The iniquity Paul is speaking of here is the lies, distortion and weaknesses of the knowledge of those of us that have been preached the truth of Jesus, yet are easily swayed by Satan's lies. Paul is pointing out that already, in his day, Satan is at work attempting to deceive us from the truth.

Only he who now letteth will let. The one who letteth is God, and God will let Satan engage in his distortions for a time. This reveals who has been preached the Teachings of Jesus and holds fast and believes. It also reveals those who hear the words, but fail to believe, and are therefore easily swayed from the truth.

Until he be taken out of the way, refers to the **he** as being anti-Christ, so God will allow the anti-Christ a time with his power to deceive, until God chooses to **take him out of the way**. Though the anti-Christ religion through the Popes, feels that he has freedom to oppose God, and all that he does, God has no power to prevent, but this verse shows that the anti-Christ is only being allowed, that God can end its power, whenever God chooses.

The Wicked Revealed

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. **II Thessalonians 2:8**

The **Wicked to be revealed** is the anti-Christ and the False Prophet, both of which are constructs of Satan, but not only them, for the wicked are also those who having been deceived by Satan's Lies as well, and they will also be destroyed upon the Second Advent of Christ. Once they are revealed for the evil that they are, then they will be **consumed, (destroyed) by the spirit of his (Jesus') mouth**. The **spirit of his mouth is** the words of truth spoken by Jesus in all that he has taught.

When you come to know God's Truth, through your own diligent study and research, it is then Satan's Lies become manifest to you as the lies that they are. If you are no longer deceived, then the power of Satan no longer has hold over you.

The brightness of his coming is of course a reference to the Second Advent of Christ.

Paul Speaks of the anti-Christ

*Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **II Thessalonians 2:9-10***

Him whose coming, is a reference to the anti-Christ. This is given support in the words, “*after the working of Satan,*” where the word “*after*” pertains to *making use of or of the same believe and immoral thoughts.*

The received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, refers to all who attend these false churches, who being preached false gospel, therefore, fail to hear God’s True Word, and thus fail to give worship to God as God commands. If you fail to worship God as he commands, then you shall fall short of Salvation.

God Causes those deceived to believe the lie

*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. **II Thessalonians 2:11-12***

This verse written by Paul reminds me of the Parable told by Jesus, **The Parable of the Sower**, which you can read beginning at: **Matthew 13:18** in the Bible, and in Chapter 4 of the Teachings of Jesus on this web page.

I have found these above two verses to be correct, for I have attempted to show God’s True Word to my family, but they are all so blinded by Satan’s Lies and the False Religion that they hear my words, but perceive them as being lies, therefore, they believe Satan’s Lies as being the truth, and Gods Truth as being the lie.

In this I have come to understand, that God choses who he will invite into heaven and who he rejects, and no matter how hard I attempt to show God’s True Word to those who I love, they still reject my attempts. This then, I see as being God’s Will; so though I still try, I am not so adamant in my efforts. I continue in the Hope that God will take pity upon those I love and when they see a glimmer of

truth in my preaching, God might extend his invitation to them after all, so they might have their blindness removed.

Beloved of the Lord

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II Thessalonians 2:13-14

To be beloved of the Lord, is to be one who can be defined as a Saint of God, if you are not a Saint of God, then you are not beloved of the Lord.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. II Thessalonians 2:15

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. II Thessalonians 2:16-17

I thank God that he permitted my wife and lifelong companion to see God's Truth the same time that I was so honored. That the one I love most in this life, is still with me and together we have God-Jesus as our constant companion.

Avoid Social events with non-believers

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. II Thessalonians 3:1-2

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. II

Thessalonians 3:3-4

Remember: These words of Paul are being directed to those of the church established by Paul in the City of Thessalonica, people that Paul knew personally. These words are a warning and an encouragement, that they stay true to what Paul taught them and that they not be swayed onto a path not preached by Paul. Even so, these words have pertinence to you and me who never knew Paul, but are scolded and encouraged by the Writings of Paul.

And the Lord Direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ. ||

Thessalonians 3:5

Keep the Church Pure

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. || **Thessalonians 3:6**

If there were among you who sat with you and listened to the Gospel of God, and the Teachings of Jesus Christ, yet who failed to believe, and thereby fell from God's Grace, Paul is saying, that you who do believe, should *withdraw yourself away from such none believers*. Not just you personally but the congregation as a whole. If your faith is based upon the Teachings of Jesus as preached by Paul, and someone speaks things that are in opposition to that which your faith is based, or if they attempt to add to or subtract from that faith, then they are not of your faith, and need to be removed from the congregation, before they pollute future generations.

In this it doesn't mean that you should stop socializing with them altogether, but that you should take no heed of any of their speech that distorts or adds to or subtracts from that which you were shown and through education and have knowledge, to be the true Word of God.

This is once more Paul impressing upon us not to congregate with those who do not have your educated knowledge of God's truth. I can best give understanding to this in an aspect of my own life.

I was 58 years old when God touched me and began to show me his truth. Before that I had no interest in Church or hearing Scripture or being involved in any kind of discussion concerning religion. For this reason, I had no problem engaging in friendships and an association, with anyone regardless of

their religious beliefs or moral attributes. As I now understand God's Morality, I now know I was immoral virtually my entire life.

With my obtained knowledge of God's True Word, I have ended most social contacts with these sorts of immoral people, only engaging with them as a prophet of God and giving them instruction as to their error of faith and morality. This of course has caused that they chose not to invite me to their gatherings anymore, for they do not want to hear God's Truth, preferring to remain blinded by Satan's lies, and the easy latitudes of moral behavior that Satan's False Gospel preaches.

What Paul is telling us above, is that it is best that we remove ourselves from such people, for their sins can be contagious to those who are not sure in their knowledge of God's Truth; as it is said, "Keep me from temptation." As with the Jews who were forbidden from entering into the home of a Gentile, so too should we who are the Saints of God refrain from engaging in social events with those who refuse to accept God's Truth, even when you have shown it to them.

For Yourself

*For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: **II Thessalonians 3:7-8***

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us, which means that because of the superior knowledge that you as a Saint of God have, of God's Holy Scripture, you know what Jesus and God require of you, you do not have to congregate with others who do not or will not accept God's truth over Satan's false gospel. Paul goes on to remind us of his own ministry, and how he took from no one, but that he first earned the right through his own labor. Faultlessly Paul worked in his service to God, that by his (Paul's) example we too will know the true path to righteousness.

Be an Example to others

*Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample (example) unto you to follow us. **II Thessalonians 3:9***

Those who do not work shall not eat

*For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. **II Thessalonians 3:10***

I am left to believe that those whom are spreading false gospel, do not work for their own earthly needs, but are asking or requiring that the congregations pay them in the form of donations. This is something that Paul evidently has never done. Paul is thus suggesting that this is the difference between a true prophet of God and those who only seek to profit financially from their preaching.

Paul's Example

Because of Paul's example I too do not ask donations or compensation of any of the writings that I have placed on this Web Page. You are free to read, to download, and even to print out these pages, without cost to you. I only ask that as you have received them free from me, that you do not charge others. As Jesus told the Apostles, "*That which is freely received must be freely given.*"

The Error of Social Welfare

The above verse from Paul can also be applied a meaning, in regards to the Liberal and Socialists ideas of Social Welfare. Paul is quite clear, that those who do not work should not eat of that which others have worked for.

The whole concept of taking from the rich and giving to the poor, who refuse to work, is in Paul's words shown to be anti-God. There is a difference however, where the poor are unable to work due to a medical ailment, for the poor do deserve our mercy, and our charity, but when they refuse without good cause, that is what Paul is speaking of.

Those who work not at all

*For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. **II Thessalonians 3:11-12***

The words, “**to eat their own bread**,” refer to eating the food that you produced yourself from your own labors. If you did not work to produce, then you have no right to enjoy the fruits of someone else’s labor.

Shun those who do not work

*But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. **II Thessalonians 3:13-14***

What Paul is saying is that if there is one among you who refuses to work, then not only should they receive none of the food when it is prepared, but that you should not have association with them, thus making them as out-casts from the community, which will cause them to be ashamed of themselves, and amend their lazy and un-godly ways.

*Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. **II Thessalonians 3:15***

Paul then places a caveat in this by requiring that we do not treat him as an enemy, but as a wayward brother, someone who needs to be shown the way back to Righteousness.

*Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. **II Thessalonians 3:16-18***

Paul’s Warning to the Congregations

*Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. **I Timothy 1:2***

*As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister question, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. **I Timothy 1:3-4***

That thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine: Paul has preached the Gospel as taught by Jesus, here he is exhorting Timothy and through Timothy you and I, so that we teach no other doctrine other than that which Paul preached and Jesus taught.

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, refers to the false gospel, as well as the custom of the Jews to link themselves through blood to those hundreds and thousands of years earlier.

I also see the warning against “*Fables,*” as referring to such things as *Santa Claus, or the Easter Bunny.* As I have oft times said, if it isn’t spoken by God, then it is not of God, and therefore it is a lie. Neither Jesus or God have ever given instruction or command that the birth of Jesus or the death and resurrection of Jesus is to be observed as an annual event, therefore to give observance to these is not as God has spoken, and therefore in opposition to the Word of God.

Blood Lines of the Jews

Which minister question, rather than godly edifying which is in faith, which suggests to me, that this habit of the Jews to show that they are blood descendants to Jacob and further back to Abraham and again back to Adam is fraught with the possibility of falsehoods, and guesswork, when we should better spend our time in service to God, the blood lines to our ancestors are not important to our salvation, for all who embrace the Teachings of Jesus and the Morality of God are Justified in their Salvation, regardless of your blood lines.

The blood lines relate to our mortal bodies, and as such have no meaning in the resurrection. Just as it is foolish to acquire huge amounts of wealth through your life, so too is it foolish to give worry as to whether you are a descendant of so and so or not, it has no value in your eternal soul. We are all the children of God for which there is no blood line, only faith.

Teachers of the Law

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. **I Timothy 1:5-7***

Faith in Jesus is found in your heart, from which you exhibit charity etc. To revert back to demanding the law without belief, as being your path to salvation is folly. This does not mean that knowing and understanding the Law of God and living in God’s Morality is folly, only that the Law by itself is only half of the requirement to salvation.

A pure heart refers to the absolute acceptance and belief in the promises of God, and that the Word of God is truth and must stand against all other words not of God.

Charity is: help voluntarily given to people in need, the willingness to judge people in a tolerant or favorable way. When you look at others with charity, and extend to others who are in need then you fulfill the most important of the moral traits of God second only to forgiveness.

A good conscience refers to being the kind of person that the morality of God desires you to be, and having knowledge of those moral traits, you live your life in a way and manor that allows you to have a clear conscience without a thought that you have lied to yourself or to God.

Faith unfeigned is to have belief, in truth and actions, and not words alone. To **“Feign”** something is **to make a show or pretense of something, to make up or fabricate something, to lie to yourself and to others concerning the truth of what lies in your heart,** in other words you need to walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

Teachers of the law refers to those who having been drawn to Christ from the Teaching of Jesus and the preaching of Paul and others, but who then turn to the law of God and the ordinances of Moses, to judge justification, rather than to the acceptance of God’s promises through belief and through belief accept the morality of God as your guidepost in your life and worship.

Faith without Doubt

The most important aspect of belief is to believe without a doubt. If you accept and therefore believe what others have told you without first investigating scripture to determine for yourself if what they say is true or not, then your Faith is based upon Blind Faith.

When you seek out the Word of God as it is written in the Bible, and do to your educated knowledge, you know that the Word of God is truth, and must always have precedence over all other words spoken by others, then your faith is based upon the Word of God as you have learned its meaning, not as others have told you it means.

Teacher of Sin not Grace

The law is the teacher of sin. In the law you learn how not to sin, but you can be without sin and still not be justified in the hope of salvation, only in belief and reliance in the Word of God and his promises as truth can you be justified.

The phrase, “**You are not saved by your works alone**,” rings true here. The effort you put into learning, understanding, and keeping yourself from sin, is the **work**, but if you do not also believe that the word of God and his promises are truth, then the **work** is in vain. Without the promise, there can be no salvation, just as belief without righteousness is also in vain.

For Example: I personally know several people who attest to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Most Christian Churches preach that to do so is all that you need to be saved, for they preach that you are saved by the Grace of Jesus.

These same people however, think nothing of engaging in fornication or Adultery, which is to say that they are immoral. To be immoral is to be unrighteous. If you are unrighteous, how then do you expect that you will be acceptable to God? If you engage in sin then you are not a follower of Jesus, for everything that Jesus taught relates to being Righteous.

Jesus gives us an example that shows how keeping the law alone does not justify us in salvation. This example can be found concerning the man that asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit everlasting life, **Matthew 19:16-30**.

The Law is Good

*But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine. **I Timothy 1:8-10***

What Paul is saying above is as I have been saying; the law teaches those who are otherwise sinful what sin is, so that they can work towards salvation. Those who have embraced the morality of

God already are above the law, for to sin is impossible for those who have the Law of God written upon their hearts and who live moral lives. If on the other hand you have not taken the Law and Morality of God to heart, then it is important that you learn the law, else there is no hope for you.

Take Note: In the above Paul gives mention to those who **defile themselves with mankind**, this is a reference to Homosexuality and those who engage in it. As you can see, Paul and through Paul, God looks upon this activity as being **contrary to sound doctrine**, which means the Word or Law of God.

If in your life style you choose to engage in sex with others of your gender, then you need to understand that you do so in direct opposition to God. If you are disobedient to God then how can you expect to be given salvation from God?

In this time that I live in, Liberalism, (Satan's False Prophet), preaches that all sex is good, and homosexuality is acceptable and should not be condemned or questioned by others. For others, such as me, to give instruction as to the evil that is homosexuality, is to be evil ourselves, and Liberalism encourages the sinners to persecute and hate those that are offended by the life-style of the homosexual. That is how far from God that mankind has fallen in only a few short years.

God Forgives the Unbelievers

According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. I Timothy 1:11-13

Because I did it ignorantly in unbelief, holds a powerful message to those who are blinded by Satan's False Gospel, who then learn God's True Word. If your sins were committed because of your ignorance of the Word of God, and in your unbelief that the Word of God is still supreme, then Paul is telling us that forgiveness is still possible, because he himself received forgiveness.

An example to this would be those who in ignorance observe the Sabbath on Sunday, who then when shown God's True Word, realize their sin and repent and ask God to forgive them, then these are

those who have **Fallen Away** from Satan's Lies and converted to the True Faith as commanded by God.

To Save Sinners

*And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **I Timothy 1:14-15***

Jesus tells us that he did not come to condemn the world but to redeem it, which is another way of saying that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**. Jesus taught the morality of God. Once armed with the Morality of God sinners can no longer sin and righteousness is obtained. God tells us that only the righteous shall enter into heaven.

*Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. **I Timothy 1:16***

Saul was a sinner, in that he persecuted and caused the death of those who followed the word of Christ, but through the mercy of Jesus, Saul became Paul, and went from a sinner to one in the faith of Christ. In that Jesus gave mercy to Paul, so too are we justified in our belief that he will have mercy upon all of us if we but repent our sins.

In my own live experiences, I knew a young woman, who was a homosexual, and lived in sin as such for many years. Then she met a man who she found loving, and was convinced in his love, and so left the life of sin and married this man and has since had children by him. I do not know if in this she also found God, and has therefore been forgiven her former evil ways, but the fact that she repented to herself and to her husband, gives me hope that she also repented to God.

I know from all that God-Jesus has shown me, that if this young women has repented in fact and not just in words, that God will forgive her if she is otherwise righteous to the morality and the worship to God. As with her, so it can be with all who have sinned in the past, but look to God for forgiveness.

I was once asked by others, what my opinion of homosexuals was, I told those who asked, that my opinion was worthless, that it was God's opinion that mattered, whereupon I explained that which

God has shown me on this subject. I am unknowing as to whether my words had any influence upon these men who asked me, but I am always hopeful, that one might have thus been saved from sin.

*Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. **I Timothy 1:17***

*This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: **I Timothy 1:18-19***

Though Paul has addressed this letter to Timothy, it is truly to all the children of God and those who would be the sons of God to whom the letter is addressed.

Be Humble before God

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth, for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. **I Timothy 2:1-6***

The word “**Exhort**” is defined as: to urge or to encourage.

The word “**Supplications**” is defined as:

1. An appeal made to someone in authority.
2. To make a request.
3. To make a petition.
4. To give prayer to God.

What Paul is saying above, is that he is encouraging all of us, but especially those in authority, to give prayer and request to God, to give us guidance in life and in the spirit. If we are close to God that such supplications occur often, then we will know peace and happiness.

*Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. **I Timothy 2:7***

The word **verity** means: the quality of being true or real, a statement or principle that is accepted as fact. Therefore, Paul wants that we live in truth in the knowledge and the belief in the promises of God, and that through Jesus resurrection, eternal life are obtainable.

Clothing of the Humble

*I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but what becometh women professing godliness with good works. **I Timothy 2:8-10***

Paul once more makes example of women by insisting that they wear plain clothing without ornamentation, but I say this applies to men as well. The clothes that you wear are of no concern to God, and whether or not those around you find you attractive should be the least of your concerns. It is not how you look that matters, for looks are all vanity, but God judges us on what is in our hearts and it should be what God thinks of us that matters to us and not what other people think.

I have to admit however, that I do enjoy seeing my wife when she puts on attractive attire, and has her hair shaped in a way that accentuates her natural beauty, so I guess I have to once more disagree with Paul on this.

Although, keep in mind, it is for my joy that my wife dresses well, not for what others may think of her. Perhaps this is why the Muslims require that their wives hide themselves from the public and keep their beauty for only their husband's eye, although I see this as extreme and do not condone it for the Saints of God. As I have said however, humble attire should hold true of men as well as for women.

The dress attire of the Amish appears to be closest to that which Paul describes for both men and women, except where the work that they do makes wearing such clothing to hot or not warm enough. Your attire should reflect the climate that you live in as well as the type of work that you do. There is

no, one fits all garment. Only keep in mind that modesty is the rule and extravagant and audacious apparel are nothing more than vanity.

Remember: All sex is a sin save that between a husband and his wife; therefore, we must dress modestly with clothing that doesn't cause undue temptations from others that see us. There is a place for everything, and it is only appropriate in that place. For example, in our daily lives at work or at school, we dress one way, whereas, if we go to the beach to go swimming, we dress in another way. You would not wear your dress to the beach, and you should not wear your bathing suit to school or to work, but in all cases, modesty should prevail.

God created man and woman the way that they are, therefore the human form is not sinful, only the way that we each present ourselves in public can be sinful or not based upon the attire we wear.

Women in Silence

*Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed then Eve. **I Timothy 2:11-13***

Paul has this all wrong; I see this once again a reflection of Paul's own prejudices. God tells us a different story concerning the establishment of Man upon the Earth.

Male and Female

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 2:27***

You see, Man is plural, a reference to the species, not to the gender. This is verified when God tells us that he created him; **male and female created he them**. Do you see? God created Man on the Sixth Day of Creation, and Man is both male and female, one did not come before the other.

That most if not all religions hold that men are superior to women has everything to do with the males need to rule over and dominate women. I consider this an aspect of Satan's False Gospel, not of God's Holy Gospel. As I have said time and again, the Word of God is supreme, and if you find something not written down in scripture and shown to be the word of God, then you must accept that

which is spoken by God as being the truth and reject that which is not given support by the Word of God.

I have found nothing in scripture where God shows such bias against women. When God refers to Man as being his sons, it does not mean that he is giving preference to the male gender, but as the word Man represents both genders, so too does Sons. Every time in the Bible where I see words that suggest that a woman is inferior or subordinate to a man, the words are not the Word of God but the opinion and prejudice of the author.

Adam Was First

It is true that Adam was taken from Man and was the first to be made a living soul, but when God gave Eve to Adam to take for his wife, it is clear that the two became one flesh in marriage, inseparable. To me that means that God does not give preference one over the other.

No Husbands and No Wives

Jesus tells us that in the resurrection there will be no husbands and wives, that *there will be no marriage, and no being given into marriage.* If there is no marriage, then there can be no sex, for all sex outside of marriage is a sin. If there is no sex, then there will only be Man and gender will have no meaning. Sex is an aspect of species procreation, when we live for eternity, what need have we to procreate?

No Qualification of Gender

As I have pointed out before, a Saint of God is a saint because they believe the promise of the resurrection and have the Laws of God written upon their hearts. In this there is no qualification of gender; therefore both are equal because both are of Man.

Eve was Deceived

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. I Timothy 2:14-15

Yes it was Eve who was beguiled by the lies of Satan, but where in scripture does God give as part of her punishment that all women must therefore become slaves to men? The only punishment that God imposes upon Eve and all women after her, is the pain associated with child birth. In that this is the punishment given by God, why have men attempted to place themselves in dominance of women on the pretext that God so desires it, when he God has not given any such commandment? Talk about putting words into the mouth of God. This I see as a good example of False Gospel. If Satan can cause dissention between man and woman, or Husband and Wife, then society cannot succeed and Man reverts back to the ways of the animals, which is all that Satan considers Man to be.

Church Elders

This is a true saying, "If a man desires the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; I Timothy 3:1-2

Polygamy

Paul makes clear that Polygamy is not acceptable by his words, "the husband of one wife," God gave to Adam to take as wife only Eve, which tells me that God agrees with Paul, that we can have only one spouse, to have more is not only polygamy but Adultery, which tells me those of the Mormon or Muslim religions that allow for a man to have more than one wife are false religions. If your religion is not acceptable to God then you are not of God. If you are not of God, then who is it that you give worship to? By default, you give worship to Satan.

I am sure that many of you will point to the Old Testament and say that Abraham had more than one wife as did Isaac, and Jacob, but that is not entirely true. They had one wife, the one they married legally, but they also took on concubines that were treated as wives, but didn't have the same standing as the first wife.

The example of Abraham shows how God considers the wife over the concubine. Abraham's first born son, Ishmael, was the son of a concubine not Sarah the wife. When Isaac was born, God had Abraham forced the mother of Ishmael and Ishmael his first born son, out of his home. This shows that it is the son of the wife that God gives preference to and not to concubines.

With the codification of the Law in the form of the Ten Commandments being written down on two tables of stone, God has made it clear that there is to be only one wife to one man, all others are Adultery.

Morally Straight

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre (profit in wealth); but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

I Timothy 3:3-5

The other qualities, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, etc. relates to being one who lives by the Morality of God. This is only logical. If you elect a leader among your congregation, that leader should be one of the highest moral standing, without fault; else what kind of instructions will they give?

Educated in Scripture

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. **I Timothy 3:6-7**

What Paul is saying is if you want to be in a position of authority over a congregation of the Saints of God, then you must be a Saint of God yourself. All of those traits that Paul gives list to as being not worthy of a Church Elder are equally not traits of a Saint of God. It is up to the congregation when they chose their leaders, to choose people who are righteous before God first, then give consideration to any other attributes that they may or may not have that would make them good leaders. If in time it is shown that they do not uphold the example set by Jesus, then they should be removed from their positions of authority.

Deacons

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in pure conscience. **I Timothy 3:8-9**

*And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. **I Timothy 3:10***

*Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. **I Timothy 3:11-12***

*For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. **I Timothy 3:13***

What Paul is saying here is not only should the Elders of the Congregation be Saints but that their wives must also be godly, else the Elders should be rejected because of their wives. I consider this true of women as well, if women should rise to a position of authority in the congregation but her husband proves not to be of the faith, then the women must also be rejected as a leader of the congregation.