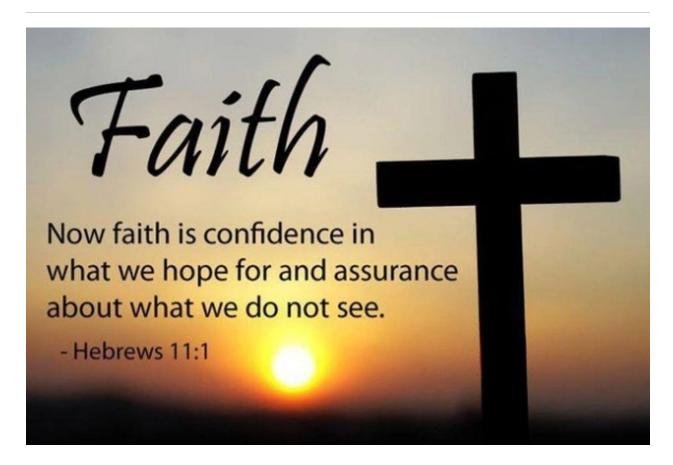
The Right Path

The Truth About Faith The Gospel of Salvation



The Gospel of Salvation from God our Father through His Beloved Son our Lord

Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit



A Walk of Faith

Our God and Father, His beloved Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit have offered us a wonderful gift of salvation through faith for all those who believe.

They have offered us forgiveness of our sins, redemption of our souls, we are given newness of life, a new start to be the people that God our Father wants us to be through His beloved Son Jesus our Lord and Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord and Jesus Christ paid for this precious gift with His life on the cross. This precious gift of salvation that our Lord Jesus Christ paid for with His life brings us peace with God our Father and an eternal life to come.

God's Salvation is the gospel (Good Tidings) proclaimed about His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 1:1-14, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:10-11, John 3:16-17, John 10:25-30 NASB, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Hebrews 1:1-13, 1 John 1:1-10).

God revealed that He is going to send His beloved Son to pay the price for all of our sins, all of them and you will receive forgiveness if you believe and trust in my beloved Son (Psalms 2:1-12 NASB, Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:17, Matthew 11:28-30 KJV, Matthew 17:5, Luke 9:35, John 3:1-12, John 3:16, John 3:27-36, John 20:30-31 NASB, Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 1:3-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2 Peter 1:17-21, 1 John 5:9-12).

The belief and trust that we express is the faith that saves us because it is an active and obedient faith and trust in God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (<u>Psalms</u> 51:11, <u>Psalms 115:11</u>, <u>Psalms 118:8-9</u>, <u>Psalms 125:1</u>, <u>Proverbs 3:5</u>, <u>Proverbs 16:20</u>, <u>Isaiah 26:4</u>, <u>Jeremiah 17:7</u>, <u>Luke 6:46-49</u>, <u>Luke 9:23-26</u>, <u>Luke 9:34-35</u>, <u>Luke 11:27-28</u>, <u>John 3:36</u>, <u>Acts 2:38</u>, <u>Acts 3:22-23</u>, <u>Acts 5:31-32 NASB</u>, <u>Acts 6:7</u>, <u>Romans 1:5</u>, <u>Romans 2:6-11</u>, <u>Romans 5:1-5</u>, <u>Romans 15:13</u>, <u>Romans 15:18</u>, <u>Romans 16:25-27</u>, <u>Titus 3:1-8</u>, <u>1 Peter 1:2-3</u>, <u>1 Peter 1:14</u>, <u>1 Peter 1:22</u>).

Strong's Concordance
pisteuó: to believe, entrust
Original Word: πιστεύω
Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: pisteuó

Phonetic Spelling: (pist-yoo'-o) **Definition:** to believe, entrust

Usage: I believe, have faith in, trust in; pass: I am entrusted with.

HELPS Word-studies

4100 *pisteúō* (from 4102 /*pístis*, "faith," derived from 3982 /*peíthō*, "persuade, be persuaded") – *believe* (affirm, have confidence); used of persuading oneself (= human believing) and with the sacred significance of being persuaded by the Lord (= *faith*-believing). Only the context indicates whether 4100 /*pisteúō* ("believe") is self-serving (without sacred meaning), or the believing that leads to/proceeds from God's inbirthing of faith.

The way you are to express your belief and trust in my beloved Son is that you are to repent of your sins, confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of Living God and be baptized (Psalms 7:12-16, Matthew 10:32-33, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 1:15, Luke 12:8-9, Luke 13:5, Luke 24:47, John 6:68-69, John 8:24, John 11:25-27, John 20:30-31 NASB, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12, Acts 22:16, Romans 2:4, 1 Peter 3:21), learn and obey the commandments and the teachings that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us (Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 11:28-30 KJV, Matthew 28:20, Mark 16:14-16, Luke 20:21, John 7:16), his Apostles teachings (Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:42, Romans 1:1-6, Hebrews 1:1-4), and the Lord's brothers James and Jude (Matthew 13:55 NASB. 1 Corinthians 9:5, James 1:1, Jude 1:1), and the former teachings and examples of the Old Testament revealed to us by the men of God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit as written in the inspired word of God (John 16:5-15, Romans 15:4-6, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21 NASB). and live a life being faithful and obedient until death (Revelation 2:10-11).

* to **Repent** is a change of mind and a change of actions. "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out" (Ezekiel 18:23, Ezekiel 33:11, Matthew 3:8,10, Matthew 13:13-15, Matthew 18:3, Luke 3:8, Luke 13:1-5, Luke 22:32, Acts 2:38, Acts 3:17-23, Acts 5:31-32 NASB Acts 26:12-20 NASB, 2 Corinthians 7:10).

Strong's Concordance

metanoeó: to change one's mind or purpose

Strong's Number <u>G3340</u> Original Word: μετανοέω Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: metanoeó

Phonetic Spelling: (met-an-o-eh'-o)

Definition: to change one's mind or purpose

Usage: I repent, change my mind, change the inner man (particularly with reference to

acceptance of the will of God), repent.

HELPS Word-studies

3340 metanoéō (from 3326 /metá, "changed after being with" and 3539 /noiéō, "think") – properly, "think differently after," "after a change of mind"; to repent (literally, "think differently afterwards").

*Confession that you make is your belief that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God (Matthew 14:31-33, Matthew 16:16, Matthew 26:63-64, Luke 4:41, John 1:31-34, John 6:47-51, John 11:25-27, John 20:30-31 NASB, Acts 10:39-43, Romans 10:8-10, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 4:5, 1 John 5:13).

Strong's Concordance

homologeó: to speak the same, to agree

Strong's Number <u>G3670</u> Original Word: ὁμολογέω Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: homologeó

Phonetic Spelling: (hom-ol-og-eh'-o) **Definition:** to speak the same, to agree

Usage: (a) I promise, agree, (b) I confess, (c) I publicly declare, (d) a Hebraism, I praise,

celebrate.

HELPS Word-studies

3670 homologéō (from 3674 /homoú, "together" and 3004 /légō, "speak to a conclusion") – properly, to voice the same conclusion, i.e. agree ("confess"); to profess (confess) because in full agreement; to align with (endorse).

[3670 /homologéō ("confess") means to speak the same thing, i.e. "assent, agree with, confess, declare, admit" (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 120).]

*to be Baptized (immersed in water) (<u>Matthew 3:13-17</u>, <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>, <u>Mark 16:15-16</u>, <u>Luke 3:21-22</u>, <u>John 1:31-34</u>, <u>Acts 2:36-38</u>, <u>Acts 8:12</u>, <u>Acts 8:26-39</u>, <u>Acts 9:15-19</u>, <u>Acts 22:1-16</u>, <u>Romans 6:1-11</u>, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, <u>Galatians 3:23-29</u>, <u>Ephesians 4:5</u>, 1 Peter 3:18-22).

Strong's Concordance baptizó: to dip, sink Strong's Number G907 Original Word: βαπτίζω Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: baptizó

Phonetic Spelling: (bap-tid'-zo)

Definition: to dip, sink

Usage: lit: I dip, submerge, but specifically of ceremonial dipping; I baptize.

HELPS Word-studies

907 baptízō – properly, "submerge" (Souter); hence, baptize, to immerse (literally, "dip under"). 907 (baptízō) implies submersion ("immersion"), in contrast to 472 /antéxomai ("sprinkle").

Our God the Father through the suffering and sacrifice of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a way to be forgiven for our sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), an appeal to God for a good conscience (1 Peter 3:21), you will have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1), and you will begin your walk in a newness of life (Romans 6:3-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:17-27, Colossians 3:1-17), and God will guard our hearts and minds in our Lord Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:1-7). As you begin your new walk of life you need to be obedient to the faith (Matthew 6:24, John 8:34-36, Romans 6:16-17, Romans 6:20-23, Titus 3:1), being faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10), enduring, persevering, hopeful and rejoiceful (Romans 5:1-5).

After having our sins washed away in baptism we are able to draw closer to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (2 Chronicles 15:2, Proverbs 3:5-7, Zechariah 1:3, Malachi 3:7, Hebrews 7:19, Hebrews 10:22, James 4:8) through prayer, and through the inspired word of God with an active obedient faith, trust, and love (Matthew 4:4, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:23, Romans 1:1-6, Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 1:9 NASB, Ephesians 6:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 1:1-3, Hebrews 4:12, Hebrews 10:35-39, James 1:3-4, James 1:12-25, James 2:14-20, 1 Peter 1:3-23, 2 Peter 1:1-21 NASB, 1 John 4:13-21).

To know that your prayer is being heard and being interceded to God the Father through His beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit (<u>John 14:6</u>, <u>John 14:10-14</u> NASB, <u>Romans 8:26-27</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:20</u>, <u>Ephesians 6:18</u>, <u>Philippians 4:4-7</u>, <u>Colossians 3:15-17</u>, <u>Colossians 4:2</u>, <u>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</u>, <u>1 Timothy 2:1-6 KJV</u>, <u>Jude 1:20</u>) is pretty wonderful, amazing and comforting. Our prayers need to reflect our thankfulness.

When you stop and think about these things, you need to believe that there is only one way to the living and true God through His beloved Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (<u>John 3:1-7</u>, <u>John 14:6</u>). This is a walk between you, God the Father, His beloved Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and nothing can be more personal and important than that.

To start a new life having your sins washed away and an appeal to God for a good conscience (2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Peter 3:21) can only be measured by how important your life is to God.

God must have deemed our lives to be pretty important, to be born in their image, and to have a soul (Genesis 1:26-28, Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 10:28, Matthew 16:26, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 4:12-13, 1 Peter 2:11), to send His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to die on the cross for all mankind (John 3:16-17) so that we have a way provided into the heavenly kingdom (2 Peter 1:1-12) and to reconcile us back to God (Ephesians 2:11-22, Colossians 1:15-22).

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 3:16-17

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 5:24

24 Truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 15:1-11

- ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

To begin this new journey in life to an eternal life of love, joy and peace you must have faith (Matthew 21:21, Luke 7:50, Luke 17:19, Luke 18:8, Acts 3:16, Acts 6:7, Acts 16:15, Acts 20:21, Acts 26:18, Romans 1:5, Romans 1:8, Romans 5:1-5, 1 Corinthians 2:5, 2 Corinthians 4:1-18, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 2:11-22, Hebrews 11:1, 1 John 5:4).

You must hear or read the word of God about the gospel of His beloved Son Jesus Christ, (Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 13:16-33, John 1:12-13, Acts 3:16, Acts 16:6-10, Acts 16:14-15 ASV, Romans 3:22, Romans 10:1-17, Galatians 3:2, Hebrews 12:1-2, James 1:3, 2 Peter 2:1-11, 1 John 5:13, Jude 1:3, Jude 1:20).

This is the beginning of the Truth about Faith you must hear or read the gospel.

Romans 10:17 NASB

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

To be a child of God does not mean to listen to man, but to listen to God's inspired word (2 <u>Timothy 3:16 NASB</u>) about the life and work of His beloved Son (<u>Matthew 13:37-38</u>, <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>, <u>Luke 1:1-4</u>, <u>John 14.15</u>, <u>Acts 1:1-4</u>, <u>Romans 10:17</u>), the Apostles teachings (<u>Acts 1:1-2</u>, <u>Acts 2:42</u>, <u>Romans 1:1-6</u>, <u>Hebrews 1:1-4</u>), and the Lord's brothers James and Jude (<u>James 1:1</u>, <u>Jude 1:1</u>), and the former teachings and examples of the Old Testament revealed by the Holy Spirit (<u>John 16:5-15</u>, <u>Romans 15:4</u>, <u>2 Timothy 3:16</u>, <u>2 Peter 1:19-21 NASB</u>).

There are so many things that **people within the darkness of this world have distorted and corrupted and continue to distort and corrupt with their false beliefs, self-made religions, doctrines of demons, traditions and commandments of men, deceitful and blind guides deceiving the hearts and minds of men, women, and children (Matthew 7:15, Matthew 15:7-9, Matthew 15:10-20, Matthew 24:11, Matthew 24:24, Romans 16.17, 2 Corinthians 11:13, Galatians 1:6-10, Galatians 2:4, Ephesians 4:14, Colossians 2:20-23, 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 1 Timothy 1:3-7, 1 Timothy 4:1, 1 Timothy 6:3-10, James 1:26-27, 1 John 4:1, Jude 1:3-4, Revelation 2:2) for worldly and ungodly desires. Through their deceitfulness the have distorted and corrupted the inspired word of God and made the straight path crooked (Ecclesiastes 1:15).**

These are **some of the distorted beliefs** that you may be familiar with, these are disputed on the <u>False Teachings page</u> and <u>False Teachings 2 page</u> on this site:

- Are we Born with Sin?
- Salvation by Faith or Belief only?
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- Religious Days and or Religious Holidays?
- Jesus Returns to Reign on Earth?
- Which Belief leads to Eternal Life?

The questions that we all have about ourselves, life, faith, salvation, and eternal life are all answered in the Holy Bible, they give us the direction to follow so that we can be with the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit in this life and the eternal life to come (<u>Deuteronomy 8:3</u>, <u>Matthew 4:4</u>, <u>Matthew 6:25-34</u>, <u>Matthew 16:24-27</u>, <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u>, <u>Luke 10:25-27</u>, <u>Romans 2:1-11</u>, <u>Romans 5:12-21</u>, <u>Romans 6:1-23</u>, <u>Ephesians 4:17-31</u>, <u>Colossians 2:8-14</u>, <u>Philippians 3:17-21</u>, <u>Philippians 4.6</u>, <u>1 Timothy 4:6-10</u>, <u>2 Timothy 1:8-11</u>, <u>Titus 2:11-14</u>, <u>Titus 3:4-7</u>).

I am not sure where you are at with your walk-in life with God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit but I would like to help you on your path and hope that this site helps you to believe in the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Our God and Father gives us these precious gifts through His beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, gifts of mercy, grace, love, faith, salvation, redemption and guidance in this life with a hope of an eternal life of peace to come that cannot be taken away (John 14:15-21, John 15:10, Romans 1:16-17 NASB, Romans 3:21-26, Romans 7:4-6, Romans 8:1-11, Romans 8:31-39, Romans 10:17, 1 Corinthians 7:17, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:7-13, 1 Peter 4:7-11, 1 Peter 5:5, 1 John 2:1-6, 1 John 4:4-21, 1 John 5:1-5, Revelation 1:4-8).

The most precious gift of all is what our God and Father gave and what Jesus Christ the Son of God did for us in that He gave His life so that our sins can be forgiven, and we can be redeemed so that we can have a home in the new heavens and new earth (<u>Isaiah 65:17</u>, <u>2 Peter 3:11-13</u>, <u>Revelation 21:1</u>) in the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (<u>John 14:1-4</u>, <u>Hebrews 11:10</u>, <u>Revelation 3:12-13</u>, <u>Revelation 21:2-4</u>), with myriads of angels, and to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel (<u>Hebrews 11:4</u>, <u>Hebrews 12:22-24 NASB</u>).

These next several scriptural verses and passages are just but some of the messages in the scriptures that we need to strive to understand that help guide us (<u>Matthew 7:24-29 NASB</u>, <u>Luke 21:34-36 KJV</u>, <u>John 20:24-28</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 1:4-9</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 5:1-19 KJV</u>, <u>Ephesians 4:17-32 ASV</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:1-33 ASV</u>, <u>Ephesians 6:10-18 ASV</u>, <u>1 Thessalonians 1:10</u>, <u>Hebrews 10:35-39</u>, <u>Hebrews 12:18-29</u>, <u>Hebrews 13:1-9 NASB</u>, <u>James 1:19-20 KJV</u>, <u>Jude 1:20-23</u>, <u>Revelation 21:1-8</u>).

This web site follows the inspired word of God with the hope that you will become a child of God, a Christian, a disciple of the Lord Jesus. The first several pages on this web site will try to bring out the meanings of seven ones that have been revealed to us in Ephesians 4:1-6.

The seven ones are as follows:

- One Body
- One Spirit

- One Hope
- One Lord
- One Faith
- One Baptism
- One God and Father

One Body

The body (the church) in Christ, are by definition the called out from this world and to God, the outcome being the faithful baptized believers in Christ (the church). This calling is to all people to believe.

The Lord's church is the body of faithful baptized believers in Christ that have been called out of the world to represent the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ as priests on earth (1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6, Revelation 5:10, Revelation 20:6) serving our Lord Jesus Christ waiting to be called home to enter the heavenly kingdom of Christ and God.

* Note in Revelation 20:6, **A Thousand years** represents "the reign of Christians with Christ will be a perpetual phenomenon throughout the whole Christian age." Cited from Coffman commentaries <u>Revelation Chapter 20</u> (verse 6)

Strong's Concordance

ekklésia: an assembly, a (religious) congregation

Strong's Number G1577

Original Word: ἐκκλησία, ας, ἡ **Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: ekklésia

Phonetic Spelling: (ek-klay-see'-ah)

Definition: an assembly, a (religious) congregation

Usage: an assembly, congregation, church; the Church, the whole body of Christian believers.

HELPS Word-studies

1577 ekklēsia (from 1537 /ek, "out from and to" and 2564 /kaléō, "to call") – properly, people called out from the world and to God, the outcome being the Church (the mystical body of Christ) – i.e. the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls out from the world and into His eternal kingdom. [The English word "church" comes from the Greek word kyriakos, "belonging to the Lord" (kyrios). 1577 /ekklēsia ("church") is the root of the terms "ecclesiology" and "ecclesiastical."]

Strong's Concordance ek or ex: from, from out of Strong's Number G1537 ek or ex: from, from out of **Original Word:** ἐκ, ἐξ **Part of Speech:** Preposition **Transliteration:** ek or ex **Phonetic Spelling:** (ek) **Definition:** from, from out of

Usage: from out, out from among, from, suggesting from the interior outwards.

HELPS Word-studies

1537 *ek* (a preposition, written *eks* before a vowel) – properly, "*out from* and to" (the *out*come); *out from within*. 1537 /*ek* ("out of") is one of the most under-translated (and therefore mis-translated) Greek propositions – often being confined to the meaning "by." 1537 (*ek*) has a two-layered meaning ("*out from* and *to*") which makes it *out-come* oriented (out of the depths of the source and extending to its impact on the object).

Strong's Concordance

kaleó: to call

Strong's Number G2564

kaleó: to call

Original Word: καλέω
Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: kaleó

Phonetic Spelling:(kal-eh'-o)

Definition: to call

Usage: (a) I call, summon, invite, (b) I call, name.

Ephesians 5:23 NASB

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

Colossians 1:18 NASB

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Colossians 2:19 NASB

19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

1 Timothy 3:15 NASB

15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

Matthew 28:18-20 NASB

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15

15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

These are just but some of the scriptural passages and verses that reveal the truth behind the inspired word of God of the meaning of "one body", and that one body is (the church) the body of all the faithful baptized believers through-out the world in Christ known simply as Christian's growing into a holy temple of the Lord and being built together as a dwelling place of God by the Spirit (Romans 12:4-21, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 4:4, Colossians 3:15, 1 Peter2:5).

Romans 6:1-11

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:4-5

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:1-21

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:1-6

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

What an amazing and loving God we have (<u>1 Chronicles 16:34-35</u>, <u>Psalms 100:1-5</u>, <u>Psalms 106:1-3</u>, <u>John 3:16</u>, <u>Acts 17:24-31</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 1:3-4</u>, <u>2 Peter 3:9</u>) that created and provided all that we could ever want or need (<u>Genesis 1:1-31</u>, <u>Matthew 6:25-34</u>, <u>John 1:1-12</u>. Acts 14:17, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:24-31, <u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>, <u>James 1:5</u>, <u>James 1:17</u>, 1 John 1:9).

Our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the way (<u>John 14.6</u>) to God our Father with a newness of life (<u>Romans 6:1-5</u>) and salvation (<u>Titus 2:11</u>) to bring us home to the new heavens and new earth (<u>Isaiah 65:17</u>, <u>2 Peter 3:13</u>, <u>Revelation 21:1</u>) to be with God our Father, His Son our Lord Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, myriads of angels, and all those who believed and were obedient to God (<u>Revelation 21:2-5</u>). These promises are for those who believe (<u>Luke 3:10</u>, <u>John 3:16</u>, <u>Acts 2:37</u>, <u>Acts 8:12</u>, <u>Acts 11:17</u>, <u>Acts 16:30</u>, <u>Acts 22:16</u>) and are obedient to the word of God (<u>Exodus 24:7</u>, <u>Isaiah 1:19</u>, <u>Acts 2:38-42</u>, <u>Acts 6:7</u>, <u>Acts 14:22</u>, <u>Acts 16:15</u>, <u>Acts 26:18</u>, <u>Romans 1:5</u>, <u>Romans 5:19</u>, <u>Romans 6:16-17</u>, <u>Romans 15:18</u>, <u>Romans 16:26</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 2:9</u>, <u>2</u> Corinthians 7:15, <u>Galatians 4:4-5</u>, <u>Colossians 1:3-14</u>, <u>Titus 3:1</u>, <u>Philemon 1:21</u>, <u>Hebrews 5:8-9</u>, <u>1</u> Peter 1:2, <u>1 Peter 1:14</u>, <u>1 Peter 1:22</u>).

To receive this wonderful and precious gift is to accept the mercy (Matthew 5:7, Matthew 18.33, Mark 5:19, Luke 1:50, Romans 9:16, 2 Corinthians 4:1) and grace (John 1:14-17, Romans 3:21-24, Romans 4:16, Romans 5:1-5, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Ephesians 1:3-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 2 Timothy 1:7-10) that God our Father has offered to us by believing and trusting in His beloved Son who is the Christ the Son of the Living God and was crucified and raised from the dead for the forgiveness of our sins and to redeem us back to God (Matthew 7:24, Matthew 17:5, Mark 1:15, Mark 9:7, Mark 9:23, Mark 16:16, Luke 9:34-35, Luke 24:13-35, John 1:7-8, John 3:36, John 8:24, John 12:44-50, John 14:1-6, John 20:30-31 NASB, Acts 2:38-44, Acts 3:22, Acts 4:32, Acts 8:12, Acts 10:40-48, Acts 13:48, Acts 16:31-33, Romans 1:16-17 NASB, Romans 3:21-24, Galatians 4:4-7, Ephesians 1:13-14).

The greatest written words in this writer's opinion given to mankind are found within the Holy Bible in this scriptural verse (<u>John 3:16</u>),

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

We need to try to spend time in the word daily (Genesis 1:26, Genesis 2:7, Job 22:22, Job 32:8-9, Psalms 119:11, Psalms 119:105, Proverbs 2:6-7, Hosea 6:6, Matthew 4:4, Matthew 24:36-44, Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 3:8-10, Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 2:15 NASB, 2 Timothy 3:14-17 NASB, James 1:21, 1 Peter 2:2 NASB, 2 Peter 1:19-21 NASB) so that we can learn to understand how to walk the path that our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to walk and to keep the gift of eternal salvation that has been offered to us

(<u>Matthew 5:44-45</u>, <u>Matthew 10:37-39</u>, <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>, <u>Mark 8:34-38</u>, <u>Mark 12:30-31</u>, <u>Luke 6:27-36</u>, <u>Luke 18:1-14</u>, <u>John 13:34-35</u>, <u>John 14:21</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 6:14-18</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:1-25</u>, <u>1 Timothy 6:17-19</u>, <u>2 Timothy 2:1-13</u>, <u>2 Timothy 3:12</u>, <u>Hebrews 5:8-9</u>, <u>1 John 1:5-10</u>, <u>1 John 3:18-22</u>) and try not to be discouraged or loose heart.

We need to grow in the word, the faith, the grace, and the love, and in the Spirit (Matthew 5:11-12, Matthew 10:24-42, Matthew 11:25-30, Acts 14:22, Romans 4:13-5:5, Romans 8:26-39, Ephesians 3:14-21, Ephesians 6:10-17, Colossians 2:1-15, 2 Timothy 2:1-26, James 1:2-27, 2 Peter 3:14-18, 1 John 2:14-29, 1 John 3:13-24, Jude 1:20-23, Revelation 14:12-13). As we grow we seek the blessings of understanding, insight and wisdom of His inspired words that come from study and prayer (Matthew 7:7-11, John 14:6, John 14:13-14, John 15:7, Acts 1:14, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 12:12, 1 Corinthians 7:5, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 1:3-11, Colossians 4:2, 1 Timothy 2:1-5 KJV, 1 Timothy 4:1-5, Hebrews 10:35-39, James 1:17, James 3:17, 1 Peter 4:7) and we seek a life that pleases God, a peaceful and quiet life godly and honestly in every way (Proverbs 20:3, Proverbs 24:21, Romans 12:9-21, Romans 13:1-7, Philippians 4:8-9, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-16, 1 Timothy 2:1-6 KJV, Titus 2:2-14, Titus 3:1-11, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:3-2:17, 2 Peter 1:3-11).

To live in this world, we need to follow the words that our Lord Jesus has given to us; to deny self, take up our cross and follow him (Matthew 16:24-27) and not to be part of this world (Matthew 16:26, Matthew 18:7, Mark 4:19, Ephesians 2:2, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 3:13, Revelation 3:10), but to be salt and a light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 24:14, Mark 16:15-16), and to be able to bear fruit (Matthew 3:8,10, Matthew 7.19, Matthew 12:33, Matthew 13:23, Matthew 21:38-43, Luke 8:15, John 15:1-11, Romans 5:1-11, Romans 7:4-6, Romans 14:17-19, Galatians 5:22-26) along with the patience in well-doing, glory, honor and immortality (Romans 2:6-10) that comes from being faithful baptized believers (Mark 16:16).

All good things in this life come from above, from the Father of Lights (<u>James 1:17</u>). We need to pray and ask God our Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to help us so we can grow as we walk by faith through this life as did all the saints (<u>Luke 13:23-24</u>, <u>Acts 24:14-16</u>, <u>Romans 15:4-6</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</u>, <u>1 Timothy 6:12</u>, <u>2 Timothy 4:7-8</u>, <u>Hebrews 11:1-40</u>, <u>Hebrews 12:1-29</u>, <u>Hebrews 13:1-21</u>, <u>Philippines 4:19</u>, <u>2 Peter 1:1-11 NASB</u>, <u>1 John 5:1-5</u>, <u>Jude 1:3-25</u>, Revelation 14:12).

Thanks be to God for these wonderful gifts (<u>John 3:16</u>, <u>John 14:23</u>, <u>Acts 2:36-47</u>, <u>Acts 11:17-18</u>, <u>Romans 3:21-26</u>, <u>Roman's 5:15-21</u>, <u>Romans 6:19-23</u>, <u>Romans 10:14-17</u>, <u>Romans 11:29-32</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 9:6-15</u>, <u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>, <u>Ephesians 2:1-10</u>, <u>Ephesians 4:7-8</u>, <u>James 1:17</u>, <u>1 Peter 4:10-11</u>).

The Lord's Church

The Lord's church is the body of faithful baptized believers in Christ that have been called out of the world to represent the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ as priests and servants on earth serving our God and Lord Jesus Christ waiting to be called home to enter into the heavenly kingdom of Christ and God (Romans 12:1-2 KJV, Romans 15:16, Galatians 1:10, Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 1:7, Colossians 1:13, Colossians 3:23-24 NASB, 1 Timothy 4:6, 2 Timothy 2:24, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 2:1-10, Jude 1:1, Revelation 1:1-6, Revelation 5:10, Revelation 20:6).

We come together in unity to worship God in spirit and in truth by singing, praying, partaking in the Lord's supper, to learn of Gods' inspired word, and to fellowship with each other by the means of sharing from our prosperity for the ministry of the Gospel, to aid missionaries, to aid communities visited by calamity or disaster, and to aid those in need, and to strengthen and be strengthened, to encourage and be encouraged, and to invite others to become part of the body (the church) in Christ (Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 12:13, 1 Corinthians 1:4-18, 1 Corinthians 11:20-34, 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 NASB, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Galatians 6:2-10, Ephesians 5:1-6:4, Philippians 1:1-10, Philippians 2:1-17, Colossians 3:1-17, 1 Timothy 2:1-15 KJV, Hebrews 13:16, James 2:14-18, 1 John 1:1-10, 1 John 3:17-18).

We worship God our Father, Jesus our Lord and King and the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Genesis 11:6-8, Psalms 2:1-10, Matthew 3:16-17 NASB, John 1:1-4 NASB, John 5:20 NASB, John 5:22-27 NASB, John 14:15-17 Ephesians 4:4-6 NASB, Hebrews 1:8 NASB) in spirit (in utmost sincerity, reverence, understanding and fervently from the heart and as directed by the word of God) and in truth, as the bible commands it (Psalms 145:18-20, John 3:1-7, John 4:24, John 17:17, Romans 12:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:13, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 1:13-2:22 NASB, Ephesians 4:1-16, Philippians 3:3, 1 Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 12:28, 1 Peter 1:14-25, 1 Peter 3:15 NASB).

We come together to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and partake in the "Lord's supper" that was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ for the remembrance, and celebration of His death, burial, and resurrection. We are proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. By partaking of the Lord's Supper, we are also proclaiming our freedom from the slavery of sin, Satan, and death. We are proclaiming redemption by God as we recall the sacrifice of our Lord and the covenant initiated to us by our Lord. We are not only sorrowful because of what our sins have done to Christ, but we are celebrating our standing with God because of Christ's sacrifice. We are proclaiming to one another and to the outsiders that we are children of God, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Cited from Coffman commentaries "1 Corinthians Chapter 11" (verse 25).

• The bread represents the shame, the humiliation, and the suffering that Christ endured by coming in the form of a man and allowing His creation to put Him to death.

• The fruit of the vine is for remembrance of the new covenant of His blood that He shed for us to redeem us, for the forgiveness of our sins, to ransom us from our futile ways.

Cited from West Pam Beach Church of Christ "The Purpose of The Lord's Supper"

These are the truths surrounding the Lord's supper they are given to us in the inspired written word of God, (Matthew 26:26-32, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:18-20, Acts 20:28, Romans 3:21-26, Romans 5:1-11, 1 Corinthians 11:20-34, Ephesians 1:1-8, Ephesians 2:13-22 NASB,1 Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 9:11-24, 1 Peter 1:14-19, 1 John 1:5-7).

We come together in fellowship to share in our prosperity for the collection for the ministry of the Gospel, to aid missionaries, to aid communities visited by calamity or disaster, and to aid those in need (Proverbs 3:27, Matthew 25:31-40, Romans 12:13, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:8-15, 2 Corinthians 9:5-15, Galatians 6:2-10, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 4:10-13, 1 Thessalonians 5.8-18, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:4-8, Hebrews 6:9-12, Hebrews 13:15-16, James 2:14-24, 1 John 3:11-18).

In the Lord's church (the body) we come together to fellowship and learn about God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit with the teachings, and lessons from the inspired word of God (Acts 2:42, Romans 4:17-25, Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 9:9-10, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Ephesians 2:20, Philippians 4:8-9, Colossians 1:23, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Hebrews 6:10-19, James 5:7-11, 2 Peter 3:1-2, Jude 1:20).

There is an invitation to visitors and listeners to be part of the body (the church) in Christ, this is not a request or any requirement for any man, woman or child of accountability to discuss any sins that they have done, only to repent of their sins, confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God and be baptized for the forgiveness for their sins, to begin their walk in newness of life being faithful and enduring until death, and becoming part of a wonderful family and having a future in eternity with God (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12, Romans 5:14-17, Hebrews 3:1-6, James 1:1-12, 1 John 1:1-4, Revelation 2:8-10).

There is also an invitation for any brother or sister in Christ that is in need of encouragement, prayers, or help with coming back to the Lord, to come up and speak with the minister, preacher or elders. This is not a request or requirement for any brother or sister to discuss any sins that they have committed or done in the past (Psalms 103:12, Proverbs 11:13, Proverbs 20:19), or any sin that hasn't been resolved (Proverbs 25:9) as written in Matthew 5:21-24 or Matthew 18:15, these type of sins need to be resolved before worship service and alone with the person or persons that the sin was committed against (James 5:16) and also with God (1 John 1:9). In all cases two or three witnesses are needed to confirm any charge against anyone, this is done in accordance to establish what is true as it is written in Deuteronomy 19:15, Matthew 18:16, 2 Corinthians 13:1, and 1 Timothy 5:19. In all these cases there requires one to two private warnings from a brother or sister that the sin was against first before the requirement of bringing two to three witnesses to establish any charge to be brought to the church.

If a brother or sister that is spiritual has seen or heard that a brother or sister that has been unexpectedly overtaken by sin as written in <u>Galatians 6:1 KJV</u>, knowing that the spiritual are commanded to restore your brother or sister, one must be careful not to fall into the temptation of vainglory, jealousy or envy as written in <u>Galatians 5:26 KJV</u>. The restoration of a brother or sister is done in the spirit of meekness.

Our Lord Jesus Christ emphasized forgiveness for repentance of sin as written in these scriptural references (Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 18:21-22, Mark 11:25, Luke 17:3-4, Acts 26:17-18, Romans 12:17-18, 2 Corinthians 2:6-11, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:12-14, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15, James 3:13-18).

The day of celebration that has been given to us as written in the New Testament consists of one day that is celebrated fifty-two times a year known as the Lords Day, the First Day of the Week, Sunday (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-16 NASB, Luke 24:1-26, John 20:1-20, Acts 2:42-44, Acts 20:7, Romans 12:1-13, Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 11:17-31, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:1-12, Galatians 1:8-9, Hebrews 10:24-25, Revelation 1:10).

This is a day that brings about a joy and that joy comes from the Lord, a wonderful day to be thankful for all that God our Father, His Son our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit have done, as well as what they are doing. This is a day that we are to be thankful, helpful, sharing the faith bringing Glory to God.

We need to be of sound and sober mind striving to live a life closer to the honor and glory that is part of the body (the church) in Christ for the sake of our prayers along with keeping fervent in our love for one another (Romans 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 10:31-33, Ephesians 5:15-21, Colossians 3:1-24, 1Peter 4:7-9).

In <u>Luke 9:23</u> our Lord Jesus Christ commands us to deny-self, take up our cross daily and follow him.

In Matthew 5:13 our Lord Jesus Christ has given us guidance about being the salt of the earth.

In Matthew 5:14-16 we are to become the light of our Lord Jesus Christ to others.

In <u>1 Timothy 2:1-3 KJV</u> we are to strive to lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and honestly in every way.

In <u>1 Timothy 6:11-12 NASB</u> we are to pursue righteous, godliness, faith, love and perseverance and gentleness, to fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life of which you were called.

In <u>Titus 2:11-15 NASB</u> we are instructed to deny ungodliness and worldly desires, to live sensibly, righteously and godly in this present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ who gave himself for us to

redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ tell us whatever you wish others to do to you, also do to them (Matthew 7:12), whatever you do in word or deed do it the name of Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:17), whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men (Colossians 3:23-24).

We are to be obedient to rulers and authorities, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentile (patient), to show perfect courtesy to all people (<u>Titus 3:1</u>).

We are to "honor everyone, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17).

We are to "strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord and see it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; (Hebrews 12:14-15), love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44), and you shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, all thy soul, all thy mind and all thy strength and love thy neighbor as thyself (Matthew 22:37-40).

Our Lord Jesus Christ tell us if you keep His commandments you will abide in His love and His joy will be yours and God our Father will love you (<u>John 14:23</u>, <u>John 15:10-14</u>). The love of our Lord Jesus Christ comes from keeping His word and the love of the God our Father comes from loving His Son and doing all that He asks.

Our Lord Jesus Christ as He is the radiance of the Glory of God and exact imprint of His nature and upholds the universe with the word of His power (Hebrews 1:1-14).

Within our hearts we are to make Christ the Lord as Holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with meekness and fear. The meekness is the spirit that we all need to have so as we speak of our faith in Christ, we are being humble and fearful that we do not speak in error as we are either trying to persuade others to become Christians or help a fallen brother or sister to return. We need to keep ourselves from temptation and strive to always trying to have a good conscience, so that when we are slandered, those who revile our good behavior in Christ may be put to shame, and we need to always remember our hope is for eternal life (Romans 8:24-25, , Colossians 4:6, 2 Timothy 2:24-26 NASB, 1 Peter 1:3-9 NASB, 1 Peter 1:17 NASB, 1 Peter 3:15 KJV).

In the inspired word of God, in the first century several of the faithful baptized believers in the body (the church) worshipped God from their houses as noted in (Romans 16:3-5, Colossians 4:15, Philemon 1:2, seeing this as an example that allows us to do the same if there is no healthy Church of Christ near you or a mission from a Church of Christ near you. Do not let anyone tell you anything different or discourage you in anyway.

The Lord's church is called the "Church of Christ" with either a name in front or behind as "Collinsville Church of Christ" or "Church of Christ of Collinsville" there are many Churches of Christ around the world but like all things there are some who have turned aside from the truth and have become unhealthy Churches of Christ adding women preachers, musical instruments, bands, church choirs, doctrines and traditions of men, false beliefs, and preaching another Gospel even though there is no other Gospel.

There are many Churches of Christ that offer virtual online bible study, bible study classes, worship service and support. There are many bible study and bible study courses that are offered through Churches of Christ and associated resources online. See "Resourceful Links page" for a list of a few of them.

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For our God to accept or worship we must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, in these self-made religions, or self-made religious groups that are called city or community churches, worship centers, synagogues, mosques, temples, spiritual centers or monasteries they are not in spirit and are not in truth and their worship will not be acceptable. They are self-made religions, and they are preaching another Gospel and they are to be considered accursed as written in <u>Galatians 1:8-9</u>.

Strong's Concordance

anathema: that which is laid up, i.e. a votive offering

Strong's Number G331

Original Word: ἀνάθεμα, ατος, τό **Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter **Transliteration:** anathema

Phonetic Spelling: (an-ath'-em-ah)

Definition: that which is laid up, a votive offering

Usage: a votive offering, a thing devoted to God; a curse, the thing cursed.

HELPS Word-studies

331 anáthema (from 303 /aná, "up" concluding a process, which intensifies 5087 /títhēmi, "to place") – properly, place *up*, referring to something *pledged* (given *up*) to destruction; a divine curse/ban ("accursed"); an "oath-curse."

[331 (anáthema) is the root of the English word, "anathema."]

Strong's Concordance

ana: as a preposition denotes upwards, up, as a prefix denotes up, again, back

Strong's Number G<u>303</u> Original Word: ἀνά

Part of Speech: Preposition

Transliteration: ana

Phonetic Spelling: (an-ah')

Definition: as a preposition denotes upwards, up, as a prefix denotes up, again, back **Usage:** prep. Rare in NT; prop: upwards, up; among, between; in turn; apiece, by; as a prefix: up, to, anew, back.

Strong's Concordance tithémi: to place, lay, set Strong's Number G<u>5087</u> Original Word: τίθημι Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: tithémi

Phonetic Spelling: (tith'-ay-mee) **Definition:** to place, lay, set

Usage: I put, place, lay, set, fix, establish.

To walk on the right path to God our Father you first need to receive the faith that comes from the Gospel about His beloved precious Son our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 10:17), then to become a disciple (student, learner, follower) and Christian of His beloved precious Son our Lord Jesus Christ we need to repent, confess and be baptized (Acts 2:38-44).

After becoming a Christian, you need to strive to be faithful unto death and learn from the examples and teachings from God's inspired word (2 Timothy 3:16 NASB) about the life and work of His beloved Son (Matthew 13:37-38, Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 1:1-4, John 14.15, Acts 1:1-4, Romans 10:17), the Apostles teachings (Acts 1:1-2, Acts 2:42, Romans 1:1-6, Hebrews 1:1-4), and the Lord's brothers James and Jude (James 1:1, Jude 1:1), and the former teachings and examples of the Old Testament revealed by the Holy Spirit (John 16:5-15, Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21 NASB).

All the truths concerning God, His Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, worship, your soul, eternal life, and heaven are in the inspired word of God.

May God our Father guide you and bless you in your walk to seek Him and His truth through His loving and beloved Son and Holy Spirit.

To God be the Glory

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