

BIBLE STUDY: Copying Christ (Part Two)

**Copying Christ:
Are we really
supposed to do
EVERYTHING Jesus
Christ told us to do?**



**Bible Studies for those who
want to know The TRUTH!!!**

**BIBLE STUDY - Copying Christ (Part Two):
The Gap Between Believing In And Following Jesus**

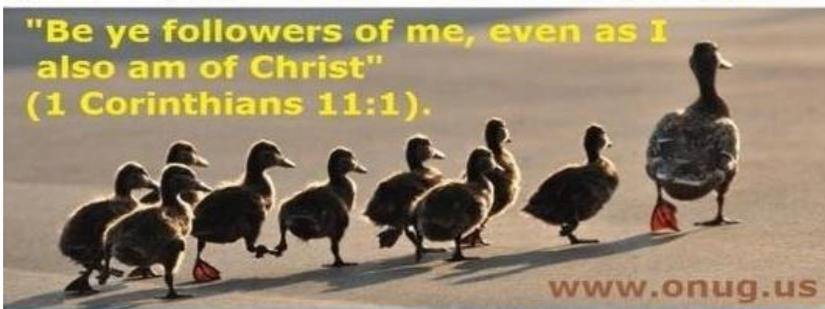
Did YOU Know that Satan and his demons BELIEVE IN GOD, and in Jesus Christ, as THE SAVIOR of Mankind (James 2:19 / Mark 5:7 / Luke 8:28)? Yet they DO NOT Follow God's Laws, and they are DISOBEDIENT to The One Who Made Them!!!

Simply "Believing in Jesus Christ", is NOT the same as "Following or Obeying Jesus Christ!" TRUE WORSHIPPERS of God Must HEAR, UNDERSTAND, and DO The Will of God – So Says The Bible; if they are Truly going to COPY Christ, and WALK in His very footsteps (John 13:15-17 / Luke 6:46 / 1 John 2:3-6 / 1 Corinthians 11:1 / 1 Thessalonians 1:6)!

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Christ, and The First Century Church of God Apostles – also **Did, Said, and Taught** These SAME THINGS (Galatians 1:1-12, 5:25 / 1 Peter 2:21, 25 / 1 John 2:3-6)! That's all there is to it! Our Bible Studies are based on the King James Version, unless otherwise stated. We will be Praying for your eyes to "SEE" (Matthew 13:11-17); and we are always available to answer any of your questions! Be Blessed, in Jesus' Name! - One Nation Under God Ministries, and their FREE Online College of Biblical Knowledge, are Preparing The Brides of Christ (Matthew 25:1-13), and this world (Mark 16:15-20), for The Return of Jesus (John 10:16); One Bible Study (Matthew 11:28-30) At A Time! Join Them at www.onug.us!!! **JESUS IS LORD!!!**

**Copying Christ:
2,000 years later; it still
means the same thing! "To
mimic the Thoughts, Words,
and Actions of The Son of God!"**



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Do you realize that Satan and millions of his demons (God's fallen angels) know more about God The Father and Jesus Christ than you or I ever will in the flesh?

The angels were created in The Beginning, at Creation (Genesis 2:1), and for almost 6,000 years now, have existed as immortal spirit beings. From day one of their existence (sometime during the creation week) the angels have possessed super-human intelligence and mental capacity. They have spirit bodies, can never die, and have been made privy to The REAL Kingdom Plans of God's Coming Worldwide Government (The Gospel), By The Most High, Himself!!!

Angels have actually seen The Face of God, they have spoken to Jesus Christ both in His glorified state, and when He was a mere human on earth during the time of His earthly ministry (Exodus 33:8-23 / Revelation 1:9-20)!!!

Human Saints must wait until The Return of Jesus Christ, and until our transformation into 100% spirit beings, before we can SEE Jesus Christ as He Actually Looks today (1 John 3:1-3 / Daniel 12:1-3); and all of humanity must wait 1,100 years from the time of Christ's Second Coming, and be transformed into Spirit beings, before they can actually SEE God The Father, in person (Revelation 21:1-8)!!! www.onug.us

Demons "Know" what their fate is (Matthew 8:28-29, 25:41 / Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10), and they "Know" what God has in store for this world, and for humanity in the years ahead. **However, Satan and his demons want to make sure you and I NEVER find out what THAT PLAN REALLY IS!!! Every demon in existence today, has personally known Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, King David, everyone of your parents, their parents, their parents' parents (Acts 19:15-16); and they know who you are too!**

Demons can "SEE" The Sign of God (Exodus 31:12-18) on those Sanctified (or Set Apart as Holy) by God; and they can also "SEE" the mark of the beast on those under the control of Satan (Revelation 20:4, 13:1-18). But, rather than love us as children of The Most High God, and help guide us on our path to salvation, as was their original mission; the demons have Perverted their purpose for existing, and now live ONLY to Deceive us, to Lie to us, to have us Die The Second Death in The Lake of Fire (Hebrews 1:10-14 / John 8:44-45, 10:7-16). www.onug.us

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Demons can recite The Bible BETTER than any preacher, in any language; and yet they DO NOT, they CANNOT, Follow or Obey God!

Their character has been **irrevocably changed** from Good to Worse; and it will **never change back again** to its original state! That is WHY God is Having Us Qualify for Eternal Life here on earth – in the flesh. God Will NOT Allow those who REFUSE to Follow His Son's Footsteps, into The Kingdom of God; NOR Will God Give Disobedient Humans THE GIFT of Eternal Life (Revelation 21:6-8, 22:14-15)!!! www.onug.us

Demons possess Greater Spiritual Knowledge than any human on earth, yet they CANNOT put That Knowledge to its proper use. They must Twist it, Malign it, and they must Profane The Truth of God (John 17:17 / Matthew 4:4) because their god Satan, demands exactly that, from all of his demon and human followers (John 10:10 / Revelation 12:4, 9 / John 8:44-45 / 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)!

Satan's Rules For His Broadway Churches & Their Ministers:

GRACE means, "We are NOT Under The Law, and we DO NOT need to Observe God's Sabbaths or Keep His Holy Days any more!!!"

The Feast of Trumpets, in NO WAY, foreshadows The Return of Jesus Christ to this earth! The Jews call it, "Rosh Hoshanah", and it is simply the start of their civil new year! YOU and I DO NOT need to start Keeping God's Holy Days again, in order to Understand God's Plan of Salvation! We Are ALL Going To Heaven when we die, to live forever with Jesus; without ever Once Obeying The Law, Keeping Sabbath, or Ever Observing some Dusty Old Holy Days! That's the Freedom & Grace that Jesus Died to Give YOU, Brethren! Hallelujah!!!



SATAN'S CHURCH RULES:

1) Tell Them: God Loves YOU - No Matter Who You Are, How You Act, or How You Worship Him!

GOD SAYS: John 4:23-24, 14:15, 21-25, 15:10-17 / Deuteronomy 31:17, 32:22 / Revelation 22:7-16!!!

2) Tell Them: Just Believe In Jesus, Confess His Name; And He Will Give YOU Eternal Life In Heaven!

GOD SAYS: James 2:19 / Matthew 7:13-24, 19:16-24 / John 3:13 / Matthew 5:5 / Revelation 21:1-7!!!

3) Tell Them: God's Law Has Been Nailed To The Cross, And Is A Legalistic BURDEN - Jesus Kept It So YOU Don't Have To; The Sabbath Day, And God's Holy Days Were Required ONLY For The Jews - NOT For Christians Today! God Knows YOUR (Good) Heart!

GOD SAYS: Matthew 5:17-20, 11:25-30 / Hebrews 4:1-11 / 1 John 2:3-6 / John 14:15 / Isaiah 58:13-14, 66:23-24 / Zechariah 14:1-5, 16-19 / Jeremiah 10:23, 17:9-10 / Mark 7:20-23 / Romans 1:18-22, 3:17-31 / James 1:19-25 / Revelation 2:1-7, 22:14 / Luke 6:46!!!

Holy Days or Holidays Which Do YOU Keep?



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The Demons Believe in Jesus (Matthew 8:29 / Luke 4:33-35)!!! They are "Believers" in The Truest Sense of The Word (James 2:18-20)! The demons Believe in God and even in His Plan; yet the demons DO NOT have "WORKS" (meaning they are DISOBEDIENT to The Word of God – Jesus Christ!). www.onug.us

The demons can **never again** be "Followers of Christ"!!! They can **never again** Keep God's True Holy Days or His Seventh Day Sabbath as they once did (Isaiah 58:13-14)! The same is True for The Saints of God, if AFTER Learning The Truth and being Baptized in Jesus' Name; they Fall Away (or Quench The Gift of God's Holy Spirit inside them), and die (physically) in that Fallen Away state (Hebrews 6:4-6, 8 / John 15:1-6 / 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24)!!! Now you know, that Satan and his demons, will do Everything They Can, in order to Prevent YOU from Keeping God's Holy Feast Days – because that is WHEN and WHERE YOU Learn and Perfect The Plan, and The Will of God!!!

The demons Know that The Godhead consists of ONE: God The Father; and of TWO: His Son, our High Priest, Jesus Christ Who Sits at The Father's Right Hand (Revelation 22:1, 3, 6-7). They Know The Truth, they Believe The Truth, yet they DO NOT Follow The Truth, NOR do they want YOU and I to KNOW The TRUTH (Deuteronomy 6:4 / Matthew 8:29 / Mark 1:24, 5:7, 12:29-30 / Luke 4:34 / Acts 19:15)!!!

STOP BEING JUST A "BELIEVER" IN JESUS CHRIST!!!

There are 50 MILLION demons, along with TWO BILLION of "Christians" in the world today, who are "JUST" Believers in Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:21-27, 25:10-13 / Luke 6:46-49 / Romans 2:11-16)!!! www.onug.us

START today to LEARN WHO Christ Really IS, WHAT He SAID, and WHAT He DID, WHAT He TAUGHT US to DO!!!

Once you have studied the Bible (Isaiah 28:9-10 / Matthew 13:52) and proven what The Will of God IS (1 Thessalonians 5:21), then become a "Follower", a "Doer", a "Teacher" of EVERYTHING Jesus Christ, our High Priest, Showed Us we should DO (Hebrews 4:14-16 / John 10:27-28 / 1 John 2:1-6). Let us Copy Christ!!! www.onug.us

Are YOU Making God In YOUR Image?



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Are We Making God In Our Image; Or Are We Allowing God To Make Us In His? www.onug.us

"But now, O LORD, Thou art Our Father; we are the clay, and Thou Our Potter; and we all are The Work of Thy Hand!!!" (Isaiah 64:8).

When you and I submit to God, as His People, in His Church, and with His Gift of The Holy Spirit inside of us; then God can Make Us into Something Very Much Like His Son Jesus Was, in the flesh; and then at The First Resurrection from the dead, God Can Make Us EXACTLY Like His Son IS, Right Now!!!

It's AMAZING what will happen to us, when we become clay in our Father's Hands!!!

"O House of Israel, cannot I do with YOU, as this potter?', Saith The LORD!!! 'Behold, as the clay is, in the potter's hand; So Are YE, in Mine Hand, O House of Israel!!!" (Jeremiah 18:6).

Do YOU Really BELIEVE That One Day Soon, We Will Be Just Like Jesus Christ IS - Right Now?

It's going to be AMAZING, to be A Glorified Son of God, at Jesus Christ's Second Coming (Hebrews 2:9-10)!!!

"Behold, What Manner of Love The Father Hath Bestowed Upon US, that we should be Called "The Sons of God!!!" Therefore, the world knoweth us NOT, because it knew Him NOT!!!

Beloved, NOW (Right NOW) are WE "The Sons of God", and it doth not yet appear what we shall be (at The Return of Christ): but we know that, WHEN He (Christ) Shall Appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for WE Shall See Him AS He IS!!! And every man that hath THIS Hope in him; Purifieth himself, Even As He (Christ) Is Pure!!!" (1 John 3:1-3).

The Transformation!!!

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If you and I want to become Christ-Like, in the flesh; and then later, 100% PURE, Spiritual Bodies - at The First Resurrection from the dead (John 3:1-8 / Revelation 5:9-10, 20:4&6 / Daniel 12:1-3); THAT FEAT, will Require God to Mold Us, Fashion Us, Work On Us; and to Chip Away, or Cut Off - Anything and Everything that DOES NOT Look Like Jesus Christ!!!

This is what God means by the Process of Circumcision of The HEART (or the Cutting Out of Sin and Removing UN-Christ-like Habits and Inclinations in our lives); BOTH in The Old and New Testaments (Deuteronomy 10:12-22, 30:6-10 / Leviticus 26:40-46 / Jeremiah 4:1-4, 22, 6:10-13, 16-21, 9:25-26 / Romans 2:25-29, 4:1-25 / Philippians 3:1-21 / Colossians 2:8-17)!

This is What Jesus Taught Us each year, in The New Testament Keeping of The Days of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:4-8 / 1 Corinthians 5:8); or with The Practice of Putting Sin Out of our lives, as God Commands!

The Faith and Character of God:

We are going to need STRONG FAITH (Hebrews 11:6), and GODLY CHARACTER (Philippians 2:5-13), in order to begin to Resemble Jesus Christ - in The Eyes of Our Heavenly Father!!! God should be Moulding Us into His Character and into His Ways; we should NOT be trying to make God conform to our human standards, nor allow churches and religions to mold God into their traditional ideals!!!

These Two Things (Faith and Character) ONLY come as a Result of God Working ON Us, and IN Us - over MANY YEARS!!! You CANNOT grow a Mighty Oak Tree in just a few short years (Isaiah 61:1-3 / Luke 4:18-19).

God Carefully Fashions and Shapes, those whom He Will Use, to Preach and Teach about His Coming Kingdom; and those whom He Has Chosen to TRAIN, in order to Rule with Him upon this Earth, at His Return!!! www.onug.us

God's Quality Control In Perfection:

God made the heavens, the earth, everything you see around you; and over 150 million "Finished" angels - in six (6) literal, twenty four (24) hour days (Genesis 1:31, 2:1-3); but Making, Refining, and Developing a Begotten, then a Glorified Son of God - is A Task that takes our Heavenly Father YEARS To Accomplish!!! God is going to get us Finished, "PERFECTLY"; because The Applied Blood of Jesus Christ DEMANDS Nothing Less that THAT!!!

Just as our human mothers were "impregnated" when sperm met egg, we developed in the womb until we were born, and then "grew up" physically...

So too after Baptism, we are "Begotten" when God's Spirit meets human flesh! Then we develop Spiritually - until we are "Born Again" at The Return of Christ (John 3:1-13)!!!

A baby that does not develop properly inside the womb, will soon die after birth; and so too will a Saint of God, who Receives God's Holy Spirit at Baptism, and does NOT Grow in Christ afterwards (Matthew 7:15-46, 25:14-30)!!!

If God Calls YOU, and at Baptism, Gives YOU His Holy Spirit; He Will GROW YOU UP and He Will Prepare YOU to be Born Again at The First Resurrection (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / 1 Corinthians 15:34-58)!!! We just need to make sure we DON'T Sever the umbilical cord, or The TRUE VINE of Christ - from WHERE we get OUR LIFE and Our Sustenance (John 15:1-6)!!!

Our Maker Is A TRUE Master Potter and Artisan!!!

God Will Take His Time With Us! He Will Make SURE He Fashions and Molds The CHARACTER of The Sons of God; to Make SURE He Gets Them - Just Right!!!

When YOU begin to grasp: The Time, Effort, and Resources that God MUST USE on YOU, to Make YOU Just Like Jesus Christ IS Right Now; you will begin to REALIZE Just How Very Special YOU AND I ARE, To Our Spiritual Dad in Heaven!!!

This is something Satan hates! Satan and the angels were Created with Excellence - in just one day! God is taking YEARS to Make His Very Children, Exceptionally PERFECT - In Every Way!!!

God Spares NO EXPENSE in HOW He Raises Us Up, and Trains Us Up - in The Right Way, The Kingdom's Way; HIS WAY (Proverbs 22:6)!!! www.onug.us

Let's take a moment and read Hebrews 11:32-40. Wouldn't you love to have the SAME Kind of Conquering Faith, that these men and women had?

MOST of us would love to have THAT Kind of Hebrews 11 Faith; but FEW of us are willing to go through the Refining Process that A Holy God Uses to Develop THIS Kind of Trust in Him, and in His Ability to TURN mortal flesh, into A PERFECT Son - within His Spiritual Family!!!

We love reading about the Great Victories, and the Awesome Accomplishments of those who Relied Upon The Lord; but we usually cringe at the descriptions in Hebrews 11:36-38, when we imagine God May Have A SIMILAR FATE, a like-minded Course of Instruction, or eerily-familiar Training Grounds, IN STORE For US (Revelation 2:10)!!!

MANY want The EASY, SIMPLE ROAD, with a REWARD for the lazy, at the end; but there is NO SUCH THING - in Our Author of Salvation's TRUE PLAN (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28, 3:5, 12, 21)!!! www.onug.us

Not Sure About The Commitment?

Do YOU have reservations about signing up for God's Full-Time, (and for the rest of our lives) Saint Program? And for those who have already signed up; how far along have you come? How much have you grown since Christ became your Lord and Master? Are we still hesitant to lay hands on a deformed or diseased person? Do we cower from mounting an attack on a demonic stronghold? Are you eating Thick Spiritual Meat, or are you still sucking down Baby Formula for infants?

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the Oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat!!!" (Hebrews 5:12).

Most of us want All the benefits of Kingdom Citizenship, but we want them without having to go through any of the horrible situations that God may Personally Design for us; and during which Our Creator God will constructively use hard things like ADVERSITY, LOSS, and PAIN to Purify and Strengthen our Faith in Him!!!

The BEST things in life are usually the Hardest and the Most Difficult to attain; otherwise everybody would have them! God's Kingdom, according to Jesus Christ, is not much different (Matthew 7:13-14)!!! Most, the majority, are NOT going to make the grade, or Qualify for The First Resurrection, before Christ Returns! www.onug.us

Ask any Champion Bodybuilder if they got that way without any pain; ask any Gold Medal winning Olympian athlete, or a Combat Hardened Veteran - who uses their

experiences to successfully train the inexperienced: "Was it easy?" Of course it wasn't easy!!!

Why do YOU think learning to become an Overcoming Saint, a King, a Priest in The Kingdom of God will be any easier? There is no big, "Easy" button to push if you want to be numbered with The Saints, in Christ's First Resurrection from the dead!!!

"To him that Overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also Overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne!!!" (Revelation 3:21).

Jesus Christ doesn't promise it will be easy, but He does Promise He will ALWAYS show us "The Way"; and He will NEVER leave or abandon us, as long as we are Obediently WALKING "His Way"!!!

"Jesus Saith unto him, I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life: NO man cometh unto The Father, But (or Except) By Me!!!" (John 14:6).

"... And, lo, I am With YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world!!!" (Matthew 28:20).

A Work of ART!!!

Can you picture The Lord as a Master Sculptor, Standing before a roughly cut block of marble? The undefined slab of marble is YOU! Our Creator can SEE what most others cannot! He Sees His Hidden Work of Art - deep within the rock, and He Lovingly and Carefully chips away at EVERYTHING that does NOT fit The Masterpiece He's Creating in YOU!!!

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One of the first areas The Lord deals with is our Character! His Goal is to Shape Us into The Very Image of His Son!!!

There will ALWAYS be some Traits and Attitudes that MUST be Chipped Away in order for Him to Accomplish that task! His chisel lays bare the roots of sin and selfishness. It exposes the un-Godlike qualities within us!!! Just like Spring Cleaning and The Days of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:19); when we find leaven within our homes, everything that is not of God, MUST GO!!!

We CANNOT hold onto ANY of our old, sinful practices!!! This is where so many fall away! Like half finished sculptures, they testify to the world, that they didn't first count the cost of Following Jesus; nor did they prepare themselves, and their equipment, for MANY Intense Spiritual Battles - with a host of fallen angels (Luke 14:24-33 / Ephesians 6:13)!

How God Protects Us From Developing Idols In Our Lives (Exodus 20:1-6):

Whenever anything, or anyone, becomes More Important to us than God, then we have an idol in our lives!!! To some their idol is a romantic interest, to others it's their friends and social life. Is your idol, your work? Are you willing to skip a Sabbath, or a Holy Day, here and there; just to get that promotion the boss is promising you? Is making money, or attending a sporting event, or a business convention, More Powerful and Important to you than Assembling with God's people, on His Holy Days - at the place where God Leads His Anointed, to Place His Name? Whenever anything or anybody shifts your focus away from God, and from His Plans for you - to become just like Him; then you've got an idol in your life, and God Is Going To Take Quick Notice!!! BEWARE!!! www.onug.us

God's Preemptive Strikes:

An All-Knowing and All-Loving Creator God Can Tell, long before we can; that something in our lives is about to take God's Number One Spot, or is going to become an idol!

So, in order to Protect Us, God will sometimes Allow adversity to Strip Away everything we have relied upon, or may have allowed to become Too Important To Us; so that we will Cling ONLY to Him! God will ALWAYS Strip Away distractions and liabilities that hinder His Children, so that we can again Focus ONLY On Him!!! Thank You Lord, for Loving us So Intently!!! www.onug.us

Whether We Are Stone or Clay; Jesus Christ Always Knows The Right Tool To Use On Us, In Order To Make Us Turn Out - Just Like Him!!! Trust In His Ability To CREATE!!!

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing!!!" (James 1:2-4).

The chisel hurts as it chips away stone! It sometimes feels as if God is taking away everything we hold dear!

The loop is a simple metal tool set into a wooden handle. Depending on the shape of the loop, it can be used for cutting swaths from a finished clay pot, or sculpture, for making large designs; or uniformly thinning a clay pot's walls. If the clay could feel pain, it wouldn't like the loop in the sculptor's hand. We Must NOT judge God's Process, NOR His Tools of Refinement; but rather Worship Him, for The Work of His Very Skillful Hands!!!

"O LORD, How Great Are Thy Works; And Thy Thoughts Are Very Deep!!! A Brutish Man Knoweth Not; Neither Doth a FOOL Understand This!!!" (Psalm 92:5-6).

Unless YOU Understand God's Ultimate Goal, and Believe He's Working Everything For YOUR Good; YOU will think He's Cruel. But if you TRUST Him and YIELD to His Shaping

Tool of Adversity; YOUR Faith Will Be Purified and Strengthened Through Affliction!!!

Jesus's brother, the Apostle James, Understood HOW God The Father and His Son, are Working to Prepare Us to Conquer Sin and to Conquer Death!!! James KNEW Christ was Preparing him to Receive a Crown of Life! Notice what James was Inspired to write:

"Blessed is the man that Endureth Temptation: for when he is Tried, he Shall Receive The Crown of Life, which The Lord Hath Promised to them that LOVE Him!!!" (James 1:12 / John 14:15).

Perseverance in Temptation:

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"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death!!! Do not err, my beloved brethren! Every Good Gift and Every Perfect Gift is From Above, and Cometh Down from The Father of Lights; with Whom is NO variableness, neither shadow of turning!!! Of His Own Will Begat He us, with The Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of Firstfruits of His Creatures!!!" (James 1:13-18).

God is Preparing Us to "Win in Battle", and to "Overcome" the tactics, temptations, and attacks of the devil!!! Allow God to Shape YOU into His Son's Image and Likeness, and YOU will WIN a Crown of Life at Christ's Second Coming!

It may hurt sometimes, when training to be a King and Priest in The Kingdom of God; but it's going to definitely be Worth It, WHEN we Put On That Crown of Righteousness - and Look Just Like Jesus!!

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Let God begin to Mold YOU into His Image this year, and STAY AWAY from churches that make God conform to "their" Human Ways, and to their Traditions!!!

The Creator God has ALWAYS had Seven Annual Holy Days in His Church (Leviticus 23:1-44); and Each One is Designed By Our Father, to MOLD and SHAPE US into The Likeness of Christ!!!

The Lessons YOU Will Learn on These Biblical Holy Days - Will Teach YOU, year by year; to UNDERSTAND God's Divine Plan - to REDEEM All of Humanity from Sin and Death!

God's Weekly Sabbath Day, and His Seven Annual Holy Days, SHAPE US Into The Very Image of God in the flesh; So Jesus Can CHANGE US into The VERY IMAGE of God, in The Spirit - AT Christ's Second Coming!!! Join The Church of God this year, and Learn to Worship our Father - in Spirit and in TRUTH (John 4:23-24)!!!

"He Which Testifieth These Things Saith, 'Surely I Come Quickly!!!' Amen. Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!!! The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!!! Amen." (Revelation 22: 20-21).

True Christianity is not merely a set of beliefs, it is not joining a church, it is not something practiced for a few hours on Sunday, or one day a week, or at odd intervals. True Christianity is a way of life, giving up your own self direction and taking on Christ's direction and guidance in your life, as our High Priest (Matthew 11:29-30)!!! A High Priest's job is to direct worship to His God, to our God; and that is exactly what Jesus does for us!

In Part One of this study, we learned how the first century church referred the original Christianity as "The Way of The LORD" (Acts

18:25); or as "The Way of God" (Acts 18:26). Christianity is a path that we must follow (Proverbs 3:1-16 / John 14:6)! Jesus Christ is our Guide on that path (John 14:5-7, 1:4, 14, 17, 10:9, 11:25)

Jesus Christ Is Our High Priest In Every Age (Hebrews 13:8):

Many Christians today do not know who Melchizedek was. Of those that do, many are confused about his identity. Do you know who he is?

We can read in Hebrews 6:19-20 that Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, is High Priest "after the order of Melchizedek." The Moffatt translation writes it as, "with the rank of", or having equal status with Melchizedek. Melchizedek Was God's Priest (Malachi 3:6)! Both Old and New Testaments tell us that Melchizedek was a priest of the Most High God.

In Genesis 14 we find that during a war between a number of ancient kingdoms in Canaan and Mesopotamia; Abraham's nephew Lot had been captured, and he and his family with their possessions were carried away. One of their number escapes and brings news to Abraham, who armed 318 of his own servants and pursued the invaders to the place that would later be named "Dan" and beyond. Abraham rescues Lot and his family, and returns them safely to their Canaanite cities. On Abraham's return trip, he was ministered to by Melchizedek (Genesis 14:1-24). Melchizedek was king of Salem (Genesis 14:18), or the city of Jerusalem! "Salem" comes from the Hebrew word meaning "peace." That would make Melchizedek the "King of Peace", the Hebrew name Melchizedek itself means "King of Righteousness" (Hebrews 7:2 / Psalm 110:4 / Hebrews 5:6, 10). Christ is, according to God: "The Eternal hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek." Jesus, our Priest, has never changed, and will never change (Hebrews 13:8)!!! www.onug.us

The land of Canaan from ancient times, before the days of Moses, has always been known among the Gentiles as "the divine land",

"the Holy Land", "the land of the place of worship". Why? Who was there in ancient times, before Moses, who was divine, holy, and worthy of worship (Daniel 7:21-22)?

"For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace" (Hebrews 7:1-2). God names individuals after what they are! The King of Righteousness, Melchizedek, was Jesus Christ Himself - in His Glorified state (John 1:18, 5:37 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-4)!!!

Only in the flesh did Jesus not magnify Himself as righteous, but the Father only (Matthew 19:17). Human self-righteousness before God is like filthy rags. None can be righteous but God; or now, since the Resurrection of Christ, you and I can be made righteous by God's power, the Holy Spirit, inside us - Christ in a person (John 14:23)!!! Righteousness is obedience to God's Law (Psalm 119:172). Since God made all laws (James 4:12), He is Supreme Ruler or KING of kings. He determines what righteousness is (Isaiah 55:7-9).

Our High Priest, Jesus, clearly puts Himself above or superior to His Laws. When speaking of one of the high points of that Law, Jesus placed Himself superior to it as "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28). No sinful human is Lord or King over God's Laws, only God is! Every human has sinned, and has broken that perfect Law of Righteousness (Romans 3:23)! We need a High Priest to direct our worship to God, and that High Priest always has been Jesus Christ, Melchizedek, the Son of the Living God, Who leads the way to salvation (John 10:1-5 / Ezra 2:62 / John 15:6-7)! In the days of Abraham, Jesus was not yet "the Son of God", for He had not yet been born of the virgin Mary; but He was made "like unto the Son of God" in His manifestation to the ancients (Daniel 3:25). Jesus was, is today, and shall forever be our High Priest (Revelation 1:8, 11, 17-19, 2:7, 11, 16-17, 26-29, 21:6-7, 22-23, 22:7, 12-14)! Let us Copy Christ!!! www.onug.us

Are You Teachable Before Your High Priest (Proverbs 8:32)?

Do you have a burning desire to learn Who God really is and what He wants from us? For most "Christians", it is difficult for them to learn, because they don't know the keys to being teachable. God has a lot to say in the Bible about teaching His children knowledge (Hosea 4:6 / Revelation 5:9-10, 20:4 & 6 / Leviticus 26:23-25 / Proverbs 8:32-36 / Amos 5:4 / Ezekiel 3:7, 10-11 / Galatians 6:16)! God wants us to internalize His Message and His Words, until they become part of us – a living conviction that we exemplify each and every day, in every way of conduct and expression!

Anyone who teaches human relations and morality desires to see evidence that their students (disciples) have truly learned from their instruction. Parent do this to their human children, and God does this to His Children! The proof appears when a student's life changes! When that happens, it is easy to see that they were redirected from the wrong path of thinking and living, onto the right path (Proverbs 3:1-26). But we must feel a real need to understand God! Many people have a curiosity toward God, but it is usually short-term (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23). A sustained desire for understanding, a keen curiosity to know more about God in order to have a closer relationship with Him, only comes from Him (Philippians 2:13)! The desire to Copy Christ, and the desire to teach others to Copy Christ, only comes from Jesus Himself (John 15:16-17)! www.onug.us

If we find ourselves lagging in our desire to learn, as evidenced by not listening, not studying, praying, and meditating daily, then we must pray fervently for God to give us a greater desire to obey Him, learn from Him, and have the proper fear of Him (Psalm 25:12). Do you have "The Fear of God" in you (Psalm 111:10)?

God has unique instructions for each of us, that He desperately wants to teach, but only to those who fear Him! We cannot properly fear God if we do not include Him in every aspect of our lives! If our world is framed by God, then we will be highly

sensitized to His work within us. He uses every part of our daily lives to teach us; including how we relate to our spouses, our children, our co-workers, our friends, our neighbors, and our brethren. We are judged now, in this life; by how we respond to the very unique situations that God has specifically arranged for us (1 Peter 4:16-18 / Proverbs 3:1-6)!

Here are some good questions that we ought to ask ourselves:

- How do we respond to someone who is important in our lives when they don't meet our expectations? Is our choice of action one of anger, bitterness, fatalism, depression, insolence, disrespect, or even divorce? We should begin to realize, once we commit to following Christ, that the nature of all future trials is ideal for us – **because it has been now been designed for us, personally, by God** (Romans 8:28-39)! God formulates the perfect lesson plan for us individually; one that will yield maximum personal growth, if we can just recognize His unseen Hand – and realize what He is trying to teach us! God gave us Jesus, because He is the Master Teacher! We must learn to become the model pupil. We must learn to Copy Christ!

If we do not pass a particular test, God does not just skip the lesson. We can trust that He will faithfully bring it back to us again later; so that we can learn to yield to His Will, and truly learn a divinely taught lesson! Later trials are usually more severe and of greater intensity, because learning occurs best when the student's attention is focused, and when there is pain or loss associated with failure! If we are going to be stupid, we better be tough! :o) But toughen us up the Father will; and He will stay on the job until we learn the lesson still (Proverbs 13:24)!

- How do we respond to our children? Children are our first tests in being teachers like God. Are we molding and instructing them, or are they raising themselves? Have you given up and let Satan's world raise them? Do we communicate well with them, and do we look for ways to improve our communication skills with our kids? Do our kids love, respect, and honor us? Do they come

to us for advice and counsel? Or are they afraid, depressed, or even rebellious? Christ taught us that God raises His Kids (us) with lots of structure; maybe we should Copy Christ and adopt that Same Structure with our kids (Proverbs 22:6)!

- How do we respond to a troublesome boss or co-worker? Do we murmur against him, and attack their character? Do we beat our chests and say that we could do a much better job? Are we striving to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9 / Proverbs 15:1-2)?

- How do we respond to people in the Body of Christ, God's Church, those whom God is clearly calling out of this world along with us? Do we avoid certain people? Do we hold grudges against those who may have offended us (Romans 12:17-19 / Matthew 18:21-22)? www.onug.us

God will use our "little human worlds" to teach us how to live His Way, if we will only **listen!** The trials of our lives are really pop quizzes that God gives us to see how we will handle a particular situation! A few tests come pre-planned, specifically designed just for us, like the travails of growing up, the death of our parents, choosing a mate, dealing with children, becoming old, getting a sickness or disease. We should know they are just preludes to the BIG trials that are yet to come upon us (1 Corinthians 10:11-13 / James 1:2-4). Our testing through trials comes from God, so we should feel happy and BLESSED to know that God is working with us in such an individual, personal way!!!

How many of us, in the midst of a very difficult trial, stop to reflect, then acknowledge and THANK GOD for seeing fit to give us such a custom made "test" of our strength and faith in Him? Testing is a natural consequence of His teaching and brings us to spiritual maturity. His teachings, tests, and trials (sometimes really awful problems and / or tragedies) give us the critical skills necessary to do the work He has in store for us (Matthew 5:10-16 / Proverbs 22:6)!!! If you don't GROW, you can't GO – to the marriage supper of The Lamb! We grow spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and sometimes physically when we Copy Christ in ALL things!

A Few Biblical Keys to Becoming Teachable: www.onug.us

1. A teachable person studies God's Word (Deuteronomy 17:18-20 / Acts 17:11).
2. A teachable person is attentive (Isaiah 51:1 / Matthew 13:16-17).
3. A teachable person seeks God (Jeremiah 29:13-14 / Proverbs 2:3-6).
4. A teachable person is humble (Psalm 25:9 / Proverbs 11:2).
5. A teachable person is meek (James 1:21, 3:13).

Most people are rarely interested in learning from others; they are more interested in defending their positions!!! Especially in "Christian" circles, most will staunchly defend their positions in the face of all of the evidence (aka "Scriptures" – or Isaiah 28:9-10) pointing to the contrary! That is pride at work! And we must defend against pride taking root inside us! That is why God gives us one day in seven to spend His Day "learning" and "absorbing" Wisdom from On High! That is why God gives us Seven Annual Holy Days each and EVERY year of the remainder of our lives! Are YOU willing to Copy Christ by going to school when God tells YOU to go? Most people alive today will NOT bend their knee to Him.

Such people cannot learn because they are always trying to convince others rather than receive instruction! www.onug.us

Christ is our High Priest, He is our Teacher, our Example to FOLLOW and LEARN from! Adopt a teachable attitude before Christ the KING! Put what you know about something, or "think" you know about a given subject, out of your mind for the moment; listen to a new explanation, a new insight, and ponder it; then PROVE IT by the Holy Word of God (1 Thessalonians 5:21). If you are asked for your experienced insight on a matter, or your opinion, then by all means share it. Otherwise, hold what you know in abeyance, so that you can benefit from what might just be a divinely appointed NEW learning opportunity (Matthew 5:5-12). Christ learned as a human for 30 years before He began

His earthly ministry. How long have you studied God's Truth as a disciple (student) before you became an apostle (teacher)? Maybe we should Copy Christ, and thoroughly learn before we teach. The disciples spent more than 3 years, daily at Christ's side before they began to teach; and even then they had much growing to do (John 16:12-15). It was ten years after the church began that God called the Gentiles to faith in Christ (Acts 10:1-48), and years after that, that God had even more lessons in store for His church leadership (Acts 15:5-18). When we Copy Christ, we realize that we never stop learning!

If you are asking questions, then you are in a learning dialogue with your teacher. Most competent teachers encourage students to ask questions. There is no substitute for experience! Once you have experienced something, you will accept the validity of your teacher's explanations. Trust, but verify everything by God's Word (John 10:4-5)! We must approach learning God's Truth with a humble and meek disposition (not arrogance and contention). Have we put what we think about something – what "we think we know" aside long enough for God to put His instruction inside us? Are we really being teachable (Revelation 3:17 / 2 Corinthians 13:5)? Totally surrender yourself before the High priest. Empty yourself of all that you were and are today; and then let Christ remake you in His Image (1 John 3:1-4)! That is How Jesus taught us to Copy Christ, until we become EXACTLY like Jesus Christ!!!

True Conversion is becoming a True Christian!

Becoming a Real Christian involves every moment of every day! Real Christianity should guide our every activity, our every social situation, our every endeavor, our every goal, and every plan we ever make! Christ has revealed the Father's Laws, His Will, and His Words to us; and we should realize that they have a direct bearing on every facet of our lives!!! We should let Jesus the Christ rule our every thought (2 Corinthians 10:1-5). A Real Christian follows Christ's example, and prays for God's help, wisdom, love, and guidance in their daily activities. He or She will be carefully and diligently studying the Scriptures,

researching all the examples of Christ revealed in the Bible. They will never follow a Jesus made up in someone else's mind, or one of the many false Christs given to us by Satan (1 John 3:1-10).

Jesus is coming very soon to REWARD and to BLESS those who carry the Sign of the Creator God (Matthew 16:24-27 / Revelation 22:11-14)!!! www.onug.us

May we all COPY CHRIST; and LIVE!!!

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- submitted by Pastor R. C. Brown III

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| Roman Year | Passover | Feast of Unleavened Bread | Pentecost | Feast of Trumpets | Day of Atonement | Feast of Tabernacles | The Eighth Day |
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| 2013 | March 25 | March 26-April 1 | May 19 | Sept. 5 | Sept. 14 | Sept. 19-25 | Sept. 26 |
| 2014 | April 14 | April 15-21 | June 8 | Sept. 25 | Oct. 4 | Oct. 9-15 | Oct. 16 |
| 2015 | April 3 | April 4-10 | May 24 | Sept. 14 | Sept. 23 | Sept. 28-Oct. 4 | Oct. 5 |
| 2016 | April 22 | April 23-29 | June 12 | Oct. 3 | Oct. 12 | Oct. 17-23 | Oct. 24 |
| 2017 | April 10 | April 11-17 | June 4 | Sept. 21 | Sept. 30 | Oct. 5-11 | Oct. 12 |
| 2018 | March 30 | March 31-April 6 | May 20 | Sept. 10 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 24-30 | Oct. 1 |
| 2019 | April 19 | April 20-26 | June 9 | Sept. 30 | Oct. 9 | Oct. 14-20 | Oct. 21 |
| 2020 | April 8 | April 9-15 | May 31 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 28 | Oct. 3-9 | Oct. 10 |
| 2021 | March 27 | March 28-April 3 | May 16 | Sept. 7 | Sept. 16 | Sept. 21-27 | Sept. 28 |
| 2022 | April 15 | April 16-22 | June 5 | Sept. 26 | Oct. 5 | Oct. 10-16 | Oct. 17 |
| 2023 | April 5 | April 6-12 | May 28 | Sept. 16 | Sept. 25 | Sept. 30-Oct. 6 | Oct. 7 |
| 2024 | April 22 | April 23-29 | June 16 | Oct. 3 | Oct. 12 | Oct. 17-23 | Oct. 24 |
| 2025 | April 12 | April 13-19 | June 1 | Sept. 23 | Oct. 2 | Oct. 7-13 | Oct. 14 |
| 2026 | April 1 | April 2-8 | May 24 | Sept. 12 | Sept. 21 | Sept. 26-Oct. 2 | Oct. 3 |

In biblical reckoning, days begin in the evening (Genesis 1:5), when the sun goes down (Joshua 8:29; 2 Chronicles 18:34; Mark 1:32), and are counted "from evening to evening" (Leviticus 23:32). Thus, all God's festivals begin in the sunset just before the dates listed in this table. For example, in 2015 Passover is observed on the evening of April 2, after sundown, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the following evening, April 3. The festivals end at sunset on the dates given.

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"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,

and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:26-30).

Christians must learn to read the Bible, interpret the scriptures according to Biblical principles (Isaiah 28:10, 13), and begin to apply the precepts they learn in their walk with God. Individual study is essential; coupled with fellowship times of group study, worship, and discussions of personal insights and observations.

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