Strait is the Gate, and Narrow is the way, which Leadeth unto Life, and Few there be that find it.

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"There Must be a Change of Character" (Ethical, Moral, and Spiritual)
You cannot continue to live out that same old sinful life style! Words mean nothing if your lifestyle doesn't change! Do not be deceived by satan or false brethren! ***Action speaks Louder than words****! You are a New Creation in Christ Born of God's Spirit! The word* ***Holy*** *means; "to set apart from the world for the work of God."*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: **old things are passed away**; behold, **all things are become new**. (2 Cor. 5:17)

A new heart also will I give you, **and a new spirit will I put within you**: **and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh**, **and I will give you an heart of flesh**. **And I will put my spirit within you**, **and cause you to walk in my statutes**, **and ye shall keep my judgments**, **and do them**. (Ezek. 36:26,27)

For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, **that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate**, **them he also called**: **and whom he called**, **them he also justified**: **and whom he justified**, **them he also glorified**. (Rom. 8:29,30)

He that saith, **I know him**, **and keepeth not his commandments**, **is a liar**, **and the truth is not in him**. **But whoso keepeth his word**, **in him verily is the love of God perfected**: **hereby know we that we are in him**. **He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk**, **even as he walked**. (1 John 2:4-6)

The Modern Church has Lost the Ability to Understand and Obey GOD's TRUTH when Confronted with it!
The early Church had the instant ability to see TRUTH when presented to them and the desire to follow it no matter what the cost was. They really knew the Lord and the suffering it cost to follow Him. Much of the Church today is distracted with cell phones, fun activities, money, easy living, and especially a lack of responsibility! Not realizing that they are headed for Hell! Satan uses all these things to distract them from Jesus Christ which the Bible says is the ***Only TRUTH*** *and* ***the Only way to Heaven****!*

The Holy Spirit has been telling me to minister on **(Hosea 4:6)** *for the last 4 years as all of you know. You should know it by now!*

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
Most people in Church hear the Word but don't process it, therefore the urgency or importance doesn't really register in their heart and soon forget what they heard as they walk out the door. Not realizing the Word has Not Changed them into Christ!

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, **They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways**. So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (Heb. 3:10-12) *also* (Psa. 95:8-11)

"Listen then to the parable of the sower. "**When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown with seed beside the road. "The one sown with seed on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he falls away. "And the one sown with seed among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. "But the one sown with seed on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much**." (Matt. 13:18-23)
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And so the Lord says, "**These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote**. (Is. 29:13) NLT

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Matt. 15:8,9)

And He said, "**Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not understand; And keep on looking, but do not gain knowledge**.'

"**Make the hearts of this people insensitive**, **Their ears dull**, **And their eyes blind**, **So that they will not see with their eyes**, **Hear with their ears**, **Understand with their hearts**, **And return and be healed**." (Is. 6:9,10) NASB

For this people's heart is waxed gross, **and their ears are dull of hearing**, **and their eyes they have closed**; **lest at any time they should see with their eyes**, **and hear with their ears**, **and should understand with their heart**, **and should be converted**, **and I should heal them**. **But blessed are your eyes**, **for they see**: **and your ears**, **for they hear**. (Matt. 13:15,16)

Now we understand how those people in the social Church can vote for Democrats that support abortion, rob people of their money and private property, and follow rules that are totally against the Word of God. Satan uses these useful ***idiots*** *to do his dirty work on earth. When these useful* ***idiots*** *stand before God at the Judgment seat, they will proudly boost of their Church attendance and how much money they gave the Church! They will have a horrified look on their face when Jesus tells them; "****I never knew you, be gone from my presence into an eternal Hell!****"*

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, **Lord**, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven**; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven**. **Many will say to me in that day**, **Lord**, **Lord**, **have we not prophesied in thy name**? **and in thy name have cast out devils**? **and in thy name done many wonderful works**? **And then will I profess unto them**, **I never knew you**: **depart from me**, **ye that work iniquity**.
(Matt. 7:21-23)

Two Gifts the End Time Church Must Have to Survive the Great Coming Deception ***Wisdom*** *and* ***Discernment****, without them you will be deceived by satan and his accomplices (the world and the flesh): Beloved, we are in the last of the last days, and everything around us is a lie. Some lies are so clever that even God's elite can be deceived!*

Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, **but try the spirits whether they are of God**: **because many false prophets are gone out into the world**. (1 John 4:1)

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, **and all of you know the truth**. **I do not write to you because you do not know the truth**, **but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth**. (1 John 2:20,21) NIV

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev. 12:9)

These people are false apostles. **They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ**. **But I am not surprised**! **Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light**. **So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness**. **In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve**. (2 Cor. 11:13-15) NLT

Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate: "**How long**, **you simpletons**, **will you insist on being simpleminded**? **How long will you mockers relish your mocking**? **How long will you fools hate knowledge**? **Come and listen to my counsel**. **I'll share my heart with you and make you wise**. "**I called you so often**, **but you wouldn't come**. **I reached out to you**, **but you paid no attention**. **You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered**. **So I will laugh when you are in trouble**! **I will mock you when disaster overtakes you when calamity overtakes you like a storm**, **when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone**, **and anguish and distress overwhelm you**. "**When they cry for help**, **I will not answer**. **Though they anxiously search for me**, **they will not find me**. **For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD**. **They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them**. **Therefore**, **they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way**, **choking on their own schemes**. **For simpletons turn away from me to death**. **Fools are destroyed by their own complacency**. **But all who listen to me will live in peace**, **untroubled by fear of harm**." (Prov. 1:20-33) NLT

Now that we Know the Fear of the Lord, How Then Should we Act?
God's Love Does Not Tolerate SIN (Excuses Sin) and Hates the World System:
The word World System here does not refer to God's beautiful creation (Mountains, Rivers, Lakes, Rain Forests, etc… it refers to a world system which satan controls. Governments, Politics, News Media, Education, etc…The evil things in the World!

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, **for when you love the world**, **you do not have the love of the Father in you**. **For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure**, **a craving for everything we see**, **and pride in our achievements and possessions**.

These are not from the Father, **but are from this world**. **And this world is fading away**, **along with everything that people crave**. **But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever**. (1 John 2:15-17) NLT

"**Do not give dogs what is holy**, **and do not throw your pearls before pigs**, **lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you**. (Matt. 7:6) ESV

When I wrote to you before, **I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin**. **But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin**, **or are greedy**, **or cheat people**, **or worship idols**. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. **I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin**, **or is greedy**, **or worships idols**, **or is abusive**, **or is a drunkard**, **or cheats people**. **Don't even eat with such people**. **It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders**, **but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning**. God will judge those on the outside; **but as the Scriptures say**, "**You must remove the evil person from among you**."
(1 Cor. 5:9-13) NLT

Churches today are filled with people who hear the Word of God but pay no attention to what it really says! They come to the alter of repentance over and over for the same thing and have no victory over it. This is Not the Victorious Christian Life God offers us. I find the Church in general is very shallow and immature. They have little wisdom, and discernment is almost none existent which makes them easy pray for satan and his evil spirits.

The Apostle John is very Clear in his Epistles

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth; John was considered the apostle of Love!

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, **we lie and do not live by the truth**. **But if we walk in the light**, **as he is in the light**, **we have fellowship with one another**, **and the blood of Jesus**, **his Son**, **purifies us from all sin**.
(1 John 1:6,7)

We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, **for God's Son holds them securely**, **and the evil one cannot touch them**. **We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one**. **And we know that the Son of God has come**, **and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God**.

And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, **Jesus Christ**. **He is the only true God**, **and he is eternal life**. **Dear children**, **keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts**.

(1 John 5:18-21) NLT

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. **Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not**: **whosoever sinneth hath not seen him**, **neither known him**. Little children, **let no man deceive you**: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous**, **even as he is righteous**. **He that committeth sin is of the devil**; **for the devil sinneth from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that **he might destroy the works of the devil**. **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin**; **for his seed remaineth in him**: **and he cannot sin**, **because he is born of God**. **In this the children of God are manifest**, **and the children of the devil**: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, **neither he that loveth not his brother**. (1 John 3:5-10)

What if we Sin After we Belief?

God's Solution to Man's Sin Problem; "A broken Heart of Repentance is our Sacrifice to GOD!" Don't be deceived, our Victory against the world, the flesh, and the devil is a heart felt repentance with the sacrifice of a change in behavior! No repentance No forgiveness, No forgiveness No change! We All fail God at one time or another; there is No such thing as spiritual perfection in our mortal coil. Demons affect your body with all sorts of sickness and pain. Demons also affect your soul with anxiety, depression, mental confusion, and emotional imbalance. You should first get a physical exam to determine if these problems are caused by chemical imbalances. If the Dr. can't find anything wrong with you it might be a spiritual problem. First make sure you are really saved and not pretending! Do not yield your soul and body to Sin. It legally opens the door for demons to come in. And believe me, they do not come in to pick flowers! They will destroy everything if you let them (family, friends, economy, and your eternal life). "**The thief cometh not**, **but for to steal**, **and to kill**, **and to destroy**:"

(John 10:10)

The Only Sacrifice GOD will Accept for Sin*. (Sin Nature is different from our daily sins) This is very important to know and understand! The Sin Nature (singular) we inherited from Adam is different from the sins (plural) we commit in our daily walk with God. Let me explain; the Sin Nature will stay in us until the rapture of the Church. There's nothing we can do about it. At that time (rapture) God will permanently remove it and destroy it! On the other hand, it is our daily sins that we can repent off! The Sin Nature is always within us, also called* ***the flesh or the carnal nature****.*

This is what satan uses to tempt us into sin against God! Your only defense is the Holy Spirit! If you submit to the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ, you can subdue the power of the flesh, the world, and the devil. It is when we fail God and commit sins that we can repent. If you don't give your life to Christ the Holy Spirit cannot be in you therefore the Evil Sin Nature Reigns supreme because you do not belong to God and He cannot forgive you!

For thou desirest not sacrifice; **else would I give it**: **thou delightest not in burnt offering**. **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit**: **a broken and a contrite heart**, **O God**, **thou wilt not despise**. (Psalm. 51:16,17)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, **holy**, **acceptable unto God**, **which is your reasonable service**. **And be not conformed to this world**: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom. 12:1,2)

If we say that we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves**, **and the truth is not in us**. **If we confess our sins**, **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins**, **and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. **If we say that we have not sinned**, **we make him a liar**, **and his word is not in us**. **My little children**, **these things write I unto you**, **that ye sin not**. **And if any man sin**, **we have an advocate with the Father**, **Jesus Christ the righteous**: **And he is the propitiation for our sins**: **and not for ours only**, **but also for the sins of the whole world**. **And hereby we do know that we know him**, **if we keep his commandments**. **He that saith**, **I know him**, **and keepeth not his commandments**, **is a liar**, **and the truth is not in him**. **But whoso keepeth his word**, **in him verily is the love of God perfected**: **hereby know we that we are in him**. (1 John 1:8-2:5)

*Simply put, a mature Christian must live a good holy life, in the event that he slips and falls, He repents and ask's Jesus for forgiveness. Jesus will restore him but will not take away the pain or the consequences of that sin. Believe me, some sins are so costly that you will not be able to recover from the pain or damage it has cost! Sin will cost you dearly and more than you are willing to pay. Once the demons are in you because of Sin, the only way to get them out is by confessing your sin to Jesus and repenting of it. If you Truly repent from the Heart (Jesus will know) and really turn away from that Sin, the Power of the Holy Spirit will cast out that devil from your Body or Soul. Confession simply means "**to Agree With What God Has Said**;"*

*that's what confession means exactly: Repentance on the other hand simply means "**to Forcefully Turn Away From That Action**; When demons leave the Body true healing can take place. When demons leave the Soul mental torments, anxiety, and perfect peace will come to your mind.*

Unforgiveness is One Sure way demons get Legal Access to your Body and Soul
*God forgave you of all your sins so He demands that we also forgive others. If someone sins against you and you don't forgive them, that opens the door for demons to legally come in your being. Now; **forgiveness Does Not mean** letting someone take advantage of you. But it does mean you no longer get bothered in your mind by what they did and desire to retaliate or kill them. You totally ignore them, and push them out of your life. Never to think of them again. God says; Vengeance is mine, I will repay; **NOT YOU**!*

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, **neither will your Father forgive your trespasses**. (Matt. 6:15)

Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves**, **but rather give place unto wrath**: **for it is written**, **Vengeance is mine**; **I will repay**, **saith the Lord**. (Rom. 12:19)

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **till seven times**? **Jesus saith unto him**, **I say not unto thee**, **Until seven times**: **but**, **Until seventy times seven**. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion**, **and loosed him**, **and forgave him the debt**. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **And he would not**: **but went and cast him into prison**, **till he should pay the debt**. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. **Then his lord**, **after that he had called him**, **said unto him**, **O thou wicked servant**, **I forgave thee all that debt**, **because thou desiredst me**:

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, **even as I had pity on thee**? **And his lord was wroth**, **and delivered him to the tormentors** *(demons)*, **till he should pay all that was due unto him**. **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you**, **if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses**. (Matt. 18:21-35)

UNBELIEVING BELIEVERS

Let's begin by saying; The Bible is our Foundation. It is Absolute Truth from God, anything or anyone that contradicts it is a liar! It is our guide to instruction and correction in the righteousness of God through the HOLY SPIRIT! The problem is, some believe and others think they believe! The Word must be read (GRAPHE) then understood and believed (LOGOS) and finally lived out (RHEMA):

God Gave Us a Severe Warning;

Not everyone who says to Me, '**Lord**, **Lord**,' **will enter the kingdom of heaven**, **but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter**. "**Many will say to Me on that day**, '**Lord**, **Lord**, **did we not prophesy in Your name**, **and in Your name cast out demons**, **and in Your name perform many miracles**?' "**And then I will declare to them**, '**I never knew you**; **LEAVE ME**, **YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS**.' (Matt. 7:21-23) NASB

Keep in mind these were called Christians, the New Testament is written to Christians, not the un-believers (world)! Jesus is addressing Church folk here. In this chapter (Matt. 7): *Jesus talked about hypocrites, He talked about giving holy things to dogs, and pearls to swine, He talked about the straight and narrow gate, and how a good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and closed by saying; foolish men build their houses upon the sand!*

Notice Jesus Did Not Call Them Liars (Matt. 7:22) *"they really did those things" But there was something about what they were doing that was totally wrong and insulted the Lord! The Lord sounded very angry and insulted when He declared;* "**I never knew you**; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS."

These people appeared to be Christian but in reality were fakes, relying on their self works, their carnal nature instead of the Holy Spirit. They had no true fellowship with Jesus Christ! They were like actors on a play willing to receive the applause of men.

<u>They were self deceived</u>. One thing is someone lying to you, but it is quite another when <u>you lie to yourself</u>. The real issue is not what people think of you, but what God thinks about you. Don't worry about the opinion of people. Most of them are more messed up than you are. Showing God your good works is not a sign of a True disciple.

<u>A True disciple is known by his obedience to the will of God</u>.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **<u>If any man will come after me</u>**, **<u>let him deny himself</u>**, **<u>and take up his cross</u>**, **<u>and follow me</u>**. **<u>For whosoever will save his life shall lose it</u>**: **<u>and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it</u>**. **<u>For what is a man profited</u>**, **<u>if he shall gain the whole world</u>**, **<u>and lose his own soul</u>**? **<u>or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul</u>**? (Matt. 16:24-26)

The Conclusion of Everything;
The conclusion of everything man needs to please God and live a Victorious life before Him is found in (Ecclesiastes 12:11-14)

The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, **<u>which are given from one shepherd</u>**. **<u>And further</u>**, **<u>by these</u>**, **<u>my son</u>**, **<u>be admonished</u>**: **<u>of making many books there is no end</u>**; **<u>and much study is a weariness of the flesh</u>**. **<u>Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter</u>**: **<u>Fear God</u>**, **<u>and keep his commandments</u>**: **<u>for this is the whole duty of man</u>**. **<u>For God shall bring every work into judgment</u>**, **<u>with every secret thing</u>**, **<u>whether it be good</u>**, **<u>or whether it be evil</u>**.
(Eccl. 12:11-14)