

For Believers Only, and those trying to believe with a pure heart...

Of Questions Believers may have... and of Being a True Believer:

Judging others unjustly will only shut you out/hold you back in your faith relationship with Christ, causing you to miss the mark by falling short or overshooting or going to the left or right, so never learning the even Higher Truths of the Mysteries and Revelations of God through the Holy Ghost in the Union of Christ and the Church.

Examine for yourselves... and see if this is of the Spirit of Truth in Christ:

I Corinthians 11:19

For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

I Timothy 4:1-5

1- Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2- Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3- Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4- For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5- For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

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

2- For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3- For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4- That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour:

5- Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

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

7- For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8- He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

defraud: overreach, overlook, oppress, violate, rob, plunder, take away, or lose by the neglect of not caring about something you should. To reach or extend over, or beyond, or exceed to the point of dishonor/transgression on some matter/issue/subject where honor/respect out of love for your brother/neighbor is to be upheld.

An issue/matter causing to come to an erroneous self-conclusion and excessive application of a rule, doctrine or way being contrary to the Mystery of the Cross of Christ and the nature of the Creation which came to be/into existence through the Word of God, and then as by example of feigned purity and holy behavior convincing others to likewise practice their self-deception unto transgression.

Placing/weighing down with False Guilt: (whether intentionally or out of ignorance)

False Shame - a misapplied and painful feeling of humiliation or distress that is unnecessary, yet causing ones conscience to suffer the ill-effects of wrong or foolish behavior out of a deceptive self-conviction, thus causing injury to one's consciousness/being/soul.

False Distress - extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain that is applied in error thus causing oppressing and unnecessary torment in ones mental state.

overreach (see also: **overstep, overlook**)

1. To reach or extend over or beyond.

2. To miss by reaching too far or attempting too much: overreach a goal.

3. To defeat (oneself) by going too far or by doing or trying to gain too much; to try to do more than your ability, authority, or means will allow.

4. To get the better of, especially by deceitful cleverness in dealing and bargaining and typically by unscrupulous or crafty methods; cunning; outwit; cheat others. (When someone or something defeats you or overcomes you. You can get the better of someone in

an argument or a fight, but, when one gets the better of himself, one of your own impulses and/or misconceptions can overcome your judgment and get the better of you.)

overreaching - revealing excessive self-confidence; pride; reaching for the heights.

oppression: the state of being subject to unjust treatment or control.

We can be tormented from within because of things we may do that are against the commandments, which is what we consider sin to be, but that's not what I'm referring to here. I'm referring to the torments from within because of false guilt that we are deceived into believing are sins because of "rules or doctrines that we think must still be observed" when no such instruction was given by Christ or His Apostles. There are demons from the Hells whose activity is associated with the kind of evils that brings one under Paradox/Iniquity/Corruption, and then there's another kind, which are the demons from the Hells whose activity is associated with the kind of evils that bring one into the captivity of Perdition/Ruin/Desolation.

Just as there is the prophetic Babylon, there is also the prophetic Beast, and both are evil, and both want souls to inhabit them. Most of the times these two are at odds with each other as in a battle of light verses dark, but this is a false light, and to set your mind upon it confuses your understanding of what True Light is, which is the Word, and which is Jesus.

Jesus said the light (what one understands as truth) of the body is the eye (the mind), if it be single (set upon the unity of Eternal and Timeless Truth) the whole body shall be full of light (High Truth)... But if your eye be evil (set upon what is false, corrupt, divided, dichotomized, of the temporal and subject to time) the whole body shall be full of darkness (error, ignorance), and if what you think you have to be light is actually darkness... it will be of no help to you.

Matthew 6:22,23

22- The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23- But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Even if the two evils should unite in league with each other in a truce it does not make it as "one" good, nor can it be made so. By this we know Satan is a house divided, and ultimately cannot stand, and having an end; and it is his work of delusion to get us to believe he is not a house divided... that is how his power is effective...and the more it is exposed and we become aware of this his power weakens and becomes of no effect upon us.

So how can we discern between thoughts, desires, lusts, and etc. so that evil spirits of any type will not toss us to and fro. Well for starters, get to know and understand the workings of your inner self, mentally and emotionally - know that you are a being/entity of consciousness, with many components of mental faculties.

Just to make a case in point... to have thoughts or even fantasize of something is not a sin, and within the proper boundaries it can be a healthy thing. If it were a sin, then everyone... yes everyone, must be condemned just for doing that. Is there anyone out there who can say they have not? Fortunately, it is not a sin. If we at least have a basic understanding of what this inner self is and how it works we can with Christ's empowering Spirit bring things under control.

The faculties of the imagination and conscience is where we mentally process thought situations and scenarios, the hypothetical what ifs... or, could this be... types of thoughts, played out and/or analyzed in our minds, it's where we make judgments of all or any possibilities to be considered, perceived and discerned, sometimes with split-second decisioning, and weighing with the standard of Christ (at least for believers) between what is spiritual or unspiritual, good and evil, right or wrong, acceptable or unacceptable, profitable or unprofitable, and etc. It is in the mind where we can also overcome the temptations of lusts, and it is in the mind where we can give in/yield to/be overcome by the temptations of lusts which then takes control in the heart.

Know what it is that you want and set your desires on... is it a "divine desire"?... or can it become a "divine desire" to be treasured up and stored in Heaven?... if so, *believe* it is stored for you in Heaven and do not doubt. And know this as well... divine fire will prove it as a hope in the Spirit of Truth, or it will purge it from you.

James 4:3-8

- 3- Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- 4- Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- 5- Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
- 6- But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- 7- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 8- Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

So how and where does a sin start? When can a sin, be counted a sin?...

I state the following from the viewpoint of being a believer in Christ, living and growing in His Unity of Spirit and Faith, seeking answers of things with a clear conscience; and not with tempting Him in disbelief/doubt/double mindedness...

Just to have thoughts in the mind when evaluating, considering, or even just wondering about anything, is not accountable as a sin unless it becomes a lust in the heart... once at that stage it can become set/determined to be acted upon, and then it takes hold and in control, any line of thinking after that which is devoted to the purpose of carrying it out is regarded as evil, and therefore the lust can be counted as sin even before it is done physically.

I will also put it this way: thoughts prior to lusts becoming set in the heart are not accountable, but if temptation presents itself being the allurements of lust trying to enter the heart, at this point are you under a trial of your Faith, and if you are a true believer your choice of desire for the Holy Ghost and for things of the Spirit will overcome your enticement (I say "your enticement" because it is "your choice" to incline or not to incline to temptation); but if you are untrue, or unbelieving, or weak in faith and you are overcome by your enticement, then your choice of desire for the object of lust is greater than your desire for the Spiritual, and so any thoughts after lust has taken hold can be accountable. By your own "will of choice" or "freewill" lust can be set in the heart, but then again at this point, you still have the opportunity to "un-choose it" before it takes hold and you give over to it and do the act of sin.

So at what point can sin be accountable? Well, since I used to be a sinner, but now I have been saved by Christ, and now I live and walk in accordance to Faith in Him, and have come to know His Spirit, I believe and feel I can give a qualified answer, though not as being proud of it in any way... In my opinion, observation, and experience I would say somewhere between that foolishly high risk gray area of "set in the heart" and "taken hold in the heart"; but it is best to resist and quash/spurn/scorn it when its still just a temptation, and before it is able to move into the heart.

Now if you claim and say you are really trying to be True to God but are struggling, at least be open to God's correction, pray and ask for His direction in your life, hear the Spirit of God calling, and understand that the Spirit of God, can and will, guide and protect you if you really mean it, just begin with true intentions in your efforts; for His Spirit can intervene in situations to prevent things while lusting is still just a matter within you, and before lust has a chance to conceive an accountable sin which effects spiritual death to the soul. I believe the Apostle John in his First Epistle refers to situations like this when he said to pray for a brother if you see him *"sin a sin which is not unto death"*. So then, my best advice and counsel is, get to know the True Spirit and things of the Spirit and you will have the strength to resist temptations.

Matthew 5:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Notice it says *"to lust after her"* indicating want, that is, wanting a way for it to happen. Then notice it says *"in his heart"*, and not *"in his thoughts"*. If thoughts prior to lust is where sin is counted then no one stands a chance; and if any man should say they've never had an erotic thought about some woman... well lets see here... mmmmm, could it be that you're lying?... or could it be that you're badly deluded?... or could it be that you're deeply self-deceived?... or wait, maybe this is it, could it be that you're not even human? Whatever the case, I would not believe you.

Someone may say "what if you have evil thoughts?" Evil thoughts are a result of a "lust of the heart" having been set and are after the fact. Listen carefully to what such a one says for by their own mouth they can give away the things that they're lusting for because they express the want for a way to make it happen, and/or give reasons based on things that are made up so they can do it and get away with it. Hear what Jesus said...

Matthew 15:18-20

18- But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19- For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20- These are the things which defile a man : but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man.

(Jesus said this because the Scribes and Pharisees were trying to find fault with Him and his disciples for eating bread with unwashed hands and so failing to observe the washing traditions of the elders, therefore they considered them defiled for eating in that manner; yet the Scribes and Pharisees were concocting loop-holes to the law, asserting as though they had the authority to do so, saying that they were exempt from having to observe the honoring of father and mother, thus making the commandment of God of no effect by their traditions - if you read more on that you'll see how by their own mouths they revealed the defiled condition of lust in there hearts and their evil thoughts to commit/do sin, and giving false reasons so they could get away with it, thus circumventing/evading the Word of God - so Jesus, knowing their hearts, knew they were not true to God and exposed their deeds to make it obvious to His followers, for if the Scribes and Pharisees were being true to God they would have recognized Jesus for who He is and would have listened to Him)

(I would also point out that if one claiming to be a Christian, has thoughts that are continually upon evil or always upon excessive worldly things only, then someone or something other than Jesus sits enthroned in that one's heart taking ownership of them and is keeping them bound and chained to sin and/or excesses by that one's own choice, and it is the source of their lusts; and even if they should try to break those bonds little effort is put forth since they are not willing, because if they really choose and come to know Christ, they would come to realize that nothing can overcome His Power, and nothing of this world can compare to the richness that is in His Spirit)

So then, lust is an inordinate desire, referring to desires for the worldly or fleshly things that are contrary to Christ/the Word, which may be defined as such: inordinate want through temptation and setting the desire of the heart upon it, followed with the intent (premeditated thoughts prior to the act) to seek, obtain and have just to be able to consume/indulge/gratify/satisfy/pleasure oneself in the completion/fulfillment of an act or achievement; lusts can also be excessive worldly enjoyments; the cares of this world; want for excessive power, status or wealth; and anything that comes between the believer and Christ, placing it first as more important or valuable than Him.

Now getting back to things that defraud, overreach, overlook, oppress, etc., lets see more about that in the Scriptures...

Ephesians 2:15

15- Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Colossians 2:14-23

14- Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15- And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16- Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17- Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

18- Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19- And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

20- Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21- (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22- Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23- Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

beguile and deceive: exercising craft, deceit, guile; to defraud or beguile of the prize of victory; metaph. to deprive of salvation; beguile of (one's) reward; to reckon wrong, miscount/miscalculate; to cheat by false reckoning; to deceive by false reasoning; delude, circumvent; to press upon, to oppress, violate, defraud, do violence, get deceitfully, wrong, extort, to be exploited; to cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way; to go astray, wander, roam about.

metaph.

to lead away from the truth in heresy, to be led into error, to deceive

to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, sin

to sever or cause to fall away from the truth

to fall to a mind deceiver, a seducer

(A mind deceiver/seducer can influence and manipulate what ones thinks by enticing them with things to inordinately desire and set it in the heart so they have lust, giving them the drive to act upon it)

Romans 14:1-23

1- Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

2- For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

3- Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

4- Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

5- One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6- He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7- For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8- For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9- For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10- But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11- For it is written, "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God". [Isaiah 45:23]

12- So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13- Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14- I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15- But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16- Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17- For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18- For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19- Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20- For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21- It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22- Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23- And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

One may say, "if we don't need to keep the law of Moses, then why do we need to keep the commandments?"

That's actually a very good question for a new believer to ask... even those who are believers for many years sometimes have trouble understanding this.

The covenant of old is based upon the Word of God expressed in a written form prescribing an operation of works/ordinances to be performed in specific ways to attain a figurative form of justification before God. But this covenant was found to be weak, unprofitable, faulty, inferior, unable to purify the conscience perfectly, and was not possible for the blood of animal sacrifices to truly take away sins, nor was it of the operation of faith; yet this was meant to happen... understanding this covenant was patterned according to the Divine Plan as a figure of the True, serving as an example and shadow of Heavenly things to come, though not the substance/essence of the True; and even in the writings contained in the law of Moses itself, and by men Divinely inspired of God, both attesting and prophesying of a Messiah to come, who would be a Mediator of a better Covenant. (Hebrews has much to say on this)

The Covenant put into effect by God through Jesus is based upon the Living Word of God... being Jesus himself the Essence of Eternal Truth, who is the Living Embodiment of the Word of God, that is... He is God who was made flesh/a man, showing us the Way of his Grace and Salvation through his Spirit, his Truth, his Light, his Way, his Faith, and his Word fulfilled by Love; and I'm sure it not be necessary to go into detail about his Passion, his Resurrection, and his return to Glory, because these everybody knows well of already. It should be understood that Jesus fulfilled every Messianic detail in the law, and of the prophets...

Matthew 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Now one may say, "how is it that things can be abolished and blotted out of the law, and at the same time the law not be destroyed?"... and how can this be stated truthfully without any contradiction?

If there's any believers on edge out there, be at ease and have faith in Christ... there is no fault to be found here. If you read scripture diligently you will see how this is so.

The True All-Knowing God brought about a change with the Covenant between Him and those who are his people... specifically of how it will apply to those who would be True to Him, who walk after the Spirit, and not after the flesh; a change not so much as after the manner of men involved with legislating in government who, at times, make changes to their temporal laws of the land as they see fit; but a change in a higher manner already predetermined, and so in His Divine Forethought, foreseeing the change that would be needed to begin Christ's New Establishment; and that it would be necessary to change both the Priesthood and the Covenant according to Divine Will...

Hebrews 7:12-22

12- For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13- For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14- For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

15- And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest.

16- Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17- For he testifieth, "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec". [Psalms 110:4]

18- For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19- For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

20- And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

21- (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

22- By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Hebrews 8:1,2,6

1- Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2- A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

6- But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Jesus, who is the Word of Life, through whom all Creation is made, preordained of the Father in Heaven, foreknowing as the Mediator of a new and better Covenant, saw it fitting to establish it in a way that the operations of the Law of the Spirit of Life would be the agency of Reconciliation and what frees from the bonds of the law of sin and death through the Faith of and in Christ unto Justification and Righteousness, and only to be entered into by His Grace; and that by Divine Design the New Covenant of Jesus Christ which He Himself revealed and put into effect for those He calls to enter in, is the True Covenant of which the old was only a figure of, and that the True Essence of His Word would be written upon our hearts and minds so we can know Him in a personal relationship through His Spirit, the Holy Ghost.

Romans 3:31

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 8:1-5

- 1- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3- For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4- That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5- For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:3-6,9-12

- 3- How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
- 4- Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
- 5- Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
- 6- That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
- 9- And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- 10- To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
- 11- According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
- 12- In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Hebrews 8:6-13

- 6- But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
- 7- For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.
- 8- For finding fault with them, he saith, *"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: [Jeremiah 31:31-34]*
- 9- Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.
- 10- For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:
- 11- And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.
- 12- For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."
- 13- In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Grace of Jesus Christ through Faith, not the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:20-24

- 20- Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21- But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22- Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24- Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Romans 10:4-10

- 4- For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
5- For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
6- But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
7- Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
8- But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
9- That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
10- For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

II Corinthians 3:6

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Ephesians 2:14-16

- 14- For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
15- Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
16- And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Colossians 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Galatians 3:10-14

- 10- For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, "*Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them*". [Deuteronomy 27:26]
11- But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
12- And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
13- Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, "*Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*": [Deuteronomy 21:23]
14- That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

So you see... Jesus did away with the ordinances that was between us, being the works of the law and the letter of the law, along with all the enmity: the oppressiveness/stigmas/reproach/shame/discredit/disgrace attached with what was considered to be "unclean/defiling/common/unworthy" and "outside" of old covenant teaching/doctrine. All these old ordinances also applied a curse, actually many curses, which were just too much to bear, and not only that, but by the law everyone is under sin, and comes short of the glory of God, so no one is justified by it... one may say, "what about those in the old testament like the patriarchs, the prophets, and even Moses?"... Well, they foresaw the coming of Christ, and lived by the righteousness that comes through Faith in Christ (read Hebrews Ch11).

Some things that can make you stumble and fall to the judgment of God:

Observing the "done away with" ordinances of the law like - strictly keeping and imposing (especially condemning others for not keeping) the: The rule of two or three witnesses to take judgment unto death into your own hands; The eye for an eye rule; Keeping the Sabbath by the letter; and anything else that does not apply to the fulfillment of the law by Love for God and Love for your neighbor through the Grace of Jesus Christ, and His Gospel instruction for living, and His empowerment of the Holy Ghost for us to live in His Truth.

Just to give you an idea of its austerity: there's ordinances bearing the enmity and stigma of uncleanness/defilement like the food restrictions saying you can't eat pork or shellfish, or even the ordinances of bodily discharges and emissions... these things do not make a man "unclean" as in impure or unworthy spiritually to that which is inwardly of the conscience before God... "for the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost". (Don't get me wrong here, I most definitely agree it is a good thing to keep physical cleanliness of the body, but we must understand the difference of physical "cleanliness" from that which is meant by "clean/pure/worthy" spiritually)

Mark 7:18-23

18- And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

19- Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20- And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21- For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22- Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23- All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

If you are still one who does not agree, and are one who imposes upon others that which Christ put an end to... well then the next time you have an issue or mishap making you "unclean" by the ordinances of the old law (and there's sometimes when you can't even help from such things happening, especially as you get older) then make sure you separate yourself to the designated area where you are to wait it out seven days, or until the evening, and whatever else is stipulated by the ordinances, because for you it will be counted as a sin before God.

Rather than letting things come to that, it's better to stop imposing on others where one has no business to, and repent to God who is merciful, and that you come to your senses before He metes just judgment upon you in return. I speak the truth about this, and I'm not saying all this as to frighten you. I won't have to. If you won't come around by the "Love of God" then you'll be shown what it means by the "Fear of God". If that's what it takes to learn... then do not resist His correction. Resisting God only brings suffering and madness to your soul/being, and it is wise to avoid this, nor will you be helping your conscience's ability to stand and be pure of heart before God.

Matthew 7:1,2

1- Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2- For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Matthew 3:11,12

11- ...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

12- Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

See how it also says "and with fire". This is not referring to an earthly kind of fire, but a spiritual kind, on the eternal level kind of fire. Jesus can and most likely will use this fire in some way upon His own as He sees fit, and for different reasons: for sometimes to purify, sometimes to prove, sometimes to instruct, sometimes to discipline, and sometimes to chastise for correction, and in all this the Father in Heaven is merciful, patient and just, handling us as Children of the Kingdom. Jesus can also use the fire in the judgment of wrath, and always remember, it is only His place to judge.

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It all comes down to this, what is summarized in simplicity. Even if everything written before and after seems too overwhelming to understand at this point in your faith, just start here, have Faith, and His Spirit will give you increase.

So then, a true believer... a Christian...

is one who believes in Christ's Grace and in His New Covenant, being the Foundation and True Way for Life Eternal, and living by Faith in Him, that is, believing, practicing, and keeping in accordance to it in His Spirit and Truth; agreeing to the following...

Christ's Foundation In Summary:

- They who keep his Commandments, fulfilling them in Essence by Love for Him - Christ/the Word/God, and Love for Neighbor

- They who hold to the instructions that Jesus Christ gave in His Gospel teachings, and through His Apostles

(Jesus said his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. These requirements are a small thing to ask in return for Eternal Salvation. It is upon this Foundation that we have a valid stand in His Righteousness)

In addendum to what is In Summary:

- And they who hold to the instructions given by the Holy Ghost

(Who is the Spirit of Truth, and of who we seek to please, and is our relationship bond in intimate Sacred Trust in Christ)

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The addendum described above is based on the instructions found in the book of Acts chapter 15... when the Apostles and elders were gathered in Jerusalem on the question of circumcision and whether the law of Moses should be observed by the Gentiles as the Gospel teaching of Christ. Peter rose up addressing the issue countering the Pharisees saying that there is to be no difference between Jew and Gentile...

Acts 15:5-11

5- But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6- And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7- And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8- And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9- And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10- Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11- But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

James also spoke, saying that God would take out of the Gentiles a people for His Name... and that the works of God have been known from the beginning of the world, and then further stating twice the things they saw necessary...

Acts 15:19,20, 24,28,29

19- Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20- But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

24- Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

28- For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

29- That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

I am of the conviction that these are meant to be applied outwardly, so I will observe them myself, and I feel this conviction is obviously of the Holy Ghost. I also feel they have some figurative meaning as well, pointing out how they can subvert the conscience of one's faith in Christ if done willfully or with awareness, of which I will explain. Since I have no desire for any of these four things as a believer in Christ, I don't find it hard to avoid them. So, by my convictions, I see it as imperative to abstain from...

1) The pollutions/paraphernalia of idols - which can give the wrong idea/message to believers weaker in faith subverting their consciences.

2) From blood - not to eat or drink it for it carries the life/essence/spirit, thus disregard and disrespect of this, or use of it in some ritual practice can subvert the believer's conscience.

3) Things strangled - not only would such a carcass still contain the blood, but this also alludes to teachings or doctrines that are dead and of no spiritual value which choke, oppress and impede one's faith, and again, can subvert the believer's conscience.

4) And from fornication - this is even more strict than the commandment against adultery, why?... because this is a sin against and within the body, and within the heart and mind. The body of the true believer is the Temple not made with hands, and is where the Holy Ghost resides. The practice of this is a form of idolatry, and once again can and most likely will subvert one's conscience and Faith in Christ. There is much in scripture warning the believer to avoid this. Out of the four, it is understandably clear how to avoid this; as with the others, one could happen to do them unaware; with this that's not possible.

Chances are that if you have read up to this point, you are a believer, and a concerned brother or sister in Christ seeking advice in some difficulties you may be dealing with in your life. If you are pure/true of heart towards God, don't worry, His Spirit is generous, and seeks those who love/adore/worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

John 4:23,24

23- But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24- God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

"In spirit" - the essence of; the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something or someone, even though it or they may not be present physically, that determines its character and/or attitude; an entity of consciousness or an attribute(s) having unseen affects manifesting its presence, intelligence, and influence upon another being who is still present in the physical body. This can apply to an indwelling spirit that is good, or an indwelling spirit that is evil. No one is exempt of having some form of spirit within them, for all conceivable desire and reason is their activity of operation. But be not afraid and be of good cheer, Christ Jesus is a Spirit of Grace, Hope, Faith, Peace and Love.

"In truth" - the quality of being without deception, guile, lies, falsehood, error, etc., whether applied to the realm of this temporal-time existence which is quickly passing away, or applied to the realm of the Most High Eternal and Timeless Existence; pure in intent and with single-mindedness; pure in desire and with wholeheartedness - as in pure of heart - meaning one is willing to be true and totally honest to someone or something even if it means wiping the slate clean inwardly to effect a change in their lives taking on a completely new set of values, desires, characteristics, traits, and etc. in their honor, devotion, worship, and/or adoration.

Now as a Christian, Christ has made you spiritually clean in conscience and purged your heart. Understand that is your very "being/entity/soul" given the ability to stand before God in the Faith and Confidence which He's given you by His Grace. Do not do things to injure that "being/entity/soul" which is *"You joined in His Faith and Confidence of Unity/Oneness of Essence/Entity in Christ - the Spirit of Truth"*.

II Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Hebrews 9:14,15

14- How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15- And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 10:19-23

19- Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20- By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21- And having an high priest over the house of God;

22- Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23- Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

If you feel this "para-presence" within you and guiding you in Christ's Faith, Hope and Love, then Praise God! That is the All-in-All Presence of the Holy Ghost who is our Comforter, Peace, Rest, Wisdom, and Truth of God, and who will teach you in all things! The All-in-All Presence has always been there for those who genuinely received Christ, watching over them, and awaiting acquaintance with them, they just may not have made the connection that this feeling and presence can be limitlessly personified as the All-in-All Presence of God.

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

John 14:26

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 16:13

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

Ephesians 1:17-23

- 17- That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- 18- The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- 19- And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- 20- Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,
- 21- Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 22- And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- 23- Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 4:3-7

- 3- Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4- There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5- One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6- One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
- 7- But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

If you've never realized exactly what and who this Presence is all this time, may you take a moment, and acknowledge this Presence in your mind's eye in a holy embrace! Become aware of and know this Presence, and get better acquainted.

For some the Presence falls on them while in a gathering, and some individually, sometimes in great emotion, and sometimes with mental clarity, sometimes falling on heavily in profoundness, and sometimes softly with great consolation. Whatever way, you will come to know this Presence and you will learn to recognize the Spirit of Truth's voice, for the Presence is Unity/Oneness in the body of Christ and the Mind of Christ, and bears witness to Eternal and Timeless Truths/Reality, comparing all things in every way, and will teach you to discern from that which is only temporal truth/reality having an end and subject to the passing of time, and of falsehoods, and of error.

I Corinthians 2:9-16

- 9- But as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him". [Isaiah 64:4]
- 10- But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11- For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12- Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13- Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 14- But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- 15- But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- 16- For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 2:12-22

- 12- That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13- But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- 14- For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- 15- Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace:
- 16- And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- 17- And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18- For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19- Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20- And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21- In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord;

22- In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Hebrews 8:11

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Once we have learned to hear the Spirit of Truth, being acquainted with the Holy Ghost, we will no longer need to be taught of by men. (I expect this one line alone will shake everyone working a deception against Christ)

Read the book of John, and the epistles of John now... a lot of things will be clearer, and you'll be greatly inspired. You'll be eager to learn more and want to read the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament again, and again to really grasp the Promises in Him.

Set your hearts and minds in order, and prioritize spiritual things over the temporal things of this world and be ready to let go of anything inordinate in your life, and/or let go of things holding you back/impeding you spiritually so it does not get in-between your relationship in Christ. Then if there is anything else that you feel needs worked out in your life, then leave it as a matter between you and God with the Holy Ghost guiding. Remember...

Romans 14:22

"Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

II Timothy 1:7

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

A sound/healthy conscience and pure heart before God is a good thing.

Matthew 11:28-30

28- Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29- Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30- For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Romans 8:16-18

16- The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17- And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18- For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Now, if you feel and see the Presence of the Holy Ghost in the mind's eye, then you can hear the Holy Ghost within as well who confirms that all the Promises Jesus made are Eternal and Timeless Truths. "In His Name" are no false hopes.

Matthew 6:6

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

In the verse above the KJV bible uses the word "openly", in the Aramaic the word used is "b'gelya", which means to reveal, or give a revelation.

Mark 11:22-26

22- And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23- For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24- Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25- And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26- But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:1,3,6

1- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

3- Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

6- But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Colossians 3:1-3

1- If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2- Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3- For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Matthew 6:19-21

19- "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20- But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 7:6-8

6- Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7- Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8- For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Mark 9:23

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

And yes, I know, as the Children of God we will be as the Angels in Heaven... but I will not overlook nor be defrauded by any of the great hope and consolation of the Mystery concerning Christ and the Church.

You who have these Mysteries in Christ Jesus rejoice! You are awake and ready, yet you are resting in His True Rest!
You who are awaking from your sleep in the world, coming to understanding with your hearts, a door is opening to you!
You who say you believe and remain asleep in the world for whatever the excuse may be, awaken, watch, or miss out.
Remember the parable of the ten virgins/maidens? When the door which has opened shuts, it will then be sealed shut.

John 14:1-4

- 1- Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2- In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 4- And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Ephesians 5:32

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Matthew 13:11-17

- 11- He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- 12- For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- 13- Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- 14- And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, "*By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:* [Isaiah 6:9,10]"
- 15- *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".*
- 16- But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
- 17- For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

The apostle Paul in II Corinthians 12 also mentioned of one caught up into the Paradise of Third Heaven, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. For they are only for Christ Jesus and His True Church.

So then, is it that I see into Spiritual things meaninglessly, or is it that those who would judge me as though in error, are really the ones in error and/or overlooking Eternal and Timeless Truths, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

Revelation 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Though I, for the most part, expounded on the issue of those practicing beliefs in a way that defrauds, overreaches, overlooks, and etc., there is another way of erroneous believing we must be careful to avoid: do not twist/wrest any Spirit inspired Scriptures as to be interpreted to mean that it approves and confirms for us to believe that we can be at liberty to sin and indulge in iniquity as though it were godliness to do so; of which, insane as that is even just to hear, some have believed and practiced in such a manner in times past, and evidently still do.

II Timothy 3:1-7

- 1- This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2- For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3- Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4- Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 5- Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- 6- For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7- Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

II Peter 2:14-21

- 14- Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

- 15-** Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
- 16-** But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
- 17-** These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
- 18-** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
- 19-** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
- 20-** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
- 21-** For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

Now when it comes to that which is known as "Gnostic" Christian beliefs and practices... well, from what I have come to learn of the matter, some Gnostic groups believed and practiced in the manner just described, and yet, other Gnostic groups believed and practiced ascetic doctrines of vanity and ineffectual ritualism which leads only to a state of spiritual desolation. One reveals a likeness of the way of prophetic Babylon, and the other reveals a likeness of the way of the prophetic Beast. Both of which, deviating in opposite directions in error from the Gospel of Christ's Truth and Love.

The word "Gnostics" was not actually used to refer to these people at the time, they were labeled that some time later, in that it described a distinctiveness in their writings; and all were professing themselves to be true believing Christians, and many were. These all were accused and forced to recant their beliefs and be submitted to the already fallen and corrupted outward church to their way of belief in captivity, or be put to death for heresy, and so they were referred to as "heretics". (*Whenever did Jesus give the church the instruction to do that?*) They rounded up everyone they accused of what they deemed to be heresy, being all those who did not believe as they did, with the true believers as their primary targets. So then, I use the word "Gnostic" and "Gnostics" with that in mind when referring to these people so accused.

How was it that the early church was overcome by corruption, usurped, and then taken over outwardly? This is no fault that Christ will hold against the early church leaders being true to Him, for He sees the real cause of what it is and who it is. This is the results of the workings of the Nicolaitans in collaboration with the Synagogue of Satan (whose names change with the intention of misdirection, affording them of a cloak to go hidden into obscurity, but are now manifested in the many diverse operatives behind the scenes of all worldly power), and then within a short span of time they had infiltrated the early church to divide them, to overcome them, and take full control of the church outwardly in efforts to sever its Spiritual connection with Jesus' Light of Eternal and Timeless Truth in their hopes to consign it to oblivion; but they could not control those after from seeking within themselves to make that True Spiritual connection anew through worshipping in Spirit and in Truth; but they seek and implement a way, a way that is not of the Faith of the True Christ.

Revelation 13:10

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Do you not understand that those who lead into "captivity" are those enforcing their own false beliefs and doctrines, and exercising their authority with pretence and with strong delusion? Do you not understand that those who will kill with the "sword" are using the Word of God to wrongfully judge to the death anyone who will not be subject to them?

Now then, having more light shed upon this, *there is* credible indication pointing to the evidence that some Gnostic Christian beliefs are inspired of the Spirit of Truth, as found in some of their writings delving deep into the Mysteries of God, like the writings found in the Nag Hammadi Library. There are many who discredit these writings, and so they are treated with a great deal of suspicion because much of the subject matter is deeply profound and hard to understand, in some ways seemingly absurd and/or contradictive. And then to make matters of greater suspicion, it is of no help to their credibility when those who practice wickedly make use of their sayings in a way misinterpreted and misapplied.

If you are one whom it is given to understand them, then they are for you, and by necessity, that which is revealed to you keep a treasured thing between you and Christ. If you do not understand them and you are seeking Spiritual Truths, and being true to Christ... ask, and it will be given to you. If you are one who does not understand and are doubtful of them, then they are not for you,

and do not judge the one whom is given understanding of them as though they are doing evil; for perhaps later you should see they do have great Spiritual value and ask for any treasures of the Spiritual Mysteries and so be given the Promise of them, lest you be denied for judging a brother or sister falsely.

Try not to read and define Spiritual Truths from just a temporal perspective, and you may be given to see how what seems to be absurd and/or contradictory on the surface actually has a sense of application to Higher Truth. One may misinterpret and misapply what is written, though that does not mean what is written is necessarily wrong, but these things you must find out for yourselves with the guidance of the Holy Ghost who shall guide you into all Truth, and will show you things to come.

May as many as possible be freed from the bonds of sin and of ignorance by the Power of Christ Jesus in the Unity of His Spirit of Eternal and Timeless Truth, and may they find the Peace that comes with His Rest, and the Clarity that comes through the Mind of Christ by the reading of this message of incorruptible Hope in Him, all to the Glory of the Father. In Jesus is the Victory from the beginning, and even now, and forever. In His Grace, Faith, and Love, Amen.

