**True Peace, Joy and Understanding**

Part II

**A RESULT of BEING GIVEN**

**True Peace, Joy and Understanding…**

*Note: Coming up in Part III, What Does NOT Bring an Assurance of a Lasting Peace, Joy and Understanding – and that is what most preachers and pastors are teaching these days. Without knowing it, they are actually preparing their congregations for the tribulation.*

*Of course, that is fine for them because they also believe and teach that the ‘church’ will be going through the tribulation; which honestly, based on rightly divided Scriptures, you will see that the modern ‘church’ WILL be going through the tribulation. They are right on target!*

*While those preachers are doing a great job and are right, they are right for the wrong dispensation. They continue with preaching the severity of God while the risen Christ teaches to us today the dispensation of grace of God – which brings to us the goodness of God, which according to* **Romans 2:4*… the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance*** *– NOT the severity of God, which when preached today, drives people away from the truth of the living God and actually towards the coming of the antichrist!*

*But for now, let’s continue to read on with part II*

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***True Peace, Joy and Understanding!!***

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**Introduction:** After pastoring for 13 years and preaching Paul and a rightly divided KJB1611, I have learned that ‘the Christian Walk’ is the most misunderstood, most confusing as well as most difficult part of being a Christian – and for some, EVEN AFTER learning Paul’s doctrine of the goodness of God.

People who have been Christians over the years have heard the ‘walk’ pounded into their church going to the point where we might be more than just ‘aware’ of what it means to be a Christian in their daily walk. However, the pastors have either pounded or schmoozed their congregations with a false presentation of God’s love by referring to the gospels for the schmooze and with Peter, James and John for the severity of God as they try to stress the importance of the ‘walk’ *(which includes giving and church attendance and participation, etc.)* to the point where just about all they preach on is the severity of God, NOT the goodness of God!

Let me remind you new readers; the severity of God was preached to the Jews during the gospels and Old Testament days *(the gospels are still Old Testament doctrine and was to the Jews, NOT the Gentiles)* while the goodness of God was and still is doctrine TO the Gentiles, meaning you and me!

However, I have learned from my pastoral years that most Christians live with a struggle concerning their ‘Christian walk,’ even if they say they have the grip on Paul’s spectacular doctrine that was taught to him directly and face to face with the risen Saviour.

**They tend to do one or more of the following with what Paul calls his “manner of life” – in other words, the ‘Christian walk’:**

1. Turn Paul’s ‘walk’ into the law and continue to ‘fear’ the severity of God as they carry this stuff out through their own guilt and frustration along with a false joy of ‘being blessed or not’ and pass it on down to their kids, who are usually simply not interested in that type of ‘unfun,’ ‘guilt-ridden,’ ‘old fashioned,’ ‘confusing,’ ‘makes no sense,’ ‘unproven’ and ‘boring church-going’ and silly lifestyle, etc….
2. … so, because of their fear of the severity of God, they continue to go through the weekly and / or daily confessional when they realize they aren’t doing the ‘right thing’ – even if supposedly according to Paul’s gospel only.
3. It is very common to mix the do’s and don’ts from Paul with the gospels do’s and don’ts, thus confusing themselves as well as losing their joy, etc., as well as presenting a false testimony of what the risen Christ has done, not only ‘for’ us but also ‘to’ us.
4. After realizing the truth of Paul’s gospel, especially the marvelous doctrinal part, then they surmise that they do not HAVE to walk the walk of Christian because God will not ‘get them’ or spank them, etc. – so they don’t live and walk like a Christian ought to at least try, as according to Paul’s words. They willingly choose to not endure sound doctrine and follow their flesh… after all, it will all burn in the judgment seat of Christ, anyway.
5. They might do a few of the things Paul mentions, but will still shy away from the tough ones – and in some cases, just flat out ignore and reject the ones that they figure will cause them persecution and increase their daily challenge. *(Not that they should be so quick to jump onto the persecution wagon, by the way – one must use wisdom in those situations, realizing what the results will more than likely be - this is worthy of another sermon).*
6. They simply love Paul’s doctrine on the goodness of God but totally ignore how a Christian should aim to live by at least trying to following Paul’s manner of life.
	1. And that, my friend, is what I experienced as a Pastor teaching Paul’s manner of life. I heard the amens and saw the joy of the people learning about the goodness of God vs the severity of God and about the dispensation of the grace of God …
	2. …however, I also continually saw a massive lack of application in their walk within their homes. They looked and sounded good at church but I knew enough about their homes and families that they truly weren’t even trying.
	3. People were glad to tell others about the goodness of God and how to rightly divide a King James Bible along with the dispensation of the grace of God, etc. but simply were either just not interested or they just couldn’t make the changes in their life that would show people the manner of entering Paul’s teaching had in their life, showing others how they turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. The reason? Paul’s teaching did NOT become real in their lives – the were not willing to turn to God from idols to serve the living and true God. They continued to serve their flesh. (see **I Thessalonians 1:9,10**)
	4. As a result of my sermon series on Paul’s manner of life I titled my “Pastoral Suicide Series,” I began to witness the battle that eventually took down that local church. I possibly preached it too fast and too hard, I suppose, but the men kept telling me to go ahead and preach it. I guess they didn’t mean it.

At any rate, continuing on, the following part II study will show ‘a few’ of the things Paul says we ought to at least try to incorporate into our lives, being the Christians we say we are.

I will begin this part explaining ‘**why’** we ought to try these things as a Christian, then I will show just a few ‘key’ verses of what our walk ‘ought’ to be.

This ‘Christian Doctrinal Direction’ is throughout all of Paul’s writings and in order to ‘find it all,’ you simply should read from Romans through to Philemon. *(I also remind folks that Corinthians must also be rightly-divided or you will find yourself trying to live like ‘spirit-filled’ Pentecostal, and still be completely wrong in your belief and walk.)*

So… here we go – Part II

**A RESULT of BEING GIVEN**

**True Peace, Joy and Understanding…**

Why should we even consider these things in our daily walk as a Christian?

1. Paul tells us to!
2. We are to follow Paul’s manner of life *(NOT IMITATE IT like modern bibles say).*
3. These are the teachings from the RISEN CHRIST to the Gentiles, not the earthly Jesus to the Jews!
4. We are to look to **Romans** through **Philemon** for our daily application *(NOT to the* ***Gospels*** *or to* ***Hebrew, James, Peter, John*** *or* ***Jude****)*.
5. And the greatest reason: It is our reasonable service!

So, assuming that you are already trying to follow Paul in your rightly-divided King James Bible, I figure you already know the verses about points 1-4. Such as following Paul’s manner of life as stated in **II Timothy 3:10 *- But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience…***

So, let’s just get right into the ‘best reason’ to at least ‘try’ to ‘be’ the Christian during these days of watching America fall apart, also knowing that even self-declared Christians will not endure sound doctrine. Seriously, we just have to be in the latter times; we are not in the last days… but it sure seems that the last days are drawing closer every day.

You and I know that “latter times” will switch to “last days” when **Romans 11:22** takes place!

(I will simply underline parts of these verses for emphasis instead of me yakking about the obvious!)

**Reasonable Service**

**Romans 12:1,2 *- 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.***

Some of you know me enough to know that I could do a few sermons just on this one verse. In fact, I think I have. Check [**www.scatteredchristians.org.**](www.scatteredchristians.org.%20%20)  They are in there somewhere!

Knowing not only what Christ did ‘for’ us, but also when one learns what He did ‘to’ us – and add in things like the goodness of God, etc. it makes sense to know why Paul says what we should do as our ‘reasonable service.’ But what Paul teaches us concerning the ‘walk’ is NOT law.

When we do something wrong, etc. we can just get up and keep going. The penalty for those things has already been paid – and none of that has been ‘imputed’ to our record. The judgment seat of Christ, which is all based on Paul’s ‘walk’ will take care of those things – including both good and bad. **Romans 4-8; 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10**

Let’s move on…

**Grieve not and quench not…**

You and I know that we have the Spirit of God sealed in us, right? (**Ephesians 1:13,14**) So, keep this in mind as we travel and see what we see, do what we do, be around those who are doing what they do, going to work, etc. While we have the complete grace of God and liberty (**Galatians 5:1**), etc. we must always remind ourselves that we can and are most likely grieving the Spirit of God within us. And from what I can tell, this also has a strong likelihood of quenching the Spirit of God. Then with these two things in mind, return to **Romans 12:1** and read that again.

**Ephesians 4:30 *- And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.***

Suggestion for more: See all the verses around that one: **Ephesians** **4:20-32**

**I Thessalonians 5:19 - *… Quench not the Spirit…***

Suggestion for more: See all the verses around that one:**I Thessalonians 5:16-22 *- Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.***

There ya go – that’s enough, right? But there is more. Keep reading!

**Good Soldier of the Risen Christ**

**II Timothy 2:3,4 *- Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.***

We all must try to realize and learn how to fight the real battles in our lives – the battles with our own flesh – and recognize that most of the battles we often choose to fight instead are often just worldly affairs and according to Paul, are not to be any of our affair. (**II Timothy 2:4**)

These battles have ‘been what they have been,’ ‘are what they are’ and will continue ‘be what they will be’ and will simply continue to head in that ‘expected’ direction that we should be aware simply from our reading of the King James Bible – rightly divided, of course. So, no point in beating our arms in the air fighting in the wrong battles. **I Corinthians 9:26,27 *- I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.***

What is the real enemy and what are our real battles, you ask? That subject makes for more sermons… see [www.scatteredchristians.org](http://www.scatteredchristians.org).

**Be Not Ashamed…**

Pastors tend to incorrectly use the subject of ‘being not ashamed’ by putting the pressure on folks in their own self-styled dramatic styled guilt-pressing way. Using wisdom knowing when to be quiet is not the same as being ashamed. If I had used these verses to warn me about my mouth, I wouldn’t have been in the predicaments I often found myself in – all because of my mouth and pridefully not wanting to be ‘ashamed.’

**II Timothy 2:15 *- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.***

*(I really just have to talk about this one – I can never let this one go with a few underlined words.)*

Studying *(and you know the KJB is the only bible that tells us to study…)* to shew thyself approved unto God does NOT mean studying to learn how to walk that perfect walk to make God approve of your walk…

… it means that if you study the KJB, and rightly-divide it like it says to do, you will find out that if you are truly saved, you are **ALREADY APPROVED UNTO GOD** because, *(as you will find out from your studies)* **GOD MAKES US APPROVED UNTO HIM**. (**Romans 6:18; 10:10; I Corinthians 1:30; II Corinthians 5:21**)

So now when you realize you are ***approved unto God***, not ***approved*** *‘*by’ ***God***, then it is ‘reasonable’ to try to walk in a way that responds back to **Romans 1:2,3**! Now folks, I hope you do realize just how magnificent it is to know that!

That is called joy, peace, understanding – and is why I say in the title of this study that it is all GIVEN TO US, not earned. My joy, peace and understanding is NOT based on my walk. My walk should be based on what Christ did TO me as well as FOR me! I have properly studied and continue to study my KJB and now realize that **I AM APPROVED UNTO GOD!**

**Romans 10:11 *- For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.***

**Romans 9:33 *- As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.***

**Romans 1:16 *- For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

We should realize the gospel of Christ is the gospel of the risen Saviour and is only taught by Paul – it is only found in the gospels once and not in a teach it to you doctrine.

**II Timothy 1:8 *- Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;***

Have you ever heard a pastor from ANY church today say that we are not to be ashamed of Paul? Pastors today ARE so ashamed of Paul as they do not preach Paul ONLY as the scriptures direct them to do. (**Galatians 1:6-9**)

In fact, they won’t even talk about it with you if you bring it up! And the Bible Believer Baptists? The moment you mention the word Paul, they attack you by saying you are a hyper! My many experiences and discussions with them have proven to me that they only know what their teacher taught them. They can’t find anything in their KJB rightly divided if their life depended on it.

**I am NOT ashamed of Paul.**

**I am NOT ashamed of the TESTIMONY of our Lord.**

Note that **testimony** of our Lord includes: 1) His role in creation; 2) His part in the Old Testament, especially with Moses; 3) His part in the gospels; 4) His part TO Paul; 5) His part in the ‘rapture’ as we call it; 6) His part in His second coming; 7) His part in the Millennium and 8) His part in eternity, etc.. In other words, the testimony of Christ includes BEFORE, TODAY, FUTURE! From **Genesis** to **Revelation** – rightly divided between Israel and Gentiles! Not ‘just’ from the gospels to the Jews.

**Afflictions**

While I suppose nobody wants to talk about being a ***partaker of the afflictions of the gospel,*** I bet many of you know exactly of what Paul speaks here! And of course, we are talking about the gospel of Paul – the gospel of the Risen Christ… not the Jesus gospel as found in the gospels. ***Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures…***

Just remember, that because of what Paul teaches to us about the Risen Christ…

***We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed;***

***we are perplexed, but not in despair;***

***Persecuted, but not forsaken;***

***cast down, but not destroyed;***

***Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus,***

 ***that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.***

**II Corinthians 4:8-10**

**Our Testimony Should Be of…**

**The Risen Christ, not the Jesus Gospel to the Jews**

Do you even know the teachings of the Risen Saviour good enough so you can learn to magnify the Risen Christ by your life today?

**Philippians 1:20*…According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.***

**How does one magnify the RISEN CHRIST?**

I will do this one in another sermon; and I think the answer won’t be quite what most of you think it will be! *(The life of Christ is manifest in his word today, not in Paul’s mortal flesh… and that is manifested to us by our reading* ***Acts 9-28*** *which tells us the most about Paul’s life, etc. not some feeling or experience or some level of scholarship – or being blindly obedient to your pastor, etc.!)*

**For a String of ‘Manners of Life,’ Check These Out…**

**Romans 12:9-17**

**Live Peaceably With All Men… IF…**

**Romans 12:18 *- If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.***

But be sure to notice this – it also says, ***IF IT BE POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU…***!

Ya know, with some people, you just can’t! You have tried… and for some, you just know better than to even try… sometimes you just can’t. So, don’t feel badly about it… and with the way Americans are going these days, quit trying and don’t feel badly!

**And keep these verses in your mind, as well.**

**Romans 12:19-21 *- Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.***

So, at least remember this and maybe it will help you ‘be the Christian’ when you really don’t want to be: ***…for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head***

**Quick bunny trail:**

***\*\*\**II Corinthians 4:10-12 *- Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.***

(**\*\*\*** I mention this verse again in this study as a quick opportunity to illustrate the need to ‘rightly divide Corinthians! If Corinthians isn’t correctly divided from ‘before and after the completion of that which is perfect (finished) in 1611, the King James Bible,’ as stated in **I Corinthians 13:8-13**, you could easily fall into the trap of Pentecostalism and trying to be that prideful ‘Christian’ claiming being spirit-led in your heart along with your feelings instead of by the written Scriptures. But that is another sermon, and again, all of which can be located in the original site – <www.scatteredchristians.org>.)

**If You are a Child, Parent, Worker with a Boss or even a Boss,**

**Try These Verses On:**

**Ephesians 6:1-13**

**Ah yes… then there are:**

**Timothy and Titus**

Can you find comfort in **Timothy** and **Titus** – or do you find disappointment and frustration – or maybe even some disdain and dislike of those two books?

Believe it or not, yes! We should be able to find comfort from **Timothy** and **Titus**.

But honestly, I think that if you do find comfort, etc. then you are a rare Christian – and probably don’t have many friends, either. Remember, most of us are scattered around the world – not neighbors down the street… or even in the same town… or state.

***Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down,***

***comforted us by the coming of Titus;***

***And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you,***

***when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me;***

***so that I rejoiced the more.***

**II Corinthians 7:6,7**

***Therefore we were comforted in your comfort:***

***yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus,***

 ***because his spirit was refreshed by you all.***

**II Corinthians 7:13**

***Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun,***

***so he would also finish in you the same grace also.***

**II Corinthians 8:6**

***But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.***

**II Corinthians 8:16**

***Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.***

***Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love,***

***and of our boasting on your behalf.***

**II Corinthians 8:23,24**

**‘Thee Chapter’ on Sound Doctrine**

**Titus 2**

This chapter is the best chapter as it details sound doctrine

and is directed to the following people:

**Aged** **Men** – **vs 2**

**Aged** **Women** – **vs 3-5**

**Young** **Women** – **vs 4,5**

**Young** **men** – **vs 6-8**

**Servants/Workers** – **vs 9,10**

To the preacher / pastor comes the following directive:

***These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.***

And for even more comfort and joy in your walk, go on to **Titus 3**!

**Sound Speech**

*(for those of us who tend to lose mouth control)*

**Titus 2:8 *- Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.***

**Here are just a few ‘gems’ found in I Timothy**

I dare any preacher to try to preach/teach these from the pulpit – remember though, not as law – but for simply being reasonable, remembering what Christ did for and TO you.

This stuff will come with a price, though, because many of us have paid the price of trying to follow the risen Saviour through Paul, our only apostle. I won’t even underline any emphasis – I will just say read them all closely and carefully.

**2:9-10 - *In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.***

**2:11-12 - *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.***

**5:8 *- But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.***

**5:10-15 - *Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan.***

**6:1 - *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.***

**6:2,3 *- And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;***

**4-5 - *He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.***

**8-10 - *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.***

**11-12 *- But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.***

**17-19 - *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.***

**20-21 - *O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen***

**Keep Your Eyes AND Feet On the Right Road**

When you stumble on our own ‘walk,’ that could cause others to not believe what you have to say about the goodness of God, through Paul, in a KJB.

**I Corinthians 9:26,27 *- I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.***

However, the hard thing for us to deal with is that ‘they’ will base your walk on the gospel of Jesus in the gospels – the OT law, not on Paul’s teachings from the risen Christ through Paul. That is why there is MORE to the ‘walk’ than just what they see.

They will NOT see or even understand the liberty that we have – they will NOT understand how we can ‘get up’ right after we fell and return to a joy and peace without a confessional and begging for forgiveness with that period of guilt and a weekly trip to the church altar after every invitation, etc. Simply put, they won’t understand whatever you do!

So, don’t live ‘for them’ – live for the risen Saviour by looking to Paul for guidance. The Holy Spirit will guide you through Christ’s words found only in Paul’s writings as you read your KJB!

**Philippians 1:27-30 *- Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.***

And remember, as in**I Timothy 4:14**, Paul was talking directly ‘to’ Timothy and Titus, not ‘to’ us as leaders and pastors – unless you are a leader and pastor, etc. as those two were. So, don’t try to become the preacher to everyone. Let God speak to you concerning YOUR walk, not theirs, through your reading of the KJB, rightly divided, of course!

As your day goes by, do what you can, with wisdom as you desire to follow Paul as he followed Christ.

P.S.

Let me remind you one more time - don’t try to *imitate* Paul. We think it is hard enough to ‘***follow’*** him; so to try to BE like Paul would make your life today look easy! ***Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.***

**I Corinthians 11:1**

**But Why Don’t They Get It Yet?**

Well, are they even truly saved – or deceived by not having the true word of truth – by not having the true ‘gospel of their salvation – by following the twelve apostles instead of Paul – by not having the operation of God because they don’t have the right sword?

**II Corinthians 4:3-6 *- But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.***

**Conclusion:**

**Romans 16:25-27 *- Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.***