**BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST**

**OUR INTENTIONS ARE KNOWN BY US, DO THEY RESEMBLE CHRIST**

**NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE**

* **1 Peter 2:1-3** - Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, [2] As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: [3] If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

**WHEN I WAS A CHILD**

* **1 Corinthians 13:11** - When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

**FOR WHEN FOR THE TIME YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS,**

* **Hebrews 5:12-14** - For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. [13] For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. [14] But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT**

* **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**AND HE GAVE SOME**

* **Ephesians 4:11-14** - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: [13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: [14] That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

**FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS**

**FITNESS**

* The quality of being suitable to fulfill a particular role or task.

**Mature**

* Fully developed; grown up in terms of physical appearance, behaviour or thinking; ripe.

**A PREPARING,**

* To make ready for a specific future purpose; to set up; to assemble.

**AN EQUIPPING**

* + To furnish for service, or against a need or exigency; to fit out; to supply with whatever is necessary to efficient action in any way;

**TILL WE ALL COME IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH**

**IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH**

converted according to the doctrines laid down in the faith - the Christian system.

**UNITY OF THE FAITH, THE CHRISTIAN SYSTEM**

* **Jude 1:3** - Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH** which was once delivered unto the saints.
* **Acts 2:42** - And they continued stedfastly in **THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**THE SCRIPTURES**

* **Matthew 22:29** - Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, **NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES**, nor the power of God.

**John 5:39** - **SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

* **Acts 17:11** - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, **AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY**, whether those things were so.
* **Acts 18:28** - For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing

**BY THE SCRIPTURES THAT JESUS WAS CHRIST**.

* **2 Peter 3:16** - As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which **THEY THAT ARE UNLEARNED AND UNSTABLE WREST,** as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

**WALK BY THE SAME RULE**

* **Philippians 3:16** - Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us **WALK BY THE SAME RULE**, let us mind the same thing.
* **1 Corinthians 1:10** - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING**, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**WHEN YOU DO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH**

* **Romans 2:8-9 -** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, [9] Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
* **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** - And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, [8] In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: [9] Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
* **1 Peter 4:17** - For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?