

EKKLESIA Freedom

1. AUTHORITY

Are leaders in a “spiritual POSITION of AUTHORITY OVER” people or exercising a “spiritual function of Christ’s heart alongside the people”?

Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the **rulers** ⁷⁵⁸ of the Gentiles **lord** ²⁶³⁴ it over them, and those who are great **exercise authority** ²⁷¹⁵ over them. 26 Yet it shall **NOT SO AMONG YOU**; but whoever desires to become great **among** ¹⁷²² you, let him be your **servant** ¹²⁴⁹. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your **slave** ¹⁴⁰¹ — 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve** ¹²⁴⁷, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (& [Luke 22:25-27](#)). * **Jesus undoes/flips the position and focuses on the “serve” verb and function.**

Matthew 23:6 They love... 7 ... to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’⁸ But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. * **Jesus rebukes our use of Titles. N.T. leaders never used Titles as in “I, Apostle Paul...” or “Say hello to Pastor Josh...” but instead said, “Paul, an apostle...” etc.. Why do we elevate authorities today? What spiritual/psychological effect? Is this biblical or demonic? Why?**

<p>4244 πρεσβυτέριον – occurrences – body of elders Lk 22:66 – the <i>elders</i> of the people, both chief priests and scribes 1 Tm 4:14 – when the <i>body of elders</i> laid hands on you</p>	<p>4291 προΐστημι – occurrences – stands before, leads, maintain/devote Rom 12:8 – he who <i>leads</i>, with diligence 1 Th 5:12 – honor ... your (NO over/ἐπί/ὑπέρο used despite INT) 1 Tim 3:4, 5, 12 – he must <i>manage</i> his own family well 5:17 – elders who <i>lead</i> well consider worthy of double honor Tit 3:8 – may be careful to <i>devote</i> themselves to good work 14 – let our people <i>devote</i> themselves to good work</p>
<p>4245 πρεσβύτερος – occurrences – elders, older men Mt 15:2 – break the tradition of the <i>elders</i>? Lk 15:25 – Now his <i>older</i> son was in the field. Ac 2:17 – your <i>old men</i> shall dream dreams. 11:30 – sent it to the <i>elders</i> by the hands of Barnabas and Saul 14:23 – appointed <i>elders</i> in every ekklesia 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23 – apostles and <i>elders</i> and the brothers 16:4 – decisions by the apostles and <i>elders</i> who were in Jerusalem 20:17 – and called the <i>elders</i> of the ekklesia 21:18 – all the <i>elders</i> were present 1 Ti 5:1 – Do not rebuke an <i>older man</i>, but exhort him as you would a father 5:2 – treat <i>older women</i> as you would your mother 5:17 – <i>elders</i> who lead well are worthy of double honor 5:19 – do not receive an accusation against an <i>elder</i> except on ...2/3... Tit 1:5 – appoint <i>elders</i> in each city as I instructed you Jas 5:14 – call for the <i>elders</i> of the ekklesia, and let them pray over 1 Pet 5:1 – To the <i>elders</i> among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and 5:5 – Likewise you younger people, submit yourself to your <i>elders</i> 2 Joh 1 – The <i>elder</i>, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love... 3 Joh 1 – The <i>elder</i>, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. Rev 4:4 ... 19:4 – twenty-four <i>elders</i></p>	<p>758 ἄρχων – Ac 4:8 – <i>rulers</i> of ... * Not used to describe ekklesia leaders.</p> <p>2233 ἡγέομαι – occurrences – lead, consider, esteem Heb 13:7 – Remember your <i>leaders</i>, who spoke the word of God to you 17 INT – be persuadable 3982 by your <i>leaders</i> & yield 5226 NOT 5293 24 – Greet your <i>leaders</i> * No justification for KJV “rule over you” vs better “your leaders”</p>
<p>4166 ποιμήν – occurrences – shepherd Mt 9:36 – weary and scattered, like sheep without a <i>shepherd</i> Joh 10:11 – I am the good <i>shepherd</i>... lays down his life for the sheep 10:16 – there shall be one flock and one <i>shepherd</i> Eph 4:11 – So Christ himself gave some to be ... <i>pastors</i> and teachers Heb 13:20 – our Lord Jesus, the great <i>Shepherd</i> of the sheep 1 Pet 2:25 – you have returned to the <i>Shepherd</i> and Guardian of your souls.</p>	<p>2715 κατεξουσιάζω – occ. – exercise authority over/kata=down/upon Mt 20:25 (Mk 10:42) – <i>exercise authority upon</i> them</p>
<p>4165 ποιμαίνω – occurrences – tend, shepherd, nourish Mat 2:6 – shall come a Leader ²²³³ Who shall <i>shepherd</i> My people Israel Lk 17:7 – having a servant plowing or <i>tending</i> sheep Joh 21:16 – <i>Tend</i> my sheep Ac 20:28 Int – Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among ¹⁷²² which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to <i>shepherd</i> the ekklesia of God which He purchased with His own blood. 1 Pet 5:2 – <i>shepherd</i> the flock of God, serving as overseers Rev 2:27 – he will <i>shepherd</i> them with a rod of iron (see 2:25-28) 7:17 – the lamb at the center of the throne will <i>shepherd</i> them 12:5 – who was to rule (<i>shepherd</i>) the nations with a rod of iron</p>	<p>1850 ἐξουσιάζω – occurrences – exercise authority Lk 22:25 – and those who <i>exercise authority</i> over them call themselves... 1849 ἐξουσία – occurrences – freedom of a right, authority Lk 9:1 – gave them (12) ... <i>authority</i> over/ἐπί ¹⁹⁰⁹ demons (NOT people) Mt 28:18 – All <i>authority</i> in heaven and on earth has been given to me Ac 26:18 – from darkness to light, and from the authority of Satan to God 1 Cor 9:4 – Don’t we have a <i>right</i> to food and drink? 2 Cor 10:8, 13:10 – the <i>authority</i> the Lord gave us for building you up Or “the <i>right</i>” given only to apostles? Must not undo Jesus’ Mt 20 & 23!</p>
<p>1983 ἐπισκοπέω – 1 Pt 5:2 – exercising <i>oversight</i>, not by constraint 1984 ἐπισκοπή – occ. – inspection, visitation, function as overseer Lk 19:44 & 1 Pet 2:12 – day/time of <i>visitation</i> (see similar root 1980.) Acts 1:20 – His dwelling shall be desolate... another will take his <i>oversight</i> 1 Ti 3:1 – whoever aspires to be an <i>overseer</i> desires a good task 1985 ἐπίσκοπος – occurrences – overseer Ac 20:28 – among ¹⁷²² which the Holy Spirit has made you <i>overseers</i> Phi 1:1 – together with the <i>overseers</i> 1 Ti 3:2 – the <i>overseer</i> is to be above reproach Tit 1:7 – the <i>overseer</i> must be above reproach 1 Pet 2:25 – you have returned to the Shepherd and <i>Overseer</i> of your souls</p>	<p>Jesus said that authority is not to be used over people, period, so whatever Paul’s usage is in 2 Cor 10:8 & 13:10 must not undo that. While a leader has oversight (guarding/caring), the word “over”/ἐπί ¹⁹⁰⁹ is never used in leadership context as OVER people. It is only used by Jesus to indicate our relationship in Him OVER demons. Now, Satan comes along & teaches us leaders are OVER us, so what does that make us? Demonized? Titles must go. How does this free us spiritually socially? Notice the word Authority is NEVER user in context with elders/pastors. The ONLY Authority then is Jesus and His Word. All the words elder, shepherd, pastor, overseer are used together to describe leadership and thus are interchangeable. There is no hierarchy or division/distinction of labor, just functional descriptions of the same leader. Acts 20:17 & 28 show the use of all of these words in reference to the leaders of the Ekklesia of Ephesus. The distinction between elder and pastor is unbiblical. Elders do not have to “preach” but be spiritually able to encourage and guide. Acts 6:2 must be followed so that elders/pastors are free to focus spiritually while facilitators/admins (deacons) serve for physically solutions. Leaders not over ^{501C3} Biz 1 2, but in and among Acts 20:28 the people’s daily living Acts 20:20 being very spiritually and relationally connected as shepherds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example and model life in Christ - Heb 13:7; 1 Thess 2:7-12 • Guard the flock from sins, false teachings, wolves - Acts 20:29 • Feed – Encourage, Motivate, Instruct, Counsel - Joh 21:16 • Activating (1/7 Mtn) & Maturing the Body – Eph 4:14-16

2. Old Covenant (or O.T.) Versus New Covenant (NC)

There has been an OT-like focus on form, externals, measuring, and performance/DO-ing still in operation in the churches over the millennia. God's will is to move us out of the O.T. performance mindsets into simple New Covenant living with Jesus and each other. This measuring affects all of us in different ways, so we must return to the Scriptures to better interpret with different applications as needed to each of our specific indoctrinations. We are fallible. This takes time, discernment, and humility to unravel this with each other as guided by the Holy Spirit. Freedom! [Gal 5:1](#)

Old Covenant - Law	New Covenant – Grace and Truth (ourselves, Jesus, etc)
"For the law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Jn 1:17	"For the law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Jn 1:17
Lost son's brother – all these years I never disobeyed your commandment Go To	Lost Son's Deep and Father's Lavish Love Responses Lk 15:20-24
Pharisee compares & measures himself to others Lk 18:10-13 & Ps 36:2	Tax Collector to God : ... 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' Lk 18:13 NASB INT
"come to a mountain ... burning, ... terrified" where law given. Hb 12:18-20	"But to Mount Zion... righteous made perfect, to Jesus, NC mediator" Hb 12:23
Commands: the 10 (adultery/murder/covet), sacrifices, govern nation... Ex 20	"law was our tutor to bring us to Christ ..." Gal 3:24 Reality? Col 2:3, 17 & 2 Cor 5:21
"ALL the words the Lord has spoken, WE WILL DO! " Ex 24:3 & 7	"not justified by works of the law, but by faith in Jesus" Gal 2:16 & Rm 3:20-28 ; 10:4
"Good Teacher" (we're all good!) Mt 19:16	"There is only One who is Good." Mt 19:17 God alone! 1 sin stains us forever.
"I've kept ALL commands..." Mt 19:20 Have you? Heart sins? Coveting?	Heart Lust = Adultery Mt 5:28 & Anger = Murder Mt 5:21-22 From Heart Mk 7:21-23
"... the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless..." 1 Tim 1:9	"Stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, And do not become entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Gal 5:1
So that no one deceive you with persuasive arguments Col 2:4	Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision have value. Faith -> Love Gal 5:6,3 ; 6:2
"If you become circumcised, Christ will profit you NOTHING." Gal 5:2 & cut! Gal 5:12	For we through the Spirit eagerly await the hope of righteousness by faith. 5:5
"...estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by the law." Gal 5:4	<- Rom 14 :22 <i>Conscience</i> indoctrinations – with 1 Cor 8 & 1 Cor 10:23-33
One believes he may eat anything, while the weak eat only vegetables Rom 14:2	Let no one judge you re religious festival... or a Sabbath day. Col 2:16 , 17 ! Bar 13
One esteems one day above another, another esteems every day alike Rom 14:5	Sabbaths merely point to Eternity in JESUS WHO IS OUR REST Hb 3 - 4 (4:3, 9, 10)
Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Gal 3:3	By one sacrifice He perfected forever those who are being made holy. Hb 10:14
<p>Col 2: 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a [f]estival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as <i>though</i> living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— 21"Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," 22which all concern things which perish with the using— according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 23These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, <i>false</i> humility, and neglect of the body, <i>but are</i> of no value against the indulgence of the flesh. (Religious focuses on externals and measuring vs heart...)</p> <p>For all who rely on the law are under a curse; for it is written: "CURSED is everyone who does not CONTINUE in ALL things written in the book of the law, to DO them." Gal 3:10</p> <p>And the commandment, which was to bring life, brought death Rom 7:10 & How? 7:8 If righteousness could be attained thru the law, Christ died for nothing! Gal 2:21</p> <p>Hb 3:7-15 "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."</p> <p>"For it is by grace your are saved, and this [salvation] is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." Eph 2:8 & 9</p> <p>Actions of faith later are merely evidence of the faith in the heart that originally brought one to be justified as we trusted Christ and His sacrifice for us; thus being immersed into Him and becoming a new creation. Phil 2:13</p> <p>Is 45:23-24 "... Every knee will bow before me, every tongue will swear allegiance. Surely they will say of Me, 'In the Lord alone are righteousness and strength."</p> <p>Acts 15:28-29 – Why did the apostles NOT require ANY of the O.T. Law be followed by new believers? What did they require? Why these and only these?</p>	<p>Col 2: 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.s</p> <p>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'), that we might receive the promise of the Spirit by faith. Gal 3:13 & 14 & 2:16 Requirements! Col 2:14</p> <p>This is the Covenant I will make with them... says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds Hb 10:16 Law = God/Christ's Nature If anyone is in Christ, he is a New Creation 2 Cor 5:17 & Romans 6:1-4; 8:29 & 30; Gal 2:20</p> <p>Rom 4: ¹ What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin." (Gen 12:1-3 & 15:1-6 with Hb 11:8-11). Ezekiel 36:26 & Gal 5:18</p>
<p>The GOOD NEWS = Gospel revealed into our hearts by His Goodness!</p> <p>Sensing Jesus impossible supernatural life of O.T. prophecies fulfilled, Being without sin 1 Pt 2:22 & Jn 8:46 And thus most sensitive to evil harshness, went as a lamb to the slaughter Is 53, crucified for my wrongdoings Is 53:5! I can but turn from His agony in horror and grief of heart 2 Cor 7:9 & 10 & bow in the dust beneath His Cross. Lord, "please forgive me, THE sinner!" I have NO goodness of my own Mt 19:17, and any goodness could only result from You within. I trust You to forgive Rm 4:7, and to come make your home in me. Jn 14:23 I trust you to make me a new creation 1 Cor 5:17 and to now begin the transformation of my thoughts to Your thoughts Rom 12:2 which will happen over my lifetime till I pass on into Heaven to be with You forever.</p> <p>Into Jesus' embrace! "If anyone love Me, he will keep My word; my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home WITH him." Jn 14:23 "I in them and You in Me; that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." Jn 17:23 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends.... No longer do I call you servants... I have called you friends...." Jn 15:13-15</p>	<p>And I trust that by your power I will be as You were in this world 1 Jn 4:17 – with all innate DNA capacity and heart enlivened by you – to be salt & light, wisdom & love with others and so bring in your Kingdom in all it's ability to thoroughly permeate every sphere of influence and activity in this world.</p> <p>Hb 2:14 – "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea." Dan 2:35 – "But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."</p> <p>Rev 5:12 – "saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"</p>
<p>As New Covenant Believers Do We Backtrack into Rules/Shoulds/Legalism/DOs/Performance/Externals?</p> <p>How do we view God viewing us? Is 40:11; Dt 1:31; John 10:11, 27; Is 43:4</p> <p>How do we view New Testament Examples and Commands that aren't specifically of a moral/heart nature?</p> <p>How do we view those who differ from us? Doctrinally? Or even the Lost?</p> <p>How much do fear of shame and exclusion hinder free thought?</p> <p>Are we so "DO" conditioned/indoctrinated it's difficult to be spontaneous?</p> <p>Is God happier with me when I'm DOING externals He requires? Like what?</p> <p>How does Heart Love of God and Neighbor as ONLY Requirement apply to all this?</p> <p>Difference between Biblical Truths (Nature of) and mostly deductive inferences of "doctrinal" Opinions? Seduction of having ALL the answers?</p> <p>If Love is only Command Mt 22:37-40, then it proceeds from God and will preserve all related to His Nature. What is the rest? Is it simply Non-required organization as we sense His leading? (See also writing titled: New Law of Requirements?)</p>	<p>Is God somewhat stern? Demanding? Quick to punish?</p> <p>Must we Read Bible Daily? Tithe 10%? Go to Church meetings? Church meetings must have Biblical Authorities/Pastors, Teaching, & Worship...?</p> <p>Are we religiously dogmatic about how we hold to doctrines? Vs Relational?</p> <p>At what would God look down on me or other also and even exclude me?</p> <p>Do I freely & spontaneously connect in daily life with my children & others?</p> <p>Is God displeased with me when I'm lax on the externals?</p> <p>Biblical Truth will have multiple EXPLICIT positive and negative refs: Ex. (+) Jesus is God contrasted to (-) Jesus is not a mere man.... Apply?</p>

3. The External Requirements?

TITHES

Must We Tithe? (10%) as in O.T. Malachi 3:8-10 – “Bring ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse...”

Amount of Tithe: “Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.” [Dt 14:22](#)

Location in 3rd Year: “At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates.” [Dt 14:28](#)

Purpose of 3rd Year Tithe: “²⁷ You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. ²⁸ And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.” [Dt 14:29](#) – This IS the Malachi 3 “storehouse” tithe.

Tithe Usage in 1st AND 2nd Years!?

[Dt 14](#) - ²³ And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. ²⁴ But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the Lord your God has blessed you, ²⁵ then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses. ²⁶ And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. **A FEAST!!!!?? With Family!!!!?? 2 Years in a row, one year not, and 2 years again.....!!!**

Application: What if a family of \$50,000/yr with their \$5,000 tithe or a family of \$100,000/yr with their \$10,000 tithe were to take \$ ALL \$ the tithe and each year for two years in a row spend it ALL to celebrate a HUGE feast in celebration to God for His abundant blessings and love!? That IS what they did.

Is there a N.T. Church Tithe? Please find the scripture reference.

From Acts on out there is NO mentioned requirement of a church to tithe. The main mention often given during “Tithe & Offering Appeals” is regarding Paul’s request for a one-time offering that was being collected for the Christians in the Jerusalem going through a famine: [1 Cor 16:1-4](#); [2 Cor 8 & 9](#). This was never called a “tithe”. In fact, the only primary mention of leaders being supported financially is [1 Cor 9:14](#); yet, we see no mention that this must be a weekly collection. The only other hint at this is that those who lead and/or teach well are “worthy of double honor” ⁵⁰⁹² [1 Tim 5:17 INT](#) The word “honor” can be related to [\\$](#). So, there is no command for tithing or weekly giving, but there is the need to give support to some of those leading (elder/pastor/overseer). This was NOT to create a Clergy system.

WEEKLY CHURCH MEETING(S)

Commanded? While it appears to be commanded in one place ^{Hb 10:25 below}, there is no command to meet. Jesus never commanded us to “Synagogue”. [1 Cor 11:18](#) simply refers to “when you come together”, but no command to do so. We are only commanded HOW to BE together when we do come together.

The HOW is merely to reflect the spiritual/relational nature of things with God’s heart of HONOR & Love. How many times is honor dealt with in [1 Cor 14](#)? Why the tongues and prophecy topic? [1 Cor 14:4, 23](#) Thus, “When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be **built up**.” [1 Cor 14:26](#) Each honored the other to hear from the other’s life in Jesus. Why aren’t our meetings like this? How would it strengthen each? Why is simply conversational life sharing we have in any home with friends, often non-existent in our organized meetings of building and even homes? Is it a command to organize and do the big meeting the ways we do? No. Why?

Also, in the [1 Cor 14:26 gathering](#), where is the 45 minutes of worship? Versus whole life a sacrifice of daily lifestyle worship [Rom 12:1](#)? Where is the tithe and offering collection? Where is the 45 minutes of one person preaching? Notice in [Acts 5:25](#) that multiple men (apostles) were teaching even in the Temple.

In Homes and Large Context: “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that Jesus is the Christ.” [Acts 5:42](#)

Sharing Daily Life Together: [Acts 2:42 INT 2842](#) was in homes, simply as friends talk thru life. [Philemon 1:2](#); [Colossians 4:15](#); [1 Corinthians 16:19](#); [Romans 16:5](#) All the “one another” passages in the Bible are the context for life together, dynamically, spontaneously, helping & encouraging <- **that is** gathering/meeting.

I am The Temple of God! [1 Cor 3:16](#); [6:19](#) The Temple would be torn down. [Mt 24:1-2](#) God’s focus is on & in His People, NOT a Place!

[Hb 10:25 INT](#) “not forsaking ^{1459 otc} the assembling ¹⁹⁹⁷ of ourselves together, as is the manner ¹⁴⁸⁵ of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day ^{2 Thess 1:10; 2:1} approaching.”

Forsake ¹⁴⁵⁹ is a very strong word. Jesus on the cross said, “Why have You forsaken me!?” [Mt 27:46](#) And Paul said, “but all have deserted me...” [2 Tm 4:16, 10](#) See all occurrences. This word cannot be referring to those who are lax about coming to church meetings.

Assembly ¹⁹⁹⁷ Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance says: “From [episunago](#) ¹⁹⁹⁶; a complete collection”. Notice that this is a Noun, not a Verb, and would thus best be translated “Not forsaking the *Larqe Collection of us together*”. How was it large or complete if it referred to the small groups meeting from house to house throughout a city? Was one city’s collection complete? No, the collection could only refer to all believers in Christ. Why? What is context of Hebrews? The ONLY other passage this is used in is in [2 Thess 2:1](#) referring to ALL believers gathered together into Christ when He returns on that Day.

Manner/Custom ¹⁴⁸⁵ = Ethos Occurrences are highly correlated to Jews customs/manner. Wouldn’t it be the ethos/manner of a Jews to REJECT Christ?

Application/Translation: Given the whole book of Hebrews is to exhort believers who are being deceived to fall back into Judaism, by those mocking Christ, doesn’t it make much more sense that the Author is saying, “Fellow Hebrews, don’t utterly forsake the large collection of all us believers together around the world, as religious Jews tradition/custom is! But rather exhort each other until we are all together in Christ on that Day.” (My paraphrase for emphasis and clarity.). Does that make sense?

Deceptive Progressive Christianity’s Reaction Against Broken Religion

Historical Developments

Foundational Assumptions

Biblical? ...

New Age Enlightenment Subversion of the True Jesus and our Identity and Power in Him in His Realm and this Creation!

History & Founders

Connections to prior religions

Goals of the founders?

Appeal of Message

Key Aspects of Message

“Christian” Misunderstanding of “Frequency” use from New Age Beliefs

Tree of Influences but when ok and not ok...

“Source” is only True Source IF the True and Real Biblical Jesus the apostles wrote of IS the SOURCE.

The Ekklesia Jesus is Building with Imperfect People

Imagine... Leaving behind religious conditionings of the past and transforming into the New Ekklesia, maturing during the Last Millennium of this current earth.

<p>Big Picture: 1/7 Mtn. Rev 17:9; Rev 5:6, 12; Mt 5:13-14; Mt 6:10; Mt 16:18 & 18:18, 19, 20; Lk 12:32; Daniel 2:35, 44-45; Dan 7:22, 27; Is 2:3 with 1 Cor 6:19 – world is coming to people of God who are the Temple of God to be taught in ALL His ways across all areas of societal influence (7 Mtn+++) by revelation of 7 Spirits of Christ sent throughout the earth...</p>																																																									
<p>1. Founded on Heart Principles (not Organizations/Externals):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humble • Listens to and receives from others – encouragement & correction • Transparent • Thoughtful, Kind, Soft (Or are we heart-hardened in our views?) • Self-sacrificing for others in the heart of Jesus (not hero or martyr) • Family and real Friends are the CORE & the Heart of Movement 	<p>2. Totally Free Gal 5:1 to Organize (meet and not meet) as we connect and build as friends in 1/7 Mtn! And Totally Free to Give and to Not Give...</p>																																																								
<p>4. From Fragmented 7 Mountain Switchover Into 1 Mountain permeating ALL areas of Life</p> <p>What would Satan seek to control if he wanted to control everything on earth? Might Satan not innately look to what the heart of the 7 Spirits of God Rev 5:6 are seeking to achieve? What would each of the 7 Spirits be seeking to bring about on earth? Would each result in one of the 7 of Rev 5:12? How would Satan seek to totally influence, subvert, pervert, and control each area? Would this beast System trading in the “souls of men” Rev 18:13 be controlling souls in each area? Would it be possible that the Rev 17:9 imagery of 7 mountains also includes key areas Satan is seeking to control through “Kings” – both human and demonic forces controlling??? Satan did not offer Jesus all the “Nations” of the world, but all “His”/Satan’s “Kingdoms” Mt 4:8. Might each Kingdom be an influence/control area set up against the Nature and Goal of each of the “7 Spirits of God”?</p> <p>If Satan were seeking to control ALL, what might those key areas of Rule be?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government 2. Business (Corporations & Banking...) 3. Media (All the News) 4. Arts & Entertainment (Movies & Music...) 5. Education (in all forms) 6. Family (Dad & Mom & children into ext family & in Health/Medical) 7. Religion (Versus Spiritual Life in the Real Jesus & with others) 	<p>3. Jesus is Chief Shepherd and Only Authority with His Written Word (while we are infallibly maturing to interpret and apply to our hearts & lives...)</p> <p>Leadership is functional & inter-relational & NOT positional!</p> <p>Leadership is from Family-heart basis and begins and is cultivated in Heart-Healthy Family & Friends</p>																																																								
<p>5. The CORE of Jesus’ Ekklesia of Matthew 16:18 must go BACK to be re-founded at the Garden where Jesus Col 1:16 created His FAMILY (1 Male + 1 Female) to “be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it” Gen 1:28. Subdue it would mean to make use of all means to get GOOD fruit from every area of life for our enjoyment and blessing of others and God’s good pleasure! The Two of Matthew 18:19-20 is FIRST a reference to that first creation and union in the Garden, the first family! That IS the origin and CORE of Jesus Ekklesia. The two “or <u>three</u> gathered in His name” is the first child of that couple or the group of connected FRIENDS. “Gathered” must NOT be translated into some official, biblically sanctioned, agendized “church” meeting/gathering in some home or other place, but is simply family and friends living life together with and for Jesus in all areas of life He has heart gifted and talented them to grow into resulting in His receiving all Praise for His Goodness demonstrated here on earth! Are you getting it yet?</p>	<p>6. The REST is optional Organization to increase maturity for a given season, and let go of to move into new ways for each new season of growth through the Millennium.</p> <p>(See Article: “New “Biblical” Standard/Law of Requirements? OR”)</p>																																																								
<p>If we are to be “salt and light” Mt 5:13-16, what areas would we see to influence with God’s Goodness Hab 2:14?</p> <p><u>How has we been MKUltra’d away from this into compartmentalized view of life and checking religious performance boxes in “church” meetings? (We also bring our conditioned self into home meetings!)</u></p>	<p>While the 7 Mountains are a way to categorize areas of influence, as we mature we will see that it all grows to become the ONE “great mountain and filled the whole earth.” Dan 7:35 Thus all the fruit of our life endeavors results in Jesus receiving “power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” Rev 5:12; likely each related to one of the 7 Spirits of Jesus.</p>																																																								
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