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**COMMON SALVATION → All sinners are saved, in Christ, the same way, by the same Savior / Messiah – Jesus Christ  
Surrendered / Repentant / Faith-Trust in Jesus’ Finished Work of Redemption → His Crucifixion-Death, Burial and Resurrection according to the Scriptures, alone (ref. 1 Cor. 15:1-9)**

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**CONTEND EARNESTLY → Them's Fightin' Words ...**  
**Fight For, Support, Defend, Struggle for, Stand up for ...**  
**Never backing down about, never giving up for ...**

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**the FAITH → The entirety of Biblical Faith/Beliefs/Practices of the Biblical Christian Faith. All, in the Bible, that relates to the Disciples / Followers / Believers in Jesus Christ in the New Covenant → The Biblical Belief System of Biblical Christians (ref. Acts 2:42 – The Teachings of Christ via the Apostles - Rom. - Jude)**

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This means that we are **NOT** Defending, Promoting, and Participating in Worldly things (**Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17**) that promote **selfish indulgence**, selfishness, sin, abominations to God, sexually immoral, greedy, **self-promoting**, etc.

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**This means that WE ARE TO Defend, Promote, and Participate in Spreading OUR New Covenant, Biblical Christian Faith to all those around us – based upon the Holy Bible, God's Holy Word, ALONE. We are to spread the Gospel, and the Teachings and Doctrines that relate to New Covenant, New Testament, Biblical Christianity.**

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**Just because some church in the 400's thru 1500's A.D. – said certain things, rituals, “seasons”, celebrations, calendar items, beliefs, practices and TRADITIONS are “Christian” – doesn't make them so. If a so-called “Christian Bishop” of a so-called “church” says that something that used to be fully pagan, is now “Christian” doesn't make it so. It is **still pagan idolatry**, through and through with a **thin veneer** of “Christianity” on top of **paganism**.**

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If we **don't** see Jesus Christ and His Holy Apostles doing “it”, promoting “it”, “celebrating ‘it’”, teaching “it” ... but, even in principle, **warning** us about “it” and how we should avoid “it” ... we **should PAY ATTENTION** – especially if we say that we are **BIBLICAL CHRISTIANS** .... We should **follow the Bible over and above our Culture** – even if it is a “Culturally ‘Christian’” thing to do.

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**Most “Christians” today care more about getting along, going along and being numbered among “them” – care more about doing, following, promoting and defending **non-Biblical**, worldly, man-made **traditions** – much more than obeying God’s Holy Word.**

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Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, <sup>15</sup> but sanctify Christ as LORD in your hearts, always being ready to make a DEFENSE to everyone who asks you to give an account for THE HOPE that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; <sup>16</sup> and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:13-16

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**Always Being READY → Jesus is LORD, PREPARED, STUDIED-UP, REHEARSED, like you are prepared for a TEST in School**

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**DEFENSE → APOLOGIA → Reasoned Defense / Like a lawyer in Court with Evidence to defend the accused – Articulated Well**

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**Give a Reason, An Account → Articulate - the HOPE – Well – speak with Proper English, Articulated it fully, be concise and precise – do this well, go a good job – know it**

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**THE HOPE → We need to be able to Articulate our Faith, OUR HOPE in Christ, our Biblical Beliefs – our COMMON SALVATION very well ... your Hope and my Hope should be the SAME.**

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**And Jesus Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we ALL COME TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. Eph. 4:11-16**

**➔ SAME HOPE, SAME FAITH, SAME MESSAGE for all of us**

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