

do it, thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it." Deut. xii. 32. Christ taught His disciples that no divided service would satisfy the great Father of mankind." "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon," Matt. vi. 24, are His own words. Thus it is quite plain if we wish the punishment of our sins to be removed; if we desire our last enemy, death, to be destroyed, and sickness, pain and sorrow to be withdrawn from the earth we must give up all our crooked ways, and adhere closely to the rules laid down and the example set by our Blessed Lord and Saviour in God's holy word. Common sense and one's own conscience tell us that the Bible has been written by men, not angels, under the influence of God's Holy Spirit to guide us to the paths of peace and holiness. All Christians accept it as the word of God. It is an inexhaustible mine, which has through the devices of the evil one produced different kinds of ore. But the Tree of Life, like the gold in the mine, is there, and will be found when Christians make a united effort to dig, purify and circulate the pure metal. There is not a man, woman or child living who in sight of a rich mine would not try and extract some ore for the benefit of his perishing body, yet many pious souls are contented to take the Bible second-hand, leaving the soul's nourishment in the hands of the church or sect to which the accident of birth has attached them. They thus lose the privilege of having direct intercourse with their Maker; they fail to make themselves known to God, and must be in danger of hearing Christ say "verily I say unto you I know you not.—" Matt. xxv. 12. Every individual should search the Scriptures, day by day, for the purpose of learning how to please God, which alone can make us happy; Christ's commandment is "Search the Scriptures.—John v. 39. The disciples searched them daily.—Acts xvii. 11, we learn in them that "God

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