"Easy Believe-ism"..."Sloppy Agape" These so called believers have a sense of entitlement and are defensive.

Sacred, honorable, preserved trust or flippant, commonplace, useless

People today do what they want, how they want when they want to...

If I can convince myself in atheist evolution, situational ethics, and self centered theology, I DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE!

My thoughts are higher than Gods thoughts

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes

<u>Mark 8:11 -</u> The Pharisees came out and began <u>to argue with Him</u>, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, <u>to test Him</u>. Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

John 8 - "Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" 6They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. 7But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

^{Luke 7:31} Jesus went on to say, "To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:

- ""We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry."
- ³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

John 6:60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit^[g] and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

Holiness in the highest sense belongs to God (<u>Isaiah 6:3</u>; <u>Revelation 15:4</u>), and to Christians as consecrated to God's service, and in so far as they are conformed in all things to the will of God (<u>Romans 6:19 Romans 6:22</u>; <u>Ephesians 1:4</u>; <u>Titus 1:8</u>; <u>1 Peter 1:15</u>). Personal holiness is a work of gradual development. It is carried on under many hindrances, hence the frequent admonitions to watchfulness, prayer, and perseverance (<u>1 Corinthians 1:30</u>; <u>2</u> co <u>7:1</u>; <u>Ephesians 4:23</u> <u>Ephesians 4:24</u>)

Sanctification involves more than a mere moral reformation of character, brought about by the power of the truth: it is the work of the Holy Spirit bringing the whole nature more and more under the influences of the new gracious principles implanted in the soul in regeneration. In other words, sanctification is the carrying on to perfection the work begun in regeneration, and it extends to the whole man (

Romans 6:13; 2 co 4:6; Colossians 3:10; 1 John 4:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19). It is the special office of the Holy Spirit in the plan of redemption to carry on this work (

1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 th. 2:13). Faith is instrumental in securing sanctification, inasmuch as it (1) secures union to Christ (Galatians 2:20), and (2) brings the believer into living contact with the truth, whereby he is led to yield obedience "to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Perfect sanctification is not attainable in this life (1 Kings 8:46; Proverbs 20:9; Eccl 7:20; James 3:2; 1 John 1:8). See Paul's account of himself in Romans 7:14-25; Phil 3:12-14; and 1 Timothy 1:15; also the confessions of David (Psalms 19:12 Psalms 19:13; 51), of Moses (90:8), of (Job 42:5 Job 42:6), and of (Daniel 9:3-20). "The more holy a man is, the more humble, self-renouncing, self-abhorring, and the more sensitive to every sin he becomes, and the more closely he clings to Christ. The moral imperfections which cling to him he feels to be sins, which he laments and strives to overcome. Believers find that their life is a constant warfare, and they need to take the kingdom of heaven by storm, and watch while they pray. They are always subject to the constant chastisement of their Father's loving hand, which can only be designed to correct their imperfections and to confirm their graces. And it has been notoriously the fact that the best Christians have been those who have been the least prone to claim the attainment of perfection for themselves.",

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. <u>Hebrews 12:14</u>

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." <u>1 Peter 1:15-16</u>

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. Psalm 119:9

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

<u>Ephesians 5:3</u>

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

Leviticus 20:23-26

'Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I will drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them. 'Hence I have said to you, "You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey "I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 'You are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean. 'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

Exodus 33:15-16

Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

<u>1 John 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,

<u>Luke 13:3</u> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

Acts 17:30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

<u>2 Peter 3:9</u> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

<u>James 4:8-10</u> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

<u>Proverbs 28:13</u> Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Acts 8:22 Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.

Luke 18:10-14 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

<u>Joel 2:13</u> And rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

Mark 1:15 And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<u>Isaiah 44:22</u> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Matthew 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<u>Psalm 51:7-17</u> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ...

1 John 1:5-10 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ...

Psalm 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Psalm 38:18 I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

<u>Luke 13:5</u> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."