Calendars are a trap

Part I

God alone is the judge:

Job 9:15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

Psalm 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psalm 50:6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

God alone is the Judge of mankind. The Apostle Paul, Apollos, Timotheus, and Titus, to name a few, understood this, and saw themselves as the off-scouring of the earth, (1Corinthians 4:9-10), humbling themselves under those they preached to; desiring only that some might become saved (1Corinthians 10:33). By the Grace and wisdom of God, in their spiritual humility, [attitude], they knew, that, in themselves, they were NOTHING; that God alone does the saving according to His own will and good pleasure (Romans 9:15-16; Philippians 2:13).

In 1 Corinthians 2:11 the bible would ask: "who 'of themselves' can prove to another that they are of God's born again elect?"

1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Mankind, of themselves, cannot prove the things of God; yet, as the bible reveals, the Pharisee, and the false prophet, who are self deceived, portray themselves as the authors of God's word (Ecclesiastes 10:5-6, 14; John 16:2-3; Matthew 7:15). The scripture declares, their mind and conscience are defiled and unbelieving; so that nothing is pure, (John 8:9; Titus 1:15). But the conscience of the Spirit of God, in His elect, is Love, out of a pure heart, and faith unfeigned (1Timothy 1:5):

God designed, and ordained His gospel program to show that HE ALONE IS THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE (Psalm 50:6; 2Timothy 4:8)! To show, that, if we are in Christ, because we are born again; we judge according to HIS Word, not according to our word, or our understanding, as though WE HAD AUTHORED the word of God!

And this is the issue afflicting many Christians today! According to the scriptures, the professing Christian is never the author of God's word. Therefore, while the earth remains, and the elect abide in sinful tabernacles; the Spirit of God is the perfect judge over His church, and all creation. And His judgments are found in the bible, only, and in its entirety (2Timothy 3:16; Revelation 22:18-19).

In 1 Corinthians 4:3-5, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul declared:

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, <u>I judge not mine own self.</u> 4 For <u>I know nothing by myself</u>; yet am I not hereby justified: <u>but he that judgeth me is the Lord.</u> 5 <u>Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come</u>, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, <u>and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts</u>: and then shall every man have praise of God.

On the other hand, judgments about how the 'gathering of ourselves together' ought to be, according to the scriptures only, while individually examining ourselves, that we are in the faith: if these are the things God is calling us to do; then these are the things we judge, according to the bible, alone, and in its entirety (Acts 20:28). In John 5:30, Jesus, who is the example for His elect, (1Peter 2:21), declared:

John 5:30 <u>I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge</u>: and my judgment is just; <u>because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me</u>.

This is the spiritual attitude of the faithful in Christ; for the bible has made it very clear to them, that, they shall not have the mind-set of the world that judges unrighteously, and that speaks evil of its neighbor. They understand, that, in themselves, there is none righteous; there is none that seek after God (Psalm 14:1-3):

Matthew 7:1-5 ¶ Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Titus 3:1-6 ¶ Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;