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NO OTHER GOD

The early church took a stance that there is only one God. The revelation that there is no God except Jehovah is rooted in Old Testament teaching. Jehovah commanded, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exod. 20:2-3). Isaiah emphasized that there is no God except Jehovah. "Thus saith the Lord

the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God" (44:6). So also said David, "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Ps. 86:10).

Though this truth was established in Judaism, at least that part

of Judaism that was faithful to the Lord, this was a novel concept to first century Gentiles. Preaching that there is only one God brought criticism to the early church. Believing that there was only one God meant a rejection of pagan deities. Paul referred to the pagan worship as ignorant worship (Acts 17:23). Demetrius, the silversmith, understood the implications of the Christian doctrine of the oneness of God. Luke records the conflict:

And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For

a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in

danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth (Acts 19:23-27).

The very existence of idolatrous polytheism was threatened by the preaching

of Christ. Early Christian apologists relate that they were accused of being "atheists" because they rejected pagan deities. Williston Walker wrote, "The charges brought against the Christians were atheism and anarchy. Their rejection of the old gods seemed atheism; their refusal to join in emperor-worship appeared treasonable" (A History of the Christian Church, 43). Justin wrote, "Hence are we called atheists. And we confess that we are atheists, so far as gods of this sort

are concerned, but not with respect to the most true God, the Father of righteousness and temperance and the other virtues, who is free from all impurity" (Apology 6).

The early church refused to compromise on the issue. They were unyielding. Paul said that one of the seven ones of the Christian faith is "one God" (Eph. 4:4-6). In 1 Corinthians he said, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him" (8:6).

In early Christian maryrtologies, efforts were made to persuade Christians to offer a pinch of incense to Caesar. No doubt, some compromised and yielded, but the great Christian heroes refused, even at the cost of their lives, to admit that Caesar was God. *The Martyrdom of Saint Polycarp* has this exchange regarding the death of Polycarp:

He was met by Herod, the chief of police, and his father Nicetas. They had him transferred to their carriage and, seated at his side, tried to win him over.

"Readly," they said, "what harm is there in saying 'Lord Caesar,' and offering incense"—and what goes with it—"and thus being saived?"

At first he did not answer them; but when they persisted, he said: "I am not going to do what you counsel me" (8:2).

Because Polycarp refused to acknowledge the deity of Caesar, he was burned alive. Before his

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PROTECTING CHURCHES AGAINST ERROR

Recent events at the Richland Hills church in Fort Worth. Texas (said to be the largest church of Christ in the country) have focused attention on the question as to how congregations can protect themselves from digression. This congregation, which has been aligned with the institutional movement, has recently begun serving the Lord's supper on Saturday night and using instrumental music in some services. Rick Atchley, the "senior minister," has defended these changes and claimed that ten years earlier he received a revelation from the Holy Spirit that this should be done. His arguments in defense of instrumental music are the same ones which gospel preachers have refuted again and again for many years. They may appear new to a younger generation of preachers. The April issue of *The Spiritual* Sword has a thorough expose of this whole episode with a complete refutation of the arguments made in defense of instrumental music.

Alan E. Highers, editor of *The Spiritual Sword*, detailed the change from the restrictive clauses in the deed in 1967 to an amended deed in 1994 which still prohibited the use of any instruments on the premises, to the most recent change on November 16, 2006 when another amendment was filed which deleted the prohibition against instrumental music. Within three days of this new amendment, it was announced that there would be a service with the Lord's supper and instrumental music on Saturday nights.

For many years, congregations have sought to protect themselves from innovations by restrictive

clauses in the deeds of the property. This came in the wake of the divisions which occurred in the early part of the twentieth century along with lawsuits over the property and who should maintain possession. Many brethren lost their property and had to start over. It was natural to try to prevent such from happening again. But when the will of the majority changes on various issues, then deeds can be rewritten, as this case in Fort Worth shows

What Is the Best Defense?

The answer is simple, but the application requires firmness, diligence, and persistence. No congregation can ever be any more secure than the quality of the teaching it receives. "They shall be all taught of God" (John 6:45). "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Tit. 2:11-12). Titus was charged, "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority" (Tit. 2:15). Timothy was instructed, "These things teach and exhort" and he was warned against those who "teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness" (1 Tim. 6:2-3). Paul said to Timothy, "the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). "Preach the word . . . for the time will come when

they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Tim. 4:2-5). Paul practiced what he preached. At Ephesus, he was evangelistic for "all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10). But he also taught them publicly and from house to house, keeping back nothing that was profitable, and did not shun to "declare unto them all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:20, 27).

Who Is Responsible?

Elders are charged to feed and guard the flock (1 Pet. 2:2-3; Heb. 13:17). They must keep a close watch on what is being taught, not only in the pulpit but in the Bible classes. They need to keep themselves informed as to currents of thought and practices among brethren. If they do not study and keep up, then they will be blindsided and trouble will follow. Some elders have their heads in the sand. They do not know what is going on and do not seem to care. Sometimes they try to fence in preachers to keep them from dealing with issues which churches need to know about. What is being studied in Bible classes? Do the young people know the difference between the New Testament church and the denominations? Do they know why instrumental music is not used? Do they understand why the church

does not provide entertainment and recreation? Are they really studying the Bible or watered down pablum? If elders do not watch, then don't be surprised if a generation arises which does not know the Lord.

Preachers have a large role to play in this matter. Pretty little sermonettes filled with snappy one-liners, stories, stories, stories, sharply illustrated in living color with our Power Point displays, may get and hold attention, but where are the expository studies of books of the Bible? Where is the refutation of the religious error which is all around us and which some members are absorbing like sponges from the religious channels on cable TV? Where are sermons on the

need for Bible authority and how to establish it? Where are the sermons on the nature, work, and organization of the church? Where is the exposure of false teaching on the plan of salvation? Too many churches are suffering from spiritual malnutrition because of pitifully weak preaching being heard from week to week. When you "speak things that become sound doctrine" (Tit. 2:1), some in the pews will squirm and complain and some elders may get up and try to smooth it over. Worldly minded folks are not comfortable hearing sin plainly identified, exposed, and condemned. Yes, we have to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15), but we must be sure to *speak the truth*. All of it.

Faithful Christians all bear responsibility in protecting the church against error. Informed Christians should insist that pulpits and classrooms echo with the sound of the old Jerusalem gospel. They should appoint men as elders who are unquestionably sound in the faith and committed to defend it. They should demand that the truth and nothing but the truth be taught, and then commend it and uphold it when it is done. Unless elders, preachers, and all Christians are committed to the truth, then all the restrictive clauses in deeds will not protect congregations from the shifting opinions of untaught and uncommitted members

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Was The Philippian Jailer Saved By Faith Only?

Johnie Edwards

If you were to ask most people, "when was the Jailer at Philippi saved," they would say, "He was saved the moment he believed." They base their answer on Acts 16:31 when he was told: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." So, let's see if the Bible teaches he was saved by faith only:

- 1. He Was An Unbeliever. When an unbeliever asks, "What must I do to be saved" (Acts 16:30); naturally, he must be told to "believe" just as Paul and Silas told the jailer. Jesus said: "For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). The Hebrew writer penned: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).
- **2. He Heard The Word.** Acts 16:32 reports: "they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that

were in his house." Why did they do that? So, he could believe; that's why. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). If the jailer was saved before hearing the word, he was saved without faith at all!

- 3. He Repented. "He washed their stripes" (Acts 16:33). The men of God had been beaten. "And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them unto prison" (Acts 16:23). The jailer had a change of mind about this beating and tried to soothe their pain. God requires "all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). If the jailer was saved at the point of faith, he was saved without repenting.
- **4. He Was Baptized.** There must have been some urgency about being baptized because: "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he all and his, straightway" (Acts 16:33). It looks

like, if he was saved by faith only, without being baptized, they would have waited until daylight to immerse these people. They did it at midnight! Jesus had already stated the importance of being baptized, when he said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

5. He Became A Believer. After he and his household were baptized. it is said he "believed in God" (Acts 16:34). Often times the phrase "believer" refers to all that one does in obedience to the gospel. That's the way John put it: "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36, ASV). An honest person, who reads the entire account of this conversion, would never conclude that he was saved by faith only! You just might want to read James 2:24 just

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Jesse Flowers

How Are Your Study Habits?

No, I'm not talking about your school work, but your Bible work. I grow sick and tired of teaching classes full of young people who do little to no Bible study during the week. If I was giving out grades like students are use to receiving, then sadly I would be giving some students a failing grade. In

fact, a number would be held back until they became far more serious about learning the truths of God's Word.

I am shocked at the quantity of young people that I have taught at the high school level that do not know many of the basics of the Bible. Whether these principles of truth were simply forgotten, never taught to begin with, or ignored when they were taught I do not know. What I do know from my own personal experiences is that a generation is being reared that does "not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel" (Judg. 2:10). And frankly brethren, that frightens me!

At Whose Feet Do We Place The Blame?

1. Parents. First and foremost the blame falls at the feet of parents. Why? Because moms and dads have always been given the charge from God to instruct their children in the statutes and commandments of Jehovah. In fact, Hebrew parents were to *diligently* teach their children the law of God continually throughout day to day activities (Deut. 6:6-9). Parents, not priests under the Law of Moses or elders



and preachers under the Law of Christ, have been given the primary responsibility in *training* up their children in the right way to go (Prov. 22:6). If the only time your child is receiving spiritual instruction is when he attends Bible class and worship services, then no wonder many young people are "destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). Parents, do not neglect providing your child's most important education—bringing "them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

2. Young People. Secondly, I am also persuaded to believe that at least some blame (if not a significant amount) lies at the feet of young people. Especially I am convinced this holds true at the Junior High and High School levels. Why? Because by that time they are of an age where more accountability and responsibility is inherited. Whether they like it or not, more is expected of them and should be. At that age parents should not have to make sure their child has done his lesson for Bible class on Sunday and Wednesday. By this point in the young person's life it should be a given (perhaps wishful thinking on

Their teachers in school expect them as students to do their homework; to put forth some effort, study, and preparation into their assignments. Are Bible class teachers asking too much for each student to come to class prepared? I mean we are talking about feeding upon the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17)! Where are the young people today who hunger and thirst for the

righteousness of the Bible (Matt. 5:6)? Where are the young Daniels and Esthers? Yes, there are some, but there should me more.

What can be done to improve your study habits, young person? In short, mainly a change in attitude. If you do not have an interest, respect, and even love for the Scriptures (Ps. 119:97), then you will continue to be ignorant of important truths that will help anchor your soul. If you don't decide soon to *truly* "remember now your Creator in the days of your youth" (Eccl. 12:1), then it may not be long before you're absent in body as well as in mind.

Further, stop being so lazy! God will not tolerate such a sinful disposition (Prov. 6:6; Matt. 25:26), nor should you. Do your Bible class work. Come to class prepared. Listen and follow along in class. Dare I say. . . participate. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Why do I say these things to you, young person? To be mean and upset you? No. Because I love you and the soul inside of you!

Bible Assignment: Read and apply Psalm 119:9-16.



IN THE NEWS

PROPERTY POLITICS AND POLYGAMY

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Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney has a family tree with polygamist branches, according to the Associated Press. The February 24 story noted that Romney, a candidate for president in 2008, is a Mormon whose great-grandfather had five wives and great-greatgrandfather had twelve. Despite this and abundant documented evidence that Mormonism's roots have polygamy everywhere, the Latter Day Saints try to downplay the once official doctrine of multiple wives.

Hannah Hood Hill, first wife to Romney's great-grandfather, Mile Park Romney, lamented her polygamist husband's other marriages. The AP article quotes her autobiography as saying, "I felt that was more than I could endure, to have him divide his time and affections from me. I used to walk the floor and shed tears of sorrow. If anything will make a woman's heart ache, it is for her husband to take another wife."

God's intent is one man for one woman for life (Matt. 19:1-6; Rom.

7:1-3). Those who go outside of this bring heartache and pain into their lives, and the lives of those around them. Today, polygamy is not the hot issue. Right now it is an oddity of some dissident Mormons in the West. However, with the push for tolerance and acceptance of "alternate" lifestyles—homosexual and lesbian marriages—polygamy is not far behind. Christians need to inoculate their children and grandchildren against the perversions of men with respect to marriage.

POSSESSED PRIEST

A February 19 story from the Associate Press highlighted the fourteen-year prison sentence of a Romanian priest. He killed a nun when trying to exorcise a demon from her. He, along with the help of four other nuns (also sentenced to

prison), chained the supposedly possessed nun to a cross for several days and denied her food and water. Evidently, some people still supported the priest.

Funny, but we have never read of anyone in the New Testament being

killed when Jesus or the apostles were casting a demon out of them. The Romanian priest is possessed, not with a demon, but with false doctrine and self delusion (2 Thess. 2:7-12).

PERVERTED PASTOR

A former leader in the Baptist church, Lonnie W. Latham, was arrested last year for soliciting sex from an undercover police officer. His lawyer is now arguing that the solicitation is protected free speech. You see, though the "pastor" was seeking oral sex from a man, there was no discussion of payment. The attorney is saying his client is protected under the 2003 decision of the Supreme Court in Lawrence v. Texas—the case where it was ruled that consenting adults can legally engage in homosexual activities in private. By the way, the

"pastor" had spoken out against homosexuality before, urging homosexuals to turn from their ways, and was on the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Here's the quandary for Baptists: Is Mr. Latham lost? Their doctrine is that once a saint, always a saint. The man can be kicked out of the Baptist church but still go to heaven. So, does the Baptist church have a higher moral code than heaven? Will heaven accept homosexual "pastors"? Let them answer.

The truth is, saints who sin have fallen from grace (Gal. 5:4; 2 Pet. 2:18-22). Also, Baptist churches inand-of themselves are sinful organizations—man-made religious bodies that purport to be serving Christ, but only promote division and false doctrine (1 Cor. 3:1-4; Matt. 15:7-14).

And, yes, you guessed it, the American Civil Liberties Union has filed on behalf of the perverted "pastor," saying his right to free speech was violated with his arrest.

GOD FOUND A MAN: CLIFFORD W. BELL, THE GENTLE GIANT



Ron Halbrook

In every age God seeks men who will be real men, godly men. God found such a man in Clifford W. Bell. In Jeremiah's day God sought for a man who did what is just and right in Jerusalem, and found none (Jer. 5:1). In Ezekiel's time God needed a man to "stand in the gap," defending the line of truth and right, but said, "I found none" (Ezek. 22:30).

Paul urged the early saints to be real men, referring to manly qualities required of soldiers in battle: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity" (1 Cor. 16:13-14). Brother Bell exemplified these godly character traits.

Clifford White Bell was born April 27, 1916 in Shiloh, Tennessee. He finished his life's work and quietly laid aside the garment of the flesh April 30, 2006 at 90 years of age at his home in Baytown, Texas.

Character and service to God define the godly man for whom God seeks. Because of his strong character and quiet demeanor, brother Bell was dubbed "the gentle giant." While no such man is perfect, we learn from all such men. Their voices speak to us today (Heb. 11:4).

Character Reflected in Service to God and Fellowman (Matt. 20:26)

Jesus taught, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister" (Matt. 20:26). Brother Bell's commitment to Christ guided his every role in life. Following the footsteps of Jesus, he was a servant to other men.

He served his wife as a husband. Virgie Young became his bride on October 18, 1945 and he was a faithful husband for over sixty years. Many years ago he wrote a note to his beloved wife: "One of the many reasons I love you is the encouragement you have given me in living the Christian life." They were "heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Pet. 3:7).

As a father and a grandfather, brother Bell has been a servant and an example to four daughters, their husbands, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. His daughters are Donna Halbrook (my wife), Marilyn Harshbarger, Denise Hall, and Kathy Walker. Ephesians 6:4 is exemplified in his life: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In his quiet way, he gave affection and attention to each one.

Recognizing the godly influence of brother and sister Bell, I moved my family to West Columbia, Texas in July 1984 in part to give our children the opportunity to be more closely associated with the Bells.

The young Clifford Bell was among the first four men drafted from Baytown in WW II. In his role as a citizen, he served in the military from November 1940 to October 1945, becoming an Army medical technician. We discussed at times the obligations of good citizenship outlined in Romans 13:1-7.

Brother Bell was equally serious about his duties as an employee. True men of God are faithful and diligent at their jobs, not lazy or dishonest (Col. 3:22-23). When he retired in 1977, he was honored for thirty-eight years of faithful service to Exxon Corporation.

The work of brother Bell as an elder in the Pruett & Lobit Sts. Church of Christ spanned thirty years and this influence lives on today. His appointment occurred on October 16, 1960 and he resigned May 20, 1990 because he felt his memory was failing. Elders watch for the welfare of our souls (Heb. 13:17). There is no heavier responsibility.

Character Reflecting the Light of Christ as Lord (Matt. 5:16)

An Humble Spirit. The character of brother Bell reflected preeminently a humble spirit. Jesus Christ is the perfect example of humility. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8). A humble man is lowly of mind, unassuming, deferring to others. Jesus emphasized humble service not power and privilege as the keynote of his kingdom (Matt. 5:3; 18:4; 20:20-28).

The way up is down, in God's order. A sign of true greatness is an utter lack of consciousness of that greatness. Often brother Bell expressed his assessment that he was inadequate, unworthy, or lacking in ability. He desired to serve as an elder and led the church effectively, but repeatedly considered stepping down for fear he could not properly do the job! He was oblivious to his own greatness in God's kingdom.

Deep Conviction. Deep conviction was rooted in brother Bell's character. Though quiet in personality, he was firm in the faith. The consuming passion of Jesus Christ was to uphold and defend the truth even at the cost of his own life (John 2:13-17). Brother Bell was like Joshua in his determination to lead his family in serving God (Josh. 24:15). With his wife's help he led his four daughters to become Christians, raised them in a godly home, and taught them God's people are distinct from the world (Rom. 12:1-2). They did not attend dances, including proms, because



CLIFFORD & VIRGIE BELL

dancing promotes lasciviousness and other sins. When these young ladies married and started their families, they had no pictures of themselves in shorts and swimsuits with boys, no pictures in skimpy cheerleading outfits, and no prom pictures to explain away as their children matured.

I met the Bells in the spring of 1966 when I visited Baytown as a result of dating Donna at Florida College (Temple Terrace, FL). It was my privilege to discuss spiritual matters with brother Bell for almost forty years. A few examples of what I learned about his deep convictions follow.

The Bells accompanied brother and sister H.E. Phillips to Italy in 1977 because the Pruett and Lobit Sts. church was supporting an Italian preacher. They went to encourage Italian Christians and to see the work firsthand.

Once I asked brother Bell, "What differences do you see in preaching

today and when you heard gospel preaching in the 1930s-40s?" Without hesitation he replied, "The preaching in those years made us believe hell is real. We don't hear much preaching about hell these days."

Brother Bell and the other elders sought out preachers who would "Cry aloud, spare not" (Isa. 57:1). The eldership's commitment to strong, sound preaching is exemplified in the following ways. Roy E. Cogdill was known for boldly exposing the encroachments of institutional liberalism and the social gospel in the 1950s-60s. For this reason, some brethren shied away from using him, but the Pruett & Lobit Sts.

eldership asked him to teach a special series on the book of Romans. James W. Adams drew the sword of the Spirit against denominational concepts of grace and unity infiltrating our brethren in the 1970s. He was selected to work with the Pruett & Lobit Sts. church as the regular preacher.

Larry Hafley has conducted about twenty-five debates since the 1960s with false teachers within and without. Some churches prefer the "positive" approach and disdain preachers who "argue" with false teachers but not the Pruett & Lobit Sts. church. When the elders asked Larry to consider working as an evangelist with the church, the Bells told me they hoped he would come (sister Bell with fervent tears running down her cheeks). He did come September 1, 1992 and continued his work there until November 12, 2006, which included three debates during those years.

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There was a special bond between Larry and the Bells because of the deep convictions they shared.

Paul told Timothy to "charge some that they teach no other doctrine," warned that "some shall depart from the faith," and specified false doctrines and false teachers (1 Tim. 1:3; 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:16-18). The faith of God's

people is tested in every generation by issues current to that era. Some brethren hide their heads in the sand until the crocodile bites them, when they profess "shock" and call for help, if they are not consumed first. Not brother Bell. In the late 1980s he asked me to list issues gradually arising among brethren. I made notations over a period of time, and eventually typed up the list and gave it to him. He wanted to know the issues and the passages most pertinent to those issues. The other elders heard about this and also requested a copy.

The symptoms of a new cycle of apostasy are unmistakable today. Brother Bell was keenly aware of it, having lived through the institutional apostasy. He recognized the

dangers posed by increasing worldliness, so-called "positive" preaching which avoids identifying false doctrines and false teachers, moral and doctrinal compromise, false doctrines on marriage and divorce, the theory of unity-in-doctrinal-diversity, doubts about the literal truth of the early chapters of Genesis, and denials that hell involves eternal punishment. Brother Bell wanted to lead the church in the paths of truth and right.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," Paul wrote shortly before his death (2 Tim. 4:7). The last time the Bells visited in our home in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, brother Bell suspected the onset of some form of dementia. Sitting on the couch he expressed the desire to finish his race firm in the truth, fearful and tearful lest any unforeseen turn of events would result in the least appearance that he had compromised in his last days. In spite of his dementia, no one who observed his life could conclude he compromised the truth for a moment.

May God help us all to finish our race with the same deep conviction of truth which guided Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul, brother Bell, and numberless other saints of God down through the centuries. Let us learn that Christ himself, the fierce lion and the gentle lamb, could not fulfill this duty without creating bitter enemies. In spite of brother Bell's gentle nature, he suffered this

painful reality. The Pruett & Lobit Sts. church was stigmatized as "anti-orphan," "anti-widow care," and "anticooperation" because of its stand for the autonomy and the all-sufficiency of the local church to accomplish its God's-given work. No one who observed the Bells' selfless service to saints and sinners can imagine them neglecting anyone in need. Other baseless charges were leveled at brother Bell and this good church from time to time. We too must expect to pay the same price for fidelity to the truth.

A Tender Heart. While maintaining deep convictions concerning the truth, brother Bell's heart was tempered and balanced by tenderness,

compassion, and patience. His dear friend Norris Long called him "the gentle giant" because of his great conviction coupled with his quiet demeanor. Some people believe those qualities are mutually exclusive, but brother Bell exemplified both.

Jesus is the perfect example in all traits of godly character. After a severe warning of the Day of Judgment, Jesus extended this tender, beautiful invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:27-30). Once Jesus preached a scorching sermon in which he condemned the religious leaders of the day as hypocrites and blind leaders facing "the damnation of hell" (Matt. 23:33). His conclusion tenderly appealed for repentance, seeking to save them "even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings" (v. 37).

I was present at a service in the 1970s when brother Bell read a letter withdrawing fellowship from a wayward saint. He explained that every effort to bring



this sinner to repentance had failed, leaving the elders no choice but to follow God's plan of discipline. Tears ran down his cheeks and his voice choked with emotion. Firmness was tempered by tenderness, reflecting the light of Christ.

Unselfish Love. Preparing to set the highest example of love by dying for our sins, Jesus commanded his disciples to learn this new dimension of unselfish love: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34-35). This is one earmark of a true Christian

Brother and sister Bell have demonstrated this unselfish love in numerous ways and to an astonishing degree. (Perhaps my astonishment is a measure of how much I yet have to learn from their example.) They exemplify the love taught in such passages as Acts 20:35; Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 13:1-2; and 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, 15. God alone knows how many plates of food they have delivered to the sick, how many wounded hearts they have comforted, how many tears they have shed with those who wept, how many hospital and nursing home visits they have made, how many times they have extended hospitality in their home, or how many kind and encouraging words they have quietly spoken to the penitent, the weak, and the discouraged. Everyone who has known them has been touched by their unselfish love!

The Reward of the Righteous

Brother Bell like all of us once lived in sin but learned that he could be forgiven by the grace of God. Believing the gospel is God's power to save sinners, he repented of his sins and was immersed in water for the remission of his sins (Rom. 1:16: Mark 16:15-16). He fully believed that the message of salvation includes the New Testament church—its origin, name, doctrine, and practice—no other religion or church is in God's plan (Eph. 3:8-12; 4:1-6). Brother Bell submitted to God's plan, received forgiveness, and continued to grow in the grace and knowledge of God as a member of this church. By God's grace, he died the death of the righteous (Ps. 116:15).

Brother Bell finished his race believing that the reward of the righteous is eternal life in heaven with God. Because Christ is raised, we will be raised to receive our reward "reserved in heaven" (1 Pet. 1:3-5). Paul died in the confident hope of "a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day" (2 Tim. 4:6-8). The same reward is available to brother Bell and to all who love and serve Christ faithfully to the end!

Fitting Tributes

How can we honor the memory of faithful saints such as brother Bell? We must honor the God who shaped the lives of such good men, honor the Bible used by God to guide his people, honor the gospel of the Son of God, and honor the church revealed by God. Each of us can resolve to be a man, a real man, a godly man! In Matthew 23 the religious leaders honored the names and the tombs of the prophets but not the God and the truth of the prophets—they were not true men like the prophets. If we profess to admire and honor brother Bell's godly life, let us remember that his life was formed by the teaching of Christ. Let us emulate his example in every way he followed Christ. To depart from the light of that teaching is no honor to Christ or to brother Bell, the humble servant of Christ, the gentle giant.

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MODESTY

Dennis Abernathy

Jeff Pollard, author of *Christian Modesty and the Public Undressing of America*, makes this observation regarding fashion:

The fashion industry does not believe that the principle purpose of clothing is to cover the body; it believes that the principle purpose of clothing is **sexual attraction**. This is the very opposite

of Christian modesty.

For evidence, one needs to look no further than the windows and walls of many clothing stores displaying explicit displays. Victoria's Secret, for example, leaves little to the imagination in marketing its "Very Sexy, Very

Now" and "Fun & Flirty" fashions. Abercrombie and Fitch go even further in featuring barely clad college-age youth in their recent catalog. They aggressively use eroticism in marketing their product. They are beginning to be followed by other companies, and if they continue to push, with little public outcry, one can expect a deluge of pornography in the marketplace in the future.

We are living in a time of moral confusion, and our generation's indifference to moral concerns is reflected in many of today's styles. Christians should be concerned that many fashions, particularly for women, are harlot-like and amount to nothing more than public undress. In both cut and cloth they selectively expose and emphasize certain areas of the body. Whatever fashion statement the wearer intends to make, it certainly can't be

"I've got a secret." Instead of being appreciated for her well-ordered taste and feminine beauty, her "adorning" will more likely arouse an unholy interest, even lust, in the minds of male onlookers.

Read the following quote, taken from *The*

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New American:

Kim Alexis is a top world super model. She has appeared on the covers of more than 500 magazines around the world. "My roles of wife and mother are way more important than my career," she says. "They come first. I think of them before I accept my job." Alexis encourages young people to resist the pop culture appeals to promiscuity and sensuality that promise fulfillment but only lead to tragedy and unhappiness. "My strong marriage, and my walk with the Lord, are the basis for my happiness," she says. Abortion is always wrong in her

book. "All life is valuable and a gift from God," Alexis insists. The fashion world is inherently risky, she notes, because "you are constantly asked to compromise your moral standards." Alexis regrets her own compromises. "There are pictures I look back on today and think, O, why did I let them talk me into that? I made some choices I'm not proud of." Alexis then risks the wrath of the reigning cult of lust by extolling the forbidden "M" word—modesty. She warns that, "Many women are playing with fire in the way they dress." She continues: "Dressing like a floozy tells the world: 'Look at me, want me, lust after me. I'm easy and you can have me. Displaying intimate parts of the body is a form of advertising for sex-so if you dress to attract sexual attention, you can hardly blame anyone else if that kind of attention comes your way." Dressing modestly tells the world, 'I respect myself and I insist on being treated with respect," says the mother of five. "It's possible to be stylish and attractive without wearing something that is too short, low-cut, or see-through."

She is right! Dressing to look sexy is an invitation to lust. Lust, of course is a sin which especially men are cautioned in Scripture to avoid. Is it not then a stumbling block for others when Christian women dress in revealing fashions? The way Christians dress should not scream "Sex!" or "Pride!" or "Wealth!" One's dress should rather testify to purity, humility and moderation.

Paul said: "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency

(shamefacedness) and propriety (sobriety) . . . with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God" (1 Tim. 2:9-10). The word "modest" has the general meaning of "respectable" or "honorable." The word "shamefacedness" denotes "a state of mind or attitude necessary for one to be concerned about modesty." "Sobriety" has among its meanings the general one of "good judgment, moderation, self-control and habitual inner self-government." Noah Webster said: "Unaffected modesty is the sweetest charm of female excellence, the richest gem in the diadem of their honor" (American Dictionary of the

English Language).

Modesty is not just an issue of how one dresses. It is more than the length of one's skirt or the cut of one's blouse. It is an issue of the heart! It is the inner self-government, rooted in a proper understanding of one's self before God that outwardly displays itself in humility and purity from a genuine love for the Lord. Webster again states, in defining "modesty" that it is "synonymous with chastity, or purity of manners. In other words, modesty results from purity of mind." True modesty is rooted in the heart and adorned with a "gentle and quiet spirit" and is displayed in a chaste and pure life (see 1 Pet. 3:2-4). The standard of the world is backward, as it often is, where the adornment of the body (the outward appearance) is valued and the heart is neglected. But God looks on the heart, which is very precious to him, and so should we (see 1 Sam. *16:6-7*).

Modesty is taught. Parents, it is your duty to guide your children to

desire purity from the heart, because it is God's way. If you will dress the heart of your child, then your child will then dress his body in a way that reflects the heart.

Young men, let it be known that you disapprove of suggestive

clothing and that modesty in dress is your preferred choice—by far! Job said long ago: "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl" (Job 31:1). You need to do the same.

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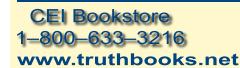
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The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

No Men

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Need Backup

A police recruit was asked during the academy exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He thought about it for a moment, and then said, "Call for backup!"

Baby Sitter

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

Commandments

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Satan

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing some strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how the Santa Claus thing turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

Sermon Material

A mother and her young son had just gotten home from the Sunday morning church service. The father, still in bed, was just waking up. As he is sitting up in his pajamas with an unshaved face and messed up hair, his son says to him: "The preacher really likes you, Dad! He says that you furnish him with lots of material for his sermons!"

Pet Funeral

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day his faithful companion died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked. "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

The priest replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe.

Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away padre. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Startled, the parish priest exclaimed, "My heavens! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?"

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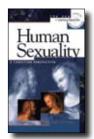
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Roger Sonnenberg

Concordia Publishing House, 1998. 205 pages, hardback.

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showing that sexuality is a good, God-given gift and is to be fulfilled in a God-approved relationship. Each of the seven books in the series contains age-appropriate language and tasteful graphics to ensure the reader is getting the right information at the right level. Human sexuality is explained throughout this series in a realistic, simple, accurate, and biblicallysound manner. The titles are: "Why Boys and Girls Are Different" (Ages 3-5); "Where Do Babies Come From?" (Ages 6-8); "How You Are Changing" (Ages 8-11); "Sex and the New You" (Ages 11-14); "Love, Sex and God" (Ages 14-Young Adult); "How to Talk Confidently With Your Child About Sex" (Parents Guide); and, "Human Sexuality" (Single and Married Adults). It is refreshing to see a series of books today that addresses the subject of sex in a conservative way. These books are highly recommended for all parents and teachers who want help explaining the various aspects of human sexuality to others.





Faith, Form, and Time

Kurt P. Wise

Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002. 287 pages, softback.

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One of the most debated questions of all time has been the question of creation and the age of

the universe. How did we get here and how long ago did life begin? Kurt P. Wise (Ph.D. in Paleontology from Harvard University), Professor of Science at Bryon College, Dayton, TN, shows from Bible teaching and current scientific confirmation why and how God created all things in six, literal, twenty-four hour days. In Faith, Form, and Time, Wise does a capable job of demonstrating why the age of the universe is not as old

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Ancient Texts Alive Today: The Story of the English Bible

John Stevens Kerr American Bible Society, 1999. 228 pages, softback.

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Bibles are everywhere! They can be found in church buildings, libraries, schools, court rooms, hospitals, doctor's offices, and in many hotel rooms. Yet, the making of the Bible and the Bible itself is taken for granted by many. The story of the English Bible is fascinating and the author of *Ancient Texts Alive Today* retells that story in a clear and exciting way. John Stevens Kerr places the history of the English Bible into three divisions: (1) from Jerome's Latin Vulgate to John Wycliffe's Bible; (2) from William Tyndale's Bible to the King James Bible; and (3) from the English Revised Version to the Contemporary English Version. Kerr discusses the social, cultural, and

historical context of each of the major Bible translations in a way that is both informative and enjoyable to read. This book also has several nice black and white illustrations and pictures. A timeline of modern English Bibles is also included. While *Ancient Texts* is a little dated (it does not include the most recent versions such as the English Standard Version or the Holman Christian Standard Bible), it still is an excellent and recommended introduction to the history of Bible translations.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

BOBBY GRAHAM

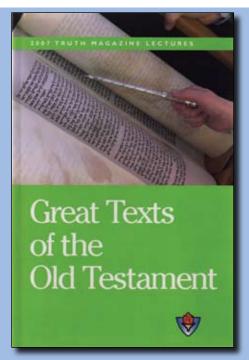
Question: Is a preacher the "pastor" of a church?

Answer: You would certainly think so from the widespread misuse of the term "pastor," which nearly always is applied to the man who is preaching. Just yesterday somebody from a denominational background, but who ought to know better because of his years in the Lord's church, asked me whether the pastor could also be an elder. See what I mean!

Though the passages are too numerous to include here, the New Testament universally uses "pastor," meaning shepherd, of the plurality of men who serve together as overseers of a local church. Two passages which the reader might study to learn this principle are Acts 20:17-28 and 1 Peter 5:1-4. In each passage the same men are called "elders" and "overseers/bishops," and they are told to "shepherd/pastor" the church. No preacher, because he preaches, is ever singled out for the distinction of being a pastor. If there is an exception to this rule, the reader will do me a favor by calling it to my attention.

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While it is true that a preacher and the pastors in a congregation do overlapping work and share common concerns, the narrow work of preaching does not in itself qualify for all which the word "pastor" encompasses. It is for this reason that preachers teach, as do pastors; but preaching does not make one a pastor. In 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 there are qualifications for pastors, but these do not necessarily apply to preachers. In qualifications, function, and designation, they are different. One preaching the gospel may serve as one of a plurality of pastors in a local church, as this writer has done in two different churches where he has worked, but his qualification to do so and serving as such are distinct from his work as a preacher.



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THE JESUS FAMILY TOMB

Kyle Pope

On Monday February 25, 2007, Simcha Jacobovici (an investigative journalist and film maker) and James Cameron (the director of the movie *Titanic*) announced to the world the discovery of what they claimed is the "Jesus Family Tomb." The next day, Harper Books released a book entitled Jesus Family Tomb. Then, only a few days later, on March 4, 2007 the Discovery Channel aired a documentary entitled The Lost Tomb of Jesus. This

coordinated effort makes the claim that the film makers have "discovered" a family tomb which not only belonged to Jesus' family, but actually contained the bones of Jesus, his wife (Mary Magdalene), and their son.

The Talpiot Tomb

The book and film appeal to a tomb discovered in 1980, which was accidentally broken open, when a construction crew was building an apartment complex in Talpiot, Israel; a suburb that lies between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Archeologists excavated red clay about one meter high from the tomb and uncovered and removed ten ossuaries (i.e., bone boxes). Of these ossuaries, six had the following inscriptions: IAA 80-500: "Of Mariamne [also called] Mara" (Greek); IAA 80-501: "Yehuda, son of Yeshua" (Aramaic); IAA 80-502:



"Matya" (Aramaic); IAA 80-503: "Yeshua, son of Yoseph" (Aramaic); IAA 80-504: "Yose" (Aramaic); and IAA 80-505: "Marya" (Hebrew-Latin). The ossuaries were cataloged and stored with the Israeli Antiquities Authority (IAA) and the tomb was sealed over to allow construction on the site to continue.

Although the three archaeologists who first investigated the tomb (Amos Kloner, Yosef Gat, and Shimon Gibson) saw this as simply a first century tomb with names common to the period, film maker Jacobovici sees something more. He offers the theory that (1) The Yeshua bar Yoseph ossuary is Jesus of Nazareth. (2) The other ossuary inscriptions represent Marya—his mother; Yose—his brother (as stated in Mark 6:3); Matya—either the apostle Matthew or a relative from Mary's lineage (Luke 3); Mariamne—which he argues is

Mary Magdalene—his wife; and Yehudah bar Yeshua—his son! (3) Either Jesus was not resurrected or did not ascend bodily; and finally, (4) The statistical probability of this cluster of names not representing Jesus' family is one in 600. Thus it is essentially "proven" that this is "Jesus Family Tomb."

Amos Kloner

An important figure in this entire affair is an archaeologist named Amos Kloner. Kloner was one of three archae-

ologists that excavated the tomb. In 1996 he published the official report of the findings, "A Tomb with Inscribed Ossuaries in East Talpiyot, Jerusalem" in the IAA journal Atiquot 29 (1996):15-22. Kloner is the one who actually introduced Jacobovici to the find in 2003, when he was doing work on the now famous James Ossuary. Although Kloner is featured in the film, he very forcefully rejects Jacobovici's theory that this is the tomb of Jesus. According to Kloner there are more than 900 buried tombs just like the "Jesus" tomb within a two mile radius of Talpiot. Of them, seventyone bear the name Jesus. ("Bones of Contention Archaeologist Disputes Claims" in James Cameron's The Lost Tomb of Christ by Matt Gutman, ABC News). He suggests that the name of "Jesus son of Joseph" has been found on three or

four ossuaries and that these are common names ("Kloner: A great story, but nonsense," by David Horovitz, Jerusalem Post, Feb. 27, 2007). He has even gone so far as to say that "It makes a great story for a TV film, but it's impossible. It's nonsense" ("New film claims Jesus buried in Talpiot" by David Horovitz, Jerusalem Post, Feb. 25, 2007).

Which One Is Jesus?

As Kloner mentions, a great number of ossuaries have been found with a "Yeshua" or Jesus inscription. Yet, Jacobovici has drawn the conclusion that this tomb is Jesus of Nazareth. Why not some of the others? In 1873 Claremont-Ganneau found near the Mount of Olives a number of ossuaries with inscriptions including the name "Yeshua" (="Jesus") commemoratively inscribed on the outside ("Jerusalem Burial Cave Reveals: Names. Testimonies of First Christians," by Jean Gilman Jerusalem Christian Review). Two other ossuaries were discovered in 1945 by E.L. Sukenik, at Talpiot that bear the inscriptions "Jesus, Woe!" and "Jesus, Lament!" (A Brief Survey of Early Christian Inscriptions as Witnesses to Christian Faith by Walter M. Shandruk). Why wouldn't we rewrite history for these finds?

The "Jesus" Inscription

The fact is that the "Jesus" inscription itself, which was found in the Talpiot tomb is not beyond question. It is not only the sloppiest of the six, but it has a large X mark presumably before the name. The two publications of this ossuary, L. Y. Rhamani's Catalog of Jewish Ossuaries, and Kloner's report both put question marks beside the translation "Yeshua"(?). If the X mark is understood to be the

Hebrew letter taw (as Jacobovici himself argues in the conclusion of his book) the name is not Yeshua but Teshua "meaning "salvation" (cf. Ps. 144:10). Teshua is a name still used in modern Hebrew. Both Rhamani and Kloner conclude that the reading is Yeshua largely

because of the other ossuary with the inscription "Yehuda, son of Yeshua." Even if the inscription is "Yeshua," in Kloner's report he writes. "Yehoshua/ Yeshua is the sixth most common name used

during Hellenistic and Roman periods in the land of Israel" (18).

The "Mary" Inscription

The inscription "of Mariamne [also called] Mara" has its own problems. The film makers appeal to a fourth century apocryphal Acts of Philip to identify Mariamne with Mary Magdalene. Although it is unclear from this very work whether, this woman is Mary Magdalene, they appeal to this because of its authoritative portrayal of Mariamne (i.e., teaching, baptizing, etc.). This leads the film makers to suggest that "Mara" should be understood from the Aramaic to mean "Master." They ignore Kloner's report which writes, "The name Mariamne, a variant of Miriam . . . is inscribed on more than 20 ossuaries in Israel State Collections. . . . Mara, a

contraction of Martha, is used here as a second name. This too is common . . ." (17). Jacobovici does not even mention this possibility. Why? It does not support the "popculture" DaVinci Code notion that sees Mary Magdalene as the wife of Jesus and leader of the early

church!

The James Bone Box

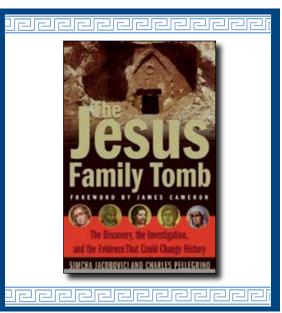
One of the ten ossuaries taken from the Talpiot tomb has disappeared since its discovery. The film makers suggest that the

missing ossuary may be the famous "James" ossuary brought before the public in 2002, which reads "Yacob, son of Yoseph, brother of Yeshua." This ossuary, which from the antiquities market into the possession of collector Oded Golan, is currently a part of a forgery trial against Golan. Based upon studies of the patina (the chemical coating that accumulates on ancient objects) the film makers actually make a good case that it may have came from this tomb. The final word on the legitimacy of this object has yet to declared.

Problems With the Theory

1. It is a wealthy tomb in Judea. From all that we know about Jesus and his family, it is difficult to explain why a poor

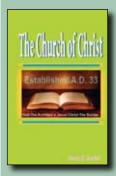
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Galilean family from Bethlehemite stock would have a fairly expensive tomb in Jerusalem. According to Kloner the tomb belonged to a middle- or upper-middle-class Jewish family during the first century and the cave was in use for 70-100 years by the family ("Biblical scholars reject the film makers' claim about the tomb of Jesus." By Judith Sudilovsky *Catholic News Service*).

2. The tomb was disturbed sometime in the past. Although it is touched upon in the book and in Kloner's report, the film doesn't even mention this fact. Kloner writes, "The blocking stone (golal), apparently removed in antiquity was not found. . . . Sealing stones for the kokim [niches] were apparently removed in antiquity and were not found" (16). This fact presents



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BY JAMES W. GAMBILL

Why is there so much religious division in the world? Why are there so many different religious bodies?

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the possibility that some of the inscriptions could be graffiti.

A comparison of the "Jesus" inscription with the Judah bar Yeshuah inscription at the least presents this possibility. In the book, in a fictional narrative portion, the assertion is made that the disturbance of the tomb was during the crusades, yet Kloner simply says "antiquity." Why arbitrarily say the crusades? To support the *DaVinci* code idea that it was Templars who discovered some secret!

3. The names are common or even imitated after the gospel was spread. The statistics game that the film makers play relies upon assumptions about the population of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. It presumes to know what cannot be known

4. The film makers make too many "pop-culture" assumptions.

They assume Mary as Jesus' wife. They assume Mariamne is Mary Magdalene. Why not Martha (from "Mara")? They assume that the Judah is Jesus' son and that the Jose is Jesus brother. Why not conclude that Jose=Joseph is the father of the Jesus' inscription? If so, even if the Jose were to be Jesus' brother, the Judah son of Jesus would be great nephew, not his son!

5. They are too quick to accept apocryphal sources and reject the canonical. Jacobovici treats as authoritative a fourth century apocryphal text, or Gnostic sources which are themselves contradictory and yet rejects the 13,000 manuscripts of the New Testament.

The Testimony of Scripture

The testimony of Scripture makes it clear that Jesus ascended before their eyes (Acts 1:9-11). His

bones, although a part of his glorified resurrection body were not left behind (1 Cor. 15:47-53). John took Mary into his house (John 19:25-27). John was the "Disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 21:20-24). Jesus came in flesh. He arose and ascended (1 Cor. 15:1-7). The film makers act as if their assertions do not conflict with the hope of the gospel, but the fact is that our own hope of resurrection rests upon Jesus' resurrection. If Jesus' glorified body was left behind, what hope is there for the Christian? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, in describing the judgment, says that we will "caught up" with the body that will "rise" just like Jesus (cf. 1 John 3:2).

What Can We Say Then?

Is this Jesus' bone box? No. It is either a common name or graffiti placed there either innocently or for malicious purposes. Is this the bone box of Jesus of Nazareth? No. If it even does read "Yeshua" it is another Joshua of the first century. Does this prove Jesus was married with a child? Absolutely not. That is an assumption with no proof. The fact is that if he had been married it would not have been wrong. Yet there is no record of it and no record of their persecution. On the other hand, there is clear evidence of the persecution of his brothers (see Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, Bk 3.20). Could this be the tomb of Jesus' family? Perhaps. Or, even early Christians or Jews who knew the names of the gospels. Even if that were the case, it changes nothing about what has been revealed to us about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who remains "the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

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THE SUMPHONIA HYMN

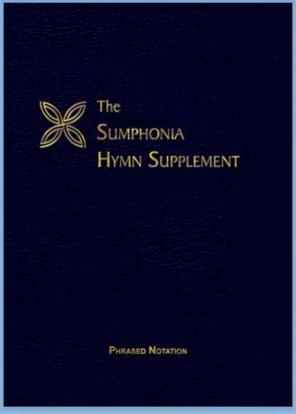
As many of you know, Sumphonia is currently producing a new hymnal, which will be published by Guardian of Truth Foundation. The *Sumphonia Hymn Supplement* is a result of that work and is now available at the Truth Bookstore. This supplement contains 78 psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of various genres. A complete list of titles may be found at www. sumphonia.com/hymnal.

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God to Thee" and "Abide With Me."

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IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT"

When I was a teen, my brother and I and friends worked for the printer of Truth Magazine. Most of us worked in crews in the bindery, where books were made. The company printed other religious publications besides the magazine and its related books and booklets. People were assigned to jobs until a machine broke down or needed to be set up for another publication. At one point, I was assigned to help a pressman rather than move from job to job with the crews.

Many of the people there were religious and we had time to discuss the Bible while working. One day I discussed baptism with an older gentleman who was moving with the crews. He denied that "baptism saves." When the press was down, I ran to the man asking, "What if I could show you a passage that says, 'baptism saves'?" He replied, "That's not in the Bible." I ran back and forth several times with this question and his answer. Eventually I showed him a passage in the Bible that says, "baptism saves" (1 Pet. 3:21). He looked at the passage and gave me the only answer he could from his point of view: "It doesn't mean that."

Fortunately, I remembered how some answered the It-doesn't-meanthat-reply and asked, "Well, if God wanted to say, 'baptism saves,' how else would he have said it?" Let that sink in for a few moments. Remember the question; it might come in handy when you discuss the Bible. My friend didn't have an answer, but maintained his view that baptism does not save.

In studying from some religious books, I noticed certain writer's ways of saying, "It doesn't mean that." I began to collect a few verses in my mind, that, when checked in a Bible, commentary, or book I was considering to buy, would show me how someone basically said, "It doesn't mean that." Sometimes I'd avoid those books, but other times I'd collect books to document someone's saying, "It doesn't mean that." Check these verses: Matthew 16:16-18: Do they try to explain that Peter is Pope? Acts 2:38: Do they say baptism is not unto/for the forgiveness of sins? (found in the Online Bible computer program); Romans 3:38: Do they say by "faith only"? (found in Luther's German translation and later denominationalism); Rev. 20:4ff.: Do they make this a reign of Jesus from Jerusalem on the earth? 1 Peter 3:21: Do they say baptism does not save?

Today I was speaking with a person to whom I had given a study-Bible edited by Spiros Zodhiates. Zodhiates is a Greek

who has published Bible word studies. In the back of his study Bibles (KJV, NASB), one can basically find text like Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, but written by Zodhiates. That's pretty handy to have in one volume, and it's keyed to the Strong's Concordance numbers. I liked the book enough to give it as a gift, but, while speaking today, I remembered that Zodhiates, who usually only had one to two inches of notes on each text page, took more than two and one half pages to say in his notes, "It doesn't mean that" (he had two inches at Acts 2:38). If I remember correctly, Zodhiates is a Baptist and it shows in those verses.

Every uninspired book written is likely to have something wrong somewhere. We need to avoid the deviations from truth (cf. Acts 2:40). Reflecting on a few Bible verses that define the truth and reveal the deviations, will help when we consider a book purchase.

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WHY THEY WENT (2)

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THE KIND OF MEN THEY WERE

In Acts 13 we read of Paul and Barnabas being sent forth on what would be, for Paul, the first of three great journeys to spread the gospel. Our purpose in this series is to look at their reasons for going. We do this in order to give background to the momentous work undertaken by them. In this article, we particularly encourage all to imitate the fine examples they set forth as they show, by their example, yet other reasons why they went forth preaching the gospel in foreign lands.

1. They were good men. Let us first consider Barnabas. He is introduced in Acts 4, where his selfless act of selling a tract of land in order to meet the needs of fellow Christians is recorded (vv. 34-37). He is next seen persuading the brethren at Jerusalem to accept the convert, Saul of Tarsus, into their midst. They had all been afraid of him previous to this because of Saul's actions in persecuting the church (Acts 9:26-28). When news of the conversion of Gentiles at Antioch came to the church at Jerusalem, they sent forth Barnabas to go there. The work he did in preaching at Antioch is recorded in Acts 11:19-24. Little wonder is it that the Bible specifically says of him, "He was a good man" (Acts 11:24). Saul, the future apostle Paul, would later say, "Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day" (Acts 23:1). These words temper our view of this former enemy of the faith. He had always sought to do good (Acts 24:16). This character trait put these

two men in good standing for proclaiming the good tidings. Let all take heed. Spreading the gospel in foreign lands is a good work and good men should do it.

2. They had proven themselves to be interested in the spiritual welfare of others. As we noted above, Barnabas stood against the prevailing opinion of the whole church at Jerusalem for the purpose of having Saul accepted among them as a faithful Christian. He exhorted new converts at Antioch to "cleave unto the Lord" and "much people was added unto the Lord" there (Acts 11:23-24). Not being content with his efforts thus far, he went all the way to Tarsus to find Saul. They then returned to Antioch and worked together for a year teaching the gospel at the church there (Acts 11:25-26). As we examine Saul's life, we see a man who practically arose from the waters of baptism preaching the gospel of Christ, and that in spite of the threat of imminent danger to himself (Acts 9:18-25). It is thus no wonder why Barnabas would both intercede for Saul as he did in Jerusalem and seek him as a coworker in Antioch. In light of all this, we can perhaps better understand why the Holy Spirit would later say as he did, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). Foreign work is for those who are interested in the spiritual welfare of others. Sad is it indeed that men have gone forth, in that day and ours, claiming to have the spiritual good of others in mind

while, in truth, they are driven by baser motives (Acts 15:1; Gal. 6:12-13; Rom. 16:17-18).

3. They were willing to hazard their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 15:26). Before the time of his departure from Antioch in Acts 13, Barnabas had risked several long journeys for the gospel. He had undertaken those we have noted above. He had also traveled from Antioch to the churches of Judea with the benevolent contribution made by the brethren at Antioch (Acts 11:26-30). Traveling was not as safe then as it is in our day, but he had set forth on these trips in the service of Christ. Saul was another story. In addition to the travels mentioned in this article and other places in Scripture up to the time of Acts 13, he had already undergone persecution for his efforts in spreading the gospel (Acts 9:23-25; 2 Cor. 11:32-33; Acts 9:28-30). When one puts his life in danger for a given cause, he is making a statement regarding how dear the cause is to him. For the cause of Christ these two men launched forth into the unknown in Acts 13:4.

Conclusion

What faithful Christian does not admire the faith of these two early preachers? Who among God's people would not aspire to have faith like theirs? As we contemplate their example, let us all look at their journeys for the gospel with new appreciation. Further, let us encourage those who would imitate them today or, if our lot allows such, let us follow in their footsteps ourselves.

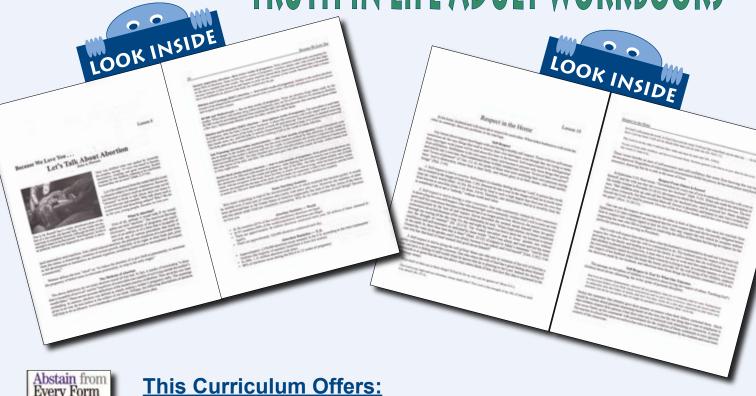
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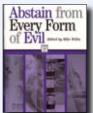


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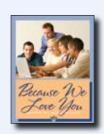
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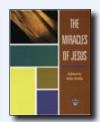
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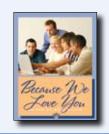
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SHE MARRIED A SNAKE

David Dann

The first recorded partnership between a woman and a snake resulted in mankind's first experience with sin (Gen. 3:1-6). In fact, with regard to the woman eating the forbidden fruit the apostle Paul writes that "the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" (2 Cor. 11:3). Nothing good came of Eve's encounter with the Satan-inspired snake.

Nonetheless, a recent news article reports the following:

A woman who fell in love with a snake has reportedly married the reptile at a traditional Hindu wedding celebrated by 2,000 guests in India's Orissa state.

Bimbala Das wore a silk saree for the ceremony Wednesday at Atala village near the Orissa state capital

Bhubaneswar. Priests chanted mantras to seal the union, but the snake failed to come out of a nearby ant hill where it lives, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

"Whenever I put milk near the ant hill where the cobra lives, it always comes out to drink. I always get to see it every time I go near the ant hill. It has never harmed me," she added. Villagers welcomed the wedding in the belief it would bring good fortune and laid on a feast for the big day.

Snakes and particularly the *King Cobra* are venerated in India as religious symbols worn by *Lord Shiva*, the god of destruction. Das, from a lower caste, converted to the animal-loving vegetarian Vaishnav sect whose local elders gave her permission to marry the cobra, the world's largest venomous snake that can grow up to five metres. "I am happy," said her mother Dyuti Bhoi, who has two other daughters and two sons to marry off. "Bimbala was ill," Bhoi told local OTV channel. "We

had no money to treat her. Then she started offering milk to the snake . . . she was cured. That made her fall in love." Das has moved into a hut built close to the ant hill since the wedding. Earlier this year, a tribal girl was married off to a dog on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar (http://www. breitbart.com/news/ 2006/06/02/060602155 817.4608d3f6.html).

While the news of a woman marrying a cobra may raise many questions in the reader's mind, please consider the following in light of what the Bible teaches.

1. The design of marriage. In response to a question concerning marriage, Jesus said, "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and

female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh" (Mark 10:6-8). Regardless of cultural custom, societal shift, or legal liberties, God's law on the subject of marriage stipulates that the only acceptable union is that contracted between one man and one woman. Any variation from God's plan for

marriage, whether involving polygamy, same-sex marriage, or marriage to a cobra, stands condemned as an unauthorized deviation from the divinely prescribed ideal (see also 1 Cor. 7:2-3).

2. The concept of suitable companionship. No doubt, many a woman has felt that she's married to a "snake," in the sense of being joined in marriage to an unfaithful, ungodly, or unloving man. But what can be said of a woman who literally seeks to be wedded to a venomous serpent? When God created Adam he impressed upon the man the fact that none of the animals would be able to serve as a helper comparable to him (Gen. 2:19-20). Upon making this clear the Bible says, "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man he made into a woman, and he brought her to the man" (Gen. 2:21-22). When a suitable companion for

man was provided by God that suitable companion was a human being of the opposite sex, not a slithering reptile. As defined by God, suitable companionship for man doesn't involve a snake any more than it does a human of the same sex, or multiple partners.

3. The folly of idolatry. While the story of a woman falling in love with a cobra may seem humorous, the story actually highlights the foolishness of false religion. As the article states, the king cobra is venerated in the Hindu religion and is connected with the god Shiva. Due to the religious significance of the cobra, the article also points out that the villagers involved in the wedding expect the union of the woman and the snake to bring them good fortune. The apostle Paul wrote of those who worship idols, saying, "Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things" (Rom.

1:22-23). Sadly, the instance of a woman marrying a snake simply illustrates the truth concerning those who engage in idolatrous worship. After pointing out the futility of man-made idols that can't speak, see, or hear, the Psalmist says, "Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them" (Ps. 115:8).

Conclusion

A marriage between a woman and a snake is not a marriage at all in the true sense of the term, as defined by Scripture, and no amount of idolatry can change that fact. Concerning those who choose to engage in idolatrous religion and ignore the rule of the true God of heaven, Paul writes, "For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20).

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HISTORY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NIGERIA

Sunday Ayandare, Ibadan, Nigeria

(Note: I asked Sunday Ayandare to write a history of the Board of Trustees of the Churches of Christ in Nigeria. You will find it to be interesting, and, yes, shocking. When Joel and I were at Uyo, Nigeria in February, the attendance of preachers at our morning classes was poor because the preachers were at court trying to help settle a matter where the BOT had caused the elders and preacher of a congregation to be kept in jail for four days and were seeking to take control of the building away from them. I have the appended documents, and if you want any of them I can send them. They are in PDF form. Submitted by Paul K. Williams)

"Church of Christ—Nigeria" was registered and a Certificate of Incorporation was issued on 23rd July, 1955. The registration number was 387, with three Americans then residing in Nigeria as "registered trustees." The names of the three Americans were:

- 1. Elvis Henry Huffard
- 2. Robert Eugene Peden
- 3. Howard Patrick Horton (See Appendix 1).

The aims and objects of the church as listed in the document were:

- 1. To teach Christianity
- 2. To train and develop leaders in religious and moral thought and work
- 3. To encourage and assist the advancement of education in Nigeria
- 4. Generally to carry out missionary and welfare work in Nigeria (See Appendix 2).

The existence of this document (with its Board of Trustees) was

largely unknown to the generality of brethren across Nigeria until 1971 when the members of the Board started to exercise their powers over the churches. The specific event that blew this open in 1971 was the litigation at the instance of the Board seeking to "sack" brother John Obijuru (deceased), the preacher working with the church at Owerri then and take effective occupation of the church building. (At that time there was only one congregation at Owerri).

Before this 1971 incident, the Board had in 1969 prevented brothers Leslie Diestelkamp (deceased) and Jim Sasser from entering the country by instigating the Immigration authorities to deny them entry visas. This fact was not known until much later in 1972/73. After it was known that the Board was behind the refusal of visas for brothers Diestelkamp and Sasser, the then Chairman, brother Eno Otoyo was confronted at a meeting in Uvo in 1972. His reply was: "This was done for the interest of peace since he (i.e. brother Leslie Diestelkamp, SA) did not agree with us on certain doctrinal issues."

It is instructive to note that when the original members of the Board were leaving the country, they unilaterally handed over the affairs of the Board to brother Eno Otoyo. When Eno Otoyo (a Nigerian of South-South extraction) left the country for America, he also in the same way handed over the mantle of leadership of the Board to brother E. Young Owukiabo (deceased). When brother Young Owukiabo died in 2006, brother Peter Egure, one of the elders of the church in Kaddo, Abuja took over the Chairmanship of the Board.

Between 1972 and 1973, a series of meetings was held by brethren in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State; Benin, Edo State; and in Lagos seeking to nullify the composition of the Board with its "aims and objects." These meetings culminated in the drawing up of a letter of objection in the form of a Memorandum in Benin on the 8th April, 1973 and addressed to the Chief Immigration Officer in Lagos (See Appendix 3).

The matter was largely left in abeyance until around 2001. In the intervening period (i.e. between 1973 and 2001) the church at Orodu Street, Ajegunle in Lagos arranged discussions between brothers Young Owukiabo and Ezekiel Akinyemi at one time; and between brother Owukiabo and me (Sunday Ayandare) at another time. These discussions were aimed at fashioning out an acceptable, workable and above all, scriptural solution to the impasse.

Then around May 2001, brother Young Owukiabo, the then Chairman of the Board, made overtures to me through brother Emonena Josiah, one of the preachers working with the church at Orodu Street, Ajegunle in Lagos, about the need to review the matter of our 1973 objections against the Board with

its "aims and objects." Undoubtedly, brother Josiah was one of those who had the ears of brother Owukiabo. This led to another round of meetings between preachers in Oyo, Ogun, Osun and Ekiti States (mainly the West). The result of these meetings was a letter written to all the members of the Board of Trustees, through its Chairman, brother Young Owukiabo dated November 14, 2001 and signed by brothers Ezekiel Akinyemi, Isaac Ogunmoroti, and Sunday Ayandare (See Appendix 4).

With the benefit of hindsight, it seemed the other members of the Board did not take kindly to the idea of brother Owukiabo reaching out to us. Besides, other members of the Board who had other grievances with the Chairman took advantage and vented their anger and opposition. This was the underpinning of the "National General Meeting of Churches of Christ—Nigeria" scheduled for 6th December, 2003 at the instance of

the Chairman of the Board in a circular letter dated 29th October. 2003. The meeting, according to brother Owukiabo, "has become necessary due to the ongoing misunderstanding and misrepresentation arising from the two past meetings held at Uyo on Sept. 5th and October 11th, 2003" (See Appendix 5).

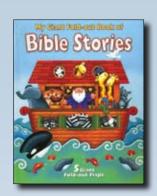
The end product of all the efforts was the "AMENDED CONSTITU-TION OF CHURCH OF CHRIST—NIGERIA" with brother Young Owukiabo as the Chairman (See Appendix 6). As indicated earlier, after the demise of brother Owukiabo in 2006, brother Peter Sunday Egure, one of the elders of the church in Kaddo, Abuja has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board.

When brother Owukiabo sent out his circular letter to all churches of Christ in Nigeria in 2003, several brethren and churches reacted swiftly. One of the reactions came from

the church at Challenge, Ibadan where brother Ezekiel Akinyemi preaches. The church at Challenge organized a discussion where brothers Manny Ebong, Jobalo Oshikanlu (a lawyer), Ezekiel Akinyemi and I (Sunday Ayandare) spoke. The lessons presented on that day could be found in that small booklet, "Holding Fast the faithful Word." My own lesson was: "The Divine Plan For the Church In Accomplishing God's Purpose" (See Appendix 7).

The church at Koloko, Ibadan where I preach responded to brother Owukiabo's circular letter by inviting him and brother Ezekiel Akinyemi to speak in a discussion on this issue on November 29, 2003. I spoke by way of giving a "Welcome Address" (See Appendix 8). Brothers Owukiabo and Ezekiel Akinyemi spoke on: "Scriptural Organization of the Churches of Christ and the Board of Trustees" (See Appendix 9 and 10).

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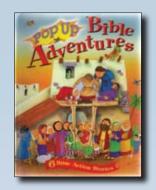


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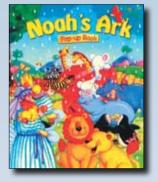


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Matching:

- 1. Uzza (13:10)
- A. Reason David could not build the Temple

2. Levites (15:2)

B. City where the Ark of the Covenant was carried

3. Jerusalem (15:1)

- C. Chosen to build the Temple
- 4. Man of war, shed blood (28:3)
- D. Killed for touching the Ark of the Covenant

5. Solomon (28:9-10)

E. Carried the Ark of the Covenant

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THE STORMS OF LIFE

Mark Mayberry

Introduction

The Bible frequently refers to the tempests that fall upon nature. God's word also describes the storms of life that fall upon the righteous, and the crashing waves that overwhelm the wicked.

Fall Upon Nature

The Song of Deborah and Barak, celebrating Israel's victory over the Canaanites, says, "The stars fought from heaven, from their courses they fought against Sisera. The torrent of Kishon swept them away, the ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon. O my soul, march on with strength" (Judg. 4:15-16; cf. 5:19-21). Elihu, the friend of Job, affirmed that God stands behind the storm (Job 37:5-13). Demonstrating his supremacy over the forces of nature, Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves, saying, "Peace, be still!" Immediately, the wind died down and it became perfectly calm (Mark 4:35-41).

Fall Upon the Righteous

Job decried his present state of humiliation, saying, "You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride; and You dissolve me in a storm" (Job 30:20-22). Near the end of the book, God answered Job out of the storm, rebuking the afflicted patriarch for his ignorant accusations (Job 40:6-9). Nevertheless, if not in time, then in eternity, he delivers men from manifold storms of life (Job 42:10-17; cf. Ps. 107:23-32).

Fall Upon the Wicked

God will deal with the wicked: they as straw before the wind, and like chaff which the storm carries away (Job 21:17-18). In his judgment upon his enemies, God is like a whirlwind, a fire and a tempestuous storm (Ps. 83:13-18). The consequences of rebellion are likened to a dreadful storm and a calamitous whirlwind (Prov. 1:24-31). God's judgment upon proud sinners is like a storm of hail and a tempest of destruction (Isa. 28:1-2). Jehovah's greatness is seen in his creative acts and his catastrophic judgments (Isa. 40:21-24).

Conclusion

God offers defense for the helpless and needy, a refuge from the storm and a shade from the heat (Isa. 25:4-5). The Lord comforts the storm-tossed (Isa. 54:11-13).

Jesus Christ, the Lord's Branch, offers shelter, refuge, and protection (Isa. 4:2-6). In Israel's glorious future, her king would reign righteously and her princes rule justly,

each serving as a refuge from the wind and a shelter from the storm (Isa. 32:1-2). Christ is the foreshadowed King (John 1:49). The princes prefigure those who faithfully oversee the flock (1 Pet. 5:1-2).

Jesus said, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Heaven is a place of perfect tranquility. God's throne is surrounded by a sea of glass (Rev. 4:5-6; 15:2). No evil disturbance will enter that glorious realm (Rev. 21:25-27).

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life (Heb. 6:13-20)? Do you know the peace of God that passes understanding (Phil. 4:6-7)? Obey God so you can enjoy his protection as you face the storms of life. Submit to his will so that you may escape the storm of eternal torment.

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"SOME BOAST IN CHARIOTS"

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Psalm 20:7, "Some boast in chariots, and some in horses; but we will boast in the name of the Lord our God."

In war, chariots were used to carry kings.

Chariots were war machines that were also developed to break the ranks of opposing armies. The chariots were equipped with hooks and driven into the lines of the enemy to cause division and confusion. Later, the chariot would be used in battle to carry the archers who would support the main troops. In Egypt, war chariots were manned by a driver holding a whip and the reigns and a fighter, generally wielding a bow or, after spending all his arrows, a short spear. These are weapons of war.

We are involved in spiritual warfare today and Satan is manning the chariots. He seeks to drive deep wedges between the people of God, wedges of suspicion and doubt and mistrust. His chariots are "chariots of division." These chariots can devastate the ranks of God's army (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 2:11). These modern day chariots, if left unchecked will leave the ranks open to every form of evil. The people of God will be tossed to and fro with confusion, fear, internal strife, and turmoil. Members of the Lord's body, like an army in disarray, will be discouraged and inactive. This army will eventually die out.

Let's consider some of these chariots of division.



Bitter Factions and Jealousies

"But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Gal. 5:15). "But if ye have bitter jealousies and factions in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom is not a wisdom that cometh from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where jealousy and factions are there is confusion and every vile deed" (Jas. 3:14-16).

Bitter jealousies and factions are allies of Satan. They will lie to sustain their side. They will misrepresent the truth. They will resort to every vile deed. They are often cloaked in the garb of "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13-14).

Selfish Ambition

The dogmatic spirit of those who demand their way in areas of judgement and personal opinion can be a devastating chariot of division. Like the spirit of Diotrephes, they must have the preeminence. (3 John 1:9) John said Diotrephes would use malicious words and deeds to accomplish his selfish ambitions.

Inactivity

Constant criticism, nagging, complaining, that spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction are chariots that cause slow but deadly damage to

the ranks of God's army. They are active among God's people, but they are active in the wrong things. Like enemies in the camp of an army these "idle hands" spread the illness of discontentment.

We must be "stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58) to avoid being pulled into this trap. Idle hands truly become the Devil's workshop.

Gossip

Perhaps, the most harmful and dangerous chariot of all is that of gossip. Gossip is defined as a trivial rumor of a personal nature. Why is this so dangerous? Frankly, it is because it gives us pleasure. "The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels and they go down into the innermost parts" (Prov. 26:22). Man enjoys creating and hearing some sensational news. Often there is an element of truth (half truth and half lie). Harmless words "out of context" often divide and destroy the Lord's people.

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I AM AN ODD-BALL

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Mind you, I did not say "screwball"! An odd person is one who is peculiar, not like the usual or ordinary person. The Jews were expected to be a peculiar people. "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deut. 14:2). In Exodus 19:5, these same

people are said to be a "peculiar treasure" unto the Lord and upon the same conditions—they were to keep the commands of God, to do his bidding. They were to be different from all those about them, not to be an ordinary or usual people. The same principle is seen

in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." God wants me to be a peculiar person. Listen to Titus 2:14: (Christ) "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." So, I am to be, I must be an odd-ball! But, in what ways am I to be an odd-ball?

I am an odd-ball in that I do not follow the majority. Fifteen

hundred years before the birth of Christ, Moses said, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exod. 23:2). Isaiah said, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness" (5:20). Most of the world's population violate these statements. I must guard against falling in with this majority, and no longer being the

odd-ball God wants me to be.

I am an odd-ball because I refuse to conform to the standard of the world. "Be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). I must have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5). Jesus said, "I came down from heaven, not to do

mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). This must be my intent! I am told to not love the world (1 John 2:15); loving the world leads to a conformity to it.

I am an odd-ball in that I deny myself some obvious pleasures of this life. "... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). My soul is worth more than the whole world (Mark 8:36); thus, I must deny myself any of those pleasures that would, in turn, in any way jeopardize my soul.

I am an odd-ball because I reject all religious standards of men, even my own. I am not smart enough to direct my own steps (Jer. 10:23). A perverted gospel offers nothing but trouble for me (Gal. 1:7). Elymas was told to "cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord," and he was called "child of the devil" and "enemy of all righteousness" for so doing (Acts 13:8-10). I must not fall into this grouping. I must learn and keep in mind that God's thoughts and ways are not necessarily my thoughts and ways (Isa. 55:8-9). I will, therefore, study to be sure I am following his thoughts and ways and his standard (2 Tim. 2:15).

I am an odd-ball in that I believe God always means just what he says. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," and I purify my soul by obeying the truth (John 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:22). The gospel is God's power to save (Rom. 1:16), and if I do not obey it throughout my life, I shall be eternally doomed (2 Thess. 1:7-9). God said all these things, and I believe that God meant just what he said. If he did not mean what he said in these things, how can I believe that he meant what he said in anything?

Thank God for all the odd-balls in this world today. Jesus declared that there would not be many such odd-balls (Matt. 7:13-14), but all that are shall be eternally blessed (Matt. 7:21). Won't you be one of those odd-balls with me?

WHAT MAKES AN ODD BALL?



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death, he said, "For six and eighty years I have been serving Him, and He has done no wrong to me; how, then, dare I blaspheme my King who has saved me!" (9:3).

Christianity survived because of this uncompromising commitment to God's revelation that there is but one God.

A Different Issue, The Same Principle

In America, teaching that there is one God raises few eyebrows, except among the "enlightened" academics who think that we should acknowledge that all religions are equally good/bad. Some of the mainline denominations have now quit "proselyting" people in third world countries because this implies that their native religions are wrong. But the ordinary Christian believes that any God other than Jehovah is a false god, no god at all.

However, another truth needs publicly defended today just as the oneness of God needed to be defended in the first century. I speak about the oneness of the church. The same apostle who said "There is one God" also said "there is one body," which body is Christ's church (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4). Preaching the oneness of the church raises animosity today just as preaching that there is one God raised animosity in the first century. Should one preach the oneness of the church, those with a denominational background take offense because this implies that their church is wrong. (I guess they are thereby admitting that the "one church" about which Paul preached is different from whatever denomination of which they are members; otherwise, they would say, "Yes, there is but one church and the church I am a

member of is that one church.") In modern America, to say, "There is one church" pretty well identifies you as a narrow-minded bigoted idiot. But I suppose that saying "There is one God" did pretty much the same thing for a first-century Christian, except that it sometimes led to him being put to death.

Unfortunately, preaching the oneness of the church raises animosity from some within the church. There is an element in the church that wants to tone down any preaching that implies that we believe those in the denominations are lost. Such brethren do not want preaching that contrasts the name, doctrines, and practices of modern denominations with what is taught in the New Testament. Should they bring a visitor when the preacher exposes the heretical doctrines of a denomination, they are embarrassed and may even apologize to the visitor for the sermon. But there were those among first-to-third century Christians who practiced mental reservation as they burned incense to Caesar and tried to persuade others to avoid persecution by doing the same thing.

There are those who openly preach that the church of Christ is no different than the "other denominations," thereby including the Lord's church with the denominations of men. My perception of the institutional churches of Christ is that the majority have moved in this direction and only a small percentage, whose teaching are reflected in such papers as The Spiritual Sword, Firm Foundation, The Defender, and a few others are willing to raise their voices in opposition to this movement toward denominationalizing the Lord's church. I fear the influence of this same movement within non-institutional brethren

Do we have enough commitment to make an uncompromising stand unquestionably affirming,

"There is one body"? Are we ready to affirm that only those who have obeyed the gospel (those who have heard the word of faith, believed it with all of one's heart, repented of one's sins and been immersed in water for the remission of one's sins) are members of that one body? Are we ready to affirm that God has revealed how he wants to be worshiped and are we prepared to expose all unrevealed acts of worship as vain worship (Matt. 15:8-9)? Are we committed to opposing all unscriptural acts of worship?

These are among the issues of our day with reference to which we need the same uncompromising commitment to divine revelation as the first century disciples showed toward the oneness of God. Are you ready to preach that truth without regard to what men think of you?

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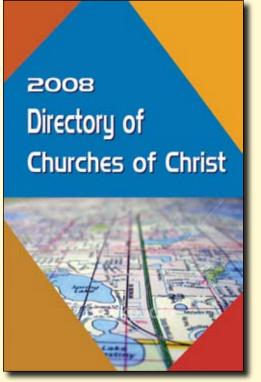
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