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MIKE WILLIS

The Church at Corinth: A Case Study of Division in the Local Church (3)

Because churches of Christ have a propensity to divide, I have been writing on the causes of division in local churches, using the text of 1 Corinthians as our guide. The issues that most frequently divide churches are problems that could and should be worked through in order to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rather than doctrinally different mind sets that inevitably take brethren in opposite directions (Eph. 4:3). Sometimes tensions in local churches are created by brethren committing sins against one another. The church at Corinth was certainly troubled by these, as an examination of 1 Corinthians 6 amply demonstrates.

1 Corinthians begins by addressing a case in which one brother was taking another brother to court over some unknown problem. He wrote,

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren! (1 Cor. 6:18).

One can only imagine the tension that was in the church when one brother went to worship and sat across the aisle from another brother whom he was suing before the civil courts. When he departed, did he say, "I will see you in court tomorrow" or did he refuse to speak to his brother? Were their families (or the entire family clan) alienated from each other to the point that, when the final "amen" was said, one family clique gathered in one corner of the building chatting with each other and other family cliques in other parts of the building speaking

to each other, but no one from either group making any effort to intermingle with the other?

The brotherly love that is evidence that one is a child of God undoubtedly was absent. Jesus had said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Wonder what one would conclude based on what he saw at Corinth?

What should have been done in Corinth? The Lord's apostle indicates that the church should have gotten involved in the conflict. The brethren should have selected the wise ones among them and intervened to settle the problem among the members rather than letting matters deteriorate to the point that one brother was suing the other brother in the civil courts. The problem at Corinth sometimes repeats itself today in that personal offences are not addressed by the local church.

Jesus said, "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector" (Matt. 18:15-17).

Far too often such offences become the matter of whispering, backbiting, talebearing, and gossip within a local congregation rather than be addressed in the manner that Matthew 18:15-17 demands. When a brother confronts his brother who has sinned against him, the two usually can work out their differences. If the brother denies committing the sin of which he is charged, the brother is to bring two or three witnesses to the offence to support what he is charging his brother with committing. (Sometimes brethren have misunderstood the text to say that he is to take two or three who will watch the two

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Have You Not Read...?



CONNIE W. ADAMS

My First Gospel Meeting

Chapter 1 from *Echoes from the Nine Foot Road* an autobiography

It was a Saturday in June, 1950. I will never forget it. A small congregation which met on “the nine foot road” (that was the width of the pavement) a few miles out of Newport, North Carolina, had agreed for me to come and preach in my very first gospel meeting. The arrangements had been made months before through Harry Pickup, Sr. who had preached much in that community and had baptized a number of the members who comprised the congregation. Whether he had been asked to come and could not because of a schedule conflict or he just wanted to help a young preacher, I do not recall now. By that summer I had completed two years at Florida Christian College (now Florida College), had decided to stay out of school a year and preach for the church at Lake City, Florida, which work was to begin in July of that summer. In August I was to take unto myself a wife.

To say the least, the occasion was grandiose in the imagination of a young preacher who had not yet seen his twentieth birthday. My old rusty '41 Chevrolet was left in Virginia with my parents and my grand entrance into town was to be made on the bus. The local bus line to which I changed in Raleigh for the rest of the trip, stopped at nearly every crossroad. As the miles passed through corn, soy bean, cotton, and tobacco fields, the prospect of brethren waiting to greet me and thoughts of crowds of hearers filled my mind.

What problems might one expect in such an eight day meeting? Whatever they were, this young preacher was prepared for *everything*, at least I thought so at the time. I had one large suitcase with clothes neatly packed in it by my mother (I never could get them back in the same space they came out of). In addition, I had packed

every book I owned in a medium sized metal footlocker. Luckily, it had a handle on it, but also felt like it was full of bricks. The driver specifically asked if that was what I had in there when he unloaded it from the baggage compartment.

Now why did I take every book I had? Well, you never know what error you might confront in a strange community, or what hard question might be dropped in the question box (a common practice in meetings then). I had my Bible, *Johnson's Notes*, a Methodist *Discipline*, a Baptist *Manual*, an Episcopalian *Prayer Book*, the *Book of Mormon*, an Adventist *Manual*, a Lutheran *Catechism*, *Nichol's Pocket Bible Encyclopedia*, a large book for Family Bible Reading which my parents had earlier bought, unsuspectingly, from an Adventist door-to-door salesman, and an odd assortment of other books, most of which I had bought in connection with classes I had taken at Florida Christian College. Folks, I was ready! To complete my baggage, my “briefcase” was actually a bright green skate box. How, where, or why I had obtained that, I have no earthly idea. I have never owned a pair of skates in my life, can't stand up on them even now, and was reared a good distance from a paved road, and miles from the nearest sidewalk. But that skate box was my one and only briefcase for sometime. In it I carried my Bible, every sermon outline I had thus far obtained, plus class notes from college, some stationary, stamps, and other odds and ends. Yes, sir, I was ready! Or so I thought.

It was disconcerting when the bus rolled past the sign identifying Newport and then stopped right beside the highway. There was no bus station, not even a clearly marked bus stop, *and no brethren in sight to greet me.*

The driver got off, unloaded my suitcase, footlocker, and green “briefcase,” set them on the side of the road and drove off, leaving me to savor the fumes from the bus as it disappeared from sight, and to wonder, “Now what do I do?” Across the road was a barber shop with several men surveying the scene and wondering who the young stranger was. I gathered up my gear (and that was not easy) and what little dignity I could locate, struggled across the road, went into the barber shop, and asked if anyone in there was a member of the church of Christ, or knew of one in town. Finally, one man said he thought the couple who ran the general store back up the road about a hundred yards went “out there on the nine foot road.”

With gear gathered up again, and with great difficulty, I made my way to the general store. There were several people sitting around and they all looked me over. I spotted a man behind the counter and said, “Are you a member of the church of Christ which meets out on the nine foot road?” He looked surprised for a moment and said, “I guess so, but my wife is better at going out there than I am.” I said, “Well, I am the preacher for the meeting” and gave him my best smile. He just stared at me, called out to his wife and said, “Did you hear anything about them having a meetin’ out there at church?” She walked over and said, “No, I was there Sunday, and don’t remember hearing anything about it.” This was not how this was supposed to turn out. Somehow, all the glamour of the grand arrival had disappeared. But then they thought of a relative who lived nearby who was very active in the church and called this good brother and wife to come down and check out this young fellow.

When these good people arrived, they had no recollection of any plans for a meeting. They loved brother Pickup and surmised that anyone he would recommend must be all right. But to be on the safe side, they quizzed me as to where I stood on the instrument, premillennialism, cups and classes, and several other things. Finally, I satisfied them and they invited me to go home with them until we could determine what course of action to take. They called a good brother, who took a leading part and later became

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one of the elders, to come and talk with me. Brother Pickup had converted him (and almost made him lose his crop because Pickup followed him up and down the row discussing the Bible with him). This brother lived several miles out in the country but between town and the meeting house. He came in a hurry. I liked him right away and have considered him a good friend ever since. But he wanted to be sure about me also, so I was interrogated again.

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me a letter giving a date in June, and then everyone forgot about it – that is, except for me. When they got all the pieces of the puzzle put together, they were terribly embarrassed, apologetic, but determined that, since I was there and so well recommended by such a beloved brother, we were going to have a meeting! And have one we did. The news spread quickly by word of mouth, from farm to farm, to the general stores in the county, and the meeting began right on schedule the next morning with the little frame building packed and children seated all around my feet on the platform. And so it continued for eight glorious days. I preached ten times on the following subjects: “God Has Spoken,” “Rightly Dividing the Word,” “The Gospel of Christ,” “So Great Salvation,” “Is Christ Divided,” “The Church Jesus Built,” “Instrumental Music In Worship,” “Brazen Shields,” “Does It Make a Difference?” and “What God Hath Joined Together.” The family which came to meet me at the store kept me in their home and showed much kindness.

With some exceptions, the meeting went well. I talked so much during my interrogations that I had about lost my voice by Sunday night and struggled all week with warm salt water and various home remedies which gave little relief. In addition, amid all my careful preparation, I neglected to bring a single necktie. I had a full suitcase, a full footlocker of books, a bright green “briefcase” full of notes, but not one single

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My First Gospel Meeting

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tie! Boy, was I ready! The good brother where I stayed offered me one of his ties. He was past middle age, had a limited selection, and none which seemed to fit with a 19-year-old. But beggars can't be choosers, so I picked out one and wore it every time I preached. I also learned that a good assortment of ties would have been as helpful as the books I brought along. I was invited into homes for meals where people asked me Bible questions I had never even thought about, much less being prepared to give any kind of a sensible answer. And besides that, there was not a Mormon in one thousand miles of eastern North Carolina. I would gladly have traded my Book of Mormon for one youthful looking tie!

Well, that was the first of what has now grown to 840 gospel meetings. That first meeting opened the door for meetings in New Jersey, Ohio, and Tennessee, because of brethren visiting there that week from those places. The echoes from the nine foot road have now been heard

in forty states and fifteen countries. On the advice of an older preacher I have kept a record of each meeting, the subjects preached, the number who responded to the gospel call, and what the brethren paid me for my efforts. That has been useful in figuring income taxes through the years.

The church on the nine foot road moved into the town of Newport into a nice brick building. My brother, Wiley, worked twice with them as local preacher. In spite of my initial disillusionment, I will always be thankful to Harry Pickup, Sr. for opening that door for an unknown young preacher and also to the church on the nine foot road for giving me a hearing and encouraging me in the faith. They taught me much more than I taught them. There is often a wide gap between idealism and

reality and no preacher can ever succeed until he learns to build a bridge across that gap.

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Echoes From The Nine Foot Road

An Autobiography

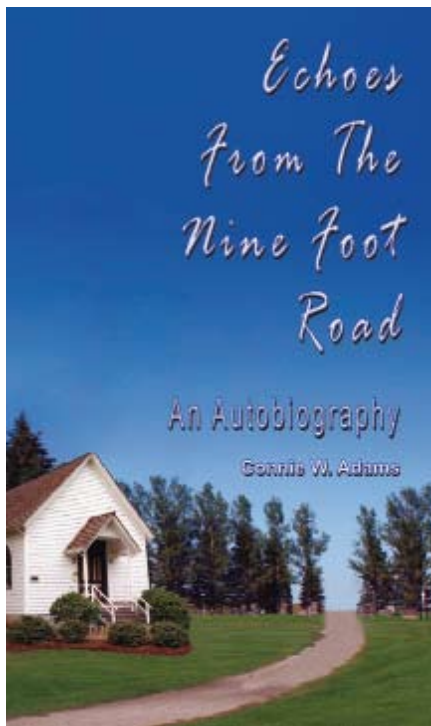
Connie W. Adams

Candid and penetrating, the author writes in the context of a historical period that many fail to grasp. While professional historians seek to capture the 20th century among churches of Christ from an academic perspective, Adams offers on-the-ground insight of one who came of age during the last half-century. His treatment of the attitudes and issues of the 1950's and 1960's may be one of the plainest yet. —Wilson Adams, Editor of Biblical Insights

Connie Adams' autobiography allows the reader to relive the mid-20th century to the early 21st century through the eyes of a gospel preacher. At times one's eyes will fill with tears and at other times roar with laughter as he reads the experiences of a gospel preacher dedicated to the service of the Lord. Connie's life experiences make his autobiography interesting, informative, and pleasurable reading. —Mike Willis, Editor of Truth Magazine

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JOHNIE EDWARDS

“Ask for the Old Paths”

Asking for “the old paths” is almost something which belongs to the past. Most are walking in new paths which are unknown to the word of God. An appeal to “ask for the old paths” is an appeal to the things approved by God. So, we take a careful look at Jeremiah’s plea recorded in Jeremiah 6:16:

“THUS SAITH THE LORD”

This phrase indicates that this statement is divine; it’s inspired of God. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). When it comes to teaching and preaching, we need and must insist on a “thus saith the Lord.”

“STAND YE IN THE WAYS”

As a traveler, standing at the crossroads; a decision has to be made as to which way to go. It’s important that God’s people stand in the right places. Psalm 1:1 warns us about standing “in the way of sinners.” There are the ways of men and the ways of God. Often men’s ways and God’s ways are different (Isa. 55:8-9). “There is a way which seemeth right into a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12). There are thousands of ways we may choose to travel religiously. Some are “broad” and some “narrow” (Matt. 7:13-14). We must weigh the destiny of each as we take our stand.

“AND SEE”

Many have been blinded “by the god of this world.” (2 Cor. 4:4). It is as the Lord described: “. . . their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them” (Matt. 13:15). People see what they want to. Isaiah spoke of such a rebellious people (Isa. 30:9-10). Some see, but see not (Matt. 13:13). Others follow blind leaders (Matt. 15:14).

“ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS”

One of the problems we are facing today is that most folks are just not asking for the old paths. The old paths are God’s revealed will (Psa. 25:8-10). There is just one way;

the way of the Lord (John 14:6). We need to ask for the oldest church, worship, work, organization, plan of salvation, and righteous living!

“WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY”

Few seem to know what the good way is or where to find it. One “woe” in Isaiah 5:20 was that the people would “call evil good and good evil.” Amos called on Israel to “hate the evil, and love the good” (Amos 5:15). It’s like Jeremiah reported concerning the people of God: “they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge” (Jer. 4:22). We must get to teaching folks the difference in the good and evil way (Ezek. 44:23; Heb. 5:14). The good way is the Lord’s way; not the way of men. Don’t be content until you find and walk in the good way!

“AND WALK THEREIN”

It’s not enough to know the good way, but we must “walk therein.” This involves “walking by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7); “in the newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4); “worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called” (Eph. 4:1); “in love” (Eph. 5:1); “circumspectly” (Eph. 5:15-16); “in Him” (Col. 2:6); “by the same rule” (Phil. 3:16); “in good works” (Eph. 2:10); “worthy of the Lord” (Col. 1:10); “honestly” (1 Thess. 4:12); “in the light” (1 John 1:7); “after His commandments” (2 John 6); “in truth” (3 John 4). This walk must continue until time “the end” (Rom. 6:22).

“AND YE SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS”

There is no greater word than the word “rest” for the tired. The Bible often speaks of rest (Matt. 11:28-30; Heb. 4:1-11; Rev. 14:13).

In conclusion, the folks in the days of Jeremiah are much like many today; as they responded: “We will not walk therein.” How sad this is. But what about you? How will you respond to this old and needed plea? Obey the Lord by believing, repenting, and being baptized. Then walk in the old paths till God calls you home!

“Swear Not at All”

CARL ALLEN

I trust you will read the whole article and follow the material till the end. Should you do this, it will be easy to understand the conclusion drawn. When I see the title of this article, “Swear not at all,” I am reminded that the Bible teaches there were those who did swear.

GOD SWORE

“Since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself” (Heb. 6:13). This had reference to a promise God made to Abraham. From this text we learn God did swear. Immediately, I am confronted with the problem, did God do something He forbade His people to do? It would be as if He were saying, “You are not to swear; but, I am going to do it!”

JESUS SWORE

Jesus was told by the high priest, “I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God” (Matt. 26:63). The definition of “adjure” is “to cause to swear, to lay under the obligation of an oath,” but this word is “an intensive form” of the definition I have just given. The high priest called upon Him, under the highest oath—called upon Him to swear “whether or not he is the Christ.” Under these circumstances, Jesus answered under oath. One is compelled to ask, “Did Jesus do what He told others not to do?”

ANGELS SWORE

“And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever” (Rev. 10:5-6). After observing that God swore, it is not strange to find an angel doing the same. Since the angels are lower than God, they can swear by someone greater; thus, he

swore by “him that liveth for ever and ever.” He confirmed his word with an oath. This made it sure and steadfast; he could swear by none greater than “him that liveth for ever and ever.” Did the angel do what God forbade man to do?

PAUL SWORE

“But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbear to come unto Corinth” (2 Cor. 1:23). Here is an apostle, in the New Testament dispensation, engaging in an act to “call God for a witness upon my soul,” which is swearing. There is no question about what Paul did but, did he sin? I think not, and hope to offer proof that these, Paul, God, the angel, and Christ, were not guilty of sin.

MATTHEW 5:33-37

The first part of this text says, “Thou shalt not forswear thyself” (5: 33). This obviously appeals to Leviticus 9:12, Numbers 30:2, and Deuteronomy 23:21. A casual reading of these passages will show that one is not to perjure himself, “foreswear” or give a false testimony, under oath. Of course, a false testimony is always wrong. You do not make a false thing true by swearing. The text of this passage states, “but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.”

Matthew 5:33-37 is parallel with Matthew 23:16-22. In these two contexts the idea is dealt with that oaths are only binding when there are certain things involved, and if those certain things are not involved, then the oath is not binding. This was a religious way to lie! Jesus condemned it. “Woe unto you, ye blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple he is a debtor. Ye fools and blind: for

“But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither, by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgment.”

which is greater, the gold, or the temple that hath sanctified the gold?" (Matt. 23:16-17). He also deals with swearing by the altar. Consider the same argument made by the "heaven," "earth," "Jerusalem," or thy "head" in Matthew 5:34-36. In the middle of all of this he says, "Swear not at all." You can understand what kind of swearing he is talking about—"foreswearing."

TRUTHFUL SPEECH

We are taught, "Lie not one to another: seeing that we have put off the old man with his doings" (Col. 3:9.) James teaches concerning the tongue, "Therewith bless we the Lord and Father: and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (Jas. 3:9-10). How can one think of swearing for truth and error? Swear by one thing and you must do it; swear by other things and you do not have to keep your word! Amazing! My brethren, "these things ought not so to be." Even old Herod, as mean as he was, respected an oath when he made it. Mark 6:23 says, "And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom."

The solution to this problem is, "Let your speech be, Yea, yea: Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than this is of the evil one" (Matt. 5:37). Tell the truth! "And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37). Tell the truth!

JAMES 5:12

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither, by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgment." Note the idea of "swearing by the heaven or earth" and consider the information in Matthew 5:33-37 (also that found in Matthew 23:16-22), and immediately one is compelled to note that he is dealing with men who swear but do not perform unto the Lord their oaths. This same passage, James 5:12, clearly states that our speech is to be "yea, yea; and nay; nay." One has to consider James 5:12 in the light of what the Bible teaches in other places, the extended text, and in so doing we learn the truth. We are to "perform unto the Lord thine oaths" (Matt. 5:33).

SWEARING AND CURSING

I have heard men preaching who would begin on the subject of "swearing" and end up talking about "cursing," as if they were the same. A statement in Mark 14:71 is worthy of consideration: "But he began to *curse*, and to *swear*. I know not this man of Whom ye speak." In this text a distinction is to be made between "cursing" and "swear-

ing." Should you make the mistake of saying the two are equal, then you have God swearing, thus cursing; Christ swearing, thus cursing; an angel swearing, thus cursing; and Paul swearing, thus cursing. Did they sin? No, the terms are not equal. Notice that Peter was swearing to that which was a falsehood! "I know not this man!" (Mark 4:71). That, my friends, was a lie.

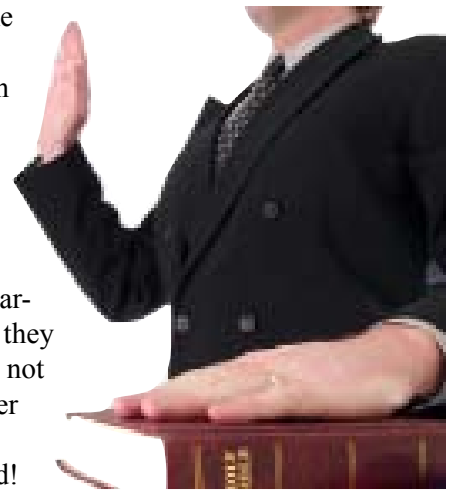
COURT OF LAW

The passages we have dealt with do not teach concerning taking an oath in court (Matt. 5:23; Jas. 5). All of these passages have to do with "performing unto the Lord thine oaths" (Matt. 5:33). The closest you would come to oaths in court is found in Matthew 26:63, when the Lord was before the high priest. In this passage he was under oath—"I adjure thee." Jesus did not forbid the practice but, rather, practiced it.

TODAY

A common practice was to find ways to be relieved of one's responsibility. "Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother. That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given to God: he shall not honor his father. And ye have made void the word of God because of your traditions" (Matt. 15:5-6). Then we are told by the religious world, and some of my brethren: "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt. 7:1), as if this would keep me from dealing with the man's sins. The rest of the passage teaches, "then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:5). Jesus tells us clearly in John 7:24, "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment." We are not to look for ways out of what we have said or from doing our duties to the Lord.

Don't try to find ways to get out of doing what you said you would do. "Perform unto the Lord thine oaths." When I obeyed the gospel, I made a confession to the Lord: "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God." In this confession I made a pledge, a vow, to be faithful to the Lord, all the days of my life (see W. E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, 1:224). I need to perform unto the Lord my word, and be faithful to him all the days of my life. My speech is to be "yea, yea; nay, nay, what is more than these is of the evil one." If I am going to swear something that I do not intend to keep, "Swear not at all."



Faithful Elders

STAN ADAMS

It is a privilege to worship where there are faithful, godly men serving diligently in the role of elders. It has been my joy to know many men through the years who have served in such a way. When faithful elders are diligently watching over the flock several things will be accomplished.

1. Each one in the flock will be tended and cared for and will not feel left out. Godly elders are ever vigilant and aware of the status of each and every one in the flock. As a result, each member feels secure in the fact that, if he grows weak, there will be concern shown quickly. Godly, faithful elders tend the flock.

2. False teachers will know they will be discovered and will not find an open pulpit to present their heresies without challenge. Faithful elders are those who have studied and stayed aware of the ever changing atmosphere in the church. They welcome preaching and teaching on dangerous doctrines that may come in among them. They make sure the flock is informed of errors and instructed on how to scripturally answer those errors. They also want to know the names of those who may bring in “damnable heresies” while presenting themselves as “wolves in sheep’s clothing.”

3. Sound preaching and teaching will be welcomed. The membership will be able to support with confidence those who stand in the pulpit due to the fact that the elders will not be shy to ask men how they stand on current issues that trouble brethren. Elders will not rely simply on someone’s opinion about another’s faithfulness; they will check it out themselves. Faithful elders want the flock fed healthy truth and desire that all grow up in Christ and not remain children. They thoroughly believe Romans 1:16 and make no apology for the power of the Word. They do not desire men who will come and tickle ears, but seek for men to come and preach who will convict the flock of sin, if necessary, and encourage faithful, diligent service.

4. Faithful elders will be active in teaching. They will take their charge as elders seriously and realize that they will answer to God for the way they rule. They will not seek ways to get around their duties. They will be accessible to the congregation and no one will feel as if he is putting an elder out when he asks to talk with them. They will be men who will make it a point to visit with the flock not only when one is struggling but also when they are doing well. They will know the flock. They will be hungry to learn as well as to teach. They will be supportive of every class, public and private that is going on. They will lead not

only by word but by example. They love the truth and those who promote it, teach it, and live by it.

5. Faithful elders will practice discipline. They will love the flock enough to chastise and correct with love those who walk disorderly. They will seek to gain them back but will be unashamed to follow through if necessary in withdrawing from “every brother who walks disorderly” (2 Thess. 3:6).

6. Faithful elders will not shirk their responsibilities. They will be in charge of the teaching and feeding of the flock. They will not designate that duty to someone else. They will know what is being taught and will direct the teaching of the flock. Too often many elders turn the feeding of the flock in Bible classes over to others, instead of handling this most important task themselves. God did not charge the deacons or others with the feeding of the flock but He did command elders to do this (1 Pet. 5:2; Acts 20:28). They will make time to spend with the brethren and visit with them when they are sick and when they are well. They will be watchful for the souls of the brethren (Heb. 13:17).

7. When faithful elders are present and active in a congregation you will find brethren submitting to their rule (Heb. 13:17). You will find brethren who are encouraged to grow and thrive in their service and you will find a degree of maturity among all. Those who are rebellious or who want to serve the world will not “feel right” in the midst of such a strong congregation and will either change their ways or never join themselves to such a strong group.

8. In congregations where there are faithful elders you will find elders and members who are doing their best to grow into the roles of preachers, teachers, elders, and deacons. They will not be satisfied with mediocre growth but will desire to be excellent in their service of the Lord and striving to attain the prize. The elders will be watching and appointing men to serve who have the scriptural qualifications to be elders and deacons. Consequently, the congregation will continue to have solid leadership.

9. Brethren will be expected to live godly lives. Sermons will be requested by the elders on the evils of the flesh and the dangers of engaging in such behaviors. Their will be no compromise accepted with the world. Only clear, distinct, and scriptural teaching on these subjects will be endorsed and anything else will be rebuked clearly, firmly, and quickly.



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Question: *What is the authority for announcements during the service?*

Answer:

The request for authority in any matter, whether in teaching or practice, reflects a commendable attitude on the part of the questioner. He shows a recognition that only God sets His agenda and that whatever we do must harmonize with His will (Matt. 21:23-27). He also manifests the desire to investigate the Scriptures as the source of divine authority, one all too frequently missing in human religious practice (Acts 17:11).

I produce authority for announcements in two ways:

(1) In passages like Colossians 4:7-18, it becomes evident that much of what Paul wrote for the information of the church was similar to announcements. I will not go into detail because the reader can easily observe the similarity. He also said in that section that Tychicus would later make known to the Colossians information about Paul's state when he arrived in Colosse. In other words, announcements of spiritual matters would certainly be fitting, in order that the church might remember Paul or others in their prayers. It is almost humorous to think that some would justify praying for others, but not informing the church about them to provide a basis for the prayers.

(2) The local church also serves to edify the local Christians composing it (Eph. 4:11-16). This means that they must learn opportunities to pray or to serve, such as in visiting sick people, helping their families, or helping families of deceased persons. Announcements inform the people so they can then respond by doing their duties. (Perhaps it would be wise to point out that the practice of not listening to announcements or not responding to what one thereby learns is inexcusable for people claiming to be in the same spiritual family.) It is often stressed that the local church cannot scripturally function in the area of providing for social/recreational activities (by elders' planning and the church's funding such); I believe this to be right. On some occasions, the people in the congregation should be involved in gatherings which have both social and spiritual aspects—such as covered-dish meals (pot lucks/pitch-in dinners). Knowing of these gatherings is essential to all members involved in them. Telling of the gathering in the announcements is the most expedient means of notifying the Christians of the opportunity and encouraging their participation in such, and it also serves as a time for mentioning that such gatherings are not the work of the church but of individuals and are being announced because of the mutual interest of all in them. As a matter of fact, most all opportunities mentioned or implied in the announcements are individual in nature.

Faithful Elders

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10. The congregation will be secure and happy in Christ. You will find brethren who love the Lord and desire to go to heaven and teach their neighbors. Activity, zeal, and enthusiasm will mark the work. Everyone will be searching for ways to grow and bring others to Christ. Worship and service in such congregations will be a joy and privilege. The weak will be nurtured and encouraged but will not be ignored and allowed to die spiritually.

If you are privileged to be in such a congregation with faithful elders take time to thank them for their faithful, diligent service. Such men spend countless hours on behalf of the brethren. Their

wives are also active and ready to serve the brethren. Together godly elders and their wives are selfless in their service to the congregation. They support preaching not only in their own congregations but encourage it in other groups by the attendance at gospel meetings. Truly faithful elders hunger and thirst after righteousness and desire to go to heaven more than anything else and take their charge seriously. They watch their lives to make sure they are walking correctly and are not too proud to repent if needed. Thank God also for faithful elders who rule well (1 Tim. 5:17).

Annihilation

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[**Note:** This article comes from some bulletins I had copied and kept that were written by brother Hamilton when he preached for the Forrest Hills church in Tampa, FL in the early 1960s. I thought others might enjoy studying the material he wrote then—and which is still needed today.—Donald P. Ames]

Some believe that all retribution for sin is in this life; others that the wicked may be punished after death for a while, but hell eventually will be emptied; others hold that the wicked cease to exist at death and this is their punishment. These false doctrines stem from a misunderstanding of some terms in the New Testament. The New Testament does not teach the “destruction for sin means non-existence.” When the word *destroy* is used the meaning is not annihilation, though some people insist on giving it this meaning. A study of some passages will clear up the misconception.

The word most frequently used is translated by the following: destruction, waste, perdition, perish, die, damnable, pernicious ways, and damnation. Jesus speaks of “the broad way that leads to *destruction*” (Matt. 7:13). “*Destructive heresies*” is the label Peter uses to refer to the teachings of false prophets (2 Pet. 2:1). The ointment used on Jesus was said to be a “waste” (Matt. 26:8; Mark 14:4). Judas is referred to as the “son of *perdition*” (John 17:12). There are lusts which “drown men in *perdition*” (1 Tim. 6:9). The unbelieving “shrink back to *perdition*” (Heb. 10:39). The following passages can be read with profit with reference to the meaning of *destroy*: Romans 9:22; Philippians 3:19; 2 Peter 3:16; 1:28; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Peter 3:7; 2:2-3; Revelation 17:8, 11; Acts 8:30; 25:16. You should read these passages, keeping in mind the words which translate the Greek term meaning *destroy*.

There are four other Greek words that are also translated *destroy*. They occur in passages that shed light on the controversy under view. When people are least expecting it, then will swift *destruction* come (1 Thess. 5:3). At the final judgment, the wicked face the “punishment of eternal *destruction*” and exclusion from the presence of the Lord (2 Thess. 1:9). “For the *destruction* of the flesh,” a wayward member of the church is delivered to Satan (1 Cor. 5:5). A Christian’s weapons are not worldly, but are powerful to

the “casting down (*destroying*) strongholds” (2 Cor. 10:4). The same word *destroy* or *casting down* occurs in 2 Corinthians 10:8. There Paul says that the gospel preached by him was for edification and not “*destruction*.” He also said his authority from the Lord was for building up and not for “tearing down (*destroying*)” (2 Cor. 13:10). Wine skins are said “to perish” when burst (Matt. 9:17). On the other hand, Jesus was sent to the “lost (*destroyed*) sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 15:24). The prodigal son was “lost (*destroyed*) but was found” (Luke 15:24-25). These uses of the word *destroy* show that one is not justified in saying that the word means “annihilation.” When dealing with the meaning of any word, one must be careful not to assign a meaning to it exclusive of other meanings it can and does have. The principal meaning is “ruin or loss of well being.” We would be far from the truth to say that when a thing is destroyed it ceases to exist.

LIFE AND DEATH

Life and death are terms which have opposite meanings. There can be as many deaths as there are lives. If there is animal life, there is animal death. If there is vegetable life, there is vegetable death. If there is spirit life, there is spirit death. It is possible to be *both* dead and alive (John 5:25). The dead were to bury the dead (Matt. 8:22; Luke 9:60). One can pass from death to life (1 John 3:14). The mind of the flesh is death and the mind of the spirit is life (Rom. 8:6). The end of sin is death (Rom. 6:21). Some widows can be dead while living (1 Tim. 5:6). The animal death of a person does not mean he ceases to be. It is erroneous to conclude that eternal death and eternal life mean eternal non-being and eternal being respectively. The *eternal* prefixed to either death or life does not indicate their nature, but their continuance. The succeeding paragraphs will show this in more detail. Man possesses animal life, and when he is severed from animal life, he experiences animal death. A corpse is not a man nor is wood a tree. There is vegetable life; likewise, there is vegetable death. Since there is spirit life, there is also spirit death.

MINDS

It is possible to be both dead and alive. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth hm that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judg-

ment, but has passed out of death unto life” (John 5:24). When a person passes from death into life, he still lives physically. But before he was made alive he was dead. But while dead he was physically alive. Life and death then do not refer only to animal existence and animal non-existence respectively. When so defined *life* and *death*, he finds himself in contradictions from which he cannot extricate himself.

Jesus admonished some people to let the dead bury the dead (Matt. 8:22; Luke 9:60). This demonstrates that death and life are used in more than one sense in the Bible. Paul says that the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the spirit is life and peace (Rom. 8:6). Concerning their former life, Paul put this question to the Romans: “What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed?” The apostle then declared, “For the end of these things is death” (Rom. 6:21). There is a death then which does not refer to severance from animal life.

Widows who leave their pledge and wax wanton against Christ are dead while living (1 Tim. 5:6). Adam and Eve died when they ate of the forbidden fruit (Gen. 2:17).

ETERNAL LIFE AND ETERNAL DEATH

The expression *eternal life* occurs forty-four times in the New Testament. *Eternal* prefixed to life or death indicates *duration* and not nature. The second death is said by some to be non-existence. This is absurd. These people tell us

that the first death is to cease to be. They say, “we are not.” But if death is a cessation of being, then the second death would be a second non-existence. What absurdity! Jesus contrasts the two deaths. How could this be if *destroy* simply means ceasing to exist?

Eternal life is not simply existence. Paul gives this picture of it in Romans 2:7—“to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life.” Eternal death will be wrath, indignation, tribulation, and anguish (Rom 2:8-9).

That it is possible for two spirit beings to be in different states is clearly shown by the fallen angels. The angels that sinner were cast out of heaven and have been committed to pits of darkness (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). Michael and his angels were righteous; the devil and his angels are wicked. They both exist but in totally different states which are regarded on the basis of their conduct. This shows that it will be possible for the spirits of men to exist in different states. The righteous in glory and the wicked in torment. Jesus called the states eternal life and eternal punishment (Matt. 25:46).

“There is a punishment sorer than death,” physical (Heb. 10:29). A man who set at naught Moses’ law died when convicted, but those who reject Christ will suffer worse punishment. It could not be simply animal death for that would be no worse than the punishment under the law of Moses. The eternal punishment is hell (Matt. 10:28).



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Secularization/Desecularization of the Home and Church

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Materialism and secularization (all the way back to Lot's generation) is characteristic of wealthier societies. We currently live in a country that spends proportionally less of its annual income on food and has the most disposable (discretionary) income of any culture in history. Yet, are we giving more to God . . . or less? Are we spending more time with our brethren . . . or are we cutting back on the number of times we meet together (e.g., eliminating Sunday PM services, ladies Bible classes, and the length of gospel meetings)? Are we spending more time around the television and the altar of Hollywood or more time fellowshiping around the altar of the Lord within our homes and families?

It cannot be denied that there is a relaxing of moral standards among many in the church today. For instance, in some respects I feel closer to some Roman Catholics here in the northeast regarding divorce and marriage than I do many members of the church of Christ. How could that be? Conservative Roman Catholics teach the biblical principle of exclusivity in marriage: one man for one woman for life, and do not permit members to divorce and remarry at will, as many churches do.¹ In contrast, many preachers in the "church of Christ" criticize such teaching as unbiblical and pharisaical. A few years back I watched a discussion between brethren where a gospel preacher as-

serted that a Christian could divorce and remarry 99 times and remain in Christ as long as he asks God for forgiveness in each case. That idea would be laughed to scorn as unbiblical among my more devout Catholic friends. I also, in some respects, feel closer to the Mennonites I grew up with around Florida as well as the Amish and Mennonites here in Pennsylvania regarding personal sanctification than I do many members of the "church of Christ." There is a stark contrast between these denominations and the world in areas such as the consumption of intoxicating beverages, immodesty and lewd dress, worldly music and movies, immersion in all the secular trappings of the day such as dance, modern cheer leading, irreverent humour, and placing things of the world above things of the Lord.

The Amish and Mennonites are just as uncomfortable with going to the beach in swimsuits and becoming inebriated as I am; however, many in the "church of Christ" have all but condoned such practices as "matters of judgment." Some in the church have become so "culturally correct" that their lives reflect nothing of holiness in the Lord (2 Cor. 6:11-7: 1). As many criticisms as we have of the Amish and Mennonites, the numbers are startling: greater than 90% of their youth stay faithful to their religious upbringings while the modern "church of Christ" in this country is losing more than 50% of their



children (some say up to 60%). It has been said that, if we could just keep our children faithful, the Lord's body would double in size every couple of generations. This is not happening. I recall visiting the home of a devout and highly esteemed member of the church in Alabama a few years back and a *Playboy* magazine was lying on the coffee table. Was Jesus being exalted in this home? Was this a momentary lapse in judgment? I would like to say "yes," although the sad reality is that this type of worldliness is common and commonly accepted among many progressives in the church today.

Last year, I discussed these issues with a member of the church whose teenage children were involved in drugs, alcohol, and fornication, and often came home after participating in these activities at 3A.M. while living under his roof. My friend told me that I was being too legalistic and I could never affect the world for good if I pulled away from it. I've given his words careful consideration for the past year, during which time his children have fallen farther into unholy, self-serving and self-destructive behavior. I don't think I will follow his lead in raising my children. Have we learned nothing from the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament warning us against the danger of drifting into idolatry and immorality of the pagan world that surrounds us?

More than a few in the church share my feelings in this treatise. This is manifest in the growth of the home schooling and desecularization movement among Christians and members of denominations alike. Unless we draw personal lines of demarcation from the world in our own lives, we will resemble the church of 1 Corinthians 5 who tolerated a man sleeping with his father's wife. There are eight children that are home schooled in the church we currently worship with. Another area congregation at one point had seventy-five children. The majority of them have organized into a home schooling co-op. Is this the answer? I don't know; but, I do know that a primary responsibility my wife and I have is to raise up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I fear that far too many of us, whether by conscious decision or attrition, are prioritizing the world above Jesus in our homes, which directly impacts the local church.

Footnote

¹For statistics on low divorce rates in Roman Catholicism versus members of Protestant denominations in the United States based on the distinctive Catholic teaching regarding divorce and remarriage, see the following book: McManus, Mike, and Harriet McManus. 2008. *Living Together: Myths, Risks & Answers* (Foreword by Chuck Colson). Howard Books: West Monroe, 256 pp.

Cooperating with Denominations and Liberals

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Jehu went out to meet Jehoshaphat after he has sought to help Ahab, king of Israel, in battle against the Syrians. Jehoshaphat had been a good king, and made many good changes in Judah. And, after all, the Israelites were also "kinsmen" of Judah, and the land had formerly belonged to Israel before it had been taken by the Syrians. So it seemed like a natural reaction for Jehoshaphat to desire to help him.

But Ahab did not respect God nor God's laws. The prophet Micaiah had foretold, if Ahab went to battle, he would not return home alive (although Jehoshaphat did—no thanks to Ahab). Now, Jehu greets him with the following words: "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you." Compare this with 2 John 9-11; Revelation 2:14-16; Matthew 7:21-23; and Ephesians 5:11.

When brethren are tempted to endorse denominational practices (instrumental music, salvation at the point of faith, church basketball teams, etc.) or practices of liberal brethren (sponsoring churches, benevolent societies, divorce and remarriage, fellowship halls, etc.), they would do well to heed the above example (1 Cor. 10:11). It may well involve more than just a "good idea," or be more than just a "minor point" with God (see Gal. 1:6-8).

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Excursion to Israel and Egypt (9)



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Church of the Holy Sepulchre

THE CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL

One of the most notable places to visit when in Jerusalem is the place where Jesus was crucified and buried. The trouble is that there is more than one place claiming to be the place where these events occurred.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

Surrounded by unimportant buildings, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is one of the most important sites to visit in Jerusalem, but is also one of the most disappointing. Since the fourth century, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been thought to be the place of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. In the first century, this was the site of an ancient quarry and was outside the city walls. When the Roman emperor Hadrian

rebuilt Jerusalem under the name Aelia Capitolina (135 A.D.), the place of the crucifixion was so well known that he erected a temple to Aphrodite on the same spot to discourage Christian worship. In the fourth century, Constantine determined to build a church on the site of Jesus' death and burial. He accepted the tradition of the site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, even though it required the tearing down of substantial buildings and the erection of a new one in their place, and even though there was a vacant piece of land nearby. At least, back to that time, this has been thought to be the spot of the crucifixion. The stone was removed from around what was thought to be Jesus'



First century tombs along the western wall of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre



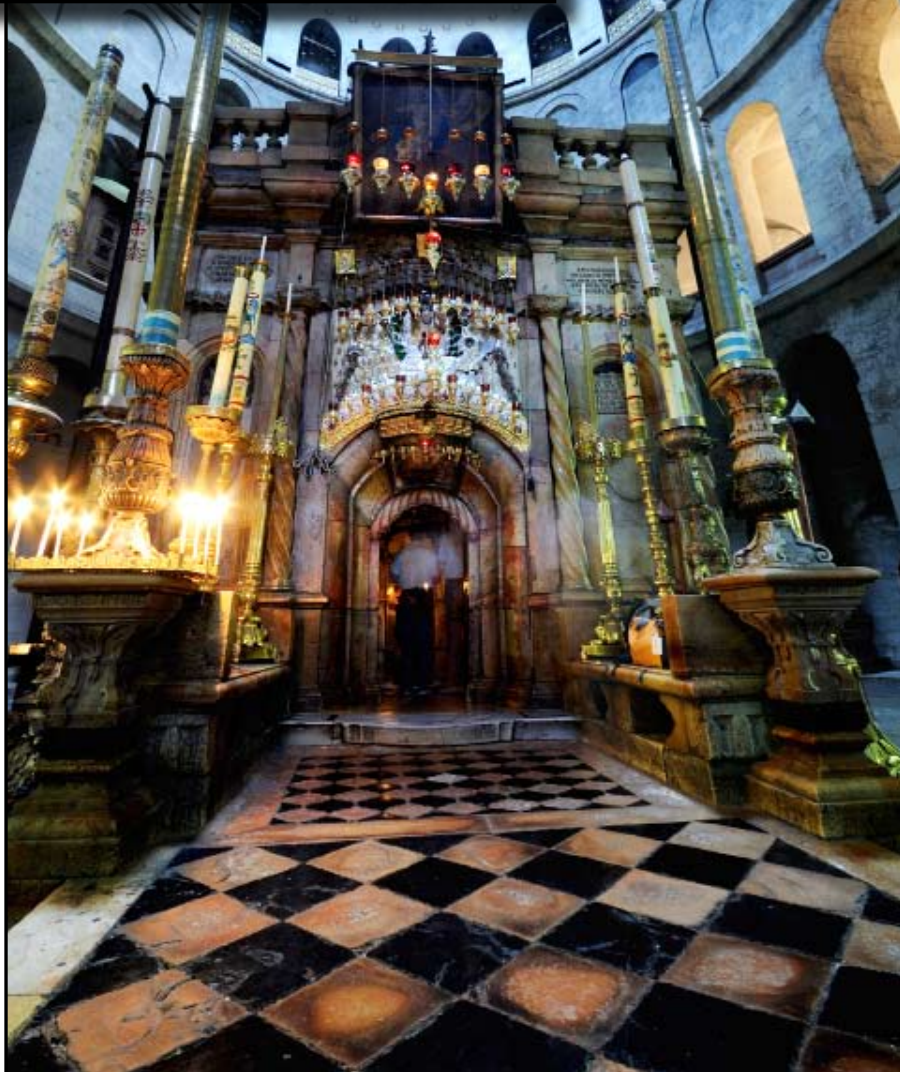
Catholic Worshipers prostrate themselves on the stone where Jesus' body was supposedly laid after it was taken from the cross

tomb; the place where Jesus was crucified is nearby.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is inside the wall of the old city of Jerusalem today, but in first century times, it stood outside the existing wall. That the place was a place of first century tombs is confirmed by the first century tombs along the western wall of the church of the Holy Sepulchre. One gets a much better understanding of the burial of Jesus from looking at these tombs than in looking at the tomb of Christ which is on display.

The church is jointly owned by six different branches of "Christianity": Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Syrian, Coptic, and Abyssinian. Holy squabbling is a regular problem. Although the authenticity of this as the site of the crucifixion is more reliable than Gordon's Calvary, the latter gives a better picture of what the site must have looked like in Jesus' time. What is portrayed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre more nearly re-

minds one of idolatry than the kind of worship which Jesus commanded. One sees a lavishly decorated tomb that has no resemblance to the one in which Jesus was laid. Worshipers lay their bodies on top of a slab of rock which has been put in place to commemorate where the body of Jesus was laid when it



The lavishly decorated tomb of Jesus contrasts with the simple first century tombs

Excursion to Israel and Egypt (9)

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In 1883, General Charles Gordon thought he saw the shape of a skull in the hill behind the Garden Tomb

was taken from the cross. One leaves the church about as empty spiritually as he went in. One leaves the Church of the Holy Sepulchre thinking that the secular archaeologists have done a much better job of preserving biblical sites than have the denominations!

GARDEN TOMB

The Garden Tomb is a very pleasant spot to visit although it has no concrete attachment to the burial of Jesus. It is administered by the Garden Tomb Association of London, England. Surrounded by a well-cared for garden is a rock-hewn tomb, much more typical of the 9-7th centuries B.C. than the first century A.D. From an archaeological point of view, the tomb is not a newly hewn tomb in the first century. This site was chosen by British General Charles Gordon in 1883 as the site of the

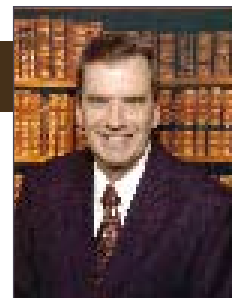


crucifixion based on his perception that he recognized a skull in the hill behind the tomb. It was chosen because Gordon thought that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was within the city walls (though it was not within the first century walls) and because the hillside looks like a skull. There is very little possibility that this is the actual place of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, but it has a much more devotional atmosphere than does the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

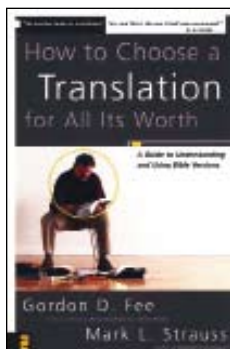
Despite the fact that there is nothing of value for the life of Jesus at the Garden Tomb, tourists generally like the visit to Gordon's Calvary more than they do the Church of the Holy Sepulchre simply because it does not have all of the lavish decorations which have distorted the landscape around the Holy Sepulchre.

The Garden Tomb

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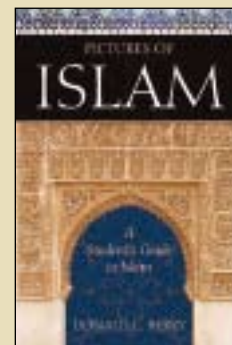
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How to Choose A Translation For All Its Worth. Gordon D. Fee and Mark L. Strauss. Zondervan, 2007. 170 pages, softback. ISBN: 0-310-27676-7

With so many Bible translations available today, how does one go about selecting the right translation for good Bible study? What is a “literal” translation versus one that is “meaning-based”? What is a Bible “paraphrase”? Gordon D. Fee and Mark L. Strauss, two active Bible translators, have recently produced a valuable guide to understanding and using Bible versions. From the King James Version (1611) to contemporary translations such as the English Standard Version (2001), this guide by Fee and Strauss lays out the basic information that everyone needs to know about the work of Bible translation. The reader will learn about the need for translation and how translation is done by different committees. Fee and Strauss also address specific issues such as how translators deal with figurative language or gender. The strengths and weaknesses of several Bible versions are also listed in the closing part of the book as the authors discuss the history of the Bible in English. Although Fee and Strauss are committee members for the Today’s New International Version (TNIV, Zondervan, 2001), a mediating version that stands between the “literal” and “formal equivalence” approach, their work overall in this guide is balanced. In the end, these authors favor the newer, “formal equivalence” versions, but the reader must take this for what it is – the opinion of two men. *How to Choose A Translation For All Its Worth* is recommended and goes well with two other books by Fee: *How to Read the Bible Book by Book* (Zondervan, 2002) and *How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth* (Zondervan, 2003).

Pictures of Islam: A Student’s Guide to Islam. Donald L. Berry. Mercer University Press, 2007. 174 pages, softback. ISBN: 0-881-46-086-9

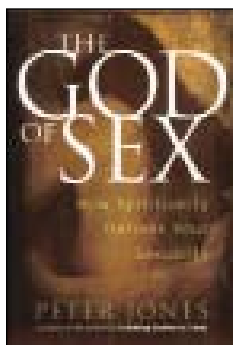
Since the horrible events of September 11, 2001, and the continual terrorists attacks that have followed from militant Islamic groups, many westerners have desired to know more about the religion of Islam. Who are our Muslim neighbors? Donald L. Berry has written *Pictures of Islam* to help the western mind understand the people of Islam. Many books are currently in print on this subject, but *Pictures of Islam* stands out in two ways. First, the author seeks to give the reader a mosaic of the many different sides of Islam. The author covers the cultural environment of Arabia, a biographical sketch of Muhammad, the basic teachings of the Qur’an, various Islamic sects, and past significant historical events and movements that have shaped contemporary Islam. Second, the author takes the last part of his book to focus on modern Islam. Berry discusses modern Islamic communities, how Muslims live today, what we need to know to confront them, and the barriers that stand between Muslims and Christians. Berry’s work is insightful and in-depth while remaining easy to read. *Pictures of Islam* is a recommended introduction to the Islam of our world today.



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The God of Sex. Peter Jones. Victor Books, 2006. 239 pages, hardback. ISBN: 0-7814-4372-5

When God made man and woman in the beginning he created both of them as sexual beings with a sex drive that was to be satisfied within a heterosexual, monogamous, God-given marriage. According to Peter Jones in his book, *The God of Sex*, two worldviews exist today concerning the practice of sex: the pagan worldview of liberated sex, and the biblical worldview of self-controlled sex. Jones argues in favor of the biblical worldview and says that there is a direct link between one’s theology (belief in God or gods) and one’s sexuality. Just as Israel of old faced the liberal sexual practices of the pagan-loving Canaanites, so Christians today face the modern liberal sexual practices of pagan-loving America. *The God of Sex* is an important read for all who are concerned about the spiritual well-being of our young people, the Lord’s church, our society, and our world as a whole.



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“A prince and a great man has fallen in Israel” were the words of David to describe the death of Abner, commander of Saul’s army.(2 Sam.3:38). They are appropriate to describe one of the Lord’s servants, Olin Kern. Olin was the son-in-law of one of the most capable preachers of the 20th century, the late Franklin T. Puckett. From a distance one might have thought Olin existed in the shadows of his father-in-law, but that was not the case. Olin was a great man in his own right, though he didn’t know it.

A little over a year ago we celebrated Olin’s having preached the gospel for fifty years. During those years almost 1000 people responded to the invitation. Who can assess Olin’s influence for good, either directly or indirectly, in and through those who responded at his preaching? And who can assess the number of Christians who have been strengthened in the Lord, not only through his preaching, but in Olin’s one-on-one encouragement as an exhorter? Though unknowable, the number would be great. “He being dead, yet speaketh” (Heb.11:4).

Olin was prolific at quoting Scripture, sometimes long passages. That didn’t come by accident but through long laborious hours of study and memorization. He had to love what he was doing and it was an indication of his faith in the power of the word of the Lord.

Because of his love for the Lord and his church, Olin began, several years ago, to keep a running list of churches

that were seeking preachers and preachers who were seeking congregations with which to labor. He didn’t realize the importance or the magnitude of the role that he would fulfill in doing this but it was a great blessing to many churches and gospel preachers and many are indebted to him because of it.



Olin and I had the opportunity to visit periodically over the years. Whenever I was in meetings in the area where he lived, he would always support it, often attending more than one night and we frequently visited where I was staying. Though we had not previously lived geographically close to each other, my appreciation for him greatly increased as we labored together here at Stone Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Our times in visiting the shut-ins, attending gospel meetings, eating and socializing together will always be treasured.

Olin began preaching in 1957 in Lake Orion, Ohio, and has preached for the following congregations: Berea, OH; Central in Charlotte, TN; South Marion in Marion, IN; 46th St in Ft. Smith, AR; Main & 13th in Blytheville, AR; Plainfield, IN; Southern Blvd. in Sheffield, AL; Newbern and Lawrenceburg, TN; and Stone St. in Jonesboro, AR. Twenty of those years were in Newbern.

We will miss Olin. Our loss is heaven’s gain.

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Miss USA, Gay Marriage, & Bikinis

JOHN MULLIGAN

This week, a mini-firestorm started in California, even before fire season officially began. The Hollywood left is aghast, and the socially conservative right found a cultural rallying point, albeit small.

Miss California, Carrie Prejean, was asked during the Miss USA Pageant if she thought California should follow the state of Vermont and allow homosexuals to marry. While all America (at least the few viewers watching the show) expected a politically correct pro-gay pronouncement, Miss California did the opposite. She stated that she believed marriage should be between a man and a woman “because that was the way she was raised.” One small victory for our side . . . maybe.

Let me first give credit where credit is due. We might have expected this kind of response from Miss Georgia or Miss South Carolina, but, Miss California? Not only was her response “biblically correct” (her words in a later interview), but it was made without of tinge of self-righteousness or a smug right-wing judgmental spirit. Well done, Miss Prejean. Her response has been a breath of fresh air. She was asked a question and honestly responded. No statement issued. No diatribe offered. She just answered a question.

Despite Miss California’s answer and continuing talk-show defense of her answer, something just doesn’t feel right. The media’s ongoing coverage of Miss Prejean is somewhat odd to this religious conservative. While her spoken response is being covered, simultaneously being shown on screen is Miss Prejean strutting across stage in a string Bikini. If Miss Prejean is not being shown in her “bathing suit,” talk-show coverage broadcasts her in a cleavage bearing evening gown. Per-

haps the controversy is being covered just to show Miss California uncovered? I have noticed that in post-pageant television interviews that Miss Prejean is conservatively dressed. No Bikini. No cleavage. Why?

I wonder if Miss California’s “biblically correct” response at the beauty pageant might not have been clouded by her being seen in a string Bikini just minutes earlier? It is hard enough for any contestant’s words to be remembered, let alone be taken seriously. Words from the heart and mind, let alone words that reflect Scripture, will always have a difficult time if the messenger’s dress, or lack of dress, gets in the way. The Apostle Paul said, *“I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety . . . appropriate for women who profess to worship God”* (1 Tim. 1:10).

To further complicate morality’s message this week, Rudi Giuliani, former mayor of New York and Republican presidential candidate, has announced his intention to take the lead within the Republican party promoting a platform promoting “traditional” marriage. Humm. Mr. Giuliani is on his third “biblically correct” marriage, and reportedly has an estranged relationship with his children over wife number three. He might as well be wearing a bikini.

Those professing faith in Christ, or at least to uphold Christian values, need to be more introspective if we are going to be messengers of morality. If our actions, even our attire, shout louder than our words, will anyone really listen? Should they?

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I Don't Know Why!



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There are a number of things for which I have no answer. I simply cannot say “why” such a thing happened, or why it was done. For instance, *I don't know why* a professional sports team gets rid of its best players in the middle of the season. *I don't know why* American carmakers cannot build a car that will get 40MPG when gas is selling for \$3.50-\$4.00 per gallon. I'll have to let the team managers and car engineers solve these problems. However, I'm a preacher, and there are some spiritual questions to which I must also answer, *I don't know why*.

WHY GOD COMMANDED BAPTISM

I don't know why God commanded baptism! The Bible plainly commands us to be baptized. Notice, God sent a preacher to Saul, telling him, “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized. . .” (Acts 22:16). Also, Jesus sent His disciples forth into the world, telling them, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, *baptizing them*. . .” (Matt. 28:19). Of the host of other things God could have commanded, why baptism? *I don't know why*, but I know He commanded the baptism of “all nations”! I further know that the idea did not come from man. Men, through the ages, have tried every possible argument against being baptized that they can invent, but the Bible still says *be baptized!*

WHY BAPTISM IS “TO BE SAVED”

Now, this question is really a controversy in modern religion! Most religious organizations actively teach that a sinner can be saved *without* being baptized. They write it in their creeds, manuals, and confessions of faith; they simply cannot accept that baptism has anything to do with the salvation of a sinner's soul.

I don't know why God connected salvation from sins to baptism, but that is exactly what the Bible says! Here is the biblical evidence: “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins. . .” (Acts 22:16). Peter said, “*baptism* doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21). Then, Jesus Himself said, “He that believeth and *is baptized shall be saved*” (Mk. 16:16). Again, *I don't know why* the Bible contains these verses, but I know for a fact that it teaches salvation at the point of the sinner's baptism. Men are deny-

ing this truth everyday; they just cannot see the connection between baptism and salvation. But, can't you see it?

WHY BAPTISM IS A BURIAL IN WATER

There is a great religious debate about whether baptism is administered by immersion, or if it can be administered by sprinkling or pouring a small amount of water on the sinner's head. Most churches deny the full immersion or submersion of the sinner; it just does not make any sense to them. Often men say *I don't know why* a person has to be immersed to be saved.

I confess to you that *I don't know why* either. Of all the ways God could have saved man, why does He require the sinner to be immersed, or buried, in water? I cannot answer that question. *I don't know why* He required immersion, but I know for a fact that He commanded immersion, or a burial.

Consider the evidence from the New Testament. The nobleman from Ethiopia was taught by Philip, the preacher whom God sent to him. Notice the words of the Bible: “Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him” (Acts 8:35-38). Do you wonder why both the preacher and the sinner went into the water?

Consider further, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized* into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore *we are buried with him by baptism into death*: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4). Paul affirmed this same fact to the Christians in Colossae. He said these sinners had been “*buried with him in baptism*. . .” (Col. 2:12).

Now, if you needed to bury a dead animal, would you just

sprinkle or pour a small amount of dirt on the dead animal? No, and you know that to be true! You would cover the dead animal completely; you would *bury* it entirely in the earth.

Are you aware that the word *baptism* means a burial or an immersion? W. E. Vine's *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* says the Greek word translated "baptism" means "... the process of immersion, submersion and emergency . . . to dip" (I: 96). Baptism is an immersion or a burial in water. That is why Philip and the Ethiopian *both went down into the water* (Acts 8:38).

Again, *I don't know why* God ordered baptism to be administered by immersion, or a burial, but I know for a fact that He did so! I have given you the passages which prove this to be true. Man obviously did not make this decision, since he has consistently tried to change it through the ages. But, people who believe the Bible to be God's Word find the issue to be settled by the passages cited in this article. Instead of worrying about *why* God required baptism, to be saved, and administered by immersion, *just believe* the Bible and *obey* its command of baptism and be saved from your sins.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Another of the appointments of the Lord is that His disciples in the church should observe a ceremony called "the Lord's supper" (1 Cor. 11:20). Jesus appointed the observance of this ordinance Himself.

The Scriptures tell us the origin of this feast: "And as they were eating, Jesus took *bread*, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; *this is my body*. And he took the *cup*, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For *this is my blood of the new testament*, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:26-29).

I don't know why He chose the bread and the cup as a representation of His body and blood, but it is clear that He did exactly that! Any reader of the New Testament can see this simple truth.

Furthermore, we know that the idea of remembering Him in this way did not originate with man! Just recall the statues, monuments, and memorials that men have crafted to remind their companions of the crucifixion of Christ. Why didn't

God chose the statue as a means of celebrating the death of Jesus? Why did He chose the bread and cup for this purpose? Men have all kinds of ideas about this, but *I don't know why* God chose these two simple elements for this purpose. All I know is, they are what He chose!

"IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

For some reason, God chose this simple "supper" as a means of reminding His disciples of the death of His Son. Consider Paul's inspired explanation: "For *I have received of the Lord* that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took *bread*: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, *Take, eat: this is my body*, which is broken for you: *this do in remembrance of me*. After the same manner also he took the *cup*, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: *this do ye*, as oft as ye drink it, *in remembrance of me*. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, *ye do shew the Lord's death till he come*" (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

Man says, "I have a better idea. Let's carve a monument which men can view, and let it remind them of the death of Jesus!" Man always seems to think his ideas are better than God's! And, I confess, *I don't know why* God chose the bread and the cup to remind us of the death of Jesus, but the New Testament attributes the idea to the Lord, rather than to men. He said this is the way to "*shew the Lord's death till he come*." In other words, this is the way God's wants His people to remember the death of the Savior, until His return. The Lord's people are to faithfully and carefully observe this feast, as He has appointed, whether we see any reason for it, or not!

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Man might say, "*All right, I'll observe this feast, because the Lord has told me to do so, but I'll decide when to do so!*" Actually, there is no "might" about it. This is precisely what man has done. If he has a meeting on Tuesday or Friday, he is as apt to observe the Lord's Supper then, as at any other time. Does this meet the expectations of the Lord?

The only way we would know when to partake of this feast, in a way the Lord approves, is to consult the New Testament. When did faithful disciples of the Lord partake of the Lord's Supper? If we can find directions in the Scriptures for a time for this memorial, why not follow those directions?

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Well, Surprise, Surprise! The New Testament does tell us *when* the church of the New Testament observed this feast. Note the testimony of Luke: “And *upon the first day of the week*, when the disciples came together to *break bread*, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech midnight” (Acts 20:7).

The first century church could have observed the Lord's Supper on any day; they had the same seven days we have. Nor did they decide to do it on the Sabbath Day, even though God had appointed the Jews to remember Him on that day (Exod. 20:8). However, with the approval and participation of the Apostle Paul, they did it on “*the first day of the week*,” or on Sunday. Sunday is the day chosen by the Lord for this observance. *I don't know why* He chose this day, but He did! That is, therefore, the only day when this church will remember the death of Jesus with the observance of the Lord's Supper. This New Testament provision is good enough for us!

GIVING

Worshippers giving is very much a part of religious practice. This is as it ought to be. I know that a part of worship, according to the Scripture, is giving of our means. Paul taught the church at Corinth to give. “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for *God loveth a cheerful giver*” (2 Cor. 9:7). So, there is no doubt about the requirement for giving.

We are also instructed regarding the *purpose* for giving. The purpose is to support the spread of the gospel to a lost and dying world. The aim is not to entertain the local membership with dinners and parties. The church has work to do (Eph. 4:12), and giving enables the church to do its work. The apostle Paul said of the church at Philippi, “Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, *no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving*, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica *ye sent once and again unto my necessity*” (Phil. 4:15-16).

Paul also taught, “Who goeth a warfare any time *at his own charges*? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that

thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?*” (1 Cor. 9:7-11). So, God decreed that those who preach the gospel should be supported in their work. And, if there was any doubt about the matter, notice what Paul, by inspiration, wrote to Timothy: “For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, *The labourer is worthy of his reward*” (1 Tim. 5:18).

There is no doubt about it. God said the giving of the Christian is to support the work He has assigned the church to do. So, *I know why* Christians are to give. The answer is: Because God said so!

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

The same God who told us to give, also told us when to do it! That might seem surprising to some, but it is not at all surprising to me! God makes His will clear and plain to those who wish to follow His counsel. And, He has done exactly that with regard to *when* He wants us to give.

Notice what God had the apostle Paul write to the church at Corinth regarding their giving. Also, notice that he had given the same orders to other churches. He said, “Now concerning *the collection* for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store*, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

There can be no misunderstanding about when we are to give. This command is to be obeyed on the *first day of the week*! That is what our Bibles plainly tell us to do. So, when we study the New Testament, we know *what* we are to do, *why* we are to do it, and *when* it is to be done!

Of course, there are six other days in the week. Why can't we give on one of those days? Why not on Tuesday? Thursday? Saturday? *I don't know why* God chose Sunday as the day when His people would give, but I know that is precisely what He said on the subject!

Furthermore, there are numbers of ways to raise money. We have seen, particularly in television ministries, about every conceivable method employed to raise money from their followers. They sell almost anything which can be sold to their people to raise money. They charge admission to their activities. These religionists promise that if people will only give to their ministry, the followers will be blessed

with riches by God. In fact, these preachers go so far as to “promise” financial rewards, if people will only send in their money! Meanwhile, these preachers end up living like potentates and kings off the money they dupe their followers into sending to them!

God is not the author of any of these schemes. He told His people to assemble *on the first day of the week*, and they are to remember the death of Jesus with the Lord’s Supper (as we have already noted, Acts 20:7). His people are also commanded to give of their means on that same day, as they have been prospered by the Lord. That is all the Bible authorizes on this subject.

I don’t know why God placed these limitations on this practice, but, as you can easily see, that is what the New Testament clearly teaches on the subject! In fact, we in churches of Christ do not worry ourselves with the *why* of the practice. We simply limit our conduct to what God has authorized. That’s good enough for us!

THE CHURCH

Considering today’s religious world, one almost imagines that man is the author of the religious idea of *the church*. I have been conscious of man’s contribution to this religious subject throughout my preaching career.

When I started preaching in 1959, there were 250 different churches in America. I well remember when the number grew to 300, then 350, and 500. In 1980, *Good Housekeeping* magazine listed the names of 1200 churches in America. In 1989, *U. S. News And World Report* stated that in 1985 there were 24,000 different churches in the world, and five new churches were being established every week!

While researching an in-progress writing project, I read a book entitled *Bible Study for Joy and Profit*, by Charlie Brackett. Brackett wrote: “. . . *there are now over 34,000 denominations of Christianity and the number of new ones is growing at the rate of 270-300 per year*” (13). Brackett was quoting *Barrett’s Encyclopedia*, the 2001 edition.

What does all of this mean? Well, man obviously has some knowledge of the concept of the church. Unfortunately, man’s concept, as is often the case, is totally wrong. So, it is beneficial that we consider this subject again.

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

In Matthew 16, Jesus said to Peter: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matt. 16:18-19).

In Mark 1, Jesus is quoted as saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel (v. 15). Later Jesus said, “there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power” (Mark 9:1). The obvious conclusion drawn from Christ’s teaching is that the kingdom or church was about to be built, within the lifetimes of some of those first century people who were hearing Him preach.

I don’t know why God decided to build only one church, but I know for a fact that He did precisely that! **ONLY ONE CHURCH**

However, Jesus never promised to build over 34,000 different churches! He only promised to build one. He said, “*I will build my church*,” not my churches! Unfortunately, this is a truth of which modern religion is either ignorant or ignoring. Whichever, such is inexcusable!

The New Testament could not possibly be more plain with its teaching on the singleness of the church. The Ephesian church, Paul wrote, God “hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23). Whatever else the New Testament says, it clearly declares that the church is the body of Christ! You have just read this truth for yourself!

However, that does not change New Testament teaching about Christ’s body, the church. Notice, “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling” (Eph. 4:4). Truth is hard to deny! The church is the body, and there is *one* body! The only conclusion to be drawn: There is only one church!

Folks, that is what the Scriptures teach about the church. Christ built His church, and He built only one. The rest of the 34,000+ churches in the world are the inventions of uninspired men! Nothing else! The sooner we understand this fact, the quicker we can begin our search for the true Church of Christ!

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I don't know why God decided to build only one church, but I know for a fact that He did precisely that! The testimony of the Word of God cannot be denied with impunity. I know His decision is not the same as the decisions of men. Men have built multiple churches to fit their concepts, and most people believe those manmade churches are just as good as the one church Jesus built. For the life of me, I cannot understand their thinking!

I remember the prayer of Jesus, offered just prior to His arrest and crucifixion. He said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:20-21). There is a huge amount of unbelief in today's world. Unbelievers outnumber believers by millions!

Jesus told His disciples He wanted them to be one, so the world would believe in Him. His supposed disciples are not one church today, they number over 34,000 different groups, and the world does not believe!

One does not have to be Solomon to figure this out. The religious world has gone woefully wrong on this critical subject, with devastating results. As I have been saying, *I don't know why* men make mistakes on basic Bible doctrines. However, there is no way to successfully deny those mistakes. Furthermore, there is no greater, nor more consequential mistake, than the modern error about the one church of Jesus Christ.

THE MUSIC OF THE CHURCH

One of the issues that confronts the Lord's church in its dealings with the denominations is its insistence upon *vocal music only* in its worship. Almost all denominations use some form of mechanical music in their worship. Therefore, the absence of mechanical instruments of music is one of the first things visitors notice when they attend our worship.

Now, I have to confess to you: *I don't know why* God

decided that the church was not to use these mechanical instruments, for the evidence is clear that instrumental music was part of Old Testament worship. Several passages could be cited to demonstrate that God allowed His people in Old Testament times to use mechanical instruments, but I'll include only one. "Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the *trumpet*: praise him with the *psaltery* and *harp*. Praise him with the *timbrel* and *dance*: praise him with *stringed instruments* and *organs*. Praise him upon the loud *cymbals*: praise him upon the *high sounding cymbals*" (Psa. 150:2-5).

(I used to point out that this passage also authorized dancing in worship, which few, if any, denominations incorporate into their worship.)

Thus, one would have to deny the Old Testament scriptures if he declared that mechanical instruments were not used in their worship. Of course, we will not deny their use. And, inasmuch as God allowed their use back then, *I don't know why* He removed their use in New Testament worship. However, that is precisely what He did.

NEW TESTAMENT WORSHIP

Just as God eliminated animal sacrifices and the Sabbath day from the worship of the New Testament church, He also eliminated the use of mechanical instruments of music in its worship. There are only nine (9) passages in the New Testament which refer to music in the church. Allow me to list them and

you can examine them for yourself to see what music God appointed us to use.

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives (Matt. 26:30).

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And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them (Acts 16:25).

And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles,

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and sing unto thy name (Rom. 15:9).

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also (1 Cor. 14:15).

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (Eph. 5:19).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16).

Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee (Heb. 2:12).

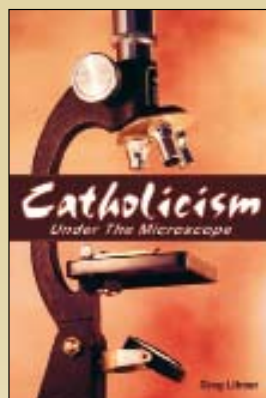
Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms (Jas. 5:13).

These verses contain the totality of New Testament teaching on the music of the Lord's church today. In every passage

the words used were "sung," "sang," "sing," or "singing." One needs help to *misunderstand* what God's Word authorizes for the worship of the New Testament church. Oh, you can get plenty of help to misunderstand it, but can you be honest with yourself and God's Word while denying that He appointed the use of vocal music only?

As I have been saying, *I don't know why* the Lord decided to exclude the use of mechanical instruments of music from the worship of His church. This is especially true while acknowledging that He had approved its use in Old Testament worship. But, in that "old" worship, He had His people offer animal sacrifices, and He changed that act of worship, also!

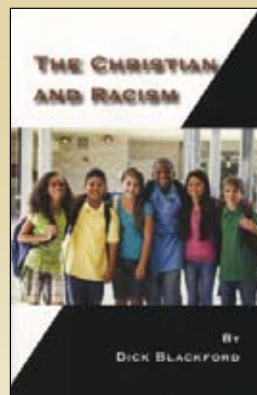
So, I guess it is not such a great mystery that He excluded the use of mechanical instruments, also. Finally, does it really matter whether we *know why* God decided to change the worship? Was it not His right to do so? We just need to learn to do what He has authorized, and only that!



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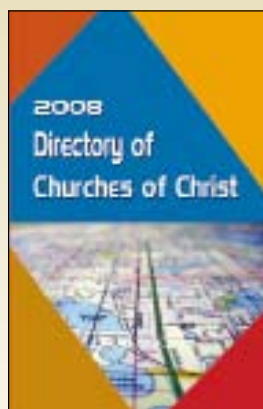


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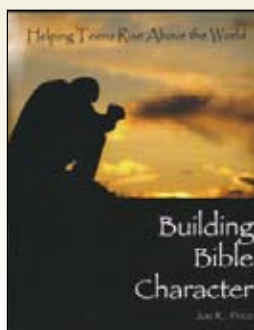
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Prophets were men of great faith and courage. A prophet's work was hard and dangerous because most of the kings and the people were very angry when someone told them about their sins. Some prophets were put in prison. Some were put to death.

The prophets preached many lessons to God's people, the Jews. The Jews divided into two nations: Israel and Judah. At times God gave messages to the Gentiles, who were not His special people. God sent Jonah and later Nahum to warn that He would destroy the Gentile city of Nineveh if the people did not repent. When Jonah preached they did repent, but not when Nahum preached.

Elijah and Elisha were great prophets who faced many dangers in Israel. Once Elijah proved 450 prophets of the idol Baal were false prophets. Wicked King Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel were so angry that Elijah hid in a cave to save his life (1 Kings 18-19). Many Israelites did evil things, but many good prophets helped Elijah teach the truth and 7,000 people obeyed God by refusing to worship idols (1 Kings 18:4; 19:18). Later, when Israel became worse, Amos warned, "Prepare to meet thy God," which means, "Get ready for your punishment" (Amos 4:12). They did not repent and God sent the nation of Assyria to destroy them.

At first God's people in Judah worshiped God, but then many of them began to worship idols, lie, steal, get drunk, murder, and commit other sins. Some people worshiped idols

by burning their children on an altar. God sent prophets to warn them. Micah said the people did not like to hear God's true prophets warn against sin, but they liked false prophets who did not rebuke sin (Mic. 2:11). When Judah refused to repent, God sent the nation of Babylon to destroy them and take them as slaves. After punishing them in Babylon for seventy years, God let them return to Judah and obey His Word.

The prophets told of a wonderful time when God would send His Son to save men by forgiving their sins. The number "two" helps us remember what the prophets said. In Psalm 2 David told of the Savior who would be rejected by men but chosen by God as our King. In Isaiah 2 the prophet Isaiah said in the future God will proclaim His new law in Jerusalem for men of all nations. In Daniel 2 the prophet Daniel told of a time when God would bring His kingdom which cannot be destroyed. In Joel 2 the prophet Joel told of a future time when God would reveal His plan of salvation. In Acts 2 all of these things were fulfilled to save men from their sins!

God guided four prophets to write long books with many lessons: Isaiah, Jeremiah (who also wrote the little book of Lamentations), Ezekiel, and Daniel. Because those books have so many lessons, we call them "major prophets." He guided twelve prophets to write shorter books: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. These are called "minor prophets" because the lessons are shorter, but they are equally important as part of God's Word.



Memory Verse:

“Be not afraid of their : for I am with thee to deliver thee,
saith the Lord (Jer. 1:8).



ACTIVITIES: SHORT ANSWERS

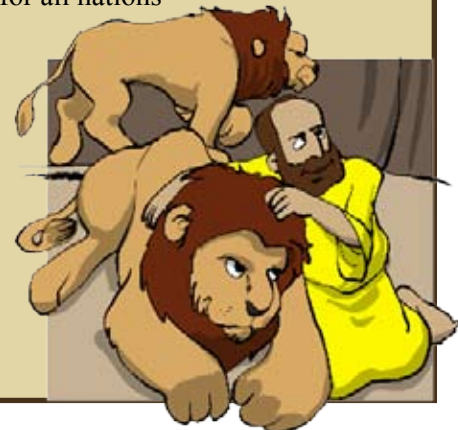
1. Why was the work of a prophet hard and dangerous? _____
2. Who were God’s chosen people, and who were the people not chosen by God? _____
3. What are some sins committed by God’s people? _____
4. Name the four prophets who wrote the longer books. _____
5. Name the twelve prophets who wrote the shorter books. _____

MATCH:

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| _____ 1. Jonah, Nahum | A. Great prophet hated by King Ahab and Queen Jezebel |
| _____ 2. Elijah | B. The Savior will be rejected by men but chosen by God. |
| _____ 3. Amos | C. All things were fulfilled to save men from their sins |
| _____ 4. Micah | D. God will make a kingdom which cannot be destroyed |
| _____ 5. Babylon | E. Preached to the Gentile people of Nineveh |
| _____ 6. Psalm 2 | F. In a future time God would reveal His plan of salvation |
| _____ 7. Isaiah 2 | G. The Jews were punished seventy years as slaves in this land |
| _____ 8. Daniel 2 | H. Said the people like false prophets who do not rebuke sin |
| _____ 9. Joel 2 | I. God’s new law will be proclaimed in Jerusalem for all nations |
| _____ 10. Acts 2 | J. Warned Israel, “Prepare to meet thy God.” |

REVIEW MEMORY VERSE:

(God told Moses:) Now therefore go, and I will be with _____,
and teach thee _____ (Exodus 4:12).





The Song Before

the Lord's Supper (6)

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In this series of articles, we have been considering how to use hymns with the Lord's Supper to emphasize both the tragedy and the triumph of the cross. Previously, we suggested that, in addition to singing a solemn hymn before the Lord's Supper, a joyful hymn could be sung afterward. The preceding article suggested another possibility: dividing hymns by singing part of a hymn before the Lord's Supper and part of it afterward. In this final article, we will consider how to divide hymns with choruses in connection with the Lord's Supper.

USING CHORUSES EFFECTIVELY

At times, choruses have a different tone than verses. A good example is "At the Cross." Isaac Watts wrote the hymn in 1707. The words have been used with various tunes over the years. The music that is now most often associated with the hymn was written in 1885 by R. E. Hudson, who also added the chorus. The upbeat tune and chorus completely change the tenor of Watt's hymn. Though Hudson's version has become popular, one might question whether his music and chorus fit well with Watt's words. Regardless, "At the Cross" works effectively with the Lord's Supper by singing the first verses with no choruses beforehand and the last verse and chorus afterward (included below is a verse that is not in many hymnals).

BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker died,

For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do.

At the cross, at the cross

Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Another hymn may be used the same way—with the chorus only after the last verse—is "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" by Charles H. Gabriel:

BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

For me it was in the garden
He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

The Effects of Alcohol: A Biblical Perspective



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“**W**oe to those who rise early in the morning,
that they may follow intoxicating drink; who
continue until night, till wine inflames them!”
(Isa. 5:11).

Much has been said and written on the subject of the effect that the consumption of alcohol has had on human lives. As for the effects of alcohol on the human body, medical doctors can explain in scientific terms the damage that alcohol inflicts on the health of those who consume it. On the other hand, there are those in the medical profession who claim that the moderate consumption of alcohol is actually good for the body. Both sides make sophisticated sounding arguments to bolster their case. But which is correct?

Likewise, those who say that alcohol should be avoided can quote statistics on the high number of alcohol-related deaths (including drunk-driving deaths) that occur each year. However, there are those who would say that the problem is not the alcoholic beverage itself so much as it is the people who carelessly consume too much of it. Which point of view is correct?

Those who are not Christians will often have a very difficult time sorting through the validity of both points of view on alcohol. For many it will come down to personal preference when it comes to the decision of whether or not to drink alcoholic beverages. But for the Christian, these discussions concerning the effects of alcohol should have very little bearing on the decision of whether or not one should drink intoxicants, since the faithful child of God is more concerned with what the word of God says about the subject than what the so-called “experts” have to say. The “experts” will offer differing and ever-changing opinions. But God’s opinion does not change, for as the psalmist says, “Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89).

What does the Bible say about the effects of alcohol? This is the only information the Bible-believer needs in order to come to a conclusion on the matter. Once this question is settled the view that a child of God ought to have toward alcohol will have been settled as well. Fortunately, the Scriptures provide plenty of information on the effects of alcohol.

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The Song Before the Lord’s Supper (6)

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He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

AFTER THE LORD’S SUPPER

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior’s love for me!

When using hymns this way, it may be helpful to sing slowly and softly before the Lord’s Supper, while singing joyfully after the Lord’s Supper. Standing afterward to sing joyously is also effective.

CONCLUSION

The “song before the Lord’s Supper” is a valuable tradition because it helps us focus on Jesus’ sacrifice. Following the Lord’s Supper with another hymn, or select verses and choruses from appropriate hymns can help us express thanks for Jesus’ sacrifice and dedicate ourselves to Him in appreciation.

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The Effects of Alcohol: A Biblical Perspective

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1. Alcohol brings on irrational behavior. After the flood the Bible says, “And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside” (Gen. 9:20-22). Would Noah have become “drunk” and “uncovered in his tent” if he had not “drank the wine”? Would Ham have had opportunity to display disrespect for his father on this occasion had his father not consumed alcohol?

2. Alcohol impairs consciousness and suppresses righteousness. Following the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot’s daughters reasoned with one another saying, “Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father” (Gen. 9:32). The text goes on to say, “So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose” (Gen. 9:33). Would a “righteous” man like Lot (see 2 Pet. 3:7) have engaged in such an abominable act had alcohol not been involved?

3. Alcohol leads to twisted speech and vision. Of those who consume alcoholic beverages the Proverb writer says, “Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things” (Prov. 23:33). Things that should never have been said will be said when one is under the influence of alcohol.

4. Alcohol impairs judgment and reason. “It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; lest they drink and forget the law,

and pervert the justice of all the afflicted” (Prov. 31:4-5). The consumption of alcohol will lead one to mistreat others by breaking down all barriers of restraint and reason.

5. Alcohol leads one astray. “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). To be led astray is the same as being deceived or led into error. The consumption of alcohol will lead a man down an entirely different path than the one he intended to travel.

6. Alcohol leads to eternal condemnation. The apostle Paul writes that among the “works of the flesh” are, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21). The most devastating effect of alcohol is not the damage it may do to one’s liver or the physical harm a drunk-driver may do to an innocent victim. The most devastating effect of the consumption of alcohol is that it will separate a soul from God for all eternity.

CONCLUSION

It is amazing, in light of all that the Bible says on the subject, that some brethren will still try to justify the consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Bible is very clear on the effects that alcohol has on human lives. For the faithful Christian, the Biblical perspective should settle the matter once and for all. Is it settled for you?

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The Church at Corinth: A Case Study of Division in the Local Church (2)

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disagreeing brothers argue about the issue. The text states that he is bring two or three *witnesses* (brethren who can confirm that the offence occurred.) When the brother refuses to correct his sin, the innocent party should “tell it to the church.” This step apparently was not taken at Corinth, or if it were taken, the church did not follow through with its obligation to discipline the erring brother.

Too often brethren don’t want to get involved in such conflicts and, as a result, the problem grows, creates tension in the local church, and may even eventually lead to factions and division. When the problem is addressed, the sinful exhorted to repent, and the impenitent withdrawn from, the congregation

can work through such problems as that which threatened the church at Corinth.

Local churches have frequently been torn apart by ungodly conduct by one brother against another that is never addressed by the congregation. The problem is allowed to fester and grow until, what was a small problem, threatens to divide the entire congregation. For the health and welfare of the local church, let each of us resolve to handle matters of personal offence as Matthew 18:15-17 demands. And, if the ones involved are too immature to follow Matthew 18:15-17, let the spiritually minded in the local church get involved to prevent their personal problems from creating congregational problems.

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<p>LONG BEACH, CA Church of Christ 3433 Studebaker Rd. Bible Study 9:50 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Lonnice Fritz (562) 420-2363 Mark Reeves (562) 420-9577 (562) 377-1674</p>	<p>DOVER, DE Kent-Sussex Church of Christ 2041 South DuPont Hwy Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (302) 672-7087 www.delawarebiblestudies.com</p>	<p>FORT MYERS, FL Southside Church of Christ 13641 Learning Ct. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David P. Schmidt 433-2838 or 482-2158</p>	<p>LAKELAND, FL Lakeland Hills Blvd. Church of Christ 2510 Lakeland Hills Blvd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelists: Marc W. Gibson Don Hastings (863) 688-4336</p>	<p>PALMETTO, FL Palmetto Church of Christ 1575 14th Avenue W. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: David Beck (941) 722-1307, or (941) 803-8084 www.palmettochurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>TAMPA, FL Central Church of Christ 2701 E. Fowler Ave (in the Clarion) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. John Lockaby (813) 833-5786 John Trimble (813) 914-0546 Tom O'Neal (813) 625-5651</p>
<p>OCEANSIDE-VISTA, CA Church of Christ 2020 Sunset Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Lowell C. Bell (760) 940-8003</p>	<p>ALACHUA, FL Santa Fe Hills Church of Christ Hwy. 441, 1/2 mile west of I-75 (Exit 78) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (386) 462-4325 or (352) 333-7003</p>	<p>FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 6 Lane Dr. Mary Esther, FL Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Rankin (850) 244-9222</p>	<p>MERRITT ISLAND, FL Church of Christ 512 Plumosa St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (321) 453-3320</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL Beach Church of Christ 8910 Front Beach Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ben Liggins (850) 234-2521 or 234-1368</p>	<p>ZEPHYRHILLS, FL Church of Christ 5444 4th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Assembly 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (813) 788-9587</p>
<p>ARVADA, CO (Denver) Northgate Church of Christ (Lincoln Academy Charter School) 6980 Pierce Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Afternoon Class/ Worship 1:30 P.M. (303) 456-4895</p>	<p>BRONSON, FL Church of Christ 894 E. Hathaway (Hwy. 27A) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Zellner (352) 528-3058</p>	<p>FROSTPROOF, FL Church of Christ 40 W. "A" St. Frostproof, FL 33483 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Freese (863) 635-2607 or 635-4278</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Flagler Grove Church of Christ (Nearest to Airport) 500 N.W. 53rd Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: John Buttrick (305) 634-5924</p>	<p>PANAMA CITY, FL Church of Christ 3339 Florida Ave. (Between Baldwin Rd. & Hwy. 390) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin Hudson (850) 265-6539</p>	<p>CENTERVILLE, GA Centerville Church of Christ 250 Collins Ave. (Near Robins AFB) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: J. Wiley Adams (478) 922-1128</p>
<p>COLORADO SPRINGS, CO Northeast Church of Christ 6660 Galley Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (719) 597-6661</p>	<p>BROOKSVILLE, FL Church of Christ 604 W. Fort Dade Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: V.C. McCormick (352) 796-9803</p>	<p>GENEVA, FL Church of Christ Ave. C and 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. (407) 349-9998</p>	<p>MIAMI, FL Church of Christ 12780 Quail Roost Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Clark Pace (305) 233-9590 or (954) 430-1437</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL East Hill Church of Christ 2078 E. Nine Mile Rd. at Camberwell Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Stan Adams 479-2130 or 994-7749</p>	<p>CONYERS, GA Rockdale Church of Christ East Metro Atlanta, 705 Smyrna Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Forrest Bacon, elder (770) 918-1932; Wendell Holland, elder (770) 761-6987; Building (770) 929-3973</p>
<p>FT. COLLINS, CO Foothills Church of Christ 1200 Raintree Drive Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:30 A.M. Call (970) 482-9690 for Wednesday Service (Meets in home.)</p>	<p>CHIPLEY, FL Church of Christ 1295 Brickyard Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 638-4942</p>	<p>HOLLYWOOD, FL Harding St. Church of Christ 5828 Harding St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (954) 961-4112</p>	<p>OCALA, FL Church of Christ 3900 S. Pine (441, 301 & 27 S.) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Al Sandlin 352-351-5188</p>	<p>PENSACOLA, FL Northside Church of Christ 4001 N. Ninth Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph R. Mazter (850) 432-0736</p>	<p>CORDELE, GA Crisp County Church of Christ 120 Emmaus Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jimmy Tuten Call for directions: (229) 271-1964 (229) 382-8722 (229) 402-4101</p>
<p>GRAND JUNCTION, CO Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparrn Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Bohannon www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net</p>	<p>DELAND, FL North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, FL Julington Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 230-3332 (Bldg.) or 268-9638 (Wendell Bowman) jimbello07@netzero.net www.jccoc.com</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p>PUNTA GORDA, FL Church of Christ 2300 Taylor Road PO Box 511069 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov.-Mar.) 4:00 P.M. Evening (Apr.-Oct.) 5:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Branch (239) 458-3566</p>	<p>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>
<p>IGNACIO, CO Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p>DESTIN, FL South Walton Church of Christ 64 Casting Lake Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 632-3817 www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p>JACKSONVILLE, FL Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden Elders: Jamie Rhoden & Steve Frazier (904) 781-5704 or 693-0432 www.mariettacoc.com</p>	<p>ORLANDO, FL Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p>ST. PETERSBURG, FL Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p>SAVANNAH, GA Coastal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronnelson@embarqmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>

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<p>VALDOSTA, GA Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. (No evening worship) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>	<p>PALATINE, IL Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>	<p>MUNCIE, IN Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p>LENEXA, KS Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p>CANEYVILLE, KY Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 879-6152 or 274-3065</p>	<p>BATON ROUGE, LA Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
<p>BLACKFOOT, ID Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 1:30 P.M. Worship 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p>CLARKSVILLE, IN Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkw. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2305 KCcampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	<p>OOLETIC, IN Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p>TOPEKA, KS 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p>DANVILLE, KY 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott Vifquain (859) 236-4204 or 238-0860</p>	<p>BOSSIER CITY, LA Bossier Church of Christ 2917 Foster Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 747-4308 or 742-4557</p>
<p>ABINGDON, IL Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p>ELETTSVILLE, IN Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285 or 336-4630</p>	<p>PEKIN, IN Church of Christ (First St. & Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p>WICHITA, KS Ridge Road Church of Christ 7001 W. 21st St., North Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (316) 722-6622 or 744-1841</p>	<p>FRANKLIN, KY 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p>LAKE CHARLES, LA Southside Church of Christ 3919 Auburn St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 474-9122 or 436-0477</p>
<p>BENTON, IL Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981</p>	<p>HAMMOND, IN Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p>RICHMOND, IN Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>	<p>WICHITA, KS Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p>GLASGOW, KY East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 404-0346 or 651-7141</p>	<p>LEESVILLE, LA White Park Church of Christ 17801 Nolan Trace; 20 mi. from Fort Polk (5 mi. W. of Leesville) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (270) 239-4614 www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.org</p>
<p>CHICAGO, IL Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p>HOBART, IN Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Keith Welch (219) 942-2663</p>	<p>SALEM, IN Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p>BEAVER DAM, KY Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p>LEITCHFIELD, KY Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Cooper (270) 259-4968</p>	<p>MANY, LA Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>
<p>CHICAGO, IL Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p>INDIANAPOLIS, IN Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613</p>	<p>TRAFALGAR, IN Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David R. Dodd (317) 878-5969 or (317) 439-3252 spearsvilleroadmessenger@gmail.com</p>	<p>BOWLING GREEN, KY Eastside Church of Christ 1706 Smallhouse Rd Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wed. 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Gary Kerr (270) 843-9925 www.mightytisthelord.com</p>	<p>LOUISVILLE, KY Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p>STONEWALL, LA N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>
<p>DOWNERS GROVE, IL Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>	<p>JAMESTOWN, IN Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington & Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Halbrook (765) 676-6404 or (317) 892-6285</p>	<p>DES MOINES, IA Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p>BOWLING GREEN, KY West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Todd Chandler & Lowell Salee (270) 842-7880 www.walstedchurch.com</p>	<p>LOUISVILLE, KY Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p>WEBSTER, MA Church of Christ Webster 168 Main St. Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details (508) 765-6067 Preacher: Peter Capoccia</p>
<p>GLEN ELLYN, IL Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630-529-2149) (630) 858-2290</p>	<p>KOKOMO, IN Church of Christ 1217 S. Courtland Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Welch (765) 453-2356</p>	<p>GRINNELL, IA Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 793-2989</p>	<p>BRANDENBURG, KY Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p>OWENSBORO, KY Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p>PORTLAND, ME Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times & places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>
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