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A SPECIAL THANKS!

MIKE WILLIS

I have a bit of unfinished business that I have intended to take care for several months, but due to other pressing things, it has gone neglected. It is not that I have not thought about it, for I have thought about it often and intended to get this done and inserted in a much earlier issue. However, all of our issues in 2013 have been thematic and did not lend themselves to this being included and I wanted this to be front and center when it was included.

The fall Board Meeting for the Guardian of Truth Foundation was held November 29, 2012. During this meeting, brother Connie Adams indicated his desire to retire from service on the Board. He said that he did not feel as useful or aware of many of the technical issues that have to do with the business. He said that it is becoming more difficult to arrange and schedule his time, and do the board a service. Accordingly, he preferred to bow out and allow somebody to take his place. Chairman of the Board, David Shadburne, replied, "Each of us has his own skill set that he brings to help the organization. We need men like you who have the vision and wisdom." Connie responded, "It has been an honor to serve, and I hope I have had something useful to contribute. When I came on the Board, I came on with a view to advise Mike Willis on writing." I added, "Connie has helped to give us greater security of mission." And, with such a short exchange of words, unexpectedly Connie's work with the Guardian of Truth Foundation ended.

With the December, 1992 issue of *Searching the Scriptures*, Connie concluded nineteen years (1973-1992) of service as editor of that excellent journal. In his concluding article, brother Adams expressed appreciation to the Guardian of Truth Foundation and its magazine for fulfilling the unfulfilled subscriptions to the *Searching the Scriptures*, thus beginning a new arrangement with the Foundation and with me, though it was a second term of service to and through *Truth Magazine*.



Mr. Connie Adams

I had and have the highest regard for Connie. My respect for Connie went back to the time when he and my brother, Cecil, worked in a two-preacher arrangement at the Brown Street church in Akron, Ohio, beginning July 1, 1965. One of the Proverbs teaches, "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not" (27:10). Though Cecil is not my father, as some have thought, the principle seems just as important for one's brother as one's father. Cecil and Connie saw in each other a common faith, common commitment to sacrifice themselves in the service of the truth, and unwaning zeal for the Lord that went back to when the two of them were students together

at Florida College in 1949. (FC was only three years old at the time.) Their work together at Brown Street helped a number of Ohio Valley congregations that were straddling the fence on the institutionalism/sponsoring church/fellowship halls issues of the 1960s come down on the right side. Connie was added as an associate editor to *Truth Magazine* in January, 1966 and continued to serve in that capacity until

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MARRIAGE UNDER ATTACK

ALTON BAILEY

HOMOSEXUALS HAVE ATTACKED MARRIAGE

Chick-fil-A President, Dan Cathy, spoke against (Gay) homosexual marriages. He said that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. He said in the *Huffington Post* on July 17, 2012, "We are very much supportive of the family – the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that . . . we know that it might not be popular with everyone, but, thank the Lord, we live in a country where we can share our values and operate on biblical principles." President Dan Cathy further stated, "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at Him and say, 'We know better than You as to what constitutes a marriage,' and I pray God's mercy on our generation that has such a prideful, arrogant attitude to think that we have the audacity to try to redefine what marriage is about."

Because of what he said or quoted in the above paragraph, the president of Chick-fil-A was attacked by the liberal media. Homosexuals in our great nation have taken their perverted

“ Marriage is a divine Institution.

practice to another level than recorded in Genesis 19 and Romans 1. The homosexuals in Genesis 19 and Romans 1 did not demand that man recognize their perverted relationship as marriage. America, we have come a long way! We are fulfilling what the prophet Isaiah said, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil" (Isa. 5:20, NASB). In our great nation we now have some political leaders who join the homosexuals in saying that marriage should be allowed between people of the same sex (gender).

MARRIAGE IS A DIVINE INSTITUTION

Marriage is a divine Institution. Marriage had its origin from God beginning in Genesis 2:18-24. Since God is our Creator, He knows what is best for His created. He said in Genesis 2:18 (NASB), "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." In Genesis 2:21-25, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. God took one of Adam's ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. God formed Eve. In Genesis 2:24 (NASB) God said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh." This is the marriage that God instituted. "Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators (including homosexuals) and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4, NASB). We must remember that God created Adam and Eve. He did not create Adam and Steve for marriage.

God joins two people together in marriage. Jesus said in Matthew 19:6 (NASB), "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." Marriage was under attack in the Old Testament. In Deuteronomy 24:1, man wanted to be able to put his wife away. Jesus said to the Pharisees in Matthew 19:8 (NASB), "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way." From the beginning of marriage in Genesis 2:18-24, God did not want man to divorce. When God instituted marriage in Genesis 2, God did not make an exception for divorce. Jesus points the exception out in Matthew 5:32 and Matthew 19:9. The exception can only be for sexual immorality.

GOD SUPERSEDES CIVIL GOVERNMENT

In our great nation, our civil government will allow divorce for other reasons than sexual immorality. Hence, marriage is under attack by our civil government. Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV) says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin

is a reproach to any people.” Isaiah 5:20 (NASB) warns, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.” America had better not call divorce for other reasons than sexual immorality by our civil government “good.” America had better not condone homosexual marriages by our civil government. As a nation, we must realize that, in comparison to God, we are a drop in the bucket and a speck of dust on a set of scales. Isaiah 40:15 (NASB) says, “Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales.” How long will it be before God gets rid of the drop in the bucket and the speck of dust on the set of scales?

Our civil government approves of marriages that God condemns. Hence, a God-approved marriage is under attack in our nation. Do you think that God will join two people together in marriage who will be living in fornication if they marry? Do you think that God will join two homosexuals together in marriage? Just because the civil government in some states approves of homosexual marriages doesn’t mean that God does! Remember Hebrews 13:4 (NASB), “Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled (not made dirty); for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”

Homosexual marriages allowed by our civil government are no different than unscriptural heterosexual marriages allowed by our civil government. If God doesn’t approve of the marriage, it is *sin*. It doesn’t matter what the civil government or any political leader says about the marriage. Who will judge us at the great Day of Judgment? Will it be God or the civil government? I think we all know the answer to that question.

HATE THE SIN BUT LOVE THE SINNER

Paul said to the Corinthians that some of the Corinthians had been homosexuals (1 Cor. 6:9). He said, “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11, NASB). God hates the sin of homosexuality but He loves the sinner. We must do the same. We

must hate all sin but we must love the sinner. Remember! All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We must warn the sinner concerning homosexuality. No doubt Paul warned the Corinthians concerning the sin of homosexuality. How can we assume this? Because Paul was the Apostle who established the church at Corinth (Acts 18:1-11). He continued with them a year and six months teaching the word of God among them (Acts 18:11). Paul told the Ephesian elders, “For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27, NKJV). If Paul did not shun declaring the whole counsel of God to the Ephesians, do you think that Paul failed to declare the whole counsel of God to the Corinthians? Since we love the sinner and hate the sinner’s sin, what should we do? We should warn the sinner as God instructed the “son of man” in Ezekiel 3:17-21 to do with those sinners. It may not be “politically correct” to speak against a homosexual marriage in our great nation but we know that it is biblically correct. A homosexual marriage may be labeled honorable among man but it is not honorable with God (Heb. 13:4).

CONCLUSION

Marriage is a divine Institution. God is under attack in our nation. We should not think it strange that marriage is also under attack in America. Satan is against God. He will be against anything that God says is honorable. In Genesis 3:1, Satan came to the Garden of Eden as a serpent. He could not come through man at that time because man had not sinned. But since man sinned in the Garden of Eden, we do not have a record of Satan coming as a serpent again. Why? Satan now uses man as his vehicle to spew forth his lies and corruption (John 8:44). Satan uses man to attack the divine Institution of marriage. Marriage will continue to be under attack in our great nation. What is next? Will it be our civil government authorizing man to marry his animal? Will it be our civil government authorizing man to have multiple wives? We do not know what will be next but it stands to reason that marriage will continue to be under attack in the United States.



“THE HERE-AND-NOW”

LEWIS WILLIS

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used a readily recognized fact in teaching a significant spiritual truth. He said, “*Ye shall know them by their fruits*. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them*” (Matt. 7:16-20). People expect that the fruit of an apple tree will be apples, not oranges, peaches, grapefruit, or lemons! It would be foolish to argue otherwise.

However, the Lord is using this truth to tell men how to recognize a false teacher. Men can look at what false teachers say or do, and determine that they are, in fact, false teachers, for “*by their fruits ye shall know them*.”

This same principle applies regarding moral conduct. There is a way to determine if one is a sinner. If people lie repeatedly, “*by their fruits ye shall know them*.” If they steal from others, “*by their fruits ye shall know them*.” If they are fornicators, “*by their fruits ye shall know them*.” Thus, this simple truth is useful in identifying the conduct of people. Everyday we see the “fruits” of sinful people. We know their character by what we see them doing, or hear them saying.

THERE IS ANOTHER APPLICATION

Just as surely as we can determine the kind of tree we are seeing by its fruit, or determine the character of an individual by his fruit, *we can also identify the character of a religious institution by its fruit*. What is that religious institution saying or doing? Jesus said, “*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them*.” I thought of this when I recently saw a message sign in front of a local church. The message conveyed the “fruit” upon which that church was focused.

We expect evil people to be focused on evil things. However, we expect churches to be focused on important, spiritual, not physical, things. Paul discussed “bodily exercise” when

writing to Timothy saying, “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come” (1 Tim. 4:8). You see, one can be focused only on “the here-and-now,” or he can also be focused on “that which is to come.” The same is true of churches. Their primary focus can be on “the here-and-now,” or on “that which is to come.”



So, how can we know the focus of a local religious organization?

So, how can we know the focus of a local religious organization? Jesus said, “. . . *by their fruits ye shall know them*.” What are the fruits of local churches that will identify their focus? What are they doing? Let me call some things to your attention, in view of these truths.

The church sign announced a *Blood Drive*. Now, I realize that there are occasions when people need blood transfusions. But is that what the church is supposed to be promoting? Another church announces a “Free Meal every 3rd Wednesday of the month.” Is serving a dinner what the church is to be promoting? A church near our home had to build a new auditorium. They turned the old auditorium into a gymnasium and volleyball court, easily observable through the windows while driving by.

Modern churches promote multiple dinners, stage plays, gymnasiums, baseball, football, volleyball, golf games, and sightseeing trips. Recently, several churches promoted Super Bowl parties, watching San Francisco and Baltimore play the game—apparently on the church’s big screen TV! I remember seeing one church several years ago that advertised their *Super Bowl party*, saying they would conduct

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a worship “at halftime.” (I don’t know what the “worshippers” who prefer to watch halftime are expected to do in that circumstance.) So, what about these churches? What is their focus? Jesus said, look at their fruits, and you will know.

I think of the teaching of the apostle Paul, when I see these things. He wrote, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Eph 5:25). Yes, at Calvary, Jesus “gave himself” for the church. Paul also instructed, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). Jesus shed His precious blood on the cross to “purchase the church”!

Do we actually believe He gave Himself at Calvary so the church can conduct blood drives, free meals, dinners, football parties,

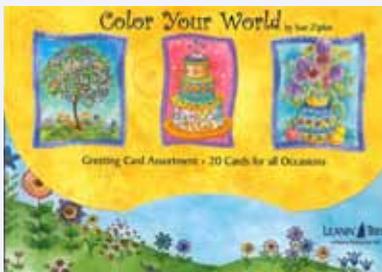
and trips? What have these activities got to do with eternity? John was told, “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter” (Rev. 1:19). You see, men and churches can either be focused on “the here and now,” or they can focus on “things which shall be hereafter.” How can we determine the focus of a community church. Jesus said, “. . . *by their fruits ye shall know them.*”

These churches and individuals need to follow Bible instruction: “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

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SOME THINGS BAPTISM DOESN'T DO

JARROD JACOBS

Baptism is key to pleasing God in this life. In fact, it is so important, that the Bible says that one must be baptized in order to be saved from past sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). We need to instruct people in this truth if we are going to save a population who is dying in sin daily (Mark 16:15; 2 Tim. 2:2). Let us take a moment to understand that there are some things that baptism does not do.

MAKE A MINOR AN ADULT

In other words, if a young boy is convicted by the Scripture he hears, believes on Christ, repents of his sin, confesses Christ, and is baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10; 1 Pet. 3:21), then he is forgiven of His sin, and becomes a Christian. Baptism, however, does not make him a man! Nor does a girl following the Lord's plan of salvation become a woman just because she is baptized "for the remission of sins."

We certainly rejoice with the angels when someone comes to Christ, recognizing his/her soul's lost condition and wants to be right with God. Yes, this shows a young person is thinking right. However, this does not mean that this 9, 10, 12, 13, etc. year-old is now a grown man or a grown woman!

I think this is necessary to study because at times, when young boys become Christians, there are some who become concerned that a woman can no longer teach them without violating 1 Timothy 2:11-12. This cannot be the case, for when we define the word "man" as 1 Timothy 2:11-12 uses it, we find this term meaning, "with reference to sex, and so to distinguish a man from a woman . . . with reference to age as to distinguish an adult man from a boy" (Thayer's, 45). In other words, the "man" of 1 Timothy 2 was an adult male, not a "boy"! Again, to speak of a "man" in this text, "stands in distinction from a woman . . . as distinct from a boy or infant" (Vine's). Therefore, if we know the difference between an infant, a child, and a man or a woman, then we can

understand that Paul (inspired of the Holy Spirit) was forbidding a woman from usurping authority "over the man" (not a boy) in 1 Timothy 2:11-12.

For further study, note that Jesus was called a "child" at one time (Luke 2:42-43)! In this passage, Jesus was twelve years old and called a child. If we believe in "calling Bible things by Bible names," then let us be consistent and call 12 year-old boys and girls "children," as the Bible does!

Yes, baptism forgives us from sin (Acts 2:38), puts us in a right relationship with God, and gives us new life (Rom. 6:3-4). But, baptism does not change the age or maturity level of anyone. Baptism does not turn boys and girls into men and women.

MAKE AN UNSCRIPTURAL MARRIAGE SCRIPTURAL

For years, it has been taught that one who is not a Christian is "not amenable" (subject to) the law of Christ in reference to His law on marriage, divorce, and remarriage (Source: *The Divorced and Remarried Who Would Come To God*, 49-50). Yet, when Jesus spoke, He spoke to "whosoever" (Matt. 5:32; 19:9). He did not speak only to those already in His kingdom. The things Christ spoke were words to which all would be "amenable," else the sinner is not subject to anything Christ said! Think for a moment: "Who" is it that must hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized? Is it not those who are not Christians? Are not all people (Christians and non-Christians) going to be judged by Christ one day? Yes (2 Thess. 1:6-9; John 12:48)! If so, then all are subject to what Christ said, including what Christ said in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9! If a couple is living in an adulterous relationship before baptism, then they would still be in an adulterous relationship after baptism if they do not repent of the sin of living in adultery (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)!

Being married to someone you have no right to is a sin (Rom. 7:2-3). We cannot teach that someone who is baptized "washes away" his

past wives! Baptism will not make an unscriptural marriage scriptural.

ELIMINATE ALL PROBLEMS

Sometimes, folks treat baptism as if it is the “magic” cure to problems. Yes, baptism forgives us of sins, and puts us in a right relationship with God. Yet, baptism will not eliminate problems in our lives. In fact, at times, one’s baptism results in creating some problems he did not have before! This is because, by making the decision to follow Christ, we are also making the decision to reject and shun the things of this world. When we do this, the world will hate us! Jesus stated this fact to the disciples in John 15:18-20. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said we are “*blessed*” when persecuted (Matt. 5:10-12). Later, James wrote, “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (Jas. 4:4). Obviously, when one becomes a Christian, he does not eliminate all problems from his life!

GUARANTEE EARTHLY RICHES

Unlike what the so-called preachers of the “health and wealth” gospel say, when one becomes a Christian, this does not guarantee earthly riches! One needs only to remember that, “foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head” (Luke 9:58), and that “a servant is not greater than his master” (John 15:20), in order to understand that becoming a Christian does nothing to guarantee earthly riches. Our Lord said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19-21). Yes, God promises to take care of His own (Matt. 6:33; Ps. 37:25), but this does not mean that, due to the fact that one is a Christian, he receives a million dollars! A Christian’s reward and riches await him in eternity, not now (Matt. 6:19; 2 Tim. 4:8-10; etc.)!

ADD YOU TO A DENOMINATIONAL BODY

Please read this point carefully. I write this because sometimes folks who are raised up in denominations will say they were baptized (immersed) and are therefore, saved. What does the Bible say? The Bible says baptism is “*for the remission of sins*” (Acts 2:38), not an “outward sign of an inward grace”! Upon being baptized, one is added to the Lord’s church by God (Acts 2:47). Many denominational folks say they can be “saved” one day and added to the church on another day. Which way is the Bible way?

Furthermore, we see folks who say they were baptized for the purpose of being forgiven, but belong to a church unknown to the Scriptures. In such cases, let us be reminded that there is only “*one body*” (Eph. 4:4), and we can only be baptized “*into one body*” (1 Cor. 12:13). Therefore, Bible baptism cannot add you to a denominational body anymore than baptism can be an “outward sign of an inward grace.” Error taught, error heard, and error believed, is error obeyed. Truth taught, truth heard, and truth believed is truth obeyed! One cannot be taught wrong and baptized right! Anyone involved with denominational error must be taught the truth, he must repent, and he must be baptized for the remission of sins and into the one body of Christ if he is going to be right with God (just as those religiously zealous Jews did in New Testament days, Acts 2:22, 41; 4:4; 6:7; etc.). I recognize this is not what “everyone” says, but this is what the Bible says!

TAKE TEMPTATION AWAY

Baptism does not grant immunity toward temptations and sin (Jas. 1:14-15). However, upon baptism, one has the right of prayer, and to know, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Numerous times in the Scripture, Christians are reminded to be steadfast, faithful, not weary in well-doing, etc., so that we will not give up while on earth (1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9).



I COULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER ATHLETE

DAVID HALBROOK

By the age of 13, I had made the Little League All-Star team several years in a row and both hoped and expected to be able to continue doing that. But, my experiences in sports were not quite as successful in the following years which disappointed me. At that phase of my life, sports were very important to me – not more important than being a Christian but still pretty important. As I have looked back, I have wondered why my early success didn't continue. Most likely, I was an early bloomer who was soon surpassed by more talented athletes. But I believe there's another contributing factor, and as is *en vogue* today, in part I blame my parents for my lack of continued success –

IF MY PARENTS HAD SPENT MORE TIME HONING MY ATHLETIC SKILLS, I COULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER ATHLETE.

Do not misunderstand—my parents took me to practices and games and gave me individual attention. They showed an interest in my areas of interest without pressure, while making the final decision for the activities of each member of their house (Josh. 24:15). But, they could have spent *more* time in the early mornings and evenings honing my skills.

Of course, that would have meant less time to read the Bible and pray together (2 Tim. 3:15). And, since there were three of us children, it might have meant less time with or encouraging my brother or sister in their interests – but after all, am I my sibling's keeper (Gen. 4:9)? It would have meant fewer opportunities to visit gospel meetings in the area, where I could meet other Christians, young and old, who over time I came to recognize when they would come to our meetings or who would coincidentally be visiting the same gospel meeting we were visiting. But, after all, they weren't members of the same local church I was, so I didn't have real responsibility toward them (1 Pet. 2:17). And, in order to stir up my teammates and maintain my commitment to my team, I would have had to miss some nights of gospel meetings and Sunday or Wednesday

assemblies and classes (Heb. 10:24-25). It would have meant even less time was available to be with other Christians my age (outside of the church's assembly) who were not on my athletic teams. (Isn't it odd how some parents want to find a local church "with young people," but then they make little effort for their children to be with other young people outside of the assembly?) But, those things are a small price to pay for the joy of athletic success, right? Yes, my parents are to blame.

IF MY PARENTS HAD SPENT MORE MONEY, I COULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER ATHLETE.

Again, be sure you understand – my parents spent money which allowed me to participate in the sports they allowed me to play. But, if they had spent *more*, I might have been better. I recently heard a mother call a financial advice call-in radio show. She asked whether it was fair to ask her fiancée to share the \$500/week (\$25,000/year) costs of figure skating lessons for her daughter (she said that she made \$80,000 per year). Maybe if my parents had spent just \$100/week on improving my athletic skills, then I could have kept up with the competition.

Of course, doing so might have required that they contribute a smaller portion of their income to the Lord's local work (1 Cor. 16:1-2) – but not necessarily. My mom could have done some extra work on the side, selling her delicious cinnamon rolls. After all, the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 was probably making and selling garments so that her children could have the luxuries of life (Prov. 31:24). Maybe she would not have been able to participate in Bible studies with other women but, after all, are those commanded anyway (Tit. 2:3-5)? Maybe she would have had less time to develop close spiritual relationships with other Christians, take food to the sick or bereaved or do other good works (1 Tim. 5:10) – but she would still be giving her son (who already had health, friends, school work, video games, books, etc.) things he hoped for like any "good mother" would do, right? Or, she would not have had to make any of those

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sacrifices—Dad could! (Need I list all that Dad could have given up?)

Instead, only my Dad's work resulted in regular income. From that, my parents chose to regularly give to the Lord, as He allowed them to prosper (1 Cor. 16:2). They had money to give to someone whom they knew was in need (Eph. 4:28). They lived within their means and taught us to do the same. They avoided the debt which adds pressure to the husband who works, the wife who shops, and the regular financial discussions and decisions – all of which takes a mental, emotional, and often a spiritual toll on each individual and the family as a whole. But, after all, everyone has his cross to bear and anything is worth the smile on a child's face, for whom hundreds of dollars are annually spent on athletics, right?

YOUR CHILD CAN BE A BETTER ATHLETE TOO! HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST?

Parents, I hope you show an interest in the interests of your children and, without pressure, help them choose wholesome areas of interest. In those areas, your child could probably be a *better* athlete, musician, vocal performer, student, etc. than he currently is, but it will cost him and you something. Have you counted that cost?

Someday, your children are going to need the skills of earning an income with thanksgiving

(Eph. 4:28), wisely handling money with contentment (1 Tim. 6:6), preparing food (maybe even raising their own food), keeping house (Tit. 2:5), understanding the milk and meat of the word (Heb. 5:13-14), personally teaching others the gospel (Matt. 7:12), teaching Bible classes, and generally filling their roles in the local church (Eph. 4:16), etc. When they grow up and see where they excelled and where they did not excel – what reasons will they remember for their successes and failures? When they are mature enough to look back on their childhood, will their fondest memories be the countless days and dollars spent on them in athletics? Or will those memories, though fond, pale in comparison to the sacrifices they remember their parents taught them to make for the God who loves them?

I could have been a better athlete during my teen years, but, in my opinion, it would have had a negative spiritual impact. Today, I can thank God and my parents that these are some of the reasons why I was not a better athlete. Parents, help your children find healthy interests and *spend time with them* doing those things. But emphasize, focus on, sacrifice for, and hone your children's skills in learning about and serving God and His people. Do your best to maximize their potential as God's children by bringing *them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord* (Eph. 6:4).



SOME THINGS BAPTISM DOESN'T DO

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No, baptism does not grant us immunity from temptation, but we now have an advocate in Jesus (1 John 2:1), and we have a way to escape provided for us (1 Cor. 10:13). Let us all be thankful for such blessings, and be even more ready to wear the armor of God and fight the

onslaught of Satan (Eph. 6:13-18) so that one day we can see Heaven!

Have *you* been baptized for the remission of sins? If not, why not?





THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

RICK BILLINGSLEY

Why can't women lead the song service, wait on the Lord's Supper, preach a sermon, and teach an adult Bible class with men present? What does it mean to "keep silent" and not to "usurp authority over the man"?

Unfortunately, culture has influenced the church more than the church has influenced our culture. That the church is being influenced by the times in which we live is quite obvious. In I Chronicles 12:32, there is a statement that should make a remarkable impression on the church. The inspired writer refers to the children of Issachar, and says of them that they "*were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.*" I am afraid we have allowed the times to confuse us as to what the church ought to do.

? Are not the things taught in the Bible circumstantial?

Some seem to think that the church should change with the times. Instead of getting people to change themselves to conform to the truth of God's will, they try to change the truth to fit the whims and fancies of the people. There is little doubt that the influence of the feminist movement has had its impact, even in the church, and that is one of the reasons some of these types of questions are being asked today. How do we in the modern church deal responsibly with a two thousand year old text in a setting very different from the one in which it was written? Are not the things taught in the Bible circumstantial?

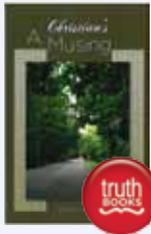
There are several passages that authorize women to teach. One is found in Titus 2:3-5. In this passage the women are told **what** to teach, but nothing is said about **where** the teaching is to be done. I do not know of any Scripture that restricts her teaching to "only her children

at home." The church is in need of women teachers today who can and will teach what is here authorized. This teaching, however, must be done in harmony with divine limitations. These limitations are perhaps best set forth in the following verses: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also says the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husband at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (1 Cor. 14:34, 35). "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (1 Tim. 2:11-14).

These verses involve a fundamental principle governing the relationship of men and women. A careful examination of this principle, as set forth in these verses, should clarify the issue. While the Corinthian passage applied directly to a general assembly in which saints benefited by exercising themselves in spiritual gifts, the like of which we do not have today, since the passing of the age of miracles, it, nevertheless, sets forth the fundamental principle under consideration. Notice that Paul commands the women to "*keep silence in the churches (assemblies)*" and "*not to speak in the church (assembly)*," and then added, "*as also says the law.*" This means that the principle applied here is the same **principle** that applied under the law. It applied under law; it applied in this assembly, and it applies today.

But what is the **reason** for the restriction or what is the **principle**? Paul makes it clear in verse thirty-four when he says concerning women, "*they are commanded to be under obedience.*" This is what the law required. Furthermore, Paul referred to this law in the 1 Timothy passage when he said, "*For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*" Again, the law said, "*. . . and your desire shall*

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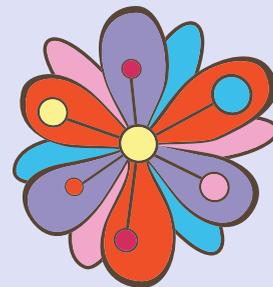


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be to your husband, and he shall rule over you" (Gen. 3:6). The fundamental principle is for the woman in relation to man to be under obedience, in subjection – not usurping authority over man.

These verses restrict the woman from teaching and exercising authority over the man in the assembly.

In chapter fourteen of 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses the confusion over spiritual gifts and returns specifically to the participation of women in the exercise of these gifts in the assembly. He again emphasizes the universal practice of churches of Christ – "*as in all churches of the saints*" (14:33). Women were apparently adding to the confusion by asking questions. It is likely here that those women under question were the wives of the prophets. The same Greek word which is translated as "**women**" can also be translated as "**wives**." The mention of "**their husbands**" in verse 35 confirms that wives, not women in general, are meant. There are three words that are very important to our study:

- **ekklesia** – meaning assembly or a gathering of God's people in a formal meeting of worship ("*The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, and the one who prophesies builds up the church*" [ekklesia] v. 4). Paul's concern is the edification of the assembly (v. 26).
- **sigao (silent)** – to hold one's peace. Notice that in verse 28, if there was no interpreter, the person who had the tongue was to "**keep silent**" (*sigao*). This silence was in contrast to addressing the assembly in a formal matter of teaching to edify the church. Likewise in verse 34, women were told to "**keep silent**" (*sigao*) in the **churches** (assemblies)" Again, the silence is in contrast to the formal addressing of the assemblies (*ekklesia* being a noun dative feminine plural common, enforces the thought of all the assemblies and not just this one assembly). It is a universal teaching for all the public assemblies of the saints.
- **laleo (speak)** – to talk, to use words in order to declare one's mind, to articulate sounds. Notice how the word "**speak**" is used in this

chapter, vv. 2, 3, 19, 23, 26-27. To "**speak**" has reference to addressing the assembly to edify, to instruct, and to teach. What is not permitted is a woman to address the assembly in a formal fashion as of teaching and preaching. This obviously does not have reference to a woman singing nor asking a question in class (the local church determines whether the assembly is a worship assembly or a class setting). The restriction in 1 Corinthians 14 is the formal teaching or addressing the congregation in a public way. Women are not to teach nor address the assembly in a public way when men are present.

The premier passage in the New Testament which treats the role of women in worship is 1 Timothy 2:8-15. The remote context of the book is proper behavior in the life of the church (1 Tim. 3:15). The immediate context of chapter two is worship, specifically prayer (1 Tim. 2:1, 8). The context does **not** limit the worship to the church assembly, but includes the life of the church in general. This is really the key passage on the subject of the woman's place, for it is dealing with such assemblies as we have today. In verse 4, Paul says that God "*will have all men to be saved.*" He uses the Greek word *anthropos* for men. This is a generic word for mankind and includes both men and women. However, in verse eight, he says, "*I will therefore that the men pray everywhere.*" Here, he uses the Greek word *aner* for men. This word means the male in contrast to the female. Men, not women, are to lead the prayers in any mixed worship assemblies wherever they may be held. In verse 9, Paul turns his attention to the woman's conduct in worship. She is to dress modestly with an emphasis on good works rather than worldly attire. Paul goes on to restrict the leadership in public worship and preaching to men: "*Let the women learn in silence with all subjection.*" The Greek word translated "**silence** – *hesuchia*" here and in verse twelve carries the basic idea of "quietness" or "quiet submissiveness." It is not absolute silence as taught in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35. Therefore, women do not violate this passage when singing praises to God in the assembly or making the good confession before men. ▶

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Paul is clearly limiting the public teaching of the church (assembly) to men. “But I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority over the man, but to remain quiet (*hesuchia*)” (v. 12). If she is to remain **quiet**, then she cannot proclaim publicly to the assembly!

Again, there are four important words to consider.

- **ekklesia** - Church – assembly, a formal meeting, a worship service.
- **hesuchia** – silence or quietness as opposed to speaking or addressing the assembly.
- **didasko** – teach. It means to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourses, to discharge the office of a teacher or preacher. This word *teach* (*didasko*) and its cognate nouns, *teaching* (*didaskalia*) and *teacher* (*didaskalos*), are used in the New Testament mainly to denote the careful transmission of the tradition concerning Jesus Christ and the authoritative proclamation of God’s will to believers in light of that tradition (see especially 1 Tim. 4:11; 2 Tim. 2:2; Acts 2:42; and Rom. 12:7). While the word can be used more broadly to describe the general ministry of edification that takes place in various ways (e.g., through **teaching, singing, praying, reading Scripture** [Col. 3:16]), the activities usually designated by “teach” are plainly restricted to certain individuals who have the **gift of teaching** (see 1 Corinthians 12:28-30; Eph. 4:11). This makes it clear that not all Christians engaged in teaching. In the Pastoral Epistles, **teaching** always has this restricted sense of authoritative doctrinal instruction. One of Timothy’s main tasks is to **teach** (1 Tim. 4:11-16); and to prepare others to carry on this vital ministry (2 Tim. 2:2). While perhaps not restricted to the elder-overseer, “**teaching**” in this sense was an important activity of these people (see 1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17; Titus 1:9). All of the examples of those who preached or were evangelists were men.
- **authenteo** – authority, to govern, exercise dominion over another.

In light of these considerations, we argue that the teaching prohibiting women here includes what we call **preaching** (note 2 Tim. 4:2: “*Preach the word . . . with careful instruction*”[**teaching, didache**]), and the teaching of Bible and doctrine in the **church** (assemblies). The two reasons are given by Paul for women not being permitted to teach over the man: “*For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression*” (2:13-14). Please note that these reasons were **not** based upon the culture or times of the first century! They are grounded in the order of creation and the tragic events of the fall (Gen. 2:7, 18, 21-23). God’s restrictions upon women preaching or teaching in mixed assemblies, or in any way that she would be exercising authority over the man (this would include leading in prayer and leading in singing) in the church (assemblies), come from the very nature of the sexes as God made them. Paul concluded his instructions by noting how women may be preserved from falling into the same trap of assuming unauthorized authority. “*She shall be saved in childbearing*” (1 Tim. 2:15). “**Childbearing**” is the figure of speech known as *synecdoche* in which a part stands for the whole. Thus, Paul is referring to the whole of female responsibility. Women may avoid taking to themselves an illicit function by concentrating on the function assigned to them by God, undertaking with faith, love, and holiness in sobriety (i.e. self-control). I would like to comment on the women serving the Lord’s Supper during the worship service. Why would a woman want to serve with men on the Lord’s Supper? Is it really to serve or to show that women are on equal footing with men? What this action can lead to is unauthorized roles for women in the worship services. We need to be careful about innocent actions that can become not so innocent because of a defiant attitude and we need to be cautious of actions that might lead to unauthorized actions in the future. As God’s people we need to always ask, for what reason or purpose are we carrying out this action, and is it authorized by God?

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WHY MY FAMILY NEEDS THE BIBLE

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Psalms 40:5 – “Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts which are toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.”

Among the greatest blessings ever given to man is the magnificent and gracious gift of the Bible. David spoke of this blessing: “More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter also than honey and the honey comb. Moreover by them your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward” (Psa. 19:10-11).

Do we appreciate the great gift of the Bible? Do we recognize our tremendous need for it? Each of us needs the book that is sweeter than honey and surpasses all the works of men. I want to suggest to you a few reasons why my family needs this precious book. My family needs the Bible to properly define important words. There are many words which we cannot properly understand without the Bible.

The Bible gives us God’s definition of a home. What is a home? The latest census reveals that the “home” in America is changing. What we call the “nuclear family” is on the verge of extinction! There are many single-parent families and “families” where two men or two women are living together. The Bible is the only book that is going to tell us what a home is. I can’t expect my family to learn about the home from society, school, or from T.V. The Bible presents the home as God intended it to be. If we want our children to be the kind of wife, mother, father, or husband that God would have them to be, then they will need the Bible and good instruction in it.

The Bible gives us God’s definition of genuine love. Only the Bible teaches and demonstrates the essence of pure and true love. In Ephesians 5:25, the instruction is, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” John 3:16 says, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him

should not perish, but have everlasting life.” The Bible defines “love” as a selfless giving of self for the benefit of others. If our children are going to grow up understanding what love truly is, they are going to need the Bible. We should want our family to understand what love is, so that they can have the right basis for marriage, the right attitude toward their parents and, the right attitude toward their children and their brothers and sisters in Christ. John 13:34-35 records, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”



Do we appreciate the great gift of the Bible?
Do we recognize our tremendous need for it?

My family needs the Bible to come to understand sin. Only in the Bible can they come to know sin for what it really is and develop a proper attitude toward it. The world teaches them to laugh at sin; ridicules sin as an old-fashioned notion; teaches them to grab all the gusto they can while selfishly serving self; to lay aside the old restraining values of their parents. Our children need to grow to hate sin, despise evil, and flee from it. One can only learn it in the Bible. Psalms 119:104 states, “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.” They should come to see sin as a dishonor to God and self (Rom. 1). They need to be able to see the consequences of sin and the death, pain, and misery in this life and even worse in the life to come. My family needs to learn about sin. My family needs the Bible to come to know the church. Today we can observe organized religions and never come to know what God intended for the church and what Christ

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died for. Unfortunately we can even observe some “faithful churches” and still not know the church of the Bible. There are some things our children need to know and see. They need to see enthusiastic participation in evangelism (1 Tim. 3:15; Acts 8:4). They need to see a love for assembling with the saints. Psalm 122:1 emphasizes, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” They need to see a bold stand for the truth regardless of the consequences or the cost. They need to

is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life” (vv. 7-8). The Bible tells us, “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn



know and see that God’s prescribed order for the organization, worship, and work of the church is not respected by the majority of people in the world.

My family needs the Bible because it tells us what the future holds. Do you want to know what’s in store for you and your family? God’s word tells us! The Bible presents us with two alternatives and the paths which lead to each. “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matt. 7:13-14). In Galatians 6, the Bible tells us this: “Be not deceived; God

you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21). You can’t live like this and go to heaven when you die. The Bible tells us that we are not headed for anywhere on this earth. We are headed for eternity. I am living, breathing and working for eternity, for heaven. My family and your family needs to know that. They need the Bible.

Do we take the Bible for granted? Do we ignore its rich blessing? Yes, my family and your family need the Bible. We need that message of hope and salvation. Does your family know these things?



QUESTION:

What can I do to avoid getting discouraged as a gospel preacher?

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ANSWER: Every Christian sometimes finds himself in need of a boost of his spiritual battery, and the same is also true of preachers. While some act as if it is strange that any preacher might sometimes find himself weak and longing for more spiritual might, most children of the Lord understand that preachers are cut from the same cloth as other Christians. All of us must remember to not grow weary in doing good, knowing that we shall reap in due season if we do not lose heart (Gal. 6:9).

An author unknown to this writer wrote the following about the diverse needs, requirements, and expectations that many demand of preachers.

What a Preacher Needs

The strength of an ox,
The daring of a lion,
The harmlessness of a dove,
The gentleness of a sheep,
The vision of an eagle,
The perspective of a giraffe,
The endurance of a camel,
The stomach of a horse,
The faithfulness of a prophet,
The fervency of an evangelist,
The tenacity of a bulldog,
The wisdom of an owl,
The industry of a beaver,
The versatility of a chameleon,
The hide of a rhinoceros,
The disposition of an angel,
The bounce of a kangaroo,
The loyalty of an apostle,
The tenderness of a shepherd,
The devotion of a mother,
And then, he would not please everyone.

Such a spiritual need evidently existed in the life of young Timothy. He had the best spiritual training in childhood and youth that any Jew of that time could have desired, though his own father probably did not contribute to it. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in

thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5). "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

Why then would Timothy need special encouragement in his work as an evangelist? Remember that he was in Ephesus to help the church with the problems associated with false teachers and with learning about elders and selecting them (1 Tim. 1:3; 3:1). It is possible that Timothy was the most mature Christian in the church, with few others capable of building him up as he could them. Even the more mature disciples sometimes need encouragement and strength, which they can gain from others.

This must have been Paul's motivation in writing as he did in certain instances in the first letter to Timothy. It is clear that the bolstering of the young preacher's spirit was the design of some of the older apostle's words.

1. Paul reminded Timothy of his gift. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" (1 Tim. 4:14). From this verse and from 2 Timothy 1:6 we learn that Timothy had some kind of gift. It is this writer's conclusion that it was a miraculous gift, because it came in connection with a certain revelation through (*dia*) the imposition of Paul's hands and in association with (*meta*) the laying on of the hands of elders. The wording of this admonition might imply that Timothy was growing disheartened in his work. Such a divine reminder might have been just what he needed.

2. Paul also challenged him to show courage by a reminder of his good confession of the Lord unto eternal life, as well as the Lord's confession. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also

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called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Tim. 6:12-14). Timothy hereby could realize that he was in the company of Christ in his confession, in which he must continue to persevere.

3. Paul exhorted Timothy to "guard the deposit" of the gospel message given to him. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Tim 6:20). Both letters to Timothy deal with the error being advocated and its proponents. Timothy had a difficult task on his hands, but he must preserve the gospel message pure from all contamination. Such was his trust. He was doing this work of guarding the gospel for God. This meant that he would have to oppose all efforts of the errorists. It also meant that he might occasionally have to identify some of error's advocates by name, as did Paul (1 Tim. 1:20). Playing fast and loose

with names is not what Paul did (he rarely named people), but in a few instances he thought the peril sufficient to name the teachers. One who desires to follow the example of Paul in this matter will be trying to avoid doing such, but he might sometimes need to step forward to name someone. A good test of the appropriateness of naming a teacher of error might be to ask whether the cause of truth can go forward without naming the errorist. If the teacher thinks it essential to name the person, he also ought to ask whether he enjoys doing so, to be sure about his own motive. The preacher's responsibility in guarding the gospel and saving souls, including his own soul, is a grave one! It is possible that he can become so fixed on doing one that he neglects the other objective.

Preacher of the Word, take your task seriously. Guard the message. Live the life that Christ approves. Make sure of your motives. In doing all of this you will show yourself deserving of the spiritual boost that will come. Treasure the encouragement of brethren. Trust the Lord, and depend on Him.



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WHO WILL APOLOGIZE TO FLOYD DECKER?

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Floyd Decker (1898-1960) was a minister for the Christian Church. He began preaching in the early 1920s after attending Cincinnati Bible Institute. In 1925 he became the “pastor” of the Murrell Boulevard Christian Church in Paducah, Kentucky. While living in Paducah, he heard a sermon by J. Petty Ezzell on the differences between the church of Christ and the Christian church. On hearing the sermon, Decker responded with a sermon of his own about the differences in the churches. He was invited to present his sermon at the 19th and Broadway church of Christ with the provision that T. C. Wilcox would answer it. Wilcox and Decker continued to study the differences, and as a result, Decker left the Christian Church to preach for churches of Christ. Decker’s first work with churches of Christ was with the Highland Avenue church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama, where he preached for four years. His ministry continued until his death in 1960.

In the January, 1948 issue of *Bible Banner*, Decker wrote an article titled *Eighteen Years Ago*, about his leaving the Christian church. Notice these excerpts from that article:

Before leaving the “Christian Church” I learned many lessons concerning the evils of the United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS). . . .The UCMS was a giant octopus with tentacles running out in every direction—into every congregation grasping and choking until what little respect for New Testament authority remained was released.

Much has been said recently concerning the right of a local congregation to support institutions. Institutionalism has such an evil reputation and has resulted in such great corruptions, especially when connected with churches or religious movements, that it seems to me we should know enough without further discussion to turn away from them.

There is no scriptural argument for a local congregation, as such, supporting any kind of an institution, as such. When churches of the Lord become tributary to an outside institution,



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by whatsoever name called, it will eventually become subsidiary to the same.

If and when the congregations generally put the colleges and other institutions in their budgets it is only a matter of time until they appoint congregational representatives to meet once a year to help form the politics and guide the institutions. They would be foolish if they did not! Who wants to continue to contribute but have no voice.

Is it God’s will to support colleges through the churches? Did God create the church for that purpose? Has the purpose of the church changed since God gave it to the world? Would you state while preaching on the work and purpose of the church: “It is God’s will, and the God given purpose of the church is to support the colleges so they can educate our preachers, elders and deacons?” Is it not indeed sad that the churches had no elders until we developed our present educational

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system? When the colleges finish making elders for the churches, will those elders be smart enough to have the colleges in their budgets. And too, for it does come in the realm of possibilities, what if the congregation won't have these elders you have produced for them? Will they put the pressure on through other former students in the congregation and force the issue over the will of some ignorant preachers and members who do not have their special brand of education?

May God help us take the warning from the Christian Church. They have gone far astray from the word of God. Since I left them they have gone farther faster than I thought they would. There is yet hope for many individuals within that body but as a body there is no hope of recovery. Brethren let us think now and stop the downward plunge. We are not drifting — we are plunging!

In this article, Floyd Decker laments the direction in which churches of Christ were heading. From his unique standpoint, he could see the churches of Christ moving toward the same positions of the Christian Churches in the area of institutionalism. He sounded out the warnings, could see the dangers, and lamented that the church that taught the truth might follow the direction of the Christian Church.

WHY I LEFT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The preceding article was not the only thing that Decker wrote pertaining to the differences between Christian Churches and churches of Christ. In 1944, he published an article in *Christian Forum* titled, "Why I Left the Christian Church." Below are the reasons Decker gave.

1. The Christian Church has women Counselors, Directors and Lecturers; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 2:11, 12; 1 Cor. 14:34).

Well, brother Decker, with the changing times, churches of Christ have caught up with the Christian Church. Many churches of Christ now have women taking leadership roles in the church, including preaching and serving as elders and deacons.

2. The Christian Church has Educational Directors, Associate Ministers and Youth

Directors; the church of Christ has elders, deacons, evangelists, and teachers (Eph. 4:11; Phil. 1:1).



Brother Decker, since you died in 1960, churches of Christ have every quasi-church organization imaginable.

Oh, brother Decker, you passed away before the churches of Christ went "whole hog" into the Youth Minister business. One preacher of an institutional church told me that youth ministers were the worst thing to happen to churches of Christ. But churches saddled with social and recreational responsibilities need someone to direct these activities. Brother Decker, churches of Christ now have those educational directors and associate ministers that you did not know about. In fact, they have all kinds of ministers that you never heard of. Churches of Christ now have preaching (pulpit) ministers, executive ministers, involvement ministers, outreach ministers, seniors ministers, family ministers, etc.

3. The Christian Church has Missionary, Benevolent, and Educational Organizations to execute the work of the church; the church of Christ does not (Eph. 4:4; 3:10, 21).

Brother Decker, since you died in 1960, churches of Christ have every quasi-church organization imaginable. There are organizations to educate, care for the needy, and preach the gospel. Brother Decker, your old fashioned ways of just doing what New Testament churches did is not acceptable in most churches of Christ today. That sure is a shame. I know I'm ashamed of these things.

4. The Christian Church celebrates days of heathen worship, such as Easter, Mother's

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Day and Christmas; the church of Christ does not (Gal. 4:10).

Again, brother Decker, times have changed in churches of Christ. Churches of Christ now have special sunrise Easter Services, celebrate Christmas with wreaths on the doors and Christmas trees in the buildings. Many have Santa's to give gifts to children. And would you believe it—some churches of Christ are now celebrating Passover. Special emphasis is given by churches to Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation of students, etc.

5. The Christian Church fellowships various denominations in their activities, leaving the impression that all are brethren; the church of Christ does not (2 John 9-11; Gal. 1:6-10).

My, my, brother Decker. Now that you bring this up, I'm saddened to tell you that churches of Christ have duplicated every activity of the denominations, and then some. Some churches of Christ even practice "open fellowship," and encouraging one and all to come be a part of the church, even if they have no part of Christ, not having been baptized into Christ for remission of sins and added to His church (Acts 2:38, 47).

6. The Christian Church seeks to get crowds with Youth Meetings, Campaigns for Christ, Rallies, Drives, and Promotions; the church of Christ does not (Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:18, 19).

Yes, dying in 1960 did not allow you to live long enough to see these things in churches of Christ. Since your death, these things are common in churches of Christ.

7. The Christian Church emphasizes society and the physical man by appealing to the carnal nature, with church carnivals, bands, plays, choruses, dramatics, church kitchens, church camps, and elaborate fellowship halls; the church of Christ does not (1 Cor. 10:7; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 11:22, 34).

Brother Decker, I can see from your statement that you could not begin to imagine what your brethren have become involved in today. Yes, churches of Christ are involved in all those things you mentioned they were not involved in, and have added nice gyms for folks to play and be entertained.

8. The Christian Church elevates its preachers above the rest of the members by using such titles as Pastor, Superintendent, President, and Doctor, but the church of Christ does not (Matt. 23:5-12; Job 32:21, 22). Also, the Christian Church has forced its ministers into the denominational "Pastor System."

Well, brother Decker, I must admit that churches of Christ have done pretty well in teaching against the titles you mentioned. However, the "pastor system" is alive and well in many churches, even though we would not use that name. Sadly, many churches do not have elders and many of the churches that have elders, are led by the preachers and not by the Bible. Weak elders – weak leadership continues to be a problem.

9. The Christian Church misuses the name "Christian," which is a noun, by speaking of "Christian nations," "Christian schools," and "Christian Church." The church of Christ does not (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16).

Brother Decker, many of your brethren would simply disagree with you. I agree with you that the name "Christian" is always used as a noun in the Scriptures. We would be better off if that were the way we used it today.

10. The Christian Church takes up collections at services other than on the first day of the week, and uses unscriptural means such as suppers, property rentals, and special collections to raise money for the church; the church of Christ follows 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2 by having each member lay by in store on the first day of the week. This is its only way of raising money.

There you go quoting Scripture again, brother Decker! I'm sure you died before churches of Christ learned about soliciting funds for the papers they print, the "ministries" they support, and the organizations that preach, teach, and provide benevolence – organizations unknown in the New Testament church. Though these things are unknown in the Scriptures, churches will accept money for these things any day of the week.



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11. *The Christian Church owns and operates Publishing Houses, Radio Stations, Hospitals, and other Benevolent Societies; churches of Christ build nothing but churches (Eph. 3:21).*

Brother Decker, that was the old church of Christ that did not do the things you mentioned. The new churches think nothing of owning and operating these things today.

12. *The Christian Church owns, supports and operates schools for secular education, through theological schools; the church of Christ does not (1 Tim. 3:15).*

Brother Decker, this was true for the most part in 1948 when you wrote this article. However, before you died, churches of Christ were doing these things on a grand scale. Did you oppose them, or remain silent? I just don't know how you felt about these things twelve years after you wrote this.

13. *The Christian Church has a compromising spirit, will not defend its doctrine, is nothing but a man-made denomination, has no regard for the authority of the Bible, bases its practice on the silence of the Scriptures, and appeals to the traditions of the elders rather than to the simple unadulterated gospel of Christ. The Christian Church is not part of the New Testament church and should not be regarded as a friend of Christ nor of the truth.*

I know, brother Decker. Just as you grieved over the Christian church being involved in these things, I now grieve over churches of Christ that are involved in these things. You didn't live long enough to see all the changes in the churches of Christ—changes that emulated the Christian Church that you left because of these very things.

CONCLUSION

We began our writing with the question, "Who will apologize to brother Decker?" Brother Decker was able to see the unscriptural practices of the Christian Church. Everyone of those unscriptural practices have now been duplicated in churches of Christ. Decker thought he was leaving a church that practiced these things for the simple,



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undenominational, primitive church of the New Testament. He was right at the time, but wrong today. Someone, some group, some movement, changed the churches of Christ over the past seventy years since brother Decker wrote of the differences between Christian Churches and churches of Christ. The thirteen reasons given by brother Decker for leaving the Christian Church are now things accepted and practiced in many (most) churches of Christ.

What changed? Did the Bible change? Did the divine plan for the New Testament church change? No, churches of Christ changed. Many left their first love. Christ is no longer the center of the worship in many of these churches. Man's plan, man's ways, man's desires, now determine the course of the churches. John Kennedy in his inaugural address said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Members of churches of Christ today ought to "Ask not what the church can do for you, but what you can do for the church." Who will apologize to brother Decker for the direction of churches of Christ today?

BEWARE OF DIOTREPHES

BRYAN BICKFORD

The battle for truth and against apostasy is fought not only in the home, but also in the local church; and that is where 3 John comes in. This little letter gives us a glimpse into an early assembly, its people, and its problems. As you read this brief letter, you find yourself saying, “Times have not changed very much!” We have similar people and problems today!

The present day “Diotrephes” (religious dictator), generally will be a leader of the local congregation. It could be a teacher, preacher, or even an elder! Paul told the elders of Ephesus these sobering words: “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them” (Acts 20:28-30).

Benjamin Franklin is quoted to say, “He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.” Diotrephes was in love with himself. He was unwilling to allow any rival to his authority in the church! It was his way or the highway. Our place is never first in the Kingdom of God, when we become too concerned with matters of self-interest, the Lord’s interest will always take a back seat to ours. The Lord is looking for servants to serve Him and the church, not lords to dictate to others!

The apostle John wrote this letter to his beloved friend Gaius to encourage him in a difficult situation where he worshiped God (local church). Notice how John concentrated on making God’s truth a vital part of life. Six times John uses the word “truth.”

“Walking in Truth” (vv. 3-4). People could see the truth in Gaius because he loved it and walked in obedience to it. This kind of example brought John great joy. “I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth” (v. 4). As a parent, I can think of no greater joy than this, but beware of Diotrephes!



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“Workers with the Truth” (v. 8). When you help and encourage God’s servants, you become a fellow worker with them in spreading the truth. John encourages Gaius to continue to help the traveling Christians, to be hospitable to them. This letter would be greatly needed and appreciated by Gaius. Why? Because of Diotrephes the spiritual bully!

Welcoming the Truth (vv. 9-10). Can you imagine Diotrephes rejecting a message from John? “I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say” (v. 9). What about lying against John? “Unjustly accusing us with wicked words” (v. 10). Can you believe that he would not see anyone whom John had sent his way? Not only that, if any of the members received these men, Diotrephes threw them out of the church, “and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church” (v. 10). Unfortunately, the church today still has men like Diotrephes, and when they rear their ugly head, it is just as unbelievable as what Diotrephes did back in the first century! When Diotrephes rejected the apostle John, he rejected Jesus Christ and the Father who sent Him (Luke 10:16). The same is just as true today; the “Diotrephes” of today rejects Jesus Christ and the Father! Why would any Christian do that? It is hard for me to comprehend such behavior, but it boils down to pride, being selfish, concerned only with his

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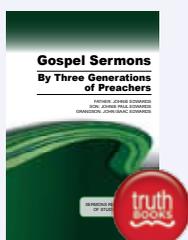
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own interests, “who likes to put himself first” (v. 9, RSV). This man loved power and he would have it even at the expense of an apostle of Jesus Christ! Can we expect this not to happen today?

“Our testimony is True” (v. 12). Not all church members are like Diotrephes. There are members like Demetrius who love the truth and live it. He receives a “good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself” (v. 12). John then adds, “And we add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true” (v. 12).

The apostle John was not afraid of Diotrephes. He wrote, “For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words” (v. 10). John

would go on to say; “I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write them to you with pen and ink; but I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face” (vv. 13-14). John is willing to face the bully to correct him and all the damage that he has done. Whether this happened we do not know, but we can learn from his example, we are to stand up for the truth! If there were more men like John, there would be fewer “Diotrephes” around to bring down good churches. Let us beware of men like Diotrephes, and then let us follow the example set before us by the apostle John.



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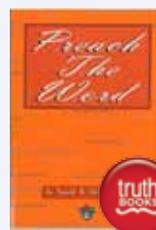


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“LORD, REMEMBER ME”

KYLE POPE

As Jesus hung upon the cross, one of the criminals who had been crucified with Him, after first mocking Him with the other criminal (Matt. 27:44), had a change of heart. He rebuked the other robber (Luke 23:40-41), and then said to Jesus, “**Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom**” (Luke 23:42, NKJV). Much attention has been given to this account and what lessons it teaches us. Yet, one aspect of the man’s request that has drawn little attention is what he actually asks – “Remember Me.”

WHAT WAS THE THIEF REQUESTING?

The man’s question presupposes that he understood that death was not the end for either himself or for Jesus. By his very request he demonstrates a confidence that, in the realm of the dead, Jesus would have power to grant his request. *Did the man understand that Jesus, in death would assume dominion over a spiritual kingdom?* Probably not. *Did he imagine that Jesus would attain this dominion through resurrection?* Perhaps. *Did he hope that Jesus would bring him to life again also, so that he could reign with Jesus in this kingdom?* It isn’t clear. What is evident is that the man acknowledged that the two of them were about to enter into “uncharted territory”—the place of the dead. Something moved him to realize that the very man who hung beside him offered him guidance through that territory. The officials who had nailed him to the cross, the slanderous criminal who hung with them, and the bloodthirsty mob assembled below them could not. Instead, he appealed to this crucified, dying teacher who (whether the thief fully realized it or not) was God in the flesh, bearing upon Himself the sins of mankind, purchasing with His blood an eternal kingdom that would conquer sin and death and offer man the hope of eternal life with God in the age to come. The thief begged of this Man—“remember me.”

WE ALL WANT GOD TO REMEMBER US

Man has often cried out to God that He would remember him. Samson, in his anguish cried out to the Lord, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!” (Judg. 16:28). Hannah, in despair over her childlessness, begged the Lord to “. . . look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me. . .” begging that God, “not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child. . .” (1 Sam. 1:11). Like many of us, Job feared that God would forget his limitations. He cried to Him, “Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay” asking Him then, “And will You turn me into dust again?” (Job 10:9). David, in many Psalms expressed his desire that God remember him. He cried out, “Lord, remember David and all his afflictions” (Psa. 132:1). He asks that God remember His promises, and begs, “Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope” (Psa. 119:49). David, in the face of enemies or in recognition of his own faults fears that God’s mercy might be exhausted. He appeals, “Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old” (Psa. 25:6). Like the thief on the cross, David wanted the Lord to remember him with salvation. He prayed, “Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation” (Psa. 106:4).

GOD REMEMBERS HIS PEOPLE

While man often fears that God will not remember him, such is an unwarranted fear. God has promised that He remembers His people and the promises He makes to them. God promised Noah that the rainbow which He set in the sky would be a sign of the covenant that He made not to destroy the earth again by water. He promised, “I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh” (Gen. 9:15). In



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Law of Moses, God promised that when the Israelites had turned away from His Law, but then confessed their sin, “then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land” (Lev. 26:42). Even though Israel would fail to remember and keep the covenant that they made with God, He promised that He would not break the covenant He made with the Israelites in the wilderness. He declared, “for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord” (Lev. 26:45). This early relationship which God had with Israel He likens to a betrothal, declaring through Jeremiah, “Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the Lord: ‘I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown’” (Jer. 2:2). Israel then, was like a child for which the Lord cared. He says through Ezekiel, “I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you,” in the hope that, “then you will remember your ways and be ashamed. . . .” (Ezek. 16:60-61a). This suggests that man bears a responsibility.

WE MUST REMEMBER GOD

While we need not fear that God will forget us, the real danger is that we may forget God. The exiles in Babylon, fearing that they would forget their covenant with God and the city where the name of the

Lord had dwelt, cried regarding Jerusalem, “If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—If I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy” (Psa. 137:6). Asaph cried, “I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old” (Psa. 77:11). Just as David prayed that the Lord would remember him, he acknowledged his own responsibility to remember the Lord. He declared, “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice” (Psa. 63:6-7). This must happen at all times and all places. The Psalmist declares, “O my God, my soul is cast down within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar” (Psa. 42:6). This declares (in essence), “I’ll remember you from east to west, and north or south!”

WHAT ABOUT US?

We may, like the thief on the cross, hope that in the hour when we are the most vulnerable, that the Lord will remember us. We may fear that life will throw trials at us which are too great—burdens upon us that are beyond our ability to bear. Like Job, we can be assured that God remembers that we are “like clay.” For those who are His, He is faithful and remembers the covenant He has made with us in Christ. The question is, will we – in the busy rush of life, stop, consider, and in faithfulness, remember Him?

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GIVING GOD OUR BEST!

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God expects the best from each one of us! A reading of the book of Malachi will teach us that God was not pleased with His Old Testament people because they did not give Him the best they had. They “offered polluted bread upon mine altar, the blind for sacrifice; the lame and the sick, is it not evil. . .?” (Mal. 1:7-8). God challenged them by saying: “. . . offer it now to your governor; will he be pleased with thee? . . .” (Mal. 1:8). They “would shut the doors for nought; neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand” (Mal. 1:10). They looked upon serving the Lord as “a weariness” (Mal. 1:13). They just didn’t care; apathy had set in. God still expects the best of us: A good passage to read is 1 Corinthians 10:1-12! Let’s take a look at some areas in which we need to give God our best:

1. Our Talents. All of us have some talent. The talent-parable finds men with five, two and one talents (Matt. 25:14-30). Talents stand for our ability. Not all of us have the same talent; they differ as the one, two, and five talent men. God expected the best of each of these, as he does of us. Some bury their talent, hiding behind “I was afraid,” as the one talent man did (Matt. 25:25). Talents have to be developed! We need song leaders, Bible class teachers, preachers, elders, deacons, wives, mothers, fathers and children to carry on the Lord’s work! We must be “stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. . .” (1 Cor. 15:58; John 9:4).

2. Our Worship. The Old Testament is a commentary on mis-directed and false worship of many of the Lord’s people; with idolatry all over the place. There are four kinds of worship mentioned in the Bible: vain (Matt. 15:9); ignorant (Acts 17:23); will (Col. 2:23); in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Our worship must be of the finest sort, as we sing, pray, give, teach, and partake of the Lord’s Supper (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Acts 12:5; 2:42; 1 Cor. 16:2; 11:23-34). Nothing short of our best will do!

3. All We Do. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord. . .” (Col. 3:17). Everything we do and say must be by the Lord’s authority. A failure to respect that Jesus has “all authority in heaven and in earth” (Matt. 28:18) has caused more problems among the Lord’s people than anything we can think of! As the Lord’s people, we must be “subject unto Christ” (Eph. 5:24), since He is the Head!

4. In Our Dress. Our dress says something about our attitude toward what we are doing. “Modest apparel” is required of all of us (1 Tim. 2:9). Many “dress-up” for a wedding, funeral, or a formal-dinner and then dress for church services so casually that you leave an unconcerned impression on others! Dress with your best, at worship!

5. Where We Live. You might not be aware, but those in your community are watching your living. Remember: Christians are an “epistle . . . known and read of all men” (2 Cor. 3:2). What are your neighbors reading? Are you doing your best when it comes to “being subject to the powers that be” (Rom. 13:1-17)? Do you race down your street, disobeying the speed-limit? Are you a law-abiding citizen (1 Pet. 2:19)? Be the best neighbor in your neighborhood! How you conduct your life says a lot about the church!

6. In Our Families. As the man in the family, he must accept his role as “the head” (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23-24); “father” (Eph. 6:4); “husband” (Eph. 5:25, 28, 29, 31, 33; 1 Pet. 3:7); “providing for his own” (1 Tim. 5:8). The woman in the family is to be “subject unto your own husband” (Eph. 5:22, 24, 31); as a “mother, love and teach her children” (Tit. 2:4). Children must be taught to “honor and respect their parents” (Eph. 6:1-2).

7. On Our Jobs. We must not be “slothful in business” (Rom. 12:11). A good attitude toward our work is essential (Eph. 4:28). We need to get to teaching our children to do a good day’s work for a day’s pay! Paul penned: “And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded

you. . ." (1 Thess. 4:11-12). A good policy: "no work, no eat" (2 Thess. 3:10-15)!

8. In the Lord's Work. There is no greater work. We must be "stedfast, unmovable, always

abounding" in this work (1 Cor. 15:58). We need to get at it "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John. 9:4). We will be judged by our works (Rev.20:12-15).



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Luke wrote to Theophilus in order to accurately set forth the gospel of Jesus (the book of Luke) and to accurately set forth the continued work of Jesus through His apostles (the book of Acts). The two books of Luke and Acts are meant to go together. In a new work by Darrell L. Bock titled, *A Theology of Luke and Acts*, the Bible student is led to study the books of Luke and Acts together as a united whole. A context-sensitive approach to these two books is encouraged by the author. Only when this approach is taken, will the Bible student get an integrated, "big-picture" understanding of Luke's message. Bock demonstrates how the message of Luke and Acts is the fulfillment of God's plan and promise found elsewhere in the Bible. There are three parts to this book: **Part One** deals with introductory matters; **Part Two** covers the major theological themes found in Luke and Acts; and, **Part Three** closes with a discussion of Luke-Acts and their relationship and contribution to the rest of the New Testament canon of Scripture. Bock's work on *Luke and Acts* is recommended to Bible teachers and students who are interested in a serious, in-depth, and integrated study of the books of Luke and Acts.

Biblical Hermeneutics: Five Views. Stanely E. Porter and Beth M. Stovell, Editors. Inter-Varsity Press, 2012. 224 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-8308-3963-6.

Hermeneutics is the study of Bible interpretation. Different approaches to Bible interpretation, of course, exist today and it is good for the Bible student to be informed about these different approaches. The correct approach to interpreting the Bible (the one used by the Bible authors themselves) must be understood and all other man-made approaches must be rejected. In this most recent IVP "Views" book, Craig L. Blomberg argues for the correct approach to Bible interpretation (the "historical-critical/grammatical" approach). He points out that Bible interpretation is best done when word meanings and historical contexts are properly understood. Blomberg also offers a critical analysis of four contemporary views that fall short of accurately interpreting the biblical text (the literary/postmodern view, the philosophical/theological view, the redemptive-historical view, and the canonical view). As in all the IVP "Views" series, there is a point-counterpoint response section of the book. The value of this "Five Views" book is found in the format of the material. Different views are presented, debated, and answered. The reader can study the different views that are present today on a given subject and compare that with what the Bible teaches. Thus, he can be better prepared to answer erroneous religious views when they surface in his daily communications with others.



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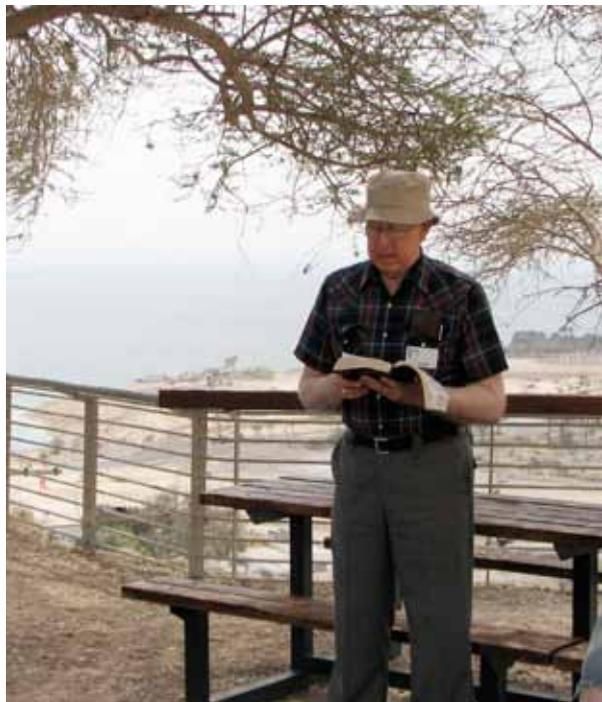
brother H. E. Phillips asked him to take over the *Searching the Scriptures*. This was announced in the May, 1973 issue of *Searching the Scriptures*. In announcing this, brother H. E. Phillips (who performed the wedding for Sandy and me and also for my daughter and her husband) wrote, "I know of no man in whose hands I would rather see this work go, which symbolizes to me the labor of nearly fourteen years of my life, than into the hands of Connie W. Adams. I have prayed and shall continue to pray earnestly for his success in every way in fulfilling this very great but sober opportunity which has fallen to him."

On the other hand, my brother Cecil announced "We Lose A Staff Writer" in the May 31, 1973 issue of *Truth Magazine*. He lamented that in one year, three staff members had gone on to edit other papers – James P. Needham, *Torch*; William Wallace, *Gospel Guardian*; and Connie to *Searching the Scriptures*. Regarding Connie, Cecil wrote, "I do not know whom they might have chosen that would have been better qualified in ability and disposition than Connie Adams. Though we regret to lose him from our staff, we joyfully see him step into a more demanding role as writer and editor" (*Truth Magazine*, May 31, 1973, p. 3).

In December, 1976, I was asked to "fill-in" as editor of *Truth Magazine* for Cecil, who was going through some marital and health problems. I was a young man, 29 years old, at the time. But, I thought, it was only for a short time, and I had done this job before – filling in for Cecil while he was away in the Philippines and helping him on other tasks (indeed, Cecil had an ability to get others to do his work for him, making one feel how lucky he was to get to do it!). A few months later, the Cogdill Foundation (now Guardian of Truth Foundation) asked me to become the new editor of *Truth Magazine*. One of the first men to come to me and encourage me in that task was Connie W. Adams. His words of encouragement were quite appreciated.

I did not know Connie so well personally, but I knew what I read from his pen and it was always true to the Book, expressed kindly and forcefully. But, I did not know him very well personally. Cecil wrote about Connie,

My friend, Connie, is quite an emotional fellow, as he often relates. He says he cannot listen to the "Star Spangled Banner" without getting misty-eyed. Along with the article published in this issue, Connie sent a much appreciated personal letter. In it he said, "Here is my severance article. I hope you feel it is adequate. Pardon the flashes of nostalgia, but they were irresistible. I guess I had more lumps in my throat and mist in my eyes in trying to write that piece, than anything else I attempted except the piece I wrote for *Searching the*



Connie giving a talk at Ein Gedi, Israel.

Scriptures several years ago about the life of my Grandmother.

Though I read this about Connie, I did not fully understand it until I was privileged to spend some time together with him. He and Bobbie have traveled on several trips with Sandy and me to the Bible lands. I asked him to give a short devotional at Ein Gedi in Israel, another at Mars Hill in Athens, and in other places. Tears welled up in his eyes as spoke on those occasions. ▶

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When our group of travelers sang on the stage at the theater at Caesarea on the coast, the stage at Beth-Shean, and in the Church of the Beatitudes, many of us could be seen wiping away tears of overwhelming emotions because of the remembrance of the biblical events that occurred so near where we were standing. I saw for myself what Cecil said about his friend and brother.

Connie feels deeply and strongly. He is passionate in his preaching to save the lost and in his opposition to error. He preaches the truth with fervency and urgency because he feels the need to save every sinner he can. He rebukes error just as strongly because he knows the danger that it poses to the body of Christ – he has seen how the spirit of error works, eroding the faith like gangrene spreads. His moral conduct has been impeccable. His career has not been tainted by scandal and self-inflicted wounds. Brethren from all over the country seek out his wise counsel. He is loved and appreciated by brethren all over this country.

I will share one of my favorite Connie Adams stories. When the divorce and remarriage controversy moved to center stage in the 1980s, I perceived that brethren would use the differences between some of our Board Members on “mental adultery,” as it was inappropriately labeled (in my opinion), to distract from the issue of whether or not the non-Christian was amenable to the marriage laws (or any other laws, for that matter) of Christ, as taught by brother Homer Hailey. I asked for a meeting with several of our Board Members – Connie Adams, Weldon E. Warnock, and Ron Halbrook. We all knew and loved each other. Connie and Weldon’s relationship went back to their bluegrass music days at Florida College. Their comedy skits entertained us on more than one occasion. Ron and I had worked in a two-preacher arrangement and have been close friends throughout our adult life. When Steve Wolfgang heard about the meeting he wanted to come too, since it was “in his backyard.” So, all five of us met in a motel to talk about the “mental divorce” issue. Because of our respect for their age, Steve, Ron, and I were delighted that Connie and Weldon took the lead in the

discussion. We went immediately to the give and take of an important theological debate. Connie would “hit” Weldon passionately with his argument; Weldon would not back away one inch, replying with an argument of equal force. At first, Steve, Ron, and I were shocked at how hotly Connie and Weldon engaged. On and on the discussion went, with Ron, Steve, and me becoming comfortable enough to join in as well, for about three or four hours. When we finished, we closed with prayer, went out to lunch, and returned to our respective homes. The five of us have continued to be friends and to work together in the common cause of Christ for the rest of our lives! Indeed, we were probably closer because of the common experience.

When Connie quit editing *Searching the Scriptures* in 1992, he was appointed Associate Editor of *Truth Magazine* and added to the Guardian of Truth Foundation Board. For twenty years he has served on our Board through good times and difficult situations. He has continued to give me advice, counsel, support, and encouragement. My only regret in looking back is not asking for more of his help; I would have been the better for doing so.

Connie was never added to the Guardian of Truth Foundation board to give us technical advice in computers, to give legal counsel, to provide the best technical advice in any number of areas. He was asked to serve because he was able to help us stay true to our mission. He knows the truth, believes the truth, preaches the truth, and is familiar with faithful brethren all over this country. He was added as a safeguard to keep us in the truth.

Many organizations that once were committed to the truth soon turn away from that truth into liberalism. For example, I graduated from Butler University, founded by Christians in 1855. I walked through doors with Scripture engraved in its architecture, only to sit in classes taught by modernists. When I went on to Christian Theological Seminary (formerly the graduate division of Butler University), I heard those teachers, who were training preachers for the Disciples of Christ telling their students that the body of Christ, was not raised from the dead, ►

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Christ did no miracles, etc. Now, Butler is turning out one of the nation's better basketball teams, but not building faith in its students. What it has to offer is not much different from what Indiana University has to offer. What is true of colleges is also true of papers. The *Gospel Advocate* ("Old Reliable") is not so reliable anymore; the *Firm Foundation* came to be caricatured as "the Flimsy Foundation."

We do not want that to happen to the Guardian of Truth Foundation, so we have tried to put men on our Board whose primary purpose was to keep us true to our mission – men such as Connie W. Adams, Ron Halbrook, Steve Wolfgang, Dan King, and Mark Mayberry. This is not to diminish what any one or all of these men contribute in so many other areas, because some of them are successful in other endeavors as well, nor does this intend to minimize the commitment to truth of our other board members who, though they bring special skill sets to our table, are devoted disciples of Christ who make time in their very busy lives to lead and guide this Foundation. But, perhaps we did not make Connie feel how important his contribution was and is. His contribution was highly respected and

appreciated through the twenty years of service to this Board. And, during this twenty years he has served on our Board, the Foundation has adhered to his mission to publish and distribute literature true to God's word that may be used by Christians and churches.

The passing down the torch to another generation is an ongoing process. But, as I grow older, I become much more conscious of it. Hardly a month goes by without an announcement (or several announcements) of a faithful servant of the Lord passing away. Fortunately there is always another generation of equally committed servants of the Lord ready to step forward to fill the ranks of fallen soldiers of Christ. And someone will be chosen to take brother Connie's place on our Board.

But, I want to close by stating, on behalf of the Board of the Guardian of Truth Foundation, our appreciation for the service, goodwill, and friendship that Connie W. Adams has been to this Foundation. He has faithfully attended our Board and avidly participated in the various discussions that we have. Thank you for being who you are. Happy trails to you!



Connie and Bobby riding horses in Wyoming (a favorite thing in one of their favorite places).

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