

SERMON OUTLINES



"If any man speak, let him
speak as the oracles of
God." I Peter 4:11

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"A GOOD SERMON FROM A POSTAGE STAMP"

1. "Always Be Ready To Serve." (Acts 10:38; Mk. 10:45)
 2. "Go Where You Are Sent." (Heb. 11:8) No. 81 "Lord Send Me" - - then renege.
 3. "Don't Mind A Licking." (Gal. 6:17; 2 Tim. 3:12) Can't do good service without a licking.
 4. "Stick To It Until You Get There." (Rev. 2:10; Heb. 10:36)
 5. "Have Only One Face." (Jas. 1:8) No deception.
 6. "Be Worth Your Cost." (1 Cor. 6:20; Rev. 3:4) How can we be worth our cost?
 7. "Be Faithful To The One Who Made You." (Eccl. 12:1,13, Won't serve in any other country.
 8. "Have A Place Of Your Own, Even If It Is A Small Place." (Matt. 25:14-30). A stamp goes in the front upper right hand corner of envelope.
 9. "Little Things Can Be Important." (Matt. 10:42)
 10. "Of No Value Only In Service." (Heb. 4:1; Matt. 25:20,21)
 11. "Worthless Unless You Represent Your Creator." (Matt. 12:30)
 12. "Some One Is Depending On You." (1 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 12:11, 13, 20)
 13. "Can Make Only One Journey." (Heb. 9:27)
 14. "If Miss Sent, Can Be Corrected." (Jas. 5:19, 20)
 15. "If Given Wrong Instructions Will Never Reach Proper Destiny But Cast Into Dead Letter Box." (Matt. 15:14)
- NOTE: "And at the end of your journey waits THE GREAT STAMP COLLECTOR, who values us after we are of no value in this world."
- Psa. 116:15. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

ARE CHRISTIANS COMMANDED TO ASSEMBLE? IF SO WHEN, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

- I Some tell us we are ONLY commanded to meet on Lord's Day, to break bread, or for the Lord's Supper.
- II Others tell us there is not a command in the New Testament to meet on the Lord's Day for the Lord's Supper.
- NOTE: Either doctrine, if taught and believed will breed a grievous sin and will kill the influence of any congregation.
1. Heb. 10:25 is used to prove we are only commanded to meet on Lord's Day to break bread. This does not apply to any one of the public gatherings of Christians any more than it does to another.
 - a. Lord's Day is not even mentioned.
 - b. Lord's Supper is not mentioned.
 2. Commanded to assemble.
 - a. Exhort after they assemble.
 - b. So much the more.
 - (1) While assembled.
 - c. See the day approaching. (Matt. 22:1; 27:24; Lk. 19:41-44)
 - (1) Destruction of Jerusalem. (Matt. 24:14 - 28). Historical Quotation, 2 - W.
- The troubles of the people of Jerusalem during the war were many and great for they were divided into three seditious factions, provisions were wantonly destroyed,.... They ate corn unground and uncooked,.... children would snatch the last morsel from the parent, and the mother from the infant, children were lifted from the ground by the food they held in their mouth. People were beaten who ate their own food before the robbers arrived. Those who were suspected of having some food were tortured by having sharp stakes driven up their fundamentals,....and the famine consumed whole families. Many died as they were burying others. There was no lamentation as the famine confounded all natural passions. A stupifying silence and awe overcame them.+. Some had swallowed their money, and then had their bodies ripped open by robbers.... Some searched the sewers and dung-piles for food and ate hay, old shoes and leather.... A mother roasted and ate her son.... bloodshed was so great as to quench the fire in the houses. - - Josephus, Wars, 5 - 1 - 1 to 6 - 8 - 5.

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- (2) Promised deliverance to christians.
- (3) Promised deliverance at Judgement Day.
- (a) To christians.

III Are We Comanded To Break Bread on Lord's Day?

1. Comanded to assemble. Heb. 10:25. Forsake: "to desert, forsake." 2 Tim. 4:10, 16. R.S.V. Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

IV Other Assemblies:

- 1. Prayer Meeting. (Acts 4:23 - 31)
 - (a) Own company. V. 23.
 - (b) Assembled together. V. 31.
 - (1) Special occasion.
- 2. Paul's rehearsal to the church concerning his missionary work. (Acts 14: 27, 28).
- 3. Meeting of apostles and elders. (Acts. 15:6)
 - (a) Church (Acts 15:4)
 - (b) All the multitude. (Acts 15:12)
 - (c) Whole church. (Acts 15:22)
 - (d) Multitude. (Acts. 15:30)
- 4. Worship of the whole church under divine impulse. (1 Cor. 14:23 - 33)
- 5. Daily meetings. (Acts 2:46)

V We have AUTHORITY for having other assemblies beside the Lord's Supper.

1. Whose duty is it to attend these assemblies? Ans. Church Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 9:8; Jas. 4:17.

"ARE WE STRONG IN THE LORD?" (Eph. 6:10)

Remarks: Finally. In this and the preceding chapter Paul gives special instructions to husbands, wives, parents, children, masters and servants. He now addressed them all as his brethren. What he is about to say will apply to them all as well as to other disciples of Christ.

1. Be Strong In The Lord: He is about to introduce an illustration from a soldier in the Roman Army.

(a) To make war against the enemy, one must be sure that every possible preparation has been made to strengthen the forces soon to engage in battle.

V 10. Equip yourselves for the war by calling upon the Lord, for he is powerful and mighty. V. 18. No conscientious objector in the Lord's Government. 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3.

2. Put On The Whole Armour Of God: Not the parts that may be the most agreeable to wear. V. 11.

3. Wiles Of The Devil: V. 11. "cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery." - - Thayer. Note: The devil uses all sorts of trickery, hence it is necessary to have on the whole armour, for there is no way of knowing which piece will be needed most. 1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Matt. 24:24.

4. Wrestle: V. 12. People likens the Christian warfare to a wrestling contest which was a common form of athletics at that time. III. He attacks at weakest point and where we least expect. Wrestling - - Not only throws the opponent, but holds him down with his hand on his neck - - The christian must resist the devil until he flees. Jas. 4:7. Wrestle not against flesh and blood: - - Not a temporal conflict but a spiritual one. 2 Cor. 10: 3 - 6.

5. Spiritual Wickedness In High Places: V. 12. Teaching to deceive, wickedness in the church.

6. Evil Day: V. 13. Any day in which the enemy appears.

7. Having Done All, To Stand: V. 13. Having taken the whole armour, then make good use of it.

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8. Loins Girt About. V. 14. "To fasten one's clothing about the loins with a girdle." So to be unhampered in movement. Truth will help christians to be unhampered for the service at hand. ANAZONNUMI - "to gird up; Mid. to gird up one's self or for one's self: 1 Pet. 1:13, i.e. prepared, - a metaphor derived from the practice of the Orientals, who in order to be unimpeded in their movements were accustomed, when about to start on a journey or engage in any work, to bind their long and flowing garments closely around their bodies and fasten them with a leathern girdle;" - Thayer. So the christian must prepare himself as on a journey.

9. Breastplate Of Righteousness: V. 14: Piece of metal covering the body from neck to hips, protecting the heart and other vital organs. Note: If the christian's life is one of righteousness, the attacks of Satan cannot harm him. Rom 8:31, 35 - 39.

10. Feet Shod: V. 15. Ex. 12:11. Ready to travel on a moment's notice. Be prepared to travel as a spreader of the Gospel (Rom. 10:15) by means of the story of Peace.

11. Shield Of Faith: V. 16. A protective instrument supplementary to the breastplate, but smaller, and was carried by one hand and could be turned toward various dangerous spots independent of the general movement of the body. Note: The shield of the christian is his faith in the great commander, who has given assurance of victory. 1 John 5:4. If we give way to Satan's attacks it is a lack of faith. These things are to try us. 1 Pet. 1:7; 4:12.

12. Helmet. V. 17. A metal cap for the head. It is called "The hope of salvation," in 1 Thess. 5:8. Note: The Christian can face any foe and even rejoice in the presence of death, because of his hope for salvation after death. Mohammed inspired his soldiers to "fight to the finish" by his assurance that faithful soldiers who died on the battlefield would be taken to a land filled with the things that gratify the lust of the flesh. Christ promises faithful soldiers of the cross a life after death of unending enjoyment of spiritual pleasure.

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13. The Armour is all for the forepart of the body indicating that Christ expects his servants to be always facing the foe, not cowards or deserters.

14. The only weapon that is furnished the Christian soldier is a sword which denotes that the struggle is to be one of close contact.

Sword - Word of God - Heb. 4:12. It is the sword that Jesus used against Satan. - Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.

15. The Christian can only "fight the good fight of faith," if he knows what the Bible teaches.

Close with 1 Tim. 4:16

"A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK"
(Eccl. 3:7)

Remarks: "Forgive us for the things we have said that we should not have said, and for the things we didn't say that we should have said" - Brother Harvey, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Comments: It is just as important to speak at times. Our tongues can be a blessing to us and others, or they can cause untold harm. QUOTE James 3:2 - 10. Use III. feathers in a sack. God furnished a cage for the tongue. It is up to us to know when to open the door and when to keep it shut. EXAMPLES OF SPEAKING CAUSING TROUBLE: Old Testament

I 10 spies - (Num. 13:2) - can't take the land - Result, 40 years wondering (Num. 14:33) - Wilderness of Paran (Num. 12:16) - "We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." Num. 13:31.

II Korah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 princes - (Num 16: 1, 2) - Result, "Ye have killed the people of the Lord." - Num.16:41.

III Moses and Aaron - "Must we fetch you water from this rock." Num. 20:10 - Desert of Zin - Num. 20:1 - David said, "Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips." Psa. 106:33. Mount Hor Aaron died. Num 20:27, 28.

IV Man of God should have spoken. Lying Prophet caused the death of the man of God. Gal. 1:6-12; 1 Kings 13:.

V Eve should have spoken. Because of the words of Satan in the Garden of Eden, the whole human race became subject to death, physically and spiritually. Gen.. 3:

— New Testament —

VI Words of daughter of Herodias caused the death of John the Baptist. Matt. 14:.

VII King Herod set upon his throne and accepted favorably the flattery of the people who said, "It is the voice of a god and not of a man," and was eaten of worms and died. Acts 12:20-23.

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VIII James said, Jas. 1:26; 1 Pet. 3:10; Eph. 4:29; Matt. 5:37; 12:36, 37; Col. 3:8, 9; Matt. 15: 7 - 9; Prov. 6:17; Rev. 21:8.

— TIME TO SPEAK —

I Jude 3, Col. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Tim. 1:3; 1:8 - 10. MUST speak out against evil. Ezek. 3:17 - 21; 2 Pet. 1:13. Elders: Tit. 1:9.

Evangelists: Tit. 2:7, 8; 2 Tim. 4:1 - 4.

Personal Grievances: Matt. 18:15 - 17.

Every One: Gal. 6:1; Prov. 15: 1, 2.

II Power of the tongue: Prov. 18:21; 21:23.

III CONFESSION: Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37; Phil 2:8-11. CONTINUE: Rom. 15:6.

IV ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING. Are we ashamed of our Saviour? 1 Cor. 1:10; Acts 18:9 - 11; Mk. 8:38.

"CHRIST'S SECOND COMING"

(Heb. 9:28)

I Does The Bible Teach, He Will Come Again?

John 14:2, 3; Acts 1:11, 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 1:7.

(Christ) (Angels) (Paul) (John)

II How Is He Coming?

1. As he went. Acts. 1:11; Rev. 1:7.

2. In Glory. Lk. 9:26; 1 Thess 4:17.

3. Unexpectedly. 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 16:15.

III When Is He Coming?

Mk. 13:32 - 37.

IV What Will Take Place When He Comes?

FALSE THEORY: To set up his kingdom and reign 1,000 Yrs. Church -- Gr. EKKLESIA. "prop. a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly; so used. 1. an assembly of the people..... 2. the assembly of the Israelites, Judg. 21:8 3. any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance or tumultuously: Acts 19:32,41. 4. in the Christian sense, a. an assembly of Christians gathered for worship: 1 Cor. 14:19, 35; b. a company of Christians, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake; aa. those who anywhere, in city or village, constitute such a company and are united into one body: Acts 5:11; 11:22; Rom. 16:1, 1 Cor. 4:17; 6:4; Rev. 2:1, 8 etc." Thayer. They were going to make him an earthly king whether or no. Men today are determined that he will be an earthly king. Jno. 6:15; 18:36; Dan. 2:44; Matt. 16:18; Mk. 9:1; Acts 2:14-47; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 Tim. 3:14, 15; Dan. 7:13, 14; 2 Thess. 1:5; Heb. 12:28; Col. 1:13.

NOTE: JOHN BAPTIST - Preached Kingdom is at hand. Matt. 3:1, 2.

TWELVE APOSTLES - Preached Kingdom is at hand. Matt. 10:5 - 7.

THE SEVENTY - Preached Kingdom is at hand. Lk. 10:8, 9.

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CHRIST - Preached Kingdom is at hand. Mk. 1:14, 15.

CHRIST - Taught Disciples to pray "Thy Kingdom Come." Matt. 6:9, 10.

1. Resurrection of both righteous and wicked. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Jno. 5: 28; 2 Thess. 1:6 - 10. Tribulation - Gr.. THLIPSIS. "prop. a pressing, pressing together, pressure oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits;" - Thayer.
2. Reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16: 27.
3. Destroy this material world. 2 Pet. 3:8 - 13.

(NOTICE 1,000 YEAR REIGN, Rev. 20:)

NOTE: Summing up, here is what will take place at his coming.

1. End of the world, 2 Pet. 3:
2. Dead be raised, Job. 14:12.
3. Both righteous and wicked, Jno. 5:28.
4. Separation of righteous and wicked, Matt. 25:31, 32.
5. Judgement day, Rev. 20:11 - 15.
6. End of Christ's reign, 1 Cor. 15:22 - 26.
7. Eternity begins, Matt. 25:46.

V Are We Ready For His Coming? Heb. 9:27 - 28.

"CITIES OF REFUGE, TYPE OF CHRIST"
READ NUM. 35:6, 14

I REFER TO

- a - giving first born. Ex. 13:2.
- b - giving Levites instead. Num. 3:12.
- c - land divided by lot. Num. 26:55.
- d - Levites did not receive any possession. Num 35:2.
- e - gave them 48 cities. Num 35:6.
- f - among them 6 cities of refuge for manslayer.

Num 35:19; Gen. 9:5, 6; Rom. 13:1 -7. Paul - Acts 25:11, Capitol Punishment.

II Place of safety and freedom. Rom. 6:17, 18; Gal. 5:1; Eccl. 12:1.

Note: He has laid himself liable to death. (III. reaching age of accountability "sin of omission.")

III Manslayer lose life unless he flees to city of refuge. JESUS our Refuge. Jno. 8:21 - 24; 3:14, 15; Heb. 6:18.

IV Safe only when there. Acts. 4:12.

Note: Ill. of man stopping in some other town. Like it better (other churches.)

V In danger if he gets outside. Num 35: 26, 27; Jno. 15:6; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21.

VI Roads leading to these cities accessible (Duet. 19:3) at all times. Acts 2: 47. Obey God any time. Phillipian Jailor, Acts 16:30, 31. The door is open. Rev. 3:8.

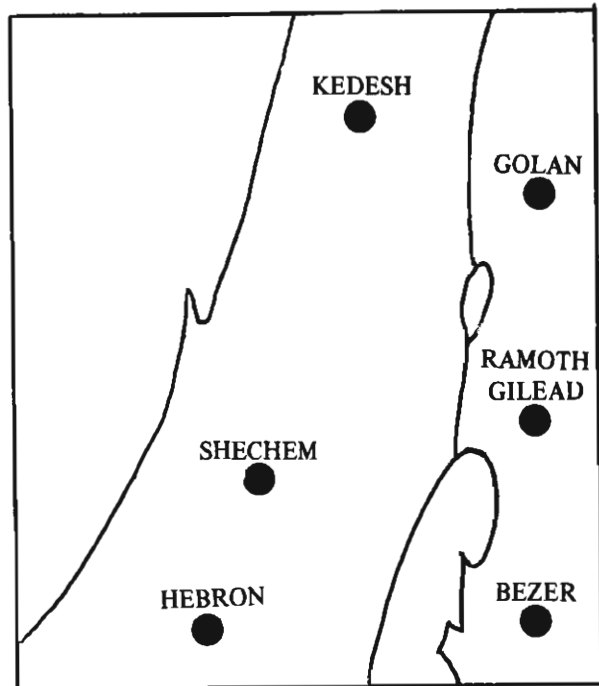
VII Remain there until death of High Priest. Num 35:25. Christ is our High Priest. 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 2:10; Heb. 6:20.

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Read Num. 35: 31, 32.

Note: This shows there is no escape for the man out of Christ, also there is nothing to take the place of living the Christian life.

Many are wanting to do away with capitol punishment - Refer to the demonstration when Aaron Mitthel was executed April 1967. Do you think those people will put on a demonstration like that at the judgement day? Will they picket the judgement seat of Christ? Matt.. 25:30.



“DOES GOD APPROVE OF THE MODERN PHILOSOPHY WITH REGARD TO SEX?”

REMARKS: Today, people generally speaking, seem to feel that one has the right to do what he desires with regard to his personal life and his or her physical body, sexually speaking. **PHILOSOPHY** - A particular system of ethics. **ETHICS** - The study of standards of conduct and moral judgement. It is being discussed publicly and on the T.V. It is being taught in our public schools.

It is a very common thing to see unmarried men and women, boys and girls, necking, hugging and kissings, wallowing over each other in public places. Taking liberty with each other's body. Rape is no uncommon thing in our modern society. Homosexuality is being accepted by many, even some churches, as being permissible. - - Some are even talking of legalizing it! Rom. 1:26,27; Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen. 19:28. Boys and girls as well as some adults are going out in public almost nude without censure. Some in the church of our Blessed Redeemer are attending worship dressed all too skimpy. Men wearing their hair down their back and beard all over their face, girls with their hair unkempt and judging from their appearance and odor they seldom if ever take a bath. Not all men who wear long hair, or girls who dress skimpy are dirty, but even if they are not they resemble hippies and give that impression. The apostle Paul said, a woman's hair is a glory to her, but if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him. Today we have reversed this, women cut their hair off and men let theirs grow long! See 1 Cor. 11:14, 15.

NOW THE QUESTION: - Is all this pleasing to our heavenly Father? **OR,** - do people care whether it pleases Him or not? **THE WORD OF GOD** is all we have to determine what pleases or displeases Him. - - The Bible contains God's standard on morals, so if you will give me your undivided attention, I shall turn on the searchlight of Divine truth.

I Let us go back to the very beginning of mankind:

1. Gen. 2:25 - 3:7, 21. **NOTICE:** 2:24 - SEE Matt. 19:3-6. **QUESTION:** When is a man and woman to become one flesh? **ANSWER:** After they are married, See 1 Cor. 7:1, 2. See Verses 8, 9, 25 - 28.

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2. Story of Jacob, Gen. 28:1 - 3; 29: 1-20. - Do you suppose that Jacob during that time came and went with Rachel all hours of the day and night and had sexual relations with her as many young people do today? Let us see what the Bible says about them. Gen. 29:21. **COMMENT ON THIS. THEN STORY** of working seven years more. Gen. 29:22-30.

NOTE: Now I am not advocating that we should adopt such customs today. - **THE PART** that I am considering is the part of virtue, good morals, and respect they had for God's law of propagating the human race.

3. Another good example is the story of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brothers who hated him. Gen. 37:, 39:. Now let us go to the N.T. and see if God has changed his mind **REGARDING** this great evil? **READ:** 1 Cor. 5:1-13.

II In our modern society, our youngsters are not being taught to have reverence and respect for God's word on this subject, but instead they are being educated on how to avoid diseases caused by such intimacy with each other. This is discussed as if it is perfectly all right for unmarried people to live and act as if they belonged to each other as husband and wife. Such immoral practices are an abomination to our heavenly Father. In Heb. 13:4, Paul wrote, and I quote, “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”

III God made us male and female and even warned his people against dressing in a way they couldn't tell a man from a woman. Deut. 22:5. In the New Testament women are told to dress in modest apparel. Certainly according to Deut. 22:5, one way at least to be considered immodest by our Heavenly Father would be to dress so that one cannot tell men from women.

IV God evidently didn't consider Adam and Eve to be dressed modestly when they just had aprons of fig leaves, so he made them coats of skins and clothed them.

1. Is it any wonder there is so much immorality, sexually speaking today, the way girls, yes, and their mothers dress? - - Jesus said, and I quote, “Ye have heard that it was said by

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them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery; But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matt. 5:27,28. BUT, says some, what is wrong with that? I’ll let the Bible answer it: “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” One of the ten commandments, Ex. 20:14. Jesus referred to this scripture and confirmed it word for word, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” Matt. 19:18; See 1 Cor. 6:9, READ, Gal. 5:19, Paul enumerates the works of the flesh and the first two are fornication and adultery and says they that do such things SHALL not inherit the kingdom of God.

2. When women expose their bodies before men, they are inviting them to commit immoral deeds that will condemn their souls. This is a serious thing and yet our women in the church ignore all that is said in the scriptures on the subject, just to keep up with the modern styles. My Bible teaches that Christians are not to conform to the world, Rom. 12:2.

3. King David committed two of the most wicked crimes one could commit because a woman was taking a bath where he could see her naked body. See, 2 Sam. 11:1 - 17.

V. Now in regard to marriage:

1. God has always disapproved of his people being intimate with the world and intermarrying with them. The Israelites were not to marry into other nations. Every time they did they got into trouble. Ex. Deut. 7:3, 4, (Before); Josh. 23: 11 - 13, (in Canaan); 1 Kings 11:2 (Solomon). READ: Neh. 13:23-27. Back in Ezra chapters 9 and 10 the men got rid of their strange wives -- not only wives but listen to this: READ:, Ezra 10:3. But one says, This doesn’t apply to us - O.K. grant you it doesn’t, but can’t you see the principle involved in all this - They disobeyed God’s command. In the N.T. Paul said, READ: 2 Cor. 6:14 - 16. Does this apply to Christians? Matt. 19:3 - 6; Rom. 7:1 - 4.

SECOND MARRIAGE - 1 Cor. 7:39.

“EIGHT IMPOSSIBILITIES”

• Some say nothing is impossible with God. Mk. 10:27; Mt. 5:48; Mt. 19:24; Mk. 10:25; Lk. 18:25.

• 1. It is impossible for God to lie. Heb. 6:13-19; Num. 23: 19; Rom. 3:4.

2. It is impossible to neglect salvation and be saved. Heb. 2:1-4; Heb. 12:25; Dan. 2:44.

3. It is impossible to be saved without the shedding of blood. Heb. 9:22; Jno. 10:4; 9:11-15.

4. It is impossible to be saved without faith in Christ. Heb. 11:6; Jno. 8:21-24; Jno. 3:17-19.

5. It is impossible to believe in Christ and obey him and not be saved. Mk. 16:15, 16; Rom. 10:13; Heb. 5:8, 9; Isa. 1:18, 19; Heb. 13:5, Rom. 8:35-39; SEE Jude 19.

6. It is impossible to enter into the Kingdom except through Christ. Jno. 14:6; Jno. 10:9; What is meant by the door? - Accept Christ. What is it to accept Christ? Ill. Landlord writes up a contract. The renter says, “I’ll accept it.” This means, he will do what the landlord requires of him. Matt. 7: 13; Heb. 10:31.

7. It is impossible to enter heaven without a birth of water and the Spirit. Jno. 3:3, 5. NOTE: Two great Spirits - God and Devil.

8. It is impossible to be saved after this life is over. Lk. 16:19 - 31; Rev. 14:13; Heb. 9:27.

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“FROM THE CRADLE TO ETERNITY”

I Kingdom Of Innocence (Entered at birth). Matt. 18:3.

• 1. Death of infants - Go to Paradise or Abrahams bosom for comfort.

2. At age of accountability if they sin they go to Kingdom of Darkness.

II Kingdom Of Darkness (Satan is King). Col. 1:13.

"FROM THE CRADLE TO ETERNITY"

1. Death of sinners - Rev. 22:15; 21:8. Go to Torment where the rich man went.
2. By Obedience:
 - a. Faith - Heb. 11:6.
 - b. Repentance - Lk. 13:3,5; Acts. 17:30.
 - c. Confession - Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32.
 - d. Baptism - Acts 2:38.
- III Kingdom Of Light (Christ Is King). Col. 1:13.
 1. Death of Hypocrite's - Job 8:11-13; 2 Pet. 2:20,21. Go to torment.
 2. Death of saints - Rev. 14:13.
- IV The Common Receptacle Of Disembodied Spirit - Lk. 16:19-31.
 1. Hades - Paradise or Abraham's bosom (Comfort). "Hades" - is used eleven times in the New Testament - Place where the soul goes at death. Acts 2:27.
 2. Hades - "Gehenna" - is used twelve times - where the wicked will be punished, suffering indescribable torment forever. Matt. 10:28.
- V Great Gulf - Judgement Seat. Rev. 20:11-15; 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:10.
 1. Heaven - Rev. 22:14.
 2. Lake of Fire. Gehenna.
 - a. Both in Matt. 25:31-46.

"GOD IS NOT A MAN"

Num. 23:19

- I Because he will not lie.
 1. Men lie. Cain. Gen. 4:9
Herod. Matt. 2:8
God. Heb. 6:18; Rom. 3:3, 4.
 2. Men promise things they never expect to fulfill. God always fulfills his promises. Gen. 12: ; Matt. 3: ; Lk. 24:46; 2 Pet. 3:9.
- II Because he will not repent. Acts. 17:30; Lk. 13:3.
 1. Def. "To turn from past evil." Man does this in repentance, but God has done no evil."
 2. God cannot be tempted with evil. Jas. 1:13.
- III He will do what he says.
 1. He always has (Promise to Abram, Gen. 12:1-3; Noah. Gen. 9:11). Gen. 8:22; Acts 14:17; 1 Sam. 15:6.
 2. Man sometimes promises what he is powerless to do. God has all power. Rom. 4:20.
 3. Man sometimes promises what he forgets to do. Psal. 105:8. God does not forget. Psal. 112:6; Mal. 3:16.
 4. Death keeps man from doing somethings. Lk. 12:15-20. God does not die. Ill. Saviour, Eternal. NOTE: Suppose God had died before carrying this out. No, God can't die.
- IV He has spoken and will make it good.
 1. Spoken of the resurrection. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.
 2. Spoken of the judgement. Rev. 20:11-15.
 3. Spoken of the reward for righteous. Rev. 7:13-17; 22:14.
 4. Spoken of the punishment for wicked. Matt. 25:41; 2 Thess. 1:6-9.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19.

"HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST"

(Rev. 3:11)

Introduction: The Philadelphia and Smyrna church not reprov-
ed yet this note of warning. 1. Maintain present life of faith-
fulness. 2. Not literally get possession of, but by misleading
him, cause him to lose his crown (A garland of victory).

I TO WHAT SHALL WE HOLD FAST?

1. The word of God. Lk. 8:15. It marks out the road. 1
foot off - same as ten miles.

2. The gospel. 1 Cor. 15:1, 2; Gal. 1:6-9.

GOSPEL { 1. Facts to be believed.
2. Commands to be obeyed.
3. Promises to be enjoyed.

Our faith is vain if we leave the gospel and adhere to
a false theory.

3. Our confession. Heb. 4:14. This will keep us from try-
ing to make laws to regulate the church. Jas. 4:12.

4. The confession of our hope. Heb. 10:23; 11:1; 1 Tim.
6:12.

5. That which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21; Jas. 4:7.

a. It is good to keep his commandments. Psal. 119:
86, 172.

b. It is good for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Psal. 133:1; Jas. 3:13-18. First pure, then peaceable. Isa. 5:20;
Jer. 6:14.

6. Our crown, which is only thus obtained. 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

II HOW MAY WE OBTAIN THE CROWN?

1. By striving lawfully. 2 Tim. 2:5.

2. By self control. 1 Cor. 9:24, 25.

3. By enduring temptations. Jas. 1:12, 1 Cor. 16:13, 14.

4. Being faithful until death. Rev. 2:10; Rom. 8:35.

III WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE IT?

1. When the chief shepherd comes. 1 Pet. 5:4.

2. At that day. 2 Tim. 4:8.

3. When we are tried. Jas. 1:12.

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IV WHY HOLD FAST?

1. Because that we have, is of infinite value. 1 Cor. 9:25;
Lk. 13:24.

2. Much is at stake. Matt. 16:26; 2 Pet. 1:9.

3. Great efforts are made to rob us of our crown. 1 Pet.
5:8; 2 Pet. 2:20-22.

4. Our reward is great. Rev. 2:7.

CONCLUSION: Have you obeyed Christ and become heir of
those promised blessings?

1 Pet. 1:4.

Are you holding fast to them?

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"HOLY SPIRIT"

REMARKS: There is more said in proportion to what is under-
stood concerning the Holy Spirit, than on most subjects in the
New Testament. This would not be a difficult question were it
not for erroneous teachers.

I There are only two spirits - Holy, unholy.

1. Holy Spirit is of God.

2. Unholy Spirit is of the devil.

II Work of the Holy Spirit:

1. Enable the holy men of God to prophecy. 2 Pet. 1:20,
21.

2. Inspire men to write the Old and New Testament. 2
Tim. 3:16.

a. Teach you all things, and bring all things to your
remembrance.

b. Testify of me.

c. Guide you into all truth, show you things to come.

3. Guide the apostles to preach God's message of sal-
vation to the whole world. Acts. 2:4; Jno. 14:26; 15:26; 16:13.

4. Showed John Baptist the Messiah. Jno. 1:32-34.

5. Bear witness or testimony. Rom. 8:16.

III How does the Holy Spirit work?

1. Different ways for different purposes.
 a. Jesus received the Spirit not by measure. Jno. 3:34. Measure - Gr. - METRON - "Determined extent, portion measured off, measure or limit." - "Sparingly, John 3:34." - Thayer. NOTE: This implies that various measures of it may be given to men. Thus the apostles received that amount required to baptize them (Acts. 1:5) and empowered them to bestow spiritual gifts upon christians. Acts 8:14-17. Those christians in days of miracles possessed that measure that enabled them to perform miracles, but not enough of it to transfer it to others. Acts 8:5, 6, 12, 14-17 - See Acts 2:38; 19:1-6.

2. Holy Spirit is the begetting power in conversion. John 3:5; Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:16; Lk. 8:11. Seed - That from which anything springs. Ill. There is a life germ in a grain of corn. We believe that, therefore we prepare the soil and plant the seed and God does the rest. So there is a life germ (spiritual) in the word of God. If we believe that and will prepare the soil (our heart) and plant the seed, God will do the rest. 1 Cor. 3:6.

3. Guides us after conversion. Rom. 8:1, 14.
 a. No one can see the Holy Spirit in order to walk after Him or be led by Him. Acts. 2:42. Holy Spirit gave the apostles the doctrine, then if we follow the doctrine we are being led by the Spirit.

4. How may we know, if we have the Spirit? Gal. 5:22. NOTE: When one sins, we say, he has the spirit of the devil. Yes, the indwelling of the "unholy spirit," yet we understand that the devil is not leading this man to sin "personally," but through the temptations that are placed before him, by Satan's agents, it might be money, strong drink, lewd women, worldly pleasures, etc. - The same is true regarding the "Holy Spirit". When one is doing the will of God (following Christ), we say he has the spirit of God (Holy Spirit), yes, the indwelling of the "Holy Spirit," yet we understand that the Holy Spirit is not leading this man to righteousness "personally," but through the influence of the Bible when placed before him, it might be by reading it himself, hearing some one preach Christ, by the life of some one, etc. With the sinner we say: - He has the devil in him! Why? Because he manifests the spirit of the devil. The same is true of the Holy Spirit, - He has

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the Holy Spirit in him! Why? Because he is hearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Every one is influenced and led by one of these spirits.

5. How may we quench the Spirit? 1 Thess. 5:19. This is done by suppressing the word of God.

a. Suppress or stifle. The Holy Spirit guided the writers of the New Testament. Jno. 16:13, hence to quench or try to hinder the word of God would be to quench the Spirit. IV How does the spirit work today? 2 Cor. 5:5; Rom. 1:18; 2 Thess. 3:1; Eph. 1:13, 14; Acts 19:1 - 7.

1. Earnest, means a pledge or assurance. Foretaste of a more complete favor yet to come. Such as assurance was given in a miraculous way to apostles and is bestowed in a lesser measure upon all christians. This is done in the church, which is Christ's body, and by the spiritual blessings that come to all faithful disciples of Christ. Spirit works through the word.

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"HUNGER"

(Mt. 5:6)

HUNGER - - "1. a. A craving or need for food. b. An uneasy sensation occasioned normally by the want of food. c. The weakened condition brought about by lack of food; as, to die of hunger. 2. Any strong or eager desire; craving." Web.

1. God's natural law demands food for the natural man - - Physical hunger makes one uncomfortable and unhappy. Examples: Neh. 9:15; Ex. 16: 2, 3; Lk. 15: 11-32.

2. God's spiritual law demands spiritual food for the soul - Spiritual hunger makes one uncomfortable and unhappy. Example: David (Psa. 4:1; 6:1-5; 25:16-18; 122:1).

3. God supplies both natural and spiritual food.
 a. Natural, Acts 14:17; Mt. 5:45.
 b. Spiritual, Mt. 5:6; Jno. 6:48-50; 7:37; Rev. 22:17. Neither is unconditional.

a. Natural, Gen. 3:19; 1 Thess. 4:11, 12; 2 Thess. 3:10; Heb. 5:8,9.

b. Spiritual, Jno. 8:24; Lk. 13:3, 5.
 4. In Matt. 11:28, Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that

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labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

NOTE: This means laboring under the burden of sin. In other words, hungry for spiritual food.

5. First commandment to baptized believer is to desire the spiritual food. 1 Pet. 2:1, 2.

6. If we are not hungry for spiritual food, then we will become indifferent toward God's Word.

7. There is such a thing as spiritual indigestion.

a. Refer to physical indigestion.

b. Apply to spiritual indigestion.

RESULTS: - - No desire, in other words, not hungry. Psalms 107: 8, 9.

8. If hungry, then we will search for food. JESUS SAID: "Seek and ye shall find." Mt. 7:7, 8.

EXAMPLES OF HUNGRY PEOPLE (spiritually)

a. Multitudes that followed Jesus. Acts 13:42 - 45.

b. Common people heard him gladly. Mk. 12:37.

c. Pentecost, 3,000 hungry souls - Multitudes. Acts

5:14.

9. Lack of spiritual hunger causes one to be indifferent about Bible Study, attending worship, and makes him careless and irresponsible. Gal. 6:1, 2.

a. Never on time - not hungry. ILL. children playing (hungry or not) also eat between meals. Sure growing - - eats all the time, he ought to grow.

b. Speaker long winded - - not hungry. We can cultivate a taste for spiritual food. Col. 3:2.

c. Services a little overtime, angry. ILL. At a meal do we reject second helpings. American people eat too much - - How many indulge in spiritual food? Mt. 4:4.

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"JESUS CHRIST, THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"
(Jno. 14:6)

I WAY: - - "I am THE Way." Way to what, or way to where? He is the way back to God.

1. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for him. Matt. 3:3.

2. His way is a narrow way. Matt. 7:14.

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3. His way is a new and living way. Heb. 10:20.

4. His way is not man's way. Prov. 14:12; Matt. 15:9.

5. His way is perfect. Psalms 18:30.

6. We must walk His way. 1 Jno. 1:7; 2:6.

7. Must get into His way before we can walk therein. Isa. 35:8; Gal. 3: 27. To abide in Christ is equivalent to walking with Him, for Christ is an active being and no person can continue with Him and not walk in the same way. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

8. We should hate every false way. Psalms 119:104.

9. I AM THE WAY - - Any way different to Christ's way is wrong.

II TRUTH: - - "I am THE Truth." What is Truth? Pilate asked that question. Jno. 18:33-38; 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

1. Opposite to falsehood. God is the author of Truth, Jno 17:17. Satan is the father of lies, Jno. 8:44.

NOTE: - His lie to Eve when believed, bound the human race with shackles of sin. Gen. 3:Chap. Truth of God's love through Christ frees man from that chain. Jno. 8:32.

2. We must hear the truth. Matt. 17:5; Rom. 10:17; Jno 6:44, 45.

3. We must obey the truth. Heb. 5:8, 9; Gal. 3:1.

4. I AM THE TRUTH - - Anything contrary to what Christ authorizes is FALSE!

III LIFE: - - "I am THE Life."

1. Life is opposite to death. Satan brought death. Gen. 3: Chap.

2. Jesus is LIFE. Jno. 1:1-4.

3. "I am that bread of Life." Jno. 6:48-51.

4. His words are life. Jno. 6:63, 68.

5. He gave his life for man's redemption. Mt. 20:28.

6. He gives ETERNAL life. 1 Jno. 2:25; Rom. 6:22, 23.

7. I AM THE LIFE - - Anything offered to man which Christ did not offer, will bring death!

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If we accept anything besides the Truth, we will remain in error. If we follow any way except Christ's way, we will be on the broad way. NOTE: - - Truth brings us into the way. The way leads us unto life eternal.

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"MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN"

(Gal. 6:17)

I Paul's marks were literal, caused by bodily punishment. 2 Cor. 11:24 - 28.

II Why was he willing to suffer punishment?

1. Love - Paul loved the Lord. Mt. 22:34 - 37.

Loved his brethren. Jno. 13:34, 35; 1 Jno. 3:14.

III Abiding In The Word. Jno. 8:31, 32; 2 Jno. 9.

IV Fruit Bearing. Jno. 15:8.

NOTE: In bearing much fruit for the Lord, we will be: - - - -

1. Honest. Phil. 4:8; Lk. 8:15; Rom. 12:17; Prov. 23:7.

2. Truthful. Eph. 4:25; Prov. 6:17; Rev. 21:8.

3. Courteous. 1 Pet. 3:8.

4. Humble. Jas. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:5-7.

5. Forgiving. Eph. 4:32. 1 Jno. 1:9; Mt. 6:14, 15.

6. Sound Speech. Titus. 2:8; Col. 4:6 ("To season, make savory; full of wisdom and grace and hence pleasant and wholesome." - Thayer.)

7. Willingness to take wrong. 1 Cor. 6:7, 8; 1 Pet. 2:20-23.

8. Have Patience. - - Endurance - - Jas. 1:12; Rom. 5:3; Jas. 1:3; Heb. 10:36.

V. Faithfulness To All That God Has Commanded. Gal. 5:22-26; Jas. 2:10.

VI How Long? Rev. 2:10.

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"MOTHER'S DAY! IS IT?"

REMARKS: Today is Nationally set apart as "Mother's Day." - Mother is the sweetest name on earth. - Who brought us into this world? - Mother. Who tucked us in bed at night when we were little? - Mother. - Who hears the cries of the little ones? - Mother. Who soothes their aching heads when they get bumped? - Mother. What is home without a Mother?

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1. Mother should be respected, she should be obeyed. Prov. 1:8; Eph. 6:1-3.

2. Is your mother old? Then listen to this, "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." - Prov. 23:22.

NOTE: Many have lost their mother.

3. Mothers should set good examples, see Ezek. 16:44.

"MY MOTHER"

My mother never smoked nor drank, My mother never swore. My mother never played at bridge, Nor mounted up a score. My mother never dyed her nails, Nor roughed her dear sweet face.

And on my mother's loving lips, No stain of paint I trace. My mother never plucked her brows, She never bobbed her hair. But virtue grace and honesty, Have been her jewels rare.

My mother never wore shorts on the streets, For all the men to stop and gaze.

But kept her body covered, And by her godly life Our Lord was praised.

Today my mother would be called, Old fashioned well I know. But oh how glad I am, That God has made and kept her so.

4. Is This Really Mother's Day? - It Is The Lord's Day!

a. Just how important is mother according to our Saviour? See Mt. 12:46 - 50.

NOTE: With all our respect and love for mother, and as precious as the name may be, still there is something that should be more precious to us! See Matt. 10:37.

5. Oh! How many so called christians are spending today with mother and forsaking to assemble and remember the one who did something for us that mother cannot do!

"A GODLY MOTHER"

I know a Godly Mother lived, Although her face I never knew. But I'm reminded day by day, The way her children live and do. There had to be a strong hand to guide them through all sin and worldly strife.

That's how I know a Godly Mother lived, I see it in her children's life.

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"INFLUENCE OF ONE LIFE"

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant (one who travels from place to place) preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have affected the life of man upon this earth as that one solitary life."

CONCLUSION: "We invite you to accept Him and then worship with us. And we assure you that we honor the one who exerted such a wonderful influence over the lives of men, by wearing his name. If we continue steadfastly in his doctrine, we will be with him some day and it will mean far more to us than "Mother's Day." Col. 1:21 - 23.

"PRAYER"

I Definitions:

1. Prayer. "...entreaty; earnest request. 2. The offering of adoration, confession, supplication, thanksgiving, etc., to God or a god." - Webster.

2. Prayer. "A solemn address to the supreme being, coming from a sincere believing heart." Rom. 10:1.

II Outline For Prayer: (1 Tim. 2:1, 2).

1. Address - Our Heavenly Father.

2. Praise - Any title of reverence and respect or anything we might say that would show our adoration of Him. (Ex. Psa. 8:1; 19:1; 27:1; Ex. 20:11; Acts 20:11; Acts 17:28, etc.)

3. Thanksgiving -

a. (temporal) homes, loved ones, nation, all we have, etc.

b. (spiritual) God's love, gift of His Son, death on the cross for our sins, Bible, Church, etc.

4. Supplication - (blessings we ask for) A continuation of temporal blessings, that we may not yield to temptations, that we may love our enemies, let our light shine, overcome evil with good, etc.

5. Intercessions - (petitions in behalf of others) - kings, rulers, sinners, sick, brotherhood, spread of the kingdom, etc.

6. In The Name Of Christ.

7. Amen - Be it so.

NOTE: Every member should say Amen - Neh. 8:1-6; 1 Cor. 14:16.

The word "Amen" is with the definite article in 1 Cor. 14:16, not Amen, but the Amen, in the Greek. This shows that it was a specific item in the worship. We will never restore the New Testament worship in its fulness, until we restore the full participation of every member. Many have never worshipped in their lives. They have only listened as others did so. Let us instruct the men and women and all who "can hear with understanding" to join in the Amen.

III Discussion On Prayer:

1. Who should pray? Jno. 9:31; Jas. 5:16.

2. How often should we pray? Lk. 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17; Psa. 55:17.

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3. In what state of mind should we be?
 - a. A forgiving spirit. Mk. 11:25,26; Lk. 17:3, 4.
 - b. Willing to make right. Mt. 5:23, 24.
 - c. Should have faith. Heb. 11:6; 1 Tim. 2:8.
 - d. Ask in Obedience and Submission. Prov. 28:9; Lk. 18:9 - 14.
4. Whom does God hear?
 - a. Righteous. 1 Pet. 3:12.
 - b. Those who keep His commandments. 1 Jno. 3:22.
 - c. Those who ask according to His will. 1 Jno. 5:14.
5. Why doesn't God hear all people?
 - a. Motives not pure. Jas. 4:3.
 - b. Leave Christ's name out. Col. 3:17; Jno. 16:24,26.
 - c. Not doing the will of God. Jno. 9:31; Psal. 28:9.
6. No Prayer can be answered contrary to law. (Ex. Num. 12:13, "Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.")
7. Prayer should be appropriate for the occasion.
 - a. Bible study - Sometimes never mention it.
 - b. Thanks for loaf and cup. Pray for everything else. Sometimes never mention it.
 - c. Ask God to forgive our sins at Lords supper, thanks and dismissal.
 - d. Should not be vain repetitions. Mt. 6:7; Eccl. 5:1-3; (Ex. 1 Kings 18:26).
8. ONE WORDING THE PRAYER:
 - a. Speak so all can understand.
 - b. Think too much about how our prayer sounds to men, and what men think of our prayer. This causes one to become self conscious and nervous.
 - c. Should realize we are talking to God. Heb. 4:16.
 - d. Our prayers should not be merely forming of sentences, such prayers are fruitless. Let us really talk to God from our hearts, not just from our lips.

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD"

Text: Amos 4:12

I All realize the fact to some extent that we must meet God in Judgement. 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10-12; Eccl. 12:14. - For God shall bring

1. We are not so foolish as to say there is no God. Psal. 14:1.
2. Yet many are foolish in another respect. Lk. 12:16-21.
3. Some say get a start in life and then serve God. "Are You Prepared To Meet God?" Does a good moral man need any change? Show that we must change our way of living. Mt. 6:33; Psal. 37:25; Eccl. 12:1.

II Why should we prepare?

1. Because of gratitude. "Count Your Blessings" - Song. Psal. 24:1; Ex. 20:11; Acts 14:16, 17; Mt. 5:45.
2. Because of hope of reward. Mt. 5:11, 12; Rev. 2:10; Rom. 6:22, 23.
3. Because of consequence of sin. Rom 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Jas. 1: 13-15 (The course of sin is described as that of a birth. The sinful desire is the conception. The sinful deed the birth; moral and eternal death the final result. - Johnson); Mt. 25:46, 41; Rev. 20:10.

III How Prepare?

1. Change of heart - Faith. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; Jno. 20:30,31.
2. Change of life - Repentance. Psal. 34:14.
3. Change of relationship - Baptism. Ill. Crossing the Red Sea - 1 Cor. 10:1; Col. 1:13.

IV When Prepare?

NOW. Heb 3:15; Acts 24:24, 25; 26:28; 2 Cor. 6:2.

"QUALIFICATIONS FOR EVANGELISTS"

EVANGELIST: Gr. EUAGGELISTES. "A bringer of good tidings, an evangelist.... this name is given in the New Testament to those heralds of salvation through Christ who are not apostles. Acts. 21:8; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5:" - Thayer.

“QUALIFICATIONS FOR EVANGELISTS”

“In the New Testament an evangelist, a preacher of the gospel,... not fixed in any one place, but traveling as a missionary to preach the gospel and establish churches.” - Robinson.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be capable of preaching the gospel. 2 Tim. 4:2.
 - a. To do this he must be an ardent student of the Bible. 2 Tim. 2:15.
2. Must not be evasive. “Rightly dividing” means he must teach it “directly and correctly.”
3. Must not strive. 2 Tim. 2:24.
4. Be gentle unto all men. 2 Tim. 2:24.
5. Patient. 2 Tim. 2:24.
6. He should be meek. 2 Tim. 2:25.
7. Must be an example of the believers. 1 Tim. 4:12.
 - a. Word.
 - b. Conduct.
 - c. Charity.
 - d. Spirit. (disposition)
 - e. Faith.
 - f. Purity.
8. Must be sincere and of sound speech. Titus 2:7, 8.
9. Must be capable of knowing “truth” from “error”. 1 Tim. 1:3.
10. He should be capable of knowing when a congregation is out of order, also should know when a man is qualified for the eldership. Titus 1:5.
11. Should be capable of giving sound advice to aged men and women regarding their Christian conduct. Titus. 2:1-3.
12. Should have ability to commit what he knows to other faithful men, so they in turn can teach others. 2 Tim 2:2; 2:24.
13. Must be willing to endure hardships. 2 Tim. 2:3.
14. Must not show partiality in dealing with elders who sin. 1 Tim. 5:21.
15. Should be capable and willing to defend the truth at all times. 2 Tim. 4:2.
16. Should show proper attitude toward young and old of both men and women. 1 Tim 5:1, 2.

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17. Be willing to partake of the afflictions of the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:8; 4:5; “endure afflictions.”
 18. Be strong in the Grace that is in Christ Jesus.. 2 Tim. 2:1.
 19. Hold fast the form of sound words, in faith and love. 2 Tim. 1:13.
- P. S. We all know that we need more evangelist. However, we need qualified evangelist. Just think how many men have started out to be evangelists and then turned traitors to our Master's cause. I mean became “broad-minded” and wise above what is written. They have done untold damage to the church of our Lord. We have a lot of warnings against false teachers in the New Testament. Matt. 7:15; Rom. 16:17,18; 1 Jno. 4:1.

“SAFETY FIRST”

Remarks: Refer to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN, enlarge upon importance of “Safety First” by referring to modern slogans and precautions. Buckle up. Think! Watch your step. Slow down and live. Drive carefully, the life you save may be your own. Hill - shift gears. Keep right.

STOP!..... BELIEVING the opinions of men. Matt. 15:9; Prov. 14:12; Gal. 6:3; Eph. 4:14; Matt. 7:15; Col. 2:8; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Rom. 16:17, 18. “Raven - 1. To seize by violence. 2. To devour eagerly.” - Webster.

LOOK!..... In the SCRIPTURES yourself. 1 Thess. 5:21; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; Jas. 1:22-25; Matt. 15:14; Eph. 5:6; 1 Pet. 3:15.

LISTEN!..... To the Commands of JESUS. Jno. 14:15; David said, Psa. 119:127, 143, thy commandments are my delights. Jas. 1:22-25; Rev. 22:14.

WHAT HAS HE COMMANDED?

1. Faith. Acts. 16:31; Rom. 5:1. Salvation by Faith on conditions - Repent of our sins.

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2. Repentance. Acts 17:30. Salvation by Faith and Repentance on conditions - Confess Christ's name.

3. Confession. Acts. 8:37. Salvation by Faith, Repentance and Confession on condition - Baptism.

4. Baptism. Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38. This is for past sins. Eternal Salvation on condition - Various duties. 1 Cor. 15:58; 15:1,2; Col 1:21-23.

GOSPEL:

1. Facts to be believed.
2. Commands to be obeyed.
3. Promises to be enjoyed.

Our faith is vain if we leave the gospel and adhere to a false theory. Apply here - Prov. 28:9.

NOTE: Can't pray around God's commands.

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"SELF CONTROL"

Self Control - "Totally abstaining from things that are wrong and using moderation in things that are permissible."

ABSTAIN - "To refrain voluntarily, esp. from doing or enjoying something." - American College Dictionary. "To hold one's self off, abstain." - Thayer. Hence it means that we should wholly refrain from the things being considered.

1. Fornication. 1 Thess. 4:1-8; 1 Cor. 7:2.

2. Fleshly Lusters. 1 Pet. 2:11; Titus 2:11, 12; Rom. 6:12, 16. Is sin your master?

3. Filthiness. Jas. 1:21; 2 Cor. 7:1.

4. Stubbornness, (unyielding). 1 Sam. 15:23; Titus 1:7, (Selfwilled - insisting on having his own way regardless of the rights of others).

5. Covetousness. Eph. 5:5; Heb. 13:5. "Covetous implies esp. excessive desire for what belongs to another; greed of wealth with a view to hoarding it." - Webster. "Greedy desire to have more." - Thayer.

6. Lying. Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9; Rev. 21:8.

7. ALL evil. 1 Thess. 5:22. Appearance - "form, kind." - Thayer.

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MODERATION - Moderate - "Kept within due bounds; observing reasonable limits; not excessive; restrained." - Webster.

1. Temper. Eph. 4:26; elder not soon angry, Titus 1:7.

2. Our animal passion. 1 Cor. 7:2; Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:3-6; Heb. 13:4. Passion - "6. b. Ardent affection for one of the opposite sex; love." Webster. Ardent - "Hot or burning." - Webster.

3. Our desire for pleasure. 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

a. Some pleasures are all right, if we don't let them come first or let them interfere with our obligations and devotions to God!

b. Examples: Fishing, picnicing, vacationing, boating, hunting, visiting, etc.

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"TAKING INVENTORY"

(2 Cor. 13:5)

REMARKS: Compare business to spiritual life. Inventory is to find out if he is gaining, standing still, or going backward. We should check to see just where we stand spiritually.

I Does Any One Have Anything To Boast Of?

1. Jews - Gentiles. Rom. 3:19, 10, 23.

II Do We Know Our Standing With God?

1. If we have not obeyed the gospel. 1 Pet. 4:18.

2. If we sin after conversion. Acts. 8:18-23; Heb. 10:31.

3. If we love the world. 1 Jno. 2:15, 16; Jas. 4:4; Rom 12:

9. "WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?" One morning as a young wife was getting ready to go to church alone, she said to her husband, "Jerry, why don't you join the church, too? You ought to be a Christian. It would be so much more pleasant for both of us. I don't like to go alone. Why don't you?" - He hated to see her go off to church alone, and he did not like to stay at home by himself. After a moment of silence he said to her, "Helen, I did think seriously for a while about joining the church, but I have decided I won't." - She asked him why he had made that decision. "Well dear, " he said very seriously, "I can't see an awful lot of difference between church members

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and those who make no profession. You belong to the church, but I don't. You go to dances and so do I. I play cards and so do you. We go to the movies together and I drink now and then, and you drink with me. My temper gets the best of me once in a while and I've noticed you fly off the handle occasionally yourself. One of the members of your church cheated me in a business deal, and some of them do dishonest things I wouldn't think of doing. So I cannot see why I should bother with religion. If it doesn't change my life, why join the church?"

4. If we backslide. 2 Pet. 2:20-22.

III Have You Obeyed The Gospel?

1. If we have not obeyed the Gospel. Heb. 5:8,9; 1 Pet. 4:18. With difficulty - The trials will make the conflict more difficult. If we endure to the end our salvation is certain.

IV Have You Considered The Worth Of Your Soul? Matt. 16:24-27.**V Examine Ourselves:**

1. In Eating the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11:28,29.

2. Attendance. Heb. 10:25. If all were like me how many services would the church have.

3. Prayers. 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Pet. 3:7.

4. Giving:

a. Finance. 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Mal. 3:8-10.

b. Time. Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5.

c. Talent. Matt. 25:14-30.

VI Church (Local congregation) Take Inventory.

1. First Love. Rev. 2:1-5.

2. Works. Rev. 3:14-19.

3. Decency and Order. 1 Cor. 14:40.

2 Cor. 13:5. Each one is to make this self examination to ascertain what his true condition is. **EXAMINE** - try or test. **REPROBATE** - "not standing the test, not approved....which does not prove itself to be such as it ought..... unfit for something." - Thayer.

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III. Man taking inventory - figures don't lie. He knows just where he stands.

DOES THE BIBLE LIE!!

Figures show he has lost heavily the past year, he ignores it, same the next year - Bankrupt.

OUR STANDARD, THE WORD OF GOD SHOWS WE ARE LOSING, WE DO NOTHING ABOUT IT!!

"THE BIBLE"

(2 Tim. 3:16,17)

1. The Book. **SCRIPTURE** - "Anything written."

Webster.

2. Book of all books. **INSPIRATION** - To blow or breath into or upon.

3. Different from other books:

a. Has no preface; b. No introduction; c. No appendix; d. Never enlarged; e. Never abridged nor improved.

SUBJECTS: God, angels, mankind, devils.

Time embraced: From the beginning to the end.

COMPOSITION OF THE BIBLE

Two Great Divisions - The Old Testament (Law of Moses) and The New Testament (Law of Christ). Dispensation, Full arrangement.

Sixty-six books: 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament. It was written by about forty persons during a period of 1500 years. Genesis, the first book was written by Moses. Revelation, the last book, was written by John the apostle. Gen. 3: Lost right to tree of life. Rev. 22:14 Tells how to regain this right.

Of the 66 books 22 are historical, 5 poetical, 18 prophetic, and 21 epistolary. Among the authors were kings, scientific men, lawyers, generals, fisherman, preachers, a tax collector, a doctor, some rich, some poor, some from the city, some born in the country.

HARMONY - III. Man going to hear a scientist lecture. 1 Tim. 6:20.

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The Old and New Testament are separated by an interval of nearly 400 years. A book of biography. Examples: Paul, 2 Cor. 11:24; Peter, David. 1 Jno. 2:1, 2; 1 Tim. 2:5.

BOOK OF PICTURES:

1. Pictures of heaven. Rev. 21.
 - a. Tells us how to find it. Matt. 7:21.
2. Pictures Hell. Calls it a fire unquenchable. Matt. 3:11,12; Mk. 9:43,44.
3. Book of promises. 1 Pet. 1:3,4.
4. Marks out two highways. Matt. 7:13, 14.
5. One leads to heaven.
6. One leads to hell.

It is an arch. Draw an arch with the cross of Christ in the center.. Reaches from Gen. 1:1 to Rev. 22:21. Rom. 15:3; Psa. 69:9.

UNITY OF THE BIBLE

1. One purpose - the salvation of man.
 2. Contains the development of one Great Scheme of human redemption.
 3. The moral law is the same.
 4. The character of God is the same. Heb. 10:28,29.
 5. The responsibility of Man - Obedience to God - is the same. Eccl. 12:13. Examples: Adam, Cain and Abel, Noah, Moses, Israel (law), Christian Age.
- MORAL LAW: Acts 17:31.

1. Honor Father and Mother.
2. Thou shalt not kill.
3. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
4. Thou shalt not steal.
5. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
6. Thou shalt not covet.

THE BIBLE

This book contains - The mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, doom of sinners and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to guide

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you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christians character.

Here paradise is restored. Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the Judgement, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

"Blessed Bible, how I love it!

How it doth my bosom cheer!

What hath earth like this to covet?

Oh, what stores of wealth are here!

Man was lost and doomed to sorrow;

Not one ray of light or bliss

Could he from heaven's treasures borrow

Till his way was cheered by this."

BELIEVE IT ALL: Gen. 1:1.

1. Hearing. Rom. 10:17.
2. Faith. Heb. 11:6.
3. Repentance. Lk. 13:3,5; Acts 17:30.
4. Confession. Matt. 10:32.
5. Baptism. Acts. 2:38.

"THE CHRISTIAN WALK"

(1 Thess. 4:1)

1. In prophecy. Isa. 2:1,2; 35:8-10. "Christian road."
2. If the christian life is a walk, then we should not ask others to carry us. Gal. 6:2,5.
3. If it is a walk, then it is an individual duty; no one else can walk for us. Gal. 6:3-5.

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4. The object of the Christian walk is to reach a desired destination. Phil. 3:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:4.
5. We should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15.
6. Walk worthy of our vocation. Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:11,12.
7. Walk by faith. 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 5:6.
8. Walk by love. Jno. 15:10; Eph. 5:2.
9. Walk circumspectly (cautious, prudent, watchful on all sides). Eph. 5:15.
10. Walk separately. Eph. 4:17; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; Amos 3:3.
11. Walk honestly. 2 Cor. 4:2; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:1,2.
12. Walk by the same rule. Phil. 3:16; Gal. 6:16.
13. Walk even as he walked. 1 Jno. 2:6.
14. Walk in the light. Israel - Isa. 2:5; 1 Jno. 1:7; Jno. 8:12.
15. Some will not walk therein. Jer. 6:16.
16. Mark them which walk not. Phil. 3:17,18.
17. Walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Psal. 23:4.
18. Walk with him in white. Rev. 3:4.

"THE CHURCH OF CHRIST"

(1 Pet. 3:15; 1 Thess. 5:21)

1. Why call it the Church of Christ? Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23,25; Col. 1:12-14; Matt. 1:21-23; Isa. 9:6; Acts 4:10; Rom. 16:16. *
2. Why teach Baptism is essential? Jno. 3:5; Mk. 16:16; Acts. 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21.
3. Why do you immerse, why not sprinkle? Rom. 6:3,4; Col. 2:12.

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4. Why don't you open the doors of the Church? Rev. 3:7; Acts 2:47.
 5. Why don't you have a regular Pastor? Rom. 15:14; Eph. 4:16; Acts 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:25; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1,2.
 6. Why don't you have aid societies? 1 Tim. 3:14,15; Eph. 3:21.
 7. Why don't you use instrumental music in the Church? God has instituted a different kind of music. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12.
 8. Why don't you have suppers, auctions, lunch stands, etc. to raise money? 1 Cor. 16:1,2; 2 Cor. 8:12; 9:6.
 9. Why don't you have missionary societies? Eph. 3:10, 21.
 10. Why don't you call the preacher, Reverend? Psal. 111:9. Reverend - YARE - - Fearful, terrible, dreadful.
 11. Why do you have the Lord's Supper every Sunday? Acts. 20:7.
 12. Why aren't all the members of the Church of Christ living up to the Bible teaching? Some of them do things I wouldn't do. Lk. 10:27. Because they are carnally minded. They don't love God with all their heart, soul, strength and mind.
- * Isa. 9:6 - - This is one of the greatest predictions of Christ. It contains so many characteristics that were peculiar to Him.
- Not only a child to be born, but a Son. The Government shall be upon his shoulder. - A yoke is used to compare a government (Matt. 11:29,30), and since that instrument was borne upon the shoulder of the creature using it, the government was said here to be "upon his shoulder".
- WONDERFUL. - "A miracle." - Strong. That was true of Christ in many respects, especially with regard to his birth which was accomplished by a virgin, predicted in Isa. 7:14.

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COUNSELLOR. - "To advise; reflectively to deliberate or resolve." - Strong. This definition surely belongs to Christ for he was the greatest teacher ever to be on earth.

MIGHTY GOD. - This is not confusing when we remember that "God" is the family name of the Deity and that Christ was a mighty member of that family.

FATHER. - "a primitive word; father in a literal and immediate, or figurative and remote application." - Strong. Certainly the last part of the definition in the sense of the word here for Jesus was not literally a father. But his great and unending care for the children of his own divine Father would entitle him to the name.

PRINCE. - Is defined, "a head person" and is rendered in the King James version by captain, chief, general, master and others. Many such men in temporal life were interested in conflicts for personal advantage. This great person was to be a prince who would offer peace to his subjects, that would be for their good.

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"THE GREATEST TEXT"

(John 3:16)

WHOLLY DIVINE**HUMAN DIVINE****HUMAN**

God

Christ

Man

1 Tim. 2:5. Refers to man's lost condition. Christ related to both. Gal. 4:4; Jno. 1:14. Came to reconcile man to God. He had all the attributes of divinity and all the nature of humanity.

THIS EXEMPLIFIES THE - "To illustrate by example"
GREATEST:

1. Lover - God so loved. So. - Gr. HOUTO - "In the way described; in this manner, in such a manner; thus; so." - Thayer. Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Jno. 3:1.

2. Number loved - The world. Gal. 3:22-29; Rom. 3:23-25.

3. Provision - That whosoever. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17; Will.

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4. Simplicity (Not complicated, not hard to understand or solve - Believeh. Jno. 14:15; 14:23; Jas. 2:26; Heb. 11:6; Acts 16:31; Jno. 20:30,31; 3:17-19.

5. Difference - Should not perish. Man doomed, would perish forever from the presence of God. Then Christ died that we might not perish. Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10.

6. Blessing - But have everlasting life. Jno. 14:2.

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"THE POWER OF INFLUENCE"

(1 Thess. 2:17 - 3:8)

1. Their steadfastness seemed to fill Paul with new life. 1 Thess. 3:8; Col. 2:1-10; 2 Tim. 1:8.

2. Strong should help the weak. Rom. 15:1-3; 1 Cor. 8:13; Gal. 6:1,2.

3. Our steadfastness provokes zeal and enthusiasm, in others. Phil. 1:12-14; Heb. 10:22-25. NOTE: this does not apply to any one of the public gatherings of Christians any more than it does to another. Influenced by parents.

4. Lack of steadfastness has the opposite effect. Heb. 12:12,13; 6:9-12; 2 Cor. 5:10.

TRUE TO LIFE

A man came home and saw his children on the front steps all puffing on play cigarettes. Surprised, he asked what they were doing. "We're playing church," the kids answered in unison. "Church?" the obviously puzzled father replied. "Yes," explained one child, "We've already sung, prayed and preached and now we're outside on the steps smoking." - Katherine, Cushing, Oklahoma.

I Would Our Lives Have The Proper Influence?

1. One is supposed to be despondent.

2. Act distant and not be sociable.

3. Husband and wife are supposed to quarrel.

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4. Christian parents are not supposed to correct their children.
 5. Christians are supposed to talk about each other.
 6. Christians are supposed to use slang language.
 7. Christians are supposed to watch all the prize fights, wrestling matches and murder shows on the T.V.
 8. Christians are not supposed to study the Bible.
 9. Christians can live the same kind of life the world lives.
 10. Every one is supposed to do as he pleases.
 11. Christians just attend services on Sunday morning.
- WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?—

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6. Commands to all Christians. Col. 2:6; Matt. 5:6; 1 Pet. 2:11; Jas. 1:22; 1 Cor. 15:50-58. Whole hearted faith, sincere, humble (Rom. 12:3), zealous (Rom. 12:11), penitent (Lk.13:3, 5), obedient (Rev. 2:10), newness of life (Rom. 6:3,4; 2 Cor. 5:17), love (Rev. 2:4).

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"THE PRECIOUS PROMISES"

(2 Pet. 1:1-4)

I Introduction.

1. Promises easily made but easily broken.
2. Endeavor to carry out promises.
3. Make not rash promises. Judges 11:30-40; Matt. 14:1-10.
4. God's promises exceeding great and precious.

NOTE: Preciousness shown by cost. Heb. 9:22; 9:11-15; Acts 20:28.

II Discussion.

A. Two classes of Promises.

1. Unconditional Promises:

- a. Seed time and harvest. Gen. 8:22; Acts 14:16,17; Matt. 5:45.
- b. No more world destruction by flood. Gen. 9:9-15.
- c. Promise of a Redeemer. Gen. 12:1-3; Acts. 13:23.
- d. A future world destruction. 2 Pet.3:10,11.
- e. Second coming of Christ. Acts. 1:8 - 11
- f. General resurrection. 1 Cor.15:21,22; Jno.5:28,29.

2. Conditional Promises:

- a. Remission of sins. Jer. 31:31-34; Acts 2:38; 10:43.
- b. Answer to prayer. Matt. 7:7,11; Jas. 1:6,7; 4:3; 1 Jno. 5:14.
- c. All things work for good. Rom. 8:28.
- d. All spiritual blessings. Eph. 1:3; 2 Cor. 1:20.
- e. The glorious resurrection. 1 Thess. 4:16,17; Rev. 14:13.
- f. Everlasting kingdom. Jas. 2:5; Matt. 25:34.
- g. Eternal life. 1 Jno. 2:25.

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"THE PRECIOUS PROMISES"**B. Do God's Promises Ever Fail?**

1. Unconditional Promises Do Not. Num. 23:19.
2. Conditional Promises fail if conditions are not met.
 - a. Blessings or cursings depend on man's acts. Deut. 28:1,2, 15; Rom. 6:16.
 - b. Will repent of promised good. Jer. 18:9,10.
 - c. Ye shall know my breach of promise. Num. 14:34.
 - d. One word of all he promised did not fail. 1 Kings 8:56.
 - e. He is faithful that promised. 2 Pet. 3:9.

C. Delayed Fulfillment no proof of failure.

1. Hearts set to do evil because sentence not executed speedily. Eccl. 8:11.
2. Where is the promise of His coming? 2 Pet. 3:3.
3. A thousand years as one day. 2 Pet. 3:8.
4. Promise of destruction by flood delayed a century.
5. Promise to Abraham 2,000 Years. Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:16.

III Conclusion:

1. Value of these promises should move us to obedience.
2. We cannot now fathom their full meaning.
3. To reject God's promises is a sad mistake. Gal. 3:22; 1 Jno. 3:15-17.

WHAT DO I EXPECT FROM THE CHURCH?

Entertainment? A cover for sin? Business contacts? A salve for conscience? A Chance to show off?

OR

A place to praise and glorify God. An ark of safety. Opportunity for service. A place for spiritual development. Salvation is in Christ. 2 Tim. 2:10. Every spiritual blessing in Christ. Eph. 1:3. Christ loves the church. Eph. 5:25. Christ Purchased the church. Acts. 20:28. Christ is the head of the church. Col. 1:18. The Saviour of the body. Eph. 5:23. He adds the saved to the church. Acts. 2:47. When they obey that form of doctrine. Rom. 6:17,18.

"THE THREE APPEARANCES OF CHRIST"

(Heb. 9:24-28)

I His Past Appearance (To put away sin, Heb. 9:26).

1. He came to seek and save. Lk. 19:10.
2. To deliver those in bondage. Isa. 42:5-7; 61:1-3; Heb. 2:9-15.
3. To redeem us from iniquity. Titus. 2:14.
4. To save sinner. 1 Tim. 1:15.

II His Present Appearance (In presence of God for us, Heb. 9:24).

1. As a mediator (mediate - "Acting by an intervening cause or instrument; not direct." - Webster.) 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24.
2. As an intercessor (intercede - "To act between parties with a view to reconcile differences;" - Webster.) Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25.
3. As an High Priest. Heb. 3:1-6.
4. As an advocate ("To plead in favor of; support, vindicate, or recommend publicly." - Webster. "One who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor." - Thayer). 1 Jno. 2:1.
5. As a Saviour. Phil. 3:20; Mt. 1:20, 21.

III His Future Appearance (For our final salvation, Heb.9:28).

1. At the last trump. 1 Thess. 4:16-18; 1 Co. 15:51,52.
2. In flaming fire. 2 Thess. 1:7-10.
3. As a judge. Rev. 20:11-15.

"THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"

(John 14:6)

I Without the way there is no going.

1. Jesus is the way. Jno. 14: 1-5. Ill. Beautiful country, scenery, climate, all kinds of recreation, fishing, hunting, golfing, etc.!!! WHERE? Miles and miles away!! HOW DO YOU GET THERE? Describe - Jungle all the way, rough narrow

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road, wild beasts, rattlesnakes, robbers, etc. There will be a guide to lead you so long as you stay in the road and nothing can harm you, but if, you turn aside off the path then the guide will not be responsible for what happens to you. If you once get there wages are high, living is reasonable and you will be wealthy in a short time.

2. Isaiah prophesied of this way. Isa. 35:8. *

a. Highway - Christian road (the church).

b. A Way - Christian's conduct on the road.

c. Way of holiness - The Christian life. Rom. 6:22; Matt. 7:14. Strait - Narrow or restrained. Restrained - limited or restricted. Prov. 28:9; Gal. 6:3.

II Without the truth there is no knowing. Jno. 6:44,45.

1. Jesus is the truth, i.e., He has the truth. Jno. 14:6; 8:31,32; 18:33-38; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; Jno.17:17; 8:44.

2. We have to apply ourselves to the study of the Word. 2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 5:17; Heb. 5:12-14.

III Without the life there is no living.

1. Jesus is the life, i.e., He gives life. Jno. 14:6; 1:1-4,14; 11:20-27; 6:63.

* Highway - road itself (church). Way - The man's conduct who walks in it. The way of holiness - Christian road or Christian life. Matt. 7:14. Unclean - Those who have not accepted Christ (obeyed the Gospel), Gal. 3:27. Fools - uncultured or unlearned.

NOTE: TRUTH BRINGS US INTO THE WAY, THE WAY LEADS US UNTO ETERNAL LIFE. Jno. 14:1-6. Heb. 10:31, Without mercy.

"THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH"

Remarks: The word world comes from several original words and has as many different meanings. The word in my subject title means SIN - 1 Jno. 2:15,16. Eve - Christ, Heb. 4:15.

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Illustration: Boat in the ocean - Fine. Ocean in the boat - Too bad. God never intended for the world to be in the Church. Col. 1:13; Titus 2:11, 12; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:6; Jas. 4:4; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Rom. 12:1,2; Eph. 5:25; 1 Jno. 5:18. Since the prince of this world is opposed to Christ and the spirit of the world is also opposed, one cannot love the ways of the world and love God. Matt. 6:24.

WHY DOES HE NOT WANT THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH?

1. Sin and righteousness will not mix. 1 Cor. 10:21; Matt. 6:24; 12:34; Prov. 23:7. Ill. Oil and water - oil comes to the surface - sin comes to the surface.

2. Sin keeps the church from saving others. Matt. 5:16; Rom. 12:11. Read. **WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?** on outline No. 27.

3. Will cause weak members to stumble. Heb. 12:13; Gal. 5:19-23.

4. What Provisions Has God Made To Keep The World Out Of The Church? -

A. Brethren must love Him. Matt. 22:34-39.

B. Brethren must love one another. 1 Pet. 4:8.

C. Strong help the weak. Rom. 15:1-3; Gal. 6:1,2.

D. We are to abhor evil and cleave to good. Rom. 12:9; 1 Cor. 15:58. What Provisions In Case The World Gets In? Eph. 5:25-27; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Thess. 3:6,14,15; Phil. 3:18; Jno. 3:18.

THE WORLD HAS BECOME SO "CHURCHY" AND THE CHURCH HAS BECOME SO "WORLDLY" ONE CAN HARDLY TELL THEM APART.

"TURNING BACK"

(Acts 7:37 - 39)

I The history of God's dealings with Fleshly Israel is to be an example to Spiritual Israel. Rom. 15:4.

II They were delivered from bondage. Notice Type and Anti-Type.

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| TYPE | ANTI-TYPE |
| Pharaoh | Devil |
| Moses | Christ |
| Egypt | World |
| Bondage | Sin |
| Red Sea | Baptism |
| Wilderness | Christian Life |
| Jordan | Death |
| Canaan Land | Heaven |
- III After their deliverance, they were to follow the Lord by obeying his **commandments**. Ex. 19:4-6; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rom.8:1.
- IV They promised Moses they would. Ex. 19:1-8; Acts.2:42.
- V There were many **hardships and disappointments** before reaching Canaan. 2 Tim. 3:12; Heb. 13:5.
- VI When the going got tough, they began to be discouraged.
1. Some of their trails -
 - a. Bitter water at Marah. Ex. 15:22,23; 1 Pet. 4:4.
 - b. Nothing to eat. Ex. 16:1-3.
 - c. Had to eat Manna 40 years - Eat Christ all our life. Jno. 6:48-51.
 - d. No water again. Ex. 17:
 - e. War with Amalekites. Ex. 17:8-14.
 2. How did they take these things? Ex. 15:24; 16:2,3; 17:1-4; Num. 20:2-5; 16:41-49.
- VII Why spend time talking about these people? We are living in the christian age!
1. They are used by the apostle Paul as a warning to us. 1 Cor. 10:1-14; Heb. 3:7-19.
- VIII Results of their lack of steadfastness: Only two out of 603,550 men got to the Canaan Land. See Matt. 7:13,14; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 14:13; Acts 7:37-39; Jno. 6:66-68.

"WATCH"

1. We Are Commanded To Watch. Matt. 24:42-51; 25:1-13; Mk. 13:32-35; Lk. 21:36; 1 Cor. 16:13; Rev. 16:15.
2. Things We Should Watch.
 - a. W - ords. Matt. 12:36,37; Jas. 3:2-10; Prov. 15:1,2.
 - b. A - ctions. 1 Sam. 2:3; Col.3:17; Jas 1:25; 1 Tim.3:14,15.
 - c. T - oughts. Ps. 119:113; Prov. 15:26; Matt. 12:34; Heb. 4:12; Phil. 4:8. True, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report. Matt. 5:27, 28.
 - d. C - ompany. Prov. 1:10,15; Ps. 1:1; Eph. 5:6,7; 1 Cor. 5:11; 15:33; 2 Thess. 3:14; Matt. 9:11. Watch our children, keep them in good company.
 - e. H - abits. Jas. 1:21; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 Cor. 6:19,20.
3. Why We Should Watch. 1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Pet. 2:1-3.

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| W- alk | 1 Thess. 5:6 |
| ork | 1 Cor. 15:58 |
| orship | Jno. 4:23-24 |
| im | Phil. 3:13,14 |
| A - ction | Phil. 1:27 |
| rmour | Rom. 13:12 |
| ime | Col. 4:5 |
| T - ongue | Jas. 3:4-6 |
| alent | Matt. 24:14-30 |
| hurch | Eph. 5:25-27 |
| C - haracter | 2 Pet. 3:14 |
| ompanionship | 1 Cor. 15:33 |
| earth | Acts 8:20,21 |
| H - ome | Titus 2:5 |
| eaven | Heb. 10:34 |

"WHAT CONSTITUTES OBEDIENCE?"

(1 Sam. 15:22 - 23)

- I What should men obey?
 - (1) Saul obeyed the voice of the people. 1 Sam.15:21,24.

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- (2) Adam obeyed the voice of Satan. Gen. 3:1-6.
 (3) Saul of Tarsus obeyed the voice of conscience. Acts 26:9; 23:1.
 (4) Men should obey the truth. Jno. 8:32; Gal. 3:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:22.

II How do we obey the truth?

- (1) We disobey it by refusing to do anything. Jno. 3:18.
 (2) We disobey it by adding to it. Rev. 22:18.
 (3) We disobey it by subtracting from it. Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:19.
 (4) We disobey it by substituting something else for it. Lev. 10:1, 2; Isa. 5:20, 21; Gal. 1:6-9.
 (5) We obey the truth by doing the exact thing that God commands. Matt. 7:21-28.

III What about slight deviations from the exact commands?

- (1) It was a small thing for Moses to smite the rock. Num. 20:7-12. It kept him out of the promised land.
 (2) A small thing for Uzza to touch the Ark. Rom. 15:4; 1 Chr. 13:9, 10. It caused his death.
 (3) If we offend in one point, we are guilty of all. Jas. 2:10-12.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO DO WHAT GOD SAYS DO. WE MUST DO IT THE WAY HE SAID TO DO IT.

Examples: 1. Edification (body to edify itself) not a man hired to do it. Eph. 4:16.

2. Orphans and widows (our duty as Christians) not homes. Jas. 1:27.

3. Teach members how to better serve the Lord and teach others. Not a Bible College. 2 Tim. 2:2.

4. God said to give him glory in the church by Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:21) not in some other organization. Institutionalism is wrong - only one body (Eph. 4:4). **IT IS THE CHURCH.** Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18.

"WHAT IS TRUE RELIGION"

(Jas. 1:27)

TRUE - Pure, genuine, unspotted, ritually clean.

I At Home Kindness. Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; Children, Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20. Husbands and wives, Eph. 5:23-29; Col. 3:18, 19.

II In Business Honesty. Rom. 12:17; 1 Thess. 4:12.

III In Society Courtesy. 1 Pet. 3:8; Phil. 1:10; Col. 4:5, 6.

IV In Work Thoroughness. 1 Pet. 2:18; Eph. 6:5, 6; Col. 3:22, 23.

V In Play Fairness. Rom. 14:16.

VI Toward The Fortunate Congratulations. 1 Cor. 12:26; Rom. 12:15; 1 Cor. 13:4.

VII Toward The Weak Help. Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:1, 2; Jas. 5:19, 20.

VIII Toward Wickedness Resistance. Jas. 4:7; Rom. 12:9; Eph. 5:11; 1 Cor. 15:33.

IX Toward The Penitent Forgiveness. Lk. 17:3, 4; Matt. 6:14, 15.

X Toward God Reverence, Love, Obedience.

1. Reverence - - Ps. 89:7.

2. Love - - 1 Jno. 4:19, 20; Matt. 22:34, 38; Jno. 13:34, 35.

3. Obedience - - Heb. 5:8, 9; 2 Cor. 10:3 - 6.

Comments: I. Eph. 6:4 - Passionate and unreasonable rebukes, intemperate language, and cruel usage, would provoke resentment on the part of children.

III 1 Pet. 3:8 - Compassion - "suffering or feeling the like with another, sympathetic." - Thayer. Pitiful - "Compassionate, tender hearted." Courteous - "Friendly."

IV Eph. 6:5. Singleness - "Simplicity, sincerity, mental honesty."

VII Feeble-minded - Timid ones who are easily discouraged by persecution or cast down by trouble, faint hearted. 1 Thess. 5:14.

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X 2 Cor. 10:5. Imaginations - Human reasonings against God. We should bring our mind and thoughts down unto the gospel and not human reason. Isa. 8:20; 1 Pet. 4:11.

RELIGION OR CHRISTIANITY IS SOMETHING THAT IS PRACTICE, NOT JUST IN THEORY.

REVELATION

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"WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO BRING ABOUT SPIRITUAL WORLD PEACE AND UNITY"

(Ino. 17:20, 21)

1. Remarks about the different religious bodies getting together to try to bring about unity, but to no avail! Why? Each denomination wanted to hold on to its creed, or part of it. Phil. 3:16. The reason there is so much confusion in the religious world today, they have different rules to go by.

Note: Creeds crystalize parties and denominations, and thus establish permanent division. No two creeds are alike, nor is one creed broad enough to state the whole christian doctrine. A creed is always an attempt to interpret the New Testament, if in part, through the eyes of theologians, who draft that creed. And strange enough, practically every set of theological doctrines were written out of the white heat of conflict and defense of certain dogmas. Any book or creed that contains anything different from the Bible is found to be wrong, and if it contains only the same things, it is unnecessary.

2. The Word of God is all we need. 2 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16,17.

3. God has a standard, we must conform to it. Isa. 55:6-9; Rom. 10: 1-3; Matt. 15: 7-9.

4. The purpose of the Word. Isa. 55:10,11; Mk. 16:15,16.

5. What will bring about peace and unity? Isa. 8:20; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Gal. 1:6-9; Note: Then to have unity, all must teach it and practice it.

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6. How do we get into Christ?

a. Hear - Mk. 4:9. What? Heb. 1:1; Matt. 17:5.

b. Faith - Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17.

c. Repentance - Acts 3:19; Lk. 13: 1-5.

d. Confession - Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:37.

e. Baptism - Mk. 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:16.

What church should I join? Acts. 2:47; 4:12; Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1,2; Eph. 5:19; Acts 14:23; Eph. 5:25 - 27.

What church do you suppose he added ~~them~~ to?

If All Preachers Would Preach This:

Here Is What Some Preach:

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| 1. Hear | 1. Saved without hearing. |
| 2. Faith by hearing | 2. Faith by prayer. |
| 3. Repentance | 3. World in church. |
| 4. Confess Christ | 4. Confess we are saved. |
| 5. Baptized into Christ | 5. Baptism not necessary. |
| 6. Lord adds to church | 6. Join church of choice. |
| 7. Church should wear Christ's name. | 7. Nothing in the name. |
| 8. Lord's Supper first day of week. | 8. Lord's Supper quarterly, semiannually. |
| 9. Give as prospered first day of week | 9. Give one tenth, other ways of raising money. |
| 10. Sing in the church | 10. Play instrument. |
| 11. Make melody in our Hearts | 11. Make melody on an instrument. |
| 12. Elders in every Church | 12. Pastor in every Church. |
| 13. Keep church pure | 13. Retain sinners in church, esp. if good to pay dues. |

“WHAT MUST I BELIEVE?”

Text: Mk. 16:16

Read: 1 Cor. 15:1-28

1. That, that we must believe to be saved. Condemns if dis-believed. Mk. 16:16; Isa. 55:6-11; 2 Cor. 2:14-17.
2. Faith and belief are synonymous. PROOF - Jno. 20:27.
3. Difference between Faith and Opinion. Opinion: A. Because of the multitude. B. Because he was ashamed being a ruler. C. Very busy man. D. Because he was afraid of his job. Faith: A - B - C - D - He came by night.
4. Illustration of twelve men - When did Nicodemus come to Jesus? Jno. 3:1-3.
5. What is it that we must believe? Mk. 16:15.

Opinion (mere)	Faith
1. Many ways	One way. Mt. 7:13; 7:21-27; Jno. 14:6.
2. Nothing in name	Mt. 16:18; Phil. 2:8,9; Acts 4:11,12; 11:26; Isa. 62:1,2. Churches of Christ, Rom. 16:16. Church of God, 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1.
3. Many bodies	Eph. 4:4; Rev. 21:2; 1 Cor. 12:12; Mt. 15:13.
4. Many heads	Eph. 1:22,23; 5:23; Col. 1:18.
5. Baptism - Three modes	Eph. 4:5; Rom. 6:1-5; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:12,13.
6. Instrumental Music	Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Gal. 5:4; Rom. 14:23; Amos. 6:5; Acts 17:25.
7. Lord's Supper	Mt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; Acts 20:7.
8. Finance of Church	1 Cor. 16:1,2; 2 Cor. 9:6,7; 8:12.
9. Full time Preacher	Rom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 14:12; Eph. 4:12,16; Heb. 10:25.

Notice they say these things but offer no proof.

We show by the word of God what we teach is true. Jno. 3:2.

“WHAT SHALL I DO?”

Remarks: This suggests a decision. God has so constructed man that he can make decisions. In many things we have to make decisions.

1. First home. Gen. 2:7-9, 15-17 - A tree of knowledge of good and evil - Another in there who was interested in the downfall of man. Gen. 3:1-5. Note: Our first mother had to decide. What shall I do? Gen. 3:6. She decided. A far reaching decision. Every one living today has been affected by her decision. Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:22.
2. Abraham. Gen. 12:1-3. I'm going to move. Where are you going? I don't know, God has promised to show me. Gen. 22:1-13; Heb. 11:8; Rom. 4:20, 21. Had to make an important decision.
3. Moses. An important decision. Story of hiding him by his mother. Ex. 1:22-2:1-10; Heb. 11:24,25; Rom. 6:16. Chose to suffer the afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
4. Joseph had to make a decision, when Mary conceived. His faith moved him to take her for his wife. Matt. 1:18-25.
5. Christ's prayer. Jno. 17:4. I have finished the work thou gavest me to do. The multitude made the decision. His blood be on us and our children. Matt. 27:25.
6. Pilate had to make a decision. Matt. 27:24; Lk. 23:4.
 - a. Since then, every one must make the decision as to what he will do with Jesus. Rom. 6:23,16.
7. Apostles preached Christ. Acts. 2:36.
 - a. Pentecost - 3,000 made the decision. Acts. 2:41.
8. Example of wrong decision. Felix, Acts. 24:24,25. Paul's subject was very appropriate at this time. For Felix and his wife were unrighteous people. He had induced her to desert former husband to marry him for no other motive than lust on the part of each.
9. End by applying it to sinners. We must decide to accept or reject Him. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17.

"WORK OF THE CHURCH, THE THREE FOLD"

Acts 4:31-35

I A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

1. Look after widows. Acts. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 5:3-10.
2. Orphans. Jas. 1:27; Psalms. 68:6.
3. Poor Saints in an emergency. Jerusalem. Rom. 15:25-27.
4. Any Brother or Sister in need. Jas. 2:14-16.

NOTE: No place for an orphanage. Orphanage is not a method, but an organization. Eph. 3:21, Col. 3:17; Mt. 19:4-6.

II AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

1. An Evangelist is to commit his knowledge to others. 2 Tim. 2:2.
2. Elders to feed (teach) flock. Acts. 20:28.
 - a. Must be capable of doing this. 1 Tim. 3:2.
3. Evangelist to teach and train men for the office. Titus 1:5,9.
4. Body edify itself. Eph. 4:15,16.

NOTE: No place for a human educational institution. Bible College is not a method, but an organization. Eph. 3:21; Col. 3:17.

III A MISSIONARY INSTITUTION.

1. Gospel must be preached to both Jews and Gentiles. Rom. 1:16, 17; 10:12-16; 1 Thess. 1:8.
2. Church must make known the manifold wisdom of God. 1 Tim. 3:14, 15; Phil. 4:16. God's method of doing mission work. No institution except the church.
3. Antioch church sent men out to preach the gospel. Acts 13:2,3; Eph. 3:10; 3:4-6.

NOTE: No place for a missionary society. Missionary society is not a method but an organization. Eph. 3:21; Col. 3:17.

"If the church must depend on some humanly devised crutches for its existence, then God failed in his greatest work - that of designing and causing to be built his church." Col. 2:10; Prov. 14:12; 28:9.

"WORK OF THE CHURCH, THE THREE FOLD"

REMEDY: We must keep ourselves separated entirely from human institutions and contend for the faith **ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS**. We must give to the blessed church our full devotion and endorsing no one except those who stand four-square for the divine principles that were given the apostles by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Do not say it is a small or indifferent thing to you that men are debasing the church of our Lord. You have an obligation to Christ to defend his cause and oppose every error.

The fear of involvement is no excusable reason to keep silent when the eternal welfare of eternity-bound souls is at stake. You had better quit singing "Stand Up For Jesus" unless you are willing to stand. The fence-sitters never win a race, nor can they hope to win the plaudit "well done", for that is the reward given only to those who are found fighting in the ranks of Christ's defenders. If you appreciate your redemption into the body of Christ, then that appreciation is not expressed by complete silence. Speak up and let the foes of the Lord know how you stand. The blessed church of the Lord Jesus Christ is being wounded in the house of its professed friends, and you are under divine obligation to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet; and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1.

"WORSHIP"

REMARKS: Attitude some people take in regard to worship. Attend Church some place Sunday. Go to the Church of your choice. Shop around for the Church they like.

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"WORSHIP"

1. Under law of Moses people had to worship where God recorded his name. Ex. 20:24; Deut. 12:10-14; 1 Kings 9:3.
2. Examples of worshipping where his name was not recorded. 1 Kings 12: - 13:.

NOTE: To far to go to Jerusalem. Salvation in Zion. Isa. 46:13.

3. Why so much said about Jerusalem? Because God had recorded his name there.

4. Daniel prayed with his window open toward Jerusalem. Dan. 6: 120 Princes, 3 Presidents. Rom. 15:4; Heb. 13:14; Jno. 4:20,21; Gal. 3:16,19.

5. Where two or three are gathered together in my name. Matt. 18:20; Col. 3:17.

6. In (into, unto) his name means by his authority. Matt. 16: 18; Isa. 62:1; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 3:16,17. The Lord wishes his church to be united in its activities and perform as a whole in the doing of things pertaining to the spiritual wealth of all. 1 Cor. 5:4,5; 2 Cor. 2:6. The name of Christ is confined to his church since all authority and glory must be given him through that body. Eph. 3:21.

7. The Bible tells us how to worship. Jno. 4:19-24.

NOTE: Some one has said, we believe all this, but you think you are right, and I think I am right, all churches think they are right. How are we going to know who is right? 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. Do you think God would leave us to guess what constitutes His Church.

8. There are THREE essential things that designate the right Church or New Testament Church.

A. MUST be right in NAME. Acts 4:11,12; 2:26; Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26.

B. MUST be right in DOCTRINE. Matt. 7:15; 15:9; 15:13; Ezek. 34:20-31; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Jno. 9-11; Jude 3. Gospel as taught by Apostles in distinction from the adulteration of false teachers.

"WORSHIP"

C. MUST be right in PRACTICE. Matt. 7:21-27.

NOTE: To be right in doctrine and practice and not right in name is dangerous! Col. 1:18. Ill. Stealing a patent and make product under a different name. "To be first, hold the first place."

Thayer.

To wear the right name, and not have the right doctrine and practice is dangerous! 1 Tim. 4:16. Ill. Church of Christ. To be right in name and doctrine and no practice is dangerous! Jas. 1:22; Jer. 6:10.