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INTRODUCTION

For many years Brother John Harris has proclaimed the gospel of Christ in Corinth, Mississippi, Milan, Tennessee, and Huntsville, Alabama. During this time he has done full-time work with the church, conducted numerous gospel meetings, debated those in error, and written dozens of articles that have appeared in the *Gospel Advocate* and other Christian papers throughout our brotherhood.

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I printed a book of his a number of years ago entitled *Soul-Saving Sermons*. Later I reprinted that book here in the States and then eventually I printed it in New Delhi, India and we are also printing it in Singapore. Later on I printed this book both in paperback and hardback form. This is the third printing.

John's books have always had a good sale. He himself has always done much of the distribution. That means that it has done a lot of good over the years, and it also means that with the re-appearance of this book that more good will be done.

I am very pleased to present this unique material to you. Although most of it is in outline form, I think you will be impressed with the way God's truth is presented and the good that will come from it as you use it.

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I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK

John 17:4; 9:4; 19:30

Some things Christ didn't come to do:

1. To be a judge. John 12:47.
2. To condemn. John 3:17,18.
3. To bring peace on earth. Matt. 10:34.
4. To bring unity. Lk. 12:49-51.
5. Divide men's property. Lk. 12:14.
6. Call righteous. Lk. 5:32.
7. To do own will. Lk. 11:2.

What he did come to do:

1. To establish a church. Eph. 3:10; Matt. 16:18.
2. Seek and save. Lk. 19:10.
3. Give himself a ransom. I Tim. 2:6.
4. Die for our sin. I Cor. 15:3; I John 2:2.
5. Purchase the church with his blood. Acts 20:28.

It is finished:

1. Plan of redemption.
2. Suffering of Christ. Lk. 24:46.
3. World wide commission. Mk. 16:15,16.

ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT ALIKE

BECAUSE:

1. They were started by different men. Matt. 16:18.
Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Christ, etc.
2. Started at different times. Isa. 2:2.
The majority have been started since the Reformation.
3. There are different heads. Col. 1:18.
Luther, Wesley, etc.
4. Different places. Zech. 1:16.
Germany, Switzerland, England, America, etc.
5. Wear different names. Rom. 16:16; Acts 20:28.
6. Different guide books. I Pet. 4:11; II Tim. 3:16,17.
7. They disagree. Amos 3:3; Phil. 3:16.
8. Different doctrines. Faith only, Get religion, and so on. Matt. 15:9; II John 9.

9. Different practices. Feet washing, Infant baptism, Vote members in, Have a choir, etc.
10. They regard different days as day of worship. Sabbath day, Lord's day, etc.
11. They contradict one another in teaching. Eph. 4:25; Ezek. 2:7; I Cor.
12. They tell people to do different things to be saved. Acts 16:31.
13. They claim that there are saved out of their churches. Acts 2:47. Then, why have them?

THE CHURCH SHE DIED IN

Preacher emphasizes the kind of life lived but never mentions the church as though it make no difference. I have no doubt about her life. Rev. 2:10; Matt. 25:10.

1. She died in the church Christ built. Ps. 127:1; John 20:28; Matt. 16:18.
A good life in the wrong church is no good.
2. She died in a church that stands for the truth. I Kings 22:16; I Tim. 3:15; John 8:32; 17:17; II Tim. 4:2; I Pet. 1:22.
3. She died in a church she could read about in the Bible. Which is the right church? Ps. 33:4; John 20:31.
4. She died in the church Jesus loved and died for. Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25.
5. She died in the church that practices true worship. John 4:24; I Cor. 12:13.
Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Acts 20:7.
Gives. I Cor. 16:2.
Sings. Eph. 5:19; I Cor. 14:15.
Prays. Lk. 18:1.
Studies. John 5:39.
6. She died in the oldest church on earth. Acts 2; Isa. 2:2,3; Dan. 2:44.
7. She died in the church that speaks as the oracles of God. I Pet. 4:11; Matt. 12:36; Acts 8:4; I Thess. 5:21.

8. She died in the church that will stand forever. Dan. 2:44; Matt. 15:13; Heb. 12:28.
9. She died in the church that baptizes people into Christ. Gal. 3:26,27; Rom. 6:3,4.

This is the church her husband was in, children should be in, friends, relatives, etc., should be in. John 14:6; Rev. 21:4.

GOD GIVES US THE ANSWER

Judges 6:13

God's people may never learn why they suffer. II Tim. 3:12; I Pet. 4:16; Lk. 24:46; Deut. 29:29.

God gives the answer to many other things:

1. Why Holy men spoke like they did. II Pet. 1:21.
2. Why Jesus came into the world. I Tim. 1:15; John 3:17; I John 4:14; Lk. 19:10.
3. Why the flood came. Gen. 5:6; I Pet. 3:21; Heb. 11:7.
4. Why Christ died. I John 2:2; I Cor. 15:3; Rom. 5:8
5. Why one must believe in Christ. John 8:24; 7:38.
6. Why it is dangerous to add to the word. Prov. 30:6; Rev. 21:8.
7. Why one needs his name written in the book of life. Rev. 20:15.
8. Why we are to keep the commandments. Eccl. 12:13; I John 2:4.
9. Why it is dangerous to have not the spirit of Christ. Rom. 8:9.
10. Why we are to love God. I John 4:19; Rom. 8:32.
11. Why we are to preach the word. James 1:21; Acts 8:4; 2:41; 10:17; 11:6.
12. Why John wrote. John 20:31.
13. Why John baptized where he did. John 3:23.
14. Why Jesus told Nicodemus to be born again. John 3:5; Matt. 7:21.
15. Why sinners should come to Jesus. Matt. 11:28; John 14:6.

IF THIS COULD BE SAID OF EVERY CHRISTIAN

1. What Jesus said in Matt. 5:16, 13,14.
2. Living like new creatures. II Cor. 5:17.
3. Pure in heart. Matt. 5:8; Prov. 4:23; Ps. 24:3.
4. Clear conscience. Acts 24:16.
5. Not soon discouraged.
6. Never boastful. Prov. 27:1.
7. Never willfully miss a service. Heb. 10:25; Ps. 122:1
8. Growing. I Pet. 2:2; II Pet. 3:18; Hos. 4:6.
9. Love to study. II Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13.
10. Put kingdom first. Matt. 6:33.
11. Set for the defence of the gospel. Phil. 1:17.
12. Abounding in work. I Cor. 15:58.
13. Living righteously. Tit. 2:11; I Cor. 6:9.
14. Living faithfully. Rev. 2:10.

IF IT WASN'T FOR BAPTISM

Many ridicule the idea of baptism being so important. Many people would have you believe, etc., but tell you that baptism is unnecessary.

1. Not one sinner could be saved. Mk. 16:16; I Pet 3:21
2. Couldn't receive remission of sins. Acts 2:38; Lk. 5:32; Acts 3:19.
3. Couldn't have sins washed away. Acts 22:16; Tit. 3:5.
4. Sinners couldn't be born again. John 3:3-5; I Pet. 1:23.
5. It would be impossible to get into Christ. Gal. 3:27.
6. He never put on Christ. II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:26,27.
7. Never rise to walk a new life. Rom. 6:4.
8. Never get where all spiritual blessings are. Eph. 1:3
9. Redemption and forgiveness. Col. 1:14; Rom. 3:24.
10. Never get the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38; 5:32.
11. Cleansing. Eph. 5:26.
12. Men can never be raised with Christ. Col. 2:12.
13. Never can get the benefit of the Godhead three. Matt. 28:19; Acts 4:12; 19:5.

14. Never get in the church. I Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:24.

Notice, I didn't say baptism alone. Must hear, believe, repent, confess Christ, and then be baptized according to the scriptures. Acts 10:48.

HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME

Gal. 2:20

This makes Christ a personal saviour.

1. Christ gave his "life" for "me." John 10:18; Tit. 2:14; I Tim. 2:6.
2. He gave his head to wear a crown of thorns "for me." John 19:2.
3. He gave his eyes to weep. Heb. 5:7.
4. He gave his shoulder to carry the cross. Lk. 19:17; 15:5.
5. He gave his cheek to be smitten. Isa. 50:6; John 19:3.
6. He gave his tongue to pray. John 17:20,21.
7. He gave his ears to hear my plea. Ps. 91:15; 34:15.
8. He gave his hands and feet to be pierced. Ps. 22:16.
9. He gave his side to spill blood. John 19:34; I John 1:7; I John 2:2.
10. He gave his blood. Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:22; Acts 20:28.
11. He gave himself as an offering. Isa. 53:10-12; Matt. 27:38,39.
12. He gave riches. II Cor. 8:9.
13. He gave a life of joy in Heaven. John 1:1.

COME THOU WITH US—WE WILL DO YOU GOOD

Num. 10:29

We members of the Church of Christ are journeying to a good land. Heb. 11:10.

We should do good. Gal. 6:10; James 4:17.

We may be few in number but we offer you much. Ex. 23:1.

1. Because we rightly divide the word. II Tim. 2:15; Neh. 8:8; Eph. 3:4; 5:17; Matt. 25:46.

2. We preach the word in the church of Christ. II Tim. 4:2; James 1:21; John 12:48; Ps. 119:105; Jer. 23:28.
3. The truth of the gospel taught. Matt. 28:19; Eph. 1:13; John 17:17; II Cor. 4:3; Rom. 1:16; I Pet. 1:22; I Tim. 3:15.
4. Speak as oracles. I Pet. 4:11; I Cor. 14:33; 1:21.
5. We never call our preachers Reverend. Ps. 111:9; Ex. 20:7; Matt. 23:9.
6. Our worship is in spirit and in truth. John 4:24; Matt. 15:9; II John 9.
7. We teach members to live right. Tit. 2:11; Matt. 5:16; I Cor. 6:9; Prov. 14:32; John 8:21; I Pet. 3:12; Rom. 14:12.
8. Christ meets with us. Matt. 18:20; Phil. 2:9; II Tim. 2:19; Acts 11:26; I Pet. 4:16.
9. We practice baptism that will save. I Pet. 3:21; Mk. 16:16.
Wash all sins away. Acts 22:16.
Put you in Christ. Gal. 3:27.
Put you in a Church you can read about. I Cor. 12:13; Matt. 16:18.
10. With us you can receive Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7.
11. Your wife or daughter beg? I Cor. 16:2.
12. No women preaching over you. I Cor. 14:34,35.
13. Walk by same rule. Phil. 3:16.
14. No voting on you.
15. Will not wash your feet in worship. II Sam. 11:8.
16. No dancing all over you.
17. Main thing, salvation is in it. Acts 2:47; 4:12; II Tim. 2:10; II Cor. 5:17.
18. Give you proper teaching before we baptize you into it. Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:34.

PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Lk. 15

Sheep lost by its own carelessness.
Many sinners are lost by being careless.

Cain lost by carelessness of another.

Many sinners lost by carelessness of parent. Prov. 22:6.

But prodigal lost because he wanted to do as he pleased.

Gal. 1:10; John 8:29; John 4:34.

1. The prodigal rebelled. Rom. 3:23; I John 3:4; Ps. 19:7; Isa. 59:1,2; 53:6; John 6:66.

Grew tired of restraint. Some Christians. Heb. 6:4.

2. Requested (his part). Wanted to rule himself. Phil. 3:16; Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12; Lk. 22:42; Matt. 6:9,12.

3. Released. (Father released him.) A free moral agent. Gen. 4:1; Num. 32:23; Gal. 6:7.

4. Removed (to a far country). Sin separates. Isa. 59:2; Col. 1:21.

5. Realization (came to himself). Had been beside himself. Faced famine-death. Rom. 6:23; John 8:24,21; Rev. 21:8; Rom. 6:16.

6. Repentance. (I will arise and go to my father.) Isa. 55:7; Lk. 13:3; Acts 3:19.

7. Return. (He had to return.) Faith only? Acts 2:38; 8:22,24; I John 1:9.

8. Reconciled. (After he came to his Father.) II Cor. 5:18-20; Eph. 2:16; 1:22; 5:23.

9. Reclothed. Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 3:10.

10. Rejoiced. Lk. 15:8-10.

I am happy he made it back because so many Christians don't make it back.

THINGS THAT HURT THE CHURCH

Matt. 16:18

Doctor tells you what hurts your body.

You wouldn't hurt the physical body of Christ.

Why spiritual? Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4.

Church is hurt by its friends more than enemies. John 15:14.

1. Many hurt the church by not attending.

Suppose all stayed at home. Heb. 10:25; Rev. 2:10; Ps. 23:6; 122:1.

2. By not giving. II Cor. 9:7; Acts 20:35.
Can't meet obligations.
3. Not living right. Tit. 2:11; Prov. 14:32; I Cor. 6:9;
Matt. 5:16.
Loose living.
4. Discourage others.
Say and do things that discourage.
The ten spies.
5. Those who won't work. I Cor. 15:58.
Vineyard a place to work. John 9:4.
Work on your jobs.
6. Slothfulness in business, etc.
The Father's business.
7. When Christians begin rendering evil for evil. Rom.
12:17.
8. When Christians treat each other unkind. Eph. 4:29
9. Lying lips. Col. 3:9.
10. When Christians lose respect for golden rule. Matt.
7:12; Gal. 6:10.
11. When Christian husbands mistreat their wives. Col.
3:19; Eph. 5:25.
12. When Christians look lightly on sin. Rom. 6:23;
John 8:21; Prov. 28:13.
13. Division. I Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17; Mk. 3:25.
14. Lose the desire to win souls. Prov. 11:30.
15. Became lovers of pleasure. II Tim. 3:4; Mk. 8:36.
16. When we depend on one person. II Cor. 6:1; Phil.
2:12.

A CHRISTIAN OBITUARY

1. Name. Prov. 22:1; Acts 4:12; 11:26; Phil. 2:9; I
Pet. 4:16; II Tim. 2:19.
Christian has two names: Jack Brown. Rev. 20:15;
Lk. 10:17.
2. Birth. John 3:5; I Pet. 1:23; I Cor. 4:15; Lk. 8:11.
1906, Christian born 2 times.
3. Father. II Cor. 6:17,18; Gal. 4:6; Matt. 6:9; 23:9.
Jack Brown, 2 fathers. John 8:44.

4. Brothers and Sisters. Matt. 12:46-50; Rev. 1:9; Rom. 8:16,17.
Over two million brothers and sisters. Gal. 3:28.
5. Married. II Cor. 11:2; Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:23,27.
Married 2 times.
6. Occupation. Eph. 4:1; Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:13.
I Cor. 15:58. My vineyard. Matt. 5:16.
7. Church affiliation. Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22; 4:4; I Cor. 12:20.
Two churches, wrong and right. Ps. 33:4.
8. Conduct. Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25; I Cor. 16:1,2; II Tim. 4:6; Rev. 2:10; I Tim. 3:15.
9. Destination. Ps. 1:1; I Cor. 15:51,58; Matt. 25:34; Rev. 21:21; 21:4.

INFORMATION IN ACTS OF APOSTLES

Church was not established in first 4 books of New Testament.

Church was not in force. Heb. 9:17; Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:9
Great Commission in force in Acts 2. Matt. 28:19,20;
Mk. 16:15,16; Lk. 24:46.

Pentecost was beginning. Acts 11:15; 2:1-4.

1. What an unbeliever must do. Acts 2:36; 16:30,34.
2. What a believer must do. Acts 2:37,38,41.
3. What a penitent believer must do. Acts 9:6; 22:16.
4. What to confess. Acts 2:36.
5. How to be baptized. Acts 8:36-39.
6. What it's for. Acts 2:38.
7. Re-baptism. Acts 19:5.
8. Spirit didn't fall first. Acts 8:12; 5:32; 8:15.
9. How to enter the church. Acts 2:41,47; Acts 18:8.
10. What church was called. Acts 20:28.
11. When members were called. Acts 11:26.
12. What day to receive the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7.
13. How to restore backsliders. Acts 18:24.
14. How miraculous gifts are bestowed. Acts 8:18; 19:6
15. Gentiles added to the church. Acts 10; 15:7; Isa. 62:2.

16. Attitude toward error. Acts 15; 18:24, 28.
17. Unity prevailed. Acts 24:4; 4:32.
18. Settled problems. Acts 6:1,7; 5:1,14.
19. Liberality. Acts 4:32.
20. Missionary work done. Acts 8:4,5; 13:1-3.
21. Church cooperation. Acts 11:25-30.
22. Organization of the church. Acts 14:23; 15:1-9; 11:29; 20:28.
23. Deacons. Acts 6:1-7.

YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE BIBLE

1. Friends, if you don't believe that man must do God's will to be saved, you don't believe the Bible. Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46.
2. If you don't believe that Christ is the Son of God, you don't believe the Bible. John 3:16,17.
3. If you don't believe that faith comes by hearing, you don't believe the Bible. Rom. 10:17.
4. Unless you believe that the gospel is the power of God to save, you don't believe the Bible. Rom 1:16.
5. If you don't believe that the Law of Moses is abolished, then you don't believe the Bible. Col. 2:12; John 1:17; Heb. 2:3.
6. If you don't believe that one must be born again, you don't believe the Bible. John 3:7.
7. Unless you believe that salvation is in Christ, you don't believe the Bible. II Tim. 2:10.
8. When you reject the Lord's Supper, you reject the Bible. Acts 20:7.
9. If you don't believe that Christ built the church, you don't believe the Bible. Matt. 16:18.
10. If you don't believe that baptism saves, you don't believe the Bible. I Pet. 3:21; Mk. 16:16.
11. Unless you believe that if a person dies in his sins he'll be lost, you don't believe the Bible. John 8:21; Rom. 6:23.
12. If you believe there are many ways to heaven, you don't believe the Bible. John 14:6.

A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Heb. 13:1,2

If you meet him on train, bus, or big city, he's told you something.

1. You've met your brother in the Lord. Ps. 133:1.
2. He obeys God and not man. Acts 5:29; Rom. 6:17; Ps. 19:7.
3. He's been translated. Col. 1:13; Rom. 12:2; Dan. 2:44. Suppose he strays away like the Prodigal? He is still your brother. Lk. 15:32.
4. He's blood washed. Rev. 1:5; I John 1:7; Col. 1:14.
5. You're under the same law. Rom. 3:19; Ps. 19:7; Rom. 8:1; Phil. 3:16.
6. You're compelled to love him. John 13:35; I John 4:20; I Cor. 12:15.
7. God will answer his prayers. I Pet. 3:12; Ps. 10:12; I Tim. 1:15.
8. He's a child of God. Gal. 3:26,27; I Pet. 4:16; I John 3:1.
9. He's on a solid foundation. I Cor. 3:11; Isa. 28:16; II Tim. 2:19.
10. He accepted the one way. Jer. 32:39; John 14:6.
11. He's in the church that Christ will return for. Eph. 5:23,27; Rev. 2:10; 14:13.

WHAT MY BIBLE TELLS ME

Not what some Theologian, College Professor, Manual, Discipline, or Creed Book told me but "My Bible."

1. My Bible tells me that it is an inspired Book. II Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4; Ps. 119:105; Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12; Ps. 119:104; Prov. 16:9.
2. My Bible tells me of the Law of Moses. John 1:17; Col. 2:14; Heb. 1:1; Rom. 6:14; Neh. 8:8; Ps. 19:7; Matt. 7:24.
3. My Bible tells me of Jesus. John 3:16; Matt. 17:5; John 14:6; Matt. 16:24.
4. My Bible tells me what's written. John 20:31; Rom. 15:4; I Thess. 5:21; James 3:14; John 8:32; Eph. 3:4; II Thess. 2:12; James 1:21.

5. My Bible tells me that the word of God is right. Ps. 33:4; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 21:8; Isa. 34:16; Acts 17:11; John 5:39; Matt. 22:29; John 12:48.
6. My Bible tells me about the gospel. Rom. 1:16; II Cor. 4:3; II Thess. 1:8.
7. My Bible tells me of salvation. II Tim. 2:10; II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:27.
8. My Bible tells me about the name. Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9; Gen. 4:11.
9. My Bible tells me who built the church. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:21; Matt. 15:13; Matt. 17:4.
10. My Bible tells me what I must do to be saved. Acts 16:30; Heb. 5:9; I Pet. 1:21,22; Hen. 22:18.

TEACHINGS THAT CONTRADICT THE SCRIPTURES

- I John 2:21; No lie is of the truth; James 3:14; Rev. 21:8; I Pet. 4:11; I Tim. 1:3; Amos 3:3; II Tim. 3:16.
1. Faith only contradicts the scriptures. James 2:24-26; I Cor. 1:21; James 2:19; Gal. 5:6; John 14:15.
 2. Saved before baptism contradicts the Bible. Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; II Tim. 2:10.
 3. Lord's Supper once a month or on Saturday is in opposition to the truth. Acts 20:7.
 4. Sprinkling for Baptism is against God's will. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8.
 5. Faith comes by prayer is not the truth. Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Acts 15:7; 18:8.
 6. God hears sinners contradicts the truth. John 9:31; James 5:16; I Pet. 3:12.
 7. Soul can't sin is opposed to the truth. Mic. 6:7; Ezek. 18:20.
 8. Three baptisms is not the truth. Eph. 4:5.
 9. Baptism of unbelieving babes is foreign to the Bible. Mk. 16:16; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14.

10. Join the church of your choice is an unscriptural doctrine. Acts 2:47; Eph. 4:4; Matt. 16:18; Isa. 2:2.
11. Many ways is a man-made doctrine. Isa. 55:7; Prov. 14:12; Jer. 21:8.

SPEAK MY WORDS UNTO THEM

Ezek. 2:7

- II Tim. 4:2; II Pet. 2:5 Preacher of righteousness.
Jonah 3:2; Acts 8:4; Ps. 33:4; Jer. 1:9.
1. I am speaking God's word when I tell you that it is impossible to please him without faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12.
 2. "Ye must be born again." John 3:7; I Pet. 1:23; John 3:5; Heb. 10:22.
 3. Repent. Acts 17:30; Lk. 13:5; II Pet. 3:9.
 4. Love. John 14:15; Rev. 22:14; Eccl. 12:13,14.
 5. Division is wrong. I Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17; Mk. 3:25.
 6. Sin. Rom. 6:23; John 8:21; I John 1:7.
 7. Hell. Isa. 5:14; Ps. 9:17; Matt. 5:22; 23:33.
 8. Baptism. Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; Acts 10:48.
 9. One church. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4; 3:6.
 10. One way. Jer. 32:39; John 14:5; John 14:6; Isa. 35:8; Prov. 14:12.

YOU REALLY MISSED YOUR CALLING

Many so-called preachers today. (A doctor who claims he's called to operate but never been to school. He wouldn't operate on me.) Preachers shouldn't contradict Amos 3:3.

1. The preacher who preaches "faith only" really missed his calling. James was called but notice what he preached. James 2:14-26.
2. "Nothing in a name." Peter called. Acts 4:2; Phil. 2:9; Prov. 22:1; Job 1:21; Matt. 10:22; John 3:18; Matt. 18:20; John 14:14.

3. "Get Religion." James 1:27; Acts 9:6; Col. 3:17.
4. "Tarry for Holy Ghost." Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4.
5. Claim he saw God. I John 4:12; John 1:18.
6. Guide people with manual, discipline, etc. Ezek. 2:7; Ps. 33:4; Isa. 34:16; James 1:21; Prov. 30:6; II Tim. 3:16.
7. "Any church will do." Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28; Isa. 2:2; John 10:16; Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 12:13.
8. "Saved without being baptized." I Pet. 3:21.

THE LORD'S CHURCH IS MISUNDERSTOOD

II Pet. 2:12

I Pet. 2:15 "The ignorance of foolish men." Many sarcastic, derogatory remarks against church. So-called intelligent people spoke against "polio shot," etc.

1. Church called a denomination (A part of whole). Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4; Col. 3:15; Eph. 2:16; 3:6.
2. Claim church is building. Matt. 18:17; John 4:24; 18:36.
3. Claim Campbell built it. Dan. 2:44; Matt. 16:18 (Campbell not the Lord).
4. Ministers called Reverend. II Tim. 4:5; Acts 21:8; Phile. 1:1; II Pet. 3:15; Ps. 111:9.
5. Ask about our creed book. Isa. 34:16; Ezek. 2:7; James 1:21; John 17:17; II Tim. 4:2; Ps. 119:160; Phil. 3:16.
6. Ask are we called to preach. Jer. 23:28; II Tim. 2:2; Lk. 12:12.
7. Ask why we don't "sell fish suppers," "Ice Cream," etc. I Cor. 16:2; I Cor. 4:6; Prov. 30:6; I Thess. 5:21.
8. Why we don't preach "Get religion," "Mourner's bench," "Baptize babies," etc. (Because it is not written.)
9. How get in church. (Paul misunderstood but later got in.)

YOU ARE WEIGHTED DOWN

Preachers, Families, Pulpits, People, World, are weighted down.

1. People: False idea of God. I John 4:12 (No eyes, my friend) II Cor. 4:18; I Cor. 15:8; John 5:37 (Brains)
2. Preacher loaded brief case full of manuals, disciplines. James 1:21; Mic. 6:11; Ps. 119:105,103 (Acts 19:5, Baptized again)
3. Families. 3 baptisms. Eph. 4:5. (Mom sprinkled, Dad poured, Boy patted on head). No arms—Water hose. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12. Handle man, not water.
4. Vain worship. John 4:24; Matt. 15:9.
5. Unscriptural Names. Gen. 11:4; Ex. 20:24; Acts 11:26; II Tim. 2:19; II Chron. 7:14.
6. Churches with Babies. Acts 2:41; 4:4; Matt. 19:14.
7. Days. Mother, children, Thursday Communion Day. Some go on New Year's, Easter, Xmas. Heb. 10:25.
8. Blind Leader. Matt. 15:14; Isa. 9:16. Claim called to preach—why contradict? I Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:44.
9. False Teacher. Adam and Eve kept 10 commandments. Ex. 20. Honor Father and Mother—Covet neighbor's wife?
10. World loaded with man-made churches. Luther, Wesley, and Calvin. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Dan. 2:44; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23; I Pet. 3:21. (Called Noah's Ark because he built it. Gen. 7:23.)

WHY I DON'T BAPTIZE BABIES

I Pet. 4:11

There are many reasons why. I Pet. 3:15; I Thess. 5:21; Acts 18:8; Matt. 28:18.

1. No man produced one case. Lk. 4:17; Heb. 11:6.
2. Infant Baptism is without faith. Rom. 10:17; Rom. 14:23.
3. Not required of me. Mic. 6:8; James 4:17.
4. Without teaching. John 6:44; Isa. 28:9; Matt. 28:19

5. Can't receive preaching. Mk. 16:15; II Tim. 4:2; James 1:21 (with crying); Acts 15:7.
6. No sins to repent of. Acts 2:38; 22:16; 17:30. Claim they inherit sin. Matt. 1:21; Lk. 2:7; Gal. 5:4; Rom. 4:12; Ps. 51:5 (Born in watermelon patch doesn't make me one); Acts 2:8-6:11; 8:30, Understand what (Tack in shoe)?
7. Eunuch went on his way rejoicing. (Baby crying)
8. He's robbed of personal obedience. Rom. 6:17; Acts 2:40; Gal. 3:1.
9. He doesn't know he's baptized. II Tim. 1:12; John 8:32; I Tim. 2:4.
10. Notice: I Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 14:15.
11. Every case of conversion, grown people. Acts 2:37 (They talked). 5000 on Solomon's Porch. Acts 4:4; Lydia, Eunuch, Simon the Sorcerer; Acts 6:7; 19:7 Men (12); Acts 8:12; 10:48; II Cor. 5:17.
12. He'll grow up believing he's scripturally baptized. Gal. 3:27 (Picture him on his dying bed asking you for book, chapter, and verse for Infant Baptism. Amos 4:12. House in order. Heb. 9:27; Matt. 25:10; I Chron. 22:5).

BE NOT LIKE YOUR FATHER

Zech. 1:4; Gal. 1:14; Matt. 22:29; Acts 17:11

1. Some never read the Bible. Rev. 1:3; Isa. 34:16; Matt. 4:4; Rom. 10:1; Acts 3:17. Thru ignorance ye did it.
2. Lived unrighteous. I Cor. 6:9; Lk. 1:6; Tit. 2:11; Num. 23:10; Prov. 14:32.
3. Closed heart to truth. John 8:32; Matt. 5:6; Ps. 119:11,103.
4. Many follow blind leaders. Matt. 15:14; Isa. 9:16.
5. Many took what preacher said. I Pet. 4:11; Acts 5:29; Rom. 3:4; Ps. 33:4 (Thought); Isa. 55:8.
6. Many Fathers (drunk 3 days, gamble, jail, pay big fine, beat wife, curse neighbor, etc.)

7. Address preacher Rev. Ps. 111:9 (Rev. Devil, Rev. Brown) 34" rule Phil. 3:16—Obey Doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9; Acts 2:42.
8. Baptized when a baby. Acts 5:29. Prayed for faith. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17.
9. Claim got religion. Lord's Supper once a month. Sprinkled. Wore unscriptural names. Never baptized at all. Shout until hoarse. Voted. Join.
10. Hated Church of Christ. Eph. 5:23,25; Acts 20:28k; Rev. 1:5; Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18 (Best church); Matt. 15:13; Dan. 2:44.

I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED

Ezek. 33:11

1. Wicked. Ps. 9:17; 84:10; Prov. 3:33; Ps. 7:11.
2. Liar. Rev. 21:8; I John 2:4.
3. Unbeliever. John 3:18; Heb. 11:6; Ps. 14:1; Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 2:15.
4. Blind leaders. Matt. 15:14; Isa. 9:16; Acts 5:29; Isa. 3:12.
5. Disobedient. Heb. 2:2; Rom. 6:17; Heb. 5:8,9.
6. Ungodly. I Pet. 4:18; Ps. 1:5; Tit. 2:11; I Cor. 6:9.
7. Impure. Matt. 5:8; Ps. 24:3; I Pet. 1:22; John 8:32.
8. Lost. Lk. 19:10; II Cor. 4:3; Matt. 7:21; II Tim. 4:2.
9. Worldly. I John 2:15; Ps. 119:104; Isa. 30:21; 13:11.
10. Won't repent. Lk. 13:3; II Pet. 3:9; Acts 17:30.
11. Dies in sin. John 8:21; Rom. 6:23; Prov. 28:13; Prov. 14:34.
12. Unprepared. Amos 4:12; Matt. 25:10; Lk. 12.
13. Die out of Christ. II Thess. 4:16; Rev. 14:13; II Tim. 2:12; Eph. 1:3; I John 5:11; John 1:4; 10:10; Col. 2:10.
14. Hasn't become a Christian.

THE REASON OF THINGS

Eccl. 7:25; Isa. 1:18; I Pet. 3:15

"Give reason for blood on shirt." Policeman. Members of the Church of Christ are most reasonable people.
1 Tim. 1:15.

1. Christ came into the world. John 3:17; Lk. 19:10.
2. Why believe in God and Christ? Heb. 11:6; John 8:24.
3. Why not pray for faith? Rom. 10:17.
4. Why dangerous to add? Prov. 30:6; Rev. 21:8.
5. Need name in book of life. Rev. 20:15; Phil. 4:3.
6. Keep God's commandments. Eccl. 12:13; Rev. 22:14.
7. Preach. II Tim. 4:2; James 1:21,18; Acts 2:41.
8. John baptized in Aenon. John 3:23.
9. Be born again. John 3:5-7.
10. Know truth. John 8:32; I Tim. 2:4.
11. How do you know Luther did not build the true church? Ps. 127:1; Col. 1:18.
12. Know kingdom established. Mk. 9:1; Heb. 12:28.
13. Man not foundation. I Cor. 3:11.
14. Why be baptized? Acts 10:48; Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21.
15. Why get in Christ? II Tim. 2:20; II Cor. 5:17.
16. Die righteous. Ps. 90:12; Num. 23:10; I Cor. 6:9.
17. Why obey gospel. I Thess. 1:7-9; Acts 2:38.

I WILL EAT THE BIBLE

Jer. 15:16; Matt. 5:6

I'm serious. I Thess. 5:21; Ps. 119:11. If anybody can find where an apostle ever:

1. Baptized babies. Matt. 28:19; John 6:44; Acts 8:12; 18:8.
2. Get religion. James 1:27 (I may choke on it).
3. Wash feet. I Cor. 1:22; II Sam. 11:8 (I didn't say nibble).
4. Baptism not essential. Gal. 3:27; II Tim. 2:10; I Pet. 3:21.

5. Told alien sinners to pray. I Pet. 3:12; Isa. 1:15; I Tim. 1:15; Acts 22:16.
6. Nothing in a name. Gen. 11:4; II Chron. 7:4; Phil. 2:9; Matt. 6:9; Acts 9:11; Matt. 18:20 (Check without a name).
7. Call each other Rev. Ps. 11:19; I Chron. 16:29; II Pet. 3:15; Phil. 1:1 (I'll eat book; chapter, verse).
8. Child of God can't sin. Eccl. 7:20; I John 1:10; Lk. 15:18.
9. Baptism outward sign. Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:26,27.
10. Just be sincere. Acts 2:40; 10:11,14.
11. Babies born in sin. Ps. 51:5; I John 3:4; Rom. 4:15.
12. Invisible church. I Cor. 12:27; Heb. 12:23; Acts 2:47; Col. 1:15; Acts 16:5; Rom. 16:16.
13. Baptism in room circumcision. (Boys, not Girl). Acts 8:12.
14. Join church of choice. (One daughter.) One of God's choice. Isa. 2:2; Eph. 3:2; Jer. 21:8.

THINGS BIBLE CHRISTIANS NEVER DID

Col. 3:17

So-called modern Christians not like Bible Christians during days of apostles.

1. Never spoke of getting religion. James 1:27.
2. Addressed preacher as Rev., Pastor. II Pet. 3:15; Phil. 1:1; Ps. 111:9.
3. Practice feet washing in service. I Tim. 5:10; II Sam. 11:8.
4. Lord's Supper once a month. Acts 20:7 (close communion).
5. Vote on candidate (Vote on God's choice).
6. Sprinkle for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Acts 8; Col. 2:12.
7. Saved before baptism. I Pet. 3:21; "NOW" Mk. 16:16.
8. Join church. Acts 2:47 (Took babies in the church. Acts 5:14; Matt. 19:14; Matt. 28:19; John 6:44).

9. Never called minnonites, Moravians, Reformers. Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16; Gen. 11:4; Acts 4:12.
10. Became Christians before they were baptized and before church membership.
11. Never used term "our church," "my church," "your church." I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22; Phil. 3:16; Acts 2:47; Acts 5:11. Great fear came upon all the church.

THINGS THAT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE

Because many believe a thing, doesn't make it right. Many believed Jesus an imposter. John 10:36; John 3:16; Tit. 1:2. Many believe earth flat. Should change your belief with facts. John 20:31; II Cor. 4:13; Heb. 6:18; Rom. 3:4.

1. "Believe Ways to Heaven." Jer. 6:16-32; John 14:6.
2. "Just be sincere in worship." James 2:4,14; John 4:24; Matt. 4:10. (Hindu women.)
3. "Baptism doesn't save." I Pet. 3:21; Rom. 5:1; Mk. 16:16.
4. "Baptism." Eph. 4:5; Rom. 6:4. (Pick what you want.)
5. "Christ built all churches." Matt. 16:18; Ps. 127:1; Lk. 22:42.
6. "Faith only saves." James 2:24,19,26. (Faith only crop.)
7. "Nothing in a name." Acts 4:12; Prov. 22:1; John 1:12.
8. "Mary ascended to heaven bodily." I Cor. 15:50,54.
9. "Man head of church." Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18,24.
10. "God hears sinners." John 9:31; Acts 9:11; Acts 22:16.
11. "All right to call preacher Rev." Ps. 111:9; Ex. 20:7.
12. "Holy Spirit Baptism for Christian today." John 16:13; Acts 1:8; Lk. 24:49.

13. "No eternal hell." Lk. 16:23; Mk. 9:44; Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:12.
14. "Christians can't fall." I Cor. 10:12; Gal. 5:4; I Cor. 10:8.
15. "Shouldn't eat meat Friday." I Tim. 4:1.
16. "Worship on Sabbath." Rev. 1:10; I Cor. 16:1; Acts 20:7.
17. "Own private interpretation." II Pet. 1:20.
18. "Ten commandments binding." Col. 2:14; Rom. 6:14; 3:19.
19. "Waiting for 2nd chance." Heb. 9:27; Lk. 16:23.

A KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

Hos. 4:6

"A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible."—Woodrow Wilson.

Many college Prof. can't tell a man what to do to be saved. James 1:27; Gal. 1:6.

1. The word of the Lord is right. Ps. 33:4; Isa. 45:19; Prov. 1:5; 1:22; Rom. 3:4; II Tim. 2:15.
2. It's inspired. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21; Amos 8:11.
3. True. John 17:17; 8:32; Heb. 4:12; Ps. 119:50.
4. Can save. James 1:21; Matt. 4:4; Rev. 1:3; II Tim. 2:15; Mk. 8:36; I Cor. 1:21. (The pulpit is no place for a man who won't preach the word. II Tim. 4:2.)
5. Do what it says do. James 1:22; Matt. 7:21,24; Lk. 6:46.
6. Search. John 5:39; Acts 17:11; Isa. 34:16; Mk. 13:31; Phil. 3:5.
7. Obey what Bible commands. Rev. 22:14; Eccl. 12:13,14; I Sam. 15:22; Acts 5:29; Rom. 6:17; II John 9; I Tim. 1:3; John 4:24; Acts 2:42.
8. Baptism. Acts 10:48; 2:38; 22:16.
9. A knowledge of the Christ of the Bible. Lk. 2:11; John 3:16,17,18; John 8:24; John 14:6; 20:31; 5:39. (Won't destroy mother. Hos. 4:5.)

10. Church of the Bible. Isa. 2:2; Dan. 2:44; Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:25; Eph. 2:16; 3:6; Col. 3:15; II Tim. 4:1; I Cor. 12:13.

WHAT THE EMPTY PEWS SHOW

I Sam. 20:18

1. It shows somebody is not keeping God's commandments. Eccl. 12:13; Heb. 10:25; Rev. 22:14; I John 5:3; John 14:15; I John 2:4; Lev. 8:5.
2. Somebody missed Christ's presence. Matt. 18:20; a sin committed. I John 3:4; John 8:21.
3. Somebody's unfaithful. Rev. 2:10; Rev. 1:10; Ps. 122:1.
4. Somebody's not growing. II Pet. 3:18; I Pet. 2:2; Matt. 5:6; Ps. 119:11.
5. Somebody's making audience smaller (a helping hand not helping). If you could stay at home and go to heaven then all could.
6. Somebody's making contribution smaller. Mai. 3:6; I Cor. 16:1,2; II Cor. 9:7; Acts 20:35.
7. Somebody's light isn't shining. Matt. 5:16. Somebody's not abounding in work. I Cor. 15:58.
8. World has strong pull on somebody. I John 2:15; James 4:4; I Tim. 5:6; Eph. 2:1.
9. Somebody's not showing Lord's death. Acts 20:7.
10. Somebody's not having fellowship. II Cor. 6:1; I John 1:7.
11. Empty pews weaken the church. Gal. 6:10.
12. Envy and strife weakens. James 3:16; Rom. 8:9.
13. Somebody's missing knowledge. Hos. 4:6; Matt. 11:28; John 6:44; Matt. 10:16; Prov. 11:30; II Tim. 2:15; II Tim. 3:15.
14. Somebody's not walking by same rule. Phil. 3:16; I Cor. 1:10; Mk. 3:25; Ps. 133:1.
15. Let's vow to do our part to fill empty pew (children can't do it for you). Eph. 3:21; Ps. 23:6; Ps. 84:10.

WHAT IS HE REACHING FOR?

Man's always reaching for something from cradle to the grave. Fame, honor, prestige, etc. Put things out of baby's way because he reaches. Prov. 22:6; Isa. 28:9.

1. Young man comes into dark room and reaches for light. Teach him to reach for Christ. John 8:12; Matt. 5:14,16.
2. Cut his finger-side—blood. I John 1:7; Heb. 9:22; Matt. 26:28.
3. Reach for school book. Isa. 34:16; Neh. 8:8 (no fairy tale book). Prov. 29:18; Rev. 20:15.
4. Learn laws at school. Ps. 19:7; Phil. 3:16.
5. Reach for salt. Matt. 5:13. Save meat, decayed world.
6. Reach for bread. Matt. 4:4; John 6:48. Bread of life.
7. Reach for water. Acts 8; 10:47; Heb. 10:22.
8. Reach for milk. I Pet. 2:2.
9. Hungry and thirsty. Matt. 5:6; Ps. 119:172.
10. Sweater. Unity. I Sam. 18:1; Ps. 133:1; I Cor. 1:10. (2 Doctors and 4 nurses worked without cross word.)
11. Hypocritical friend. Job 8:13.
12. See Dad reach for pocket book. II Cor. 9:7. (25c sermon.) You see him do wrong. Prov. 15:3.
13. Reach for door. John 10:9; Rev. 3:20.
14. When he does something wrong. Prov. 14:12. Many people baptized the wrong way.
15. When he does something right. Ps. 33:4. God is right about everything.

WHAT IS A DENOMINATIONAL PREACHER?

Prov. 20:11; Matt. 12:36

A child is known by his doing.

1. Preaches for a church not in the Bible. I Cor. 12:28; Rom. 16:16.

2. Preaches for a church that has earthly headquarters.
3. He preaches what he can't prove. I Thess. 5:21; II Cor. 4:13; John 20:31; Lk. 4:17; I Pet. 4:11.
4. He is in a man-made church. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 15:13.
5. He adds and goes beyond. Prov. 30:6; I Cor. 4:6.
6. He is called Rev., Pastor, etc. II Pet. 3:15; Phil. 1:1; Gen. 11:4; Ps. 111:9; I Tim. 4:6; A good minister; Acts 21:8.
7. He claims that God called him to preach. II Thess. 2:14; Isa. 6:8; John 1:5; 3:17; II Tim. 2:2.
Claims that God sent him and he preaches faith only; he missed his calling—he got religion.
8. He needs a license (my Bible is my license). Prov. 4:7. Can't go where he wants. Presiding Elder says so.
9. He turns people out of church when they don't pay their dues. John 12:43.
10. Claims to have been baptized by the Holy Ghost. Eph. 4:5.
11. They confuse people. I Cor. 14:33.
12. He teaches that there is nothing in a name. Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9; Matt. 18:20; John 3:18; Acts 11:26 (Hates being called in question, I Pet. 3:15).
13. He preaches against the church of Christ. I Tim. 3:15. Tells people stay away from Church of Christ meetings.
14. They wear different names. Don't worship alike.
15. Baptize little babies. Acts 8:12.
16. Calls sinners to mourner's bench. Must have been a long bench on Pentecost.
17. He sprinkles for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36; John 3:23.
18. Doesn't debate. Prov. 25:9; Jude 3; Phil. 1:17.
19. Can't take man in church without voting.
20. Doesn't believe the world only, Christians only. Lk. 8:11; Gal. 6:7; Acts 11:14.

21. Doesn't believe Christ built one church. John 15; Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 12:27; Eph. 3:6; Amos 3:3; John 10:16; Ps. 119:104.

THE DAY OF MY DEATH

Heb. 9:27; Phil. 2:12; II Cor. 5:10

I didn't have to prepare for birth, but I have to prepare for death.

1. I hope it doesn't overtake me with hatred in my heart. Matt. 5:8; I John 3:15.
2. I pray God it doesn't overtake me in wickedness. Ps. 9:17; Rev. 20:10; Ps. 1:5; Tit. 2:11.
3. Adding to God's word. Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18; Ps. 33:4.
4. Lie upon my tongue. Rev. 21:8; James 3:14.
5. Misleading people. Matt. 15:14; Isa. 9:16; Jer. 28:16.
6. Unforgiving spirit. Matt. 6:15; Eph. 4:29.
7. Without Spirit of Christ. Rom. 8:9.
8. Covered sins. Prov. 28:13; Rom. 6:23; John 8:21; Heb. 12:1.
9. I hope I'll be found with a heart of love. John 13:35; I Pet. 2:17.
10. I want to be found doing his commandments. Eccl. 12:13.
11. Giving like I should. I Cor. 16:1,2.
12. Keeping the faith. II Tim. 4:6.
13. Faithful. Rev. 2:10.
14. Prepared and ready. Amos 4:12; Matt. 25:10.
15. Death of righteous in the Lord. Num. 23:10; Prov. 14:32; Rev. 14:13; I Thess. 4:16.

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

Not where will you spend your vacation, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, but Eternity?

1. Let's direct our soul searching question to the unbeliever. Heb. 11:6; John 8:24.

2. Mr. Liar. Rev. 21:8.
3. Unregenerated. Tit. 3:5; John 3:7; I Pet. 1:23.
4. Mr. Unrighteous. I Cor. 6:9; Prov. 14:32.
5. Preachers who cause division. Rom. 16:17; I Pet. 4:11; Ps. 133:1.
6. Out of Christ. Rom. 8:1; II Tim. 2:10; Rev. 14:13.
7. Mr. Wicked man. Ps. 9:17; 7:11; Prov. 11:21; Ps. 84:10; Prov. 3:33.
8. Unprepared. Amos 4:12; Matt. 25:10.
9. Mr. Ungodly. I Pet. 4:18; Ps. 1:5.
10. Those led of blind leaders. Matt. 15:14; Ps. 122:1.
11. Those in churches planted by men. Matt. 15:13.
12. Never obeyed gospel. I Pet. 4:17; II Thess. 1:8.

A FEW WILL BE SAVED

Lk. 13:23-25

Only a few of God's children will be in heaven. You might be asking yourself WHY?

1. Because only a few living religiously. Tit. 2:11; I Cor. 6:9; I Pet. 4:18; Ps. 1:6; 90:12.
2. Few assembling. Heb. 10:25; Ps. 122:1.
3. Few study the Bible. II Tim. 2:15; Rev. 1:3; Matt. 4:4.
4. Growing. II Pet. 3:18.
5. Giving. Acts 20:35; I Cor. 16:2.
6. Letting light shine. Matt. 5:16; John 8:12.
7. Working. I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12; Tit. 3:1.
8. Spirit of Christ. Rom. 8:9; Phil. 2:5; Matt. 6:15; II Cor. 5:17.
9. Have really given up world. I John 2:15; Matt. 6:24; James 4:4.
10. Few doing God's commandments. Eccl. 12:13,14; Rev. 22:14.
11. Few saved in days of Noah. I Pet. 3:20,21; Gen. 7:23.
12. Few really love the church. Eph. 5:23.

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE STRONG

Isa. 9:16; Matt. 15:14

1. You'll find strong members. Gal. 6:10.
2. Working people. James 2:26; I Cor. 15:58; Neh. 4:6; John 9:4.
3. Doers of word. James 1:22; Col. 3:17; John 2:5; Matt. 7:21; 7:24.
4. People well taught. John 6:44; Eccl. 12:9; Matt. 28:19; Prov. 4:7.
5. Love. John 13:15; Heb. 13:1; I John 4:20.
6. Peaceful people. I Cor. 14:33; Matt. 5:9; Phil. 3:16.
7. Placing kingdom first. Matt. 6:33; Eph. 3:21.
8. Attending. Heb. 10:25; I Sam. 15:22; 13:13.
9. Support truth. I Tim. 3:15; II Cor. 9:7.
Some Christians like canoes—need paddling; balloons—stayed blown up; trailer—pulled; wheelbarrow—pushed; kitten—petted.
10. Not ashamed of Gospel. Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 9:17.
11. Preparing to depart. II Tim. 4:6; Rev. 2:10; Amos 4:12.

GOD SEETH ME

Gen. 16:13

1. How I behave. I Tim. 3:15.
2. When I talk. Col. 4:6; Matt. 12:36.
3. How I live. Tit. 2:11; II Cor. 5:17.
4. God saw Adam and Eve.
 - a. Saw Sarah mistreat Hagar.
 - b. Moses kill Egyptian.
 - c. Building of Tower of Babel.
 - d. Aaron make golden calf.
 - e. Ninevites.
5. Sees my head of hair. Matt. 10:30.
6. My heart. I Sam. 16:7; Matt. 5:8; Ps. 119:11.
7. My family life. Eph. 5:23,25.
8. Saw Saul persecute Christians. Acts 9:4.
9. Saw Achan steal golden wedge.
10. People peek in Ark.

11. Saw people look for manna on Sabbath.
12. Pray in closet.
13. God sees us as we give, assemble, etc.

SELLING OUT FOR JESUS CHRIST

Matt. 13:45,46

Sold all that he had.

Selling used in the sense of getting rid of.

To accept Christ some selling out must take place.

Saloon Keeper told salesman, "I've sold out for Jesus Christ."

1. Must sell self for Jesus Christ. Matt. 16:24.
2. Denominational name. John 3:18; Phil. 2:9; Acts 4:12.
3. Denominational church. Isa. 2:2; Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 10:4; 1:10; I Pet. 3:8.
4. Vain worship. Matt. 15:9; John 4:24; Matt. 4:10.
5. Manuals, disciplines (Burn them up). James 1:21; John 12:48.
6. Men should be willing to part with anything for Jesus Christ. Abraham was willing to part with Isaac.
7. Even lose his life.
8. Give up home, land, houses. I Tim. 6:7.
9. Mother and father. Matt. 10:37.
10. Whole world. Isa. 13:11; Mk. 8:36; James 4:4.

PEOPLE GOD SPOKE WELL OF

Lk. 6:26; Num. 23:19

1. Noah. Gen. 6:5-8; I Pet. 3:21; II Pet. 2:5; Ps. 119:172; Gen. 6:22.
2. Abraham. James 2:23; 2:21; Gen. 26:5.
3. Abel. Heb. 11:4.
4. Enoch. Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5.
5. Jacob. Mal. 1:2.
6. David. II Chron. 6:7; Rev. 22:16; 13:1; Matt. 22:42; Acts 15:16.

7. Daniel. Dan. 10:11; 2:19.
8. Paul. Phil. 1:17; I Cor. 11:28; I Tim. 1:15; Rom. 1:16; Acts 21:13; Acts 15:26; II Tim. 4:7.
9. Israelites. II Chron. 7:14.
10. Job. Job 2:3; James 2:10; 5:11.
11. John the Baptist. John 1:6; Matt. 11:11; 3:3.
12. Mary. (She did what she could.)
13. Joseph. Matt. 1:19.
14. Joseph of Aramathaea. Matt. 27:58.
15. Barnabas. Acts 11:24; James 4:17.
16. Epapraditus. Phil. 2:30.
17. Christ tops the list. Matt. 17:5; John 1:29; 3:30; Isa. 9:6; John 7:46; Heb. 5:8,9; Rev. 1:5.
18. God didn't leave us out. Tit. 2:11; Acts 10:34; Ps. 90:12; I Pet. 2:22; Matt. 5:8; I Tim. 5:22.

ONE WAY

Jer. 32:39

1. There's only one way to worship God acceptably. John 4:24; Matt. 4:10; 15:9; Acts 8:27.
2. One way to get God to hear your prayers. Become righteous. I Pet. 3:12; John 9:31; Matt. 7:21.
3. One way to sing acceptably. I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19.
4. One way to love God. Matt. 22:37.
5. One way for preacher to speak. I Pet. 4:11.
6. One way to be born again. John 3:5; Heb. 10:22; I Pet. 1:23.
7. One way for Christians to live. Tit. 2:11; Rev. 2:10. One way to die. Num. 23:10; Prov. 14:32; Rev. 14:13; Ps. 90:12.
8. Thousands have missed the one way. Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:9; Ps. 23:1; Ps. 61:2.
9. One way. John 14:5,6; Ps. 119:30; II Pet. 2:2; Ps. 119:104; Isa. 30:21; John 12:35; 8:12; I Sam. 12:23.
10. One way to get into Christ. Gal. 3:26,27; Rom. 6:4.
11. One way into the church. I Cor. 12:13; Matt. 16:18.

THINGS ONLY CHRISTIANS CAN DO

1. Call God father from a religious standpoint. Eph. 3:14,15; I John 3:1; Gal. 3:27.
2. Can get prayers heard. I Pet. 3:12; John 9:31; Prov. 28:9; Ps. 19:7.
3. Render acceptable worship. Eph. 3:21; Matt. 15:9; John 4:24.
4. Can practice pure religion. James 1:27; Rom. 12:1.
5. Eat Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7; John 8:31.
6. Sing praises to God. Eph. 5:19.
7. Not condemned. John 3:18; Rom. 8:1.
8. Say he's blood washed. Rev. 1:5; 7:14; I Pet. 1:18; II Cor. 5:17.
9. Suffer for Christ. II Tim. 3:12; I Pet. 4:16.
10. Not ashamed of Gospel. Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:6; Phil. 1:17.
11. Claim Spirit of Christ. Rom. 8:9; Matt. 6:15; Lk. 23:34.
12. Claim purified soul. Matt. 5:8; I Sam. 16:7; I Pet. 1:22.
13. Labor not in vain. I Cor. 15:58; Lk. 17:10; Eccl. 12:13; Rev. 14:13.
14. Prepared to die. Amos 4:12; II Tim. 4:6; Num. 23:10; Prov. 14:32; Acts 21:13.

I'M PRODUCING MY STRONG REASONS

Isa. 14:21; II Tim. 2:15; 3:15; I Pet. 3:15

1. My strong reason for being a Christian. Acts 11:26; I Pet. 4:16; Acts 4:12.
2. Preaching word. II Tim. 4:2; Acts 8:4; James 1:21.
3. Faith in God. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 14:23.
4. Believing what's written. II Cor. 4:13; John 20:31.
5. Insisting upon doers. James 1:22; Matt. 7:21; Col. 3:17.
6. Insisting upon keeping God's commandments. Eccl. 12:13; Rev. 22:14; John 15:14.
7. Baptism essential. Acts 10:48; 22:16.

8. Burying in baptism. Rom. 6:4; Gen. 23:4; Col. 2:12.
9. Preaching truth. John 8:32; Eph. 4:15,25; I Pet. 1:22.
10. For being a member of the church of Christ. Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:18,24; Eph. 4:4.
11. Christ the foundation. Isa. 28:16; I Cor. 3:11.
12. Kingdom will stand forever. Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28.
13. Church purchased with blood. Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5.
14. Living in the Lord. I Cor. 15:58; John 1:4; 10:10.
15. Dying in the Lord. Rev. 14:13; II Cor. 5:17; Amos 4:12.
16. One way. Jer. 32:39; Prov. 14:12; Ps. 119:104.

SOME THINGS THAT DON'T CHANGE

We are living in midst of changing things. Atomic, Jet, and Space age. Medicine, Traveling, clothing styles, etc.

1. God doesn't change. Mal. 3:6.
2. Christ doesn't change. Heb. 13:5.
3. Word. Ps. 33:4; John 17:17; James 1:21; Ps. 119:160; Heb. 4:12; Mk. 13:31.
4. Man's need for God's word. Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16; Matt. 5:6; I Pet. 1:22; Ps. 119:103.
5. Human nature, lust, envy, murder, hatred, etc.
6. Sin is same. Rom. 3:23; Eccl. 7:20; Ezek. 18:20; John 8:21.
7. Blood. I John 1:7; Matt. 26:28; Col. 1:13.
8. Gospel. Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16; II Thess. 1:7; II Cor. 4:3.
9. Devil. I Pet. 5:8; II Cor. 2:11; Lk. 8:12; II Cor. 11:13,15.
10. Death. Ps. 89:48; Heb. 9:27; Gen. 27:2.
11. Church of Christ. Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22; Phil. 2:9; Col. 3:17.
12. Church still pillar. I Tim. 3:15; John 8:32; Rom. 6:17.
13. Members still called Christians. Acts 11:26; I Pet. 4:16.
14. Still one way to get into the church. I Cor. 12:13.

WHAT WAS IN THE MANGER?

Lk. 2:7

1. The Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16:16; Matt. 2:15; John 3:16; 10:36.
2. The Saviour of all mankind. Lk. 2:11; John 3:17; Matt. 1:21; I Tim. 1:15.
3. The light. John 8:12; 9:5; 1:29.
4. Eternal God. John 1; I John 3:5,6.
5. The Messiah. John 1:41.
6. The Physician. Jer. 8:22; Matt. 9:12; Mk. 2:9; Matt. 8:8.
7. Resurrection. John 11:25.
8. Blood in that body. I John 1:7; Rev. 1:5; Matt. 26:28.
9. Possessor of words of Eternal Life. John 6:63,68; Heb. 4:12; Mk. 13:31.
10. Master Teacher. Matt. 7:29; John 7:46.
11. Our Redeemer. Job 19:25; Heb. 2:10.
12. Root and offspring. Rev. 22:16; 5:5.
13. Alpha and Omega. Rev. 1:8.
14. Author and finisher. Heb. 12:2.
15. Prince of peace. Isa. 9:6.
16. Builder of the church. Matt. 16:18.
17. Foundation. I Cor. 3:11.
18. Head. Col. 1:18.

WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL THERE?

If we don't meet again over here.

I Cor. 2:9

1. It will be wonderful there (heaven) because we will live and never die. John 11:25; Rev. 21:4.
2. We'll be like Jesus. I John 3:2.
3. We'll hear no cursing. Rev. 22:3.
4. We'll know nothing about pain. Rev. 21:4.
5. Never hear people cry. Rev. 21:4.
6. The Lord will be there. I Thess. 4:17.
7. No need for shortage of Gold (Streets of Gold).

8. No hungry people. Rev. 7:16; Phil. 4:19.
9. Won't have to worry about night overtaking you. Rev. 22:5.
10. We'll see things we've never seen on earth.
God. I John 4:12.
Christ; Angels; Abraham, Lot, etc.
11. We'll be faultless. James 5:16.
12. No getting weary. Gal. 6:9; Rev. 22:3; I Cor. 15:58.

THINGS GOD DOESN'T WANT

Mic. 1:8-10; Gen. 4:5

1. Sinner's prayer. Isa. 1:15; Isa. 59:2; John 9:31.
2. Doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9; I Tim. 1:3; II John 9.
3. Unbelief. Heb. 11:6; John 3:18; Mk. 16:16; John 8:24.
4. Rejecting his son. John 12:48; John 3:16; 8:24.
5. Disbelieving truth. I Tim. 2:4; II Thess. 2:12.
6. Disobedience. Heb. 2:2; Rom. 6:17; I Pet. 1:22; Heb. 5:9.
7. People to worship anything or any way. Matt. 4:10; Rev. 22:8; James 2:14,15; John 4:24; Ezek. 44:9.
8. Hearers only. James 1:22; Rom. 10:17; James 2:24; Matt. 7:24; Lk. 11:28.
9. Going beyond word. I Cor. 4:6; John 20:31; Prov. 30:6.
10. Men to perish. II Pet. 3:9; Acts 17:30; Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16.
11. Men to glorify him in "any church." Eph. 3:21; Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 5:23.
12. One sinner. Lk. 19:10; I Tim. 1:15.
13. Direct own step. Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:9; Gal. 1:6.

THINGS THAT HAVE NO COMPARISON

Mk. 13:31; Ps. 33:4; 119:89

1. There's no book like the Bible. Isa. 34:16; Ps. 19:7; John 12:48.

2. The Lord's church. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Dan. 2:44; Eph. 3:6; Acts 2:38.
3. Name of Christ. Lk. 24:46; II Tim. 2:19; Acts 4:12; Matt. 12:21.
4. Blood. Col. 1:13; Heb. 9:22; Matt. 26:28; I John 1:7; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5.
5. Hell. Ps. 9:17; Mk. 9:45; Rev. 20:12,13; Lk. 16:23.
6. Heaven. John 14:1; Rev. 21:4; 21:21.
7. Death. Rom. 5:8; 8:32; I Tim. 1:15; I Cor. 15:3; Heb. 2:9.
8. Greatest man. Matt. 11:18; John 3:16,17; 1:1; Isa. 9:6; John 1:4; I John 5:11; John 7:46; Matt. 7:24; John 8:24; 14:6.

THE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD THE LAW

Neh. 8:7; John 1:17

- 60 miles per hour—seems people don't understand the law. Rom. 8:2. The law of the Spirit. John 6:63; 12:48.
1. Many people don't understand the law on preaching. Gal. 1:10; II Tim. 4:2; Acts 8:4; Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16; II Cor. 4:3; Ps. 19:7; Prov. 30:6; Ps. 33:4; Deut. 4:2.
 2. The law of sin. Rom. 6:23; John 8:21; Isa. 59:2.
 3. On lying. Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8; Rom. 1:25.
 4. Wickedness. Ps. 9:17; Prov. 11:21; 3:3; Matt. 25:46.
 5. Unrighteous. I Cor. 6:9; Tit. 2:11; Acts 10:34.
 6. On faith. Heb. 11:6; Acts 16:5; Rom. 14:23; Rom. 10:17; James 2:24-26.
 7. On repentance. Acts 17:30; II Pet. 3:9; Lk. 13:5; Matt. 12:41; Jonah 3:10.
 8. On confession. Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10; Acts 8.
 9. On baptism. Mk. 16:16; Acts 23:8; 2:41; 22:16; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.
 10. Church membership. Matt. 16:18; Isa. 2:2; Eph. 4:4; Col. 3:15; Eph. 3:6; 2:16; 5:24.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING

My duty is to preach the word. II Tim. 4:2.

Ezek. 2:7

1. Framing of world is the Lord's doing (I had nothing to do with that). Heb. 11:3; Gen. 1:1.
2. Inspiration of scripture. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21.
3. Making of man. Gen. 2:7.
4. Death upon all mankind. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27.
Death angel killed firstborn—Serpent bit Israelites.
Turned Lot's wife into Pillar of Salt—Herod eaten
of worms.
Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—Spared Nineveh.
Killed Uzzah—Nadab and Abihu.
5. Demands worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24;
Matt. 4:10.
6. Accepts only doctrine of Christ. II John 9; John
15:9; Col. 2:21,22.
7. Obedience to gospel. II Cor. 4:3; Rom. 1:16; II
Thess. 1:7.
8. Placed hearing before faith. Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6;
John 8:24.
9. Placed salvation in Christ. II Tim. 2:10; Acts 4:12;
Phil. 2:9.
10. Baptism before entering body. I Cor. 12:13.
11. Christ built one church. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4;
Acts 2:47.
12. Wants his name revered. Ps. 111:9; I Chron. 16:29.
13. Singing and Lord's Supper. Heb. 2:12; Acts 20:7.
14. Prepare Hell for wicked. Ps. 9:17; Matt. 25:46;
23:33.
15. Buried in one baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:13; Eph.
4:5.
16. One way to heaven. John 14:6; Prov. 14:12; Jer.
10:23; Prov. 16:9.

THE SIN OF MY SOUL

May teach that a soul can't sin. Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 5:12;
6:23; 14:12; II Chron. 25:4; II Thess. 2:3; Matt.
15:14; Isa. 9:16; 3:12.

1. Unrighteous living bring sin upon my soul. I John 5:17; Tit. 2:11; Ps. 119:172; Isa. 59:2.
2. If I add. Prov. 30:6; Rev. 21:8; Ps. 33:4; II Tim. 3:16.
3. Wicked. Prov. 3:33; Ps. 9:17; Prov. 14:34.
4. Disobedience. Heb. 5:9; Rom. 6:17; I Sam. 15:22; Heb. 2:2.
5. Teach Doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9; Col. 2:21,22; Acts 2:42; I Tim. 1:3.
6. Thought foolishness. Prov. 24:9; Isa. 55:8.
7. Unbeliever. John 8:24; 3:18; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 11:28.
8. Join a church. Acts 2:47.

BLESSED, BUT NOT SATISFIED

Satisfaction a rare jewel; dissatisfied world.

1. Our first parents—access to all trees but one. Gen. 3:3,4; Acts 5:29. Not satisfied to take what God said but took what devil said.
2. Living soul. Gen. 2:7; Mk. 8:36; Matt. 10:28; Prov. 14:5. Jehovah's witnesses say that there is no hereafter for the sinner.
3. One Ark. I Pet. 3:20,21; Only eight got in.
4. Israel not satisfied with Judge. Asked for a king. I Kings 8:5; I John 2:15; Phil. 3:16.
5. God through Moses led Israel through Red Sea. Not satisfied but murmured.
6. Naaman dipped seven times. II Kings 5. But he got mad beforehand.
7. God gave us one Bible. Prov. 30:6; Ps. 12:6; II Tim. 3:16. Religious leaders not satisfied but accept manuals, etc.
8. God gave us New Testament—Many go back to Old Testament. Jer. 31:31; Col. 2:14; Rom. 8:4; 6:14.
9. God gave the Jews his Son. John 1:11,12; 3:16; 8:24. Looked for another.
10. God gave everlasting name. Isa. 56:5; Acts 11:26; Isa. 62:2; Gen. 11:4; Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9.

11. One faith. Eph. 4:5; Rom. 5:1; II Cor. 13:5; Jude 3; Gal. 2:20; Acts 16:5; Gal. 1:23; Acts 2:44.
12. Doctrine of Christ-Doctrine of men. Col. 2:20-22; II John 9; Matt. 15:9.
13. One baptism. Eph. 4:5. "There are several."
14. Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7. Some want it only a once a month.
15. One Church. Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16; Eph. 4:4. Over 250 today.
16. One way. John 14:6. Men say there are many ways to heaven. Rich man wasn't satisfied in hell. Lk. 16; Solomon wasn't satisfied with what he had.

WHAT IS RIGHT IN RELIGION?

Many things not right in religion.

1. What book is right? Ps. 33:4; 119:105; James 1:21; Ps. 119:103.
2. What doctrine is right? Acts 2:42; II John 9; Heb. 6:1; I Tim. 1:3; Rom. 6:7; I Cor. 4:17; Acts 8:4.
3. What's in the New Testament? Col. 2:14; Rom. 6:14; Heb. 9:15.
4. What can be proved? I Thess. 5:21.
5. What God commands. Eccl. 12:13,14; Rev. 22:14; John 14:15; Gen. 6:22; Prov. 30:6.
6. What Christ says. Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1; Matt. 7:24; John 6:63; Mk. 13:31; Heb. 5:9.
7. What the scriptures say. Gal. 4:30; II Tim. 3:16.
8. Name of Christ is right. Acts 4:12; Phil. 2:9; Matt. 12:21.
9. Baptism is right. Acts 2:38,41; 22:16; Gal. 3:27; John 3:5.
10. Church of Christ is right. Isa. 2:2; Heb. 1:1; Dan. 2:44; Zech. 1:16; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4.

WHY I PREACH THE WORD

Acts 8:4; 8:5; 8:12; Eccl. 9:18; John 8:21

Reasons:

1. Men need guidance. Jer. 10:23; 119:104,105.

2. Gives understanding. Prov. 4:7; Acts 8:30; Ps. 119:130.
3. Receive truth. John 8:32; I Tim. 2:4; John 17:17; Ezek. 2:7.
4. Saves. James 1:21; I Cor. 1:21; Acts 11:14.
5. Begotten. James 1:18; I Cor. 4:15.
6. Cleanses. John 15:3; Eph. 5:26.
7. Gives life. John 6:63; Ps. 119:50; Eph. 2:1; Matt. 4:4.
8. Sanctifies. II Tim. 2:1.
9. Produces faith. Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; II Cor. 5:7.
10. Converts. Ps. 51:13; Acts 3:19; Ps. 19:7.
11. Born again. John 3:7; I Pet. 1:23; Mk. 13:31.
12. Obedience. I Sam. 15:22; Rom. 6:17.
13. Able to build up. Acts 20:32.
14. Judges. John 12:48.
15. Breaks rocks. Jer. 23:29; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17.
16. Try controversy. Deut. 21:5.
17. Make Christians. Acts 2:41; Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21.
18. To get people in true church. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Ps. 84:10.
19. Teach Christians to worship. John 4:24; Matt. 15:9; Acts 2:42.

YOU NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE

Those who need to make a change:

1. The wicked. Isa. 55:7; Tit. 2:11; Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23.
2. Unbeliever. John 3:18; Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16.
3. Those who cause division. Prov. 6:19; Rom. 16:17; I Cor. 1:10; Amos 3:3.
4. Those who haven't done God's will. Matt. 7:21; Lk. 22:42.
5. Those who have obeyed man. Acts 5:29; Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:24.

Christians who need to make a change:

1. Those coming to service late.

2. Those who have been hard to get along with. Rom. 8:9.
3. The worldly. I John 2:15; Isa. 13:4.
4. The stingy. II Cor. 9:7; I Cor. 16:2.
5. The selfish. John 13:55; Heb. 9:27.
6. Led by blind leaders. Matt. 15:14; Isa. 9:16; 8:20; II John 9; I Tim. 4:16.
7. Those guided by creeds. Col. 2:21; Ps. 119:105.
8. Disobedient. Heb. 2:2; Rom. 6:17.
9. Those covering their sin. John 8:21; Rom. 6:17; I John 1:9; Prov. 28:13.
10. Those unprepared to meet God. Matt. 25:10; II Tim. 4:6; Amos 4:12.

DO THYSELF NO HARM

Acts 16

Jailor owed his life to Paul. Christians harm themselves when they:

1. Love money. I Tim. 6:10.
2. Worry. Phil. 4:6.
3. Harm each other. Gal. 5:15; Mk. 3:25.
4. Have hatred in their hearts. I John 3:15.
5. Speak evil. Tit. 3:2.
6. Speak idle words. Matt. 12:36.
7. Try to serve two masters. Matt. 6:24; James 4:4; I John 2:15.
8. Live immorally. I Tim. 5:22; I Tim. 5:6; II Tim. 3:4.
9. Lie. Col. 3:9; Rev. 21:8.
10. Seek revenge. Rom. 12:20; 12:17.
11. Become angry. Eph. 4:26.
12. Read trashy literature. Isa. 34:16; Ps. 33:4.
13. Become unfaithful. Rev. 2:10; Eph. 3:21.

THIS IS A FALSE REPORT

Business report false. There may be any number of false reports. Above all, such is the curse of the pulpit.

1. Devil gave first false report. Gen. 3:4; Rom. 3:4; James 3:14; Rev. 21:8.
 2. Jacob's son. Gen. 27:21,22.
 3. Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1.
- Today there are many false reports:
1. "14 sinners prayed sins away." I Tim. 1:15; John 9:31; Isa. 59:2; I Pet. 3:12; Matt. 7:21; James 5:16.
 2. "10 sinners saw God." I John 4:12; John 5:37. (Preachers will keep you ignorant.)
 3. "I saved 15 sinners with discipline." What's wrong with the word of God? James 1:21; Acts 2:44; Rom. 1:16. Discipline and manual divide people. I Cor. 1:10; I Pet. 4:11.
 4. "250 sinners get religion." James 1:27; Acts 9:6.
 5. "50 sinners prayed for by church." James 1:21; I Cor. 1:21.
 6. "40 sinners saved by faith only." James 2:24-26; Rom. 15:4.
 7. "30 saved by grace alone." Prov. 30:6; Tit. 2:11; Eph. 2:8.
 8. "10 baptized by Holy Ghost and Fire." Eph. 4:5; John 3:23 (Too late).
 9. "24 came together on Sabbath to receive Lord's Supper." Acts 20:7; Ex. 31:16,17.
 10. "500 praise God with organ." Eph. 5:19; Heb. 2:12; I Cor. 14:15.
 11. "19 sinners saved before baptized." Mk. 16:16; II Tim. 2:10; Gal. 3:27.
 12. "10 Christians baptized." I Cor. 12:13; Acts 16:5.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN CHRIST'S NAME

1. Trusted name. Matt. 12:21; Isa. 62:2.
2. Justified. I Cor. 6:11.
3. Exalted. Phil. 2:9; I Cor. 1:12; Lk. 24:46.
4. Wonderful. Isa. 9:6; Jer. 27:15.
5. Remission of sins. Lk. 24:46; I Cor. 1:15; Acts 19:5; 2:38; Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:48; 8:12.
6. Used against division. I Cor. 1:10.
7. Far reaching. Eph. 3:15.

8. Christians gather. Matt. 18:20; Col. 3:17; II Tim. 2:19.
9. Perform miracles. Lk. 10:20; Mk. 16:17; Acts 3:6.
10. Request granted. John 14:14; II Sam. 18:18.
11. Worthy name. James 2:7; Rom. 10:13; II Cor. 11:24.
12. Hated. Matt. 10:22; I Pet. 4:16; Acts 5:41; Gal. 6:17.
13. Life. John 20:31; Job 1:21.
14. Salvation. Acts 4:12; Prov. 18:10; Matt. 1:21; Acts 16:17; Ps. 23:3.
15. Power to overcome. John 1:12; 3:1; I Cor. 12:3.
16. Church wears his name. Rom. 16:16; Eph. 3:21.

AFTER 1900 LONG YEARS

1. After 1900 long years the church of Christ is still standing. Dan. 2:44; Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 10:4.
2. Christ still head. Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23.
3. Still blood bought. Acts 20:28; Heb. 9:22; Col. 1:14; Eph. 5:25.
4. Still supported by members. II Cor. 9:7; I Cor. 16:2; Acts 20:35.
5. Christ still foundation. Isa. 28:16; I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20.
6. It's still pillar and ground of truth. I Tim. 3:15; Mk. 16:15; I Pet. 1:22.
7. It still has Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:22; Heb. 10:25; Rev. 1:10.
8. It still doesn't use instrumental music. Eph. 5:19; James 5:13; I Cor. 14:15.
9. It still stands for unity. Ps. 133:1; Acts 4:32; I Cor. 1:10,13; Rom. 16:17; John 17:21.
10. Members still believe the Bible is inspired. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21; Acts 17:11; John 5:39; Lk. 8:11.
11. Members still called Christians. Acts 11:26; Isa. 62:2; Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:16.
12. The only way into it after 1900 long years is still by obedience to the gospel. I Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:41,47.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST'S CHOICE

Not the church of my choice or your choice.

1. The church of Christ's choice began in Jerusalem. Isa. 2:2; Zech. 1:16; Acts 2:1-4.
2. Wears the name of Christ. Rom. 16:16; Phil. 2:9; Acts 4:12; Matt. 16:18.
3. It has Christ as its head. Col. 1:18-24; Eph. 1:22,23.
4. It has Christ as its foundation. I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20; Isa. 28:16.
5. It doesn't advocate division. I Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17; Ps. 133:1; Mk. 3:25.
6. It stands for the truth. I Tim. 3:15; John 8:32; II Tim. 4:2; Acts 8:4.
7. It sounds out the only faith. Eph. 4:5; Gal. 1:23; Acts 16:5; Jude 3.
8. It is purchased with Christ's blood. Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25; Rev. 1:5; Heb. 9:22.
9. Christ built the church of his choice. Ps. 127:1; John 20:28; Zech. 6:13; Matt. 15:13; Dan. 2:44.
10. The church of Christ's choice advocate the doctrine of Christ. II John 2:9; Acts 2:42; Matt. 15:9; Col. 2:20.
11. Baptize for the remission of sins. Lk. 24:46; Acts 2:38.
12. Christ is the door into the church of his choice. John 10:9.
13. To get into the church of Christ's choice you need to obey the gospel. Eph. 3:21; Rev. 2:10; 14:13; I Thess. 4:16.

GOOD PEOPLE IN ALL CHURCHES?

Barnabas was a good man. Acts 11:24. Cornelius was a good man. Acts 10.

1. Do you call people good who add to God's word? Prov. 30:6; Rev. 21:8; II Tim. 3:16; Ezek. 2:7; II Tim. 4:2; Rom. 1:16; II Cor. 4:3.
2. Claim they got something God never promised. James 1:27.

3. Have baby "sprinkled" contrary to the word of God. Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:12; Col. 2:12.
4. Good people don't drink. I Cor. 6:9; Rom. 8:9.
5. Good people don't take God's name in vain. Ps. 111:9; II Pet. 3:15; Ex. 20:7; Phil. 1:1.
6. Good people will not ridicule baptism. Acts 2:38,41, 44; 10:48; Mk. 16:15,16.
7. Good people receive the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Acts 20:7.
8. Instrumental music never used by good people. I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Rom. 3:20.
9. A good preacher won't baptize babies. Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:41.
10. A good woman doesn't preach like men. I Cor. 14:34,35; I Tim. 2:12; Prov. 2:20.
11. Good people won't claim that God spoke to them. Heb. 1:1; I John 4:12.
12. Good people do not claim to be saved outside the church. II Tim. 2:10; I Cor. 12:13.
13. Good people never criticize the Lord's church. Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23.

THINGS NOT FOUND IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

1. Rev., Right Rev., Moderator, Presiding Elders, etc. Ps. 111:9; II Pet. 3:15; Lk. 20:25; I Chron. 16:29.
2. No babies. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:12; 4:4; 2:41.
3. Preachers that have seen God face to face. I John 4:12.
4. No General Conferences to move preachers.
5. No mourner's bench. John 9:31; I Pet. 3:12; James 5:12.
6. No preacher God spoke to. Ex. 20:19; Heb. 1:1.
7. Nobody who has been sprinkled or poured. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.
8. Women preachers. I Tim. 2:12.
9. Sisters who go out begging. I Cor. 16:2.
10. No pay tax dues.

11. No denominational people. Acts 11:26; Matt. 10:22.
12. No organ in worship. John 4:24; Eph. 5:19.
13. No tarrying for the Holy Spirit. Lk. 24:49.
14. No voting. Rev. 22:18,19; II Pet. 3:9.
15. Closed communion. I Cor. 11:28; Acts 20:7.
16. Nobody turned out.
17. Six month probation. II Cor. 6:2; Matt. 11:28.
18. Nobody keeping the Sabbath. Ex. 31:16,17; Rom. 6:14.
19. No one can't be lost. Lk. 15:32.
20. No mother of the church. Gal. 4:26.
21. Nobody saved before. Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21.
22. Nobody led by manual. James 1:21.

THINGS THAT HELP THE CHURCH

1. Members that put the church first are a great help to the church. Eph. 3:21; Matt. 6:33.
2. Members who stand for unity. Phil. 3:16; I Cor. 1:10.
3. Members who let their light shine. Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:15.
4. Members who live clean lives. Matt. 5:8; Tit. 2:11; I Cor. 6:9.
5. Members who give like they should. Acts 20:35; I Cor. 16:2.
6. Members who attend all the services. Heb. 10:25.
(Be on time for service like on your job, like when catching a train, like if they were giving free groceries at a store.)
7. Members who go about doing good. John 8:12; James 4:17; Gal. 6:10.
8. Members who oppose error. II John 9; I John 4:1; Acts 17:11.
9. Members who have given up the world for good. James 4:4; Prov. 11:30; Rom. 8:9; I Thess. 5:22.
10. Members who are obedient. Heb. 5:8; Phil. 2:8; II Cor. 2:9; Acts 5:29.

11. Members who confess their sins. James 5:16; Prov. 28:13.
12. Members who are faithful. Rev. 2:10; Ps. 90:12.

NO MAN SAVE JESUS

1. Jesus only came from Heaven. John 3:16,17.
2. Jesus only is our perfect example. I Pet. 2:21,22; John 8:12; 9:5.
3. Perfect. I John 1:7; Matt. 15:14.
4. Can save. Matt. 1:21; I Tim. 1:15; Rom. 5:8; I Cor. 15:3.
5. Salvation in him. II Tim. 2:10; John 1:4.
6. Shedding blood for sins. Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22.
7. Built the church. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18.
Only head. Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23.
Only foundation. I Cor. 3:11.
8. Jesus only has eternal life in him. I John 5:11; John 1:4.
9. Possess words of eternal life. John 6:63,38; Mk. 13:31; John 7:46.
10. Only way to heaven. John 14:6; Prov. 14:12; Jer. 21:8; Ps. 119:104.

THE WORD LIKE A HAMMER

1. A hammer, both constructive and destructive. Acts 20:32; Jer. 1:9,10; John 12:48; II Thess. 2:12.
2. A hammer drives the point. Ps. 119:130; Gal. 4:30; Rom. 10:10.
3. Hard. John 10:35; Mk. 13:31.
4. Can be misused. II Tim. 2:15; II Pet. 3:16; Prov. 30:6 (Hit Finger).
5. It breaks in pieces. (Families, denominational churches, etc.) Acts 2:37; Matt. 15:9; Ps. 119:104; Matt. 10:37; Acts 2:40.
6. To be effective it must fall with power. Lk. 4:32; Heb. 4:12; Isa. 58:1.
7. Use it persistently. (One lick won't do.) II Tim. 4:2; John 8:31; Gal. 1:6.

8. Many hammers unite to build. I Cor. 1:10; John 17:21; Acts 4:32; Eph. 4:3; Rom. 16:17.
9. Most effective in trained hands. (Use it daily.) Acts 17:11.
10. Dangerous in unskilled hands. (Slip out of hands may hit someone.)
11. Hammer has a claw—pencil eraser. (For mistakes.) When sins. Prov. 8:13; Eccl. 7:20; Acts 8:22; II Tim. 3:16; Lk. 15:32.
12. Can have good hammer and still miss mark.

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Prov. 18:21

Death-Life. Jer. 21:8; Prov. 8:7; Ezek. 2:7; Acts 11:14; John 8:32; James 1:18; II Thess. 2:3.

1. The tongue delivers death when it says that eternal punishment is not for the wicked. Prov. 11:21; Matt. 25:46.
2. It has the power to speak lies. I Tim. 4:1; Prov. 14:5; James 3:4.
3. Preach doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9; Col. 2:21; I Tim. 4:1; II John 9.
4. Deceives. II Thess. 2:3; Rom. 16:18; II Thess. 2:10; Matt. 24:45.
5. Mislead. Ps. 23:1; Isa. 9:16; 3:12; Matt. 15:14; Acts 2:44; 4:12.
6. God will save everybody. Matt. 7:21; Lk. 16:23; Matt. 12:36.
7. Sinners pray. John 9:31; Isa. 59:2; 11:15.
8. Persuade people to do wrong.

THAT WHICH IS LAWFUL AND RIGHT

Ezek. 33:14

Ps. 19:7; I John 3:4; Ps. 33:4; Isa. 45:19

1. Faith in God is lawful and right. Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; 14:23.
2. Following his Son is lawful and right. Matt. 11:28; John 12:48; Matt. 4:19.

3. Repentance. Matt. 12:41; Lk. 13:5; Acts 17:30; Jonah 3:10; II Pet. 3:9; Acts 3:19.
4. Confess Christ. Phil. 2:11; Matt. 10:32; Acts 8; Rom. 10:10.
5. Baptism for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38,41; 10:48; Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21.
6. Obedience to the gospel. Rom. 6:17; II Cor. 4:3; I Sam. 15:22; Rom. 16:26; Heb. 5:9.
7. Doing what Christ says. Matt. 7:24; Mk. 13:31; Acts 16:30,32; John 12:48; 6:63,68.
8. Getting in the true church. Isa. 2:2; Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22,23; Ps. 122:1; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25.
9. Becoming a Christian. Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16.
10. Preparing for death. Amos 4:12; Matt. 25:10; II Kings 20:1; II Tim. 4:6.

HE IS CARELESS WITH HIS SOUL

1. A person who follows a discipline or manual. Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:9; Ps. 119:105; John 12:48; James 1:21.
2. In an unscriptural church. Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16.
3. Who hasn't obeyed gospel. II Cor. 4:3; Rom. 1:16; II Thess. 1:7.
4. Who hasn't been scripturally baptized. Rom. 8:1; Acts 10:48; I Pet. 3:21; II Tim. 2:10; Gal. 3:27.
5. If he uses instrumental music in worship. Eph. 5:19; I Cor. 14:15; Col. 3:16.
6. Many Christians are careless too.
 - a. Worldly. I John 2:15.
 - b. In giving. I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:7.
 - c. Behavior. I Tim. 3:15; Matt. 5:13,16.
 - d. Speech. Col. 4:6.
 - e. Work. I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12.
 - f. In habits: smoke, drink, and gamble.
 - g. Unfaithful. Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22.

- h. Neglect worship. John 4:24.
- i. Stay out from wife and children for days.
- j. Curse, land in jail and pay a big fine.
- k. Be more careful with your souls.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH

II Tim. 3:7

Paul said: Never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. There is a reason:

1. Preachers teaching many ways. Jer. 32:39; 8:21; Isa. 35:8; Jer. 10:23; Acts 16:17; Ps. 119:104.
2. Many different and conflicting creed books. Isa. 34:16; Ps. 33:4; Matt. 4:4; Prov. 30:6.
3. Different baptisms. Eph. 4:5; John 3:23; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4.
4. Few are reading Bibles for themselves. Rev. 1:3; Acts 17:11; John 5:39; Eph. 3:4.
5. Different doctrines. Acts 2:42; II John 9.
6. Different churches. Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 12:20,27; Rom. 16:16; Eph. 5:25,30; Ps. 127:1.
7. Teaching nothing to do to be saved. James 1:22; Acts 16:30; Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Matt. 19:16.
8. Man doesn't have a soul. Mk. 8:36; James 1:21; Matt. 10:28; Ezek. 18:20; Dan. 7:15; Job 32:9.
9. The Bible is not inspired. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21; Jer. 23:29; Ps. 119:105; John 12:48; II Tim. 4:2; Ezek. 2:7; Lk. 8:11; Acts 13:26.

THE WORD OF GOD COMPARED

1. To a hammer. Jer. 23:29; II Cor. 4:2.
2. Light. Ps. 119:105,130; Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:15; John 9:5; 8:12; Col. 1:13.
3. Fire. Jer. 23:29; II Tim. 4:2; Acts 8:4; Jer. 20:9.
4. Food.
 - a. Bread. Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16.
 - b. Milk. I Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12.
 - c. Meat. Heb. 5:14.

Greatest work in the world; needful work; not easy to catch men for Christ.
1. Must have right bait. (Apple pie on hook?)

Lk. 5:10

CATCHING MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

1. Assembling every Lord's Day. Heb. 10:25.
2. Giving of our means. I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:7.
3. Singing. Eph. 5:19; I Cor. 14:15.
4. Rendering true worship. John 4:24.
5. Letting our light shine. Matt. 5:16; Mt. 2:11; I Cor. 6:9.
6. Doing good. James 4:17; Gal. 6:10; Acts 10:38.
7. Contending for the faith. Jude 3; Phil. 1:7.
8. Saving souls. Prov. 11:30; James 5:20; Mk. 8:36.
9. Speaking truth. Eph. 4:15,25; James 3:14; I Tim. 3:15.
10. Visit fatherless and widows. James 1:27; I Pet. 2:17; Heb. 13:1.
11. Follow Christ. John 8:12; 9:5; I Pet. 2:22.
12. Be faithful. Rev. 2:10.
13. Die in the Lord. Rev. 14:13; I Thess. 4:16; Num. 23:10.

Lk. 17:10

THAT WHICH IS OUR DUTY

5. Pearls. Matt. 13:46; Matt. 7:6.
6. Rain and snow. Isa. 55:10,11.
7. Gospel pills. Rom. 1:16; II Cor. 4:3.
8. Mirror. James 1:23,24.
9. Sword. Eph. 6:17; Acts 2:37; 7:54.
10. Life line. Acts 11:18; I Thess. 2:16; James 5:20; I John 5:11.
11. Seed. Lk. 8:11; I Pet. 1:23; Gal. 6:7; I Cor. 3:6.
12. Church of Christ. Isa. 2:2; Dan. 2:44; Acts 2:41,47; Rom. 16:16; Eph. 3:21; I Cor. 12:13.

2. Go where fish are. Universal bait. Gospel. Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16. Word of God. James 1:21; II Tim. 4:2; Heb. 4:12.
3. Doctrines of men wrong bait. Col. 2:21,22; Matt. 15:9.
4. John used doctrine of Christ. II John 9; I Cor. 2:2.
5. Philip caught Samaritans. Acts 8:5-13.
He caught the Eunuch too. Acts 8:37.
6. Paul caught Corinthians. Acts 18:8; I Cor. 1:14; I Cor. 4:15.
7. He caught Timothy. I Tim. 1:2.
8. Paul caught jailor and household. Acts 16:33.
9. Paul caught Lydia and household. I Cor. 9:22; Acts 16:15.
10. Paul tried to catch Felix. Acts 24:25.
11. Paul tried to catch Agrippa. Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:16.
12. The truth has to be told. John 8:32; 17:17; James 3:14; I Pet. 1:22.
13. You can't leave off baptism. Acts 10:48; I Pet. 3:21.

WHAT THE EUNUCH REJOICED ABOUT

Acts 8:36

1. He'd been baptized for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38.
2. Received proper teaching. Matt. 28:19; John 6:44.
3. Put on Christ. Gal. 3:26,27; II Cor. 5:17.
4. He obeyed God, not man. Acts 5:29; Rom. 6:17.
5. He obeyed God's commandments. Eccl. 12:13; Acts 10:48; Rev. 22:14.
6. He demonstrated his love. John 14:15; I John 5:3.
7. He found a friend in Jesus. John 15:14; I John 5:3.
8. He was born again. John 3:7; I Pet. 1:23; Lk. 8:11.
9. His sins were washed away. Acts 22:16.
10. He obeyed the gospel. Rom. 1:16; Acts 15:7; II Cor. 4:3.
11. He obeyed truth. John 8:32; I Cor. 13:6; I Pet. 1:22.
12. He reached cleansing blood. Col. 1:13.
13. Married man now. Rom. 7:4.

14. He became a wise man. Matt. 7:24.
15. He became an heir. Rom. 8:17.
16. He received right baptism. Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:5.
17. He got in the church Jesus built. Matt. 16:18.

THINGS I DON'T BELIEVE IN

1. Bossing the church members.
2. Bossing elders and leaders.
3. Accepting any heresy as truth. I Thess. 5:21.
4. Hearing a lot of gossip. James 2:9.
5. Holding up a Bible class with senseless questions.
6. Begging Christians to live right.
7. Making a display.
8. Flattery. Ps. 12:3.
9. Superstition. (Black cat, broken mirror, etc.)
10. One brother doing all the work. Phil. 2:12; I Cor. 15:58.
11. Running the members down to get them to live right. Phil. 2:5.
12. Preaching to suit the crowd.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Rom. 8:9

It's vitally important to have it; better than a million dollars. Means the mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5.

1. Let's examine his spirit toward his Father's will. Lk. 22:42; Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8.
2. Toward earthly parents.
3. Toward governmental affairs. Rom. 13:1.
4. Toward personal enemies. I Pet. 2:23.
Stephen had it. Acts 6.
Timothy. I Tim. 6:12.
5. Toward those in error. Matt. 15:9.
6. Toward the unbeliever. Mk. 16:16.

PREACHING WHAT YOU CAN'T PROVE

I Thess. 5:21

Many preachers are preaching what they can't prove.

1. "Man has nothing to do to be saved." Matt. 7:21; Acts 16:30; 2:40; Matt. 11:28; John 5:40; 1:4.
2. "Christians should keep Sabbath." Rom. 7:4-17; Col. 2:14; Rom. 8:1,2; 6:14.
3. "Baptism does not save." I Pet. 3:21; Acts 22:16; Mk. 16:16.
4. "Any way will do." Prov. 14:12; Jer. 6:16; Ps. 119:104; John 14:6; Isa. 35:8.
5. "Faith comes by prayer." Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:1; Acts 15:7; Isa. 1:15.
6. "Second chance." Heb. 9:27; Amos 4:12; Matt. 25:10.
7. "Universal salvation." Ps. 9:17; Acts 5:4; Rev. 21:8; Prov. 19:9.
8. "Saw God." I John 4:12; John 5:39; Col. 1:15; II Cor. 4:18.
9. "Christian can't fall." I Cor. 10:8; Gal. 5:4; I Cor. 10:12.
10. "Christ died for elect few." Heb. 2:9; John 3:16,17.
11. "God speaks verbally today." Heb. 1:1; Isa. 45:19.
12. "Future kingdom." Dan. 2:44; Mk. 9:1; Heb. 12:28; Col. 1:13.
13. "Christ built many churches." Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:18,24; Eph. 4:4; 1:22,23; I Cor. 12; Eph. 5:32.

WE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS

I Pet. 2:21

1. Man must forsake all to follow his steps. Matt. 16:24; Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:9.
2. Can't follow in disobedience. John 2:5; Heb. 5:9; Rom. 6:17; Matt. 7:24.
3. Can't keep looking back. Lk. 9:62.
Israel looked back. Ex. 16:3; John 6:68; Phil. 3:14.

4. We must look unto Jesus. Heb. 12:2.
To follow leader one must keep his eyes on him.
John 8:12; Matt. 4:19.
5. We must go forward. Ex. 14:15; Jer. 7:24; Matt. 26:39; Lk. 6:12.
Calls for a moving church. Advance progress.
6. Must follow by faith. II Cor. 5:7; Rom. 10:17; Matt. 8:8; 4:4.
7. Lead by his word. Ps. 119:105.
His word doesn't lead unto a man-made church,
unscriptural name, etc.

THE TRUTH CONDEMNS FALSE DOCTRINES

Jesus said in John 8:32 "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and in John 17:17 Jesus said "Thy word is truth." Friends, the truth is very important. It must be heard and obeyed. In Prov. 8:7 the Prophet said, "My mouth shall speak truth." In I Pet. 1:22 Peter said, "Seing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth." Friends, hearing about it is not enough. It must be obeyed. I Tim. 2:4 says, "Come unto the knowledge of the truth."

The truth frees but false doctrine condemns. In Col. 2:22 Paul said "Which all are to perish with the using, after the commandments and doctrines of men." Jesus said in Matt. 15:9, "But in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Friends, false doctrines are dangerous and should be avoided at all cost. They should be condemned, and the greatest thing in the world to condemn them with is the truth.

The greatest opponent of false doctrines is the truth, the sword of the Spirit. Paul said in Heb. 4:12 "That the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword."

The first thing that all men need to realize is "The word of the Lord is right." Ps. 33:4. Many things in the religious world are wrong but the word of the Lord is

right, so says the Bible. Another thing men need to realize is this: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. 3:16. The Bible says in Isa. 45:19, "I declare things that are right." Tit. 1:2 speaks about "God that cannot lie," and Heb. 6:18 says that "it was impossible for God to lie." Num. 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie."

Friends, with these undeniable facts before us, we will now proceed to show that the truth condemns false doctrines.

1. Many ways, or any way will do, is false doctrine and the truth condemns it.

In Jer. 32:39 God said, "I will give them one heart and one way," and in Prov. 14:12 Solomon said that "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death." King David said in Ps. 119:104, "I hate every false way." We read about Israel in Jud. 21:25, "In those day there was no king in Israel, every man did that which was right in his own eyes." King Solomon said in Prov. 21:2 that "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes." The Bible speaks about King Hezekiah in II Kings 18:3, "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." David said in Ps. 119:30, "I have chosen the way of truth."

Thomas asked the question in John 14:5, "How can we know the way?" Jesus answered in John 14:6, saying, "I am the way." In Jer. 21:8 the prophet said, "Thus said the Lord, Behold I set before you the way of life and the way of death." In Acts 16:17 Paul speaks of "The way of salvation." Jer. 17:6 says, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Prov. 12:15 says, "The way of the unwise is right in his own eyes." David speaks in Ps. 1:1 about "the way of sinners." Jeremiah speaks in Jer. 6:16 about "the good way." Prov. 13:15 says, "the way of the transgressor is hard." I Sam. 12:23 speaks of "the good and the right way." Isa. 30:21 says "this is the way, walk

ye in it." In Ps. 119:105 David said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet." When God led Israel in the long ago any way did not do. In Ex. 13:18 "But God led the people about through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea." Ezra 8:21 says, "A right way for us." In speaking about the strange woman, the Bible says in Prov. 7:27 that "her house is the way of hell." Ps. 146:9 speaks of "the way of the wicked." Matt. 7:13 points out the broad way that leadeth to destruction. In John 10:1 Jesus speaks of the person that "climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." In Lk. 10:31,32 the Priest and the Levite did not think any way would do. They "passed by on the other side."

In Acts 19:23 the Bible says that "There arose no small stir about that way." II Pet. 2:2 speaks about "the way of truth." II Pet. 2:15 says, "Which have forsaken the right way." II Pet. 2:21 speaks about "the way of righteousness." Isa. 55:7 says, "Let the wicked forsake his way." Isa. 55:8 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." Prov. 4:14 says, "Go not in the way of evil men." In II Kings 6:19 "Elisha said unto them, this is not the way, neither is this the city." In Acts 22:4 Paul said, "I persecuted this way unto the death." In Ps. 25:4 David said, "Shew me thy ways O Lord." Jer. 10:23 said, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Prov. 16:9 says, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." I Kings 8:36 says, "Teach them the good way wherein they should walk." Eph. 1:13 "ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation." Prov. 2:20, "Walk in the way of good men." Ezek. 33:14 says, "If the wicked turneth from his wickedness and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby."

2. The Manual, Catechism, Discipline, and all human creed books, are condemned by the truth of God.

The truth says in I Pet. 4:11, "Let him speak as the oracles of God." Ezek. 2:7 says, "Speak my words unto them." Acts 8:4 says, "They went everywhere preach-

ing the word." II Tim. 2:4 says, "Preach the word." I Cor. 4:6 says, "Not to go beyond that which is written." The prophet said in Num. 22:18, "I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord." Jesus said in Mk. 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Matt. 11:5 says, "The poor had the gospel preached unto them." The writer of Hebrews said in Heb. 4:2, "For unto us was the gospel preached." Paul said in Rom. 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation." In Phil. 1:17 Paul said, "I am set for the defence of the gospel." Lk. 11:28 says, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." Prov. 30:5 says, "Every word of God is pure."

The King asked Jeremiah, the preacher, what people ought to ask their preachers. In Jer. 37:17 he said, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Not from the Manual, Catechism, Creeds of men, or the Discipline.) Matt. 4:4 says "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." John 8:32 says, "the truth shall make you free." James 1:21 says "the ungrafted word which is able to save your soul." Matt. 12:36 says, "Every idle word that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." John 16:13 says "Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth." Friends, we need no new divine truth today. II Tim. 3:16 says "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II John 9 says, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." Prov. 30:6 says, "Add thou not unto his word."

Ps. 33:4 says, "the word of the Lord is right." James 3:14 says, "Lie not against the truth." Rev. 21:8 says, "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." In I Kings 22:16 the king told the man of God, "Tell me

nothing but that which is there." Rev. 22:19 says "if any man shall add." Paul spoke about "the word of truth." Col. 1:5. Paul said in Rom. 15:18 "To make the Gentiles obedient by word and deed." Ps. 119:130 says, "The entrance of thy word giveth light." In John 15:3 Jesus said, "Ye are clean through the word." I Pet. 1:22 says, "Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." James 1:18, "Of his own will begot he us with the word of truth." Acts 16:32 says "he spake unto him the word of the Lord." Ps. 19:7 says "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Acts 11:14 says, "Who shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." Phil. 2:16 says "the word of life." II Cor. 5:19 speaks of "the word of reconciliation."

Paul said in Gal. 4:30, "Nevertheless what said the scripture?" Lk. 8:11 declares, "The seed is the word of God." James 1:22 says, "Be ye doers of the word." James 1:25 speaks of "the perfect law of liberty." I John 2:5 says, "The words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him at the last day." Deut. 4:2 says, "Ye shall not add unto the word." II Thess. 3:14 says, "If any man obey not our word." I Thess. 2:13 says, "the truth, the word of God." Many preachers today do what Paul said in II Cor. 4:2: "Handle the word of God deceitfully." Isa. 40:8 says, "The word of our God shall stand forever." Mk. 13:31 says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." The Gentiles had also received "the word of God." Heb. 6:5 speaks about "The good word of God." John spoke in Rev. 20:4 about those who were "be-headed for the word of God."

Isa. 8:20 spoke about those who spoke "not according to this word." In Zech. 4:6 the Angel said, "This is the word of the Lord." Can you say the same about what you preach, preacher? David said in Ps. 119:41, "Salvation according to thy word." Ps. 119:160 says, "Thy word is true from the beginning." Jer. 23:28 says, "Let him speak my word faithfully." Jer. 23:22

says, "Caused my people to hear my words." Paul didn't speak the creeds of men, he said in Acts 26:25 "but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." John 3:34 says "He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God." People don't need the creeds of men in them but God's word. Jesus said in John 15:7, "My word abide in you." Ps. 119:103 says, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste. Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Ps. 19:10 says, "Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Acts 13:42 says, "The Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath." Notice, Acts 20:32 says "the word of his grace."

God said in Jer. 23:32, "And cause my people to err by their lies." God said also in Jer. 23:36, "Ye have perverted the words of the living God." Jer. 1:17 says, "Arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee." Jonah 3:2 says, "preach unto it (Nineveh) the preaching that I bid thee." Jesus condemned those lawyers in Lk. 11:52, "Woe unto you lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge." Amos 8:11 says, "Behold the days come . . . not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Ps. 119:11 says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart." Rom. 2:2 says, "The judgment of God is according to truth." II Tim. 3:7 speaks about "The knowledge of the truth." Acts 15:35 says, "Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch teaching and preaching the word of God."

3. Footwashing in church service is false doctrine, and the truth condemns it.

In II Sam. 11:8 David said to Uriah, "Go down to thy house and wash thy feet." In John 13:5, "Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet." (This was given by example. Verse 15 says, "I have given you an example.") Jesus washed their feet to cleanse them. Gen. 18:4 says, "Let a little water I pray you be fetched, and wash your feet." Gen. 19:2 says, "My Lord turn in, I pray you into your servants house and tarry all night, and wash your feet." In Gen. 24:32 we read: "The man

came into the house . . . and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him." Gen. 43:24 says, "And the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet." Ex. 30:19 says, "Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet." Ex. 40:31 says, "And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet." Jud. 19:21 reads, "So he brought him into his house . . . and they washed their feet." I Sam. 25:41 says, "Let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my Lord." Lk. 7:44 says, "She hath washed my feet with tears."

Ps. 58:10 says, "He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked." Song of Solomon says, "I have washed my feet." Friends, nearly every case of feet washing took place in the house and not in worship service. The Bible says in I Tim. 5:9,10, "Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore, having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works, if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints feet." Friends, not one of these acts were done by this widow in church service.

4. The truth condemns the false idea that of a preacher being called Reverend, The Right Reverend, the Pastor, the Presiding Elder, or the Moderator, etc.

The Bible condemns this practice because in Ps. 111:9 David said, "Holy and reverend is his name." Friends, this applies to God and not man. Preachers of today need to do what James and Peter said in James 4:10, "Humble yourselves," and I Pet. 5:6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." Eph. 5:24 says that "the church is subject to Christ." Not to be a presiding Elder. To justify themselves for being called Reverend, the Denominational preachers claim that when people call them Reverend that they are being given honor. Friends, I believe that is too much honor for man. I Chron. 16:29 says, "Give unto the Lord the

glory due unto his name." The Bible says in Ex. 20:7, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Ps. 139:20 says, "Thine enemies take thy name in vain."

II Tim. 1:11 says, "I am appointed a preacher." Lk. 20:25 says, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's." II Pet. 3:15 reads, "Our beloved brother Paul." (Not Reverend Paul, but brother Paul.) Phile. 1:1 says, "Timoth our brother." (Not Timothy, our Pastor.) Jesus said in Matt. 23:8, "All ye are brethren." In II Tim. 4:5 Paul wrote to Timothy, and told him to "do the work of an evangelist." We read in Acts 21:8 about "Philip the evangelist."

No where in the Bible can we find such expressions as "Reverend Peter," "Reverend Paul," "The Right Reverend James," or "Reverend Jesus." Neither does the Bible say anything about "the mother of the church." Gal. 4:26 says, "But Jerusalem which is above is free which is the mother of us all." In Col. 1:23 Paul said, "I Paul am made a minister," but never was he a Reverend. In I Tim. 2:7 Paul said, "I am ordained a preacher." Prov. 10:21 says, "The pastors are become brutish." David said in Ps. 118:8, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men."

5. Getting religion is false doctrine.

The Bible speaks of the "Jews religion" twice in Gal. 1:13,14, of "our religion" in Acts 26:5, "vain religion" in James 1:26, and last but not least, "Pure and undefiled religion." James 1:27. But in none of these verses is it anything to get, but rather something one does. In Col. 3:17 Paul said, "Whatsoever you do." Solomon said what to get in Prov. 4:7. He said "Get understanding." In Acts 2:37 on the day of Pentecost those sinners didn't ask, "What shall we get?" but "What shall we do?" The Jailor asked a question that should be asked by all sinners the world over. He said or rather asked in Acts 16:30, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul

asked the Lord in Acts 9:6, "What wilt thou have me to do?" When a preacher preaches that men should get religion he is going "beyond that which is written." I Cor. 4:6. He is also "handling the word of God deceitfully." II Cor. 4:2. Isa. 13:9 says, "he shall destroy the sinners." Prov. 19:9 says, "he that speaketh lies shall perish."

6. The doctrine of sinners praying for pardon at the mourner's bench is false doctrine.

In I Tim. 1:15 Paul calls himself "the chief of sinners," and I want you to know friends that God did not save the chief of sinners by prayers, and he is not saving any other sinner by prayer. The Bible says in Acts 10:34 that "God is no respecter of persons." Rom. 2:11 says, "for there is no respect of persons with God." In speaking about Paul, who considered himself the chief of sinners, the Bible says in Acts 9:11, "Behold he prayeth," but in Acts 22:16 Ananias said unto Paul, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins." As good as Cornelius was, he could not pray his sins away. He was told to send for Peter who would tell him "words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." Friends, prayers won't get the job done, short of obedience. Prov. 28:9 says, "He that turneth away his ears from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be abomination." David said in Ps. 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."

Prov. 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." Isa. 1:15 says, "When ye make many prayers I will not hear." Jesus said in Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." I Pet. 3:12 says, "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man (not a sinner man) availeth much."

I John 3:22 says, "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 5:14

says, "If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." Isa. 59:2 says, "Your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear." James 1:6 says, "But let him ask in faith." Jesus did not say he that believeth and is praying shall be saved, but "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mk. 16:16. In John 9:31 the Bible says, "God heareth not sinners."

7. The false doctrine of the church praying for sinners to be saved without baptism is fearfully condemned by the truth.

The Bible says in Rom. 1:16 that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation." I Cor. 1:21 says, "Preaching to save them that believe." Matt. 11:5 says, "The poor have the gospel preached to them." God told Ezekiel in Ezek. 2:7, "Preach my word unto them." James 1:21 says "receive with meekness the engrafted word." (Not prayers of the church.)

Paul said in I Tim. 3:15, "The church is the pillar and ground of the truth." John 8:32 says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." In Acts 2:41 Luke said, "They that gladly receive his word (not prayer) were baptized." Acts 8:4 says, "They went every where preaching the word." (Not praying for sinners.) Jesus said in Mk. 4:14 a sower went forth to sow. (Not to pray for sinners.)

8. The doctrine of many faiths is false and is condemned by the truth.

In Eph. 4:5 Paul said, "One faith," and there is not a single verse in the entire Bible that will contradict it. I Pet. 5:9 says, "They have erred from the faith." Acts 16:5 says, "The churches established in the faith." Jude 1:20 says "the most Holy faith." Jude 3 says, "Earnestly contend for the faith." Tit. 1:13 says, "sound in the faith." I Tim. 6:12 says, "Fight the good fight of faith." I Tim. 5:8 reads, "He hath denied the faith." Acts 14:22 says, "Exhorting them to continue in the faith." James 2:1 says, "Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ the Lord of glory, with respect of persons."

II Cor. 13:5 says, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." Acts 6:7 says, "A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." I Tim. 4:1 states, "Some shall depart from the faith." II Tim. 2:18 says, "Overthrow the faith of some." II Pet. 1:1 speaks of "like precious faith." Gal. 1:23 says that Paul preached "the faith which once he destroyed." Acts 24:24 says Felix sent for Paul and heard him "concerning the faith."

Rom. 14:1 speaks of "him that is weak in the faith." In Gal. 2:20 Paul said, "I live by the faith of the Son of God." Eph. 4:13 speaks of "the unity of the faith." In II Tim. 4:7 Paul said, "I have kept faith." Acts 2:44 says, "All that believe were together." If all religious people obeyed the one faith they too will all be together. Heb. 12:1 says, "Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." I John 5:4 says "This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith."

9. "There is nothing in a name" is a false doctrine and the truth emphatically condemns it.

In Ex. 33:17 God said to Moses, "I know thee by name." Isa. 43:1 says, "I have called thee by thy name." In Ex. 20:24 God said, "In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee." In Gen. 11:4 we read, "Let us make us a name." And friends, men have been making names for themselves, their churches, and religious organizations ever since. But in Phil. 2:9 Paul said, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name." In Gen. 5:2 in speaking about Adam and Eve the Bible says, "Called their names Adam." In Gen. 17:5 God said, "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham." In Gen. 17:15 the record says, "And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be." In Gen. 35:10 God said unto Jacob, "Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: And he called his name Israel."

Jesus said in John 14:14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Matt. 1:21 says, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." I John 2:12 says, "Your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake." II Tim. 2:19 states, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Acts 4:12 reads that "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 8:16 says, "They were baptized in the name of the Lord." Acts 19:5 declares, "They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." The Bible says in John 1:12, "To them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 20:31 says, "That believing ye might have life through his name."

Acts 15:26 says Barnabas and Paul were "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In Acts 21:13 Paul said, "I am ready not to be bound only but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of Christ." I Cor. 6:11 says, "Ye are justified in the name of the Lord and by the Spirit of our God." In 9:16 the Lord told Paul that "he must suffer for my name's sake." In Lk. 10:20 Jesus said, "But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Phil. 4:3 says, "Whose names are in the book of life." Rev. 20:15 says, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Acts 2:38 reads, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." John 3:18 says, "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God." Col. 3:17 says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord."

God named a certain street so Ananias could find Saul. In Acts 9:11, "The Lord said, Arise and go into the street which is called straight." Prov. 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." Job said in

Job 1:21, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Jer. 27:15 says, "They prophesy a lie in my name."

Prov. 22:1 says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." The Bible says that the Apostles were "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 5:41. Jesus said to his apostles in Mk. 16:17, "In my name shall they cast out devils." In teaching his disciples to pray, Jesus said in Matt. 6:9, "After this manner therefore pray ye our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." In Matt. 10:22 Jesus told his disciples, saying, "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." God said in Isa. 56:5, "Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off." Isa. 62:2 says, "And thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Acts 11:26 tells us, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 26:28 says, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." I Pet. 4:16 reads, "If any man suffer as a Christian." I John 3:23 says, "Believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ."

Heb. 1:4 says "he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." Acts 19:5 reads, "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 2:21 says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Paul said in Eph. 3:14,15, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Matt. 12:21 says, "And in his name shall the Gentiles trust." In II Sam. 18:18 the Bible tells how Absalom said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." Rom. 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." John 10:3 says, "He calleth his own sheep by name." In Isa. 43:1 God said unto Israel, "I have called thee by thy name." Paul asked the Corinthians a question in I Cor. 1:13, "Were ye

baptized in the name of Paul?" Jesus said in Lk. 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." Isa. 9:6 says, "And his name shall be called wonderful." I Cor. 6:11 says, "Ye are justified in the name of the Lord." Acts 5:40 tells us, "They commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus." Rom. 15:9 says, "Sing unto thy name."

I John 5:14 says, "That if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." I Pet. 4:14 declares, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ happy are ye." In Acts 5:28, the high priest asks them, "Saying, did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name." Friends, if there was nothing in a name, we could not baptize people because Jesus said in Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." If there was nothing in a name we could baptize people in Herod's name, or Pilate's name. In Acts 3:6 Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." In Gen. 32:27 the angel said unto Jacob, "What is thy name?" And he said "Jacob." Ps. 23:3 says, "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Martin Luther said, "I pray you leave my name alone." Spurgeon said, "I hope the Baptist name will soon perish." A. J. Gordon said, "They were divinely called Christians." Acts 11:26. James 2:7 said they blaspheme that worthy name. John 16:23, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name he will give it you." II Chron. 7:14 tells us, "My people which are called by my name."

10. Sprinkling and pouring for baptism is false doctrine.

Rom. 6:4 says, "We are buried with him by baptism." Friends, if you haven't been buried you have not been with him. Col. 2:12 says, "Buried with him in baptism." John 3:23 reveals that "John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim because there was much water

there. And they came (John didn't bring the water to them) and were baptized." Heb. 10:22 says "our bodies are washed with pure water." Instead of staying down to be sprinkled, the Bible says in Acts 9:18 that Paul "Arose and was baptized."

Gen. 23:4 says in speaking about Abraham, "Abraham said give me a possession of a burying place with you (Why Abraham?) that I may bury (not sprinkle) my dead out of my sight." Friends, when you were buried in baptism were you buried out of sight? In Acts 8:38 the Bible says, "They went down both into the water, both into the water, both Phillip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him." Friends, did you and the preachers both go into the water like Phillip and Eunuch, if not you have not been baptized yet.

11. Infant baptism is false doctrine.

In Matt. 28:19 Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them." Friends, the person who is incapable of receiving teaching is also incapable of receiving scriptural baptism. Heb. 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe." Rom. 10:17 says, "Faith cometh by hearing." Rom. 14:23 declares, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Acts 18:8 says, "Many of the Corinthians, hearing believed and were baptized." Before Cornelius was baptized he had to hear words. Acts 11:14. John 6:45 tells us, "They shall be all taught of God." Isa. 28:9 says, "Whom shall he teach knowledge and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Acts 2:41 says, "They that gladly receive his word were baptized." Acts 4:4 says, "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed." In Acts 16:30 the Jailor, who was a grown man asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

The Eunuch was baptized but he was a man. Acts 8:27 says a man of Ethiopia. The Bible speaks about Lydia being baptized but she was a woman. Acts 16:14 says, "And a certain woman named Lydia." Acts 16:15

says "she was baptized." Saul of Tarsus was baptized, because Acts 9:18 says he arose and was baptized, but don't forget friend, Saul was a man. Acts 7:58 the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. Acts 4:4 says, "The number of the men was about five thousand." A baby doesn't make the confession. Rom. 10:10 says for "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." The Eunuch confessed with his mouth in Acts 8:37 by saying "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." The Bible says in Acts 8:12, "They were baptized both men and women." Jesus said in John 3:5, "Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14 says of such (little children) is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus didn't sprinkle infants in Lk. 18:15 where the Bible says, "They brought unto him also infants that (here is the reason) he would touch them." Those men on Pentecost in Acts 2:38 were told to "repent and be baptized." And a baby can't repent of sins. Acts 17:30 says "commanded all men (not babies) every where to repent." In Acts 3:19 Peter told his audience to "repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." Friends, sinners are told to repent and not little innocent babies. In Ps. 51:13 David said "sinners shall be converted." James 5:20 says, "he which converteth the sinner." Jesus said in Lk. 5:32, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." So we see from these verses that sinners need to repent and be converted, and not babies. A good question to ask yourself is found in Mic. 6:7, will the Lord be pleased?

12. God can be seen by man is a false doctrine to the core and the truth condemns it.

In John 1:18, "No man hath seen God at any time." Ex. 33:20, God said, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me and live." Notice what Manoah said unto his wife in Jud. 13:22 we shall surely die, because we have seen God. Col. 1:15 says "the in-

visible God." In John 5:37 Jesus said, "Ye have neither heard this voice at any time nor seen his shape." Paul was speaking about God, when he said in I Tim. 6:16, "Whom no man hath seen, nor can see." Deut. 4:12 says, "And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice."

John 6:46 says, "Not that any man hath seen the Father." II Cor. 4:18 says, "The things which are not seen are eternal." Deut. 33:27 says, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Friends, get your heart pure and you will see him. Matt. 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." II Cor. 5:7 says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." Heb. 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Rom. 8:24 says, "But hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"

13. God speaks to man today is false doctrine.

The Bible says in Heb. 1:1, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." Verse 2 says, "Hath in the last days spoken unto us by his son." In Ex. 20:19, the children of Israel said unto Moses, "Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us lest we die." In Isa. 45:19 God says, "I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth." Prov. 19:9 says, "He that speaketh lies shall perish."

14. Six month probation is false doctrine.

It has the sinner waiting, when Jesus is saying in Matt. 11:28, "Come." The truth condemns it in Rev. 22:17. "The Spirit and the bride say come, and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst come." Prov. 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." James 4:13,14 says, "Go to now, ye that say, To day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain. Whereas ye know not what shall be on tomorrow." Isaac said in Gen. 27:2,

"I know not the day of my death." The Jailor didn't wait. The Bible says in Acts 16:33 he "was baptized, he and all his straightway." Acts 16:33 says the same hour of the night. II Cor. 6:2 says, "Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation." Eccl. 9:10 says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest."

15. Lord's Supper once a month, quarterly, annually, etc., is a false doctrine.

That is exactly what it is, and the truth condemns it. In Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread." Every week has a first day. If you come across a week that does not have a first day, don't take it. Every month has first days of the week in it. Some have four first days and some have five first days, but regardless of how many first days of the week a month has, the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:20) must be taken. When the Bible says the first day of the week it means every first day of every week. Like when the president declared that the post-office would be closed on the fourth of July, he meant every fourth of July. The only people who can scripturally break bread are those who are in the church of Christ that began on Pentecost. Acts 2:42 says, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

16. Christ died for the elect few is false doctrine if there ever was one.

The truth condemns it. In Heb. 2:9, Christ tasted death for every man. Acts 10:34 says, "God is no respecter of persons." Rom. 2:11 states, "For there is no respect of persons with God." I Tim. 2:6, Christ "who gave himself a ransom for all." II Cor. 5:15 says, "that he died for all." Jesus said in Matt. 26:28, "This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." The angel said in Lk. 2:10,

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

I Cor. 15:3, Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." Rom. 5:6 says Christ died for the ungodly. John 3:16 says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son." I John 2:2 says "he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

John 3:17 says "that the world through him might be saved." Christ died that the Jew and Gentile might be fellow heirs of the same body. Eph. 3:6 says, "That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same God." Eph. 4:4 says, "one body."

17. Sincerity is all God requires, is false doctrine.

Josh. 24:14 says, "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in truth." John 4:24 says that "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Cornelius was no doubt sincere, but Acts 11:14 says that he had to hear "words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." Paul spoke about some in Acts 10:2 who "have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." Paul no doubt was sincere when Luke wrote what he did in Acts 26:9, "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Paul said in Acts 23:1 "I have lied in all good conscience before God this day." Many wicked people are sincere, but David said in Ps. 7:11 that "God is angry with the wicked every day." Many are sincere, who don't know the scriptures. Jesus said in Matt. 22:29, "Ye do err, not knowing the scripture." Many are sincere in teaching doctrines of men. Matt. 15:9 says, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

18. Dancing in church service is false doctrine and is worldly.

We read in I John 2:15, "Love not the world." Rom. 12:2 says "be not conformed to this world." James 4:4 says, "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the

world is the enemy of God." That was Israel's trouble; they said in I Sam. 8:5 "make us a king to judge us like all the nations." Eph. 5:11 says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Eccl. 5:1 states, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God."

Under the Law of Moses we learn from Ps. 150:4, "Praise him with the timbrel and dance. Praise him with stringed instruments and organs." Rom. 3:14 says, "Now we know that what things soever the law saith it saith to them who are under the law."

19. Shouting as practiced today among the denominations is a false doctrine.

James 1:21 says, "Receive with meekness (not shouting). God isn't deaf. Rom. 14:23 says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

20. Annihilation is false doctrine.

The truth condemns it in Eccl. 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Lk. 24:39 says, "A spirit hath not flesh and bones." Matt. 25:41 says, "Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire."

Matt. 25:46 says, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment. II Thess. 1:9 declares, "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction." Mk. 9:44 tells us, "Where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Mk. 9:45, cast "into the fire that never shall be quenched." Rev. 20:10 says "the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." This for ever and ever will last as long as God shall live because Rev. 5:7 says "God, who liveth for ever and ever." Ps. 22:26 says "your heart shall live forever." John 15:6 says "And cast them into the fire and they are burned." Matt. 13:42, "And shall be cast into a furnace of fire." Rev. 20:15 says, "Cast into the lake of fire." II Pet. 2:9 says to reserve the unjust unto the day of Judgement to be punished. Friends, not to be annihilated.

21. Man is all flesh and all false doctrine.

This is so because Dan. 7:15 says, "I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body." Zech. 12:1 states, the Lord "formeth the spirit of man within him." Rom. 8:11 says "Your mortal body (never mortal soul). II Cor. 5:1 says, "If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, and house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Eccl. 12:7 speaks of the dust returning to the earth as it was and the spirit returning unto God who gave it. Gen. 2:7 says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

James 2:26 tells us that "the body without the spirit is dead." II Cor. 4:16 says, "but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed by day." II Cor. 7:1 says, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." Micah 6:7 speaks of "the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul."

Matt. 10:28 says, "Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." I Cor. 15:44 states that, "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." Isa. 38:16 says "in all these things is the life of my spirit." Jesus said in Lk. 23:46, "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Paul said in Phil. 1:23,24, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ: which is far better: nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." I Cor. 2:11 says, "for what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him." II Cor. 5:6 says, "Whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord." Peter said in II Pet. 1:14, "I must put off this my tabernacle." I Thess. 5:23 says, "I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 17:29, "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God." Heb. 12:9 says God is the "Father of

spirits." Isa. 38:16 says, "In all these things is the life of my spirit." Lk. 21:19 says "in your patience possess ye your souls." Rev. 20:4 says, "I saw the souls of them." Ezek. 18:4, "the soul that sinneth." Paul says in I Tim 6:16, "Who (God) only hath immortality." Rom. 6:23 states, "The gift of God is eternal life." Friends, all Christians, according to Rom. 2:7, seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life. Lk. 20:36 says, "neither can they die any more." Num. 16:22 says, "The God of the spirits of all flesh."

22. Close communion is false doctrine.

I Cor. 11:28 says, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." Acts 20:7 states, "The disciples came together to break bread." Remember Eph. 5:24, the "church is subject to Christ."

23. Join the church is false doctrine.

Acts 2:47 says the Lord added to the church. Acts 2:41 says, "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 11:24 says "much people was added unto the Lord." Acts 5:14 says and believers were the more added to the Lord. In Acts 8:29, "The Spirit said unto Phillip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot." (But never is anyone to join the church.)

24. Sinner called upon to tell a Christian experience is false doctrine.

This is true because a man is not a Christian until he gets into Christ. II Cor. 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (and not until then). Paul did not tell the sinner to tell a Christian experience, but rather said this in II Cor. 5:11, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." In Acts 26:28, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (not to tell a Christian experience).

25. Peter did not have a wife is false doctrine.

I Cor. 9:5 says, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife as well as other apostles, and as the

brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?" Peter had a mother-in-law too because Mk. 1:30 says, "But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever."

26. A sanctified or saved person can't sin is a false doctrine.

I Cor. 1:2 says, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." To the same people Paul wrote in I Cor. 3:3, "Ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions. Are ye not carnal and walk as men?" Again Paul wrote in I Cor. 5:1: "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you." Rom. 3:23 says, "We have all sinned." Rom. 6:12 says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body." I Cor. 6:18 says, "He that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." Mic. 6:7 says "the sin of my soul."

Friends, even angels sinned. II Pet. 2:4 says, "God spared not the angels that sinned." Ezek. 18:20 says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Acts 1:25 says, "Judas by transgression fell." II Chron. 15:2, "If ye forsake him, he will forsake you." Rom. 8:13, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die." Acts 8:22 says, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness."

Some say the sheep can't be lost but the Bible says in Lk. 15:6, "My sheep which was lost." Some say once in Christ never out but John 15:4 says except (a condition) ye abide in me." John 15:6 says, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch . . . and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." II Pet. 1:10 says, "If ye do these things ye shall never fall." (A condition.) Daniel, a child of God, said in Dan. 9:20, "And whiles I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin." I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Rev. 2:5 says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen." I John 3:9 states, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin because he is born of God." Friends, the word cannot, does not, mean that it is impossible for a

child of God to sin because Gen. 44:22 says "the lad cannot leave his father for if (a condition) he should leave his father his father would die." But friend, he did leave. Gen. 45:14 says, "He (Joseph) fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept."

Heb. 12:1 says, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us." James 4:17 says, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not to him it is sin." Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." I Kings 8:46 says, "There is no man that sinneth not." Eccl. 7:20 says, "For there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not." I John 1:8 states, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Paul said to sanctified people in II Cor. 7:1, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit." I Tim. 5:15 says, "For some have already turned aside after Satan." Rev. 21:8 says all liars shall have their part in the lake.

27. A child of God can't fall is false doctrine.

Paul was speaking about God's children in I Cor. 10:8. He says they "fell in one day three and twenty thousand." I Cor. 10:12 says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Jude 21 says, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." God said of his people in Num. 14:12, "I will smite them and disinheret them." Gal. 5:4 states, "Ye are fallen from grace." Eph. 2:8 explains, "By grace are ye saved." Jesus was stating a possibility in John 8:21, "Ye shall die in your sins." Another possibility in Heb. 10:26, "If we sin wilfully." Lk. 8:13 says, "For awhile and in time of temptation fall away." I Tim. 1:19 says concerning faith have made shipwreck. I Tim. 4:1, some shall depart from the faith. I Tim. 5:12 says having damnation because they have cast off their first faith. II Tim. 2:18 says concerning the truth have erred saying that the resurrection is passed already and overthrown the faith of some. Rev. 2:5 says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen." Rev. 2:10, "Be thou

faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." II Pet. 2:15 says which have forsaken the right way. II Pet. 3:17 says, "Full from your own steadfastness." Rom. 11:22 says, "On them which fell severity."

Gal. 6:8 says, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Paul expresses a possibility in Heb. 6:6, "If they shall fall away." Another possibility expressed in Gal. 6:9 if we faint not. John 6:66 says, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." Peter says in II Pet. 2:21 about turning "from the holy commandments." Rev. 22:14 states, "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." James 5:19 says, "Brethren if any of you do err from the truth."

II Pet. 1:10 says, "If ye do these things ye shall never fall." Heb. 12:15 says, "looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God." Acts 1:25 says, "Judas by transgression fell." Paul spoke in I Tim. 6:21 about some who had "erred concerning the faith." We are warned in I Cor. 10:8, "Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed." David a king and a child of God fell by committing murder. II Sam. 1.

Jer. 2:32, "Ye (Israel) have forgotten me." Ps. 9:17 says "shall be turned into hell." Jer. 3:8 says, "Backsliding Israel committed adultery." Isa. 24:5 says, "broken the everlasting covenant." James 5:12 says, "Lest ye fall into condemnation." I Cor. 8:11, "Weak brother perish." Lk. 15:6 says, "I have found my sheep which was lost." Heb. 12:15 says, "Lest any man fail of the grace of God." Heb. 3:12 speaks of "departing from the living God." Heb. 10:29 says, "Hath done despite unto the spirit of grace." Heb. 10:31 says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

28. Babies born in sin is false doctrine.

In the Bible we are told that sin is committed. John 8:34 says "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of

sin." (A baby can't commit sin.) Ps. 51:5 is often misunderstood. David said in Ps. 51:5, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me." Friend, David said nothing about himself committing sin in this verse, and to teach such is to add to the word of God. I John 3:4 says "sin is the transgression of the law." Friends, there is no law for a baby to transgress. Rom. 14:15 says, "Where no law is, there is no transgression." Many believe and teach that infants are totally depraved, and wholly corrupt. But there is only one thing wrong with such teaching, it is just not true that's all.

29. Eternal life now is false doctrine.

This is so because the Bible says in Matt. 10:30, "In the world to come eternal." I John 2:25 says the Christians "he hath promised us, even eternal life." Gal. 6:8 states, "But he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." I Tim. 6:19 says, "That they may lay hold on eternal life." Tit. 3:7 says, "We should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." I Tim. 6:12 states, "Having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." John 5:29 speaks about the resurrection of life. Matt. 25:46 says, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." Tit. 1:2, "In hope of eternal life." Matt. 19:16 says, "What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life."

30. No Heaven theory, but remain on earth, is false doctrine.

The Bible says about Jesus in Mk. 16:19 "He was received into heaven and sat on the right hand of God." Acts 1:11 says, "Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up in heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." In Acts 7:55 Stephen "looked up steadfastly into heaven" and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Heb. 9:24 says Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands which are the figures of the

true, but into heaven itself. The Bible speaks in I Pet. 3:22 about Jesus Christ "who is gone into heaven." Peter speaks about the earth in II Pet. 3:10: "The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Friends, there is not a verse in the Bible that will contradict the fact that the earth shall be burned up. Some people believe Eccl. 1:4 contradicts it but it does not. It says in Eccl. 1:4 that one generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever. Friends, forever is used in the sense of never ending, because Ex. 31:17 says "it is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever." Friends, this came to an end.

31. Premillennialism is false doctrine.

It is because in the first place the Bible does not even mention the word. It is based upon a false conception of Rev. 20. This false doctrine teaches that Christ is not yet reigning but Peter said in Acts 2:30,31 that God had sworn with an oath to him (David) that of the fruit of his loins. According to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this before spoken of the resurrection of Christ. Acts 2:33 says, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost." The Bible tells us that no man of the seed of Coniah or Jeconiah would ever prosper. Jer. 22:30, "Setting upon the throne of David and ruling anymore in Judah." According to Matt. 1:12 and Lk. 3:27 Christ was of the seed of Jeconiah through Salathiel. I Chron. 3:17. Therefore it would be impossible for Christ to sit on David's literal throne in Judah. According to Ps. 89:35,37 David's throne is in heaven. According to Ps. 11:4 the Lord's throne is in heaven. Lk. 1:32 says the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David. I Kings 2:12 says, "Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father." I Chron. 29:23 says, "Then Solomon sat upon the throne of the Lord as King instead of David his father."

Let's try a little syllogism:

1. Zech. 6:13: Christ was to sit on David's throne.
2. Acts 2:30; Col. 3:1: Christ is now sitting.
3. Therefore, he is now on his throne.
1. Zech. 6:13: Christ was to rule upon his throne.
2. Rom. 15:12,13: Christ is now ruling.
3. Therefore, Christ is now ruling on his throne.
1. Zech. 6:13: Christ was to be a priest on his throne.
2. Heb. 4:14: Christ is now a priest.
3. Therefore, Christ is now on his throne.
1. Jer. 23:5: Christ was to reign as king.
2. I Cor. 15:24,25: Christ is now reigning.
3. Therefore, Christ is now king on his throne.

Friends, if Christ is not now reigning he has no kingdom. John said in Rev. 1:9, "I John . . . in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." Col. 1:13, "Translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." Jesus said in Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me." Paul said in I Cor. 15:23,26, "For he must reign." I Cor. 15:23 says, "He shall have delivered up the kingdom of God." Pre-millennialists claim that the kingdom was postponed.

32. Sinners can do nothing to be saved is false doctrine.

We know this because the Bible says in Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Eph. 5:17 says, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Lk. 6:46 says, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." Acts 2:37 states, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 9:6, "What will thou have me to do?" Acts 16:30, "What must I do to be saved?" Rev. 22:14 says, "Blessed are they that do his commandments." Paul speaks in Rom. 16:26: "Of" the obedience of faith. James 2:24 says "by works a man is justified and not by faith only." James 2:26 says, "Faith without works is dead." James speaks in James 1:25 about "a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds." II Pet. 1:10 says "if ye do these things." In speaking

about old Father Abraham God said in Gen. 22:18 "thou hast obeyed my voice." Heb. 5:9 says "he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Rom. 6:17 says "Ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine." Col. 3:17 says, "Whatsoever ye do." Eccl. 9:10 "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Peter said in Acts 5:29 "We ought to obey God rather than men (some people don't know the difference).

In Lk. 17:10 Jesus said "when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." John 8:12 says "he that followeth me." Jesus said in John 8:29, "I do always those things that please him." Rom. 15:3 says, "Not my (Christ's) will, but thine be done." Rev. 22:17 says "let him take the water of life freely." Eccl. 12:13 says, "Fear God, and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man." Matt. 20:2 says "he sent them into his vineyard." John 14:15, "If ye love me keep my commandments." I John 5:3 says "this is the love of God that ye do his commandments." John 15:14, "Ye are my friend if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." Mic. 6:8 says, "But to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Gen. 5:24 says Enoch walked with God: and he was not, for God took him." John 13:17 says, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." Lev. 8:5 says, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done." James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not to him it is sin."

Matt. 21:28, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." John 6:28 says, "What shall we do, that we might work the work of God?" John 6:29 says, "This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Num. 23:26 says, "All that the Lord speaketh, that I must." Josh. 24:15, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Peter said in I Pet. 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." Jer.

7:23 says, "Obey my voice, and I will be your God." Ps. 143:10, "Teach us to do they will." Rom. 1:5 speaks of the "Obedience to the faith among all nations." Matt. 19:16 says, "What good thing shall I do?"

33. It is false doctrine to teach that all churches are scriptural and right.

The Bible speaks of two scriptural churches. Acts 7:38 says, "This is he (Moses) that was in the church in the wilderness. This church was composed of Israelites or Hebrews. It was for one nation. In speaking about the church that Christ would build Isaiah said in Isa. 2:2, "All nations shall flow into it." Ps. 127:1 says, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." Zech. 6:12 says, "I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies my house shall be built in it." Zech. 6:12 states, "Behold the man whose name is the Branch, and he shall grow up out of his place, And he shall build the temple of the Lord." Jer. 23:5 says, "I will raise unto David a righteous branch." Isa. 53:2 says, "he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground." Rev. 22:16 declares, "I am the root and the offspring of David." Song of Solomon 2:1 says, "I am the rose of Sharon."

Dan. 2:44 says, "In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom." Isa. 28:16 states, "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." Jesus fulfilled the predictions of the prophets when he said in Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Eph. 1:22,23 says, "the head over all things to church which is his body." Eph. 4:4, "There is one body." I Cor. 12:20 says, "But one body." Col. 3:15 says, "called in one body." Eph. 2:16 says "reconcile both unto God in one body." Eph. 2:20 says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." I Cor. 3:11 says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ. Col. 1:18 says, "he is the head of the body the church." Col. 1:24 says

"for his body's sake, which is the church." Acts 20:28 states "to feed the church of God."

Eph. 5:25 says, "Christ also loved the church." Eph. 5:24, "the church is subject to Christ." I Tim. 3:15 says "the house of God which is the church of the living God. II John 9 says, "I wrote unto the church." Friends, such a letter would not reach a denomination. Friends, the expression in Rom. 16:16 "the churches of Christ" means the churches belonging to Christ. For example, Acts 16:15 Lydia said, "Come into my house." What did she mean? Let's move on down to Acts 16:40: "And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia." So we see the expression, "My house," meant the house of Lydia, or the house belonging to Lydia. Just like the expression in Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church," means the church of Christ or the church belonging to Christ. Col. 1:13 says "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." Everybody knows according to Matt. 16:19 that the kingdom is the church and everybody knows that the dear son of God is Christ. Therefore, we have it the kingdom of his dear son or the church of Christ, and we cannot deny it.

34. Masonry is a religious order and therefore unscriptural.

MASONRY

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Through the years one of the big problems that has caused a great deal of stir is the question, "Can a Christian be a Mason?" Many contend that one cannot be. Others affirm to the very last that he can. What is the real answer to this question?

The reason many people take the stand that they do is because they do not know what Masonry is. There are others who know better but refuse to do better. I once knew a member of the church who was a Mason and I do believe that if he had been made to choose

between the two he would have chosen Masonry over the church.

What is Masonry? Freemasonry as it exists today dates back to the year 1717, but the origin of the doctrine itself came out of the Jewish Kabala. "The Mystical philosophy or theosophy of the Jews is called the Kabala. But in the more limited acceptation, in which it is intimately connected with the symbolic science of Freemasonry, the Kabala may be defined as a system of philosophy which embraces certain mystical interpretations of scripture, and metaphysical speculations concerning the DEITY." (Mackey's Encyclopedia, pp. 439-442.)

The God of Masonry is "En Soph, which is the light, emanating from the sun. That's why the Worshipful Master sits in the East of the Lodge Hall; he is the LIGHT of the Lodge."

It is said that one must have the Masonic Light to understand the Bible. I quote the following from one of their books: "The Holy Kabala, or tradition of the children of Seth, was carried from Chaldea by Abraham, taught to the Egyptian priesthood by Joseph, recovered and purified by Moses, concealed under symbols in the Bible, revealed by the Savior to Saint John, and contained, entire, under hieratic figures analogous to those of all antiquity, in the Apocalypse of the Apostle—The Kabalists consider God as the Intelligent Animating Living Infinite."

Since the Bible is incomplete according to Masonry, they claim that only Masonry can lead men to true worship. Listen to a statement taken from one of them, "We assert, with BOLD confidence, that Masonry was instituted by God's appointment, to lead the minds of men to the TRUE WORSHIP." (The History of Freemasonry, and Masonic Digest, by J. W. S. Mitchell, pp. 252-254.)

Another of their doctrines is that Masonry leads to heaven. They teach their members to believe in "Ain Soph," "The Holy Kabala," to "Worship," etc., "to

bring the blind by a way they know not; to lead them in paths they have not known; to make darkness light for them, and a crooked path straight." "To me," Joseph Fort Newton writes in his book, *The Religion of Masonry*, "Masonry is a keeper of a holy faith, a high tradition, upon which the highest life of our race rests; and he is unwise who leaves it out of account in reckoning the spiritual possessions of humanity." He continues, "May the spirit of Masonry dwell in us, casting out all envy, all unkindness. At the end of our day when our labor is done, admit us into the GREAT WHITE LODGE, in the house not made with hands."

The Masonic Lodge is built on the "death and resurrection of Hiram Abiff." They believe that the legend of Hiram Abiff is the connecting link between Freemasonry and ancient mysteries.

Since Freemasonry is dominated by Jewish teachings, the name of Christ is rejected altogether in its assemblies, etc. His name is never mentioned in prayer and it is never included in any of their work.

All Masons are brothers. They have signs and they are to support one another, regardless of what the brother has done. They are led to believe that if one is "once a Mason, always a Mason."

According to the things already presented you can see that one could not possibly be a Christian and be a good Mason, and vice versa. In reality, there is no argument to it for Christianity and Masonry are opposed to one another.

But to further convince you that a Christian cannot be a Mason, note these reasons:

1. Masonry is a religion. It is false, but it is a religion just the same.
2. The name of Christ is rejected.
3. The Bible is said to be incomplete.
4. Masonry is supposed to give the true light in worship, and so on.
5. Masonry and the Bible conflict on countless subjects.

6. Idolatrous worship is practiced.
7. Names and titles of an unscriptural nature are used. One name is that of "O Worshipful Master." Someone has said that this name is merely used in a joking way, but just try using some other name and you'll find out how big a joke it is.
8. Masonry is a secret organization.
9. Numerous oaths are used. One must swear with his life that he'll support such an organization. This is wrong.
10. It is an outgrowth of paganism and foolishness.
11. It appeals to pageantry. Great temples and shrines are built.
12. It attempts to do the work of the church.
13. Its God is not the God of the Bible.

Both Christianity and Masonry are religious—one true and the other false. It would be just as sensible for one to try to be a member of the Baptist Church, or any other religious organization, and a Christian at the same time, as to try to be both a Christian and a Mason. Be honest with yourself and with God. If you are a Mason, repent of your sin, confess your faults before the church, and pray to God for forgiveness. If you are thinking about becoming one, study it through and surely you'll not take such a step. Let us be Christians.

35. Salvation can be obtained out of Christ is false doctrine.

This is true because the Bible says in II Tim. 2:10, "Salvation which is in Christ." Paul says in II Cor. 1:20, "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him. Amen." Jesus said in John 15:4, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine." "No more can ye except ye abide in me." In Phil. 4:4 Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord." Rev. 14:13 says, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." I Thess. 4:16 says "the dead in Christ shall rise first." II Tim. 3:12 says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ." Phil. 3:9 says, "Be found in him." Col. 1:19 says, "For it

pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." In Col. 2:6 Paul said "so walk ye in him." Col. 2:10 says, "Ye are complete in him." Col. 2:9 says in him dwelleth all the fullness of the God head bodily. In Eph. 1:3 Paul said "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 2:13 says, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

In Eph. 2:10 Paul said, "For we are his workmanship created in Christ unto good works." Paul speaks in II Tim. 2:1 of "the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Jesus said in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." John 1:4 says "in him was life." II Cor. 5:17 states "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature." Jesus said in John 5:40, "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life." In Matt. 11:28 Jesus said "come unto me." In John 14:6 Jesus said "I am the way." I John 5:11 says "this life is in his son." Col. 1:14 says "in whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sins." In Rom. 8:1 Paul said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ." Paul speaks in Rom. 3:24 about "the redemption that is in Christ." II Cor. 5:21 says "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Friends, this is where baptism comes in. In Gal. 3:27 Paul said, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Rom. 6:4 says, "Baptized into Christ."

36. Baptism is not essential to salvation is false doctrine.

The Bible says in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Paul speaks in II Tim. 2:10 about the "salvation which is in Christ." Gal. 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Friends, a man is not in his overcoat until he puts his overcoat on, and a man is not in Christ until he puts Christ on and the only way a man can

put him on is in the act of baptism. Rom. 6:4 says, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death." II Cor. 5:17 says "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature." II Cor. 1:20 says, "All the promises of God in him." Col. 1:14 says "In whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sins." Jesus said in Mk. 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Acts 22:16 says, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins." I Pet. 3:21, "Baptism doth also now save us." Peter said in Acts 10:48, "And he commanded them to be baptized." Concerning Saul the Bible says in Acts 9:18 he "arose and was baptized." Acts 8:38 says, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Col. 2:12 says, "Buried with him in Baptism." Acts 2:41 says "then they that gladly received his word were baptized." Acts 8:12 says, "They were baptized both men and women." Acts 8:13 says, "Then Simon himself believed also and when he was baptized." Mk. 16:16 says "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," therefore Simon was not saved when he merely believed but after he was baptized. Acts 18:8 says "many of the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptized." I Cor. 12:13 says "for by one spirit are we all baptized into one body." (or church.) Concerning the Jailor, the Bible says in Acts 16:33, "and he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes and was baptized." Concerning Lydia, the Bible says in Acts 16:15, "She was baptized." John 3:7 says, "Ye must be born again." John 3:23 says, "John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim." Lk. 7:30 says, "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the council of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." (John).

Concerning Jesus, the Bible says in Matt. 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized." Matt. 28:19 says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

37. Faith only is a false doctrine.

The Bible says in James 2:24 not by faith only, and friends, there is not a verse in the Bible that will contradict it. Faith only would save devils because James 2:19 says, "The devils also believe and tremble." James 2:17 says, "Even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone." John 12:42 states, "Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him." Matt. 10:33 says, "Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." James 2:26 declares, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Paul speaks in Gal. 5:6 about "Faith which worketh by love." John 14:15 says "if you love me keep my commandments." Rom. 5:1 says "being justified by faith." But friends, it didn't say faith only. The word "only" is an addition and Prov. 30:6 says "add thou not unto his word."

I Cor. 1:21 says "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Rom. 16:26 speaks of "the obedience of faith." Paul said in I Cor. 13:2, "Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing.

Friends, God saves men on conditions and faith is one, but not the only one. After a man believes he has to repent, confess, and be baptized.

Rom. 13:11 says, "Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Heb. 10:39 says, "believe to the saving of the soul." II Cor. 10:5 states "to the obedience of Christ."

Friends, many of those who teach that man is saved by "faith only" are heard to say that man is saved by grace. Well, if a man is saved by "faith only" grace has no place to come in. And if by grace only, faith has no place to come in. The Bible says in Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him." Mk. 16:16

says "he that believeth not shall be damned." John 8:24 says, "If ye believe not that I am he ye shall die in your sins." John 3:18 puts it, "He that believeth not is condemned already." John 3:36 says, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life."

38. Praying for faith is false doctrine.

Rom. 10:17 says, "Faith cometh by hearing." Matt. 22:29 says "ye do err not knowing the scripture." Friends, the scriptures say in Isa. 55:3, "Incline your ear, and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live." Mk. 12:29 says, "The first of all commandments is Hear O Israel." Lk. 11:28 states, "Blessed are they that hear the work of God and keep it."

Acts 4:4 says, "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed." Acts 15:7 says that the Gentiles by mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe. Acts 18:8 says, "Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." Jer. 29:29 says, "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Matt. 12:37 says, "The common people heard him gladly."

39. Instrumental music in worship service is false doctrine.

No man in the world can find the command to use such. Acts 10:48 says he commanded them to be baptized, but no place were these people or any Christians ever commanded to use instrumental music in worship service. There is no command for the use of instruments in Christian worship. Under the law it was permitted and used. The Bible says in II Chron. 7:6 "the Levites also with instruments of music of the Lord, which David the king had made to praise the Lord." I Chron. 23:5 says, "Moreover four thousand were porters and four thousand praised the Lord with the instruments which I made said David, to praise therewith." Amos 6:1-5 states, "Woe unto them that invent to themselves instruments of music, like David."

Friends, we find these following verses in the New Testament. Rom. 15:9 says "sing unto thy name."

Matt. 26:30 says, "When they had sung an hymn." Mk. 14:26 says, "When they had sung an hymn." Eph. 5:19 states, "Singing and making melody in your heart." I Cor. 14:15 puts it, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding." Col. 3:16 says "singing with grace in your heart" (not in your piano or organ). Heb. 13:15 says, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually that is the fruit of our lips." James 5:13 says, "Is any merry? let him sing psalms."

Friends, the people who use instrumental music are guilty of going beyond that which is written. Acts 16:25 says, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praise unto God." II John 9 reads, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." Paul preached the pure gospel and left instrumental music out. In Acts 20:20 he said, "I kept back nothing that was profitable to you."

40. No hell doctrine is false to the core.

The Bible says in Ps. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell." Isa. 5:14 says, "Hell hath enlarged herself." Matt. 5:22, "Whosoever shall say thou fool shall be in danger of hell fire." Matt. 5:29, "That the whole body should be cast into hell." Matt. 10:28 says "destroy both soul and body in hell." Mk. 9:27 states, "Having two eyes to be cast into hell fire." Matt. 23:15 says "ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Matt. 23:33 says, "How can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

II Pet. 2:4 says, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell." Ps. 116:3, "The pains of hell got hold upon me." Lk. 16:23 says, "I am tormented in this flame." Ps. 55:15 states, "Let them go down quick into hell." Rev. 20:10 explains, "And shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." Mk. 9:44 says "where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Rev. 14:11 says, "And they have no rest day nor night." II Thess. 1:7-9 states "shall be punished with everlasting destruction from

the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

41. Second chance doctrine is false.

The rich man did not have a second chance. Lk. 16:23 says "in hell he lifted up his eyes." Heb. 9:27 says "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment." Matt. 25:10 says they that were ready went in.

42. Christians are under the law of Moses or the old covenant is false doctrine and the truth condemns it.

Rom. 6:14 says, "Ye are not under the law but under grace." Heb. 10:9 puts it, "He taketh away the first that he may establish the second." God promised in Jer. 31:31, "I will make a new covenant." Paul told the Romans in Rom. 7:4, "Wherefore my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law." Paul tells what happened to it in Col. 2:14, "Took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." The Seventh Day Adventist has been trying to tear it down from the cross, but it is nailed. James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Ex. 20:8 says, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." This was spoken to Israel. Ex. 20:2 says, "I am the Lord thy God, who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt." Ex. 31:17 states, "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever."

John 1:17 says "the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Christ." Deut. 5:15 says, "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt." Gal. 3:11 says, "No man is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident." Those who think they are under the old covenant should be careful because Heb. 10:28 says, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses." Lev. 11:7, "The swine . . . he is unclean to you." Lev. 11:10 says, "All that have not fins and scales (catfish) . . . They shall be an abomination unto you." Num. 15:32,36, "Man stoned for gathering sticks on Sabbath day." Deut. 16:16 says, "Three times in a year

shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God." Deut. 16:1, "Keep the passover unto the Lord thy God." James 5:2, "Circumsize the children of Israel." Lev. 20:10 says, "The adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." Rom. 3:20 says, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified." Heb. 8:6 says "he is the mediator of a better covenant." Gal. 6:2 says "fulfill the law of Christ. Heb. 9:15, "he is the mediator of the new testament." I Cor. 9:21 says, "Being without law to God but under law to Christ. Rom. 8:2 says, "The law of the Spirit of life." Ex. 16:29 says "let no man go out of his place on the sabbath." Ex. 20:10, "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." Acts 13:39 says, "Ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Rom. 5:1 says "therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God." Acts 1:12 speaks of a "Sabbath days journey." Gal. 5:4 says, "Whosoever of you are justified by the law, ye are fallen from grace." Heb. 7:12 says, "For the priesthood being changed there is made of necessity a change also of the law."

Gal. 3:24,25 says, "Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a school master." Heb. 7:19 says "the law made nothing perfect." Rom. 10:4 says "Christ is the end of the law." Heb. 8:7 says "For if the first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been made for the second." Heb. 12:24 says "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant." James 1:25 says "The perfect law of liberty." The Law of Moses was never given to Gentiles because Mal. 4:4-6, "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel." In Gal. 3:10 Paul said, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Gal. 2:16 says "A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith (Gospel) of Jesus

Christ." Gal. 2:21 says "for if righteousness come by the law then, Christ is dead in vain." Friends, here is something that happened under the law. In Num. 25:8 and he went after the man of Israel, and the woman through the belly. In Gal. 1:13,14 Paul speaks of the Jews religion. Not the Gentiles religion.

CHURCHES BUILT BY MEN

The Bible says in Ps. 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." According to John 20:28 Jesus is the Lord because Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." The Lord Jesus Christ said in Matt. 16:18 I will build my church. No person in the world has or has had a scriptural right to build the the church or a church except the Lord Jesus Christ, he is the only person in the Bible who ever said, "I will build my church." Many times people are heard to say that one church is good as another, that is certainly true where salvation is concerned because there is no salvation in a man made church. There is not a man in the world who could have built a church as good as the one Christ built. Yes, friends, Christ built the best church in the entire universe. In speaking about man made churches one man has just as much right to build a church as the other man.

Jesus built his church at the right time, A.D. 33, in the right place, Jerusalem. All other churches started at the wrong place, at the wrong time, by the wrong person. Following are a list of them:

CHURCH	FOUNDER	PLACE	TIME (A.D.)
Catholic Church	Boniface III	Rome	About 606
Lutheran	Martin Luther	Germany	1520
Episcopalian	King Henry VIII	England	1534
Presbyterian	John Calvin	Switzerland	1536
Baptist	John Smythe	Holland	1607
Methodist	John Wesley	England	1739
Mormon	Joseph Smith	America	1830
Adventist	William Miller	America	1830
Christian Scientist	Mary Baker Eddy	America	1866
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell	America	1872
Assembly of God	A Group	Hot Springs, Ark.	1914

CHURCH	FOUNDER	PLACE	TIME (A.D.)
Brethren (Dunkards)	Hachmann & Mack	Germany	1708
Brethren in Christ	A Group	America	1820
Catholic Apostolic	A Group	England	1830
Christadelphians	John Thomas, M.D.	America	1844
Christian Church	A Group	Kentucky	1859
Church of God	D. S. Warner	America	1880
Church of God, Holiness	K. H. Burrus	Georgia	1914
Church of the Living God	W. Christian	Arkansas	1889
Congregational	A Group	Moss	1684
Dutch Reformed	A Group	Holland	1560
Evangelical	Jacob Albright	Penn.	1803
Evangelical and Reformed	A Group	Ohio	1934
Four Square Gospel	A. S. McPherson	Calif.	1917
Freewill Baptist	Ben Randall	North Carolina	1780
Full Gospel Church	R. H. Askew	North Carolina	1935
Greek Orthodox Church	A Group	Greece	1053
Universalist	John Murray	New Jersey	1770
Unitarians	Faustus Socinus	Poland	6th Century
Spiritual	Andrew J. Davis	America	1848
Seventh Day Adventist	E. G. White	Mass.	1846
Primitive Baptist	A Group	North Carolina	1765
Quaker	George Fox	England	1650
Mormon (Reorganized)	Joe Smith II	Wisconsin	1852
Moravian	A Group	Bohemia	1457
Methodist Episcopal	A Group	Maryland	1874
Mennonite	A Group	Switzerland	1525
House of David	A Group	Michigan	1903
Holiness Church	Howard Hoople	Illinois	1907
Pilgrim Holiness	A Group	Ohio	1897
Pentecostal Holiness	A Group	Anderson, S. C.	1898
Church of God in Christ	C. H. Mason	Tennessee	1897
Church of God Apostolic	J. J. Cox	Kentucky	1897
Churches of the New Jerusalem			1890
Nazarine Church	P. F. Bresee	California	1895

The churches might have been built by great men, but remember, friends, what Job said in Job 32:9, "Great men are not always wise."

The Bible says in II Cor. 11:28 that there came upon Paul daily, "The care of all the churches." The churches Paul cared for are spoken of in Rom. 16:16 as "the churches of Christ." Jesus said in Matt. 15:13, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall

be rooted up." Friends, are all these churches from heaven or of men? Matt. 21:25. Were they set up by the God of heaven? Dan. 2:44.

INTEGRATION

Jesus Christ died upon the cross of Calvary, breaking down the middle wall or partition between Jew and Gentile, that he might reconcile both (Jew and Gentile) unto God in one body.

Friends, Jesus died that his church might be integrated with all nations of people upon the earth. Isa. 2:2 says, "All nations shall flow into it." Dan. 2:44 says "it shall stand forever." Eph. 3:6 says "That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body." Eph. 4:4 says "there is one body." I Cor. 12:20 says "but one body." Col. 1:19 says "he is head of the body." Col. 3:15, "Called in one body." II Thess. 2:14 says "he called you by our gospel." Rom. 1:16 states "it (gospel) is the power of God unto salvation." Eph. 4:5 says "one faith." Rom. 16:26 says "the obedience of faith." Friends, Jews and Gentiles alike must obey the one faith. Rom. 1:5 speaks about the "obedience of the faith among all nations." Acts 10:34 says "that God is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." I Cor. 12:13 says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." Friends, every person who is a Christian anywhere upon the face of the earth has been baptized into this one body which is the church of Christ. I Cor. 12:27 says to those who were baptized into this one body "Now ye are the body of Christ." Eph. 5:30 says "we are members of his body." Friends, every Christian is integrated in his body or his church.

They all follow the same Christ. John 8:12 says, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." They are all in the same household. Eph. 2:19 says, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and for-

eigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and in the household of God." They are all children of the same God. Gal. 3:26,27 states, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ, for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

They are all in one fold. John 10:16, "One fold and one sheepfold." All followers of Christ are integrated because Jesus prayed for them to be one. John 17:21 says, "That they all may be one." Friends, we can't all be one if some stay out of Christ while some stay in Christ—that is segregation, and Christ doesn't want segregation but he wants integration. Gal. 3:28, "Ye are all one (integrated) in Christ Jesus." Regardless of how far Christians are apart geographically, they are one, or integrated, spiritually. They are all under the same law. Gal. 6:2 speaks of "the law of Christ." They all walk by the same rule. Phil. 3:16 says, "Nevertheless whereto we have already attained let us walk by the same rule." We all are to wear the same name, "Christian." Acts 11:26 tells us that they "were called Christians first at Antioch." I Pet. 4:16 says "let him glorify God in this name." (RSV). They all follow the same Bible. They all receive the same Lord's Supper. I Cor. 14:23 says, "If therefore the whole church be come together in one place." I Cor. 11:26 states, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till he comes." I Cor. 10:17 says "we are all partakers of that one bread." We all receive the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7 says, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread." We all sing in worship. Eph. 5:19 tells us, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing making melody in your heart to the Lord."

They all give to help or carry on the work of the church. I Cor. 16:2 reads, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." They all continue in the same

doctrine. Acts 2:42, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers." They all worship alike. In John 4:24, Jesus said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

This integrated church is spoken of by Paul in I Tim. 3:15 as "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Eph. 3:21 says, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

All nations of the earth must get in this integrated church to be saved. They could all get in if they would hear the gospel. Mk. 12:29. If they would believe the gospel. Acts 15:7; Heb. 11:6; John 8:24. If they would repent of all sins. Lk. 13:5; Acts 17:30; II Pet. 3:9. If they would confess Christ. Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10. And last, but not least, be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins like about 3,000 souls, from about 17 nations, did on the great day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts the second chapter, and the Lord will add you to the same church as recorded in Acts 2:47: "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

DOCTRINES AND COMMANDMENTS OF MEN

The statement in Acts 15:24 "we gave no such commandment" can be used in respect to all of the following expressions, ideas, and theories:

1. Become a Christian, be baptized later.
2. Baptized now, saved later on.
3. Baptism is an outward sign to an inward grace.
4. Ladies Aid Society.
5. Usher board meeting.
6. Saved if you feel like it.
7. Kneel down by your radio and pray.
8. Cross hell on a spider web.
9. The invisible church.
10. Profess religion.

11. Raise your hand if you feel you are saved.
12. Pray for Jesus to come real fast.
13. Pray for the Holy Ghost.
14. Do you feel that God for Christ's sake has pardoned your sins?
15. I will now open the doors of the church.
16. Sunday is the Sabbath Day.
17. Lent.
18. Good Friday.
19. All Saints Day.
20. Faith only is a wholesome doctrine.
21. Once saved always saved.
22. Early morning mass.
23. First church and second church.
24. High church and low church.
25. High mass and low mass.
26. Ash Wednesdays.
27. Confess to a priest.
28. Should not eat meat on Friday.
29. Canonization of saints.
30. Celibacy.
31. Fasting.
32. Triune baptism.
33. Say the Rosary.
34. Make the sign of the cross.
35. Total Hereditary Depravity.
36. Holy Water.
37. Kiss the pope's toe.
38. Extreme unction.
39. Burning of candles.
40. Purgatory.
41. Pray dead out of purgatory.
42. Invocation of saints.
43. Immaculate conception of Mary.
44. Pray to Mary.
45. Adore images, saints and relics.
46. God calls men to preach today.
47. Ministerial Alliance.
48. Let your conscience be your guide.

49. Won't know the seasons but by the budding of trees.
50. Can be saved between the saddle and ground.
51. Circumcision comes in place of baptism.
52. Apostles on earth today.
53. Cake walks.
54. Rummage sales to support church.
55. Raffing of hams and turkey.
56. Churches selling ice cream.
57. Selling baby tickets.
58. Church sponsoring a dance.
59. Turning people out of the church.
60. Sow your wild oats.
61. Mother carries child's sins until he is 12 years old.
62. Direct operation of the Holy Spirit.
63. Be born from above.
64. Christians need to be baptized.
65. Do what you think is right.
66. Preach anything not forbidden.
67. Altar call.
68. Praying sinners through.
69. Worship as you please.
70. Sprinkling and pouring for baptism.

**THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT IS REFERRED TO
OVER ONE HUNDRED TIMES IN THE BIBLE**

1. Matt. 16:18: I will build my church.
2. Matt. 18:17: Tell it unto the church.
3. Matt. 18:17: If he neglect to hear the church.
4. Acts 2:47: The Lord added to the church.
5. Acts 5:11: Great fear came upon the church.
6. Acts 8:1: A great persecution against the church.
7. Acts 8:3: He made havoc of the church.
8. Acts 9:31: Then had the churches rest.
9. Acts 11:22: Unto the ears of the church.
10. Acts 11:26: They assembled themselves with the church.

11. Acts 12:1: Herod vexed certain of the church.
12. Acts 12:5: Prayers was made without ceasing of the church.
13. Acts 13:1: The church that was at Antioch.
14. Acts 14:23: Ordained elders in every church.
15. Acts 14:27: Gathered the church together.
16. Acts 15:3: Brought on their way by the church.
17. Acts 15:4: They were received of the church.
18. Acts 15:22: The whole church.
19. Acts 15:41: Confirming the church.
20. Acts 19:37: Neither robbers of the church.
21. Acts 20:17: The elders of the church.
22. Acts 20:28: Feed the church of God.
23. Rom. 16:1: A servant of the church.
24. Rom. 16:4: All the churches of the Gentiles.
25. Rom. 16:16: The churches of Christ salute you.
26. Rom. 16:5: The church that is in their house.
27. Rom. 16:23: The whole church salutes you.
28. I Cor. 1:2: The church of God which is at Corinth.
29. I Cor. 4:17: As I teach everywhere in every church.
30. I Cor. 6:4: Who are least esteemed in the church.
31. I Cor. 7:17: So ordain I in all churches.
32. I Cor. 10:32: To the church of God.
33. I Cor. 11:16: The churches of God.
34. I Cor. 11:18: When ye come together in the church.
35. I Cor. 11:22: Or despise ye the church of God?
36. I Cor. 11:28: God hath set some in the church.
37. I Cor. 14:4: He that prophesieth edifieth the church.
38. I Cor. 14:5: That the church may receive edifying.
39. I Cor. 14:12: To the edifying of the church.
40. I Cor. 14:19: Yet in the church.
41. I Cor. 14:23: The whole church be come together in one place.
42. I Cor. 14:34: Let your women keep silence in the churches.

43. I Cor. 14:28: Let him keep silence in the church.
44. I Cor. 14:35: It is a shame for women to speak in the church.
45. I Cor. 14:33: In all churches of the saints.
46. I Cor. 15:9: I persecuted the church of God.
47. I Cor. 16:1: The churches of Galatia.
48. I Cor. 15:9: I persecuted the church of God.
49. I Cor. 16:19: The church that is in their house.
50. II Cor. 1:1: The church of God which is at Corinth.
51. II Cor. 8:1: The churches of Macedonia.
52. II Cor. 8:18: The gospel throughout all the churches.
53. II Cor. 8:19: Chosen of the church to travel with us.
54. II Cor. 8:23: They are the messengers of the churches.
55. II Cor. 8:24: Before the churches.
56. II Cor. 11:8: I robbed other churches.
57. II Cor. 11:28: The care of all the churches.
58. II Cor. 12:13: Wherein ye were inferior to other churches.
59. Gal. 1:2: The churches of Galatia.
60. Gal. 1:13: I persecuted the church of God and wasted it.
61. Gal. 1:22: The churches of Judea.
62. Eph. 1:22: The head over all things, to the church.
63. Eph. 3:10: Might be made known by the church.
64. Eph. 3:21: Unto him be glory in the church.
65. Eph. 5:24: The church is subject to Christ.
66. Eph. 5:25: Even as Christ also loved the church.
67. Eph. 5:27: Present it to himself a glorious church.
68. Eph. 5:29: The church.
69. Eph. 5:32: I speak concerning Christ and the church.
70. Phil. 3:6: Persecuting the church.
71. Phil. 4:15: No church communicated with me.
72. Col. 1:18: The head of the body, the church.
73. Col. 1:24: For his body's sake the church.

74. Col. 4:15: The church which is in his house.
75. Col. 4:16: The church of the Laodiceans.
76. I Thess. 1:1: The church of the Thessalonians.
77. II Thess. 1:4: The churches of God.
78. I Tim. 3:5: The church of God.
79. I Tim. 3:15: The church of the living God.
80. I Tim. 5:16: Let not the church be charged.
81. Phil. 2: The church in thy house.
82. Heb. 2:12: In the midst of the church will I sing.
83. Heb. 12:23: Church of the firstborn.
84. James 5:14: Let him call for the Elders of the church.
85. I Pet. 5:13: The church that is at Babylon.
86. III John 6. Witness of thy charity before the church.
87. III John 9: I wrote unto the church.
88. III John 10: And cast them out of the church.
89. Rev. 1:4: John unto the seven churches.
90. Rev. 1:11: Write in a book and sent it unto the seven churches.
91. Rev. 1:20: The candlesticks which thy sawest are the seven churches.
92. Rev. 2:1: The church of Ephesus.
93. Rev. 2:7: What the Spirit saith unto the churches.
94. Rev. 2:8: The church in Smyrna.
95. Rev. 2:11: Hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
96. Rev. 2:12: The church in Pergamos.
97. Rev. 2:17: What the Spirit saith unto the churches.
98. Rev. 2:18: The church in Thyatira.
99. Rev. 2:23: All the churches shall know.
100. Rev. 3:1: The church in Sardis.
101. Rev. 3:6: What the Spirit saith unto the churches.
102. Rev. 3:7: The church in Philadelphia.
103. Rev. 3:14: The church of the Laodiceans.
104. Rev. 22:16: These things in the churches.

All these quotations refer to the church Jesus had in mind when he said in Matt. 16:18, "I will build my church." The expression church of Christ (singular) is always found in the expression churches of Christ (plural). These expressions never refer to any denomination built by man.

Mr. Hiscox was right when he wrote on page 22 of his Standard Manual for Baptist Churches, "It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but 'one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,' and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership." Friends, Jesus wasn't thinking about building a denomination when he said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Many people are confused when they find the two expressions in the Bible churches of God (plural) and churches of Christ (plural). The word churches has reference to congregations, and the reason it says of God (Father) and of Christ (Son) is because the church belongs to God and Jesus Christ. In John 10:30 Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." In John 17:10 he said, "All mine are thine, and thine are mine." They were one in establishing the church like Paul and Apollos were one in establishing congregations. In I Cor. 3:6 Paul said, "I have planted and Apollos watered." I Cor. 3:8 says, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one."

Every person who got in any congregation of Christ had to be baptized into it. After he heard the gospel, believed the gospel, repented of all sins, and confessed Christ. Then the Lord added him to the church in the act of baptism. Acts 2:47.

The church of Christ or the church that Jesus built is many times referred to by the simple expression, "The Church," because there was only one church, and all the Christians understood alike what church was being referred to. For example, we use the expression, "The President," in referring to President John F. Ken-

nedy, and everybody knows who we are talking about, because we are all led by one president. So in the days of the apostles there was but one body (Eph. 4:4) or church, and the expression the church always referred to the one Christ was talking about in Matt. 16:18 and not to the more than 200 religious bodies of today. In I Cor. 4:17 Paul said, "As I teach everywhere in every church." Friends, I don't believe what Paul taught in every church built by men today.

CHRIST BUILT THE BEST CHURCH

In the year of 1530 a great church was built by Martin Luther. In 1534 another great church was built by King Henry VIII. In 1536 John Calvin started a church. In 1607 John Smythe started a church. And in 1729 John Wesley started still another church. Friend, these men did the very best they knew how. They built the very best churches that they could possibly build, but notwithstanding the fact, Christ built the best church. Yes, he built the best church because David said in the long ago in Psalm 127:1: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." And the Lord Jesus Christ did build it, according to Matt. 16:18: He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church."

The church of Christ is the best church because Zech. 6:12 says, "The man whose name is the Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Jehovah." In Isa. 53:2 we read, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground." Jesus said, "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Rev. 22:16.

Christ built the church and he is the head of the church. Paul said, in Col. 1:18, "He is the head of the body, the church," and in Eph. 1:22, "And gave him to be the head over all things to the church." The founder of the Lutheran Church, Martin Luther, is

dead, but Christ who is the head of the church lives forever more.

The church of Christ has the best foundation (Isa. 28:16), a tried stone. Peter said, "This is the stone that was set at nought of you builders." Acts 4:11. "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ," said Paul. I Cor. 3:11.

Christ built the church that wears his name. In Rom. 16:16 we read, "The churches of Christ salute you." I am not interested in churches built by men. I don't believe in many things in the religious world, but one thing I really don't believe in, is a church that is not one time mentioned in the word of God.

Jesus Christ will return to earth to receive his church. Get in it and live in it and die in it.

POINTS WITH A PUNCH

Never put a question mark where God has put a period.

I can fall over some article but not be lost; but if I fall away I cut loose from the ship and land in the depth of the sea.

We need a new gospel as much as we need a new sun.

If you are too busy to assemble with the Lord's people, you are overworked.

If you hid your receipt in your Bible, no one will find it.

Some say a little talk with Jesus makes it right but Paul had a little talk but he had to arise and be baptized. Acts 22:16.

All in favor say "I"—you are testing God's decision.

You claim your church is in the Bible—Go get a Bible and we'll see.

Preach the truth and the world will abuse you but down in their hearts they will respect you.

A stone cutter doesn't drive his chisel in and pound hard with hammer to see chips fly but to get a beautiful image out of an ugly stone.

Joining is a human act—Addition is a divine act.

People who are blind spiritually rely on feeling for heaven.

You can't stop the preacher but you can stop yourself.

If you put no good ingredients in a cake it'll be no good regardless of how the icing looks.

I call preachers gentlemen—Christ called them hypocrites.

All the medicine in the Drug Store is good but not for you.

A whiskey head can go into a new city and find a whiskey joint in an hour.

Trust in your Doctor but take your medicine.

I'll give you five seconds to get up and all night to prove it.

A hundred people will search the woods for a lost boy but won't move an inch to save a soul.

Some people don't care what happens just so it doesn't happen to them.

When one school teacher goes wrong, do you condemn the whole school? You dispel her.

The truth goes around slow—but a lie travels fast because so many carry it.

If all churches are right, why not become members of all?

You can't be saved and stay out of water.

You don't want my advice, you want me to agree with you on something.

If I was blind I wouldn't seek a blind leader.

In eating, do thyself no harm.

I am in a church that John the Baptist was never in.

Son close your mouth so I can see your face.

Need no fence around a graveyard. Outside, people don't want in. Inside, you can't get out.

They play football in rain and Christians can't come to church in rain.

Preacher had a headache because his head was empty.

If it is lucky to keep a Rabbit's Foot then why did the Rabbit lose it?

My wife always looks for my head in a grocery store. We may identify the true church by its head.