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THE DARK PASSAGE

We as people, because of the sin in the garden of Eden, must take a last journey from this world through a passage called death. It is a journey from which we can never return. As Job spoke in Job 16:22, "When a few more years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return."

When we leave this world, time will end for us. We can do no more. Death puts us at the gate of judgment. as in Heb. 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

The old prophet of God in Amos 4:12 pleaded for the people to "prepare to meet thy God." Are we ready for that day? To be ready, we must be loyal to the true God. There are so many leaving the true word of God and obeying the word of man. Let us read Rev. 22:18: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book." Also let's read John 12:48; "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." So let's cast away all of mans doctrines and follow the word of God. Then we will be ready to meet God and live with him. --Written in love of the truth,

--WILLIE DOAN,

Rt. 2, Box 129, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

HAYSE MORRIS, 3250 Buell Road, Hamilton, Ohio, Oct. 29. Dear Bro. Snoderly and family: Will try to write you a few lines to let you know we got the Gospel News Courier last week. I think I read every word of it. I don't know what I'd do without it. We all look forward to getting it each month. Sure wish I could send send you something to help with it, but my circumstances won't allow it. At this time I thank you for printing my letter, also my daughters. Well brother, we have baptized 4 since I last wrote you. You know I wrote you I was working after a woman's husband whom I had baptized. He obeyed the gospel Labor Day and was baptized, also their daughter. Yesterday was Lord's day. Everyone is fine here. I hope everything is fine with you and all there. We pray for the church everywhere.

Bro. Roy, I got some papers from Bro. Morse in Oklahoma, but I think he is all wet on the women teachers and the class system of teaching. He was praying for unity, but unity on what? Wrong. I will never accept wrong for unity and I know my true brethren won't either. If I wanted that I wouldn't be in financial trouble now, but I can't sacrifice God's word for financial assistance or otherwise. Please pray for the church in Hamilton, Ohio. We need the prayers of the faithful everywhere.

Some time, God willing, we would love to have you preach for us about two weeks. Bro. Harry Dye is planning to be with us next spring, the Lord willing. Also Bro. W. A. Nelson. We need a revival. We have no brethren who breaks the bread around here. The other preachers won't have anything to do with us. I'll close for now, hoping to hear from you some time. ---Yours in Christ.

HARRY B. DYE, 828 Oak Drive, Yuma, Arizona, Oct. 8. Dear Bro. Snoderly: The church in Yuma is about the same as the last report. Hope this finds all well. We plan to put some paint on the old building at 16th. Ave., and 1st. Street this week-end, the Lord willing. Latest news from Tacna, Arizona, is, that Bro. Horace Orendorff preached there yesterday, October 7, and Bro. Melvin Lytle baptized his father and mother, Bro. and Sister Wade Lytle. The church is just fine out there. We are sending a donation from Yuma. Keep up the good work, we

appreciate it. Will try to send an article before long.

--Yours in Christ.

F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California. Oct. 18.---Dear Bro. in Christ: Just a few lines. Please find enclosed $1.00 from Bro. Thomas S. Stark, V. A. Branch, Los Angeles, Calif. He works at the Veterans Hospital. You might send him a few copies each month. It might do a lot of good. The church here is getting along fine, except for some sickness among us. Bro. and Sister Conder are getting along about as usual, but Sister Stark is still very ill. We hope and pray that they will soon recover and be able to attend church regular. Our services are at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. each Lord's day. Anyone passing this way are cordially invited to worship with us. ---Your Brother in Christ.

SAMMY BOEN, 3315 North 49th., Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 29.---Dear Bro. Snoderly: The church at Stillwell, Okla. is doing fine. Several of our members had the opportunity of meeting Bro. Paul Ferguson during his meeting at the Bohannan Mountain church, and also when he held a meeting in the community building at Uniontown, Ark. We wish he could have stayed in our part of the country longer. We have gained a new member in our congregation. He is Bro. Ira Brown of Van Buren, Ark. Bro. Ira has benn a life-long member of the Sunday School and plurality of Cups church. He has done a lot of honest studying and made his decision through his study of the Bible. We feel when we have gained someone like this, we have gained a real Christian. He rides to church with my family and me at the present time, but he is trying to locate a place near Stillwell, Okla. We drive a little over 40 miles to church. Another one of our members, Bro. Bill Bowles, has been sick and in the hospital. He is to return in a few days for surgery. We also also want to welcome into our midst, Bro. and Sister Melvin Daniels from Wichita, Kansas. Bro. Daniles has found employment at Fayetteville, Ark. He can attend either the Bohannan Mountain or Stillwell church from this location. Our dear old Sister Julia Buckner passed away

October 6. She was 90 years old. Bro. Earl Atchley preached the funeral sermon. Sister Buckner is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank brown and Mrs. Floyd Cantrell, both of Stillwell, Okla., and two sons. Mack Buckner and Taylor Buckner of Grants Pass, Oregon. I think your plans for a church directory is a good thing and something every Christian should have. If I can be of any help to you, let me know. I am enclosing a contribution from the Stillwell church. We think ybu are doing a wonderful job with the Courier. -----A Brother in Christ.

W. H. AYERS, P. O. Box 31, Poolville, Texas, Oct. 10. Roy L. Snoderly, Editor: Enclosed please find One Dollar for a years subscription to the Gospel News Courier. Also would appreciate copies of the tracts, "What Saith the Lord, Cup or Cups"?, and "The Class Question", if they are still available. There is no true church in miles of here and it might do some good to hand those tracts out to people. --Yours in Christ.

MRS. E. E. MARSHALL, Dutton, Alabama, Oct. 30,---Dear Bro. Snoderly: Find enclosed $1.00 to use to the glory of God as you see best. The church here is about gone, just a faithful few. Innovations have crept in. Some wanted a Sunday School, and because they couldn't get it, went somewhere else to meet. But where two or three are gathered in His name, he's there in their midst. Thank God for that Scripture. I would like to have a copy of each one, "The Class Question," and "What Saith the Lord, Cup or Cups?". Pray for the church here.

BROTHER USREY, 840 Bell Ave., Del Paso Heights, California, Oct. 13. -- Dear Bro. Snoderly: I am writing this letter about the change of our meeting place. The building at 106 15th. Street, in West Sacramento in which we were meeting, has been condemned. We will be meeting in the home of Bro. Lowery at 505 Smilax Ave., Bryte, Calif. We enjoy your little paper so very much. ----Your brother in Christ.

Mrs. Laura Willis, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mexico, Oct. 9. -- Dear Bro. Snoderly: I received the September

issue of the Gospel News Courier and enjoyed reading it as I always do. The members were all present for worship last Lord's day and all are well, and I hope everyone there is well. Enclosed is my regular contribution to the Courier.

Later, November 5.-- Received the October issue of the Courier and glad to note it is larger than usual. Hope it continues to grow. We are all well and hope you are the same. Bro. Snoderly, please send the Gospel News Courier to Mrs. Charles Wralstad, 274 W. Chandler Ave., Richmond, Calif. I would like to receive 6 copies of "Cup or Cups." Am enclosing my regular contribution for the paper. ------Sincerely yours in Christ.

GEORGE VANDERPOOL, Huntsville, Ark., Nov. 3. -- News from Bohannan Mountain Church of Christ: -- Our meeting closed Oct. 14 with no additions, but we feel lasting good was accomplished. Bro. Paul Ferguson did the preaching. We think he is one of the best evangelists. The best we have in the field. Bro. James Vanderpool was our song leader and ferformed a job well done. Bro. and Sister Daniels, Bro. Brown and others from Stillwell, Okla. came and helped out in the meeting. We want to thank each and every one. Bro. Otto Laney got his arm broken working in Springdale, Ark. Bro. Steve Laney is no better at this writing, but he is able to attend church regular for which we are thankful. The church moves along nicely. Bro. Paul Auslam is making a wonderful preacher. We hope to be able to send him into the field in the near future. Bro. and Sister Melvin Daniels have moved down from Wichita, Kansas and will make their home near Hindsville, Ark. We want to extend to them our welcome. Bro. Melvin is a good song leader and a teacher. Bro. Albert Harrison has been sick for some time and has not been able to attend church. Bro. W. E. Daniels from Stillwell, Okla. filled his regular appointment the 4th..Lord's day. We were glad to receive the Gospel News Courier and to hear from the brethren every where. We extend a welcome to any who comes our way.

---Yours in Christ.

There is never a right way to do a wrong thing.

J. H. LACKEY, Rt. I, Box 6, Springfield, Colo., Nov. I5, Dear Bro. Snoderly and others: We had some fine sermons from Bro. Tom Broadway Oct. I4 to 2Ist, and also enjoyed their visit. We are rather lonesome since Bro. Couchman and Wife are on a visit to California. We are getting a much needed rain this morning. Enjoy reading the news from different parts of the country. It is encourageing to learn that there are so many who are contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. It proves to us that we are not like Elijah who said to the Lord, "They have dug down thine altars and killed thy prophets, and I am left alone, and they seek my life to take it away." Let us fight the good fight of faith.

BRO. PAUL FERGUSON'S REPORT:---Wish to report that I held a meeting over two Lord's days at the Bohannan Mountain church. We had good crowds but no visible results as baptisms or confessions. However I think the congregation was much strengthened. There were a number of visitors attended some of the meeting. Bro. and Sister L. W. Ferguson from Longview, Texas, and several from the Stillwell, Okla. congregation. Bro. and Sister W. E. Daniels, Bro. and Sister Jim Brown, and also Bro. and Sister Sammy Boen of Fort Smith, Ark., and other visitors from near by. We were very surprised and happy to see Bro. and Sister Buckner from Grant's Pass, Ore., who we had met when we held the meeting with them in Grant's Pass in I960. I also had the privilege of preaching 4 nights in Uniontown, Ark. in the community building. We had very good crowds each night, and much interest was shown. These people were very courteous and kind to us in suggesting and letting us use their building free of charge. There is no congregation of the Church of Christ in this community. I wish to thank the Stillwell, Okla. congregation for attending and helping in the meeting, and also Bro. Sammy Boen of Fort Smith, Ark.

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HOW SHALL WE DIVIDE "IT"?

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves...." (Luke 22:17).

I desire to show that the Bible is just as plain on how to "divide it" as it is on how to teach. In 2 Tim. 3:17 it tells us that the Scriptures given by inspiration thoroughly furnish the man of God unto ALL GOOD WORKS. Yes; so then we are thoroughly furnished as to how to do this. We read in Matt. 26:27 where the Savior told the disciples to drink of the cup. We find that the word of God says Christ took a cup (one in number). We find this cup had "the fruit of the vine" in it, as given in verse 29. And in Luke 22:17 Christ said "divide it among yourselves," not one divide it for all; but each one must take part in the dividing. This ought to suffice for any intelligent person that the "two or more cups" or the "individual cups" are unscriptural in the Communion. But says one, Why don't you prove how to divide "it"? All right. Paul says in I Cor. 11:23, "Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat." Notice (1) the purpose of coming together should be to eat the the Lord's supper, and (2) they were (and we are) commanded to tarry one for another, as expressed in I Cor. 14:31 "one by one." They cannot do this and two this and two drink at the same time. In Matt. 26:27 Jesus tells them all to drink out of the cup, as Paul does in I Cor. 11:28; and Mark 14:23 says, "And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it." He did not say they all drank out of THEM. Then why be confused about a thing as plain in the word of God as this is. The great trouble is, I think, they do not want to follow the word of God. As it is with the baptism question, "They may think, that in what is merely ritual, deviations from the primitive mode may be admitted on the ground of convenience. And I think they are as well warranted to make the alteration, as we are to substitute sprinkling in the room of ancient baptism," as Samuel Johnson, of the Episcopal Church has said. And they would as well

take sprinkling for the ancient baptism as to fail to take the ancient ritual established by the Lord on the night in which he was betrayed.

Paul warns us that some shall depart from the faith. They will not endure sound doctrine after our Lord Jesus Christ. They will turn away their ears from the truth. And by this the way of truth will be evil spoken of. Read 2 Tim. 4:3; I Pet. 2:21. These times are upon us. It is lawlessness in the world and lawlessness in the church. Christ ALWAYS pleased the Father. Some profess to follow him, but do as they please about his Father's will. They are building on sand. (Matt. 7th. Chapter). Christ has left us an example. Are we following in his steps? Are we "doers of the word," and not hearers only? "If the Lord be God, serve Him; if Baal, then serve him.

Submitted in the love of Christ the Lord,

E. H. CAVIN, Lorenzo, Texas, in THE TRUTH, November, I, 1931.

TEACHING

Because of previous plans I have written concerning two items of the worship on Lord's day; prayer, and singing, of which were short articles, not to take too much room.

We now come to the teaching, of which there has been, and is yet much confusion as to who, where, and when the teaching is tobe done. This question has caused much confusion, and many congregations have been diveded. The division has not been caused by what the scriptures teach in regard to the subject, but what it does not teach. Teaching is the one way that God has, in order that we may know the things we should do to INHERIT ETARNAL LIFE.

We find that there are three ways that we may teach. First by precept, second by example, third by inference. By precept, the word is spoken. By example, the things are done. By inference, a conclusion is reached. Inference should never be bound on the church, for in this the conclusion could be wrong. But things by precept and example should be done as the Word teaches, or the example demonstrates. There is teaching to be done by every member of the church, by both precept and example. There are only

two places for teaching. One public, and the other private, as we know that these conditions differ one from the other.

We read in Matt. 28:18-20, after Jesus was raised from the dead, he gave the commission to the apostles. He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost." This is the teaching to the alien sinner. Verse 20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We see there is a teaching to the church also. Now who should teach publicly? Christ selected the apostles to begin the preaching or teaching of the Gospel. They were all men, and we see on Pentecost, that the twelve were present and they all spoke the Gospel. This was public. We read all through the Acts of the Apostles, of the teaching of the apostles, and some evengelists that had been instructed by the apostles. We also read in Acts 20:20 that Paul taught, "both publicly, and from house to house." But says one, "the scriptures does not say how, and rely on Matt. 28:19, that it says go, but does not say how to go, and says teach and does not say how to teach! Neither does it say what to teach. So if we would just stop and think about it; by the reasoning of some, we could teach anything we might desire. But say some, "we are to teach the Gospel." It don't say in that passage what to teach. Oh, says one, "in Mark 16:15, it says to preach the Gospel;" Now that is fine and right, but they forget that the same rule that permits us to find what to teach, also permits us to find how to teach. Let us see I Cor. 14:31. The teaching is to be done by one speaking at a time, a prophet (a man). So we see how is it to be done. Paul told Timothy, "the things he had heard of him, to commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2). So we see that the public teaching belongs to man, and at any time and place where time and opportunity permits. See 2 Tim. 4:2. Oh, says one, what about the woman, is she not also commanded to teach? Yes, she is commanded to teach.

She has a place to teach, and if she teaches the ones she is commanded to teach, she does a great work, and God will bless her. Paul, in exhorting the church at Corinth, commanded the woman to keep silence in the church, (the assembly) which is public, I Cor. I4:34; I Tim. 2:II-I2. Since the woman is commanded to keep silent in the public teaching, she will do well to obey that command. But, say some,"don't you believe that a sister could conduct the service on Lord's day, if no men were present.?" Let us reason this way, if the Lord's day service is the church, assembled, it is public, and she violates the law of God if she takes over the service, (I Cor. I4:34). If it not the church, God will not tolerate it, because it is not the church. The reason I do not believe the woman can scripturally conduct the service, regardless if men are present or not present, is that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I fail to find anywhere that such act is mentioned in the Word of God. Rom. I0:I7; also Rom. I4:23, teaches, "that which is not of faith is sin." Since the word of God does not teach it, it could not be faith in God.

I shall close this article for the present. Much more could be said in regard to teaching. Submitted in love,

E. H. Cavin,

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"DIVIDE IT AMONG YOURSELVES"

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this and divide it among yourselves."--Luke 22:I7. Or "share it among you," as the Living Oracles, the Bible Union, Goodspeed, and others have it. The "cups" advocates try to kid themselves and others into believing that this Scritpure proves the practice of the use of cups in the communion, while the truth is, it is one of the strongest passages in the Bible against their practice.

To whom did Jesus give this command? "The twelve apostles" --Verse I4. There are some things here that it does not take a Solomon to see. It was not "divided," or "shared," when he gave it to them, for they were to do this"among" them.

selves after he gave it to them, therefore a unit. Jesus was the administrator in this case. This is too plain to need comment. Does this fit their practice? No. To fit their practice the Lord would have commanded one of them to pour it into another cup or cups, in part, for them. And then commanded to drink THEM, and not "it." But we do know how they "shared it," or "divided it," for Mark says, "And they all drank of it."--Mark 14:23. And this is just what Jesus commanded them to do in sharing it a among themselves, for Jesus commanded, "Drink ye all of it."--Matt. 26:27. And this fits our practice exactly, thereby fulfilling every requirement; and we know we have obeyed the Lord as did his apostles, and as Paul gave it from the Lord for the churches, I Cor. 10th. and 11th. chapters. They all took part in that "sharing or dividing it." It was common, a communion then.---J. S. Bedingfield, Lorenzo, Texas. (THE TRUTH, March 15, 1929).

NEWS OF LA HABRA and BELLFLOWER, CALIF, churches:--- La Habra church is moving along very well with 3 additions by baptism since last report. Bro. and Sister Paul Ferguson's two son-in-laws, Ray Shea and Bill Campbell were buried with Christ by baptism Oct. 21, and on the 26 a young woman by the name of Donnie Long was baptized. The Bellflower church also had one addition by baptism Oct. 26, the daughter of Bro. and Sister Geo. Meadows was baptized into the One Body. Bro. Richard Taylor of the Bellflower church recently made a trip to Texas, mostly in the San Antonio area. Visitors at La Habra church recently were; Sister Phoebe McCay and daughter Ruth Johnson, Karen Roberts, Jeanie Johnson of Eugene, Oregon, and Duane Bixler and David Greenway of the U. S. Navy, now stationed at San Diego, Calif. Other visitors were, Sister Sharon Cook and husband of San Diego, Sister Monk and family and her brothers and families, the Foster families of Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter of Whittier, Calif. La Habra members recently gave Bro. Elmer a birthday shower on his 65th. birthday. The La Habra and Bellflower churches have been exchanging Pulpits. Bro. Roy Snoderly, Bro. Paul Ferguson & Bro. Elmer Hunt spoke at Bellflower, Bros. Broadway & Perigen at La Habra.

MISPLACED AFFECTIONS---Col. 3.

I. Love of money, I Tim. 6:10, Gehazi 2 Kings 5:20-27.

2. Love of self, 2 Tim. 3:2, Simon, Acts 8:9; Phil. 3:18-19.

3. Love of pleasures, 2 Tim. 3:4, The prodigal, Luke 16:11-13.

4. Love of pre-eminence, 3 John 9, Diotrophes, 3 John 9; Scribes, Mark. 12:38-40.

5. Love of the world, 2 Tim. 4:10, Demas, 2 Tim. 4:10; I Jno. 2:15; Jas. 4:4.

6. Love of darkness, John 3:19, Judas, John 13:29-30.

7. Love of praise, John 12:42-43, Rulers, John 12:42-43; Jno. 5:44; Rom. 2:20.

8. Love of wages of wrong doing, Num. 31, Balaam; 2 Pet. 2:15.

9. Love of places, Pharisees, Luke 11:43.

10. Love of titles, Matt. 23:1-10, Scribes, Luke 20:46; Jas. 3:1.

Dear Sister Ogletree, Elk City, Oklahoma: I received your request and have granted your pleasure. Thanks for your letter. ---Roy L. Snoderly, Editor.