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"THUS IT IS WRITTEN"

"Thus it is written, "This is my body which is broken for you." Is it thus written, "This represents MY body which is broken for you?"

It is written, "This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many," Mrk. 14:24. Luke 22:20, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you"

Is it thus written, "We thank thee Lord for this cup which so fitly represents thy blood which is shed for many?" Or, "We thank thee O Lord for this cup which so fitly represents thy spilt blood ". Or, "So emblematic of thy blood which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Thus it is written; Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, (The Lord's Supper, I Cor. 11:20). Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Is it thus written; "They came together to partake of the emblems"?

Thus it is written, I Cor. 10:16, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of the blood of Christ? The bread we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ"? Is it thus written, "Is it not a representation of the blood of Christ? Is it not the representation of the communion of his blood and body"?

It is written, that He has given us all things that pertain to life and Godliness. The Church of Christ claims to "speak where the Bible speaks, and silent where the Bible is silent. In other words, they claim to speak as the Oracles of God, but do the Oracles of God mention the Is it thus written? mentioned above? (Continued on page 2)

If it is not written, it is not of faith. That which is not of faith is sin. (Romans I4:23.

Luke 22:I7: "And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves". He told the disciples to divide it. He did not divide it into individual cups, and gave thanks for the cup (the fruit of the vine). .I Cor. II:23: "For I have received of the Lord, that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: 24 And when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, Take,eat;: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

It is not written, that He said this represents my body which is broken for you. Nor is it written that He said, This so fitly represents my blood, which is shed for many.

Luke 22:I7; He blessed the cup, and said, "divide this among yourselves." It is not written , that He divided it into individual cups then gave it to them and told them to drink of it. The disciples were told to divide it. And if we divide it, for the disciples, we are going beyond what is written. We have substituted our way for His way, and it is written, "Thou shalt neither add to, nor diminish ought from God's word," pervert the gospel or wrest the scriptures.

I Cor. I0:I6; It is written, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? I7 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

John 6:5I; "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I give for the life of the world." Verse 53; "Then said Jesus unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Verse 54; Whoso eatheth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Verse 55; For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Verse 56, He that eatheth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him." When we stidy His word and commune over His death at the Lord's table,, "grow in grace and knowledge" built up in the most holy faith","renewed in the spirit of our minds", press on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus; we are fulfilling that which is required of us.

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But if we neglect so great a salvation, which began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; we are not feeding on His word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

When we talk of meeting to partake of the emblems, and such other expressions (unscriptural expressions), in connection with the Lord's supper, when we are told that according " as His divine power hath given unro us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through a knowledge of Him who hath called us to glory and virture. "Kept back nothing that is profitable." When we make these unscriptural expressions, we are denying that we believe that He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Especially when they contradict, add to, take from, pervert or change the meaning. We should give more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

John 6:5I, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give, is my flesh which I give for the life of the world." I meet some who say that the bread and cup (in the Lord's supper) are the emblems of the church. But it is not so written.

Can we truthfully say that we speak where the Bible speaks, and silent where the Bible is silent, when we use these expressions? Can we honestly say that we are speaking as the Oracles of God? We are told to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. The faith, is the things written; that which is not written, is not of faith; and we read again "That which is not of fa faith is sin."

Let us teach that which is written, and practice what we preach.

--- J. H. LACKEY.

Springfield, Colorado.

EARL O. NOYES, Sedan N. Mex., Feb. 5, I964. - Just a few lines this morning. We have had two days of blizzard. Snow is piled up as high as my head in places and is hard to get around on foot. Don't know when we can get around or get out with a car or tractor. We were at churh Sunday week at Springfield, Colorado. Bro. and Sister Lackey were well. Don't know whether the mail will come today or not. Not of the snow plows don't run. Am sending a check to help on the Gospel News Courier. We are as well as common and hope this finds all well with you. Am sending a little write-up. -- Yours in the one Faith.

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Dedicated to the propagation of New Testament Christianity.

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J. C. SPURLIN, Reydon, Oklahoma 73660, Feb. 10, 1964. Received your letter last week. Received the Courier today. I seldom ever stop until I have rrad every word, and most of the time I read it twice. I certainly want to thank you, Bro. England and all the faithful that make it possible to have a church paper. Wish we lived close so we could help you some.

Thank you for sending back my list of subscribers I sent you. Now I can send in others as opportunity affords, and that without repetition. I am to have surgery for Hernia in a few days, and as soon as I can recuperate sufficiently, will try to prepare another article for the paper. I think each of us must share the responsibility of making the paper a success. I wish the brethren could realize that in neglecting to do so, they become delinquent in their responsibility. I know that every brother cannot write, any more than every brother cannot preach; but I do think each of us that can, should do so. I know that the brethren everywhere would appreciate our effort. We ever look forward to the coming of the paper, for we do indeed love to hear from the brethren and sisters everywhere. We noticed in today's Courier that Sister Studer has suffered a heart attack. Sister Nelson had notified us of Bro. Baldwin's misfortune. Our sympathy and prayers go forth to all that are so unfortunate. May God bless each of them; and all who are interested in true Christianity. With brotherly love and best wishes. --- Your Christian friends, THE SPURLINS.

Thanks Bro. Spurlin for your splendid reminders and suggestions on how the brethren could be of much help to the Courier by writing news notes, and also articles for publication. We do need news from the brethren everywhere, and also articles on gospel subjects. We also need more articles exposing erroneous false, and sectarian doctrine of every kind.

We surely hope your surgey was successful and we wish for you a speedy recovery back to normal health. We hope the brethren will act on your suggestions and write more for the paper.

--- The Courier.

We were all made sad on receipt of the news that Bro. Kenneth Baldwin, Delta, Colorado, suffered a severe heart attack January 25. He was rushed to a hospital in Delta where he was

put under an Oxygen tent for nearly a week. He has since been transferrred to the VETERANS' HOSPITAL, Grand Junction, Colorado. At our last report, he was still in critical condition. We all extend our sympathy to him and Sister Baldwin and their family and our prayers are for his complete recovery.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By J. D. Logan 300 Glenn Ave., Modesto, Calif.

No questions received for this month.

"ORPHANS OF THE LIVING."

We think of orphans only, as the little girls
and lads,
Who haven't any mothers or who haven't any dads.
They are grouped with other children, and in groups
they're put to bed,
With some stranger paid to listen while their little
prayers are said.
All the grown-ups look with pity on such lonely
children small,
And declare to be an orphan is the saddest state
of all.

But sometimes I look about me and in sorrow hang
my head,
As I gaze on something sadder than the orphans of
the dead.
For more pitiful and tragic as the sad days come
and go,
Are the orphans of the parents they are not allowed
to know.
They're the orphans of the living, left alone to
romp and play,
From their fathers and their mothers, by ambition
shut away.

They have fathers who are busy and so weighted
down with cares,
That they haven't time to listen to a little
child's affairs.
They have mothers who imagine, life could give
them, if it would,

Something richer, something better than the joy
of motherhood.
So their children learn from strangers, and by
strangers' hands are fed,
And the nurse for so much money, nightly tucks
them into bed.

Lord, I would not grow so busy that I cannot drop
my task,
To answer every question which that child of mine
can ask.
Let me never serve ambition here so selfishly,
I pray,
That I cannot stop to listen to the things my
children say.
For whatever cares beset them, let them know I'm
standing by,
I don't want to make them orphans, till the day
I come to die.

-----Selected.

"POWER AND ASSEMBLY."

In I Corinthians 5:4, Paul speaks of a gathering or assembly of the congregation "with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ" and "my (Paul's) spirit." Paul means by these two phrases that the authority of Christ and the direction or influence of the apostle is associated with the assembly of the church. When one deliberately depreciates the assembly by absenteeism he flaunts the authority of the apostles and disrespects the presence of Christ.

We need to recapture the kind of personal spirit and interest of that assembly of Acts I4:27-28 in which Paul and Barnabas reviewed their evangelistics experiences. We need to appreciate the value of the prayers of assembled disciples. (Acts I2:I2) In the church-assembly there is an ingathering of precious souls and the upgoing of sacred homage. You need to be a participant! ----- Selected.

HOW TO DETERMINE WHEN A MAN IS SICK

Does he miss church? He may be sick.
Does he miss work? He probaly is sick.
Does he miss his favorite sport or amusement?
He really is sick. -- Selected.

It proved that Lazrus had fared better in rags than the rich man had in robes. The same results are being reached by persons being so clothed today.

SCENES AT THE JUDGMENT.

"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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" (Matt. 7:21-23) The word "iniquity" here means "lawlessness", the condition of one without law; without authority. Christ did not deny that they were honest, sincere, and had done good works, but they are lost. Why are they lost? They are lost simply because their service was not according to the law of Christ. They did not do the things Christ authorized, but their work and worship was according to the doctrines and commandments of men, therefore:Vain. (Matt. 15:9) These passages teach us very plainly that honesty in disobedience cannot save. Christ saves those who obey Him. (Heb. 5:9)

SELECTED QUOTES

The Christian cannot be all his time praying, but he can be always prayerful.

Christians should learn that they are only pilgrims, not settlers in this world. Our home is beyond.

False doctrines will not make a Christian, but false living spoils many Christians.

The bad man doesn't deserve a eulogy upon his gravestone, and the Christian doesn't nedd one.

It is said there is one difference in dismounting from a real horse and a hobby horse, viz., a man can sometimes get off a real horse.

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath, nor rise upon a sin committed yesterday which has not been forgiven.

Pride is to the character like the attic to the house--the highest part and generally the most emty.

Some people read just enough to keep throughly misunderstood.

Don't brag, it's not the whistle that pulls the train.

C H R I S T I A N S

WILL

Love their enemies.
Pray for those who despitefully use them.
Be humble.
Be kind.
Be long suffering.
Pray always.
Speak as the oracles of God.
Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.
Be peacemakers.
Dress modest.
Teach God's word in season and out.

WILL NOT

Take up Carnal Weapons.
Kill their fellow man.
Work ill to their neighbor.
Envy.
Judge wrongly, but judge righteous judgment.
Be puffed up.
Be easily provoked.
Wear denominational names.
Persecute Jew or Gentile.
Speak evil of others.
Add to God's word.
Preach their opinions.
Write creeds.
Practice revelry.
Be Lords.
In short, Christianity is a life in Christ.

---Selected.

The best thing parents can spend on their children is time--not money.

It is not your ability as much as your availability that counts with God.

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