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TO ERR FROM GOD'S WORD

By Kenneth M. Baldwin.

(Continued from last month)

He tells us to take heed to ourselves to. Now there are many ways we can err, so let us take heed. The way we should do this we find in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Psalms 19:12, "Who can understand hie errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults". Hebrews 9:7, "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people." James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We have brethren who practice things they do not find in God's word. Some of the things they practice which are not found in God's word are, Sunday School, Cups, Individual cups, Non-breaking of the bread, and **FORSAKING THE ASEMBLY.** The congregation that does not do any of the things mentioned above, but fails to assemble themselves, should take a good look at Hebrews 10:25,, which says "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." **WHAT DAY IS HE TALKING ABOUT. THINK!** What must we do when one departs from the truth? RESTORE means to bring back to the first state or

condition. Galations 6:I, TELLS US THIS, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

John 6:53, "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." Can we err on this and expect God to accept it? What would you do in this matter So let us use God's word, for they are Spirit and they are truth. John 6:54,56, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him."

We have those who miss ASSEMBLING. I think this is one of the most neglected requirements of all. We have those who bless in one container and then divide into more than one after it has been blessed. We have those who say the container does not mean anything. Maybe not, but I would like to see a demonstration as to how they pass the blood of Christ, which is liquid, without a container. All os these to me are errors. What will they do with John 6:53, something that is dead, has no life in it. James I:I6, "Do not err, my beloved brethren." James 5:I9-20, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

This is written in Christian love, and I hope and pray it is received in the same way.

Kenneth M. Baldwin.
Happy Hollow Church of Christ, P. O. Box I88, Delta, Colorado.

HARRY WEGLEY, 3675 Williams Hwy., Grants Pass, Oregon, Aug. 4, I964. - Just a line to let you know we are well at the little congregation in Cave Junction. We enjoy the news of others in the church so much.

We are sending some money to help our workers in the field. There is such a great need for those who have no place to meet and worship our Lord. Our prayers go with the brethren in the work. I will mention that our little church is located on the Laurel Road in town. We have the only church building on the road. If you have any trouble finding it, call Rex Mickey, I-800I. May God bless and keep us all in his faith.

With Christian love.

The brethren at Cave Junction, Oregon.

J. C. SPURLIN, Reydon, Okla. 73660, July 22, I964. - Just a word to say we are still among the living. We received the Courier last week. We enjoy it very much, as it helps to keep in contact with the brethren, the very people we love most.

We have had some compliments on the article I had in the last issue. It makes me think folks are reading the paper. I hope the brethren may see fit to write many good articles on the plan of salvation, and Christian love, which should ever be foremost in our daily practice..

We are enclosing check for our little mite in support of the Courier. Had it not been for the paper we would not have known about the camp-meeting in Colorado. We hope to attend and meet many folks we night never be able to meet otherwise. We hope to see you there Bro. Snoderly.

We are making arrangements to leave for Colorado Thursday morning the 6th. We are going by way of Albuquerque to visit our grandson. From there to Aztec, then to Delta. Sure would like to see you there. From all accounts, we are to have a good crowd, and I hope much good may be done. Speaking of funds for evangelistic work; we have pledged ourselves to four different weak congregations for the amount of $25.00 each. They all need meetings but thus far, none have accepted our offer. In addition to our financial offer, promised td help them with our personal help. I think 2 of the four may make an effort before too long. HOPE so any way. ------Your brother in Christ.

H. N. JOHNSON, Ireland, Texas. - I have been receiving the Courier for several years. Don't know just where you may have learned of me; but I think you are doing a good work. However, I may not agree with all that it says, but neither do I expect others to agree with all I say. There is a lot for us to learn yet.

Perhaps you might like to know just a little about me. I was 80 years of age on last December 4th, and have been a member of the church of our Lord for 64 years. I am now living alone, and have been for near 12 years. I am only waiting the boatman's call.

Enclosed, you will please find $2.00 for the Courier, also an article, "Will Sex Be Unknown in Heaven.?", if you ever have space and see fit to publish it. If not, don't think that I would become offended in any way.

May the Lord bless you in all the things that you that is right. --------I am, Your Brother in Christ.

Thank you Bro. Johnson for your letter, help and article.

ROY.

LOYD TREAT, Gen. Del., Broken Bow, Oklahoma. - I am a little late with our report, but here goes. We went to Baron church at Stilwell, the 2nd. Lord's day . Had a wonderful time. The churches here at Broken Bow are as usual. One was baptized the Ist. Lord's day in July at

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Broken Bow, Bro. Paul Auslam doing the baptizing.

I would like to make the following announcement for us at Broken Bow. We are planning a 5th. Sunday meeting at Broken Bow, to start on the 5th. Sunday of this coming November next. We invite all everywhere that can, to come and be with us. We want enough speakers for Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and night and three services on Lord's day.

Everyone is asked to come and let us make this a big success. It will be our first time to have one here, so let us all attend and work together. Write us of your plans so we can arrange the advertising and advertise far enough in advance so we can arrange the speakers in our advertisement. We will find places for all to stay, so just come and be with us. Don't let us down. Write me, or Bro. Claud Watson, P. O. Box, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, or Mrs. R. C. Clements, Broken Bow.

THE INDWELLING WORD.

Colossians 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Here we have the command of God given to us. First let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom. If we fulfill this command, we certainly will have a working knowledge of the Bible, and when we are asked, we can give an answer why we believe or don't believe a thing that is asked us. Then wisdom in this command is to be wise. Romans 10:1-3 Paul expressed his desire that all might be saved; but they had a form of doctrine, a zeal of God but it was not according to knowledge or wisdom for they were ignorant of God's commands, Psalms 119:172. They were not wise in the word of God, therefore they could not teach, admonish, and sing acceptably to God. And Peter said that if they lacked those things, the commands of God, they were blind and had forgotten that they were forgiven of their old sins, 2 Peter 1:5-11. Brethren, our duty to Christ is to learn of him, Matthew 11:28-29; and then whatever we do, do all in his name, and give thanks to God the Father by him; and lay aside every weight and sin that will beset or turn us aside, and look to Jesus, the beginning, and

finisher of our faith. ---In love of the truth and the brethren. ----LOYD TREAT, Gen. Del., Broken Bow, Okla.

IN MEMORIAM

SISTER ALLIE BELL JONES, 78, was born February 4, 1886 at Waxahachie, Texas, departed this life July 22, 1964 at Delta, Colorado. Her body was transported to Yuma, Ariz. and interment was in the Yuma Memorial Park, July 27. Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband, the late Bro. Bob Jones, who preceded her in death June 17, 1945. Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Johnson Mortuary, in Yuma, with Bro. W. A. Nelson of the Somerton, Arizona Church of Christ conducting the services.

Pallbearers were, Brothers Robert Morris, Jack Rennick, Ralph Jones, and Donny Long, all of the Somerton Church of Christ, and Bro. Horace Orendorff of the Yuma Church of Christ.

Survivors include 2 sons, Johnnie Burnett, Riverside, California, Joe Jones, Whittier, California; 2 daughters, Sister Verlie Baldwin, Delta, Colorado, Sister Movelle Wilkerson, Cedaredge, Colorado; one brother, Joseph L. Curley, St. Petersburg, Florida; 2 sisters, Dixie Ennis, Anaheim, California, Eula Anderson, Paris, Texas; 14 grand-children, 12 great grandchildren.

May the Lord bless and comfort her loved ones left behind, and may we all be comforted in the promises of our Saviour and the knowledge of his resurrection.

SISTER MARGARET EMALINE DAVIS passed from this life at Somerton, Arizona on Sunday July 26.

Interment was in the Yuma Memorial Park in the Garden of The Last Supper July 29. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband who preceded her in death eleven years.

Sister Davis leaves 4 sons and 4 daughters, 26 grandchikdren, ten great grandchildren, 2 brothers and three sisters. Bro. Elmer Hunt of Corona, California was called to conduct the funeral services.

Sister Davis had been a member of the Church of Christ over 60 years. We all extend our Christian love and sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones left behind. May the Lord bless and keep us all until we can be united in that eternal home of bliss and happiness where there will be no more tears and sad good-byes.

Learn as if you were to live forever----live as if you were to die tomorrow.

REPLY TO RONNY WADE

Br Paul Ferguson

In answer to a tract written by Ronny Wade, entitled "THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME", on pages 8, 9, 10 under "JESUS BRAKE BREAD", quote, "Jesus took bread, blessed it, and brake it", Matt. 26:26. The question of how Jesus broke bread is a much controverted one. However, by noticing his example as well as several other pertinent scriptures, I believe we can reach a scriptural conclusion."

Answer: Yes we must consider all that is said on a subject, in order to know what the Lord would have us to do. And will you please notice Matthew 26:26 which you partly quoted, and stopped on the phrase,"brake it". Let us note the rest of the verse. You state that the word bread, means one-loaf. This I agree. Then what do we have? Matt. 26:26, "And as they were eating, Jesus took a loaf, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to th disciples, and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body". Remember, what Jesus took, gave thanks for, and brake, he also gave it to his disciples. He gave a broken loaf, not a part of a loaf, not a part of a loaf. This is not your practice. Your practice is, after the servant at the table gives thanks,breaks off a piece and eats; he then gives the rest of the loaf to the assembly for them to break off and eat. This is not the example Jesus left as we can clearly see from the record.

Next you state, I. "What did Jesus do". There are two questions that we must consider here. They are; Did Jesus break bread for himself, or did he break bread for all the assembled disciples? To better understand and answer these questions, let us notice Luke 22:19: "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me!'

You asked, "Did Jesus break for himself, or for his disciples?" Neither one was to get their part to eat, but is an act to qualify, not to get a part ot eat. That would come under the command" "Take eat", and not under the example, brake.

Then on page 9 Bro. Wade commented on "this do" stating, "this" is a demonstrative pronoun which has for its antecedent the action of Christ. In other words, Jesus is asking his disciples to do as he has done. Answer; as for "this" referring to the action of Christ, is correct; but as asking the disciples as individuals,, or as each one man or woman TO DO the things he did is not true, as the record shows. For the action of Christ is this; He took a loaf, gave thanks, brake it, gave it; took the cup, gave thanks etc. For every one in the assembly to do just what Jesus did, would force

them to use individual loaves and individual vups. We only have authority for one loaf and one cup on the table. You may ask, "How can "this do" be carried out?" My answer is this; only by the one that serves at the table. How is this done? Answer: I. Jesus took a loaf, servant at the tabletakes a loaf, 2. Jesus gives thanks for it, servant gives thanks for it 3. Jesus brakes it, servant at table brakes it. 4. Jesus gave it to discioles, servant at table give it to disciples. This is how "this do" is to be carried out, by the one that serves at the table, as a congregational act, performed only by servant at table.

Bro. Wade also states; "However if Jesus had taken a loaf of bread and broken it into (in near the middle), it would have been impossible for his disciples to have done likewise." Answer: I don't know of any one teaching that the loaf must be broken into (in or near the middle), but if it was broken in the middle, certainly the loaf would be broken, and would qualify as to the general term "brake." No, the disciples as individuals could not do this. In this you are correct, and don't forget it.

Again he says, "Or if he had taken a loaf and broken it into a hundred pieces, it would have been impossible for his disciples to do that, unless they had another loaf." Answer; as an individual act, you are correct. But he further states, "But if Jesus took a loaf of bread and broke off of it, and then asked his disciples to do likewise, this they could." Answer; Here is where the whole argument breaks down. Remember IF Jesus broke off of it, it was from a whole loaf. Then if Jesus gave the disciples the rest of the loaf, as you said he could, they would have to break their piece from a part of a loaf. So they would not be doing what you say Jesus could have done. So in this case, they would have to get another loaf; or get a loaf each, and would have to break from a whole loaf, as you said Jesus could have done. In the argument, you are NOT CORRECT. Can not you see this?

(To be continued)

PAUL FERGUSON, 514 W. La Habra Ave., La Habra, Calif. Aug. 22, 1964. - I was absent from home about two months this summer in meetings. My first meeting was with the congregation at Furnish Canyon, Colodado. One baptism there, Nan Wiggins, daughter of Bro. and Sister Jack Wiggins. Next I was with the California Creek congregation near New Castle, Texas 14 days. From there I went on a missions trip to Texas City, Texas. I talked to their leader there, but don't know whether I did much good or

not. I taught them the truth, it will be up to them to obey it. Next I was with the church at Seymour, Texas over two Lord's days. Much interest was shown in this meeting. Following this, I was with the church at Bohannan Mountain in a three nights meeting. This church is located 6 miles South West of Huntsville, Arkansas. From there I went to Loco, Oklahoma and was with the church there over two Lord's days. Some interest was shown in this meeting. The last meeting was with the church at Ringgold, Texas where eight were baptized. Names of those baptized as follows: Linda and Virginia Pollan, daughters of Bro. and Sister Lee Joe Pollan. Ellis and Mary Pollan, son and daughter of Bro. and Sister Ernest Pollan; Thresa Taylor, daughter of Bro. and Sister Howard Taylor; La Don and DarlynnLewis, son and daughter of Ora Joe Williams; Mrs. Zelpha Taylor, wife of Bro. Don Taylor. I feel that all the meetings with these congregations was a success, and much good was done for theLord.

The churches showed interest by cooperating with one another, by visiting and helping in the meetings. This showed their unity and one-ness of mind and wanting nothing but the truth. For this I am thankful. May the Lord bless each one to do His will, is my prayers. ---Your Brother in Christ.

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Sorry to disappoint you, those who are interested in this department, as no questions received for this month.

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA. - News from here is scarce this month. The church is going along about as usual. Bro. Paul Fwrguson was welcomed back home from his meetings with an all day services at the church and lunch at church both at noon and evening. Bro. and Sister Dayton Clouse were away during the last part of August, spending the time in central California and visiting her ailing father, Bro. J. G. Conder of the Modesto, California congregation.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye PRESENT YOUR BODIES a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service.

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, AND PERFECT, will of God." Paul the Apostle to the church at Rome, Romans 12:1-2.