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UNITY

We hear so much said about unity, but not once telling how to obtain it. We hear it on the radio, in the pulpit; we all want unity—but how much, is the question—how bad?

We are all united on faith, repentance, confession, and baptism; the one body, the Church. So the question arises, why are we not united? We will try to find the answer.

Now we wish to be fair with all the Church, and reason among ourselves. Am I not honest? Are the other brethren differing with me not honest? We must not try to reason they are not. The Scriptures say, Come, let us reason together, Isa. 1:18. Are we willing to do that?

Psa. 133:1, Eph. 4:3. Are we dwelling together in unity? No. Are we endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace? No. Are we coming into the unity of the faith? No. We are destroying the unity, getting farther and farther apart, every day.

Then how can we unite? That is simple. Isa. 34:8. One asks, what is the way? Christ says, "I am the way", Jno. 14:6. We find his way in the New Testament. Why not take that way? and lay all these pre-conceived ideas down?

Did Christ put women teachers in his way? No. Did He put Sunday schools in his way? No. Did He put individual cups in the communion services? No. Did He say the one waiting on the Table must break off a piece of the bread and eat it before passing it to the Church? No. Did He tell the Church to break the bread before they eat it? No.

Then why not unite on what He did tell us to do? He gave us authority for men to teach the whole Church, I Cor. 14:31. He set the pattern for one cup at the Lord's Table, and for the one waiting on the Table to break the bread and pass it to the Church. And told them to eat it.

So why do we want to do more and cause division in the Church? Mark them that cause division, Rom. 16:17. May God help us just to take the Word of God for our guide, is my prayer.

The Church of Christ never had instrumental music in worship, women teachers, the Church divided into classes to be taught, never authorized the one waiting on the Table to break off a piece of the bread and eat it before he passed it to the Church, never commanded the members to break the bread after the one officiating at the Table breaks it, never used individual cups in the communion services: only used one cup.

Those are the facts of what the Bible teaches us to do. Why want to do more? So that causes a question to arise in our minds: Why will preachers plead for unity, and at the same time advocate division? preach unity at the

top of their voice, and at the same time sowing the seed of discord in the Church. They surely forget Rom. 16:17.

If you can't harmonize the Church you are a member of with 2 Tim. 3:16-17. and Col. 3:17. and 2 Pet. 1:3. It certainly cannot be the Church of Christ, for it don't have the correct ear marks.

Service each Lord's Day at 10:45 at the Old Church of Christ, Broken Bow. R. C. CLEMENTS, Box 731, Broken Bow, Okla.

WHY WE DO NOT USE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

So many people think that the Sunday School is all right because their Father or Mother worshipped that way. Some think it is all right because their children can be taught, others think it is all right because it brings so many more to Church, and is the modern way, but what does God say? That is what we must rely upon. We can rely on I Cor. 14:34. God said by the Apostle Paul to LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES; FOR IT IS NOT PERMITTED FOR THEM TO SPEAK, BUT THEY ARE COMMANDED TO BE UNDER OBEDIENCE AS ALSO SAITH THE LAW. Now let us note, God said they were commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. Now what does the law say? Let us notice in Exodus where God told Moses how to build the tabernacle and how that he gave instruction as who was to wait on the Lord and teach his people, but not one place did he instruct women to teach, neither did Christ when he chose the Apostles. So by the same reasoning the Sunday School is condemned in both places, for it violates the commandments of God. It is no part of the commandments of the Lord neither did the Apostles command it. Now if we partake or induce others to partake we are in this class. II Jno. 1:11 FOR HE THAT BIDDETH HIM GOD SPEED IS PARTAKER OF HIS EVIL DEEDS, and if it be evil we are told to SHUN THE VERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL. How then can we have the Sunday School? It is no part of the truth. Jno. 16:13 HOW BE IT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU UNTO ALL TRUTH: For John said YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. Therefore he did not guide them unto the Sunday School, so it cannot be a part of the truth. And again the Sunday School is no part of life and Godliness. II Pet. 1:3 ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE POWER, HE HATH GIVEN US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE, but we see his divine power hath not given us the Sunday School, therefore no glory, no virtue, So God hath not called us to glory and virtue with the Sunday School. It is not of good works, for the SCRIPTURE THOROUGHLY FURNISHES US, UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS, and they do not furnish this man made device, but the Lord said we can be perfect without it, so why have it? It is not of faith. Rom. 10:16 SO THEN FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD. So men do not walk by faith when they use the Sunday School. Paul said WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN, Rom. 14:23. It can not be used in the name of the Lord. Coll. 3:17 AND WHATSOEVER YE DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO ALL IN THE NAME OR THE LORD JESUS. So we see we can not use it in the name of the Lord. Rom. 8:6 FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH, BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE, so then it is of the world, and if we partake of it, we transgress God's law. The Sunday School adds to God's law. Rev. 22:18. Coll. 3:16 LET THE WORDS OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, how can you do that and add the Sunday School, when it is not found in the Bible? Now friends let us lay down the practice of this man made instrument and touch not the unclean thing so that God will receive us.

Written in love and the cause of Christ, LLOYD TREAT, Ozone, Ark.

FROM THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, SOMERTON, ARIZ.

We enjoyed a series of gospel talks June 4 continuing on through June 11 with three baptisms and one restored. Bro. Elmer H. Hunt of Garden Grove, Calif., doing the preaching. We shall take this opportunity to recommend Bro. Hunt as one who preaches the gospel in simplicity and truth.

Somerton Church of Christ. W. A. NELSON, Rt. 1, Box 19 M

BRO. E. H. CAVIN WRITES:

The Church here at LaHabra, Calif. is doing OK. We baptised three the 7th of May. Two young men 18 and 20 and a girl 17. We have had some visiting members from El Paso, Tex. and from Hollywood. Have had large attendance for three Lord's days. Oh yes there are a few members meeting at Bro. S. Walford place in El Paso, Tex., 230 So. 1st. Ave.

Your Bro. in Christ, E. H. CAVIN, 12560 E. Persing Dr., Whittier, Calif.

DEAR BRO. GARRISON:

I received IT IS WRITTEN and did enjoy it very much. We have been intending to write for some time, but so many things have happened that I just can't do as I would like to. We have secured the Primitive Baptist church in Crosbyton to worship in, and we would like to get a preacher to come and hold us a meeting. If you know of some one, write and tell me and I will try and get in touch with him. There are only a few of us, eight in all. I believe it would be well for us to get the names of all the preachers that stands for the truth in one issue of IT IS WRITTEN. If any pass this way we would like for them to worship with us.

Your Bro., R. H. PEEL, Rt. 2, Floydada, Tex.

DEAR BRO. GARRISON:

I have been a member of the Church of Christ for 42 years and have never been for the plurality of cups, nor for the Sunday School. I am satisfied with what is written and don't want anything else. The cups, the Sunday School, and the non bread breakers are all digressors from the true way, and have done untold harm to the cause of Christ. I take a number of church papers and every one of them have some unscriptural hobby to try to put over. Only the paper you and Bro. Atchley print is the only one I know that does not stand for some unscriptural theory. There is so much that needs to be done for the cause that we love so well, the cause of Christ, that it is a shame there is not more being done than is being done at the present time. The devil is certainly busy with the printed page and all other ways. I am not a preacher but want to do what I can in my limited and humble way to combat error and spread the gospel. There is so much heresy in the Church of Christ, or so called Churches of Christ, that something needs to be done. If the true Church of Christ could get the truth before them and could keep continuously putting it before them, I believe a lot of the ones who have been deceived and led off would see the truth. Of course there is a lot of people that do not want the truth and will not accept it under any circumstances, but there is a lot of honest people that would see the right way if sufficiently taught. I thank you for writing and appreciate hearing from some one who stands for what is written. We all need encouragement in these days of man made doctrine, and it is good to know that there is a few that stands for the pure gospel of Christ.

Yours for the truth as in Christ,

L. C. ENGLAND, 258 N. Gretna, Ave., Whittier, Calif.

P. S.—Please find enclosed $1.00 for my subscription to IT IS WRITTEN.

DEAR BRO. GARRISON:

I have just received the paper, IT IS WRITTEN, and you don't know just how proud I was. I certainly enjoyed reading Bro. Treat's and Bro. Daniels articles. They were certainly good. Now brethren we are getting somewhere, and if we will get behind Bro. Garrison and Bro. Atchley, we can double the size of the paper. IT IS WRITTEN will do more good than we think, so let us do our part and have one of the best little papers in the south, for the Church of Christ. Bro. Garrison, how much would it take to double the size of the paper? How much more would it cost? Let me know and we will try to do our part. I for one am certainly proud for what you brethren have done, and I believe all the brethren are, so keep the good work going. R. C. CLEMENT, Broken Bow, Okla.

DEAR BRO. EARL:

We are proud of your latest issue of IT IS WRITTEN. This way we can hand it to a friend with the hope that he will be pleased with it. I think it will be worth the extra cost for printing. Now we should strive to make it larger by sending in an account of our activities from time to time and some good Bible lessons. Let us let our brethren know that we are on the job. We are increasing our donation this time to help bear the extra expense.

As ever, your Bro. in Christ, WILLIE FARRAR, Rt. 2, Carter, Okla.

Bro. Farrar meets with the congregation at Elk City, Okla.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I appreciate very much the letters and cards we have received concerning IT IS WRITTEN. As to the cost, Bro. Atchley can give you a better idea than I can, and I'm sure he will, just as soon as he can inquire about it. As all the Church knows, Bro. Beddingfield was the original publisher of IT IS WRITTEN, and much credit for it being published is due him. We are only trying to carry on in the place of him. May he enjoy life and keep in memory that it was he that gave IT IS WRITTEN its beginning. Would like to ask please, any one writing in to the paper, do your best to have all the articles in by the fifteenth of each month, that we may in time have IT IS WRITTEN ready by the first of each month.

Yours in Christ, C. G.

I too would like to say thanks to all who have written in. It does show you are getting, and appreciate the paper. Too we learn of new congregations, such as at Crosbyton, near Floydada, Texas, and at El Paso. I think Bro. Peel has made a good suggestion of publishing the names also the addresses of our Faithful Preachers. I would like to list the address of each Church of Christ who are Faithful to the teaching of the New Testament. This way when we are vacationing or looking for a new location we will know how to plan that we may always be at the house of the Lord on the first day of the week. I won't mention each congregation but I want to thank you for your support and especially those who have not helped before and those who have increased their support to help with the extra expense of printing. In answer to Bro. Clements on the cost of doubling the size of the paper, will say our printing for our first issue was $18.36. I did not check the cost of the stamps, which is not too big an item. Of course, the printing is based on how much printing goes in each month. This is about all I can tell you, but hope you can get an idea of the cost by these figures. I too would like to see a larger paper. We can with full support of the brethren, both in finances and good scriptural articles to be published.

Your Bro. in Christ, L. E. ATCHLEY