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IT IS WRITTEN

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WHAT TO DO TO BE SAVED? ACTS 16:30

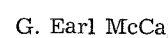
When we read the question asked by the Phillipian jailer we usually think of what the sinner has to do to become a Christian. I wish to consider what a Chistian MUST do in order to be sure of Heaven. Bro. Elmer Hunt visited me this summer and some conditions in Southern California were bothering him and he wished to know just what we could teach; that people MUST do in order to meet God's approval. In general I answered that we could only say we must do what we can read in the WORD. For example Christians Must, Lay by in store on the first day of the week. (1 Cor. 16;2) But no one would have a right to say HOW to lay it by. The manner is not taught in the Word so I have no right to say how it is to be done. If I do insist it must be done in a particular manner then I make myself a law giver. James says, "There is one lawgiver who is able to save and destroy." If I attempt to make a law for my brethren I am usurping that right that only divinity has. I am sinning.

Now let us consider another point of worship. The one who serves at the communion table MUST break the bread FOR the disciples. In Luke 22;19 we have the record that Christ broke bread and then told the disciples to do this that he had done: For whom did he break it? For himself or for the others? After he, Christ, had broken the bread, he said. "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken FOR you: this do in remembrance of me." If the leader does not break the bread for the others he is in disobedience to Christ's command. Only in the last thirty years have brethren begun to desobey Christ on that point. And regardless of the fact that they are misleading hundreds of persons on the broad road to destruction they persist in their unscriptural practice. Now notice another point. We must have a cup of the fruit of the vine in the communion. Jesus took a cup. (Matt. 26;27) It had in it the fruit of the vine (ver. 29) But must we have strong wine as some of our brethren contend? There is NOT ONE verse of scripture that teaches Christ had fermented grape

juice in the communion cup. When brethren contend for fermented wine they are contending for the OPINION and NOT for the faith once delivered to the Saints: Jude verse 3. They too are the cause of division in the brotherhood. They are in danger of being eternally lost.

Bro. John Staley challenged me for a discussion of the wine question several months ago. He agreed to affirm the use of strong wine in the communion and that it would be carried in the Christian Voice. I agreed to deny on his terms. But he began to hedge. He wanted me to affirm the scriptures teach the use of pastuerized grape juice. That way he got out of affirming what he first said he would affirm. He knew that any intelligent bible scholar would not affirm what he asked me to affirm. The bible knows nothing about pateurize because that word is not a hundred years old. Why will an intelligent person suggest such a proposition. I am ready to meet any one in writing on my question that is troubling the brethren. I will affirm my practice and deny the other fellow's practice if I believe it wrong. When Bro. Staley says we MUST use fermented wine in the communion he makes a law which he can not find anywhere in God's word. He can not find any verse or combination of verses that teach it. Brethren just tell us what verse teaches it so we can read it for ourselves. Is there a rule in the bible that tell us just how the bread MUST be made? It must be unleavened bread. But what else is there about how it must be made? If some one knows the verse that tells how it must be made I would like to know it. Is there an order of the different acts of worship that we must follow or be lost? I haven't found it after 60 years of reading the book. Our worship must be decent and orderly, but what order? Must we have a special song leader? Must we have singing at a baptismal service? Must we pass around a basket for contribution? There are many questions that might be asked. Only those things that are found in God's word MUST be done. Only when God's word says HOW to do it can we rightly say it MUST be done in that way. Brethren let us speak only where God speaks in regard to MUST. Let us not make a law where Christ has not made one. But he has made law let us follow it to the very letter. Let us never accept a man made law. Only by so doing what is in the last two statements may we be sure of heaven. Let us strive for the things which make for peace. God's word if followed by all will bring peace here and in the hereafter give us peace with God. Yours for God's way.

G. Earl McCay, 743 G. St. Springfield, Ore.



(Just To Remind)

Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ, now I praise you brethren, remember me in all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. 1, Cor. 11-1-2. now if we keep the ordinances as Paul de-

livered, Then, could we have A Sunday School? No; Paul did not deliver A Sunday School. Man delivered Sunday School, Did Paul deliver A Plurality of cups in the Communion? No; Man put them there, NOT PAUL: Let us all have a thus saith the LORD, for what we teach and practice, and I am sure that will be pleasing to the Lord. Heb. 11-6, tells us that without Faith it is impossible to please God. Rom, 10-17, Paul said Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Then to please God we must have a thus saith the Lord, for what we teach and practice, if it is to be pleasing to God.

Brethren the little paper IT IS WRITTEN, has started again it was doing a lot of good, when it temporarily stopped it can do good again, we the brethren must get behind IT IS WRITTEN, and we can make it a still better paper, the brotherhood has plenty of good writers, the good writers would not include me: but we can have a paper that will make the sects and digressionests take notice, if we all get behind IT IS WRITTEN, and push with all our might, nothing was ever accomplished without efforts

Yours in Christ

W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Okla.

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(As I See Things To-day)

Brethren things is not as they once was, about Forty years ago, Christianity really prevailed: now sectarainism; is prevailing such as Christianity is fast becoming a thing of the past, The Churches of Christ, is joining hands with the denominational world, at every cross road. Isiah, 4-1, is being fulfilled as fast as time goes on, What will be the next step of digression? God only knows, 2, Tim, 3-16-17 tells us that the Scriptures furnish the man of God unto all good works. If so did it furnish the Instrumental music? did it furnish the Sunday School? did it furnish the women teachers? did it furnish the Individual cups in the communion? did it tell us that Christ break off a piece of the Bread and ate it, when he instituted his supper? did he tell the Disciples, to break each of them of the BREAD? Christ said was his body, before they ate of it? Did Christ tell us to use fermented wine in his supper? Friends are not those things causing all the trouble in the Churches of Christ, if not why not? Prov, 6-19, tells us that the man that sows discord among the brethren, is an abomination to God. Are you not sowing some of those discords? we had better examine ourselves, friends there is not the slightest command in the New Testament, for such not one of them is of divine authority, the last one of them are of Man, NOT of God, then why will any man want to bind something on the Church of Christ that God never gave a divine Command for? why not be satisfied with what God has commanded, of

his Church. Why not? God is satisfied, why cant you be? it was A perfect Church when Christ built it, why not let it alone? if you add anything to it you make it imperfect. if you take anything from it you make it imperfect, God had in mind just how he wanted to build it, "his Church" He knew just what he wanted to put in his Church, he knew just how he wanted his Church governed, do you think that you can make A better government, to rule his church than he? or put better things in his Church than he? or that you know more than the Lord did? surely we should please the Lord, not ourselves, Col, 3-17, tells us that whatever we do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord. are we doing that? to do A thing in the NAME of the Lord is to do it by his authority, and we get his authority from the new Testament so where does the N. T. give you such authority, to carry on as you do in such works.

R. C. Clements, Box 731, Broken Bow, Okla.

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(Who Received the Holy Spirit)

Joel, 2-28; And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirt and in the 32, V. and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved: or delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. Now this is telling of a time in the future, from the time it was wrote, and was to have a fulfilling in the time the Lord said. But says one that applies today, well let us see if it does. In Acts 2-13-21, Peter said to those people, that this was what the Prophet Joel was speaking about, and said, and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, so we see that Joel had a fulfilling in the apostles days. Well some think that Mark 16-17-18, applies to us today, because these signs shall follow them that believe in my Name shall they cast out Devils; They shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So notice that after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into Heaven. THEM WHO? the ones that Believed. He was received up into Heaven. Also in Acts 1-2-11 we see that it was the apostles that he had chosen to whom he was speaking, and told them that they would receive power, after the Holy Spirit had come upon them. In Acts 2-4 it was the Apostles, that spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, and in the concluding chapters of the Book of Acts, it was the Apostles that those signs followed. What was those signs for? To confirm the word, do we have to have the word confirmed, today. No James said the law was Perfect. That is the law of liberty that we have today. James 1-25 well says one, I know the Apostles

received the power but we do to for it was given to all them that believed. Well friends you had better read Mark 16 again for it does not say ALL them that believe. But them that believe, NOT ALL, as some say, well one might say then to whom was he talking, read the 14 V. of Mark and see to whom he was talking, also read the 14 ch. of John, and in the 16-17 v. notice that the Comforter which was the SPIRIT of truth; that should come the world could not receive. Now in the 26 v. we see that the Comforter was the Holy Spirit; and he was to teach them all things, and bring to their rememberance whatsoever Christ had said unto them, now friends, this was the purpose of the Holy Spirit, does he do that to you? If so why do you have your Bibles? And if so why do you read from your Bibles and then misquote the rest of the scriptures? Somebody is wrong, who is it? Knowing the terror of the Lord We Persuade Men,

Yours for the Gospel—L. T.

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TO THE BRETHREN AND READERS OF IT IS WRITTEN

Due to causes beyond our control I will not be able to continue with my part of the work of publishing IT IS WRITTEN. Brother Coy Garrison has written me that brothers R. C. Clements and Lloyd Treat both of Broken Bow, Okla. will assist him in this work. I am sure that both of these brethren are better qualified for this job than I was, and feel that the paper will continue to grow and much good will be accomplished through their efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who were so faithful while I was working with IT IS WRITTEN, both with their financial support, and the good articles that come in from time to time. Without this support we could not have continued with the paper.

From the many letters I received, I'm sure the paper was doing good, and with the same support to these other brethren we may soon have a better paper. There are but few brethren who are standing firm on the Bible, and we must all work like we never worked before, that the Lord's Church may continue to stand. Not only to stand, but to grow. In order to do this we must have unity among ourselves, and all put our shoulders to the wheel and work together.

Brethren why not some one from each congregation send in a report once in a while that we may know about them. Also send in the name of town or community where you worship, and a description of how to get there. If this had been done while I was working with the paper we might not have to drive so far to worship. At present we are driving a little over

forty miles. We meet in the Bohannan mountains district, which is about six miles south west of Huntsville, Ark. There are but few in number meeting there but strong in the work of the Lord. Bro. Geo. Vanderpool is the leader, and I find him one that is firm in his work for the Lord.

We will continue to meet there until we can find or establish a loyal church closer to home.

Your Brother in Christ, L. E. Atchley,

Rt. 4 Box 210, Rogers, Ark.

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(Church Activities)

We the Church of Christ Broken Bow, Okla., do wish to thank Bro. Atchley for the good work he and Bro. Garrison did in putting out **IT IS** WRITTEN, out to the Church of Christ, and others, we feel sure it has been a blessing to the Church everywhere it has gone and we know especially to the Church in Broken Bow and we trust and pray that Bro. Atchley will recover fast, and continue to press the battle for the Lord more, and more, as time and health permits, may the good Lord bless him is our prayers. Church of Christ, Broken Bow, Okla.

To Bro. Coy Garrison and Bro. Lloyd Treat

We want to express our thanks to both of you for having the Christian love, and moral courage to take the work and carry on in Bro. Atchley's place, we need more young men of their kind, that Loves the Lord, and are willing to fight the good fight of faith and we hope and trust that the Church of Christ will give their support and prayers, for their success, and may they ever earnestly contend for the faith, just as it is laid down in God's word is our prayers.

Church of Christ, Broken Bow, Okla.

To those sending their support this month, we say thanks and it is appreciated for without your support we can not go on, and work for the cause with IT IS WRITTEN as we are not able of ourselves to put it out, so let us keep up the good work here and receive the reward hereafter.

L. T.

Thanks Bro. Atchley for the kind words of encouragement and we hope that you have success in the Church where you are meeting and prosper, both for your sake and the Lord's. L. T.

Bro. Daniels has moved to Broken Bow and is a great help to the Church here, also is gaining in health, may he continue to recover. L. T.

Richmond, California
August 18, 1952

Dear Bro. Garrison;

We received IT IS WRITTEN, we sure did miss the Paper very much, and glad you are putting it out again, we are now meeting at 3211 Broadway, San Pablo, Calif. If any of you are out this way, we would be glad to have you meet with us, Inclosing A money order for IT IS WRITTEN.

Yours in Christ,
Jack Cooper
341 S 29 St. Apt 1 A,
Richmond, California.

Thanks a lot Bro. Cooper for the help and we hope the Church there is in a fine way, and increasing in love.

—C. G.

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Carlsbad, N. M.
305 S. Olive
August 11, 1952

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Enclosed you will find a check for the amount of five dollars from the Church here for the support of IT IS WRITTEN, we were all glad to be able to receive the paper again, if God be willing, we will send this amount each month.

A sister in Christ
Mrs. Paul R. Bruce

Thank you and the Church there Sister Bruce, and may the Lord bless the Church there from time to time as you meet.

—C. G.

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Los Angeles, California
August 5, 1952

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Received your card and we were glad to hear from you, and the paper is forthcoming. I think the paper is doing much good among the Church of Christ. I hope it will bring them together and settle the bread and cup question, and worship according to the word of God, the Church at La Habra is at peace and doing well. We had a ten day meeting with Bro. Elmer Hunt doing the preaching. We had good attendance but none were Baptized we hope that they will continue to come and learn the way of Christ. Bro. Garrison will you let me know to whom I shall send the support to the paper. May God bless you and help you carry on his work.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley Niemczyk
737 S. Findley Avenue,
Los Angeles, California

Thank you Bro. Niemczyk for the nice letter and the encouragement. You may either send the support for the paper to me or either to Bro. Lloyd Treat, of Broken Bow, Okla., Rt. 1, Box 51 he is as you know helping me with IT IS WRITTEN and of course should receive much credit for the same.

—C. G.

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Stanton, Texas
August 18, 1952

Mr. Coy Garrison
Dear Bro. in Christ:

We enjoy the paper, we would like to know who sent our name into the paper? Would like to know what Bro. Atchleys illness is? Do you send the paper to anyone else in this vicinity? We meet in our home each Lord's Day morning. We are ten miles south of Jim Webb store at Stanton, Texas and two miles west on the Stanton Garden City road. We enjoy company and would invite anyone to come worship with us. Thanking you again for the paper.

Your Bro. in Christ,
N. E. and Mrs. Bergstorm

Thank you Bro. Bergstorm. No I don't know who or how your name was on the mailing list but I am thankful to know that you are meeting there and that you are receiving the paper. If I am over that way I shall surely stop. Thanks for the support for the paper.

—C. G.

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Grand Praire, Texas
August 25, 1952

Dear Brethren:

Was with the brethren at Coulter, Oklahoma in a weeks meeting of which I enjoyed very much. It is always a pleasure to be with them and to have the chance of fellowship with the good people of that community. We had good crowds every night. Visitors from Hammon, Okla., Pampa, Texas, Elk City, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla., and the best crowds that we have ever seen assembled there in the last seven years. Three were Baptized and I trust more shall learn the truth in the time to come. May the Lord Bless the congregation there as well as every place that call on his Name.

Yours in Christ
Coy Garrison

We wish also to thank the Church at Coulter for their Contribution to IT IS WRITTEN.

—C. G.