Forgans

It Is Written

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(HEADED FOR THE DITCH)

WE ALL KNOW WHEN A MAN IS DRIVING A CAR, that if he don't observe the rules and regulations of the Law, and good judgement, he is headed for the ditch, and so it is in the case of a man studying the word of God, if he fails to use God's word as he should, he is headed for the DITCH. God has given his way, and plan, and rules to go by, and when he fails to abide by them that man or woman is headed in the wrong direction. And then he has got to do some backing up, to get on the right road, and if he won't back up, there is no hope for that man the ditch is going to catch him. There are many roads being surveyed out by man, but God only mapped out but one, and he said that was a straight road and few would find it. That road leads to eternal life, but the broad road leads to destruction, and many would go there. Christ said that upon this rock he would build HIS Church Matt 16:18. We start on that road today, and many signs we will see, pointing us to the other roads. And each one of those roads has their improvements, made by Man. And each road has it's name, and different ways of distinguishing it's road. God's road has been built for over 1900 years, God has never changed his road, man has tried to change it, and has dug many ditches in it, but man is going to pay for his violations of God's road some day, he is not going to get by with it. Man has sown the seeds of discord many times, in the road, (the Church) but man is going to have to answer for those false doctrines, there is no promise of eternal life for that man only in torment. We have one discord, not over fifty years old, called instrumental music, in the road called First Christian Church.

We have another discord called women teachers, and Sunday School. All originated in that road called First Christian Church road. We have another discord individual cups, this ditch was dug in God's road about 1915. We have another ditch dug in God's road about 1925 called the non-bread breakers, also another about 1925 called fermented wine. I have ask for the Scriptures that teach such, of either of those hobbies, for over ten years, and up to this time, there has not been one single passage given me that will come in a mile of God's plan and I am still asking for them.

Those big shots that is working on those false ditches, keeps working on them. Brethren is continually falling into them. It seems that there would be some one that would please send me the Scriptures for their authority to dig such ditches. Is there not some one that will make the effort, why not, if you can? We just want the truth, we want all of us to be one. Speak the same thing, be of one mind, mind the same thing. Is that not what Christ prayed to God for, that there be no division among us?

I will ask for just a few more passages, and then leave it waiting for some good brother to lead me to the light.

(First) Please give me the Scriptures, where Christ broke off a piece of the bread, called it his Body, and ate it, in his Supper, Please tell me where Christ commanded his Diciples, to break off their part of the bread, called Christ's body, before they ate of the bread.

(Second) Please tell me where Christ drank of the fruit of the vine in his Supper, first or last.

(Third) Please tell me where did Christ command his Disciples, to use fermented wine in the Communion? Did Isa. 65:8? know what he was talking about, when he said that new wine was found in the cluster? Is there any kind of a vine, but the grape vine grows fruit in the cluster? that we make wine out of, but the grape vine?

Now Brethren, if those hobbies was laid down, as they should be, We could all be one in Christ, and speak the same thing, and there would be no division among us. Why in the name of common reasoning don't you stop such hobby riding as this and all come back to the Word of God, and all be one in Christ?

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WHO SHOULD WE PLEASE

For do I now persuade men or God, or do I seek to please men for if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ, Gal, 1-10, we learn from the above scripture we can't please men and still be the servant of Christ, Know ye not that to whom ye yeild yourselves servants to obey his servants ye are to whom ye obey whether of SIN unto death or of obedience unto righteousness Rom, 6-16, Jesus said no man can serve two masters, Matt. 6-24, then we read again the language of Jesus, In vain do they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, Mk.7-7, those scriptures should be enough to let them know that they can't please men and be a servant of Chrst, neither can we be a servant of men and be servant of Christ, and we cannot serve man and Christ for if we do our worship in vain, we teach for doctrines the commondments of men, the things we do and teach must be by the authority of Christ, Col, 3-17, or else we please men, by the authority of Christ, we learn that women is to keep silent in the churches, but man and his authority said that she could speak or teach, in the communion we find Cup was used by Jesus we have his authority for it, but to please men people use cups,

would that please, Christ? Christ broke bread in the instituting of the communion and gave to his diciples, with a command to take EAT but to please man the break off piece and eat then give to the diciples, to break and eat likewise, but remember Paul said if he yet pleased man he would not be the servant of Christ, Questions, I would have answered, Where is the scripture that said Christ Broke off a Piece of Bread and ate it? Where is the scriptures that teach fermented juice of the grape in the communion service where is it in the scriptures that teach instrumental music in the services of our Lord, where did women teach in the Church in the New Testament, when did or at what time did Christ say Bread was his body at the breaking or at the giving to the diciples, answer those scriptures by the Bible, and see if what we are doing is the doctrines of men or Christ, I contend that if our practice cannot be read in the scriptures then we are teaching the doctrines of men and will be condimed, in the Judgement, and if the scriptures that I have ask for can't be found, then we are using the doctrines of men and dividing the church, and if not please tell me what is, for all scripture is given by inspiraton of and is profitable for man that he can be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works, so let us examine ourselves and the doctrine that we have and see if we are in the Faith or not,

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What Shall I Liken The Church To.

I shall liken it to a man going to a far country and delivering his goods to his servants to one five talents to another two and to another one talent, then takes his leave, he has prepared all things that is needful for his servants to carry out his commands he goes and prepares a new home for them and then will return and receive those servants unto himself, and when he returns he will reward everyone according as his works shall be, but suppose when he returns he finds his servants divided into several sets and one has one kind of works and another has his kind of works, will the man reward everyone of those servants equal? or will he reward them according th their works, now friends we find the church just like that one meets this way and another that way, is that what Christ prayed for? NO, he prayed for them all to speak the same thing and to be of one mind, one toward another, 1 Cor, 1-10, St. John, 1-17 but the Church is divided some is in this belief and in another and even among the faithful few there is so much confusion that it is almost impossible to tell whether they are one or not now I grant everyone his right to his own convictions, but should we try to put our convictions on other people unless we can read them from the scriptures, and is it possible that even though we are sure from our own minds that we can read them, do we consider the other man, who also thinks he can read his too, if he is sincere, in his belief, but this is the cause, of the trouble, so many do not stop to think, and so many is not honest with his self, but regardless of his being honest, does that give him a right to dictate his belief where his brethren is concerned,

NO, Matt, 28-18-10, Christ said all power was given to him both in heaven and in earth, we are to preach the Gospel which is the power of to salvation, Rom, 1-16, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith as it is written the Just shall live by Faith, Rom, 1-17, For we walk by faith and not by sight, 2 Cor, 5-7, now I am not going to try to force any to believe what I have to say, but believe the gospel, we the faithful few, have factions even among ourselves, one teaches that a woman can carry out the worship, if Man is not there and, has caused quite a lot of trouble, in some of the Churches, and even gone so far as to preach his idea, and make people believe it, but what sayeth the Scriptures, 1 Cor 14-34, 1 Tim, 2-11-12, in the churches the woman is to keep silent, and let us ask ourselves is there a Church there without men, for both men and women was baptised, and it took both to make the Church, In Acts, 2 and also on through the rest of the Book, so in the light of the truth, of God can we hold to this belief and cause division in the Church, and if a man holds to this belief can he teach such an idea, and try to make the Church believe such, now 1 Cor, 11, Paul giving the ordinance to the Church gives the head of the woman, the head of the man, and also the glory of the woman and her covering, and states that her hair was also given her for a covering and that she should have power on her head because of the Angels, now man is the head of the woman, but not the covering, of the woman, man is flesh and blood, and is not hair, which is the womans covering, and if the woman covers her head what, does she cover man, or her natural head? Notice that her hair is given her for a covering where does this hair grow on man. Her spiritual head or on her natural head, on her natural head of a surity, for man also has his natural hair, and does not nature teach you that if a man, have long hair it is a shame unto him but if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her, FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN TO HER FOR A COVERING, notice her HAIR, was given to her for a covering, and not man, and if she cover her head, what does she COVER, man or her natural head, her natural head of a surity, for that is where her hair grows, now Paul said if a man teach otherwise and consent not to wholesome words even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, he is proud knowing nothing. But doubting about words and questions wherein cometh strife. Brethren let us not be of those that cause strife and draw back into perdition, but rather let us be of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Also it goes with other things that cause division, fermented wine, not breaking of the bread or should we say eating of the bread before it becomes the body of Christ? All such division is sinful and has caused a great lot of sin in the body of Christ, which is the Church. And when Christ returns, to receive us unto himself what will he say? Who is that good servant, who the Lord will make ruler over all his house, to give those of his house meat in due season? Is it the ones that hold to such or is it the ones that teach the words of our Lord, regardless of party? Well I say again, that to everyone that hears those sayings of his and do them, he said he would liken him to a man that built his house on a rock. But if we don't do them, regardless of how much

we hear them, then we will be the ones that built on the sand. Let us be sure before we build for our works will be tried though as by fire.

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Let Us Give More Earnest Heed

1 Cor. 12:1, Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles carried away unto these dumb idols even as ye were led. Werefore I give you to understand that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed, and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Spirit"

We want to notice that Paul was writing to the Gentiles and said that they had been carried away with those dumb idols, and goes on and explains to them that it is the same spirit that ministers those gifts to different ones and makes comparison to our natural body. And said could the foot say because I am not the hand I am not of the body? But goes on and said that GOD had set the members in the body as it hath pleased him. And now he said, Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. And now makes this comparison to the church, and said, GOD hath set some in the Church.

Notice, First, Apostles, secondary, Prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues, and explains what he has said. Now he tells them to covet earnestly to the best gifts, and I will shew thee a more excellent way. Now he told them Gentiles to covet, or grasp or hold, to the best of those gifts, and he would shew them a more perfect way. What is that more perfect way? Next chapter: Faith, Hope charity, and the greatest of these is charity, or love. Why charity or love? Why is it greater than miracles, because, it envieth not, it seeketh not her own, it thinketh no evil, it beareth all things, and endureth all things, and it is a bond of perfection. And all of those gifts was in part, and could not make a man perfect. But he said that when that which is perfect is come that the gifts shall be done away. Now James states that he that looketh into the perfect law or liberty, and continueth therein being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work. This man shall be blessed in his deed. so in the body. Today we do not need those gifts, and if we did they could not make us perfect. For the law of liberty NOT spiritual gifts, has made us free from the law of sin and death.

But one may say, was not those gifts needful? Sure they were, for the foot could not have said to the hand, I am not of the body and I have no need of thee. We needed those gifts till the perfect law was complete. For that was the purpose of the Spirit, to guide the Apostles into all truth so they could finish the work that Christ gave them to do.

And when the work was finished, or as the Gospel said, their sound went into all the world, then those gifts ended. But some of the Gentiles is carried away with those Idols even until today. But, God said in Jer. 32:39, "I will give my people one heart and one way,"

Now Christ said in Jno. 14:6 "I am that way." And in him there is

to be no schism in the body, which is the Church, (Eph. 5:23,) of which he is the head.

Now if there is to be no schism is this body, everyone of us had better be careful, for there is plenty of schism in the church today. And we had better be prepared for it and not partake of it, although we have to teach against it and cannot root up the tares unless we root up the good wheat.

But God will Judge his people, and bind the tares into bundles to be burned. It is not the sects that we have to fight, for we are to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life.

We are to fight against spiritual wickedness in high places and the highest place we have today to fight in is the Church. So let us all fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on this eternal life.

In Love of the Truth,
Lloyd Treat.

Dear Brethren,

I am on a visit in California, at Modesto and visited the Church at Lugart, Okla. Carlsbad N. M. Somerton, Ariz. on my way out and will next Lord's day it being the Lord's will. Will say that I find all on the way still fighting for the truth and their health as usual. You can send all articles to Bro. Coy Garrison to 509 Chickasaw Trace, Grand Prarie, Texas. Notice the change of his address, or send to me at Broken Bow, Okla. in care of R. C. Clements, Box 731, Broken Bow, Okla. and let us support the paper more if we expect it to keep on going. And I will, report it being the Lord's will next Issue.

Yours For the Truth,
Lloyd Treat

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A SAVED MAN TO BE LOST

It is well understood that the born again have been forgiven from their past sins, and their names are written in the Lamb's book of Life. But is it possible that such a person can so conduct themselves that they can be lost.

Now in this respect his name shall be blotted out from the book of Life. When the Chlidren of Israel sinned, Moses at once went before the Lord with this statement, "I will go up before the Lord, peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin."

Moses said unto the Lord, "YET NOW, IF THOU WILT NOT FORGIVE THEM THEIR SIN, and if not BLOT ME, I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written." AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES," Whosoever hath sinned against me HIM WILL I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK," Exodus 32:32.

Again we find in Psa. 69:27 "ADD INIQUITY UNTO THEIR INIQUITY, and let them not come into thy righteousness. LET THEM BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF THE LIVING, and not be written with the righteous In Dan. 12:1 We find that delieverance is promised to everyone whose name is written in the book.

Some might say that this is under the law and does not apply to us today but Paul said Rom. 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written afortime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

We find that Matt. 16:27 teaches us this lesson, " For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angles; and then shall he reward every man according to his works." If we don't watch, we will be as the one which received the one talent.

When Christ sent the seventy out and they returned and were rejoicing that they too had the power to overcome many things, Jesus told them, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are wirtten in heaven," Luke 10:20

If we wish our name to stay in the book, we must labor in the Gospel, Phil. 4:3. And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also and with other my fellow laborers, whose name are written in the BOOK of life.

Now Paul sid, Heb.12:23 "to the general assembly and the church of the first born which are written in heaven and to God the Judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect. James said that Abraham was made perfect by works, James 2:21-22, "Seest thou, how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect." John said, Rev. 3:5, "He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angles." Rev. 13:8 "and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life, of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." In this passage we note that these are the ones that worship the beast.

In Rev. 20:12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works."

"And the sea gave up its dead which were in it and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death. "And WHOSOEVER WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE was cast into the lake of fire. And again we find Rev. 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

If any man shall take away from the words of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life. So brethren let us be mindful that these are some of the ways we can fail to get to glory.

In the Love of the Truth,
R. H. PEEL

Thank you Bro. Peel for the fine article and support. C. G.

Church, Acitvities

Dear Bro. Garrison;

We would like to receive IT IS WRITTEN. We are so happy to have Bro. L. E. Atchley and wife to meet with us. We are hoping that they can locate closer. We have found them loyal, We are sending one dollar to help with IT IS WRITTEN.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Laney Rt. 1 Westly Ark.

Thanks a lot Bro. Laney. I am glad that you have Bro. Earl and wife there with you. We have found him and his wife to be loyal and true in the work. May the church there grow in knowledge of our Lord. C. G.

To the Brotherhood:

Since the wife and I moved to the little farm we bought near Rogers we have been unable to find a loyal congregation or even any other members that will stand on Bible teachings alone any closer than in the Bohanan Mountains about five miles from Huntsville which makes have to drive fifty miles to church.

When we first come to Arkansas we found this small group striving to carry on the work of the Lord the way the Bible teaches. They had built a building to worship in on a plot of ground donated by one of the Brethren. They still had some work to do such as finishing around windows and some painting, but a week ago last Tuesday night it caught fire and burned to the ground.

They would like to build back but they are few in number and they only had a small amount of insurance. They didn't tell me how much but it was small. There has been no settlement yet.

I was thinking that some of the Churches, individuals, or both might want to help these brethren replace the material to build another house to have services in. They will furnish the labor.

At present we are meeting at Bro. Geo. Vanderpool's house. He is about six miles south west of Huntsville, Ark. Any one passing this way will find a Christian welcome when meeting with these brethren, and I'm sure you will not hear any thing taught that will not harmonize with the Bible. They have services each Lord's day at Ten o'clock.

If you would like to help these brethren you can send your donation to Geo. M. Vanderpool, Rt. 1., Huntsville, Ark. or to Steve Laney, Rt. 1, Huntsville, Ark. or you can send to me and I will see that it is delivered to them as we go too church there each Lord's day.

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