It Is Written

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LET US ALL SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT

The above title has been used for A slogan of the Church of Christ for many years, and if it was carried out there would be no division in the church to-day. What an army that would be.

But instead we are weakened by those divisions, and every time a new one comes up, then that weakens us that much more. Jesus said in Mk. 3:25, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." And that is the condition of the Church to-day.

Why can't men see that the Church is being destroyed instead of being built up? What will be the next division?

Peter said in 1 Peter 4:11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the Oracles of God." And to do that is to speak where the Bible speaks.

Now Paul said in 2 Tim. 3:16-17 that all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God and is profitable, for Doctrine, Reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be Perfect. And if he can be perfect he needs nothing more than the Bible, for Col. 3:17 said "What ever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord giving thanks unto God and the Father by Him".

And to do all in the name of the Lord is to speak where the Bible speaks, for it is the Bible that gives the authority. Now in Phil. 4:19, we are told that "my God shall supply all your needs according to His Riches in Glory by Christ Jesus".

And if he has furnished us unto all good works, and supplied all our needs, then from where does all of those different parties of the Church come from? Well let us go back and see if we can find anything about them in All of God's word.

Turn to the 11 Ch. of 1 Cor. and see if they was not dividing into sets and one was of Paul, and another one was of Cephas and another was of Christ.

Paul said, is Christ divided? No, He rebuked them for being that way and our so called Church of Christ preachers uphold for it. Now who speakes where the Bible speaks. Does all that name, the name of Christ, hold to the Truth? No, for if they did, then the Bible wouldn't be true. For Paul said in 2 Tim. that those kind of people would arise up to draw

off disciples after them.

Those kind are the ones that do not speak where the Bible speaks, but have their own invention, of some sort, such as S. S., Cups, and the ones that Eat the Bread first at the Table. Of such are they that creep into widows houses and lead off those silly women laden with sin who are ever learning but are never able to come to the Knowledge of the truth.

Brethren, when are we going to come to the knowledge of the truth? Are we going to stand by and let those kind of Preachers take the Church and us do nothing about it? We can only read one cup in the communion service but Man has a bunch of them. God said Fruit of the Vine, but man said fermented wine.

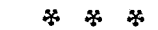
Is those fellows that Preach such speaking where the Bible speaks? No, they are not, and we can't have fellowship with them. Those that use music in their worship, do they speak where the Bible speaks? No, they speak where man speaks and not where God has spoken.

And how can anyone say that they are of God and do such things as those mentioned herein and can't find them authorized in the Word of God? And, if they can find them, will they give us those scriptures, so we can use them also? And if not will they do as we plead for all to do, lay them down and unite upon Bible terms so we all can be one in Christ, and walk together?

For God has said that His People should have one heart and one way, Jer. 31:31. And if one way, then from whence does all those different doctrines that are in the Church to-day come from? If not of God, then they must be from man.

And if from man, then they are condemned and all such as use them and meet where they are used is condemed also, see Rom. 1:2. So let us all speak where the Bible speaks and all be one. Yours in Christ,

W. E. DANIELS, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.



INDIFFERENT

We want to talk a while in this thought as to why we should not be indifferent, for there are so many professed christians that are so indifferent that they don't know whether they are the children of God or not.

And when we get in this condition, then we had better be careful for God is no respector of persons, and if he condemed the Children of Israel for their indifference and unbelief then He will surely condemn us today. So let us notice some things that we are to inherit, and then ask ourselves if we can afford to be indifferent.

Now Paul said in Rom. 8:16-17, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God," and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In the above scriptures, we see that we are joint heirs with Christ, and we want to discuss how essential it is to know that we are the Children of GOD.

For this inheritance is not something that will fade away, and we can enjoy those things through out all eternity. Now if we go to God and His

word to find out how we know when we are the children of God then there can be no mistake. And the inheritance that we receive is no mistake neither. Also, the things that we receive are of more value than all the world and the things therein.

Now let us notice what we are, and then how we become what we are.

The first things we want to notice, is found in Eph. 3:6, "We are fellow heirs and of the same body."

No. 2, we are heirs of the Promise, Heb. 6:17. No. 3, We are heirs of righteousness, Heb. 11:7. We are heirs, of the grace of life, 2 Peter 3:7. We are heirs of the Kingdom, James 2:5. We are heirs of salvation, Heb. 1:14.

What wonderful things to inherit. We in this life work and toil to support our families and to give them the things of this life. And all those things will disappear, just like the dew on the grass.

They are corruptable, they are temporal, and soon are gone. But, the things that we inherit beyond this life, they are the things that really count, the things that God has prepared for HIS CHILDREN.

The Apostle Peter describes the things which the Christian inherits as being incorruptable, undefiled and fadeth not away. And they are reserved in Heaven for us who are kept by the power of God through faith ready to be revealed in the last time.

No, dear friend, this inheritance will never pass away. What man or woman is there today that would not want that kind of inheritance? Yet, so many lose the chance to inherit those things by being indifferent, and neglect the only true riches of the universe. Turn to the 21 and 22 Ch. of Rev. and read what God has prepared for His people and especially the 14th verse of Ch. 22 and see what we are commanded to do to inherit those things.

And see if you can compare the things of this life to those of God and His Children. If you like to enjoy peace, beauty, riches and all the things that the heart can desire then stop and think before you do the things God has not commanded.

But the question is how do we become the Children of God? All people that read the Bible will tell you by being born again, St. John 3:3-7. We also learn that power to become the sons of God were given to those that receive Jesus even to them that believe on His name, St. John 1:11-13. We see also from the 13 verse, that we are born of God. But only after we have exercised the power to become the children of God vested in those that believe on his name St. John 1:11-12, 1 Peter 1:22, shows that we purify our souls in obeying the truth through the spirit. But the 23 verse shows what is happening while we are purifying our souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit.

And here it is. Let us get it—BEING BORN AGAIN, not by corruptable seed but by INCORRUPTABLE seed which is the Word of God. Here is the Spirit's evidence.

Paul said the Gospel was revealed by the Spirit, 1 Cor. 2:10, by revelation of Christ, Gal. 1:12, and Jesus did it through the Spirit, St. John

14:16-17, and 16:7-15. Peter said, 1 Peter 1-12, the Gospel was preached by the Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven. If your spirit can say, I have purified my soul in obeying the truth through the Spirit (1 Peter 1-22) then you are being born again. But notice this, the obeying of the Truth is what makes you a child of God through the Spirit, and hence the evidence of both Spirits says that you Are A Child of God. Or as Paul said it, "the Spirit itself beareth withness with our spirit that we are the children of God," Rom. 8:16.

Remember, friend, the scripture said the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit. Not to our spirit. But with our spirit, Rom. 8:16, the popular idea would have you believe the spirit enters our hearts and chases out the devils and cleans it up in general without any action whatsoever on the sinners part and speaks peace to his soul. But does the Bible say that?

No, it does not. The spirit itself tells us that those who believe are Given Power to become the Sons of God, St. John 1:11-12. And that power is the Gospel. And the Spirit bears witness in and with the Gospel which is the power to salvation, Rom. 1:16. Notice the Spirit itself bears witness, with the Spirit of those that have purified their souls in obeying the truth through the spirit. The ones that are obeying, they are the ones that have the witness of the Spirit, and not the ones that think they have obeyed. And if you have OBEYED, then, and not till then, have you been born again, by the seed which is the Word of God, Luke 8:11.

Now, notice the evidence agrees. Get it, brother, the evidence agrees with those that have OBEYED, and hence agrees with each other. The Spirit and our Spirit.

But what do we do to be born again, to obey the truth through the spirit? 1 Peter 1:22-23, or what do we exercise to receive this Power, to become the Sons of God? Paul tells us, 2 Cor. 5:17, "Wherefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature".

All admit that the new creature is one that has been born again, hence if we can find out how one gets into Christ, then we can see how this birth comes about. Paul said, Rom. 6:3-4, "We are buried with Him by Baptism into death." Also Paul said, Gal. 3:27, "That this death put one INTO CHRIST, hence baptism being the act that puts us into Christ, it is also the act of the Spirit of both parties that makes a man a new creature, or it is the new birth".

For Paul states positively that if we are in Christ, then we are new Creatures, 2 Cor. 5-17. But, one says, does Baptism only make the person a new creature? No, but neither can you be a new creature without Baptism for the Spirit said, "except you repent you shall all likewise perish, Luke 13:3. Hence we see that one must repent.

The same Spirit said, without Faith, it is impossible to please God, Heb. 11:6. So, we see that faith is a requirement of the Spirit; also Confession. For the Spirit said, "Confess Christ and I will confess you, Matt. 10:32, Rom. 10:10.

So we see that confession is also a requirement of the Spirit. And then Baptism, Acts 2:38, Gal. 3:27. And then we are New Creatures, and

Not till then. And then our spirit says that we have done the things required of the Spirit. So we are new creatures and we have the witness of the Spirit.

The witness through the Spirit said we were saved after Baptism, Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38, Gal. 3:27, Rom. 6:3-4, for our sins are washed away in Baptism, Acts 22:16, and then we are made free from sin, Rom. 6:17-18. And if we are not Baptised according to the Spirit, we are never free from sin.

And the Spirit said that those that have gone through this process have been sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the word. I know of no other washing of water by the word, but Baptism, do you? Hence, after you have complied with all those requirements, you are then the Children of God, and not till then. For no man has put on Christ till he has been Baptised into Christ, Gal. 3:27. And no man is a new creature, until his sins have been washed away, Acts 22:16. And the witness is not bearing record with our spirits until we have obeyed the truth, 1 Peter 3:22-23.

And after we have obeyed the truth then we are all the Children of God by faith in Christ, Gal. 3:26-27. Have you obeyed the truth? Why be so indifferent? Why take a chance when the way is so plain?

For Paul said, 1 Cor. 3:1-4 "For ye are yet carnal and walk as men, for where there is envy, strife and division, that people were carnal. And if carnal, then not the Children of God".

For Paul said, in 1 Cor. 9:24, "Know ye not that they run in a race, run all but one obtain the prize?" 2 Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith. Prove yourselves, for know ye therefore that they which are of faith are the Children of Faithful Abraham." Gal. 3:7, "But if you bite and devour one another ye shall be consumed one of another." Gal. 5:15-16, "Then let us get in the spirit and walk in the Spirit and we shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh, and we exort you by the Lord Jesus Christ that as ye have received of us, how to walk and please God so you would abound more and more".

1 Thes. 4:1, Rom. 8-14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God".

In Love of the Truth,
LLOYD TREAT, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

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Dear Bro. Garrison;

I wish to tell you brethren who are making IT IS WRITTEN possible, what a wonderful work it is. Not only do I enjoy reading it, but it helps me in my study of the word. My home congregation is the one for many years was meeting at Long Beach, California, but are now meeting at Bellflower. They have changed locations since I have been away, therefore I do not know the exact address. I have been unable to attend services the past few months as I am serving with the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Manchester, presently in Korean waters. Three times a week aboard ship a small number of us gather together to discuss the Lord's word. Of course in these discussions we came upon debatable subjects in which there are varied views. I pray

that some of these men's eyes shall be opened through our study. My Mother sends me IT IS WRITTEN, and in it, there are usually some articles on which we are discussing. So it helps me to present the correct view on the subject. The ship expects to be back in the States in August, at which time I shall again be able to worship the Lord according to the divine truth. Enclosed is a money order of $5.00 for IT IS WRITTEN.

Your Bro. in Christ, Leonard Pamplin

Thank you, Leonard, for the nice letter and for the contribution to the paper. Hope that you may again be able to worship each Lord's day with the same zeal as when you went away. IF the paper is helping you or any one to present the real truth, then our small effort in its publication shall be well spent. Write again, and may the Lord bless you.

C. G.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Bro. Garrison;

Received IT IS WRITTEN and enjoyed reading the articles therein. We are all fine and wish you all the same. May the Lord bless you in the work you are doing, and with the Lord's help, let us all do our best to bring the lost souls to Christ.

Yours in Christ, Stanley Niemcyzk

Thank you, Bro. Niemcyzk, for the always encouraging word, which you send and too for the contribution which you send along C. G.

Medford, Oregon

Dear Bro. Garrison;

Enclosed, find two dollars for IT IS WRITTEN.

Yours truly, Mable Baumgardner, 3465 Table Rock Rd. Medford Ore.

Thank you, Sister Baumgardner, for the support and the paper shall be going their way shortly. C. G.

Dear Bro. Garrison;

I have been intending to write to you for some time, but for some reason I have not done so until now. Would you please send me as many copies of IT IS WRITTEN as you can. I plan to send them out to people outside the church. I think maybe by reading it they will be persuaded to read more in God's word. I plan as soon as I am able to make a donation toward the support of IT IS WRITTEN. The congregation here at LaHabre and the one at Bellflower are working together. If there is anyone visiting in these parts, we still meet in the Women's club house, corner of Lois and Rose st. at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. I hope that you have continued sucess with the paper and that everything is well with you.

Your Bro. In Christ, Ralph Stringham, West Francis Ave Apt 3 LaHabre

Many thanks Bro. Stringham for the letter and words about the congregations there at LaHabre and Bellflower. C. G.

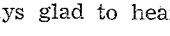
Received a nice letter from a lady here in Texas, with the enclosed amount of seventeen dollars. We certainly appreciate the very fine support we have gotten so far this month. She sends two names for

the paper to be sent to. In this way, it is possible that we might be able to correct the readers about some things which are in need to be corrected. We should keep in mind that the publication of this paper is for the support of the truth. I am thankful that we are hearing from people far and near about IT IS WRITTEN. They are interested in the truth, and the sending forth of the same. May the Lord bless every one with whom it is our duty to pray for, and when this short life is over, if after we have run this race, that we might hear the WELCOMED APPLAUDED, well done thou good and faithful servant, then that shall be enough.

Coy Garrison, 509 Chickasaw Trace, Grand Prarie, Texas.

Received the usual amount from the faithful at Carlesbad. There brethren are to be commended about their continued and faithful effort there and their interest in the support of the paper. May the Lord continue to bless them in the work at Carlesbad. Many thanks. C. G.

Received a personal letter from S. E. Stout, an elderly brother at Eola, Texas and he is sending Ten dollars for IT IS WRITTEN. Many thanks Bro. Stout for the fine letter and the contribution. May you live long to enjoy the blessing that the Lord only is able to bestow. Write again some time. Always glad to hear from you. Your Bro. C. G.



TOO MUCH CONFUSION

Confusion is something can be avoided and should be, but too many people wants to hold their interpertation of the Bible and will not have the plain truth of the Bible. But to us that will have the Bible and no other, they seem to think that we are trying to make people believe that they are all wrong and do not have any Bible for what they teach.

But it is quite different to that. All people have a certain amount of Bible and use it, but will not take and divide the words of truth aright. Even the Devil used so much truth in his statement to Christ, Matt. 4:3-4. And also the devils believe and tremble, James 2:19.

So what of those today that use the word of God and will not handle aright the word of truth, for our thoughts are not God's thoughts and our ways are not His way, but we must conform our ways to His and then and not till then will we be one, 1 Cor. 1:10.

So, let us notice some of the things that make for confusion. Let us take for thought the first day of the week, Acts 20:7. The disciples came together on the First day of the week to break Bread, and some think that this means any time from midnight to midnight. But what sayeth the scriptures, Christ said, St. John 11:9, "Jesus answered and said are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world, but if any man walk in the night he stumbleth because there is no light in him."

So we see that he was talking about the day just as you and I know it to be today. But some seems to think otherwise and cause confusion in the churches.

Continued next Month

POETRY

Tis one thing now to read the Bible through,
Another thing to learn to read and do.
Tis one thing now to read it with delight
And quite another thing to read it right.

Some read it with design to learn to read
But to the subject pay little heed;
Some read it as their duty each week
But from the Bible no instruction seek;

While others read it with uncommon care
With no regard to how or where;
Some read it as a history to know
How people lived three thousand years ago;

Some read to bring themselves repute
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because their neighbors do
To see how long it will take to read it through;

Some read it for the wonders therein
To see how Daniel was put in the lions den;
While others read or therein look
Because they have no other Book;

Some read the blessed Book they don't know why
It sometimes happens to in their way to lie;
While others read it with uncommon care
But all to find some contradiction there;

One reads with fathers glasses upon his head
And sees the things just like father did;
Others read it through Calvin or Scott
And think it means exactly what they thought;

Some read it to prove a Pre-adopted creed
Thus understanding but little of what they read,
And every Passage in the Book they bend
To make it suit that all important end.
And some read as I have often thought
To teach the Book instead of being taught.

The above was clipped from a book,

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