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THE CUP, AND THE DIVISION OF IT.——

Some few years ago I wrote a series of articles on the five items of the service on the first day of the week, I shall at this time speak of the cup of the Lord and the division of it. It seems to me that a few of the brethern, have come to the conclusion, that if the fruit of the vine was kept in one container or cup until after thanks is given; then the manner of dividing it is optional, and it would be acceptable to the Lord regardless of how many cups it is poured into. I notice in a small pamplet, that a few of the preachers in Texas have united on the statement, that I have just made. It seems that they don't believe there is a specific way, that the Cup of the Lord should be divided. I shall set forth a few passages of scriptures that will prove to all that want the truth, that it does make a difference about the way the Cup of the Lord is divided. Now let us consider the Cup of the Lord, of what it is composed. I believe that the Bible teaches, that it is composed of a CUP (drinking vessel) containing the fruit of the vine. Well says one; Is it not the contents that he refers to? Then we shall ask the question, THE CONTENTS OF WHAT? When we say contents, it readily suggests a container. Now to the scriptures, Matt. 26, 27 verse. AND HE TOOK THE CUP AND GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE (IT) TO THEM SAYING, (DRINK YE ALL OF IT) For this is my blood (contents of the cup) of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.—Luke 22:17 And he took the cup and gave thanks, and said, TAKE THIS AND DIVIDE IT AMONG YOURSELVES. This shows that each disciple was to have a part in the division of the same. Well one will say, How can that be? Now I believe that Mark 14:23 gives the exact answer. AND HE TOOK THE CUP, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE GAVE IT TO THEM, and they all drank of it. Now we can see that each one that drank of the Cup, had a part in dividing it, if not why not? So we see that the Scriptures doesn't teach just how the cup was divided. Now if that was the way that those disciples divided the cup then we should divide it in the same manner to be scriptural and to meet the approval of God. Paul, I. Cor. 11:23 tells us that he delivered the same to us that he had received of the Lord, and that is still in force. Let us all study and reason on these things. Take the truth, and unity will exist instead of division.

Yours in Christ, E. H. Cavin

THE BIBLE AND PREACHERS

There is no nobler calling than that of a minister of the gospel. And no calling carries with it more responsibility. The three books of the bible that preachers should especially study and really learn are the two letters to Timothy and one to Titus. They contain certain instructions that are especially for all preachers. Paul told Timothy to commit to faithful men the things that Tifothy had learned of Paul so that those men might teach others also. Thus showing that those instructions are for all preachers. 2 Tim. 4:2 "Preach the word, be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

When the Holy Spirit says for the preacher to, "Preach the word," that forbids him to speak something else than the word. That some will not endure sound doctrine should not surprise the man who believes the bible is God's word. If God had not known that people in the world would turn his word down and turn to fables he would not have said so. But it is surprising that people who profess to believe God's word will believe and teach fables instead of the word. Webster defines fable as, "An idle story of falsehood." He defines idle as, "Useless, vain, futile." All religious teachings that is not endorsed by Christ and his apostles consists of fables. Those teachings are vain, futile, useless. Christ says, Matt. 15:9 "But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men."

If a religious teaching is not found in God's word it is false. Christ said to his apostles in John 16:13, "How be it when he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into All truth. "Now if it guided the apostles into All truth, then any religious teaching into which it did not guide the apostle would not be the truth. And if not the truth it would be a falsehood or a fable. Kind friends are you one whose ears have been turned from God's word to fables?

Suppose all preachers would do what the Holy Spirit commands them to do, "Preach the word, "what would be there result? Let us illustrate. Suppose twenty farmers planted wheat; how many of them would harvest oats, barley, timothy, alfalfa, or corn? Not one of them. Why? Because God ordained that each seed should produce after its kind.

Hear Christ Lk. 8:11. Now the parable is this; the seed is the word of God. "When we preach the word we sow the seed. As there is only one kind of right seed for the true preacher to sow there will be only one kind of crop produced by that seed. As individuals that crop will consist only of Christians. The right seed will not produce Mormons, Dunkards, Quakers or any other kind of church members not mentioned in the bible.

What will become of preachers who fail to preach the word? Rev. 21:8 says,"——and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death. "In my dictionary of 1938 Webster defines, Lie: to represent falsely. In his 1906 editions he says, "If a person keeps back the truth when people have amoral right to know the truth, he lies."

Now brother preacher, you and I profess to preach God's plan of salvation. Our audiences have a moral right to know just what that plan embraces. If we Keep from them the truth Webster says we are liars; and Rev. 21:8 says we will go to the hot place. If you are talking on the subject of baptism does not your audience have a moral right to know that when the apostles baptized people they went down into the water and the person was buried? See Acts 8:38 and Rom. 6:4.

When you are talking on the subject of the Church have they not a moral right to know that the bible teaches only One true church? Read in connection Eph. 4:4, Eph. 1:22-23 and 1 Cor. 12:27.

When you are discussing what is safe for members to do in their religious work, or worship have they not a moral right to know that if we go beyond the teachings of Christ we have not God? 2 John verse 9-10 "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the teaching of Christ hath both the Father and the Son. "It is a serious thing for people not to have God in their worship. Brother preacher have you neglected to warn your congregation against going beyond the teachings of Christ? If you have it looks like you need to change right now in order to miss going to the Hot Place. Can you truly say as Paul said, Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsels of God?"

Now many of you have taught and explained to your audience 2 Thes. 1: 8-9 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." What is it to know God and obey the gospel of Christ? If we do not know, then we do not know whether we are bound for heaven or for the other place. When has a person obeyed the gospel? Hear Paul Rom. 6:17 "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. "They were made free from sin when they obeyed the gospel. What is the last act to free people from sin? Mk. 16:16 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Now Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Faith is the first act toward obeying the gospel and baptism is the last. The person who has not believed in Christ and allowed that faith to lead him to be baptized has not obeyed the gospel. And the Holy Spirit says Christ will take vengeance on the ones who do not obey the gospel. What is it to Know God?" 1 John 2:3-4 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith I know him and keepteth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

So after we have obeyed the gospel and become followers of Christ we must continue to associate with him by doing what he commands us and thus we learn to know him. But again the holy Spirit says if we do not know him we will be eternally lost from God. The Greek word, Appolesia is translated both Destroy and Lost. So the ones who do not obey the gospel and know not God will be eternally lost. Brother preacher did you ever stop and consider that it takes no more time to preach the Word than it does to preach Men's precepts? It costs no more energy but it means the difference, heaven and hell for you and the ones who follow you. Hear the Holy Spirit, 1 Tim. 4:16 "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." This teaches the same as 2 John Ver. 9 that we must continue in the Doctrine that the Holy Spirit taught in order to save ourselves and the people who hear us. Do you wish to save yourself? Do you wish to save the people who hear you? Why then not quit preaching the precepts of men and preach Just the word?

True it is more popular to preach the doctrine of men and it is natural to wish to be popular. What Christ did and taught when he was here on earth was not popular. It so enraged the leaders who wished to be popular that

they nailed him to the cross. When his suffering in the garden was so great that his sweat was as drops of blood falling upon the ground he still said, "Not my will but thine be done." If he had not been willing to DO God's will we would not have a chance of being saved. If we are unwilling to Do God's will as revealed in the New Testament, we have no promise of going to Heaven. Matt. 7:21-27.

Eternity is long. The treasures of Heaven are great. The punishment of hell can not be estimated.

Friend let us follow only God's word and iet it lead us to a sure home in the great beyond.

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FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER

Heb. 10:25. Paul said forsake not the assembling of your selves together. No one would contend that we could willfully forsake the assembling and please God, But what about the things we do after we assemble or what assembly? Now suppose we go back to St. John 6:53. Jesus speaking, "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." 54 V. "Whosoever eat my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life." The point we want to notice in this Scripture is, eat and drink; but one might ask when? Well we will see, Acts 20:7. "Upon the first day of the week, the Disciples came together to break bread." Now we have found a coming together to break bread, but we will have to go else where in the Scriptures to get a pattern of the breaking of bread, So we go to Matt. 26:26. "And as they were eating Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the Disciples and said, take, eat, this is my body." Now notice Jesus did the breaking the Disciples were commanded to eat. The command to eat is just as binding as the command Paul gave not to forsake the assembling. Heb. 10:25, and in the 27 V, of Matt. 26: Jesus commanded the Disciples to drink. And in Mark 14:23, said they all drank of it, 1 Cor. 11:24, the command was take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, already broken, before Jesus gave them to eat of it. 1 Cor. 1:2. After the same manner he took the cup, when he had supped, saying this cup is the New Testament in my blood, this do ye as oft as you drink it in memory of me 26 V, for as oft as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he comes. 27 V, Wherefore who soever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthy shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 V, But let a man examine him self, and so let him eat of this bread, and drink of this cup. Now what do we have in conclusion?

Well here it is, we are commanded to eat, and drink, th eating and drinking done in rememberance of the Lord, and in so doing we show his death until he comes, Jesus did the giving of thanks. The disciples did the eating, Jesus gave thanks for the cup, the disciples did the drinking. Now we have the command all through the New Testament, to eat and drink, and we won't get by with anything short of that. But one might ask, how must I eat and drink? Well you will have to be your own judge of that, you must eat of that bread, and drink of that cup, andyou know when you have eaten of the bread, and have drank of the cup, to comply with the command. If I should take the smallest crumb that I could, I doubt if that would be eating of his body, and I doubt if you should barely put your lips to the cup just so it would dampen them, I doubt if such worship would be acceptible with God, and I doubt if by any law of language that I could prove that I had either eaten, or drank. In other words it is only safe to take a sufficient amount of the bread

and fruit of the vine so others could know that you had eaten of the bread, and drank of the cup. Then I know I have obeyed sufficiently, that others can see that I have obeyed the command, to eat and drink. Yours in Christ.

W. E. Daniels—Broken Bow, Oklahoma

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I am writing this letter to It Is Written. It is with thankfulness in my heart to God, that I was permitted to meet with the different Churches of Christ, and the Faithful that make up the membership.

I was at Bellflower, Calif., August 2 through August 9. I was there in a meeting. The Brethren put forth every effort to have a good meeting and the La Habra Congregation attended regularly, and helped in the good song service. On August 16 we were with the Furnace Church of Christ in Col. and returned there August 23, being allowed to speak both Sundays to a gratifying audience, end enjoyed the hospitality in the home of Brother and Sister F. F. Francis. Also the bounteous Basket Lunch August 23. At this service relative in the flesh were with us and joined us in the journey of some one hundred thirty miles from where we were visiting to the Furnace Church. There on August 29th, we drove to Mangum, Oklahoma, to the home of Brother and Sister W. H. Francis, from there we went to the Church of Christ at Lugart, Oklahoma. Preaching that night, and Sunday morning August the 30th. I enjoyed the basket lunch and meeting, and meeting old acquaintances well as new, from the various Churches of Christ represented there that day. We are greatful for the opportunities as well as the wonderful Hospitality, and we hope much was accomplished for the Church of Christ. We feel blessed in the services we were permitted to render, & hope to do more another summer, seriously speaking willing workers, there is much to do, let us all do more, while we have time and opportunity.

Brotherly W. A. Nelson, 17½ Street—Somerton, Arizona

We thank you Brother Nelson, for the nice article, and hope to hear from you, and others, more often, the younger Brethren must soon take the places of us older Brethren, when we reach the age of myself and many others I could mention. It won't be long, and its the duty of each, and every one of the younger preachers to be preparing for the work that lies ahead of them, and become more interested in the future, that some has been in the past. May the Lord bless you in my prayers.

Your Brother in Christ—R. C. CLEMENTS

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HAS THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME?

If so. When and where was it set up?

Matt. 6:33. Tells us to seek first, the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. Why seek the Kingdom. If not set up at that time? Because we understand this was a future prophesy. Second Gods righteousness had never been given and it was to go forth from Jerusalem. Gods commandments was Gods righteousness.

Now Christ said to Peter, I will give you the keys of the Kingdom (I will) future tense.I will give you the keys of the Kingdom. Matt. 16:19. Matt. 16:28. There be some standing here that shall not taste death till they see

the Kingdom of God come with power. Yes and in Matt. 6:10 thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. God's people are doing today the very things that God said would be done. (His will)

Mark 9:1 that there be some that stand here that shall not taste death till they see the Kingdom of God come with Power. Those words were spoken before our Savior ascended to Heaven. And those people that stood there were dead, the last one of them in less than fifty years. Mark 1:15. The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye, and believe the Gospel. The Kingdom of God is at hand could mean nothing more, than it was in reach of those people that very day.

Mark 15:43, Joseph of Arimathea and honorable counsellor, which also waited for the Kingdom of God, came and went in boldly, to Pilate and craved the body, Joseph understood that the Kingdom was at hand, and looking for it.

Luke 9:27. But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here that shall not taste of death, till they see the Kingdom of God come with Power.

Now we have three witnesses, that tells us that the Kingdom of God will come with power. And the Scriptures tells us that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, shall every word be established. There is more.

Luke 21:31. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. And the 32 V. tells us that this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Luke 22:18. For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine unti the Kingdom of God come. A. D. 33.

Matt. 16:18. Christ said upon this rock he would build his Church and in the 28 V. Christ said verily I say unto you, there be some standing that shall not taste of death, till they see the son of man coming in his Kingdom. I would like to knowwhich one of those disciples was there in 1914? Christ said they would be there, and would see him coming in his Kingdom. So I am just as sure that if the Kingdom of God came at that time, they were there. And the Kingdom was to come with power. It has been over 1880 years since this promise was made by the Lord himself. I know that the So called Jehovah Witnesses, claim that the Kingdom of God came in 1914. And Christ said that they would be there, when the Kingdom come and if they were not there the Kingdom did not come at that time.

But we want to go a little further, and see if we can locate the time that the Kingdom of God did come. So let us go to Luke 24:49. There Christ told the Apostles to tarry in Jerusalem, until they be endued with power from on high, and Mark 9:1 tells us that the Kingdom was to come with power. and in Acts 2:2 the Holy Ghost came upon them, and with it the Power come, which is the Gospel. Rom. 1:16. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. So on that day A. D. 33 the Kingdom come and with it the power was to come, and did. And on thatday there were three thousand souls added to the church, which is the Kingdom. And on that day Peter preached the first Gospel sermon that was ever preached, and the Lord added to the Church daily such as were being saved. And if we say that the Kingdom is not come, then the Gospel has not come, and we are yet in our SINS and without hope in the world.

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P. S. Brethren and Sisters, please take notice, try to get your articles in the mail by the twenty second of each month, or before, so I can send them to the press in time to receive them back by the first, or before of each month. If we all will be prompt with our articles and donations we can always be on time. NEXT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH OF YOU SEND ME YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. The ones that I have been using are worn out, and some are hard to give the correct address and no doubt some may not care to get the paper.

I beg of the preaching Brethren to write more to the paper, its very important that you do so. I am sure that much good can be done in this way. And some of our best preachers are not doing their part. We should have a paper with at least four more pages, and a circulation of at least 1000. There are some Churches that have never taken any interest in the building up of the paper, It Is Written yet. Why not all of us get behind it, and send it just as far as we possibly can. The publisher of It Is Written, I am sure is working for the interest of the paper, and not for the money all together. and we should appreciate such a man.

The Church at Broken Bow is moving along fine. Brother Treat preached for us last Lords day and night. Although he did not seem able to preach, but he did a fine job of it. He is under the treatment of the doctor, and is trying to work all the time. Brother Daniels has been gone to Carlesbad, New Mexico for about three weeks. We hope he does much good on his trip. Brethren be sure to send me your correct address before the November paper comes out.

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P. S. Dear Brethren if any of you have been contributing to the paper and haven't received it, or if any want it sent to you, please let me know.

R. C. CLEMENTS—Broken Bow, Oklahoma—Box 731

Dear Brethren, since last writing to the paper, I have visited the Brethren at Nocona, Texas, September 26-27 and found a live bunch of Brethren there, and I enjoyed being priviledged to speak to the fine audience, Saturday Night, Sunday and Sunday Night, from there I went to Carlesbad, New Mexico where I held a weeks meeting, covering two Lords days, though there were no visible results, the Church was considerable strengthened. We returned by way of Elk City, Oklahoma. Was with a fine band of faithful Brethren at Carter School House north of Elk City, October 18 and at Elk City Sunday Night, October 18. And may the Lord Bless all of those Faithful in our prayers.

Yours in Christ—W. E. DANIELS—Broken Bow, Oklahoma.