IT IS WRITTEN

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MYSTERIES OF THE HUMAN RACE

FIRST, WE HAVE ONLY ONE DIVINE INSPIRED BOOK, CALLED THE BIBLE, WORD OF GOD; AND YET MAN WILL QUESTION IT.

The human race is doubting the truthfulness of what it says, and is fastly becoming rank infidels. Others are excepting what they want to please the minds of their followers, and rejecting other parts as not necessary for the Salvation of the human race. Others are changing the teaching and claiming that it is mistransulated. Still others tell us that just so you think you are right, so shall it be. One will say the Church has nothing to do with a man's Salvation; one church is as good as another; the church won't save anyone; you are just as safe out of the church as you would be in it.

So we want to examine such doctrines as these, and see if God, Christ, Holy Spirit, or any of the Apostles taught any of these doctrines: The Word of God is true, or it is false. If it is false, God is a false God, Christ is false, the Holy Spirit is false, and the Apostles are false. And so we go to the Word of God, for the Church.

We find in First Cor. 1:12, the Apostle Paul writing to the Church of God at Corinth.

In Acts 20:28, Paul telling us to feed the Church of God which he purchased with his own blood.

Matt. 16:17-18, 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.'

Rom. 16:16, The Churches of Christ salute you.

Heb. 12:23, To the general assembly, and Church of the first born.

Friends, did these scriptures mention any of the man-made Churches we have today? With all due respect, not one of them is mentioned in the lids of God's Word. Now, let's turn to the one body. MUST WE BE MEMBERS OF THE ONE BODY—THE CHURCH, TO BE SAVED?

Eph. 5:23, For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church; and he is the Saviour of THE body. Whose body? His, none other.

Eph. 5:25, Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it. Did Christ give himself for

the Church you belong to? If not, you are in the wrong church, for he tells us that he is the saviour of his body and his body is the Church, Col. 1:24. For his body's sake, which is the church? Acts 2:47, And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. What church were you added to? Was it the one that Christ added those people to on pentecost, or was it one of those man-made churches we have today?

Since the Church is Christ's body, and Christ is the Saviour of the body, how can anyone be saved outside of the body of Christ, the Church? Since he purchased the Church with his own blood, how can anyone be saved and not be members of the blood purchased institution?

The Church is spoken of as God's family—God's household. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus, of whom the whole Family in heaven and earth is named. Eph. 3:14-15. May the Lord help all of us to take heed and study the Scriptures more for ourselves.

NOTICE TO THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVERYWHERE

There is a small congregation of brethren at Oak Grove, Arkansas that needs help to hold a meeting this summer. The church at Broken Bow thinks this is a worthy cause, so we all can donate a small bit and have one held there. Let all of us send in what we can spare. Send it to R. C. Clements, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. They need a good preacher to hold this meeting, so please, let's all of us get behind this kind of work. R. C. CLEMENTS

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A KINDLEY SUGGESTION OF ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO

That you study the Scriptures on the subject to be discussed, before the discussion begins.

Be prepared to know whether your Prophets are bringing in damnible herieies or not. Read 2 Peter 2. If you bargain with a carpenter to do a certain piece of work by a certain plan, you will pay him the price if he does the work as per your instruction; if not he gets no pay.

Suppose he change the plan by adding quite a bit more to it without your consent, and then wants his pay? Perhaps he leaves out some important part and still wants his pay. It is not satisfactory to you, and you refuse to pay him.

Paul said: How beith for this cause I obtain mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ show forth in me all long suffering FOR A PATTERN to them which should hereafter believe on him to life every lasting. "1 Tim. 1:16. Then my friend, If any man teach otherwise, and concent not to wholesome words, even the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to God lines, he is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting questions and strife of words, wherefore cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmiseing, perverse disputing or of men of corupt minds and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is God lines from such withdraw thy self. "1 Tim. 6:3-6. The 14th Verse tells us that thou keep this com-

mandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Will we be keeping his commandments without spot and unbrakeable if we follow after the ways of the proud who suppose that gain is God lines" and change the method of teaching Gods Word?

Remember that the Scriptures thoroughly furnishes the man of God unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16-17. I plead with you, if your Prophets do not give you Scripture instead of logic," do not except it, for if you do it will be sure to prove unprofitable.

But though we are an angle from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if ANY MAN preach any other Gospel unto you than ye have received, let him be accursed. Gal. 1:8-9. And what so ever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Col. 3:17. Teaching them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19. Read the 18th chapter of Matt. and Col. 3:17.

Submitted in Love and good will toward my fellow man.

Written and printed about thirty years ago.

Sent in by Brother W. H. Farrar, Carter, Oklahoma.

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WHY ARE PEOPLE DIVIDED OVER THE BIBLE ?

Christ said he would build his Church. Mark 16:18.

We all say that we believe he did just what he said he would do, but man tells us that the Church doesn't amount to a thing, one is as good as Man tells us that the Church won't save anybody. So there comes the confusion among the people, and they will say, 'Why join any of them, if one is as good as another. Why fool your time away with Churches'. If the Church is a fake, is Christ not a fake, too? And who can deny it if such be true? We have got to agree with the man. If such be the case, then the Bible is false. It makes God a falsehood; Christ is false, the Holy Spirit is false, the Apostles are false. We are lost and without God in the World. There is no resurrection of the dead, and we are without God, or hope in this world.

Friends, this is exactly what such doctrines as these lead to. There is nothing that will make any more infidels in the world than such hericies, and why intelligent men had rather follow the doctrines of men than God is beyond reason. There is no harm in doing what God's Word tells us to do. There is no sin in obeying God's Word. If all the whole world would just obey what the Bible tells us to do, the Bible would be the greatest blessing known to the human family. There is no greater blessings that could be bestowed on the human race. There would be a perfect peace reign on this earth. All would be peaceful and happy, but the way Man has messed it up, there is nothing but confusion and strife. The Church of God is almost extinct, but very little true Christianity is left, very few are seeking to do just what God would have us to do. The Bible is so plain that a fool need not to err therein. Why any man wants anything better than the Bible's teaching has the world beat.

Just yesterday, I had a man sit in my place of business and tell me that he prayed all the time. He belongs to a certain big Church in this town, and he said he knew that he was a Christian, he knew that God would save him, and he couldn't be lost. Today, this man sits in front of another place across the street, just as drunk as can be. This same big Church upholds just such living. Again I hear another big preacher say that there was one hundred and twenty received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on Pentacost, and they are receiving it now, same as they did on Pentacost. First, I am going to say that there has never been anyone but the Apostles who received such Baptism. Joel's prophesy was fullfilled, and Joel said that your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall dream dreams, your old men shall see visions. But Joel didn't say that they would do the things that the apostles did. And today, man doesn't live who can produce the proof that he can raise the dead, open the eyes of the blind, heal the sick, cleanse the leper, drink deadly poison. The Scriptures tell us to show our faith by our works, for Faith without works is dead, being alone. Any man that makes such claims and does not do these things has a dead faith and is one of the worst kind of hyprocrites, one that should be feared. The scripture tells us that when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away with. The old law was taken out of the way, and the perfect law came in, which is the Law of the Lord. The Law of the Lord is perfect coverting the Soul.

So this prophesying and speaking in tongues, and healing as the Apostles did is done away with.

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

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THE SEED

Please read carefully the well known parable of the sower in Luke 8, verses 4, 15. The lesson is taught there that the seed of the kingdom is the word of God. Since this is true, every good fruit in the kingdom comes from this seed. The wrong seed is sure to produce the wrong fruit. Faith is necessary for salvation and comes from hearing God's word. Romans 10:17. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." When the true seed, the word of God, falls into the fertile soil of a good and honest heart, it will always produce faith of the right kind. On the other hand, if our religious belief or action is formed or directed by the teachings of men, apart from, or in addition to, the Bible, we are receiving the wrong seed into our hearts and the wrong fruit is sure to result. Only the word of God can produce true faith and Romans 14:23 says "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The only seed God plants is His own word, and Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Matt. 15: 13. Any fruit that is the result of some seed other than the word of God cannot stand before God. It might stand in the sight of men but not before God. How sadly the world needs to know this when so many are being guided by the creeds of men. (selected)

USES OF THE WORD

(BORN AGAIN BY THE WORD) 1 Peter 1:23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. James 1:18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

(CLEANSED BY THE WORD) Eph. 5:26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

(SAVED BY THE WORD) 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. James 1:21. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

(GROWING BY THE WORD) 1 Peter 2:2. As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

(SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD) John 17:17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 1 Tim. 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

(ENLIGHTENED BY THE WORD) Psalms 119:105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(KEPT BY THE WORD) Rev. 3:10. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Psalms 17:4. Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

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LONG HAIR FOR WOMEN — I Cor. 11:1

I have in my possession a little track, put out by one Mr.R. W. Cogburn. I don't know the man, but I am made to wonder who he is. I am sure that he is not a member of the Church that Paul was writing to or if he is I never have heard of him. If Mr. Cogburn is not a member of Christ's Church ,what difference does it make to him, if the woman wears long hair or short. Why don't he keep his self out of such arguments. Paul was a member of Christ's Church. If Mr. Cogburn is going to except Paul in 1 Cor. 11:16, why not except him in 1 Cor. 14. On the women keeping silent in the Churches, Mr. Cogburn should at least be fair with the women. If he is going to bind 1 Cor. 11:16 on them, why not do as Paul did, bind 1 Cor. 14:34 on them. O but Mr. Cogburn or at least some of them will say, that would keep the women from singing, but that doesn't work out right for singing is one thing, and speaking is another, Paul said nothing about singing, but was talking of speaking in the church. Now I wish that Mr. Cogburn would explain to us why he is so ready to except Paul on one subject, and deny him on another. We wish that he would write us a short letter and explain why he does such, if thats the case?

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

We are happy to report that the church at Broken Bow, Okla. is coming along nicely. We have preaching every Lord's day. Communion is at eleven forty-five, preaching at ten thirty a. m. an 7:30 p. m. If any are passing this way, they have a hearty welcome to stop and be with us. We have been expecting Brother Coy Garrison and Brother Frances to pay us a visit. Brethren, we are happy to report a few more of the preaching brethren's names and will continue to do so as time goes by. Names sent in by Brother W. R. Farrar of Carter, Oklahoma:

Brother George Vanderpool of Huntsville, Arkansas. Brother Taylor H. Buckener of Riddle, Oregon. Brother James Brown of Stillwell, Oklahoma.

I am also sending along a money order from the church at Elk City to help with the paper.

We thank you Brother Farrar. May the Lord bless all of you. Just keep up the good work and we will soon have enough names to go to every nook and corner of the U. S. A. R. C. C.

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THE TWO TEACHERS

THE BIBLE TEACHES US:	MAN TEACHES US:
1. That there is one body. Eph. 4:4	There are many bodies.
2. Calls the members saints. 1 Cor. 1, 2—Rom. 8:14—Acts 11, 26	Calls the members Campbellites, Baptists, Methodists and such.
3. Called in one body. Col. 3:15. Eph.4:4	Called in many bodies.
4. Spake the same thing. 1 Cor. 1:10	Speak anything.
5. God's preachers preach the Gospel and men are saved by it. Mark 16:15, 16	Man's preachers preach a theory about the Gospel and men are saved without believing it.
6. Seek the Kingdom of God first. Matt. 6:33	Seek religion first.
7. We are saved in the Church. Col. 1:13—Eph. 5:25, 26	We are saved out of the Church.
8. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 15:16	He that believeth and is saved shall be baptized if he wants to.
9. First believe. Heb. 11:6	First repent.
10. To confess Christ. Matt. 10:32. Rom. 10:10	To confess our feelings.
11. Judge not another man's servant. Rom. 14:4	Vote on reception of members into the church.
12. To baptize. 28:19-20	To sprinkle.
13. To go to the water. Acts 8:36	To bring water to us.

14. To handle the subjects. Acts 8:38	To handle the water.
15. Much water. Jno. 3:23	Little water.
16. To go down into the water. Acts 8:38	To stand up out of the water.
17. Burial	To sprinkle a little on the head.
18. There we are washed in water. Heb. 12:22. Eph. 12:22	Just a little runs down on the face.
19. Planted. Rom. 6:5	No likeness here.

Brethren and friends,

IT IS WRITTEN has been failing to reach several persons it has been mailed to. I have had (14) packages of papers returned to me this week, because of the mailing addresses. Some have moved and left no forwarding address. Now, as I have said before, I have no way of knowing who receives the paper, only as you let me know. Always be sure to send me your correct address. I mailed several envelopes in March with return postage guaranteed. Several came back to me, else I would not have known what became of them. So, when your papers are returned to me, I will just mark them off until I find out where to send them. Be sure to send me your correct address if at all possible.

I have received several letters with money in them, some without names. Please put your return on the envelope, even if you rather that I didn't print your name on the list of donations. R. C. C.

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Brother R. C. Clements
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

Nocona, Texas
Box 102

Dear Brother Clements,

I want to commend you on the wonderful work you are doing with the paper, "It Is Written". The March issue was really good. I also want to commend your printer, for I know he is a lot of help to you in printing the word. I am a printer also, and I know his troubles.

I want to state that the Westside Church of Christ at Nocona is doing nicely. We have interested visitors who come almost regularly to our services. We would like to see more. We want to invite all who are in this vicinity to come and worship with us, and especially those who are traveling this way. By the way, a list of the churches in all localities should be printed, which is a suggestion.

Sincerely your in Christ,
Foye Garrison

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Mr. R. C. Clements,
Broken Bow, Orklahoma:

Somerton, Arizona
April 1, 1954

Find check for $10. Please send the paper to the following:

W. T. Nelson,
Route 1, Box 42,
Aztec, New Mexico

Mrs. J. W. Stratton,
Star Route, c-o J. Van,
Breckenridge, Texas

Mrs. Jay Blair,
424 N. E. 7th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mrs. Carlos Roberts,
2412 Kermit Highway,
Odessa, Texas

The Churc hat Somerton, Arizona has from 32 to 36 regular members, so we don't have enough papers to go around.

We look forward to each issue of the paper, and we were glad to see an article by Bro. J. S. Beddingfield. We also realize his ability as a writer. Some are sick among our members and one Brother is in the hospital at this writing.

With Brotherly Love,
W. A. Nelson.

Thank you Brother Nelson. There will be more papers coming.
—R. C. C.

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TAKEN FROM A LETTER I LOST

Written by A. W. Fentor—Jacksboro, Texas

Brother Fentor tells me that I use incorrect language. I want to thank him for that. He tells me that on the night that Christ instituted His supper, he brake the bread and ate it. I had been taking lessons from some of his educated Brethren and they said that Christ broke off a piece of the bread and ate it. Brother Fentor tells me that this is not correct English. Christ broke the bread and ate it. So, I will ask Bro. Fentor a question. How much bread was left, if Christ broke the bread and ate it? Personally, I don't believe that there would have been any left. Christ could have broken off a piece and ate it, but if He DID BREAK the bread and EAT IT, I can't see how there would be any left.—R. C. Clements, Broken Bow, Okla.

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Now, friends we are going to notice some things that were said to us by the Apostles, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. First, we will notice 2 Cor. 5:16. From henceforth, know no man after the flesh. Why were we given such a warning? The answer is very plain and simple. Christ knew and God knew that man would go astray after this world. That is why Christ gave the admonition to continue in the Apostles doctrine. Acts 2:42. Brethren if we will do that, we will do just exactly what Col. 3:17 tells us to do. Do all in the name of the Lord, or by His authority. Then, we will turn to the Word of God and do as it directs us and not as man thinks. We will speak as the oracles of God speaks. I Pet. 4:11. We will not be speaking as some man is always telling us to speak. God forbids us to do such. We had better heed His warnings or we will spend that life in the lake of fire with the beast and his angels. But, if we will do as God has directed, we will inherit that eternal life above. Christ built his church just as He said He would. Mark 16:18, He is the head of that church, the Body. Col. 1:18.

Col. 1:24. For His body's sake, which is the Church. Eph. 5:23, For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church. Acas 20:28, Feed the Church of God, which He has purchased with his own blood. And after all of those scriptures are

given and many more can be given, why will men say that the kingdom or church is not built? It is beyond reason. Acts 2:47 tells us that the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved. Then they come back and say that the kigndom of God is in the future, that God will set it up right here on this old earth. The scriptures tell us too plainly to be understood wrongly that this heaven and this earth shall pass away, and there shall be a new Heaven and a new Earth. For the first Heaven and the first Earth will pass away, then there will be no place found for them.—R. C. C.

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EARLY DATES OF THE CHURCH

We want to notice what people did to become a child of God. Then we can see very clearly how we are to become a Christian. Whatever made Christians in the days of the early church will make Christians today. When the Apostles preached, and the people heard and believed what they preached, it caused them to repent of their sins. It also caused them to confess their faith in Christ. Then, that same man or woman was baptized for the remission of their sins—baptized into the Body of Christ and the Lord added them to the church. Acts 2:47. Then they were a child of God. Just a Christian and one in God's family. Nothing more, nothing less. That is what God would have us be, all one in Christ, in one body, the church. This is taught from the beginning of the New Testament to the end. And if we are in the body of Christ, we need not be in any other church. Why is it that people will read God's word and tell us that Christ built only one church and admit that it is safe to belong to it and at the very same time will say that they believe that you can be saved in any other church? Those are mistakes on their part and mysteries to all of us that we cannot solve. Then they will say that the church does not amount to a thing. One is as good as the other. So, I began thinking. Is any woman as good as my wife? What would my children say if I should talk such in their presence? What would my wife think ? That is very easy to answer. She would dismiss me from her mind, either I would change mine. So, it would be with God. The church is Christ's bride, and if she should take off after another man, Christ would dismiss her from his mind. She would become an adulteress. And if Christ had more than one wife, he would become a polygamist. His children would not be legitimate. God does not want this kind of a family. He only claims those which are born into his family, and if one slips in, God will disinherit him at the proper time. We are not going to escape the judgement. God is going to judge you every one and there are many today who think that they are safe and will be found wanting.

—R. C. C.

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GOD'S POWER

When we see the above heading, and without further information one might have a number of different conclusions as to what God's power is. Jesus told His disciples they would receive power

after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, Act 1:8. Now some might get the idea that the Holy Ghost was that power. But the language used does not teach such. Had the Holy Ghost been the power they would have received the power at the same instance they received the Holy Ghost and not after the Holy Ghost come upon them. Paul said, Rom. 1:16-17, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith. Now Paul never said one of the powers, but the power, and we will notice also that in this gospel, the power of God, God's righteousness, is revealed. Now we read, Ps. 119, 172, All Thy commandments are righteousness, now WE can see God's commandments are revealed in the gospel. God's power and the Apostles received it after the Holy Ghost come upon them, for it was not preached in a fact, before the Holy Ghost come upon them. Heb. 4-12, For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, Empises, Mine, God's word is His commandments, His commandments, word, is revealed in the gospel. God's power, Paul speaking of the gospel, I Cor. 15, 2, By which also ye are saved. The above scriptures teaches the gospel is God's power to save the believer, it reveals God's commandments, and must be obeyed. To please God, I Pet. 4-17, For the time is come that judgement must begin at the House of God and if it first begin at us what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God, II Thes. 1, 7, 8, says the Lord Jesus is coming to take vengeance on them that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Right here we might ask ourselves just what does it mean to obey? Webster gives obey, to submit to the rule or authority of, comply with the orders or instructions of, to yield, do as bidden, with that understanding of obey, it is very clear that it is very easy to disobey. But if we disobey Christ will take vengeance on us, II Teh. 1, 8. If we teach or practice things not found in the Gospel, could we say we were obeying the Gospel, most surely we would not. If we fail to do that which is contained in the Gospel could we truthfully say we were obeying the Gospel? We cannot obey the Gospel by doing something not contained in the Gospel, Col. 3, 17, Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. To do a thing in His name is to do it by His authority, and we can't do a thing by His authority that we can't read in the New Testament. The Gospel is contained in the New Testament. The Gospel is God's power, His commandments are revealed in the Gospel, and Christ will take vengeance on those that obey not the Gospel, or another way of saying it, that submit not to the rule or authority of, that comply not with the order or instructions of, do not yield, do not as bidden. To be safe we can't go beyond what is written and be safe, and with that thought before us may I ask where can we read of a Sunday School? Where can we read of a plurality of cups in the communion service? Where can we read of Jesus breaking off a peace of the bread and eating it? Where can we read of fermented wine only in the communion service? Where can we read of instrumental music in the service of our Lord in New

Testament Scriptures? Where can we read of an assembly being divided into classes to be taught in Apostles days? Where in the New Testament can we read of a woman teaching a public class? If we can't read it can we truthfully say we were obeying? If we can't read it, it will be much safer to leave it off. Now in conclusion, let me insist that we go not beyond what is written, and may God help us to submit to that which is written.

Yours in Christ,
W. E. Daniels,
Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

I—IT'S PLACE

1—God's House.
(1) Heb. 8:2—A spiritual house.
(2) Heb. 3:1, 6—"Whose house are we."
(3) I Tim. 3:15—God's house the church.
2—The table in God's house (Luke 22:29-30; the tabernacle a type —Heb. 9:1, 2).
3—One loaf on the Lord's table. I Cor. 10:17—One bread, one body, one loaf, one cup: the cup of the Lord. I Cor. 10:21.
4—The loaf BROKEN BEFORE eating DERIVED the title "BREAKING of BREAD" (Acts 2:42-20:7.
5—The Cup of Blessing I Cor. 10:16.
6—A self examination before eating. I Cor. 11:28.
7—A self judgement. I Cor. 11:31, 32.

II—IT'S ORIGIN AND SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

1—The practice of the early church (Acts 20:7). The first church broke bread (2:42). "Came together to BREAK BREAD." (20:7).
2—Taught by the Apostles (Matt. 28:18-20). Teaching them to OBSERVE all things whatsoever I have commanded YOU."
3—Paul received it from the Lord. (I Cor. 11:23).
4—He delivered it, JUST AS IT WAS RECEIVED (V. 24).
5—Instituted by Christ and delivered unto the Apostles. (Matt. 26:26, 29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-30).
6—Given by inspiration of God.
7—We cannot change it: CHECK AND BE SURE.

III—THE TIME OF OBSERVATION

1—The primary purpose of the assembly of the church on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) "TO BREAK BREAD."
2—The regularity of the observance (Acts 2:42). "They continued steadfastly in the BREAKING of BREAD."
3—The duty of constant attendance (Heb. 10:25, 26). To neglect is to SIN willfully.
4—The first day of the week was a day of regular assembly. (I Cor. 16:1-2.
5—CHECK WITH YOURSELF AND BE SURE.

IV.—IT'S DESIGN

1—In remembrance: "In remembrance of me," a memorial of Christ (Luke 22:19; I Cor. 11:24, 25).

2—Anticipation, hope, "till I come" (I Cor. 11:26). Are we looking forward to, expecting; doing as he commanded?
3—Communion with Christ must be the heart's thought. I Cor. 11:29, 10:15-17).
4—To eat regularly and worthily is to maintain spiritual vigor. (I Cor. 11:29; 11:32; John 6:63.
5—Obedience to the request of Christ made in the VERY shadow of the CROSS.
6—Must be observed in peace and harmony of Christian FELLOWSHIP.
7—To examine each other is entirely without scriptural authority.

Brotherly,
Laurence Rogers,
312 North Fourth Ave.,
Teague, Texas

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For it is written—To April 13, 1954:

Balance March 12	$100.31
Church of Christ By Unice Bruce	5.00
Donald B. Smith	5.00
W. R. Farrar	10.00
Church of Christ by Mrs. W. A. Nelson	10.00
Mr. C. G. Bishop	1.00
Total March 13, 1954	$131.31

EXPENSES

Envelopes for Papers	$ 3.00
Parcel Post Stamps	.50
Bus Express for Papers	1.45
Paper and Stamps for May Paper	46.72
Total Expenses	$51.67
Balance March 13, 1954	$131.31
Less Expenses	51.67
Balance	$79.64

Dear Brethren, since I have been putting It Is Written in envelopes, there has been several returned, because of wrong address, or the one it was sent to had moved away. And if you are not getting your paper, you had better send me your correct address. I will discontinue all returned papers until I receive the correct address. The names we have have been used for so long that they are worn out, also they have been reprinted several times. It costs as much to return them as it does to send them.

Now please send me your correct address, if you are not receiving your papers. Your Brother in Christ,

R. C. Clements,
Broken, Bow, Oklahoma.
Box No. 731,