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TO ALL THE BRETHREN,

The Church which meets at Crosbyton, Texas, has just finished what we think is a very successful meeting. The meeting began the 20th of August and lasted through the 29th. There were three conversions and one restored, Brother W. H. Francis doing the preaching from the 20th through the 26th. Friday night the Fifth Sunday meeting began with three services on Saturday and three on Sunday. Brother Lloyd Treat, Brother W. E. Daniels, Brother A. H. Howell, Brother J. C. Spurlin, and Brother Francis took turns giving the sermons.

Members of the visiting congregations were from Broken Bow, Okla.; Mangum, Okla.; Elk City, Okla.; Reydon, Okla.; Wichita, Kan.; Seymour, Texas; Stanton, Texas; and Carlsbad, N. M.

We found out that Brother and Sister N. E. Bergstrom are meeting in their home 10 miles south and 2 miles west of Stanton, Texas. Their address is Route 1, Box 31A, and anyone who wishes to meet with them I know will be welcome.

The congregation at Seymour is making plans to have the Fifth Sunday meeting there in October.

Through this meeting we met Christians and found out about congregations we never knew existed, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ were brought closer together. Besides that the good gospel sermons and singing gave this little congregation the courage and strength it needed to carry on the fight for Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Howard Studer, Box 84, Lorenzo, Texas

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

IS IT AUTHORIZED IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY BY THE NEW TESTAMENT

We all admit that there is no authority given by the New Testament. But some will say we know that, but the New Teseament doesn't say that we shall not have it in the Church of Christ, there-

fore we can use it if we wish, though the God of Heaven never gave us such authority. It's up to us to do as we see fit, use it or not, thats left up to us.

Now we want to examine such reasoning, arid see if such would please God? There is no one that denies that back under the old Law they used instrumental music, that I know of. They did many things back there. But can we say just because the Scriptures failed to say don't do this or that, we can do it? Just because God never said don't use instrumental music, we are permitted to use it? We want to invetigce such reasoning. Just because God never said don't do a thing, we can do it. God will be pleased. God did not tell us to have fidling, and dancing in the Church. Would it be wrong if we did? God did not tell us to not to put ham and eggs on the Lords table, would it be wrong to do so? God did not tell us not to baptise babies, would we be wrong to do such? God did not tell us not to have a can of beer on the Lords table. Would we be wrong if we had just a little beer on the table? God did not tell me not to rob some bank, would I not be doing wrong if I did? God did not tell us to carry our pistols, and guns to church, would we be doing wrong if we did? There is hundreds of things that the God of Heaven never said one word about, that could be brought into the Church under such doctrine, as God never said don't do it. God never said to me don't take Uriahs wife as David did. God never said to Clements don't pay your debts. God never said to Clements don't gamble. God never said to the Church of Christ, don't have salons in the Church buildings. Under just such doctrines as this, God never said not do this, or not do that, is what is the matter with the Church today. God never said not to put instrumental music in his church, but he did tell us what kind of music to have, and how to use it. So now we will see what kind God authorized to be used in his work and worship of the Church.

First: Rom. 14:23. What soever is not of Faith is sin. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Rom. 10:9,17. Since the Word of God does not authorize instrumental music in the Church of Christ, it is bound to be sin.

Second: Jno. 16:13. When the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide, you into all truth. The Apostles were not guided to use instrumental music in the work and worship of the Church of Christ. Since they were auided into all truth, and were not ouided to use instrumental music in the work and worship of the Church. It must follow that such practice does not belona to the system of truth delivered by Christ, and into which the Holy Spirit ouided the Apostles.

Third: But the comfeter, which is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name. He shall teach you all things, and brine to your rememberance, whatsoever I have said unto you. But the Holy Spirit did not soy one Word to them about instrumental music in the Church of Christ.Wouldn't that at this time had been a goad time to have brought such to the Anostles mind, so that they could of bound it ;n the Church . Acts 20:27. I have not shun to declare the whole council of God. But Paul did not declare instru-

mental music to the Churches, no where. And so it follows that instrumental music was no part of the council of God.

2 Jno. 9. Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. To abide in his doctrine, is to continue in doing just what God has authorized us to do, not adding to his words and not taking anything from them. And when you put instrumental music in the Church, you have added to the words of God.

Jno. 4:24, God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth. To worship him in truth is to worship as the truth directs. Thy word is truth, Jno. 17:17.

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HOW ARE WE TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ?

Eph. 5:19. Speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs. Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16 Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and Spiritual Songs, singing with Grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Now, how was this to be done? Was it with an organ or instrumental music. No it was in Psalms and Hymns and Spirtual songs. Something that would make melody in your hearts to the Lord. Now the question comes to me, would God be under any obligations to bless you for going beyond what he had commanded of you? Would you not be going beyond Gods command? No one could, nor would deny that you would, then if you did you would be committing sin, just as same as if you had of not gone as far as he commanded you to go. The question is did God command instrumental music in his Church, The Church of Christ. We all know that their is no such a command in the New Testament, and any Bible reader knows, or should know that the old Law was taken out of the way, Christ nailing it to his cross. And what the Apostles brought over and bound on the Church is all that is for us to go by today. And the Apostles bound some things on us, and they loosed some things, and many more things was loosed, than was bound on us. And the instrumental music was back under the Law. But when grace and truth came on the day of Pentacost, which was the perfect Law of truth in Christ Jesus. It never bound instrumental music on the Church at anytime. So why not be satisfied with what is bound on us. If we do what God has bound on us we will do well. But when we add something to what God has said do, we have sined and caused division in his body, which is his Church. And his word tells us to mark them, that cause division, and have no fellowship with them, Rom. 16:17. 18 V., for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Chris+, but their own belly, and by good words, .0nd fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. —R. C. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF IT IS WRITTEN TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1954

Balance August 25 , ... $1.15
9-2, Church of Christ, Colter Okla. 5.00
R. Touchstone. Broken Bow, Okla. 1.00
Somerton Church of Christ, Somerton, Ariz.

		Total Expenses
Financial Statement for ii Is Written.		
Balance brought forward, Sept. 1, 1954	$ 1.15	
9-2, Church of Christ, Somerton, Ariz.	10.00	
Church of Christ, Colter, Okla.	5.00	
	Stamps	$ 7.50
Roof Touchstone, Broken Bow, Okla. ...	1.00	
	Papers	27.50
S. E. Stout, Eo!a, Texas	10.00	
Total Sept. 15, 1954	$27.15	$35.00
9-15, Balance dut to date	7.85	
R. C. Clements	$35.00	$35.00

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WHY WE MUST DO GOD'S WILL HIS WAY AND NOT OUR WAY

We find the 'prophet of old said in the long ago in lsaih 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his way and t h e unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him and to our God for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Then we find again, one of Christ's chosen ones speaking in 1 Cor. 1, 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Please read on to verse 28. We find agoin in 1 Cor. 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, for it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. V. 20, And again the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise that they are vain. Someone will say that we are living in a modern world today. We must bring the Church of our Lord up to date by changing the word of God to make it fit our modern world. But not one of God's ways have changed. We need nothing more. In Psalms 19:1 The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. Just imagine walking some dark night without a light—we are in that same darkness without the light of the Lord. We find in Psalms 119:105 The word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. We find again in Proverbs 6:23 For the com-

mandment is a lamp and the Law is light and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. In 2 Tim. 3:16, i 7 All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. We don't need a Baptist doctrine or a Mormon book and we don't need to go to the alter and ask God to send us the power, because the words in the Bible are the power of God. St. Jno. 4:24 God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and truth. Let us read again in St. Jno. 1:1 In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. So we have our Bibles with God's word therein. We find in Cal. 1:8, 9 But though we are an angel from Heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Reed Verse 9 Baptist doctrine tells us to just believe and we will be saved, but the word of God tells us different.

First, we must hear the gospel—Acts 3:22, 23, Rom. 10:13, 1 5, Jno. 5:40, Rev. 3:20. Next, we must believe the gospel. Heb. 11, 6, Acts 16:31, Mark 16:16. Then, we must repent of our sins. Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, Luke 13:3. We must confess Jesus Christ. Matt. 10:32, Acts 8:36, 37, Rom. 10:10, and last of all we must be baptised for the remission of our sins, not because we are already saved, but to save us. Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Rom. 6:4 and 1 Pet 3:21. These things we must do. There is no other way other than this to save us. Col. 2:12, 1 Cor. 12:13, Acts 2:47. There are so called churches who call themselves Churches of Christ who no doubt were at one time in the faith. But man came along with his streamlined doctrine as we find the word of God tells us in 1 Tim. 4:1. Now, the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. V. 2. Speaking of lies and hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron. First they teach Sunday School Classes. Next, they have women teachers. They have cups in the Lord's Supper. They don't break the bread in the Lord's Supper. Others pinch off a bite of bread instead of breaking it in the Lord's Supper. All these are man's doctrines.

We find in Matt. 15:7, 8, 9 Ye hypocrites, well did Isaih prophesy of you, saying this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouths and honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Again, the doctrines and commandments of men fail to teach its members the truth. Matt. 23:13 But woe linto you scribes and pharisees hypocrites, for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. I would love to find in God's plan of Salvation where man can open the door to God's church or where man can shut the door. Neither can I find where man is commanded to vote them into the Church.

Remember, we are all going to leave this ilfe some day and then it will be too late for us to obey the commandments of God. We

are just here for a short while and after death, then cometh the judgment. If we haven't obeyed the Lord God only, condemnation will await us. The Spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come and let him that is athirst come and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17 Behold, I stand at the door and knock sayeth the lord. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and him with me. Rev. 3:20.

Written in love for the truth,

Willie Doan, Route 1, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Ths is a subject which should interest every child of God. It is a subject which I suppose, has been guessed about more than any subject you might mention. Men have made a spectacle of themselves more times than we might imagine Some have been so foolish as to set the time for the masters return, only to be proved false. We should not be overcome of ourselves, but rather lean on the promise which God has made in his theme of things. If we have not the power to grant life, nor to cause it to rain, not to judge while in this life neither can we tell the time when the Judge of all the earth shall return. These are the things, which the word of God gives us as relating to this question.

THE ASSURANCE OF HIS COMING

Jno 14:1, Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me In my Fathers house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. Now I go and prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I shall come again and receive you to myself, that where I am there ye may be also. Heb. 9:27. Thus it is appointed man once to die, after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and to them that look for him, shall he appear the second time with sin unto salvation. Rev. 22:20, He which testifieth these things saith, SURELY I COME QUICKLY, amen, even so come Lord Jesus. The foregoing scriptures are enough to give us the firm belief that Christ shall return to receive the church unto himself.

THE TIME OF HIS COMING

Matt. 24:35, Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away. But of that day and hour KNOWETH NO MAN, no not the angels in heaven, but MY FATHER ONLY (Note, no man can know when the Lord shall return) But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be. For as in the days before the flood were, they were eatina and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day thatNoe entered in the Ark And knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. There shall

be two in the field, one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill, one shall be taken and the other left. WAI CH THEREFOR FOR YE KNOW WHAT HOUK THE SON 0 FMAN COMETH. From this scripture, could i or any man set the date when the Lord of Glory shall make his second advent into the world? if men should ever be foolish enough to try to set the return, Please remember these scriptures. We shall consider the manner of his return, in the MANNER OF HIS COMING- 1. Thss 4:16, 17. For the Lord himself shall decend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (Note, not much time for Christ to rein for one thousand years, as some men teach) The manner of his coming is first, WITH A SHOUT, second, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCH A ANGEL, third, WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD, fourth, THE DEAD SHALL RISE FIRST, fifth, WE THAT REMAIN, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, sixth, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, seventh, so shall we ever be with the Lord. Every eye shall see him, Rev. 1:7 Behold he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him and they also which pierced him, and all kindred of the earth shall wail because of him. Matt. 24:30, And then shall appear the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY FOR WHAT IS HE COMING? It has been taught that Christ shall come for the purpose to rein here on earth for one thousand years. Let us be fair. Does not the kingdom of God now exist? I believe you can see that, from the scriptures which shall follow. We find in Mark 1:15. THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND (close by) REPENT YE AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL Acts 2:41, Then they that gladly received his word, were baptised and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (in the kingdom of God)—Col. 1:13, Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness into the KINGDOM OF GODS DEAR SON. HE IS NOT COMING TO SIT ON DAVIDS THRONE--as some teach, But lift into heaven for that purpose, Acts 2:29, MEN AND BRETHREN, LET ME FREELY SPEAK UNTO YOU OF THE PATRIARCH DAVID, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day, Therefore being a „prophet, and knowing that God hath sworn with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne. (Now sitting)

HE IS NOT COMING TO REIN A THOUSAND YEARS (for he is now reining) 1 Cor. 15:25, For he must rein till he hath put all enemies under his feet, The last enemies that shall be destroyed is DEATH Therefore death still reins over man. Heb. 9:27—Men still die, therefore Christ is still reining in Heaven. When men shall cease to die, then Christ shall cease to rein.

WHY THEN IS HE COMING?—To raise the dead and to judge the world. Jno. 5:28, 29 Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in that which all that in their graves shall hear his voice, AND-SHALL COME FORTH, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. Acts 24:14, But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which is called hersey, so worship I the God of my Fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets. And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. (Note here) one resurrection. Rev. 22:12, And behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

WHAT THEN SHALL HAPPEN — 1 Cor. 15:24, THEN COMETH THE END, WHEN HE SHALL HAVE DELIVERED THE KINGDOM (note, present kingdom) to God, even the Father—Brethern let us be content with the hope of the great reward which Christ the righteous judge shall give, and to hear him say COME YE BLESSED OF MY FATHER.

Your Brother in the Lord, Coy Garrison

HOW SHOULD ONE BECOME A CHRISTIAN

During a recent meeting of the local congregation here, three souk became Christians. In order for us to get a clearer picture of what one must do to become a Christian, I am going to tell what these three people did.

First of all, let us notice we have this commandment that Jesus gave to the apostles: Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Those three that were converted heard the Gospel Acts 15:7, And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them. Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Matt. 7:24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

They had Faith, Rom. 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

They repented cf their sins, Luke 13:3 "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

They confessed Christ, Rom. 10:8-11 "But what saith it? The word is nigh the, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever

believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Matt. 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Luke 12:8 "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:" Acts 8:36-37 "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Then they were baptized for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Rom. 6:3-5 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptize° into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. 1 Cor. 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Gal. 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Col 4:4-6 "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above, all, and through all, and in you all."

Col. 2:12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." 1 Pet. 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

They heard the word, they had faith, they repented, they confessed Christ, and were baptized for the remission of sin. They were baptized into the body, 1 Cor. 12:13. The body is the Church, Col. 1:18 "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning. the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Therefore, since the church is the body and Christ is the head of that body, those three souls were baptized into the Church. The Lord added them to His church, Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Now they are CHRISTIANS, This is the way people become Christians in the Apostles' days, and if it saved them then why won't it save us now if we obey the same commands.

Written in Christian love,

Howard Studer, Box 84, Lorenzo, Texas

BROKEN BOW CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church here is doing fine. It has a nice attendance each Lords day. All is working in peace and harmony. We feel that the Lord is blessing us in many ways, both Spiritual and Temporal. Our crowds are continually growing. And we baptized two fine boys last Wednesday night the 8th. And we feel like that we will have more in the near future. Bro. Treat and Bro. Daniels have been gone for several days, and we miss them very much. Bro. Treat was with us last Lords day and delivered us a good sermon and is to be back the fourth Sunday, and give us another one.

We are proud to hear of the success that the Brethren are having far and near. We have received some of the encouraging letter this Month that we have ever received. I am sure that God is on our side, and will be if we ourselves continue to the end Faithful. Brethren it is encouraging to me to fight on. I know that my days are not to very far ahead, but I want to make the last stand the best one, God being my helper.

Brethren let me suggest one thing, if we have any new ideas in our heads, keep them to ourselves. Just follow the old Pathes, don't try to make any new ones. God has made the one we are traveling plain to all of his Children. And I Pray that the Churches of Christ realizes that any other will lead us to distruction, and cause us to be lost. I call to mind a little song that we sing often. There is many pathes in this World of sin, but theres only one I will travel in. Brethren keep in that path. Theres where God will find you and bless us. But if we try to travel in all the paths that Man has made, God is not going to find you in his path, but in some man made path, that is leading you to the wrong place. But let my last admonition be to the Church of Christ. Keep in that way that leads to that sweet home of the soul.

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A GOOD THOUGHT

Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way and ye shall seek me and shall die in your sins. Whither I go ye cannot come. Jno. 8:21. Since Jesus make this statement, he must have had a purpose in making such, and since people are so prone to forget, he hod it written so that we would have a copy of his sayings. His purpose was to let all know that except they abide in him, it would be impossible to go where he is and by abiding in him, they would be made to keep his words or reject his authority. For he made the statement in 15:1, 5 of this same book that he was the vine and the

apostles were the branches and except the branch abide in the vine, it could not bear fruit. We see that after Christ taught and set faith in Judas, one of the twelve, he did not abide in Christ and hence no fruit came by him. Paul said in 1 Cor. 11, 1, 2. Be ye follower of me as I am of Christ. Thus to show that if we followed Paul, then Christ would support the branch "which was Paul." If we followed Paul, "or would abide in his teaching" then we would be made the fruit on the branch. If we would do those things, then we would not die in our sins, for by staying with Paul, we would seek and find Christ and go where he is.

Since we must get in him in order to abide in him, then it is revealed of God just how we get the victory over sin. For since by one man sin entered the world and seeing that if we die in our sins, "or the world", then we can't come where he is. He must have given us a plan that we can get the victory over sin, and seeing that the doctrines and commandments of men are sin, Matt. 15:9, then he gave us the vistory over those man made doctrines or anything else that is sin. Now, Paul, the one we are to follow said that the sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God which giveth us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. 15: 56, 57, 58, and this is the victory that overcometh the world. "Even our faith" 1 Jno. 5:4, and since it is our faith that overcometh, then we can't please God without it. Heb. 11 :6. We are made free from sin by his word, St. Jno. 17:17 and 14:23, then our faith must be in his word, Rom. 10:17, or we will not abide in him.

There are so many people who think, "or so they say" such a little difference we should not divide because of it. That being true, then James taught us wrong. James 2:10, and he being the brother of the Lord, I will put my trust in him, before I will trust men. Since we know that we have passed from death to life, I Jno. 3: 1 4, we love the brethren and not the doctrines of men, and since God has given us al! things that pertain to life and godliness, 2 Pet. 1, 3, we must not be led aside by the thoughts of men, "or as they put it", by a figure of speech. For the way is not broad enough for a figure of speech that you cannot find the literal in God's word. lsaih 35:8, And if a person or persons is fool enough to think they can, then they will not err in this way, for they can't get in it. lsaih said that a fool should not err therein, and since that be the case, then it is those that obey him who get in the way and it is obedience that brings one to Christ. Only those that obey! How can anyone say they are obeying him and transgress even in one point, though

it may be small. Consider what Christ said about the beam and the mote, although you are not breaking the law in a big way, how can you say to your brother or sinner friend to get right when you are a trcinsgressor yourself? How will your light shine when you also are in darkness. Let us do what we are commanded, come out from among such and be separate and then the Lord will receive us. In love of the truth, Lloyd Treat, Rt. 1, Box 51, Broken Bow, Okla.