IT IS WRITTEN

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—MATTHEW 4:4:

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CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

I Cor. 5:7-8 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For CHRIST OUR PASSOVER is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

In Ex. 12, we learn that the Jews had a passover. Their passover was a lamb. From the above scriptures, we learn that the Christians also have a passover. Our passover is Christ. I Peter 1:18-19 "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, from the vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Therefore, we see that the passover lamb was NOT a sacrifice for our sins, but was only a type, pointing ahead to Christ, our redeemer. In other words, the lamb of the Jew, was only a shadow of the real. Then when the real sacrifice was made, (Christ, on the cross) the old type or shadow was fulfilled. The passover lamb was in the old covenant. Christ is in the new. He died on the cross that He might take away the old, and establish the new. Heb. 10:9. When the type was fulfilled, it was taken away, and has no more strength at all. Just as sabbath worship, sin offerings, eye for an eye, and other things contained in the old covenant, were taken away because they were FULFILLED.

Now some are looking back to the Jewish passover, and are trying to make Christ a type of the lamb, instead of the lamb, a type of Christ. Instead of harmonizing the lamb, with the body of Christ, they reverse the types, and try to harmonize the body of Christ, with the passover. When you were a child, did you ever try to outrun your shadow? If so, you learned that the REAL BODY controlled the shadow, and that the shadow did not control the body. Many today are striving and harping on the bread in the communion service, which symbolizes Christ's broken body on the cross, and are trying to outrun their shadow, by trying to make the real conform to the

shadow. Think carefully beloved. Christ died on the cross to FULFILL that shadow, and to take it away. Now would you reject the real, (Christ) and go back to the shadow? That type of passover was fulfilled and taken away, just as was the tabernacle, that the real Church might be established. Christ died to free us from the curse of the law, and now tell me why you seek to be entangled in bondage again.

We all know that the tabernacle in the wilderness was a type of the church, but do we go back to the tabernacle, and find our work and worship, and change the Church to conform to the tabernacle? No, indeed. Christ also died, to bring to us, the REAL Church. Not a type or shadow, and we do not try to shape the real to the image of the shadow. The next time that you hear the argument made that the body of Christ must conform to the Jewish passover lamb, then remind them that by that same reasoning, that the church must conform to the tabernacle in the wilderness, along with its priests, sin offerings, tithing, animal sacrifices, and so on.

Christ our passover was sacrificed for us. He is our Redeemer. The type or shadow was taken away. The true is established. Wherefore then serveth the Law? Regardless of what men teach about the bones of the passover lamb, the fact remains: Christ's Body was BROKEN on the Cross, for us. Are you partaking of something that symbolizes that broken Body of Christ, or of something that symbolizes a dead sheep?

J. W. Bedingfield

"WARNING"

By W. E. Daniels

When we look at the title which I have given this article; it may or may not seem very important, but there are quite a number of warnings, throughout the teachings of Christ and His Apostles, hence I consider it a very important thought , and should be given careful consideration.

First, I want to direct our attention to the Words of Christ, Himself in Matt. 7:15. "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so, every good tree, bringeth forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Now let us notice the thoughts produced from the above scriptures.

First, there would come false prophets, pretending to teach the truth, but were in reality, teaching a falsehood. Verse 16 said that we should know them by their fruits. In other words, if we can not read their teaching in the scriptures, they are a false prophet. Verse 17 and 18 shows the impossibility of a good tree, bringing forth both good and evil fruit, and of a corrupt tree, bringing forth both evil and good fruit. In other words, a tree can bear only one kind of fruit.

Verses 19 and 20 show the end of the tree that bringeth forth not good fruit, and just how we shall know them.

Now, folks, if we can not read what is taught in the scriptures, it is false, regardless of who taught it, and we may know that it is a false prophet. But, one might say, in regards to the above scripture: "Jesus was talking to His Disciples." Correct, but we will follow the Disciples and see what they had to say in the matter. Paul in Acts 20:29, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Paul's statement agrees perfectly with that of Jesus in Matt. 7:15, but in Acts 20:30 Paul makes it clear. Let us read. "Also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." There it is, folks, in unmistakable language. In verse 31 he warns. "Therefore watch and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Brother, if we do not read it in God's word, they are grievous wolves. We have the warning, what are we doing about it? Well, Paul tells us in the 32nd verse what he had done about it. Let us hear him. "And now Brother I commend you to God, and to the grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheeritance among all them which are sanctified." In that statement, Paul has given us the warning and the remedy. Stay with the word of God.

The Apostle Peter warns us in II Peter 2:1 "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false prophets among you." Folks, we have been warned by the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, that there would be false prophets, false teachers, and we should be on the watch. Heed the warnings. We can know them by their fruits. We have the material to give them the test. If they will not stand the acid test of God's word; they are false teachers. All we need to do is to turn the pages of God's holy word, and if the doctrine is not there, it is a falsehood. At this point, I would like for us to consult the Apostle John. I John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Paul warns us again in Gal. 1:8 "But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you, than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. In II John 10-11 "If any come unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed, for him that biddeth him Godspeed is a partaker of his evil deeds."

Folks, it is unmistakable that there are false teachers and false doctrines in the world today, and we are fully warned of such. Yet, people are being deceived by the millions, and led astray. Jesus told the Jews in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." We have a record in Acts 17, of the Jews

raising trouble against Paul at Thessalonica, and leaving there, he came over to Berea, and speaking of the Jews at Berea, in Acts 17:11 he says: "These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether these things were so." Brethren, and to all, who ever you be, or where ever you be: Are you searching the scriptures to see whether the things you hear preached are so? There are hundreds of doctrines, being preached all over the world, all different to each other, making them conflicting doctrines. Let me persuade you to search the scriptures, whether they be so. We have been warned. Are you heeding the warning, to search the scriptures, whether they be so?

BEDINGFIELD-HATHAWAY DEBATE

On May 20 and 21, a discussion on the cup question was held at Carlsbad, N. M. Brother Lester Hathaway of Mobitee, Texas, affirmed the use of individual cups in the communion service, and Brother J. W. Bedingfield of Carlsbad, N. M., denied. Brother Bedingfield then affirmed the use of one cup, and Brother Hathaway made an attempt to deny.

This discussion was a great victory for the truth, as Brother Hathaway failed to produce even one passage of scripture that showed a command, example, or precept for the use of a plurality of cups. Then when Bedingfield produced both commands, examples, and precepts, for the use of one cup, for each assembly, Hathaway evaded the proposition, and talked about houses, tables and other irrelevant matter. We make two predictions, at this point. One: that it will be a long time before Brother Hathaway will care to meet us on the cup question again, and Two: that it will be a long time before the cups people here at Carlsbad, will endorse or engage Bro. Hathaway to represent their position again.

This discussion was well attended, and good interest was shown. Among o u r visiting Brethren were Brother and Sister Roy Dabbs and Brother and Sister Jay Bedingfield, who was our moderator, from Aztec, N. M., Brother and Sister Howard Studer of Lorenzo, Texas, Brother and Sister Jack White of Munday, Texas, Sister Ida Gregory of Lorenzo, and Sister Scott and Sister Plumlee of the Crosbyton, Texas, congregation. We certainly enjoyed the visit with these loyal brothers and sisters who came to be with us in this work, and now our prayer that all would receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a list of contributions for evangelistic work, for the time beginning May 15 and ending June 15:

Aztec, N. M.	$25.00
Nocona, Texas	25.00
Bellflower, California	50.00
Somerton, Arizona	50.00
Yuma, Arizona	50.00
Carlsbad, N. M.	10.00
Midland and Stanton, Tex.	5.00
Eunice, N. M.	10.00
Total	$225.00

RECENT MEETINGS

The debate with Brother Hathaway, which is reported elsewhere, closed on Tuesday night, May 21. The next day, I drove to Reydon, Okla., for a few days visit with Brother and Sister J. C. Spurlin. While there I had the privilege of meeting Brother Walter Spurlin and his wife and children. I enjoyed some very good talks with these brethren, and enjoyed the fine hospitality shown me there. Brother J. C. Spurlin tells me that he is going to retire from the farm soon, and will be available to preach the gospel more in the future than he has in the past. We look forward to opportunities to work with this brohter in the future, and pray that we may soon have others, who are willing and able to go forth, defending the truth.

From Reydon, I went to Elk City, Okla., for a brief visit with Brother and Sister A. H. Howell, and Brother and Sister Ray Francis. The weather was so bad at this time, that I feared the roads would become closed, so I left without meeting all of the brethren at Elk City, but hope to return there in the future, when I can spend more time in their midst.

I began the meeting at Nocona, Texas on Sunday morning, (May 26) and closed the following Sunday. It rained most of the time I was there, but our interest was very good. We count this a very enjoyable and successful meeting. Our attendance was good, and we found everything in good shape at this place. Our visitors and helpers in this meeting were: Brother and Sister Bruce, and children, and Sister Willis of Carlsbad, N. M., Brother and Sister Ernest Pollan and children, and Brother and Sister Joe Pollan and family of Terral, Okla., Brother and Sister Dan Teague and sons, from Grand Prairie, Texas, Brother and Sister Toby Denning and Sister Bryant from Graham, Texas, and also my wife and daughters from Carlsbad, and possibly others. We had a fine meeting, and enjoyed the fine fellowship and hospitality to the greatest, with all these brethren.

On Sunday night, (June 2), we began the meeting at the California Creek congregation near New Castle, Texas. This was another very good meeting, with fine singing and many visiting brethren. My family was with me on this meeting also, and just as they did at Nocona, these good folks went all out to make our stay among them a real pleasure. We will long remember your love and kindness, and the work there. Our visitors during this meeting included Brother and Sister Jack Scott, and family from Abilene, Brother and Sister Jack White from Munday, Texas, also Bro. and Sister Curtis Teague, and Brother and Sister Luther Sewell from Nocona. Brother Warren Scott of Abilene stayed with us for the entire meeting, and assisted with the song service, and now plans to stay with me in the work for this summer. Warren is the son of Jack and Margaret Scott of Abilene, and a grandson of Mrs. C. E. Scott of Lorenso, Texas. A bountiful basket lunch was served at Brother and Sister Ed Tate's home in New Castle

Sunday, out under a big oak tree, where we were all truly mindful of the great blessings we enjoy, both temporal and spiritual. To anyone who is visiting in that part of the country, or who may be near there, we highly recommend that they get in touch with these brethren, as this is a fine congregation, and a true Christian welcome awaits you there.

"A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM"

By Lloyd Treat

Matt. 16:18: "Upon this rock, I will build my Church, and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Now most people look and read this and say or think, "Oh well, that means that all Churches are His." But He said that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against "IT." Now "it" is a pronoun and refers back to "Church," which is singular, and thus fully establishes what Jer. said in Jer. 32:39, "I will give my people one heart and one way." One way, meaning Christ. John 14:6, Eph. 4:4, One Church, Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:22-24. Since we have one Lord, (Christ), then He preached one way, and that way is the way of holiness. Isaiah 35:8-9 and that way is the Church, which is subject to Christ. Eph. 5:24, and if subject to Christ, then it must follow in His steps. I Peter 2:21. If they follow in His steps, then they live not by bread alone, but by every word of God. Lk. 4:4, and they have been translated out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son, Col. 1:13, and are not of the world as He is not of the world. John 17:14. For His kingdom is not of the world, John 18:36, and has been appointed, or given, to the people. Lk. 12:32, Lk. 22: 29, and they must give an account to Him, who is ready to judge the quick and the dead. I Peter 1:17, Rom. 14:10, Acts 17: 31, and not be ignorant and worship idols, or in man - made churches, or have the doctrines and commandments of men. Matt. 15:9. For judgment must begin at us, I Peter 4:17 and what will be the end of other churches, of men or their doctrine- For since there is salvation in no other, Acts 4:12, how can we be saved in any other? All the promises of God are in Him. II Cor. 1:20, and the promise of God is eternal life. I John 2:25, and hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. I John 3:19, and if of the truth, then of the word, John 17:17. I Peter 1:23, and shall endure forever. I Peter 1:25, and thus fulfill Daniel 4:3, for His kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. Does it last forever, here on earth? NO, for this earth shall be burned up II Peter 3:10, but the Kingdom shall be received unto Himself and be where He is, John 14:1-4. So beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing: that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and He is not slack, concerning his promises, but will come again to judge the people, and punish the wicked, II Thess. 1:8-9.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.—Psa. 127:1.

FROM THE MAIL

Brother Lloyd Treat of Broken Bow sends in a good article this month. Bro. Treat also tells us that he is available for preaching, and wants to do all that he can, for the cause of Christ. This brother would like to be out preaching the word, but has been unable to work, so has not been able to travel about. He has been working with the church at Tiner community, near Broken Bow, where he reports that all is well there. Brother Treat has been preaching for several years, and is well known among the brotherhood, and I am sure that he is a very able and faithful preacher.

Brother W. H. Francis of Mangum, Okla., writes that they have had much rain and storms in their section of the country. Brother and Sister Francis meet with the faithful at Lugert, where they are planning some improvements on their meeting house. Brother Francis will be in a meeting at La Habra, Calif., beginning July 12. Our prayers and best wishes for all of you in this meeting.

Brother J. R. Killian of Star Route, Deridder, Louisiana, writes that he and his wife are meeting at home, since there is no congregation near them, who meet as the Bible directs. Brother Killian asks for any faithful members to meet with them, and also asks for the prayers of all the faithful.

Brother J. S. Bedingfield of Bryte, Calif., reports four more additions there, for a total of nine new members there, in the last few weeks. We rejoice at the good work there, and extend our sincere right hand of fellowship to those who have taken their stand for the eternal truth of God's word. May God bless you all, now to press onward, in unity, in faith, and in love, striving always for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, and the truth of the Gospel.

Brother Paul Bruce of Carlsbad is in the hospital, suffering with a kidney infection, but is doing satisfactorily at present. Sister Alice Weakley of Modesto, is reported recovering nicely after her operation. Bro. J. S. Bedingfield of Bryte has suffered another heart attack, and is recuperating slowly. Sister W. A. Nelson of Somerton has been ill for quite a while, and is still not doing as well as could be desired.

A good letter from Brother W. E. Daniels, arrives just as we are going to press. Brother Daniels reports another baptism there, and also reports that four more new members have started attending Church at Miner Community Church of Christ. Brother Daniels expresses an interest in the work at other places, along with his prayers for peace and unity of the brotherhood. Thank you, Bro. Daniels, may God bless you and yours to press on for faith and unity and love, for soon cometh the night, when no man can work.—J.W.B.

IT IS WRITTEN, FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bal. on hand May 1, 1957__$43.60
Total received to June 1____ 66.00
Total - - - - - - - - - $109.60
Less expenses for May - - 88.00
Bal on hand, June 1, 1957 $21.60

Brethren, we still need some good constructive articles for publication, in the paper. Any constructive, thought-provoking article will be given space in this paper, whether the editor agrees one hundred per cent with the writer or not, but we do not solicit articles that are written for the purpose of slander, or those that gender to strife, wrath, and envy. We want our teaching to be done in a positive way, in the same spirit of love and meekness, that is becoming to a Christian. Remember: "A friend gained is better than an enemy punished." So let us have some new articles on subjects that we all need to study.—J.W.B.

From Eunice, N. M. "The Church here is doing fine. We are sorry that one of our faithful Sisters and family have moved away, (Sister Eaves). We will miss her presence in this congregation. We are sending $5.00 to help with the paper. We still meet at the Gainer Jewerly Building on Main street in Eunice. All visitors are cordially invited to meet with us. Remember us in your prayers. May God bless you all. Marshall D. Spence."

On June 12, accompanied by Brother Warren Scott of Abilene, Texas, I left Carlsbad, for the work in Salem, Oregon. That night we attended Church at Somerton, Ariz., and had the privilege of speaking to a fine crowd there at their Wednesday night meeting. We truly enjoyed this reunion with those dear friends and brethren. The next night we stayed with Brother and Sister J. S. Bedingfield at Bryte, Calif. Here, we were happy to find Sister Maude Scott of Lorenzo, on a visit with the Bedingfields. This congregation at Bryte is doing a wonderful work. They have grown from just a small family gathering, to twenty-six members, and the interest is excellent here. They are truly growing in knowledge and ability at this place, having a large percent of young members who are very able and willing workers.

On Sunday, June 16, we attended Church with the faithful at Eugene, Ore. We were very thankful for the chance to meet with these brethren. I preached to a good crowd there, and found that true Christian hospitality among them, that makes us enjoy the work with our brethren so much.

We are at Salem at present, trying to establish a congregation here, but are finding strong opposition from the non-breakers, who have been working hard since Jan. We ask your prayer in this effort.—J.W.B.