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WE BELIEVE THE BROTHERHOOD NEEDS EVANGELIST

THis paper can be of great value to our brethren in presenting the gospel truth to the non members in all walks of life.
The physical size of a church paper definitely limits amount of good which can be done by that church paper,pamplet,or bulletin:the reason for this is:limited space, it stands to reason that very brief lessons do not carry to the persuasion nor convincing power of the detailed lesson which require much more space.
If we are going to win the lost for Jesus Christ our Lord and Master, then we must have enough space to preach the gospel of Christ upon paper in detail;we must preach the WORD,not just scripture references,and just hope that our lost neighbors will open their Bible and search the scriptures to see what;Acts 15:7.,John 8:24.,Luke 13:3-5.,Matt.10:32,33.,Matt.16:16,and Acts 2:38 .means. Consider the fact, that some of our lost neighbors do not have a Bible to check references in consider also,that others will not take the time to find those passages and study them out in a Bible:but if the truth is quoted in the paper where both text and exegesis can be read without conducting research,a number will read the whole sermon & will be well edified by it. It is very necessary that we quote the scriptures, well as give"Book,Chap,and verse"references,then we must explain the meaning of the scriptures to the unlearned & unsaved, remember they do NOT have the Spirit of God, hence how can they discern spiritual things? It is our duty to expound the word of God to the lost in a way that they can understand,otherwise,they will not be won for Christ.

Now let us read the scripture, then let us determine whether I tell you the truth or not.
"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him ? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (I Cor.2:11-14) Notice verse 16. "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ ". None of those of old time , could instruct Christ: But Paul says, "We have the mind of Christ". If Christians have the mind of Christ, then we are doubly assured, that we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us, since the Spirit of God dwells in us; then we can discern spiritual things, and if we can discern spiritual things, then why can we not expound the same to the unsaved? The unsaved may count our preaching as foolishness and remain lost, but their blood wont be on our hands. On the other hand, our explaining the scriptures to them may save some who otherwise might remain lost.

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(Send us some church news, if you want to read church news.)

Getting back to space in the paper and it's contents,will admit brief lesson beat no lesson at all,but the effectiveness of those brief lessons is very low when compared with detailed lessons. We are not suggesting that lessons be so long and over detailed that they become wearisome & confusing to the readers or listeners, long detailed lessons can become ineffective by to much detail,and to great a length. We must use enough space to make the lessons clearly understandable,otherwise most of the timeeour efforts are definitely wasted. Where I or may 2 people will become interested to make inquiries for further edification,by having read a brief lesson,there will be hundreds who will just toss the paper in the trashcan and forget the whole matter. It is only natural for folks to seek the path of least resistance,and in so doing ;they will not blow the dust off their Bible and search the scriptures to learn what the list of scripture references mean:hence we must have enough space in the papers to teach our readers what God wants them to know. Church news is beneficial to the church,but it will not teach aliens how to become Christians. We like church news, and we enjoy reading it, and we enjoy publishing it for the benefit of the church;but we are not going to major on church news and let the gospel slide down the drain. Peacemaker will carry a lot church news, if we receive the news, but we cannot publish that which we do not receive:If you wish to read a LOT of church news, then write us the news. Write typewritten,or write longhand, we read both; but send us news and send it often.
We need Bible lesson on the subject of peace,how to get it, and how to keep it. Preachers and teachers:dosen't Gal.6:2 tell us to Bear one anothers burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ? Now we see no reason why you should not help bear the burden of attempting to make peace between brethren....You can help do that by writing scriptural lessons for publication in PEACEMAKER.

TO THE BROTHERHOOD

The prayer of Sister Eddie Wise is ok,except she didn't say:In hiss name,we should always word our prayer in the ending;in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesuss Christ.Amen.
In John I4:I4 "If ye shall ask anything in my name,I will do it"
In verse I5. "If ye love me, keep my commandments"
Then in Eph.5:I9 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"
Then in verse 20. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"
Also in Col.3:I6,I7. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymnssand spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him"

When I saw and read her prayer,I saw her wrong;it was OK,except for what she left off.

Your Sister in Christ
Mrs. Alice Morse

THIS IS MY PRAYER

Kind Heavenly Father: We thank you for the spiritual and temporal blessings which thou hast given to us. We pray for all that are in need in the household of faith,especially the sick and afflicted,the widows and orphans,and comfort the bereaved. Please forgive us all of our sins,and help us to overcome all temptations. We pray for those that are on the outside,that it is our duty to pray for;especially the rulers of nations, that they may rule wisely and well,that we may live in peace, and continue to worship thee in spirit and in truth,without fear or molestation. Kind Heavenly Father guide and direct us through this life to its end,if we are counted among the faithful few;please give us a home with thee. We give unto thee,our thanks,the praise and glory. The blessings we ask also,in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

Every Christian, regardless of whether he or she is aware of it or not,is a fruit inspector. In our short span of time,we've had the opportunity to do quite a bit of fruit inspecting,we found some good, some borderline;and some bad fruit. Not long ago we saw some good fruit, we saw the beginning of the awakening among a few leaders,the truth has dawned upon a few that we must attain peace among brethren; we truly hope that fact will dawn on many more leaders,and upon the remainder of the membership as well. Some of you readers may wonder why I am writing so much on the necessity of peace among brethren: Stated briefly,our Lord demands that we be at peace among ourselves, to me,that is sufficient reason in it's self. Peace is a necessity, if we are to be members of one family,and do not forget that Christians are members of one family;namely;God's family. Our God demands that his family be at peace,each member,one with another;now if we be divided one against another,how can we be at peace with each other? The obvious answer is:we cannot. Then dosen't sound reasoning teach us that in order to reach a state of peace,we must be reconciled to each other? If we be reconciled to each other,then why can we not be reunited in one body? The TRUTH is,we CAN be reunited in one body, insure the safety of our souls, and please God at the same time.

A few leaders, just a very few (to our knowledge) are putting forth efforts to reunite brethren who are at variance with each other. The Lord be praised, a few leaders have awakened to the fact,that we must come up and out of the canyon of manmade restrictions which some of dearly beloved brethren (who were struggling hard to come out of sectarianism) mistakenly thought to be good,and in their burning zeal to escape sectarianism, placed upon the church of Christ. We admire the zeal, courage and good intentions of our late beloved brethren, they mean well,but went to far in placing restrictions on the church of Christ. In the Peacemaker Vol I--#1, and #2 for May, & June 1962 you will find articles asking for the loosing of a number of customs which often are bound as law upon the church;and in their place,we are offering far better and more efficient expediencies which will give the church a much better chance to prosper and grow,besides we will be loosing our selves from laws which our God did not bind,

And we will be reconciling ourselves to each other,even though we had built a fence of separation between ourselves & we will be re-united in the one body, in the common,but precious faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

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It is a well known fact,that two or more opposing parties will not be reunited as long as we leave obstacles between us,it is our Christian obligation to tear down all manmade fences of separation,which we have so zealously,yet ignorantly and unwisely built between our selves. Consider these facts;in the early days of the church of [redacted] Christ,there were no denominations with one using sprinkling for baptism,nor was there another using pouring for baptism;emphatically no,there was one church,and all congregations of that one church, used immersion to baptize:Why? Reply, there was no division,hence all were agreed on how to baptize;in other words they were of one mind,the same judgment,all spake and practised the same thing. Now take a good look at the situation today:what do you see ? Not counting the sectarians like Baptist,Methodist & others of similar nature,what do you see in the church of Christ ? Some bad things which plainly come to view are:DIVISION Over how to partake of our Lord's supper.... Detailed,it is thus:"The Cup"(one drinking cup) versus "Cups"..... Breadbreaking versus nonbreadbreaking. One waiting on the table versus 2 or more waiting on the table. Placing our contribution on the Lord's table versus placing our contribution in a basket or plate. One communion versus two communions. The teach all in one assembly system versus teaching in classes system. Why are we divided over those, and over many other things? Is the teaching of the Bible so vague that two or more can not understand it alike ? If two or more cannot understand the Bible alike,then we may as well toss it aside, buy a.22 Cal rifle and go hunting elephants on the main street of Los Angeles..Both would be useless occupations. Human pride & stubbornness are chief among reasons why we do not understand the Bible alike;we are not overlooking ignorance as a cause of misunderstanding the Bible;these differences ought not to exist in the church of Christ and they must CEASE to exist, that we may all be one in Christ. Make no mistake about it;we are NOT all headed for the same place,nay,verily not, there is one way to heaven and many ways to hell. The division among us today has many traveling the broadway that leads to [redacted] hell,

What did Paul do about division springing up in the church ? Reply:He condemned division and outlawed the same. The Bible no more shows approval for division in the church of Christ,than it would show approval for Catholicism,Baptistism,Methodism,and or any other "Ism".....Chief among reasons why the church of Christ (counting all factions,both big & little) does not out grow the denominations is:DIVISION WITHIN the church of Christ,because we are divided against each other,we spend most of our time & efforts battling each other;rather than preach the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying people. Brethren,our much battling each other injures the cause of Christ,it hinders the preaching of the gospel,it causes souls to be lost,it is detrimental to the faith of many;it causes some weak members to backslide:division tears us down,it never builds us up. While we are banging each other over the head & driving the

Wedge of division still wider and deeper, our denominational neighbors go preach a conglomorated false gospel to the alien sinners, wins those who are religiously inclined and sucks them into sectarianism where most will stay; many of those souls could have been won by the church of Christ, IF we had been out in the harvest field preaching the gospel of Christ, instead of trying to beat each others head off over matters of expediency.

A SPRINKLER DIPPED

The folks who sprinkle water,
And God's command oppose,
Sometimes get in deep trouble,
As this true story shows.

A valiant circut-rider,
Back in the olden time,
Had quite a mis-adventure,
Which has been put in rhyme.

His custom was to sprinkle,
But as his creed required,
He had to take to water,
When converts so desired.

He hated ponds and rivers,
As you will plainly see,
And had the hydrophobia,
In violent degree.

It was a lady convert,
That caused the awful slip,
For nothing else would suit her,
But a deep-water dip.

To save from damp and damage,
His reverential tog,
The preacher took his station,
Upon a friendly log.

He led the woman gently,
Deep in the chilly wave,
Then stooped to press her body,
Down in the liquid grave.

His act appeared so silly,
To this good woman's eye,
(She deep down in the water,
While he was nigh and dry.)

She looked up at him boldly,
And quoted that old text,
Which has the souls of sprinklers,
So long and sorely vexed:

"They WENT DOWN BOTH in water,
The good Book doth relate,
BOTH PHILIP and THE EUNUCH,
We read in chapter eight."

This so confused the preacher,
Upon his lofty perch,
He lost his trend of gravity,
And gave a sudden lurch.

He struck the deep blue water,
Upon his holy head,
And went straight to the bottom,
Just like a piece of lead!

He struggled and he sputtered,
And he thought his days were o'er,
And with stout kicks and flounders,
He "pulled for the shore!"

The lady, too, walked landward,
With firm and stately tread,
Then to the dripping parson,
She boldly, bravely said:

"When next I come to Jordan,
My Saviour to obey,
Twill be with one who follows,
The good old Bible way!"

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Looks like it is now time to give the sprinklers a good old dose of truth, it may help them, besides doing a lot of good.
We hope the free bath did the "Parson" a lot of good: probably the first time he ever was in water over 6 inches deep. Editor.

****THE NECESSITY OF EXPEDIENTS****

We,the Church of Christ should always stand ready to advance the cause of our Lord, and to build up his Ekklesia (church) to the very limit of our ability, we should not put any stumblingblocks in the way of the church's growth, neither should we cause our brethren to stumble and sin against Christ. Contrary to opinions expressed by some,the church cannot become to large, and we should not hold the opinion, that the church can become to large: isn't it true, that in numbers there is strength ? In the larger congregations there is more talent to develope, and to be put to use for Jesus Christ our Lord. With the greater amount of talent, look at the Christian work that we can do ! The more talent means more members to help expedite the work of the church, yet it is no great burden upon any individual. In the larger congregations, we find talent suitable to develope into gospel preachers, evangelists (not inspired),elders (not inspired), teachers, song leaders, (deacons, not inspired). Deacons are servants of the church, they help with temporal church work, likewise they are of value in waiting on the Lord's table, and for taking up the collection. All those men are living expedients in the church of Christ and they are a necessity. Many small congregations do not have this talent among them, and the lack of such talent is a hindrance to that congregation's growth and welfare.

Each congregation like other organizations, requires money to operate on, and to give to needy saints in distress, there is the need of money to finance a gospel meeting. The small congregations are often a bit short on treasury funds, whereas the larger congregations usually have an abundance. Yes, brethren, money is required to operate the Lord's church, money is required to expedite much of the church work; and without money, the work goes undone. While the expense may be to great for one or 2 small congregations to bear, to put an evangelist in the harvest field: if we use cooperation which is an expediency, several congregations can divide the expense between themselves, thereby can easily pay the expense by sharing the burden. Usually large congregations can bear the burden alone, but there are some exceptions.

I have heard some brethren express the view that the church (congregations) can become to large. What they actually are afraid of, is that the congregation might become to large for all members to drink from ONE CUP, and to eat from one cracker. In another instance, some want to keep the congregation's size limited to kinsmen. Truth is,no such limitations are prescribed in within the New Testament. Such thoughts and practices are strictly grade "A" stumblingblocks placed in the way of growth and prosperity of the church of Christ.
USE the expediency of CUPS and LOAVES. Jesus defined his cup thusly: "This cup is the New Testament in my blood" (I Cor.II:25) The Lord's cup as defined by Jesus Christ, is not a literal drinking cup. It makes no difference how many literal cups that we use. The Lord's ONE CUP is:"This cup is the New Testament in my blood"....Yes, some of our brethren limit the size of their congregation, because they are afraid to let it grow; it might get to large to drink from one literal drinking cup, and to large to eat from one cracker.
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THE NECESSITY OF EXPEDIENTS.....(Concluded)

We love our one cup brethren, so we make provision for them by setting aside, one large cup, that they all may drink from it, we do not wish to wound their weak concience, nor to cause them to sin against Christ.

Now we want to bring a passage of scripture to your attention, it is Luke 22:I4-2I. "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the I2 with him. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me on the table Unquote. Those 2 verses of scripture proves that Jesus and his I2 apostles were seated at a table when Jesus Christ instituted his supper.....now since we are such strong adherents for following a pattern , then why do we not follow that one ? Since Jesus instituted his supper in an upper room, according to Luke 22:I2.,WHY don't we follow that pattern ? Dear Brethren, if we must just drink from only one cup, and eat from only one cracker, then why don't we also make it a law, that we must meet only in an upper room to partake of the Lord's supper ? Then while we are busy legislating, make it law that all members must be seated around the table, in order to be eligible to partake. These suggestions are parallel with your one cup, one cracker law, so why omit the other two ? All three manmade laws are STUMBLINGBLOCKS that should not be bound upon any congregation. First, all manmade laws are sinful, second, such laws hinder the growth and prosperity of the church. Your Bro.in Christ.J.S.L.Morse.

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The Necessity of Expediency

The ways or means of doing the things commanded by God:Are expediencies. Shall we accept that statement without reservation? No. It is obvious that God will take exception to our doing a thing in a disorderly manner. Proof. I Cor.I4:40. "Let all things be done decently and in order". 2nd.We are not to select the way of expediting a thing,when God has specified the way to do that thing. 3rd. Where God did NOT specify how to keep a command,then,he has left the way up to our judgment,we then are at liberty to choose a decent and orderly way to obey his command. The way we use to obey his command, is the expedient that we use. Our expedient must be of such a nature, that it will be beneficial to the whole congregation. Second: our expedient must not be a hindrance to the church's growth. A hindrance is a stumblingblock, and all such stumblingblocks must be eliminated, if the church is to prosper and grow.

In Matt.28:I9. We are commanded:"Go ye,therefore and teach all nations,---" The how to go is not specified. It is a fact that the apostles went, some traveled on foot, some traveled by boat, and some rode animals. What or which expedients did the apostles use ? Any that was available, and we find no word of condemnation bound on the apostles for using expedients; and we do not find Phillip condemned for riding on the chariot with the Ethiopian eunuch. The known expedients used by the apostles are:Travel on foot, on boats, and on animals. We are commanded to go teach, but we are not told how to go, then we are at liberty to walk, ride, swim or fly.

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A letter from Bro. L. C. England

Dear Bro. Morse: Received your welcome letter some time ago, and was glad to hear from you again. Hope your health improves and gets back to normal again. My health is not the best but I am thankful that I can be busy and at work and do not have to be waited on. I have received your May and June issues of Peacemaker and enjoyed reading them and was glad to receive them. You said you are not trying to displace the Gospel News Courier by publishing the Peacemaker. Personally I have no objection to brethren publishing a paper if they can and want to do so.. As to a rash of gospel papers, I have an opinion that may not be in accord with most brethren. I would like to see every loyal congregation in the United States publish a monthly paper. Personally I would enjoy very much, reading such papers.. I believe if every congregation would put out a paper we would become better acquainted with the brethren, and also if each paper printed news of its own congregation , and also articles and lectures on gospel subjects, we would see the church making better progress and exerting more influence for the cause of our Saviour, and consequently , moresouls would be saved. Each congregation could print a few ; or several hundred copies and mail them out by single copies at least, to individuals far and wide. This will not happen, but if each congregation did this, I think we all would be greatly surprised at the results. Brethren, so many of them it seems, when just one or two papers are being published, if they can't agree 100% with everything printed in it, they will not take or support that paper.. (True, they think every editor and writer should be infalliable, and never make a mistake..... if they would give consideration to their own personal flock of errors, then they might acquire more respect for their fellow brother in Christ) (The above comment by your editor, so do not blame it upon Bro. England) I have never read a paper yet that was put out by the brotherhood, that never made a mistake in something it printed.. We can talk about peace among the brethren, how badly it is needed, and is needed, if each brother received 40 Or 50 papers each month from that many congregations, it would cause him to read his Bible a little closer and cause him to be more tolerant and forgiving, and give up his petty grievences, if he has any such, and be more cooperative in the spread of the Gospel of Christ.. I realize I have put forth something that is new, by advocating many gospel papers, and the brethren in general will think, that I am rash in my opinion, and they have the privilege to think so if they wish to. But I still think many papers published eachmonth by many different congregations would do a lot more good than just one or 2 papers... (Cont'd on next page)

Conclusion of Bro. England's Letter

Every gospel subject should be thaoughly thrashed to a finish to a finish and all would learn, and we would all appreciate the news features of such papers, I am sure.. Yours in Christ.. L. C. England.. Thank you Bro. England, write again. Ed.

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A card from Sis. R.L. (Viola) Dennis of Waco, Texas

Dear Ones: I do appreciate the paper Peacemaker.. I received 2 copies, keep sending the paper to me. I hope to be up this month by the middle of July, & see you all for a short visit; meet your wife and children. The crops are good, it rains a lot, but is hot too. Thanks again.... Thanks for writing and for expressing your appreciation for Peacemaker. Hope you like the new publication entitled: Evangelist, it can be handed to non-members. You should have came out & visited with us, we are peaceable. Write again..... The editor.

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A letter from Bro. R.H. Peel of Crosbyton, Texas.

I received the Peacemaker and enjoyed reading it very much. We are not very well, hope you all are well. We arent able to do any hard work any more. I will send a small donation to the work of trying to make peace and keep peace in the one body. (Our good Brother's eyes are failing him, and we cannot read a part of his letter, so we will have to omit that part.. Ed.) Speaking of unity, I am sure it ought to be; but I am sure the Instrumental music man, nor the Sunday School folks will never give up their digressive practices for the sake of unity. The S.S. folks will claim that they don't have the S.S., but Bible study; but they have their officers as sectarians do. So it is all S.S., and not by Bible authority, scriptural authority and is adding to the doctrines and commandments of men as I see it.. As ever your Bro. in the one blessed faith. R.H. Peel. Thank you Bro. Peel., write us again. (Each writer is responsible for his writing., and the views expressed by our brother does not necessarily reflect the views of this paper. Ed)

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Comment upon the above letter and its views. The editor sincerely doubts that the Sunday School brethren would be any hard to bring into unity, than our one cup brethren....I will agree on the case of the Instrumental Music brethren.

I see no more digression in the use of the Sunday School, than I see in making a Law without Bible support, that we must use only one cup per congregation; they stand or fall on the same ground.... We do not object to the use of one cup per congregation, nor to cups plural number, as long as the folks don't make it law, that it has to be just one way and no other: let us quit making laws and re-unite the one body, in one body... Editor... Evangelist J.S.L. Morse.

THE NECESSITY OF EXPEDIENCY

Just where in the N.T. ,did God tell us that we must walk to the Lord's table and lay our money or gift upon the table ? Book,verse & chapter please. The way to collect the contribution is not specified.. Then why raise a complaint against brethren who collect the contribution in a basket, or in a plate, or in any other respectable receptables ? The custom of demanding that each member walk to the table and place his contribution on the Lord's table, is a hardship placed upon the aged, sick and otherwise infirm members. It is far better on all concerned, to take up the collection in baskets or plates;that way all may remain seated, except the few who collect the offerings to our Lord. The use of baskets or plates is the best expediency to use in taking up the collection, and at the same time, we open the door of welcome to our brethren who have come out of the bothersome way of taking up the collection; besides we have removed a stumbling-block, a custom which we had made law. Well informed brethren do not desire to observe our manmade laws; and to bring peace among us, they request that our manmade laws be eliminated, then we can assemble and worship together in peace. We do not make the claim, that all congregations which have the members walk to the table, have made a law of their custom. Remember, that our reason for discussing this subject, is not to stir up strife, neither is it intended to promote ill will.

Not one among us should resent the bringing up and discussing of religious matters among our selves, by the words "ourselves", we mean precisely the Church of Christ, regardless of which faction that we advocate and hold to. If we will keep a "Christ like" spirit, we can discuss any , and or all differences that may arise among members of our Lord's church. If we will put away anger, if we will be I00% honest with each other, and be equally honest with our God; if we omit trickery, they why can't we discuss all religious differences; and work out a godly solution to each problem ? As a matter of fact, we can do exactly what we claim in this lesson on "The Necessity of Expediency".

Let it be known, once and for all time, we are NOT trying to pick a quarrel with our beloved brethren who bind as law, their customs upon all who assemble with them, that each person must walk to the Lord's table, and lay their gift on the table; neither are we trying to pick a fuss with those who bind one cup as law, nor those who bind cups as law. In plain words, we do NOT want a fuss with our brethren. If the expediency of collecting the contribution in plates or baskets offends my brethren, then I will gladly allow him, or them to walk to the table and lay their contribution upon it; I'd do that gladly to avoid offence to my brethren; it is easy to do , because it does not involve breaking of a command of God. Obviously, we cannot break a command of God to please us, nor our brethren. Brethren: Surely you have read Acts I5:I-4I.. Did you not notice that a difference in doctrine arose in the church ? Naturally it needed to be settled for all time. What happened ? Did every one concerned, just get mad and refuse to discuss the matter ? No, the apostles and elders came together for to consider the matter, as stated in verse 6. Verse 7 admits there was much disputing; but the apostles REASONED WITH THE SCRIPTURES, and proved that it is not necessary to be circumcised under Christ's law, to be saved.

 THE NECESSITY OF EXPEDIENCY.....Concluded

Then did every body just clam up & refuse to recognize the truth ? No. See verse 22. Did they just keep the results of this discussion to themselves ? No. "And they wrote letters by them after this manner;the apostles,elders and BRETHREN send greetings unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:"Acts I5:23. Some of my good brethren are apt to quote the 28th verse and tell us,that they nor we have the Holy Spirit in the miraculous measure to guide us . Let me gently remind you dear brethren, that the Holy Spirit did not work separate and apart from God's word; instead, the Holy Spirit (at that time worked through God's word) and the Holy Spirit works through God's word today, hence we do not require the miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit, as was required by the apostles of Christ. True, our Lord sent the Holy Spirit to guide his apostles into all truth, and to bring all things to their remembrance, that our Lord had taught them while on earth: to that we agree, but today, we have the full completed word of God in our possession; the same scripture says in I Tim.3:I6,I7. "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroly furnished unto all good works" So if we deny that there is something of a religious nature, that the scripture will not settle, then we deny the truth. Brethren: Is it a good work to be peacemakers ? "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" If peacemaking be a good work, then help us to make peace among brethren who are at variance with each other. In Acts I5th chapter, our brethren had to discuss an issue, had to make a decision, then had to get the decision to all the brethren, which they did by letter and by word of mouth. Admittedly, most of us are not able to travel long distances to settle issues, but we can afford to write letters.....and the pages of PEACEMAKER are open to peacemaking letters and Bible lessons. Brethren:Write and help make a lasting peace among brethren. In love of the Truth...
Evangelist J.S.L.Morse Rt#2.,Hammon,Oklahoma.
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Editor Writes An Inquiry....
If the readers of this paper:PEACEMAKER, wish to read MORE church news, they why do you not write more news ? We want news from any and or all church of Christ congregations. We need news reporters in all congregations, regardless of which faction of the church of Christ that you belong to. We need news and Bible lesson in both publications: PEACEMAKER.....and in EVANGELIST. Why not supply our need that you and others may profit thereby ?

Do you know how much in dollars and cents is required to publish PEACEMAKER for one year, including mailing expense ? About $300.00 to $375.00¢. PEACEMAKER HAS I2 FULL SIZE PAGES. You folks are shelling out approximately $700.00 per year for a paper consisting of 2 sheets of paper folded in the middle to form 8 half size pages. Quite a difference in the cost of publishing and mailing those papers, and very much difference in the size of the papers. Think it over. These papers, PEACEMAKER.....AND...EVANGELIST....Will not continue to be mailed to you without support..... Editor.....