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December 22, 1969

Mr. John H. Kolb
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Dear brother Kolb:

Brother Lyle Dalzell has just given me a copy of your recent letter and notification of the contribution to Herald of Truth. Thank you so much for your very sensitive concern. Heralds of Truth is a great ministry that warrants your continued support and interest.

I made plans as early as November of 1968 to return to Graduate School in Atlanta, Georgia on August 1 of 1969. I informed the Elders of my decision to resign from the program in August, 1969, as early as November 24, 1968. This would insure an effective transition from me to the next speaker whom I had hoped would be Batsell Barrett Baxter. The transition plans were all made without complication and the congregation here at Highland was informed soon after the first of the year that I would be leaving the program as of August 1, 1969.

During this period, however, Mid McKnight began considering the possibility of resigning from the Highland pulpit. After he resigned, the Elders considered a number of men to follow brother McKnight. When none of these men were available, the Elders turned to me and asked me to seriously consider staying here and working with the Highland church. On the night before the movers were due at our house, my family decided to stay in Abilene and work with the Highland congregation. This is where I have been since August 1.

I deeply regret that we have not clearly communicated this transition to many brethren like yourself who are deeply concerned. I would not be honest if I did not say that a number of brethren, especially in the Southeast, were very happy to see me resign from the program because of what I

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consider to be the honest, Biblical preaching to all sin in our time that I had done on Herald of Truth. The Elders of the Highland church, however, at no point ever prevented me from preaching my convictions. The very fact that they asked me to stay and work as the preacher of the Highland church shows that they are men dedicated to preaching the shole truth of God.

Thank you so much for your kind letter. Let me know if we can be of any further assistance to you in any way.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Mr. Lyle Dalzell

Dear Bro. Dalzell:

It was truly a joy for me to join with the brethren in the meeting you referred to in your letter, and especially to see you there in the interest of of the greatest cause to me that I know, the saving of the souls of men.

Please understand my position;; at one time a key representative here and on many occassions was forced to answer many questions, of which I must say being well known through the years with life and conduct it was difficult for me to completely lose by not having the answer. To God goes the praise for this. However, the disappearance of Bro. Chalk with no knews as to the why's and where's it appeared that satan had claimed Victory.

On last Lord's day I personally wrote a draft for \$50.00 for the Herald of Truth, they will not reject a request from me and this is the only way that the brethren would be satisfied to make out this check. I am thanking God when I arived for midweek service having not yet mailed this check, by the providence of God I opened your letter and with joy read the contents which I then read to the assembly of members, to you I must say truly God used you his way and it was timed so that I can see his handy work shining before my eyes an must say O Lord my God, How great Thou art. The doubt, confidence, faith of more than forty years have been truly tried in these several month and the Lord having used you to clear up this matter for me makes my faith yet stronger in him. Thank you, and may God bless you, and the greatest of blessings to Bro. John Allen Chalk with my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

John H. Kolb

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