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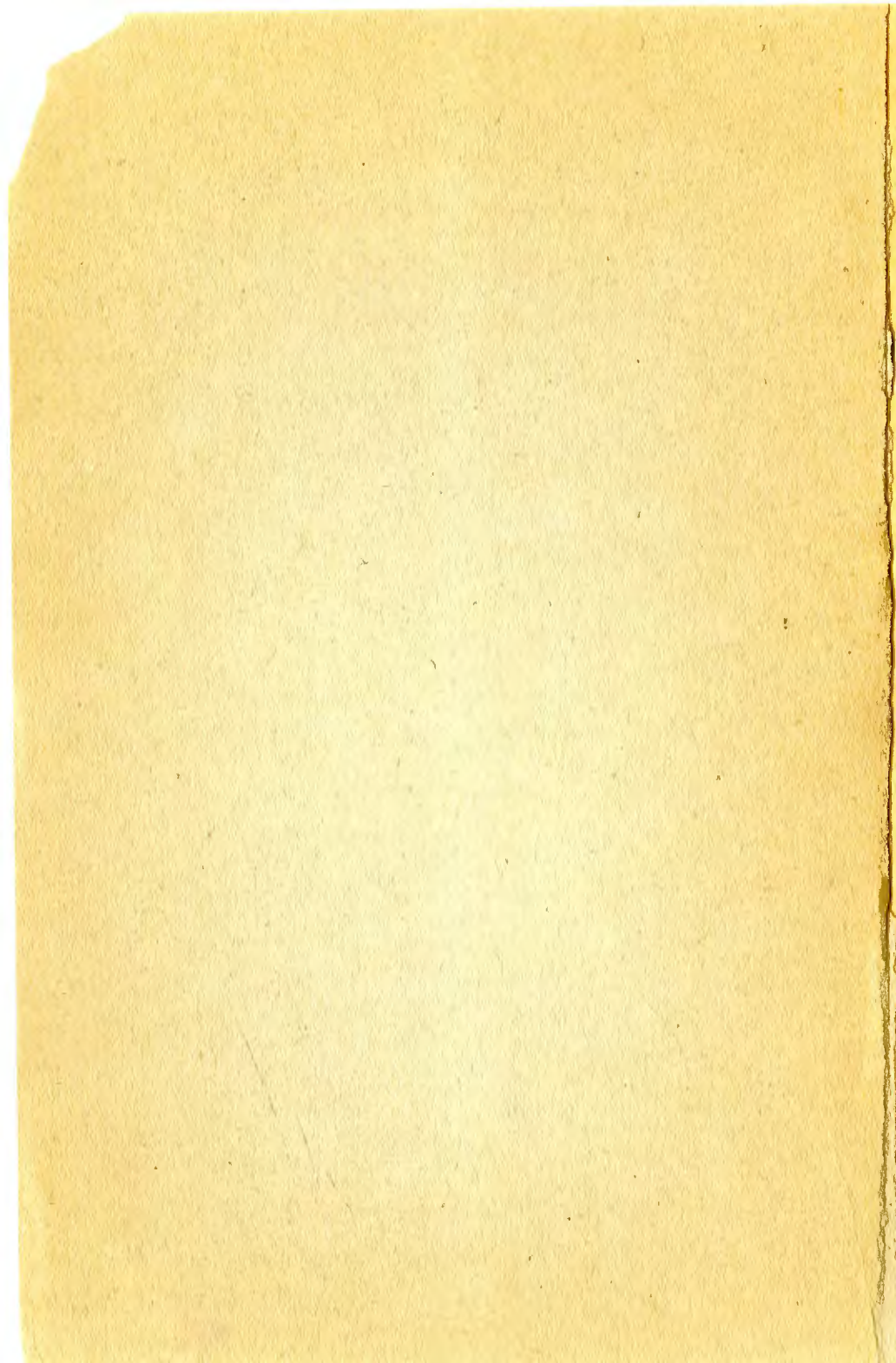
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CHRISTIANITY

- I. INTRO--1Pet, 1:21. Inexhaustible sub-
1. Exist not denied, see on every hand
 2. Many religions, one Christianity
 1. Makes everything better, HOMES etc

II. CLAIMS REST ON BIBLE.

1. 1500 Yrs, 40 Men, Not book on--
 1. Health, but good, See Lev, 13
 2. Astronomy; BUT Isa saw Earth is round; 2000 Yrs before man did Isa 40:22. Job saw empty space in No-Man only recently, Job, 26:7

III. FULFILLED PROPHECY PROVES DIVINITY

1. Man cannot see future. Tried--
2. Bible writers did, "Holy men spake!"
 1. Babylon Isa 13. Jer, 31.
 2. Jews to be scattered, They are
 3. "Hiss and by-word" They are
 4. Punish persecutors, always true
 5. Nebuc-dream. Dan told meaning
 6. Josh, Jerico's rebuilding, Deaths
 7. Young Proph-2King, 13. Came true
 8. Isa 53. 500 fulfilled in Christ
1. These writers were "Holy men--"

IV. THIS BOOK REVEALS CHRISTIANITY.

1. Pledged to Adam. Proph--dreams "Holy men of God spake"

V. REVEALS GREATNESS OF CHURCH

1. God's dwelling place. Promises there. Is the product of God
2. Love it, Protect it, Support it
3. The only thing thru life sorrow death and to go beyond-grave

Success comes in "cans" Failures come in "can'ts". Faith will knock the "T" out of the latter.

JUST BUSY HERE AND THERE

I. INTRO--1 Kings, 20:39. Rebuke, Part parable

1. Battle, Captive, Soldier to guard--
2. Serious charge, Proud of his trust
3. We are Soldiers, Job to do, Eph, 6:10
4. We are chocked. Prisoner escaped. WHY?
 1. "Oh, I was busy here and there"
 2. What more important than duty?
See Heb, 2:3. Why this so great?

II. BUT WHY DID HE FAIL?

1. Not ignorance-knew duty-had ability
2. Had a place to fill--work to do
3. No idler, BUSY, BUT "here and there"
4. At other things, than his duty.

III. HE WAS BUSY BUT NOT AT RIGHT TASK

1. Attend to own business, not others
2. Some try where misfits. Job for all but not ALL for same job, just own
3. He was BUSY but neglected main job.
4. We need to be busy, even "here-there"
 1. But first duty to God, most important

IV. SOLDIER DID YOU KEEP YOUR PRISONER?

1. NO, I was too busy! Doing what?
2. We ask, "What more important than duty?"

V. HE WAS PUT IN PRISON, IN PLACE OF OTHER.

1. We are held responsible for our job
2. Others might do it but not as well as we can, but even so, it is OUR job
3. Find your job, train for it, DO IT
3. Another might help you find it
5. But you have to do it, if it is done

A preacher can lose popularity by preaching on commands and duties, especially if he preaches straight to the members. And too, preaching is one of the few things that people want short measure in.

THE LOST CHRIST

I. INTRO--"Sermon no ill's, house no window"

1. This good ill's-in few points.
2. Why there, Proud of him. Lost him.
 1. Carelessness, neglect. Heb, 2:3

(1) THOUGHT HE WAS WITH THEM.

1. He wants us to think, but not that we know more than He. See Isa, 55:8.

(2) EXAMPLES OF MEN THINKING, GOD OUT.

1. Naaman, 2Kings 5:2. Cain Gen; 4:
3. Peter Matt 17:1-5. 4. Paul, Act, 26:9.
5. Man thinking today.
 1. Sprinkling .Music. Denom-will do. Heaven for all. Second chance.
 2. One Church good as another.
(If so one God is too-Eph 4:4-6)

(3) THOUGHT HE WAS WITH THEM. HONEST.

1. Did not make it true.

(4) WENT LOOKING FOR HIM, THAT FINE.

1. In different camps, NOT THERE.

(5) LAST RESORT BACK WHERE LEFT HIM.

II. CHURCH--KINGDOM ESTABLISHED.

1. When and where? (Proof texts)

(1) APOSTIZED--Dark Ages. Lost Christ.

1. Men looking for him. Thus Denom-s started. Many camps. "Lo here--"

III. GO BACK TO FOUNTIAN-HEAD.

1. Find, C of C. Name. Dr. Practice. Organization E and D. Worship.
2. Perfect unity.
3. Many examples, how become Christians--all alike. How to live.

Some people do not like anything they just dislike some things more than they dislike other things.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

I. INTRO--1Cor,13:Love the subject here.
1.Love is defined,described,defended

II.FAITH,Study 1Thes. 2:11-12,1Kngs 13:
1.Saving faith,Heb 6:11,Gal,5:6
Heb,11th Chapter--as have time.
2.All things by faith,Business etc,
3.Faith knows no defeat. Job,examp-

III.HOPE. Anchor,Spurs on.

IV.LOVE. GREATEST OF ALL THINGS.

- 1.Love to help those we love.
- 2.Believe in,Sacerfise for them
- 3.Never talk about them

1.Love brethren live above that

(1) LOVE FOR GOD (He loved us)

Causes us to pray,Study,Work,Sacrifice

1.Love lead us to obey God.

----- BY EVERY WORD

I. INTRO--Matt 4:4,Context,Matt,3:13-4:11

II.THREE LESSONS IN THESE,AT LEAST-

1.Must do--He right to command
Matt 17:5. 28:18.

2.Principle as in Deut 8:5,Heb,2:2-3

(1) FIRST LESSON, HOW TO OVERCOME.

1.Written "Thou shalt not"or "Shalt"
(Study to learn to do)

(2) BEST LIFE TO LIVE,

1.Not bread alone.Soloman ETAL tried

2.Live by every word,IF FROM GOD.

(3) SUGGESTING THIRD LESSON,"BY EVERY WORD"

1.Not time for all. Faith,Hope,Love
Grace,Baptism ETC.Comment on each
as time permits.LAST WORDS OF JESUS
, "BEL-and is BAPTIZED"

We prize last messages. We can repeat,
and say,WE MUST LIVE BY EVERY WORD.

THE DAYS OF THE YOUTH

I. INTRO--Eccl, 12:1. Interested in youth

II. FOUNDATION LAID IN YOUTH.

1. Like ~~the~~ rivers from same spring.
2. Crack in building, traced to weak foundation.

III. SOME DANGERS--PROBLEMS

1. Have to learn--Advice not taken
2. Feeling of eternity.
3. Craving for pleasure
4. Become like companions, Careful.
5. Lack of purpose--aim.

IV. WORLD GIVES US WHAT WE EARN.

1. Life is an echo. Inventors ETAL

V. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS--

1. Not who you are BUT what you are.
2. Not what you know. BUT what you do with what you know.
3. Not what you own, BUT what you do with what you own.
4. Not what you have been, BUT what you are hereafter
5. Not where you go from here, BUT what you do when you get there.
6. And not so much, what you do as how you do it.
7. Not how much you earn, BUT how.

VI. SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON--

1. Lofty purpose
 2. Devotion to real, shun shams.
 3. Do not shirk
 4. Be genuine. Optimistic.
 5. Keep sunshine and self control
- THEN, when the one great scorer comes to write against you name. He will write, not that you won or lost BUT how you played the game!

BUILDING WITHIN A BUILDING.

- I. INTRO--Ezk, Ch, 40. Main building, 1 Cubit.
Each of many rooms one cubit too. All same size. (Ezk, in Parables, Wheel in Waters deeper Ch 47. Dry bones, Now Bld.)
- II. THIS IN MIND THINK OF CHURCH OF CHRIST
1. To begin at Jers-Luke 24:46, Act, 1:8.
 2. Review past 40 days, briefly.
 3. Now power, Acts 2. Right place, people Jews the all nations.
 4. First sermon under great Comm-
4. John never member Christ's Church.
1. Called Jno the Baptist, as we say John the Carpenter. He baptized.
 2. Preached to Jews, Faith in Coming Chr
 3. His bap-not valid after Pent-Acts 19
 4. He not member Bap-Church, NEVER BAPT
- III. FINAL COMMISSION TO JEWS AND GENTILES.
1. Superstructure now. NOT BEFORE, Pent--
 1. Before Pent-Jews only, NOW ALL NATION
 2. Reed square-God's plan-way-standard.
 1. Enter--Dr, FRCB, Worship, Needy-all meet requirements of standard.
- IV. NOT ALWAYS GO TO JERS-SCATTERED
1. Congregations estab-ALL STANDARD-SAME.
 1. FRCB. Elders-Deacons, SAME WORSHIP ETC
 2. Cor-example. Acts 18:8, Tit, 1:5, ETC
 3. More too much. Less not enough.
 2. Tho principles same. Each different problem - circumstances, conditions.
 1. See seven churches Rev-Phil, 2:12.
 2. But must stand on same foundation principles, one reed, STANDARD.
 3. Each an independent unit. No one rule over another.
"Set in order the things that are wanting-----" (Tit, 1:5)

WHAT IS SAVING FAITH?

- I. INTRO--Heb, 11:1-30. Faith Chap-of Bible
1. Story of Josh-Faith did it, Took all
 2. It is not four steps or $\frac{1}{4}$ -- $\frac{1}{2}$ saved
 3. But by a complete faith, we are saved

II. WHAT IS SALVATION UNDER CHRIST?

1. Not by our works that we have the plan, we cannot "boast" that it is
2. It is by "grace--gift of God that we have Christianity. Eph, 2:8-9
3. Not by works of the law of Moses Gal, 3:26-27. Rom, 11:6. 4:4. 3:27
1 Pet, 1:9. God remits, when we obey

III. NOW WHAT IS SAVING FAITH?

1. More than mental assent
2. It is faith expressed, not simply in words alone, Jas, 2:18
3. Plan given by grace demands full expression, Joshua, Naamen Mat, 7:21
Heb, 5:8-9 James 2:17-26

IV. WHAT DOES FAITH COMPREHEND?

1. Rep--is faith determined-do right
2. Con-faith expressed in words
3. Bap-faith expressed by action-deed.
 1. Thus created for good works to continue, Eph, 2:10, Phil, 2:12, Jas 2

V. THUS, WE CAN SAY FAITH SAVES

1. Leave either out, IMPERFECT FAITH
 1. That faith will not save any
 2. Heart, life, state and conduct all changed as faith is fully expressed
 3. To neglect one or speak against either one is to be guilty of neglecting the great Salvation
4. When our faith is thus complete God saves, but not before.

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP

I. INTRO--Jno, 4:24 Exalting Church, Eph, 5,

II. HOW TO EXALT THE CHURCH, ABOVE ALL

1. Know what it is and is not
2. As in business, Home etc, must be Honesty, fair dealings, decent and in order Tit, 1:5. No slouchy services
3. Everything judged by these
 1. What we do, and how we do them
 2. People flock to activity. Few if any prefer somthing dead or half done. ONLY the members can build up a congregation, Preacher can lead

III. ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP Jno 4:24

1. We are measured. Not to measure self by self or others, nor by man's rule Rev, 11:1. 2Cor, 10:12

IV. ALTER-WORSHIP MEASURED, Acts, 17:22

1. Spirit-mood, humble, understanding
2. In truth-God's Word-way-Truth
3. Sermons, songs, giving, Lord's Supper
 1. The way we do them, please or Disp
 2. Please God before man Gal, 1:10
4. Must be obedient worship
 1. Cain, Able, Noah, Naaman et al
5. True RE- F.R.C. Bap-Acts of worship-ALL

V. MEASURE WORSHIPPERS

1. Ideas, Ideals, Actions, Lives

VI. CONCLUSION

1. There are many binding ties
 1. Christ and Church, the greatest
2. Are to love brethren, pray for not "talk about", help not hinder stand by not condemn. Hold up not down
3. Stand by, defend, exalt, work for-serve the Church, thus serve God
4. We are being watched, Lets show the world that we are the right "stuff"

THE UNKNOWN GOD

I. INTRO--Acts 17:22-23. COMMENT- STORY.

1. Man with out Bible forms own god.
2. Knows there is a god, but does not recognize true God, Unknown to him.
 1. These in Athens. Japs, China, ETC
3. Our own country, enlightened???
 1. Money. Style. Social. Tradition.
 2. Church members--God of fear.
4. True and living God, A God of love.

II. TO WHOM IS TRUE GOD UNKNOWN?

1. Examples Deut, 29:25-26. Forsook Law
2. Result, knew not God, Deut 30:17.
Jer 2:8. Dan, 11:37-38, Jno. 1:10.
Acts 13:27. ; Cor 1:21 Gal 4:8.
3. Samaritan woman, Others, Jno 24:16---
 1. Contrast Cain--Abel. Pharoah--Moses

III. LEARN OF GOD ONLY AS REVEALED--BIBLE

1. Then recognize Him everywhere.
 2. David "Heaven declare" Ps 19:1
 3. See God--his handi-work, in all nature, IF REALLY REVEALED BY A proper study and understanding of the Book that reveals Him.
 4. Ill's--Two men at Niagara Falls, One sees water only the other God too, First prepared--knows God, other not.
 1. Applied too, to all nature, oceans mountains, rocks and flowers
- (1) THEN WE ASK AGAIN, TO WHOM IS GOD UNKNOWN?

IV. WE ARE URGED TO PREPARE TO MEET GOD.

1. If prepared as should be we meet--
 1. Him in life every day, THUS prepared to live first.
 2. Must meet him in death--Judgement prepared or not.

V. WE HAVE TRUE GOD, LEARN OF HIM. ETC. ETC.

TO GO HIGHER--

I. INTRO--To go higher, stay on the level
make first turn to right, go straight
ahead, until you get there, no other way

II. "TO GO HIGHER!"

1. Desire of most all. In school, social
profession, business--everything.
 2. Always desire. Should even, 1Tim, 3:1
 3. Heaven desired, See heb, 11.
- (1) CONDITIONS, leads to next point--

III. STAY ON THE LEVEL, (Fig----)

1. We mean honesty, Business, School etc
2. Especially with God, We in debt to Him
for everything we have, or hope for

IV. TAKE FIRST TURN TO THE RIGHT

1. Remember in days of thy youth, Ecl, 12
2. Rep--is taking the turn. WHAT IT IS
3. Two ways, Broad and narrow, Traveling on
4. We need a map--guide book--
5. Another Ill's, need a "blue print"
 1. Know how to read a map or blue print
 2. Read it right to understand it
 3. Lack understanding, travel or build
wrong, get lost, can't find our way

V. THE BIBLE IS OUR ONLY SAFE MAP OR B-PRINT

1. Not read it "hit or miss"
2. "Rightly divide it" Study part on
what we need and want to know.
 1. Even N.T. 1st four, life of Christ
Acts what to do to be saved.
Letters how to live and worship

V. GO STRAIGHT AHEAD.

1. Not look back, Luke, 9:57-62
2. Traveling, we find rough spots, bumps,
mud holes, and perhaps car trouble
3. A FINAL VIEW OF TRIP AHEAD, 2Pet, 1:5-

CONVERSION OF SAUL

PRO--Acts 9:1-22. Jew's idea of Ch-
Saul's idea too. Schools at Tarsus
Higher at Jers-Gamaliel. A Phars-

EFFORTS TO DESTROY. HONEST IN IT ALL
THEM CONVERTED

- Labored more. Zeal. Courage. Missions
- Stephen stoned. Greater effort
- Trip to Dam's. Light. Voice. Question
- Surprise. Fighting him. "May be wrong"
- Doubt if Saul thot of Bap-yet
 - 1. But what work can I do
- 6. Did not tell him, RE-Bap--left for
another to tell him. See 2Cor, 4:7

NOW IN DAM'S-Ananias, affraid, Acts, 9:10

- 1. Saul to be an Apostle. BUT MUST BE
something else first. DO NOT OVER--
LOOK THAT.
- 2. Accepted Christ. Faith. Heart changed
- 3. Repented (three days of it)
- 4. Read Acts, 22:11-16.
- 3. Reminds him of his work to do
- 4. Now why wait? "Get ready for it"
 - 1. Arise be Bap-Wash away sins"
 - 1. Same as Acts, 2:38. "For rem--"

HERE IS A WORK FOR YOU TO DO

- 1. You believe in Christ.
- 2. Now turn from your sins-Rep-
- 3. Why wait, "Be bap- for remission"
- 4. Train, Go to work. Will not be as
Paul's but a work anyway
- 5. May not be same work, not as great
but the same reward, if that work
well done. "A crown"

A SERMON WITHOUT ILLUSTRATIONS IS
LIKE A HOUSE WITHOUT WINDOWS!

WHY DID MY SAVIOR COME TO EARTH?

I. INTRO--John 3:16-36. Song, has meaning

1. Tho he was rich--poor--2Cor, 8:9

1. How rich? 2. How poor?

2. Riches of his glory, Rom, 9:23-24

II. MANY REASONS WHY HE CAME TO EARTH

1. Do the Father's will. Lk, 22:42,

2. To finish a work God started

John 17:4. On cross "Finished"

3. Sent to do this work, Jno 9:4

1. God was not disappointed

III. HE CAME TO OWN THE CHOSEN, Jno 1:11

1. Made like them--flesh--Heb, 2:17

2. Lord of God's vineyard Mk, 12:1-8

3. Came to fulfill law. Rom, 10:4

4. To blot it out Col, 2: 13

5. That was God's plan

6. That might make peace, JEWS-GENTILES

1. God no respecter of persons or nations now--no special favors promised any for hereafter, or now.

2. All came in Christ, Gal 3:28.

No more land promises

IV. CAME TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM, HE DID

1. Not like those of the world

In the world, Must not have world

in it. Ship in ocean, not water in ship

2. He returned to heaven as King, Ps, 24:7

V. FINALLY, HE CAME TO SAVE LOST SINNERS

1. God was mindful. Ps 8. No other way

2. Moses, Isa, John etc, not do

3. Not even Apostles except Lord's way

1. None can, add, subtract or change

4. We have the Word to lead to God thru

Christ, given by Apostles, taught to

us and we must teach others the same

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

I. INTRO--Luke 2:10-14. UNIQUE-Isa 9:6

1. Always existed, Jno, 1:1. Flesh now
2. "Wonderful" in creation.
3. Promises and prophecies
4. Counsler--to plead our case
5. Everlasting, Prince of peace
6. In his sacrifice, Temptations, in Garden, Trials, The cross "Forgive."
Raised. The 40 days. Ascended

II. OUR BLESSINGS ARE MANY AND GREAT

1. Land. Oceans, Flowers etc, America
2. Power of bodies. Mind. Strength.
Build bridges. Inventions etc
3. Still there are greater--
 1. Examples of Moses, Abram ETAL
 2. Apostles, early churches and men
 3. Modern times, MANY GREAT MEN
4. STILL GREATER BLESSING
 1. Born in Beth-- of Judea

III. THIS THE GREATEST BECAUSE--

1. Stronger than any, even Satan
2. Lived a sinless life,
3. Gave first and only REAL PLAN--
4. Proved, there is hope beyond grave.
5. Only one go with us beyond grave
6. Gave simple, plain, easy plan of salv--
ALL THIS, MORE BORN IN BETH-of Jud--

IV. OUR GIFT TO HIM SHOULD BE---

1. Give up all that hinders, Hob, 12:1
2. Our praise in song, sermon, money
heart, life, work etc,
3. Complete and humble obedience
and life of service

"I gave, I gave my life for thee;
What hast thou giv'n for me"

PHAROAH'S INQUEST

I. INTRO--Hab, 11:29. Ex, 14:30, Many are dead. Much alike. One different. Crown

1. Why is he here? Hardened heart

1. God, asked things he not do

2. Mag--did some things, as others

3. Own heart by continually refus--

II. GOD THE POTTER, Phar-like clay resisted until marred in hand

III. LEADING UP TO THE INQUEST

1. Moses, birth, saved, life trained

2. Undertakes his work. King did not know God. Up to Moses to teach him

3. The miracles, WISE CHOICE HE MADE

1. What he had given up.

2. What he is to gain.

4. King wants to compromise

1. Leave Children. 2. Flocks. 3. Don't go very far (Devil thus today)

5. Last plague too much, "GET OUT-LEAVE"

IV. PHAR-REPENTS, LOSING MANY SLAVES

1. Hate kindled, follows to Sea

2. Israel crosses. Phar- reasoned---

1. What they can do, we can, "COME ON"

3. Walls of water, Israel crosses

4. King and soldiers start, WATERS CLOSED

5. There they are, on Sea shore, one a KING

1. An ugly sight. Pomp-glory-gone.

V. WHAT THE DIFFERENCE, AND WHY? Same as today

1. One made wise choice-obeyed God

2. The other refused God and God's people, Both had tried to save him

3. Moses a great vessel in God's hand

4. The other a disgrace to self and others

WE HAVE THE SAME CHOICE TO MAKE TODAY

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve"

CONVERSION

I. INTRO--Matt, 18:3. Acts, 3:19; TO TEMPLE

1. Two thoughts in Mat, 18:3.

1. Be humble. 2. Be converted. "MUST"

II. STUBBORNNESS IS A GREAT SIN.

1. Causes trouble in home, school and Churches even nations-the world

2. Worse--keep from obeying God

3. Can be honest and yet stubborn

refuse to learn, thus, now, dishonest

4. Can become "EGO" selfish

5. Many examples in Bible of both

6. Cannot be converted until humble

III. AND MUST BE CONVERTED.

1. No difference how rich, poor or wise or otherwise, MUST BE CONVERTED

if to be saved--enter the Kingdom

2. There are two sides, Divine-Human

IV. BUT HOW ARE WE CONVERTED, WE ARE SHOWN

1. Commission was given, Mark 16:16.

2. We see it enacted--examples to show

1. We learn best by seeing, so see

Acts, 2:38. 8:35-39. 9:17-18.

Acts, 10:47-48. Gal 3:27. To be

"in Christ" is to be in the Lord's Kingdom. No salvation out side

2. Compare to marriage--to a citizen

V. TWO KINDS OF CONVERSION

1. Example, Adam and Eve. Heard and believed and obeyed a lie

2. We hear, believe and obey truth

Some distance back as away

VI. NOW WHICH CHURCH MUST I JOIN?

1. NONE, when we come the Lord's way

HE adds us to HIS Church, Act 2:47

You obey, God takes care of the rest.

MAN WANTED

I. INTRO--Ezk, 22:30. Church needs men--

1. Asked "what is a man?" Plato said
"In many cases just a two legged
creature without feathers!"

2. God wanted a man for a big job.

1. Could find none. Real men not
so plentiful,

3. All men want to be real men--SHOULD

4. THEN WHAT IS A REAL MAN

1. Not a quitter or slacker, knocker or
pessimist.

2. Name other things he will not do

II. THEN WHAT IS A MAN? A REAL MAN.

1. One of faith in God and man

1. Faith knocks the "T" out of "Can't!"

2. Faith makes for strength--builds

(1) JOB A FINE EXAMPLE.

1. Lost all yet "I know God liveth"

2. Coupled to faith--WORKS

3. Man's mission in world is to DO

4. Must have a goal, Phil; 3:13

1. Paul an ideal. Model, Filled with--

1. Faith. Good works. Zealous.

Brave. Loyal and true.

2. Always sincere--wonderfully so.

3. Sacrificing

4. Received that he might give.

(2) MAN. MUST GIVE TO WORLD

1. If he expects world to give to him

2. World owes us nothing, nor does God.

1. Get only what deserve,

2. As we sow we shall reap.

The lesson of planting and reaping is
ever before us. And we know that to
avoid the very appearance of evil is
the only way to make sure of heaven.

CONDITIONS OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

INTRO--Mark, 2:1-12. Opportunity 1 Cor, 16:9
1. We owe others for Gospel to us.

I. CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS IN THIS EFFORT.

1. Each member a worker, Matt, 20:1.
 1. Harvest is white, Labors few for such a big job, EACH WORK HARD.
 2. Expense to meet, 3. Find a work
 4. Help Ushers-co-operate.
2. Interest in souls, including own.
3. Appreciate value of a soul.
 1. Personal work, Where, When, How.
4. Assurance of personal salvation
 1. Make sure of self--to start,
 2. Pray, Help sing, support it.
5. Let it be known--Advertise meeting
 1. Phones, Cars enlisted--bring others.
 2. Find somebody, down-town-somewhere.
6. Co-operation demonstrated, Mk, 2:1-12
 1. Planned their work, did it, success.
7. Christ must be in it, Gospel preached,
 1. Christ more essential than preacher.

III. LEADS TO ANOTHER THOUGHT.

1. Christ was lifted up literally.
John 3:14-15, 12:32-33.
2. None saved by this alone, Jno, 6:44-45,
Rom, 1:16, Mark 16:16, Rom, 10:17.
3. God, Christ, Angels, H.S., NOT do it
direct, SEE, 2Cor, 4:7, Matt, 28:18-19.

IV. HOW CAN ALL HELP?

1. Live it, Tell it, Pray, Visit, Boost,
Advertise, Fellowship--support, efforts,
with time and money.
2. If we fail, others lost, we in danger.
Ezk 3:18, UP TO EACH MEMBER NOW,
preacher and all, success or failure.
3. God is with us if we do our part.

PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

INTRO--1Cor, 3:1-9. Walking with. Agreed-

- (1) Amos 3:3. "Can two walk together--"
- (2) Jer, 6:16. Walk in old paths, HE THERE.
- (3) Ps, 86:11. "Teach me-I will thus walk"
- (4) Rom, 4:12. Walk Steps of Abram--.
- (5) Eph, 2:2. Some walked otherwise.

PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD MEANS SUCCESS

1. A lack means failure. Acts, 5:38-42.
EXAMPLES.

Enoch. Elijah. Nehemiah. Christ. Ahab, ETAL.
LABORERS WITH GOD. WHERE? HOW?

1. The Vineyard. Matt, 20:1-20.
2. In saving souls. 2Cor, 4:7. -5:17-19.

GOD WORKS IN US.

- (1) Phil, 2:13. (2) Col, 1:29.
- (3) Eph, 3:20
- (4) Work in and through the Church.
We are citizens in his kingdom.

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WHAT A CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE--SHOWN BY NAME

1. Disciple. Learner. Pupil. Matt 28:19-20.
Acts, 11:26. Matt, 11:29. Jno, 8:31.
Jno, 15:7-8. Eph, 3:21

2. Brother-fellow believer, united.
1Cor, 15:58. Rom, 12:10. Heb, 13:1.
Matt, 12:50. Matt, 25:31-46.

3. Member--A distinct part
Rom, 6:17. John 12:26.

4. Saint. 1Cor, 1:2. Acts, 26:10. 1Pet, 1:15.
1. If not "saint" this life never will be.

5. Christian--Follower of Christ.

1. Isa 62:2. "New-Given when Gentiles come
in. First Gentiles Acts 10;

2. Paul selected to give it, for the Lord.
Acts, 9:15. GIVEN, Acts, 11:26. PAUL THERE.
See 1Pet, 4:16. Matt, 5:16. Eph, 4:1-6.

CONCLUSION.

1. Cannot gloryfy God and Christ any
other way. Not in human names, Doctrines.

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

- I. INTRO--John 6:66: Man always seeking
1. Christ alone, gives true-real-help.
- II. EXAMPLE, SEEKING ELSEWHERE. Isa, 30:1-2.
1. Egypt TYPE world. 40 Yrs, Church.
Canaan of Heaven.
2. Longer to get Egypt out of them
then to get them out of Egypt.
3. Went to Egypt first time for help.
1. Burdened. Delivered. The journey.
4. Tendency to return.
5. Brought old ideas with them.
1. Hard to break from training.
2. Warned, Isa 30:1-3. APPLY TO US.
- III. WENT FOR HELP TO WORSHIP
1. Miriam & Women-Music: Ex, 15:20
2. Made "golden calf" Ex, 32:1-6
3. Today, borrow from world, Dehom--
and Romans (Name some borrowed)
- IV. LONGED FOR EGYPTIAN FOOD. Ex, 16:1
1. Prefer carnal. Mat, 15:9. Col, 2:21
- V. WENT FOR HELP IN TROUBLE
Deut, 17:16. 1Kings 10:28.
1. To whom shall we go? Jno, 6:66.
- VI. SOUGHT ADVICE, EGYPT'S WISE.
1. God's wisdom versus Man's.
1Cor, 1:25. 1Cor, 6:1-3
2. Science rather than Bible.
- VII. LONGED FOR EGYPT RATHER--CANAAN.
1. World instead of heaven.
2. Set affections--Col, 3:1-3
3. "Choose ye this day!" Josh 24:15.
- Soft preaching--teaching can never
build up a Church to please Christ.

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM

- I. INTRO--Luke 14:25-27, Yet-Matt, 10:37
Matt 6:33: Idea is God-Christ- First.
- II. CONCEPTIONS OF THE CHURCH--MANY PEOP-
1. Life belt, Fire Ins-or escape
 2. Place of entertainment--Show, ETC
- III. TO WHOM AND WHAT ARE WE CONVERTED?
1. Must be from self, Ideas, fads and worldly things. To God's ways--
- (1) We love home, Family, Friends. We should
1. But The Kingdom should come first.
- (2) Interested in business, profession ETC
1. We need to be, YET kingdom first.
- (3) Should not be conv-to Preacher. 1Cr3:
- (4) Humility--Submission nec--Mat 18:3
1. Sin of stubbornness
2. Pre-conceived ideas. Wrong leaders prevent genuine conversion.
- IV. ARE WE BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE GOD FIRST?
1. We are honest with fellowman,
Give him his dues, what we owe him
 2. Are we honest with God?
 3. We owe God for everything we have.
1. Creation. Beauties of life, rivers
mountians, flowers etc.
- \$. Are we honest with Him?
1. We owe Him for, Gospel, Church and promise of life beyond
- V. EVERYTHING RESULT OF SACRIF
1. Timber cut to build homes etc. Mountian defaced, ruined, to get stone buildings.
 2. We must Sacrif-to prepare for eternal life. Life is like Jr, college prepare here for university of soul.
- "Make full proof of thy ministry" 2Tm, 4:5

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

INTRO--Mat, 3:8. Why ask? They gave 10%.

1. Same as tax, they gave more
2. "ROB" means to take what due others
3. Robber, Thief, Dishonest, -BAD.

HOW TO ROB GOD?

1. Take from basket. None do that!
 2. Keep back part, Tho, just as bad,
 3. Cain. Rich Ruler, Mat 19: Rich man.
 4. Jers Church liberal, TWO KEPT BACK
- 1) GIVING IMPORTANT, CHURCH DEPENDS ON IT.

1. All should be taught
 - (1) When? 1 Cor, 16:1-2. (2) How? 1 Cor, 9:6-7. As purposed (pledge) and as prospered.
 - (3) Cost goes on even when absent.
 1. Make up for times you miss.

II. BUT OTHER WAYS OF ROBBING GOD.

1. Influence Mat, 5:16. 2 Pet, 2:2. Phil, 2:14.
2. Of personal evangelism, Jno, 1:43-46
3. Rob him of service, Rom, 12:2.
4. Render poor service 2 Tim, 2:15.
5. Give other things the glory
6. Rob him of time. Might as well kill Angels as to "kill time!"
7. Rob him of true preaching-teaching

III. AND FINALLY.

1. Not start at all. Or start and quit.
2. Owe God for all things. If hol't back in any way is dishonesty. It is to be robbing--taking from him that which rightfully belongs to him. "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM-----"

Man not only owes himself to God but **his** whole hearted service too.

TWO CREATIONS

I. INTRC--Eph, 2:10. 1Cor, 15:45

1. Beginnings interesting. Two mentioned

(1) PHYSICAL

1. Adam the head--Physical nations:

2. Very small beginning, Grew

(2) SPIRITUAL

1. Christ the head Col, 1:18. Eph, 1:22.

II. ADAM WAS GIVEN A TASK. ALONE, SOMETHING LACKING. Needs helper.

1. Bone and flesh of his. Became one.

2. This tie been abused. UNFAITHFULNESS

3. Adam asleep. Bride from side-- nothing head or foot, that rule or walk on

4. Side. Are to walk side by side. UNTIL

III. CHRIST TO HEAD SPIRITUAL FAMILY BUT--

1. Alone. Read not even of smile. "Even forsaken in death" (It seems) ALONE

2. Sleep of death. Side opened. Acts 20

1. We to walk with him. HIS LIKES--OUR

(1) ADAM NO BRIDE UNTIL AFTER SLEEP

(2) CHRIST NO BRIDE UNTIL AFTER DEATH-SLEEP

IV. ADAM NAMED HIS BRIDE. Two senses

1. Woman-General. 2. Eve-individual.

2. Church of Christ general. Christian individual. (I am not C of C. Christian)

3. Not Christian Church. CHRISTIAN--END Church of Christ--Christ's Ch-general

3. She received name from the head. BOTH

V. FIRST IN BOTH BY MIRACLES

1. Now law of procreation. LIKE BEGETS

See Matt, 28:19. Mk, 16:16. Acts 2:38

1Pet, 1:23.

2. Adam tempted, fell death result.

3. Christ tempted, overcame. And proved be stronger than death, HEARTENING

PAUL TO TIMOTHY

INTRO--1Tim 4th Chapter.

1. The Spirit speaketh expressly. VI.
2. Some shall depart, from faith, Truth.
3. You be a good Minister. V: 6.
"Words--we preach"--Rom, 10:3
4. Let none despise thy youth
1. Tim-young-timid-not well man
5. By example
1. Word, Conversation, Charity-love,
In spirit (of co-operation ETC)
Faith-faithfulness-Purity.
6. Attend to reading-Study-many things
needful. To exhortation (Godly lives)
Doctrine (Even members need it, also
non-members) How to be saved. How to
keep saved.
7. Continue in them yourself. Your own
salvation at stake. Those who hear too.

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PREACH THE WORD

INTRO--2Tim, 4:1-2. WHAT IS THE WORD?

- (1) Truth Jno, 17:17. (2) Seed--Lk, 8:11
- (3) Incorruptable 1Pet, 1:23
- (4) Living Heb 4:12. (5) Sword. Eph, 6:17.

WHAT THE WORD DOES.

- (1) Makes men wise unto--2Tim, 3:15.
- (2) Saves the soul, Jas 1:21; IF OBEY.
- (3) Gives ALL these in--2Tim, 3:16.
- (4) Builds Act, 20:32
- (5) Pierces and discerns. Heb, 4:12.
- (6) Furnishes unto good works. 2Tim, 3:17.

HO TO USE IT.

- (1) Search it daily. Acts 17:11
- (2) Meditate thereon daily. Josh, 1:8
1. Lest go astray as many did.
- (3) Carry it with you. 2Chron, 17:9.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS.

I. INTRO--2Tim, 1:6, Phil, 3:13, GREAT TEXTS.

1. Paul a specialist, "This one thing!"

II. THINGS TO FORGET, KNEW HOW-USE BASKET.

1. Things to forget, Wrongs, Failures.

Ugly letters, Self pride, Secrets that might hurt us or others.

2. HOW TO FORGET, Not by trying.

1. Fill mind, Heart good things.

2. ILL-Forget first love affair by thinking of the real one.

III. SOME THINGS HE REMEMBERED, WE SHOULD.

1. Good, Friends, Duties, God, Christ, - glory of his life, Commands-do them.

Lord's Day, Supper, Church, Seek first Sick, Needy, Repent of sins.

2. Counting all lost, "BY-GONES!"

IV. REACHING FORWARD--

1. Best things are ahead of us,--

God, Christ, Perfection (Reach for it ALL SHOULD, Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Teachers--ALL OF US!--need to grow, reach forward)

2. Death, Eternity, Heaven, all ahead.

3. All future life for service, ahead.

V. TO TIMOTHY, Rekindle, Stir up fire.

1. Not new gifts, Not pouring water on it

2. Just keep it stirred--burning.

3. Otherwise danger or it going out.

4. He needed this advice, WE ALL DO.

1. He was young, Sick, Hard place, much opposition.

VI. HOW DID HE RECEIVE IT?

1. Not angry, Become great, 2Tim, 4:9-21

2. We must keep stirred-kindled and reach--press forward, PHIL, 3:13.

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

INTRO--John 16:7-16.(for text)

I. CHURCH-KINGDOM-SAME. Matt 16:13-18

1. On truth. Solid. Durable.
2. Others came, gone, This stands.
3. Christ the stronger. BUILT TO STAND.

II. PETER MADE SPOKESMAN, ALL INC-(Text)

1. Given the "know how" knowledge.
2. Led into all truth, Jno 16:7-
3. Complete-Perfect. Jas 1:25
 - a. Little boy two and two? Four
 - b. Teacher "Pretty good!"
 - c. Boy, "What do you mean, it is perf--"
4. Apostles in all truth-Perfect law--
5. None are to add or subtract:
6. Knowledge given Peter, given all.
7. They used keys, Unlocked, Never closed. (Some claim "open the doors")

III. NOW WATCH THEM USE THE KEYS.

1. Jews Acts 2. THAT SETTLED.
2. Gentiles Acts, 10: Settles that.
3. How be baptized. Rom, 6:4. WHY? Act 2:
4. Backslider Call Peter, Acts 8:18.
5. "New birth" vexing question:
 1. Peter settles that. 1Pet, 1:23.
6. Lord's Supper, Acts 20:7.
7. Music Eph, 5:19. Col, 3:16
(Oh, Yes, David--Never in New Testament Church--Left out there)
 1. Instruments everywhere, except the Lord's Church.
8. Name Acts 9:15. 11:26. 1Pet 4:16
9. Eternal Kingdom. Peter keys.
(2Pet, 1:5-9)

CONCLUSION--Line complete, earth to heaven. Law perfect. Reward perfect.

FUSHING THE WORLD ALONG

I. PRO. - Mark 4:26-29

1. One sense, nothing new. Ecl, 1:9
2. 6,000 Yrs unfolding, SAME PRINCIPLE
3. Plow, Binder, guns etc, developed.
4. Now on swift wheels. Hard to keep up.

II. IT IS DANGEROUS JOB. ALL LIFE DANGEROUS.

1. Physical. Social. Business. Marriage
1. Expecting perfect. There are none.

III. TWO BIG DANGERS IN CHURCH WORK.

1. Must keep up. Forward, LEST backwards.
2. Development expected, Dr's, Teachers
Lawyers, Business, CHURCH WORK TOO.
3. Aggressive without digression.

IV. HERE ARE THE DANGERS.

1. Not new church, doctrine or principle.
2. Still, must go on Heb, 6:1.
3. BUT stay in "old paths" And give N.T.
Church chance in modern age. And still
not go modernist. It can be done.
(What is theological modernism?)
4. We must not compromise. I see dangers
Pastor system, borrowing other things
from world and denominations, ETC
5. Must not cheapen, With shows, Hobbies
Issues Prem-lim-ism ETAL issues

V. NOW HERE IS OUR JOB, See Tit, 1:5.

1. Preach-teach, 2Cor, 4:7. 2Tim, 4:1-2.
2. Count and pay the cost.
3. Each one responsible. All work. Boost.
Shun not truths. Principles. Duties.
4. Devotion, Vision, Co-operation.
5. Above ALL keep eyes on Christ.
Heb, 12:1. Matt 14:27-31. Ps 23.

THE YOKE OF CHRIST

INTRO--Matt 11:28. Called great invit-

1. Greater than Moses ETAL
2. Implies lost, Accountable--can come.
3. Wants to help make life easier.

I. YOKE IMPLIES:

1. Service. Could be rough. Heavy. Overload. Oppressive.
2. Could be light, ~~smooth~~
3. Christ said his, the latter

II. EXAMPLES OF FIRST NAMED.

1. Israel-Egypt. Later in bondage.
2. Yoke--bondage of sin. See Rom, 6:
3. Israel's religious yoke--heavy--hard. See Acts, 15:10. Could not bear.
4. Modern religious yokes--burdens
 1. In other lands. Even in our own.

III. CHRIST' YOKE MUST BE TAKEN.

1. Right to require it--bought us.
 1. Services for him easy, compared.
2. Learn of me! Must learn, to do.
 1. Reasons why we should study.

IV. THERE ARE BURDENS, BUT LIGHT, BECAUSE--

1. Reasonable. Rom 12:1. 1Jno 5:3.
 1. Easy to believe--evidence.
 2. Sin against him. Rep--easy--just.
 3. Don--him--easy. He promises to C--us.
 4. Showed us how, told why be bap--
 5. Christian duties easy--EASIER the longer we practice.

V. WHY EASY?

1. Service of love. Accepted. Enjoy serving the good.

VI. CONTRAST,

1. The hard way. Prov, 13:15. Doubt, Fear Death. House on sand.
2. RIGHTEOUS. Smiles. Promises. See reward.

TWO BUILDERS

I. INTRO--Matt 7:24-27

1. Just finished "Sermon on Mount"
2. Platform-Spiritual nature-positive
3. Law negative "shalt not" Christ. "Shalt"
4. Gave parable, Beam and mote.

II. THE TWO BUILDERS, 1st FOOLISH

1. Commendable--not Neglector, TOTALLY
2. Heard. (We are to hear teacher)
3. Gave attention--understood.
4. Very much influenced.
5. Saw importance of building.
6. Selected a site, built a house.
7. Nothing said against external.

III. WHEREIN DID HE FAIL? DID NOT--

1. Consider trials it would have.
2. Careless about foundation.
 1. Dry season, sand alright
 2. No storm, still alright.
 3. Where do we place our trust?

IV. RESULT OF BOTH BUILDERS,

1. Storms not anticipated, came.
2. Overwhelmed with storm, unexpected
3. Perished with the vain fabric he had reared,

V. WISE MAN'S HOUSE TRIED TOO.

1. All have trials. ALL TRIED.
2. His hopes fully realized. STOOD.

APPLICATION.

1. We must build foundation, deep broad, strong, rubbish removed
2. True in Business, professional-
3. SPIRITUALLY, Christ our example--

4. ALL OTHER WAYS FOOLISH--FAIL.
With good foundation ready to build, to stand. Much labor ahead. Takes time. Start now.

THE STARVING WORLD

I. INTRO--Matt 7:9-11

1. Material world sick, anemic, malnutrition, wars. Begging us for food.

II. RELIGIOUSLY, ANEMIC, MALNUTRITION.

1. Traditions, Dogmas, Mythology, Dr-men, Worldly methods. "Lo here--" attract.
2. Even in Church, soft diet, Weak, 1Cr-3;
3. Starving for--See 1Tim, 4:1-3
4. Starving for truth, RE-Gospel, Church.

(1) EXAMPLES.

1. Eunuch Acts 8:26-28. Searching.
2. The Athenians Acts 17:22-23.
5. Starving for brotherly love (ICY, END)

(2) BECAUSE WE LACK.

1. Vision, (Get what we see only)
2. Spirit of Christ-many cases.

III. WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, AND MUST.

1. Not husk, serpent or stone.
2. Not always big crowds; shows fine music as world counts, entertain--

IV. BUT WE DO OFFER TO THE WORLD

1. God, Christ, N.T, Dr-Book the Book Lord's Church. N.T. Name. Worship.
2. Finally, eternal life result of obedience to the end.

V. AS WE FACE STARVING WORLD

1. Hands full, 2Cor 4:7.
2. Give balanced diet, Saint-Sinner.
3. Never be done if we fail

AS THE PRODIGAL COME, BE FED.

WONDERFUL--CHRIST

INTRO, Isa 9:6 Many wonders, old and new.

1. Means surprising, amazing, strange, marvelous. Christ all this, more.

I. GREATNESS SEEN IN---

1. Prophecy. Good Shepherd. Way. Truth. Life. Star. Bread. Resurrection. King of K-
2. Moses, Abram, Statesmen, The great sink into insignif--when compared.

II. IMPRESSIONS MADE.

1. Jno, 3:2. Mat 7:29. Enemies said, Pilate. Even Judas. Thief "nothing amiss".

III. HIS FRIENDS THOUGHT

1. John. "Lamb of God." Pet, Mat, 16: Thomas. Angels at his birth. God, Mat 3:17.

IV. WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? Mat, 22:42.

1. Teacher. Humble. Tender. Simple--approp--in his teaching.
2. He approved right. Condemned error.
3. Taught brother-hood. Father-hood.
4. Physician. Friend. Saviour.
5. Wonderful effects. Act 5:38
 1. Others came but gone-forgotten.
 2. Christ lives, as result, everything better, schools, homes, men and women

V. WE SHOULD FOLLOW HIM.

1. Thru Bap--obedience. Conviction.--
2. All of his examples, that we may be with him the wonderful, finally.
3. Wonderful of him to invite you--us. Matt 11:28.

SON WHO STAYED HOME

INTRO--Luke, 15:25-32.

1. Par- of Sheep, Coin and Prodigal.
2. Wanted to try other side, Lights.
3. Wasted-lost money, friends, gone.
4. Blame only self. Deliberate.
5. Saw mistake. Came to self. Returned.

I. ALL HAPPY TO SEE HIM. ONE EXCEPTION.

1. He had done wrong. This one worse.
- (1) Stayed home. Fine. Belonged there. He enjoyed sunshine, Soil, Crops, Fruits.
- (2) No idler-Worker, honest labor. Clean

II. STILL NOTHING GOOD SAID ABOUT HIM.

1. Did only what he should do.
2. Could have left too, did not.

III. WHERE, HOW, WHY IS HE WRONG?

1. Labored in bad spirit.
2. To him a task-drudgery
- (1) Work in love is shot through with beauty.
3. Not interested in his brother.
4. Not interested in his return.
5. Perhaps regrets that he returned
1. No sorrow when he left, seems.
6. Fear bro-might share spotlight.
7. Envy, jealous, narrow, thought he alone right, all others wrong.
8. Unforgiving. If one sin greater than another, his the greatest.

IV. HE IS TO BE PITTIED.

1. See what he had then and for future, "All thine!"
2. The Prodigal "I will, arise-go- he did, welcomed By Father,
3. This a lesson for you and all.

HE OPENED HIS MOUTH

INTRO--Acts 8:35. Used on conversion.

1. Philip overlooked and neglected.

I. WHO WAS PHILIP?

1. Not an Apostle, Deacon, Serve tables.

1. Other duties, than tables & Widows

2. An Evangelist, God could use.

1. Obedient, full (Faith, Love etc)

Could run, Knew Bible, Knew Lord.

2. He could open his mouth.

(1) We can open our mouths.

1. Buy, sell, get gain, Gossip,

(2) Study Matt 7:1. 1 Cor, 6:2. Lk, 18:10

1. Faultfinding is forbidden.

2. We find what we look for.

II. LINK ANOTHER THOT WITH THIS.

1. Christ to be lifted up. Jno, 3:14

Jno 12:32. 6:34. Rom, 1:16.

2. Literally, Secondary sense

3. Who is to do this? See 2 Cor, 4:7

4. If we fail never be done.

III. HOW CAN ALL HELP?

1. Deeper life, Illustration Ezk, 47

2. Enthusiasm, Pulpit-Church on fire.

Be people there to watch it burn.

3. Co-operation Mark, 2:2.

4. Vision, (Abram promised what could see. We get only what we plan for.

(1) What if we fail, Ezk 3:18.

IV. NOT NEGLECT ALL TOGETHER STATESMAN.

1. Phil-called, Went, Ran, Climbs, Explains

2. Came to water. Question, Answer.

3. Statesman believes, baptized, down-up.

4. Now a saved man, If lived it to end

taught his countrymen, can claim

some reward as Paul's. (2 Tim, 4:7-8)

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

- INTRO--2Pet, 1:1-11. Corruption--lust
Jas, 1:12-15. 2Pet, 2:18.
1. All things pertaining to life given
Deut 18:18-20 Acts 20:20. 2Jno 9.
 2. How obtain pres-faith. Rom, 10:1-10.
Rom, 3:21-22. Acts 10:34-43-48
 3. Prec-exceeding- great-promises.
Heb, 6:14. 7:1. Jas 1:12

I. ADDING "THE SEVEN GRACES"

1. Virtue-Courage
2. Knowledge. Hos, 4:6. Matt 11:29
3. Temperance--self control
4. Patience. Understanding-tolerance
5. Godliness "Walk in his steps" Like--
6. Brotherly kindness-consideration.
7. Love. The greatest 1Cr 13. God is love.

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THE MAN OF SORROW

I. INTRO--Isa 53:3. Comments on chapter

II. FEW SIDE LIGHTS:

1. Obscure parentage and residence
2. Political & Financial opportunities
3. Followers poor and uneducated.
4. Disciples weak under persecution

III. REASONS FOR HIS LIFE OF SORROW

1. Always busy age 12 etc, Never idle
2. His great task to save Rom, 3:9-18
3. Serious task, SOULS, Isa 53:5-6.
4. Saw condition of world--man. Mt 13:58
Wept over Jers--Poor response.
5. Character, great sympathy, Jno, 11:35
6. Hounded from birth to death. Matt, 4:
1-11 and to the Cross. LIED on RE-RES-
7. Shadow of lost souls and the cross
ever before him. Matt, 20:17-22
1. Other text as time permits

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

INTRO--Eph, 5:30-33. TWO COMPARED.

1. Both ordained of God, Binding ties.
2. Explain less known by well known.
3. Church the Bride, Leave all

I. NOW THE COMPARISON--ILLUSTRATION.

- (1) The introduction, Matt, 3:17
John 1:1 and 20-46.
- (2) Courts, Hearing, Rom 2:4, "Goodness"
1. Faith produced. Rom, 10:17.
- (3) Love begets love. Jno, 3:16. John,
13:34. and 15:9.
- (4) Next to propose. Matt 11:28.
- (5) Accepts. Acts 2:37--42. 8:38
1. Not married until after Cerem-
- (6) Now for the ceremony--See Matt,
28:19. Acts 19:5. Gal 3:27.
1. Union not before ceremony.
- (7) Name now changed. Isa 65:15. Acts,
11:26, 1 Pet, 4:16.
1. Husband jealous of his name.
2. Children born, member of family
by birth. Our spiritual birth.
- (8) Co-operation-unity-harmony neces-
- (9) Loyalty-true to and peace, in family.
Phil, 1:27. Col, 2:2. Work for. Die
for to protect if neces-Many did.

II. CONCLUSION. MANY STRONG TIES.

1. School. Friends. Family ETAL
2. Husband and wife one of strongest.
3. Put all together. Tie between Christ
and Church should be stronger than All
4. Others go with us to grave. Christ
ONLY go with you beyond death-grave
"All had the power of his name--"
(Crown him in our hearts-L-of all)
(He is now King of Kings--Kingdom)

STANDING BY THE CROSS

(Given at A.C.C. Lectures)

I. INTRO--John 19:25. ILLUSTRATION

1. Pet-etal, followed afar, BAD COMP-

1. Pet-Rep- accepted back, GREAT

II. WHAT WE MEAN "STANDING BY---"

1. As Soldier with flag, Sailor-Ship

2. Harder the fight, more loyal

3. Paul, Rm, 1:16. 1Cor, 16:13-14

1. God's power, Behave like men
be strong, do all in love.

III. WHY SOME DO NOT STAND BY

1. Lack genuine conversion

2. Bad company, mix with enemy

3. Desire to rule. Hobbies, Opinion
above God. Rule. Run, leave or quit

1. God accept no excuses, here

2. No reasons for quitting Church

IV. WHAT DO WE LEAVE OR QUIT

1. God, Christ, Church, Brethren

2. Cause division, Become faction

V. THREE EXAMPLES

1. John Mark, Acts 12:25. 13:13, 15:39

1. Learned lesson, returned, 2Tim, 4:11

2. Demas left never returned so far
as we know. WHY? 2Tim, 4:10.

1. Loved something in world that
keeps world from being Christian

2. Supposed he gained world, LOST ALL

3. Left Cross, Christ, God, Paul Etal

3. Paul never did leave

1. Spite of jails, stones etc, STOOD

2. Thru windows of past, no regret's

3. Thru windows of future, CROWD

WE NEED MANY THINGS, SCHOOLS, HOMES ETC

1. The greatest need, Preachers et al

TO STAND BY, STAY WITH GOD-CHRIST
ALL THESE WOULD THEN BE

FIRST SHALL BE LAST

I. INTRO--Matt, 20:1-16. Matt, 10:5

1. First preaching to the Jews
2. "Thief on Cross" before the Christian age, It began per Acts 2.
3. Now new law of grace. Not old wks
 1. Came not by works of man, God planned and gave it, man cannot "boast" about creating it, God did Eph, 2:8-9. In it through our obedience we are created "unto good works" Eph 2:10. Gal 2:16. 3:27 James 2:17-24.

(1) SAVING FAITH EMBRACES ALL OBEDIENCE

1. Rep-is faith resolved to do right
2. Bap-is faith expressed in action
 1. Good deeds--works must follow
3. Short of ALL these incomplete faith
 1. Most Denom--have much work, VERY LITTLE SAVING FAITH, IF ANY

II. NOW THE PARABLE

1. Vineyard, the Church or Kingdom
2. Jewish at that time, Christ to build his, it was established as in Act,
3. Christians are citizens in HIS king
 1. Jews first invited.
 2. Gentiles last invited,
 1. Jews NOW last to accept, ETC
 3. First become last and last first.
4. Vineyard a place to work
5. Invited but not forced, Matt, 11:28

III. ANOTHER VIEW, Individually today

1. Regardless of race or nation
2. All receive some reward, when due
 1. Land promises to Jews out.
 2. All has to do with the soul
3. And there is no difference
Acts, 15:9. Gal 3:28

PHYSICIANS OF NO VALUE

- I. INTRO-- Job 13:4. In deep waters--sorrow
1. Review his life and troubles
- II. HUMAN HEART OFTEN IN GREAT NEED
1. When awakened to conditions
2. When realize unsubdued evils--self
3. When passing through distresses
- III. MOST PHYSICIANS OF NO VALUE IN THESE
1. Such as worldly advisers
2. Teachers of mere morality
3. Doctrines of uninspired men
1. How to be come Christians
2. How to live, work and serve
4. All human created sources are as Physicians of no value.
- IV. THERE IS ONE PHYSICIAN OF INCOM--
parable worth
1. Job's Redeemer, TODAY Christ
2. Of all great, CHRIST GREATEST
1. Because soul involved
3. Paul said His grace sufficient
4. He the Author of eternal saly--
5. Consoles in time of trouble
6. Heals souls of obedient
7. Go with us through life, Death
and beyond the grave.
- V. CONCLUSION
1. Let all other soul physicians
be abandoned, all are valueless
2. Consult and obey Jesus. He will
save to the utmost all who come
unto God by him.

Enter the Lord's house quietly

"QUITE PLEASE"

THE CHURCH UNDER PERSECUTION

I. INTRO-1Pet, 4:16-19, Acts, 5:27, 9:12

1. Paul to work at once, Redeem time

II. STEPHEN STONED, "Blessing-disguise"

1. Went everywhere. Philip, Sam, Eunich
2. Church grew as Gospel spread

III. SAUL BACK TO OUR MINDS

1. Persecuted, Waste, Trip Acts 9:
2. Persecutor becomes persecuted
3. Trials, prison etc, NONE MOVED HIM
4. Hypocrits-nothing-turned him
 1. He worked only the harder

IV. THE CHURCH GREW UNDER PERSECUTION

1. Jer's Church, Paul's mission work
2. All affected us indirectly
 1. Through Phil--Europe-to us
 2. Still growing

V. PERSECUTION OF DARK AGES

1. Paul saw these dark days 1Th 4:5
2. Courageous men tried to reform
 1. Many burned, suffered many ways
 2. Be thus today, not for our laws
 3. Father came here to be free
3. Our aim to restore, not reform

VI. STANDS HIGHER TODAY THAN EVER, WHY?

1. Product of God; Divine Church
 - N.T. Name, creed, organization, plan of salvation, order of worship
2. We not a denomination, N.T. Church restored, Not catholic reformed
 1. Cannot be reformed.
3. Need your help, NEED EACH OTHER

Great listening is as important as great preaching in the making of a
GREAT SERMON

U N I T Y

INTRO--Eph, 4:1-6. DIVISIONS SINFUL--

even in C of C Disfellowship. Sinful.

1. Divides families, schools, commun--
2. Waste of energy and money.

I. CHRIST ON UNITY. Jno, 17:21. Jno 10:16

II. PAUL ON UNITY.

1. 1Cor 12:12-13. 1Cor, 3:3-4. Seemed to be small matter--NAMES, wrong.
2. Seven reasons in Eph, 4:

III. WHAT CAUSES DIVISION?

1. Not God, Christ, H.S., or Angels
2. Told "can't see Bible alike!"
 1. Then God asks impossible.

(1) DIVINE RULE TO BE FOLLOWED.

1. Secret and revealed things.
Deut 29:29. 2Tim, 4:1. Rev, 22:18-19
2. Follow this rule all see alike.

(2) ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Burning bush, Ex 3. SEE IT ALIKE
 1. What kind bush, NOT REVEALED. DIV-
 2. Paul's thorn. 3. Christ wrote-on 3x-
Agreed. What? not revealed.

IV. THINGS DIVIDED ON.

1. Act performed in Bap-SEE BIBLE WAY
 1. None reject that, in the Bible
 2. Divided over acts not in Bible
2. Same thing true of, Church, Name,
Music. Lord's Supper. Creeds.
3. No one object as found in Bible
divided over sub's, MAN MADE.

V. BASIS FOR UNITY, DENOM'S and C of CH-

1. True God, Christ, Church, Name, Sing-
N.T. Organz-Practice, worship.
2. These not narrow or broad. STANDARD
 1. All can unite here, NOT SACRF-TRUTH
or principle, above all according
to God's Word, will and way. Total
standard we invite all

DOCTRINE OF BALAAM

I. INTRO--Rev, 2:12-14. Num, 22:23

1. Many problems today as then.
2. Churches commended--reproved

II. BRIEF HISTORY OF BALAAM

1. Proph-per Patr-not Jewish.
(Two lines, Jewish-Patr-to cross)
2. Lived at Pathor (Israel's jour--)
3. Balak knew God with Israel

III. BALAK SENDS FOR BALAAM

1. Spend night, ask God about going. "NO"
2. Other messengers sent, more honorable
3. "Spend night, see what MORE God says
4. He insisted, God said go, IF MUST
 1. God does not force obedience.
5. Started, Angel in way, Balaam not see
The beat saw, scared, beaten by Bal--
6. Beast talks to him, Bal--repents to
beast, should have rep-toward God

IV. MAN FREE TO DO RIGHT OR WRONG

1. Read, 2Thes, 2:11-12. 1Kings 13;
2. In both stories knew right, did wrong
 1. Bid what they liked to do--WANTED

V. WHAT MUST WE DO? We are told--

1. Believe. Don't like. Prefer Matt 5:9
2. To be Bap-Spite of commands--examples
I prefer Jno, 6:47. No reason for
going on, you get the idea

VI. MUST LET GOD SPEAK FULLY AND FREELY

1. On how to be saved. F.R.C.B (Texts)
2. In the Church too, the same rule
 1. Mission work. Prayer. Giving. Singing
Lord's Supper. Marriage--Divorce
One word God's commands, fully

BALAAM HAD HIS CHANCE AS MAN HAS TODAY
HE "DIED AS A DOG DIETH" DISOBEYED GOD.

PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY

- I. INTRO--2Tim, 4:1. Charge defined. Exhort with authority. Make responsible for
1. Paul interested in Tim-Not jealous

II. WHY THIS CHARGE?

1. The work was new to all--need it
2. That he might teach E and D, others
3. That he save self--others. 1Tim, 4:16
 1. Preachers can be lost. 1Cor, 9:27
Rev, 20:10 . 2Tim, 4:10
 2. Truth will condemn error, Preacher not "mad" at any body. Trying to save OWN SOUL and others.

III. CHARGED TO DO WHAT?

1. Watch. Endure. Be good Soldier
 1. Soldiers defend and attack
 2. Preach, some compliment, some get angry (have had it happen)
2. Organize the work Tit, 1:5
3. Keep fire stirred up 2Tim, 1:6
4. Not to compromise, Gal, 1:8
5. Preach word, Reprove, rebuke, etc
6. Preach plan of salvation, Order of worship, life and practice, purity
7. Against errors as well as for right
2Tim, 4:2. 1Tim, 1Tim, 5:20

IV. HOW PREACH THESE THINGS?

1. Boldly, be "good soldier" brave
Eph, 6:19-20, Plain . 2Cor, 3:12
2. Not high--sounding--plain--simple
3. To be understood 1Cor, 14:14-19
4. Fervently--enthusiastically
5. Ready to preach, always, Jude, 3.
Rom, 1:15-16
 1. Thus, preachers can save themselves and others. There is no other way to lead to God through Christ-saved.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

I. INTRO--Isa 2:1-2, BEG IN GEN-3:15

1. Promises, Proph-Types-Dreams, Gen, 28
2. O.T., N.T, concealed, N.T., O.T. Revealed
3. Church-way to heaven-Jacobs dream
 1. Jno, 1:51 Eph, 1:22-23
4. John the Bap-never in N.T., Church
5. Established after his death, Mt 16,
 1. Fulfillment Jacob's dream. LADDER

II. CHURCH IN TWO SENSES, GENERAL & LOCAL

1. Begin with power MK, 9:1. Lk, 24:49
Acts 1:8. Right place, time & people
2. Forward before this, Back after this
3. This Kingdom not to end Dan, 2:44
Luke 1:23. Eph 3:21. Kingdom--Church

III. IN TIME LOCAL CHURCHES, Rom, 16:16

1. Their organization Elders-Deacons
Doctrine and practice. SAME AS TODAY

IV. PAUL TURNED PROPHET, SAW SAD DAYS

1. Tim, 4:3 2Thes, 2:7-12
1. Man exalted, Mat 23:1-12
2. Exalting Mary today, SHE NOT VIRGIN
After the birth of Christ: Mat, 13:55-56
1. Pray to God not Mary, Mat, 6:9
3. Many reformers, but like some men
some things cannot be reformed.

V. FINALLY "REFORMATIONS" LED TO DENOMINATIONS

1. Men saw that, STARTED RESTORATION
 1. Back to fountain head, Jer's and 1st Century Church, teaching same Dr
order of worship, organization, Name
and practice. Not a denomination, just
giving 1st Century Church chance in
this day and time
- (1) WHAT WE BELIEVE AND TEACH AND WHY?
 1. Taught and ~~endorsed and practiced~~
then, we do today as they did then.

CHURCH AT THESSALONICA

I. INTRO--Acts 17:1-15. Estab, 52? Letter
in 53?. Five years before Rom, Gal, Cor-

II. PAUL HAD LABORED WITH THEM

1. Loved them, worried about them
2. They being hindered, RE-2nd coming
3. First there will be a falling away
4. Rejoiced to hear from Paul
 1. Not immune--troubles as in many
 2. Bothered with false teachers
5. Paul's messages always the same
Acts 17:3-4, 1Thess 2:9. Courage

III. CHARACTER OF THIS CHURCH

1. Graces 1:3-6. 2:14-16
2. Wholeheartly converted 1:8
3. Grew in strength 1:3-6
4. Worthy of confidence 2Thess 3:4

IV. ERRORS CORRECTED. EXHORTED TO--

1. Abstain, Study. Work. Stand fast
2. Christ coming for his own not to
rule. His throne is in heaven, now.
1Thes, 4:17. Heb, 9:27. Jno, 14:1-8

V. THEY HAD BEEN TAUGHT WRONG. CORRECTED

1. They took advice. Grew stronger
2. Paul proud of them, God too
3. We are subject to error, but take
advice, overcome. Surrender to God's
word-way, worship, service, loyalty
faithful in every good work.

If you have tried to do something and
failed, you are much better off than if
you had tried to do nothing and made a
BIG SUCCESS AT IT.

In the scale of destinies brawn will
never weigh as much as brain.

CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

I. INTRO--Acts 11:19-26. Result of scatter--

1. Barnabas sent, Acts, 11:22
2. Jewish legalism-tradition and race prejudice defied, Chap, 10

II. CHARACTER OF THIS CHURCH

1. First of Jews AND Gentiles
2. Energy, Zeal, Workers, Evangelistic
 1. Two preachers a year there
3. Had good teachers. Grew, Acts 13:1-3
4. New name given there, Prom--Isa 62:2
 1. When Gentiles came in---
5. Paul was to bear it to them, Acts 9:15
 1. Time ripe, Paul sent for Acts 11:25
6. The name applied--given, Acts, 11:26
Read, 1Pet 4:16. Jas 2:7. Rev, 2:13
7. Missionary, Home and abroad.
8. Benevolent-liberal Acts, 11:29.
9. Recognized-organized--respected
 1. Authority of Apostles--final.
 2. Today in hands of Elders & Deacons
(Not the preacher)
10. A growing Church Acts 11:24
11. Full-caught it from Barnabas. 11:24

III. THEY HAD BEEN TAUGHT BY BARNA--PAUL

1. He-Bar-called "good man" Word "good" as applied to men, been abused.
2. He good, faith etc, Stewartship
Sold land gave to Church Jers-
3. This a full Church, learned to do-DID
(1) WE NEED TO BE FULL**GOOD WORKS
 1. Each cannot give full time, but all we can, help the Preacher, Elders Deacons, Teachers, CO-OPERATE.

Nothing has ever been achieved without constant effort.

No one knows what he can do until he tries

CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

- I. INTRO--Acts, 16:6-15. Learn by example
1. Vision. Answered the call, to Phil--
 2. Lydia, Others converted, Thus started
 3. In prison--why? Jailer converted:
 1. Thus Ch-Estab-as other places, same in principle, Gospel preached.
 2. Conversions all same in principle

II. CHARACTER OF THIS CONGREGATION.

1. Some ways like all, Some different.
2. Paul thanks for them Phil, 1:1-5
3. Liberal, 4:10-17 4. Steadfast, 1:6-13
5. Missionary--Not wait for big house
6. N.T. Organization Elders--Deacons
 1. Qualifications--Duties, of both. (Elder, Bishop, Pastor etc, SAME MEN plural--Elders AND Deacons)
7. Brotherly love, Women admonished to settle "fuss" (agree) 4:2
8. Felt PERSONAL responsibility.

III. PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. We have our responsibility. EACH
2. Each have talents, use own not others
3. They taught--preached--sent others
4. We influence others 2Cor, 3:2-3. Mt 5:13
5. Example of seeking others, Jno, 1:40-42
6. They to work out their local problems themselves, not others do it. 2:12-16

IV. PAUL ENJOINS THEM--US THROUGH THEM

1. Be worthy the Gospel 1:27-28
2. Unity and humility 2:1-11
3. Be of the same mind 4:2
4. And to think on these things, 4:8-9
"As a man thinketh--so is he"
Get behind the curtain and watch one think, can thus know what one is, in heart, soul and mind.

CHURCH AT CORINTH

I. INTRO--Etab-54? Acts 18:1-11

1. His letters often sent to correct
2. Early church in midst of heathen.
3. Seems he received a letter, NOW ANS
 1. Doubt Paul's right. Social problems.
Women. Gifts. Disorderly meetings
Law suits, before Pagan courts.

II. PAUL HAD PREACHED TO THEM, 15:1-4

1. They responded--"Many" Acts 18:8.
See 1Cor, 4:15. 6:11
2. How he made it possible, 2Cor, 11:7-8

III. VIRTUES

1. Teachable 2Cor, 7:9-11
2. Responded 2Cor, 8:10. 9:1-5
3. Loyal to truth 2Cor, 7:16

IV. REPROVED FOR VICIOUS.

1. Division 3:1-3.
2. Effect of div- 1Cor, 1:13.
3. Striving about preachers
 1. The cure, 1Cor, 1:10

V. EXHORTATIONS, 1Cor, 18:58. 16:13-14

1. Also, Cleanse yourselves, 2Cor, 7:1
2. Abound in these, ALSO, 2Cor, 8:

VI. RESULT OF HIS LETTERS TO THEM

1. Hurt some--perhaps some angry
2. But needed and got results, GOOD.
3. To Tim-, Paul said "Reprove--"ETC"
4. Results were, -Reformed. Known for
great faith. Love. Liberality. Made
right their errors when told about
them, good lesson for us, in the church
and out. Hear, with an open mind to do

THE HANDS OF MOSES HELD UP

I. INTRO--Ex, 17:11-12. Surroundings

II. GOD'S CAUSE ALWAYS OPPOSED

1. Here the Amalekites.
2. With us, Satan's host, Power-Darkn-
3. Wickedness. Infidels, False teachers
4. Evil influences on every hand
 1. Even in our own ranks (That would rhyme with cranks)

III. WHAT OUR CONDUCT SHOULD BE

1. Consider "Rod of Moses" Ex 4:20
 1. Times, places where and why used.
 2. Spirit in which it was used!
 1. Faith, Devotion, Prayer, Humble
2. Thus Gospel must be preached--SUPPORT--
 1. Nature of Word, Is truth, Adapted
 2. God's power to save, all alike
 1. Each person. Each nation, alike

IV. ESSENTIAL AID WE MUST GIVE

1. No one sufficient in self, Not Mos--
2. Aid necessary, Given cheerfully--

V. HOW ALL ARE CALLED TO IMITATE A- AND HUR

1. Teachers BUILD-instruct classes
2. House to house, Hand picked fruit
 1. Takes training for this work
3. This way serve as John the Bap--
 1. Prepare a people for the Lord
4. "BOOST!" Exhort, Invite, Bring others
 1. Examples, bringing in ears
people gathered from street
5. Support liberally with means
6. Must be spiritually minded, Humble
fervent devoted Christians

VI. TRUE POSITION OF CHURCH IN WORLD

1. Build and hold up the Cause
2. We have great encouragement
 1. God's presence and blessings
 2. Working for God, Souls & eternity

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE ?

I. INTRO--John 6:66-68, Our travels,
Maps, guides, roads, good and bad

1. We are travelers thru life, Heb, 11

II. DEVIL WANTS TO GUIDE US.

1. Powerful, Cunning, Alert, Deceitful

He is a liar- designing guide.

2. Attacks when we happy, Gen, 3:1

3. When assembled, Job, 1:6

1. Gets into church services

4. Advantage of our weakness

1. When we plan work giving

2. Objects to plans, budget, pledge

(Pledge for car or home?? CHURCH

5. When Gospel is preached, Wait, Wait,

III. SAD PART, SEEMS RIGHT WAY TO MANY

1. Prov, 14:12. Broad-popular way

2. Much traveled, 2Pet, 2:2. Mat, 7:13-14

IV. GOD WANTS TO GUIDE US,

1. Jno 17:16. Jer 6:16. Heb, 10:20

2. His is THE perfect way Ps, 19:7

3. Not in man to direct, Jer, 10:23

V. TO TRAVEL THIS WAY WE MUST--

1. Accept Christ--OBEY HIM.

2. Practice "Golden rule" AND graces

3. Keep self unspotted from world

4. Worship and serve as he directs

5. Workmen not ashamed of job done

2Tim, 2:15. Attend to Father's bus-

(1) "As twig bent so grows the tree"

1. Start on time for the trip, make
right connection, or get lost

2. Two roads ahead of us, lead to two
different places, AND WE ASK AGAIN

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE"

ANS--THAT IS UP TO EACH ONE, YOU CHOOSE

