

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths... and walk therein."
(Jeremiah 6:16)

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RESPECT FOR BIBLE AUTHORITY

Ronnie Whittlemore

One thing Christians must realize and understand is that the church has, does and will face problems. Part of the difficulty that brethren have with problems in the church is their failure to admit them. So far as the divine part of the church is concerned, there are no problems or inconsistencies. God was the Planner (Eph. 3:10-11). Christ was the Executor (Heb. 2:9). The Holy Spirit was the Revealer (I Cor. 2:9-13). The church's organization, function, establishment and right to exist are perfect. However, the human part of the church is imperfect in so far as men often fail and do not always abide in the Word of God (I Cor. 3:1-3). They become selfish, stubborn and rebellious (II Peter 2:10). Men sometimes become immoral, corrupt and perverse in their thinking and conduct (II Tim. 3:1-9). They deceive others and they deceive themselves (II Tim. 3:13). Every Christian must be aware of these deceivers. *"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them"* (Eph. 5:6-7).

Many volumes could be written on the details and specifics of Satan's efforts to weaken and destroy the church. Note the following:

1) The "Unity in Diversity" movement rests upon the false premise that brethren can "agree to disagree" on matters of doctrine. Satan's servants (false brethren) would have the church believe that the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship to God is "opinion" or optional. Yet, Paul wrote, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"* (Col. 3:16). The prophet Amos wrote, *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed"* (Amos 3:3)? This "unity in diversity" concept is from the devil, not God.

2) The multitude of error on marriage, divorce and remarriage confronts the church. Jesus still says, *"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit*

adultery" (Matt. 19:9). Whosoever means everyone and anyone. Brethren do not have trouble comprehending "whosoever" in the Lord's invitation to salvation (Luke 6:47). If one visits enough preachers, he will find one who approves of adulterous relationships, but since when does that make them right?

3) There are many brethren who deny the distinctiveness of the church. They look upon Christ's church as a denomination. They consider its purpose and organization as sectarian. But Jesus' church is not a part of a whole. The church is a whole. The church is the bride of Christ, the body of Christ, and the family of God. There is no other (Eph. 4:4).

4) Liberalism (the loosing of God's Word where he has not loosed) and Anti-ism (binding where God has not bound) are movements of men against the church.

Each of these problems and others could take hours to write and read. However, they can be defeated and overturned by one Bible principle—respect for the authority of the Bible.

Proper respect for Bible

authority begins with the right attitude toward the Bible. Every verse of Psalm 119 shows a relationship between one's attitude and his respect for and understanding of the Bible (see Psalm 19:21,36,40,47). Many people do not respect the Bible because they want to obey certain parts and ignore other parts. "Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments" (Psalm 119:6). "Therefore, I esteem all they precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:128). Friend, remember that God's Word is right on every subject including sin. The Bible ends all controversy. "For the word of the Lord is right..." (Psalm 33:4).

Proper respect for Bible authority also accepts the Bible as the standard of authority. We know that the world does not accept the Bible as their standard. They rely upon traditions and customs (Matt. 15:8-9). They trust their feelings and emotions. They turn to their denominational preachers. They believe their parents. They follow what their church believes or practices. Sometimes a person may ask, "What does the church

of Christ believe about some subject?" But that is the wrong question. It should be: "What does the Bible teach?" The church should believe and follow the Word of God. The subjects of sin and salvation are not matters of opinion or option. They are doctrinal. God has made his declaration and stand on these matters. Yet, even brethren need to get back to "what does the Bible teach" and not "what does brother so and so teach."

Proper respect for Bible authority also searches for proof for its authority. God insists upon authority in matters of religion. In I Thessalonians 5:21, the Bible still reads, "Prove all things..." The apostle John wrote, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). Paul exhorted, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith..." (II Cor. 13:5). Even the chief priests and elders, though with ulterior motives, nevertheless, asked Jesus a good question: "By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority" (Matt. 21:23)? But men, nowadays, have stopped

asking about authority. They believe and practice a certain thing simply because that is their desire. Religious authority still comes from God through the Bible by means of: (1) a direct command or statement (Mark 16:16), (2) an approved apostolic example (Acts 20:7), or (3) an implication (to assemble requires a place to meet—Heb. 10:24-25).

Proper respect for Bible authority will lead one to salvation. The restoration leaders of a few generations ago respected the Bible enough to be honest with God's Word. They turned from denominationalism. They repented of human error. They sought and found salvation in God's Word. The world today may do the same if they respect God's Word on salvation. Likewise, the Lord's own people must stop following the ideas and philosophies of false brethren and find the truth of God again. It is still in the same place—the Bible. It is still God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). It is "high time" for brethren to read and accept these scriptures: I Peter 4:11; Col. 3:17; II John 9-11.

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Guest Editorial

TEN MINUTES AHEAD OF JESUS

Ben F. Vick, Jr.

Some of our present-day preachers and professors are telling us that we are anywhere from 40 to 100 years behind the times. We are being told that we are not preaching in the 1800's or the 1950's. They proclaim that the church must

change. That means the preaching must change, because as goes the preaching so goes the church.

This reminds me of an incident of which I read concerning Foy E. Wallace, Sr. He closed a sermon one night and a very daintily dressed woman came

prissily stepping down the aisle to him, saying, "Brother Wallace, that was a very fine sermon of its kind, but do you know that you are about forty years behind the times?" Brother Wallace said to this lady, "My dear sister, I'd rather be a thousand years behind the times than be ten minutes ahead of Jesus." Many are running ahead of Jesus now.

One runs ahead of Jesus when he or she is not satisfied with what the New Testament teaches. To go beyond the word

of God is to run ahead of Jesus. Paul wrote, "Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other" (I Cor. 4:6 ASV). The Lord gave a stern warning to anyone who would tamper with the word of God. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

Preachers are ten minutes ahead of Jesus when they fail to preach the word. Paul said to Timothy, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:1-4). What people want to hear and what they need to hear are not always the same. In Isaiah's day, the people did not want to hear what the spokesman for God had to say. "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not

hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (Isa. 30:8-11).

Preachers run ahead of Jesus when they refuse to preach on the plan of salvation. Some are averse to even referring to "the steps of salvation." I dare say that these same preachers are not recalcitrant (obstinately defiant of authority, stubbornly disobedient) in referring to our walk as Christians. But how can one walk without taking steps? Isaiah wrote, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called *The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there*" (Isa. 35:8-9). Jesus, Paul, Peter and John spoke or wrote of the Christian life as a walk or a journey. Paul exhorted the brethren at Rome to walk in the steps of that faith of Abraham (Rom. 4:12). The Psalmist wrote, "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way*" (Psalm 37:23).

Men are ten minutes ahead of Jesus when they refuse to preach the truth concerning the one church. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). "But now are they many members, yet but one body" (I Cor. 12:20). "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Eph. 4:4). That one

body is his church (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23).

Professors and preachers are ten minutes ahead of Jesus when they advocate the wholesale use of perverted translations. The New International Version is Calvinistic. It teaches we are born sinners (Psalm 51:5). It teaches falsely that we have a "sinful nature" (Rom. chapters 7-8). It is not based on the better text, the Received Text. It teaches that we are saved by "faith only" (Rom. 1:17). The Easy to Read Version, put out by our brethren, is a sham, a shame, and a shoddy translation.

Brethren are ten minutes ahead of Jesus when they put women into leadership positions. God gave a chain of authority to be followed. "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (I Cor. 11:3). Paul wrote "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:11-12).

Preachers are ten minutes ahead of Jesus when they try to circumvent the eldership. There are some who believe the preacher is "in charge" in the local congregation. But there is no New Testament authority for this teaching, or practice. The shepherds of the local congregation are the elders. They are the pastors. Peter wrote, "*The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's*

heritage, but being ensamples to the flock" (I Peter 5:1-3). The preacher is under the oversight of the elders just as any other member of the congregation is. He must obey and submit (Heb. 13:17). I am not talking about an

unscriptural eldership. However, sometimes when a preacher agrees to work with a congregation and its eldership, he brags about how Scriptural and wise they are in hiring him. But when he leaves, he hollers about their

anti-Scripturalness and dumbness in letting him go.

Let each of us be satisfied to walk with Jesus by following his Word.

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DEMANDS OF DECENCY

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"Decency" is defined as "the quality or state of being decent," and "decent" in turn is defined as "conforming to standards of propriety, good taste, or morality, modestly clothed, free from immodesty or obscenity." As standards are relaxed it becomes increasingly more and more difficult to distinguish modesty and obscenity, at least in the minds of man. However, since the Bible commands to be modest (I Tim. 2:9), it is imperative that Christians have no such difficulty!

Paul exhorted the Romans, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). The prepositions of this passage are important: "be not conformed to this world;" "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Paul does not state to what one is to be "transformed," but he implies that it is to that which is found in God's word. Christians are not to be overly swayed by the fashions of the world; they are to be adorned by their obedience to the commands that are found in the Bible.

Paul spoke concerning decent or modest apparel. In I Timothy 2:9-10 he said, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with

shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

Similarly, Peter wrote to wives in I Peter 3:3-4, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." These passages show that one's outward appearance is important, but that it is not to be considered as important as one's inward image.

What then does it mean for one to be modest? First, to be modest one must be properly clothed, properly covered so as not to excite the lust of those who view one's person.

When God created Adam and Eve, "They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Gen. 2:25). They were then in a state of innocence, but after their sin, "the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons" (3:7). This, however, was not acceptable unto God, so "did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (3:22). So we can see that

from the beginning of time, God has required modesty of his subjects.

When men and women expose themselves in immodest apparel, such as swimming attire, clothing so tight as to accent the private areas of a person's body, or sheer outer garments which expose the underclothing or body, or when they simply dress so scantily as to expose large areas of flesh, especially of the legs, midriff, back or chest, they commit the same error as did Adam and Eve, who sought to cover their nakedness, but who were in need of more attire.

Jesus said, "I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). Some who wish to retain the liberty to dress as they please argue that the one after whom another lusts has no responsibility in the matter. While it is possible for one to lust after another who is properly dressed, will God hold us guiltless, if by our attire we entice another to lust after us? Jesus also said, "It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come" (Luke 17:1)!

Let us briefly add in case any should misunderstand, **men have as much responsibility to dress decently as do women.** God made coats of skin for both Adam and Eve. Men who expose their chests to women who are not their wives, are as guilty as women who do the same!

Another area of modesty also involves our dress, but in this case not the amount of coverage, but the type of coverage. It is clearly the case that Paul and Peter in the passages mentioned were just as concerned, if not more so, about the type of clothing one might wear, as they were about the amount of clothing a person might wear. Christians are not to be adorned with *"that outward adorning...but with the hidden man of the heart."*

Modesty demands that one dress appropriately for the occasion wherein he finds himself. Obviously, dress which is modest in one place may not be modest in another. For example, modest sleeping attire would be immodest for entertaining guests, and clothing which is appropriate for digging a ditch would be inappropriate for a wedding or funeral.

When brethren come together to worship their creator, modesty not only demands that we must be fully clothed, but we must be dressed in a manner which demonstrates our respect unto God

and one another. Consider two examples.

When Moses approached the burning bush that attracted his attention from a distance, the first words of the Lord from the bush were, *"Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground"* (Exodus 3:5). The purpose for this instruction was that among the Eastern nations in the time of Moses wearing shoes in the presence of a superior was an indication of great disrespect (McClintock and Strong, Vol. IX, pp. 708f). Taking off the shoes, therefore, had the opposite effect.

In the New Testament, Paul instructed Christian men and women as to the practice of wearing a covering in worship (I Cor. 11:3-16). The very purpose for these instructions, whatever else may be said about the interpretation of the passage, was to encourage the brethren to dress so as to demonstrate their respect unto God and to one another. Surely, we should be as careful in

our dress as Paul expected the Corinthians to be in that time.

Finally, we should practice modesty in our speech. James spoke of the tongue as *"an unruly evil"* (James 3:8). Although the world seems to have completely let down its guard so to allow practically any speech at all, Christians dare not do so. We should even be careful how we speak of those evil things done by those who practice wickedness, *"For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret"* (Eph. 5:12). Let us not use the vulgar language of the world.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). How can we praise him when we embarrass him with our speech and dress? Christians belong to God. Let us so walk!

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It's Time To Remodel The Church!

Allen Webster

They're at it again. We are hearing, "Let's remodel the church. It's old and run-down. Nobody wants to be part of an old church. It needs updating." They are not talking about the building, but the church! They have out-grown the Scriptural blueprint and feel the church of Christ needs modernizing to fit the modern times. Humm... do we need to remodel?

We would not argue that the church is old. It has been in the mind of God longer than dirt has been brown (Eph. 3:11). It has

been a part of American culture nearly as long as there has been American culture. It has been on earth going on two thousand years.

It is old, but is it outdated? There are many old things that need no updating. Nobody's arguing for a new constitution just because times have changed. Bulldozers are not waiting to level St. Peter's Cathedral for a more modern approach to art. The White House is old but the President does not seem to mind. The sun has been around for a while, but

it faces no political fight to keep its job. Folks have been feasting on food for a few thousand years, but no one seems to want to change this practice.

Do we need a new church for a new age? Let's start with the foundation. Do we need a new foundation? Who has come up with a better one? *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"* (I Cor. 3:11). *"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief*

corner stone" (Eph. 2:20).

Do we need a new temple on the foundation? "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:21-22). No one has come up with a better idea than individuals washed in the Lamb's blood and sealed with the Spirit to make up the spiritual building of the church. Only those who have obeyed God's form of teaching (Rom. 6:17) by death to sin (repentance, Rom. 6:1), burial in water (baptism, Rom. 6:4) and resurrection (to a new life, II Cor. 6:17) have been chiseled to fit God's spiritual house. Those who were not taught truth have not been added to the house by Nazareth's Chief Carpenter (Acts 2:38,47).

We need no new windows for the building is well-lighted with the Gospel (Psalm 119:105). It still provides our light enough to walk through this world of darkness into the land that has no night (Rev. 21:25).

We need no new furnishings, for the Lord's Table still fills the soul's need for a feast (I Cor. 11:23-28) and man's knees still fit the altar of prayer (I Thess. 5:17). Simple worship is sufficient for the Lord was a simple Man. He never jumped and shouted, played or plucked, dramatized or sensationalized, and does not expect us to. Since we are supposed to be worshipping God, and God does not change from generation to generation (Mal. 3:6; cf. Heb. 13:8), then our worship needs no updating.

God made the church just as he wanted it. If it needs remodeling, he will do it. The only work he wants us to do is adding to it by teaching and baptizing sinners (Acts 2:41,47).

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SHARE OR PREACH?

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I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to "share Jesus?"

The new buzzword today is the word "share." In the church we hear it quite often: "Share Jesus!", "Share the gospel," "Share conversion experiences." As a child I was taught to share. I teach my children the same virtue. It means to impart some of what you have to others. There is no real Christianity without sharing (Eph. 4:28).

Preachers, however, don't preach anymore. Now, they share. Perhaps there is a sense in which preaching is sharing, but the word share hardly fits the meaning of Biblical preaching. Some in the church have forgotten what preaching really is.

There are two words in the New Testament that specifically define what Biblical preaching is. One is the Greek word *kerusso*, which is translated "to preach" fifty-three times in the New Testament. It denotes the actions of a herald, with these characteristics: (1) The herald has in his voice a note of *certainty*, (2) The herald has in his voice a note of *authority* because he is speaking for a king, (3) The herald's message is not his own; it is from the king. There are many in the church today who are uncomfortable with certainty and authority in speaking. And for that reason they have abandoned the word "preach" in their vocabulary, and adopted the word "share," because it rings of a more

"humble" and "caring" tone.

The second word is *evangelizo*, in the Greek, and is always used of the good news of Christ as proclaimed in the gospel. It means to make known the good message relative to sin and salvation. The Lord who commanded men to preach also told them what message to proclaim.

It is very hard for me to imagine John the Immerser "sharing Jesus" in Matthew 3. He went into the wilderness of Judea, not to share, but to preach! What about Jesus? Did he begin to share or preach in Matthew 4:17? When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, did he send them out to share the Kingdom of God, or to preach it? Something is lost in the translation of Acts 8:4 if I read it the way many of my brethren seem to understand it: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere sharing the word." No! They went preaching it! I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to "share Jesus" (Acts 8:5,12). He preached, and the results were conversions of both men and women. I somehow cannot envision Philip "sharing Jesus" with the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:35. It says he "preached unto him Jesus."

When Paul went to Athens, the text says, "...as his manner was, he went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:3-4). Somehow, sharing just doesn't convey the same idea!

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"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12).

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SUNDAY, JULY 24

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11:00	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco.....	Joe Nichols
1:30	Hatred, Jealousy, Strife, Envy, "Works of the Flesh".....	Randy Kea
2:30	Lying, Deceit, Dishonesty.....	Jerry Joseph
3:30	Digression - Update '94.....	Wayne Coats
7:00	Nakedness.....	Gilbert Gough
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10:00	Evolution.....	Terry Joe Kee
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1:30	Preachers Providing Moral Leadership Through Preaching and Teaching.....	Wayne Cox
2:30	Lasciviousness, Dancing.....	Virgil Hale
3:30	Digression - Update '94.....	Wayne Coats
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1:30	Murder, Abortion, Euthanasia.....	Mark Bass
2:30	Sodomy/Homosexuality: Such Were Some of You.....	Windell Fikes
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7:00	Repent or Perish.....	Ken Burleson
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THURSDAY, JULY 28

9:00	Racism.....	Ken Burleson
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11:00	Suicide, Assisted Suicide.....	Charles Blair
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7:00	Suffering Persecution Because of Righteous Living.....	Garland M. Robinson
8:00	Refuse the Evil and Choose the Good.....	Sidney White

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[Editor's Note: In the June 1994 issue, our Guest Editorial was entitled: "The Silence Of I Corinthians 14:34-35." This article examined and critiqued an article which appeared in the October-December, 1993, issue of the Gospel Gleaner under the same title. I certainly do not wish to detract from our Editorial but also want to make clear that I did not intend to leave the impression that the Gospel Gleaner is an unsound paper. If any one thought so, I wish to correct that now. We did mention in our critique that "a number of fine articles appeared in that special issue," and that the article we examined was "written by a faithful preacher of the gospel." The Gospel Gleaner is edited by faithful brethren and one which I can recommend to readers of S.T.O.P. It is mailed FREE upon request. The address is: 10025 Woodville Rd., Kevil, KY 42053.]



"I just wanted to take a moment and commend you on your latest issue of S.T.O.P. (March '94). I am glad to see that there are brethren who will stand boldly for the defense of the gospel. Brother Walter Pigg's article

zero's in on the problems we face today, as well as the solution. Keep up the good work! I hope all continues to go well with you and the brethren at Corinth!" ...Bradford, TN. "We appreciate your paper. Thank you for sending this material to me" ...Valdosta, GA. "I particularly enjoyed the March '94 issue on the "Scriptural Response To Liberalism" by Walter Pigg. Thanks for a good publication that is addressing the current issues that are causing so many problems in congregations. I find strength in knowing others are facing serious problems and are remaining firm in God's Word" ...Anadarko, OK. "Brother Garland, you are doing a great job for the brotherhood in putting out S.T.O.P. I read everything in it. God bless and keep you, and my prayers are with you" ...Swartz Creek, MI. "Please send me S.T.O.P. I will be 87 Sept. 24. I like to read since I can't get out much. When I get something good to read I pass it on to someone else when I get through with it. It's a shame so many good gospel preachers have strayed away from the truth. We had one that went to Jubilee and took off after Rubel Shelly's teaching. We don't have him anymore" ...Madison, MS. "You put out an excellent paper. I appreciate the excellent articles you write as well as other writers. Many times elders do not keep up with trends and this trend of liberalism is getting out of hand in the brotherhood. Keep up the good work and know that you are a valuable asset to the church of our Lord" ...Nashville, TN. "We are thankful to God for men and brethren like you. You do an untiring job the Lord and expect no thanks from men. Thank you again for your good work" ...Magnolia, AR. "It is a wonderful publication" ...Arab, AL. "I want to thank you for sending S.T.O.P. to me. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the work you fine brethren are doing for the kingdom's sake. It is getting very hard to find "brethren" that will earnestly contend for the faith" ...Grand Prairie, TX. "We, the congregation at Seibles Rd, are glad to have the opportunity to contribute to your publication of S.T.O.P. This is a great and much needed work that you do" ...Montgomery, AL. "I enjoy your paper very much. It is the best put out now" ...Pontotoc, MS. "We have been worshipping with the same congregation for thirty years. We find ourselves questioning the changes and asking the elders about the changes. We have failed in our attempts to point out the error, so have changed our place of worship to a very sound leadership in another congregation. We have read your S.T.O.P. and would like to receive this paper. It has strengthened

us to know that there are brethren that will stand up for truth and not give in to error. Keep up the good work! Thanks!" ...Norfolk, VA. "I have been reading S.T.O.P. and have to thank the generosity of people for sending this publication to me. I enjoyed the article in the March issue by Walter Pigg. The truths which he states are very obvious. I agree particularly with his observations about appointing elders who are unqualified. This is where the danger lies—leadership which is ignorant of God's Word and leadership which will not stand for the truth because they don't know the truth. God bless you in your stand for the truth" ...city & state withheld. "Thanks for sending me the material I ask for concerning White's Ferry Road (May/93). The false doctrines that are being taught in the Lord's church now will be hard to overcome. Satan is so devious, evil, mean, cunning and most of all, wise. He is an enemy that surely must be respected. I will appreciate if you will continue to send me S.T.O.P. and other information that you feel will be helpful in the fight against the false teachers. Here is a check to help with expenses" ...Pittsburg, TX. "We are receiving bundles of your sound literature. They are being mailed to church leaders in developing countries. A few of us here in California are very concerned with the liberal approach to doctrine such as the "new" Bible hermeneutics. We need more strong churches on the West Coast to be light-houses for soundness of the faith. We need help to do our part in keeping the doctrine sound here, as well as worldwide. We appreciate so very much your publication in this effort. May God bless you as you aid in this kind of work" ...Tustin, CA. "Just read your publication and it is so good to read that some are still striving for the truth as it is written in the Bible and not trying to conform it to today's opinions. Please put me on your mailing list so I too can have my spirits lifted with positive reading. Thank you"

...Athens, GA.

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