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Reflections

By
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**Is
New Testament
Christianity
Possible?**

**Is
Religious
Compromise
Practical?**

**Are
We wrong
In asking people
To leave
Traditions of men
And return
To the truths
Of the Bible?**

In the pages of this publication we write columns designed to cause reflection.

Unity in Diversity

The past few years have seen a concerted effort to get men to accept religious confusion under the promise of unity and greater success for the cause of truth. Has it worked? Can it succeed? The Denominational world has for years agreed to disagree, to live and let live, with no Denomination claiming to be all that the New Testament and the Lord demands. In recent years many of our people have accepted this philosophy, promising that greater "unity" efforts would win others to "our" movement. Know this, we need to be interested in the Lord's way and not movements of men.

Q Has it been successful?

A Can anyone advocating this philosophy name a single denominational preacher that has given up his denominationalism and proposed to be merely a New Testament Christian—wearing only New Testament names, worshipping only as the New Testament directs, and calling men back to total

dedication to the New Testament? If you know of such, will you please send me their address or phone number? I would like to communicate with them.

Is It Possible To Be New Testament Christians?

In our classes there are a number of men who have left religious denominationalism and are committed to being New Testament Christians in name, worship, organization, and morals. Among our graduates there are men who are preaching these same truths and converting men to these same principles, and encouraging them to preach the unadulterated Gospel of the Christ.

Reports from Haiti alone indicate that there are at least seventy-two (72) churches begun by brethren who are determined to take the New Testament as their sole standard of religious directive.

IT CAN BE DONE, IT HAS BEEN DONE, IT IS BEING DONE WITH SUCCESS. If you doubt these words we can provide you with phone numbers and addresses that will confirm what we are here affirming.

Which Way?

From purely pragmatic principles, compromise and condoning religious confusion does not attract and sustain large numbers for truth. From the teaching of the Bible (NT) we know that the early Christians won souls when they refused to compromise and condone religious confusion. From our own history we know that more were won to truth when a determination is made to return to the New Testament for every attitude and action. But, beyond all this, we know from the Bible that it is the proper and only way to pursue (II John 9-11).



Midway Church of Christ

October 10, 1997

Dear Florida School of Preaching:

We would like to take the time to "Thank you all so much" for the great time we all had, Thursday evening.

We were so honored to receive the nice plaque and recognition you gave us. We had twenty-two of our members in attendance.

We are so thankful that we can support this wonderful school and hope that we can continue to do so for many years to come.

The dinner was delicious and many thanks to all who prepared it and served it to us.

God bless YOU all,
Gene Stilwell, The Elders, and
the congregation at Midway.



Lakeland, Florida

October 12, 1997

To all who had a part in making the banquet a wonderful success. It was lots of work planning, directing and the program was just great. J. H. always does a good job with the food.

Thanks for the datebook (Pocket Pal Organizer) and pen, good reminders all the year of the fine things you are accomplishing.

Enjoyed very much.

In Christian Love,

/s/ Lora Chambers



Eustis, Florida

October 10, 1997

Florida School of Preaching

Dear Bro. Stearsman:

One of our church bonds came due and we are dividing the interest on good works Christians are doing. Naturally one of these good works is the school of preaching.

The enclosed check in the amount of \$200.00 is to be used in whatever way you deem wise. You would know more what to do with it than I would know to tell you.

We appreciate receiving the Harvesters publication and also

the financial reports.

Our schedule says we are leaving for West Virginia on Saturday (tomorrow) going via Buena Vista, Georgia for worship Sunday and on to WV Monday. We plan to be back home around the 17 or 18 of November. With great anticipation we look forward to the lectures in January.

Our earnest, frequent prayers and best from our Heavenly Father to you and yours and the school.

Yes, "We are going down the valley one by one" and Brother Clark and the soldiers like him are missed. I make every effort to encourage young men of ability, clean lives and intelligent minds to commit to the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fraternally yours in Him,

/s/ Bert Brown



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Monday

9:00 Tests Faced by Those in Poverty
9:45 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching
10:45 Tests Faced on the Mission Field
11:30 LUNCH

Preachers Forum

1:30 Tests to Grow Spiritually
2:00 Tests To His Family
2:30 Tests Relating to Elders
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER
7:00 Tests Faced by Jesus
7:45 Tests Faced in Soul Winning

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Wednesday

9:00 Tests Faced in Police Work
9:45 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching
10:45 The Tests of Truth and Conscience
11:30 LUNCH

Crisis Forum

1:30 The Loss of Mate, Child or Parent
2:00 The Loss of Income
2:30 Loss of Health and Aging
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER
7:00 Facing The Tests of Life
7:45 Tests in James I

Earl Anderson
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Tuesday

9:00 Tests Unique to Those in Power
9:45 Tests Faced by Bible Preaching
10:45 Tests Unique to Employees
11:30 LUNCH - (Faculty, Student, Alumni Photos)

Worship Forum

1:30 Worship: Authorized Acts
2:00 Expediency
2:30 Unauthorized Acts
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER
7:00 Tests Faced By Joseph
7:45 Tests Come to All Stages of Life

Kenneth Randolph
V. P. Black
Sam Conley
(Faculty, Student, Alumni Photos)

Tom Holland
Jimmy Clark
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Thursday

9:00 Tests Faced by Peter
9:45 Tests Faced by the Restoration Plea
10:45 Tests Faced in Restoring the Wayward
11:30 LUNCH

Church Forum

1:30 Fellowship
2:00 Leadership
2:30 Avoiding New Fads
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER
7:00 Tests Unique to the Young
7:45 Tests Faced in Marriage

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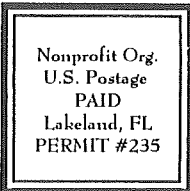
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Hours	Course	Instructor	Credit
Monday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15	Life of Christ 12317	Davis	3
	Cults 22352	Burgett	3
Tuesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Greek 22323	Stearsman	3
	Marriage and the Family 22354	Stilwell	3
	Preparation and Delivery of Sermons 22303	Blackman	2½
Wednesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15	Christian Evidences 22344	Stearsman	3
	Holy Spirit 22350	Kenyon	3
Thursday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Computers and Churches 32388	Kenyon/Stearsman	3
	Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians 12336	Davidson	3
	Denominational Dogmas 12331	Kenyon	2½
Friday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:15	Minor Prophets 22346	Daugherty	3
	Isaiah and Jeremiah 12313	Kenyon	3

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