

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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ENDORSEMENT OF ERROR

Virgil Hale

The job of the shepherd is to protect the flock from all dangers, especially from wolves who would destroy them. Surely no shepherd would be so naive as to invite wolves in, but to the contrary, he will do all within his power to protect his sheep from the wolves.

When we give endorsement to error or to those who teach and uphold error, we are just as guilty in the sight of God as are those who are doing the teaching. This is made clear by the following passage of scripture: *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds"* (2 John 9-11). Language could not be more plain. Paul wrote, *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them"* (Rom. 16:17). Again he wrote, *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"* (Eph. 5:11). Our Lord warned, *"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves"* (Matt. 7:15). In view of this last passage, what would you think of shepherds who

invite wolves to come in among their flock to feed the sheep? The job of the shepherd is to protect the flock from all dangers, especially from wolves who would destroy them. Surely no shepherd would be so naive as to invite wolves in, but to the contrary, he will do all within his power to protect his sheep from the wolves. Rest assured that wolves are destructive to the health and welfare of sheep.

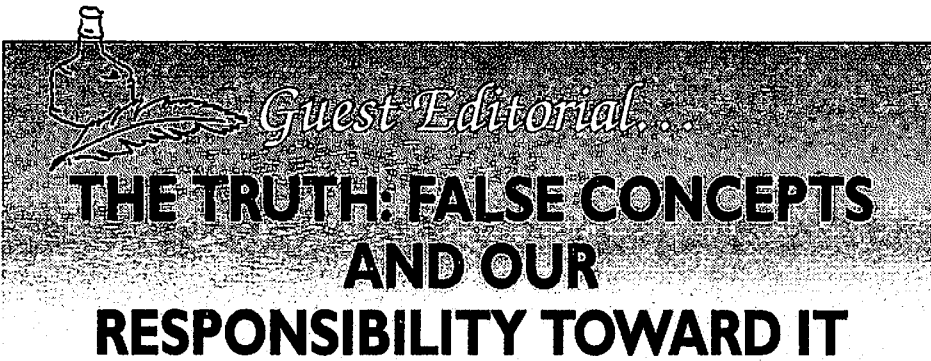
With the above thoughts in mind, what about shepherds of the flock of our Lord, elders if you please, who invite false teachers (wolves in sheep's clothing) to come in among their flock to feed them? Such is happening all over America, and such has happened in Murray, Kentucky. A couple of years ago the **University** congregation in Murray invited **Randy Harris** in to preach for them, and the **Glendale Road** congregatoin where **John Dale** preaches turned out their services on Sunday night to go and have fellowship with them in this endeavor. If this is not bidding them God's speed, what would it take?

Randy Harris is known to be a false teacher. He and **Rubel Shelly**

wrote a book, *The Second Incarnation*, which is filled with error from the first to the last. I spoke out against this event when it occurred in Murray. Far too often, warnings fall on deaf ears — but we must continue to warn none-the-less. We must continue to "mark those" who teach false doctrine, and we must mark those who encourage these false teachers in their endeavors. It gives me no joy to inform the brethren at Green Plain (where I preach) of such things, or those who read these words in **Seek The Old Paths**, but I feel an obligation to do so. Paul did not shun *"...to declare...all the counsel of God"* and he warned, *"for I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock"* (Acts 20:27, 29). Earlier Paul stated, *"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you..."* (v.20). I am convinced that Paul said what was needed when it was needed, and so must we.

Most of you who read these lines know of the effect that the

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Guest Editorial...

THE TRUTH: FALSE CONCEPTS AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD IT

Roger D. Campbell

After Jesus declared that His kingdom is not of this world, Pilate asked Him, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus' answer was, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:36,37). If the Truth is so important that Jesus came into the world in order to bear witness to it, then surely all of us need to diligently strive to understand that Truth and have a proper attitude toward it.

Let us first note some FALSE CONCEPTS people often have about Truth.

Many today claim there is no such thing as Truth. Their view of Truth is a subjective one, for they say there is no set, universal standard of right and wrong. A number of years ago we heard on the radio of a religious group that called itself "Peace Church." Their basic teaching is that all religions are good, so as long as you feel a particular teaching is right, then it is right or truth for you. In contrast to this, the Lord Jesus said to the Heavenly Father, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Thus, **God's Word is Truth.** God's Word is the definite, objective standard for all men everywhere.

Another idea that multitudes have accepted is that it is impossible to know the Truth. This also is a false philosophy of men. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). When our Lord declared to the Jews that they would know the Truth, was He simply confused? Of course not! Our Lord's words plainly show that it is not only possible to know the Truth, but it is

essential to know the Truth in order to be made free from sin. When the Holy Spirit predicted that an apostasy would come in which some would forbid others to eat certain foods, He declared that such foods have been created by God "to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" (1 Tim. 4:3). This shows it is possible to know the Truth.

Others do not give attention to the Truth for they feel that **Truth is not really that important.** Remember, Jesus said that He came into the world to give witness to the Truth (John 18:37). It is the Truth that makes one free (John 8:32). Jesus told the apostles He would send the Holy Spirit to them to guide them into all Truth (John 16:13). If the mission of the Son of God and Holy Spirit are directly connected to the Truth, then how could anyone who believes the Bible is the Word of the living God conclude that Truth is not important? Our salvation depends on the Truth! Still, some feel though Truth is good, the teachings of men are also good. Friends, following the teachings or commandments of men causes our worship and service to the Lord to be in vain (Mark 7:7). False teaching never helped or saved anyone. Not one person! All false teaching is from Satan, who is a liar (John 8:44). Surely we can see that if the Truth saves and false teaching condemns, then there is a big difference between the Truth and the teachings of men.

Among those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God, one of the most dangerous false concepts is that **Truth is not complete.** In other words, God continues to give new Truth or new revelation today. The New Testament of Jesus Christ

is "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). The New Testament or Gospel is God's last revelation to mankind. Do not forget what Jesus promised His apostles: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13). Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into All Truth. The apostles are now all dead. Our question is this: Did the Holy Spirit give the apostles all the Truth before they died as Jesus promised? If He did not, then Jesus' words did not come to pass, and He is a false prophet. But on the other hand, if the Holy Spirit did give the apostles all the Truth in the first century, then there is no more new Truth to be revealed! "All truth" is 100% of it, there is no more!

Of course Jesus' promise was fulfilled. Of course the Holy Spirit guided the apostles into All Truth. So, all of God's Truth was given to mankind in the first century, and thus He does NOT continue to give new Truth in our time, despite what some may claim.

What is our responsibility? What should we do with the Truth? Please consider these points:

1. We must realize that in religious affairs, **only God has the authority to determine what is Truth.** God's Word is Truth (John 17:17). Grace and Truth came by Christ (John 1:17). The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into All Truth (John 16:13). From where did Truth come? From Deity. When we want to know the Truth, we must go to the right source, the Word of God. Only God has the wisdom and right to tell us what Truth is.
2. **We must desire to know the Truth.** Just having the Bible or Truth is not enough, we must desire to know it. Truth can make us free only when we know it (John 8:32). The Lord commands us, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). Like the Bereans of the first century, we must receive the Word of Truth with all readiness of

mind and search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). The Lord Jesus said: *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled"* (Matt. 5:6). Let all of us give more diligence to know the Truth better.

3. **We must believe the Truth.** God has given us food that we are to receive as those that *"believe and know the truth"* (1 Tim. 4:3). Believing the Truth or Gospel is a condition of salvation, for *"he that believeth not shall be damned"* (Mark 16:15,16). It is written of some, *"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth"* (2 Thess. 2:12). When we open our Bible to study God's Truth, we must remove from our mind any personal opinions, previous concepts, or prejudices that we might have. We must open our hearts to receive the Truth, for we are instructed: *"...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls"* (James 1:21).
4. In addition to believing the Truth, **we must love the Truth.** Pilate certainly did not love Truth. After he asked Jesus, *"What is truth"* (John 18:38), he left without even listening to the answer. Pilate's question, "What is truth," was a good one. But even a good question must be asked with the proper attitude, that is, with a desire to hear and receive God's answer. Of those who are under the influence of Satan we read, *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved"* (2 Thess. 2:10). Love of the Truth leads to salvation, but without such love, no one can be saved.
5. **We must obey the Truth.** This happens naturally in the life of one who really loves the Truth. Eternal life

is the great reward for those who *"by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality,"* but indignation and wrath await those *"that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness"* (Rom. 2:7,8). From such verses it is obvious that without obeying the Truth, one cannot please God. All who are in Christ became Christians by obeying the Truth, for it is written, *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren..."* (1 Peter 1:22). Without obeying the Truth, one's soul or heart cannot be purified. Unfortunately, in every generation there are those who obey the Truth and began their life in Christ, but after a while, for some reason, their obedience stops. There was such a problem among the churches of Galatia: *"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth"* (Gal. 5:7). Brothers and sisters, let us strive to obey the Truth, obey all the Truth, and obey it not just from time to time or when it is convenient to us, but all the time.

6. **Obeying the Truth includes teaching it to others.** Jesus taught the Truth (John 8:45,46). Paul spoke the Truth, even if others did not like him as a result of his message (Gal. 4:16). Our task is to preach the Gospel to all men (Mark 16:15). The "word of truth" is the Gospel of our salvation (Eph. 1:13). Only the Gospel is the power of God to save men (Rom. 1:16), so we must preach that message so that men can stop being the slaves of sin and have true freedom in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:16-18).
7. **We must defend the Truth.** Some men speak evil of the way of Truth, and many are false prophets or

false teachers, teaching things that are contrary to God's Truth (2 Peter 2:1,2). You and I must be ready to give an answer for all that we believe and practice, and we must be prepared to defend the Truth. We know that some feel that God's Truth/Word does not need to be defended. Such an idea is false, for the apostle Paul declared he was set for the defense of the Gospel (Phil. 1:7,17). Jude exhorted the early Christians to *"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 3). No, we must not be unkind when we point out to others the errors they are teaching or supporting, but we must defend the Truth! In our time, some who in the past so faithfully taught and defended the Truth, are now compromising it. We must not imitate their mistake! Let each of us be ready to use the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, *"to exhort and convince the gainsayers"* (Titus 1:9; Eph. 6:17). If we defend the Truth, we will not be popular among the people of the world and even among some brethren, but regardless of men's reaction, we must buy the Truth and sell it not (Prov. 23:23). May God bless each of us as we strive to understand His Truth, obey it, and maintain a proper attitude toward it.

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SAD NEWS ABOUT ANOTHER COLLEGE

Joe Hegyi

The blood-bought church of our Lord has been splitting since the mid to late sixties. It has been between those who desire to follow the scriptures for all that we do and those who believe they can do those things which are unbiblical and continue to be God's children. No single group of people claiming to be a part of the church has been more successful in pushing the agenda of liberalism than the so-called "Christian Colleges."

Six years ago (spring 1992), I was leaving Faulkner University and had two options: either attend Michigan Christian College (MCC) or the Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP). I wrote to MCC and asked if they could help me to know if they were "liberal" or not. I received a letter from then newly appointed MCC President Kenneth Johnson telling me that he was unaware of what a liberal was.

I wrote back asking him or the head of the Bible department to answer some questions to clarify if MCC was "liberal" or not. He responded by saying that he would not answer those questions in writing. I thought that I had perhaps been vague in my questions and so I showed them to then head of the Bible department at Faulkner University, Wendell Winkler, and asked him if he thought I was being too vague in my questions. He told me that he would have set down and answered all of the questions the second he received them in the mail. He did not feel they were inappropriate or vague.

Based on the final letter from brother Johnson, I made the decision to attend MSOP. I heard nothing from MCC for the two years I attended MSOP.

When I arrived in Harrison, MI to work with Dan Strehle, the congregation received a letter from brother Kenneth Johnson dated July 1994. The letter asked the congregation in Harrison, MI to put an advertisement in the bulletin for MCC.

Because of my past experience with brother Johnson I wrote to him to clarify things. I began by recounting what had occurred two years ago and then asked him: "If you expect us to run an advertisement for MCC in our bulletin we need to know where you stand ... are you friend or foe to the cause of Christ? In a day of Modernists, Legalists, Liberalism, and general unbelief you cannot expect someone merely to take you at your word that you are sound, especially when you refused to clarify the situation when given the opportunity. If MCC is a sound school I would be happy to run advertisements for it and to recommend it. As of yet, however, neither myself nor my co-laborer, Dan Strehle, know enough about your school to know if we can recommend it." In order to clarify the situation I requested for brother Johnson to have the head of each department in the school answer six questions "that we might have some common ground on which to continue." Those six questions were:

1. Are you in favor of fellowship with denominational bodies?
2. Would a person who was accountable for his actions and not baptized for the remission of sins be saved (based on what the scriptures say)?
3. Is the use of mechanical instruments of music in the worship assembly a sin?
4. Do works play a vital role in man's part in being saved or is man's part faith alone (not does faith cause works but are works necessary before the initial act of salvation takes place)?
5. What constitutes worship?
6. What role (if any) do women play in leading worship?

That letter was dated 1 August 1994. While waiting for a response

from brother Johnson we received notices from MCC of upcoming events. One (which took place that summer) was the vocal band *Acapella* coming in concert. *Acapella* is known for their fellowship with the Christian Church as well as for their advertisement in the interdenominational magazine *Group* in which they promote being available for denominational activities. They also have had many unbiblical and unChristian songs on recent albums. Second, at their upcoming lecture-ship MCC was going to have *Herald of Truth* which in recent years has taken itself out from under the oversight of an eldership; now being under a board of directors. This is nothing less than declaring themselves to be a missionary society.

After waiting nearly two months and receiving no reply, I sent a second letter to brother Johnson dated 23 September 1994. It stated in part:

"Brother Johnson, when you refuse to answer some defining questions and when MCC fellowships known false brethren that have been marked and withdrawn from, what choice do you leave me but to assume that MCC is a part of the digression? I do not want to sound threatening; this is not a threat. But I do not know what else I can do except not recommend MCC to the members here at the Harrison Church of Christ and to inform those I know throughout the state and the nation to be wary of MCC. I do not want to have to tell people that MCC is unsound ... However, with the information I have about what MCC has done and nothing from you so that I might know if MCC feels differently, I have no choice. I will wait until October 16 to hear from you, if I do not, I will have no other choice but to publicly recommend that people I know not attend MCC or be in association with MCC."

Included with the letter was another copy of the six questions.

Finally we received a response from brother Johnson. His note is postmarked 28 September 1994. It states

“Dear Joe,

If you cannot in good conscience recommend Michigan Christian College to the church at Harrison, please follow your conscience and refrain from recommendation.

I appreciate your deep commitment and desire to serve in your ministry. Best wishes as you seek to teach and preach the Good News to your community.

Ken Johnson.”

What can we conclude from this response from brother Johnson except that he does not believe that it is wrong to have false teachers at MCC or that he does not consider them false teachers? We cannot fellowship those who have been withdrawn from such as *Acapella* and *Herald of Truth*. We are to mark false brethren and avoid them (Rom. 16:17) in order to keep the church pure from those who would divide us and to win back those in error. That withholding of fellowship includes those at MCC that claim to be Christians.

Editor's note:

This article was written some time ago but it's message is still fresh. I thought our readers would appreciate having this information about Michigan Christian College, whose name has now been changed to Rochester College.

Brother O. B. Porterfield of the Seibles Road church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama, said... “Why would the president of MCC, or any Christian for that matter, hesitate to answer the six simple questions posed by brother Hegyi? If one was holding to the old paths, it would take only a second to respond and affirm one's position with the Word. No Christian should be afraid to put what they believe into writing... unless there is something to hide. We are sorry to receive this message but commend brother Hegyi for standing firm.”

PEACE AT ANY PRICE?

Paul Wilmoth

There are those among us today who advocate that we should do whatever it takes to maintain peace. They suggest that we should not deal with controversial issues, that we should maintain a positive approach and never be guilty of being negative. These same people often reject sound, solid, Gospel preachers, because someone has criticized them or falsely accused them of one thing or another. Such people as this would certainly not want either Christ or the apostle Paul to preach from their pulpits because they were constantly engaged in controversy. The life of Christ, as pictured by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, is a picture of a man who goes from one confrontation to another. His life was never free from controversy nor false accusations.

Certainly all of us wish to be well thought of and well spoken of; but, at the same time, we must never sacrifice the soundness and strictness of God's glorious message. Jesus stated His purpose in Matt. 10:34-36: “*Think not that I am come to bring peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.*” Jesus was well aware that His message would divide families and friends.

Remember also that Jesus had taught in the great Sermon on the Mount that happiness comes from being reproached and persecuted for His sake. “*Blessed (happy) are they which are persecuted for righteousness; sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you*” (Matt. 5:10-12). He also said, “*Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the son of man's sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy*” (Luke 6:22-23). He also warns us about being of such a nature and disposition that all men speak well of us. “*Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets*” (Luke 6:26).

Brethren, we are living in an age when soundness and strictness are not popular. We are living in an age when more and more are deserting the “Old Jerusalem Gospel” for after dinner speeches aimed at winning friends and influencing people. That kind of speech *will* win friends and influence people; but, it *will not* save a single soul. Paul said THE Gospel is God's power to save souls. So, brother, preach on! and don't worry about winning any popularity contest!

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THE NO PATTERN NONSENSE

Marvin L. Weir

Everyone is doing it! An ever-growing number simply scream, "Hop on the bandwagon," and multitudes do without ever asking where it is going. The destination does make a difference, and the judgment will affirm that truth matters. But can truth be known? The Bible says, "and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). If truth can be known there must be some type of standard, a pattern, a divine blueprint.

The number is rapidly rising among those who profess to be faithful children of God who scoff at the idea of a pattern. But surely reasonable folks can see that one either follows his own feelings, emotions, conscience, and personal preferences or divine authority. Jesus Christ has all authority (Matt. 28:18) and thus the right to command that which He has created. Paul recognized this truth and stated, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). If this verse of scripture be true, and it is (John 17:17), then why do so many today despise and detest the God-given pattern of old? Methinks I know why — they bask in their scholarly (earthly) wisdom and have proclaimed themselves to be smarter than God! They know the building will not be filled (thus no need to build a more elaborate one) if things are done God's way.

Did not Noah understand the spacious ark would be almost void of humans if he did not change his message? How dare Noah to insist on following a pattern that the world deemed it did not need. Specific instructions were given by God (Gen. 6:14ff) and Noah did all God commanded him to do (Gen. 6:22). What happened to all those who said, "Noah, if you don't do things our way you and your little bunch will just dry up and never amount to any-

thing." And so...the majority of the world went "glug-a-lug."

Nadab and Abihu offered "strange fire" not commanded by Jehovah (Lev. 10:1). Surely one will not argue that in absence of a pattern (thus they could not know) God struck them dead for trying to worship Him?

Jereboam decided he was a very special person in the religious scheme of things during his day. He has many modern day counterparts who have graduated from his alma-mater and will also fail the only test that matters. Jereboam decided to alter God's divine pattern in four ways (1 Kings 12:25ff). 1) The *object* of worship would be changed from God to golden calves; 2) the *place* of worship was changed from Jerusalem to Dan and Bethel; 3) the *time* of the feast day from the 7th to the 8th month was changed; 4) and the *priesthood* changed from the tribe of Levi to the tribe of one's choice.

Someone says, "That is Old Testament stuff — I just cannot see the eternal principle involved." Well, he could see, if he had not already "learned" too much from Professors Will U. Change and N.O. Respect and rejected Romans 15:4! But neither does New Testament teaching appeal to those determined to "have it their way." The writer of Hebrews warns, "who serve that which is a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned of God when he is about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern that was showed thee in the mount" (8:5). The "pattern" of the tabernacle was a type of the "pattern" for the church of our Lord. The apostle Paul makes it clear there is a "rule" all are to live by (Phil. 3:16). Paul also admonishes young Timothy to "hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13). If there were no "divine pattern" the warning contained in Galatians 1:6-9 would indict the Holy Spirit of utter

foolishness!

No religious discussion will be resolved until the authority is recognized by which the matter can be settled! The question Jesus asked the Jews is one to ask those who have been educated beyond their intelligence and are basking in their own glory: "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why then did ye not believe him" (Matt. 21:25)?

Why not believe and obey the Bible and submit to the divine pattern. There will be no more "glug-a-lugs" (Gen. 9:13-15), but there is a "sizzle" (Rev. 21:8) to avoid!

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Nashville Jubilee has had on the body of Christ in the past ten years. It was started for the purpose of either destroying the church of our Lord or else making it what some of the "Change Agents" want it to be. One of the promoters of Jubilee has been the **Antioch congregation** (in Nashville) where **Walt Leaver** was the preacher until he moved to another congregation in the Nashville area. Walt was not only a promoter of Jubilee, but one of its speakers. In recent months, **Walt Leaver** was with the **Glendale Road** congregation for a meeting. It is not as though the brethren there did not know who he was, because they had the information concerning him ahead of time.

In 1990, **Walt Leaver** spoke one night in a revival at the **Donelson Presbyterian Church**. Rest assured that he was not there to teach them the truth. He preached on the crucifixion of Christ and described it in minute detail — never one time telling them what one must do to be saved. I have talked with some who were present and they said that some women elders were present in the pulpit with him and when the instrument started playing and the people started singing, **Walt** sung right along with them. I am convinced that **Glendale Road** had him because of who he is and what he stands for.

Just to give you an indication of where **Walt Leaver** stands, let me give you the following information. In an interview in 1994 with **Tyler Young**, he stated he was not clear enough on what the Bible teaches to say that one who taught that women could preach in the public assembly with men present would be a false teacher; that one who divorced for some reason other than fornication and remarried would not have to get out of that marriage to become a Christian; that he could not say that people in denominationalism are lost; that he could not back up with scripture to say that it would be a sin for someone to worship with instrumental music, and could not say that they would be lost for doing so; and when asked if someone had been sprinkled rather than being

immersed for baptism, would they be lost, he said, "I'm not going to say I know he would be lost." This is just a sampling of what he believes. Yet, knowing these things, the **Glendale Road** eldership had him come and preach in a meeting for them.

Also, a few months back, the **University** congregation in **Murray** had **Joe Beam** scheduled for a meeting with them. As far as I am concerned, there is not a more confirmed false teacher alive today than **Joe Beam** — especially among those who claim to be members of the Lord's church. **Joe** would fit in with any denomination in the world, and especially among those who believe in the miraculous. I have three tapes of lessons he preached on the Holy Spirit at Jubilee 1996. I have never heard more error than he presented at that time. Not only did he speak of miracles that others had

experienced, but he talked about the fact that he was given the ability to know when a person was lying when he was in a counseling session with a husband and wife. He definitely believes the Holy Spirit leads separate and apart from the word of God.

These are some samplings of the kind of men that the aforementioned congregations are having in for their meetings. If this is not an endorsement of error, what would it take? Elders are going to have to answer one day for such actions, and so will members who back them in such endeavors.

Brethren, it is time we wake up and speak out against such. We will be guilty if we don't. Let us pray that our wayward brethren will return to the truth before it is too late.

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LECTURESHIP REPORT ON THE HOME

The lectureship was a great success! Every lesson was right on target and well delivered. There were no uncertain sounds heard from anyone. The fellowship was great and the company was superb. Everyone that came was built up in the most holy faith. This spiritual feast was devoured with enthusiasm. It was good to greet old friends and make new ones. The crowds this year were the most we've ever had as the lectureship continues to grow. The least attended session was 106 (the next was 126) and the most was 253. The overall total in attendance was 5,325. Sunday's average was 178, Mon. 169, Tues. 187, Wed. 151 and Thur. 152. The average for all 32 lessons was 166.4. This is great! People were here from California to Massachusetts, from Michigan to Florida (even as far south as Panama) and everywhere in between. Many homes were opened to accommodate our out of town guests — not only the homes of those at East Corinth, but many homes of those who live and worship elsewhere (30 miles or more away). This shows a great interest in the Lord's work. Heaven only knows of the eternal good that was accomplished in the preaching of God's powerful Word. The theme of the HOME is a most needed subject of study. As the home goes, so goes society. The church will not be what it ought to be unless the homes that make it up are what they should be. Each individual must do their part in making their home as God would have it. The theme for next year has not yet been decided. We look forward to that time already. Will you make your plans now? The date is **JULY 25-29, 1999**.

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