

# 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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## A Worthy And Wise Investment

*Charles A. Pledge*

**T**his article presumes that the majority who read this paper agree that the Lord's church is facing a life and death struggle with losses mounting every day. Those who love the Lord and strive to obey His truth to the fullest extent need to utilize every means to both spread the gospel among the lost and defend the truth of the gospel against attacks from within and without. We need to both fortify against attack and launch an offensive against all error in every form.

This paper, **Seek The Old Paths**, is published by a faithful congregation with a capable and sound eldership. The editor, **Garland Robinson**, has been, and is, one of the most dedicated preachers of truth among my acquaintances and friends. I have as much confidence in him as I have in any person that he will teach and live the truth. The **East Corinth church of Christ** is not a numerically large congregation but they have a tremendous spirit and make sacrificial efforts in spreading the gospel. They are deserving of our fellowship and assistance in every good work they undertake.

The congregation has pub-

lished this paper, mailing out several thousand into Mississippi and other states every issue. At the encouragement from others and proper consideration among themselves, they determined to make it a monthly paper and mail it to anyone in the brotherhood who requested it, free of charge to the extent of their ability.

Why, brethren, should the rest of us wait until their ability has been exhausted and their means depleted before we assist them? If you read this paper, I am certain you agree it is doing an excellent job in answering a great need among us. This paper, its editor, the eldership, and the congregation, have not, nor in my estimation ever will, bow to worldly pressures in handling the truth. This is one of its great strengths and one of the many reasons we should stand with them in this effort and help hold up their hands.

I emphasize at this point that **the elders of East Corinth are not asking for this article, nor did they hint that I should write it, but I am making a purely personal appeal.** If a few congregations would only send an annual contribution and

a list of their members to add to the mailing list that would be a great boost in this effort. If a sizable number of us who love the truth would send whatever we could, when we could, and encourage others to ask for and read this paper, the good would be greatly multiplied.

The East Corinth church has done so much for so many and has rejoiced without complaint for their opportunities to do such. I hereby promise to do what I can to help spread this paper with what little financial help I can give, with whatever influence I can be upon others to aid, and in promoting the paper in whatever ways I can. Will you, dear reader, and friend of the Savior, make a similar promise? Will you help financially and otherwise to raise the circulation to 20,000 readers? Let's all join hands in getting this paper circulated on a completely brotherhood wide basis in order that it will have greater impact for good in the kingdom.

And please do it today lest you forget! It will be a worthy and wise investment in truth and righteousness.

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# THE NEW DICTIONARY

*Tim Rice*

Many sound brethren in the church have lately said the liberals rising up among us need to publish their own dictionary. I noted several words recently in an article in **Image** magazine which point to the accuracy of that observation. You will likely note that the phrases the man uses in his article are defined differently by him than by us.

For example, as he talks about three young preachers with whom most of us would strongly disagree, he says, "These three men are obviously more progressive than their forbearers {sic}." What does **progressive** mean? To me, one who is progressive is interested in real progress. He wants to see the truth reach more souls and save them. However, the writer in **Image** means something quite different. Just after he labeled these three men as progressive, he says they advocate and are aggressively implementing a more active role for women. The new role for women, he says, will be to include them in leadership roles such as deaconesses and to permit them to lead singing and prayer in mixed groups. If this is progressive, I'm not progressive. This is being progressive in the manner described in II John 9: "Whosoever goeth onward (goes too far) and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father

and the Son" (ASV). The three "progressive" men are going onward and outside of Bible doctrine. They, in their progress, are ignoring Biblical restrictions (I Tim. 2:12).

A second word we might need to read in his dictionary is **devoted**. He writes about a youth minister in the church of Christ who is "incredibly devoted to Jesus," but who does not believe instrumental music is sinful. Some of our brethren have borrowed the idea from denominations that a person can "love the man and not the plan." One well-known brother is even preaching now that we should restore Jesus and not worry about restoring the church. The idea is that it is possible to be devoted to Jesus and not worry about Biblical worship and the organization of the church. There is just one problem with this philosophy. It is absolutely false! Jesus said: "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46)? Again he said: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:21, 23).

Jesus says obedience shows

devotion to him. There is a relationship between Jesus and his commandments. To be devoted to one is to be devoted to both.

Another word we need to have the author in **Image** define for us is **fundamental**. He said about the three men who were the subject of his article: "They each believe strongly, strongly that baptism is fundamentally part of the plan of God, and they preach it as such; but they refuse to tell God he cannot work in the lives of people before they are baptized. And their plea is this: The churches of Christ are not the only ones who follow Christ in this world; but we sure want to be some of the ones and to do everything we can to reach people who don't know the Lord with the gospel."

Webster defines fundamental as follows: "One of the minimum constituents without which a thing or a system would not be what it is." The writer of the article says that baptism is fundamentally a part of the plan of God, yet not necessary. Is this not a strange definition of fundamental? Paul shows baptism is fundamental and therefore necessary when he says: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Therefore, I don't tell God he cannot work in the lives of people before they are baptized; he tells me.

Finally, it would be interesting to see the definition of **gospel** as used in the last quote from **Image** (see above). Apparently baptism for the remission of sins was not considered by that writer to be a part of the gospel, since he did not recognize it as a requirement for people to have a working relationship with God. But the gospel saves and baptism saves (Rom. 1:16; I Peter 3:21). If baptism for the remission of sins is not a part of the gospel, what is?

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# NINETY EIGHT POINT SIX AND OTHER DEGREES

Rod Rutherford

Every now and again as I peruse one of the many bulletins that regularly cross my desk, I will glance down the list of recent visitors in the bulletin and be greeted by a strange phenomenon such as the following: "Recent visitors to services include brother and sister John Doe, Dr. Joe Blow, brother and sister Jim Blank, etc." I always wonder if Dr. Joe Blow is a member of the church. If he is, why is he not simply listed as "brother" like all the other male members who visited? Sure, he may be a Doctor of Philosophy, a Doctor of Medicine, or a Doctor of Chiropractic, but why does his professional rank have anything to do with his standing in Christ? Is not being called a brother in Christ sufficient honor? Is it not a greater privilege to be known as one of God's family than by one's academic attainments?

I sometimes wonder if Paul were alive today how he would react if he were addressed as "Dr. Paul?" Can one imagine Apollos signing his name, "Apollos, Ph.D.?" Or, how about "The Apostle Peter, D. Min.?" Since Peter was "an ignorant and unlearned man" (Acts 4:13) by the academic standards of his day and ours, if he were living today, would our brethren allow him to grace our pulpits and lecture platforms without first conferring upon him an "honorary degree" to make up for his lack of scholastic achievement?

While discussing the Bible with the problem drinker who cleaned the hall we rented for church services in our work in Australia, I was proudly informed by him that I was speaking to a "Licentiate in The-

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ology." "Oh, I'm so sorry." I started to say, "does it hurt much?" But something in the look of his eye told me I was to be duly reverent and respectful and not question my friend's learning although he was as ignorant of the Bible as Baalim's donkey.

More and more in the papers I see our preaching brethren listed as "Dr." or with their degrees tacked on at the end of their names. I recall one preacher acquaintance of a few years ago who frequently boasted, "I have more letters *after* my name than many people have in theirs." I know of a meeting house owned by our brethren in a certain city that once had an iron letter in front of the building, "MINISTER: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.D.

Am I opposed to education? Not at all! Although some who read this may be surprised to hear it, this writer went to college and even did graduate work. It is not degrees to which I am opposed. It is the attitude which some (not all) brethren have toward *worldly* standards of education which cause them to be puffed up with pride, make unscriptural distinctions among Christians and look down upon

brethren who have not attained their educational level. When elders will not send a faithful and able gospel preacher into a mission field because he lacks a college degree, or refuse to hire a good, experienced man as a local evangelist who does not have a graduate degree, then something is wrong!!!

I am reminded of the aged veteran of the cross whose *real* Bible scholarship was second to none. When asked how many degrees he possessed, he would commonly reply, "Ninety-eight point six, just like any other healthy person!"

Jesus said: "*But be ye not called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted*" (Matt. 23:8-12).

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# Name Your Poison

Loran Gearhart

One of our great old hymns warns that "Troublesome times are here...." Today's time in the brotherhood is troublesome indeed, but we must not give up because false teachers and false doctrines seem to be proliferating at a pace that is hard to keep up with. Some of us stew and fret with our hands in the air, knowing not where to turn. Some of us fall on our faces and pray prayers that are reminiscent of the prayers of Moses and Joshua, brought on by despair, complaint and grief (Num. 11:10; Josh. 7:6-10). Everyone should hear Brother Keith Mosher's lecture on those prayers (M.S.O.P. Lectures 1993). God told Moses and Joshua to "GET UP!" It is so easy to blame God when we lose the zeal to keep fighting. Ask yourself how these things are allowed to happen unopposed until they are deeply entrenched in congregations of the Lord's Body?

When we look at false teachers and false teachings in retrospect, we are able to follow their progress all the way from the first tainted lecture, Bible class, sermon or youth seminar. Oh yes! The watchmen on the wall sounded the alarm but the alarm was not heeded. The Crossroads movement could not have taken hold so effectively had the first warnings in *Contending For The Faith* been taken seriously.

Elders and other congregational leaders should have been on the alert for such men as **Rubel Shelly, Randy Mayeux, Mike Cope, Jeff Walling, Max Lucado**, et al., numbering into the hundreds. In many cases the "youth ministry" was the niche in the armor. Congregational leaders should have noticed this if they had really been on the alert according to God's mandate (Acts

20:28). The leaders are not solely to blame. Those of us who comprise the majority of the congregations should have enough knowledge to spot false teachers.

Let me point out that physically and spiritually, poison is being pumped into the blood stream of unsuspecting brothers and sisters, especially the youth of the families.

Warnings are required to be attached to products in the secular world when such products are found to be injurious to the health of individuals who would use them, "The Surgeon General has determined that...." Such warnings protect the physical body. How about some protection for the spiritual body for those who for some reason do not heed the warnings listed in God's word, the Bible?

Unsuspecting congregational leaders, whether they be elders or men in business meetings, are given the responsibility of protecting the flock from anything that would affect the health of the souls of the flock under their guidance. "*Lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6) causes some of these leaders to allow notices of coming lectures, youth rallies, retreats, devotionals and such, that feature false teachers or even have them on the program. It is the sacred duty of every congregational leader to keep up with what is transpiring in the Brotherhood. Those who refuse to subscribe to or even read sound Brotherhood publications are victims of the "Ostrich Complex," (see Brother Rutherford's article in the May 1993 issue of *Seek The Old Paths*) and are therefore unfit to lead and who will give account on "That day."

I would just as soon see an advertisement for cigarettes and

whisky on the bulletin board of the meeting house as to see a notice that **James Woodruff** or **Marvin Phillips** was to speak to a neighboring congregation on a certain day, or to see the published dates of the next "Tulsa Workshop" displayed. Which is most precious in the sight of the Lord, the body or the soul?

The works of Satan and his henchmen are with us now and no matter how they secured such a toe-hold, we must say "How do we get back to the old paths" (Jer. 6:16)? Do we just sit back and pray that God will smite the false teachers? We must be diligent in prayer and WORK. We must "*study to show ourselves approved unto God*" (2 Tim. 2:15) and with the fruits of that study (knowledge), apply that knowledge to reprove, rebuke and convict. We must exert all the influence we can in our home congregations to stop the mouths of those who would pervert the Gospel. When or if all our efforts prove fruitless, get out of that snake pit and establish a new congregation where the truth will be preached and heard. God told Moses and Joshua "GET UP!," and that is just what we must do. When God's people remain in an untenable situation where false doctrine is accepted, they are abetting such teachings and bidding God-speed to those who are perverting the truth and will become partakers of their evil deeds.

Many good and sound followers of Jesus Christ are, at this moment, putting plans into motion that may bring a reversal in the spread of liberalism and evil practices of some "Christian"

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# STOP THE FIGHTING!

*Jerri Manasco*

Satan delights in hindering the work of the Lord! He will use whatever tactics he needs to do his vicious work. Where he has failed to destroy the church from without, he knows that he might wreak havoc within the ranks of the people of God. Nothing is more effective in reducing or destroying the influence of the Lord's church than inner turmoil! We all are aware of what Jesus said about the divided house (Matt. 12:25).

At present, many "issues" are disturbing the church. Some are no doubt entering the fray for personal reasons (envy, hatred, revenge, and so forth). Some are entering the discussions in order to spread their brand of pernicious error. Others are participating to defend and advocate the truth. It is quite true that some of the argumentation is rather heated and is sometimes inexcusably ugly on all sides. There are, however, firm yet loving defenses of truth being presented. At any rate the battle is on. It is an unfortunate fact of life!

What we are hearing is, "We need to quit fighting among ourselves and get to the business of evangelizing the world." No one would argue with this. I heartily agree that it would be ideal if we could cease hostility in the ranks and stand united in the fight against sin and religious error in the world. We can and will do this – when liberal elements and wayward brethren go back to the Bible and stand where the people of God have always stood. Preachers of truth have not caused the "fighting within;" merchants of error have brought on this sad state of affairs.

Paul was as much concerned

as anyone about preaching the gospel to the lost world (Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:16; I Cor 9:16; etc.). He endured much suffering just to proclaim the Christ to the pagan world of his day (Acts 20:21-24; I Cor. 11:23-27; II Tim. 3:10-11).

Surely, though, we are aware that while Paul had an evangelistic conscience, he participated in some "fighting within" when necessity called for it (Acts 15:1-2ff; Gal. 2:1-5). Furthermore the Bible student knows that Paul's epistles were addressed to the church and in those epistles Paul engaged in eloquent "in-fighting" (I Cor. 11; Gal. chapters 3-5; etc). It was not a message of "love this and love that and love everything..."

Many well-intentioned brethren are saying that those who maintain certain uncertain sounds will not quit holding their views, so why keep on worrying about it? Yes, but it is also true that those Judaizers probably did not quit their evil work, and Paul and others like him continued to resist them.

Jezebel didn't quit her quest, but Elijah's work surely reduced the sweetness of her victories! (I Kings 18 and 19). Good Elijah was ready to quit too soon himself! One just can't quit fighting insects in the garden after the first dusting of the greens!

Yes, it is incredible and heart-breaking that we are having to preach to the church those sermons that used to be reserved for the people out of Christ! Sadly, some in the church are questioning the clear teaching of the Bible on baptism, the unity and nature of the church, instrumental music, and even the absolute

authority of the word of God. WE do not have to be vindictive, but we do need to be solid and uncompromising in teaching. Are we rearing a generation who does not know why the New Testament church is different from denominations? Are we rearing a generation who cannot give Bible reasons for what it believes?

No one has said that combat in the ranks is desirable. It is in fact most disheartening. We insist, though, that the "in-fighting" can stop when those who are flagrantly teaching and writing errors stop their pernicious work. It is not merely restoration tradition we are talking about. It is the truth of the gospel that we are defending. Those who understand the significance of the struggle cannot shrug the shoulder and yawn away the problems that beset the Lord's body.

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## NAME YOUR POISON

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Universities and discredit false teachers in the eyes of apostate congregations by using truth in love.

Won't you find out about these efforts and spread the good news? "GET UP!" and let your voice be heard. "GET UP!" and help finance the efforts of these godly men. Subscribe to sound brotherhood publications for loved ones, preachers, teachers, elders, brothers and sisters, and yes, for our young people. Do nothing and you may soon end up in a congregation that you grew up in and in which your soul is now in grave danger of being lost.

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# WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

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With the advent of higher humidity, warmer weather, and summer fashions, some individuals become lax in their apparel. Last weekend I went to Opryland in Nashville, TN. I was shocked at what I saw. Several men and women wore attire that was too tight, too short, too low cut, and much too revealing. It wasn't just younger people either. Older and younger individuals were immodestly dressed.

The apostle Paul gives special counsel to women in I Timothy 2:9, *"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety..."* Carl Spain in commenting on 1 Tim. 2:9, says...

"The term modesty suggests simplicity and reverence. In modern usage, immodest apparel suggests clothing that is designed to expose the body to the view of others. Such an exposure would have been consid-

ered disgraceful and disrespectful, and the word apparel suggests a garment that covers the nakedness of the body."

In principle, I Timothy 2:9 applies to both men and women.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:28, *"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."* From this statement of Christ, we can ascertain that whoever lusts after a woman commits sin. However, if a woman dresses in an immodest way, she contributes and shares in the sin with the man that lusts after her. She becomes just as guilty as the man. The law of Christ teaches this joint responsibility for sin. Luke 17:1-2 states, *"Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the*

*sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."*

As Christians we are to be different from those who are not followers of Christ. Part of being different is dressing different. I don't mean that we should all wear black robes and hats either. We can dress fashionably, as long as the fashion of the day doesn't contradict the Bible's teaching on modesty.

Really, what we wear on the outside is a reflection of the kind of person that we are on the inside. What kind of signals does your clothing send off about you? Are you causing others to sin? Would a non-Christian question your credibility as a Christian because of your attire?

King Solomon said it best in Proverbs 11:22, *"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion."*

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# HOW TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

James W. Boyd

Some want the respect of faithful brethren, but because they have taught and practiced error they do not have it. Faithful brethren question their soundness and reliability because they have proven themselves untrustworthy and compromising.

It is wrong to bid "Godspeed" to brethren who persist in the error of their ways (II John 9-11). Therefore, faithful brethren withhold their endorsement and support from such men. Furthermore, faithful and sound brethren are disappointed when unstable and unsound preachers and teachers are placed on platforms of prominence and their influence enhanced even though they are unreliable and guilty of leading brethren into digression.

Men can change and leave their past errors. The weak can become strong and men can have a change of heart and deed. Faithful brethren always rejoice when one who errs turns from it. But there ought to be discernible evidence that there has been a change. Can we adopt the position of "make him an elder, give him a class, and maybe he will attend?" Shall we give platforms to those who not only have shown them-

selves in error but have not shown any recognition of that fact?

What a boost to fellowship and peace if those in error would repent and confess their sins! That would restore confidence quicker than anything. Actually that is what God expects.

But too many times, rather than God's way, brethren seem more concerned with saving face, avoiding humiliation at all costs, brushing aside the error as if it were a pretended matter. Especially does this seem to occur the more prominent a person might be.

Who would not cherish the opportunity to endorse brethren everywhere? But it cannot be possible when some persist in error. One cannot compromise the truth even to enjoy a good relationship with brethren. The way of restoring confidence lost is through repentance, confession of sins and prayer. May the day come soon when such is the case.

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E I G H T H A N N U A L

# “SEEK THE OLD PATHS” LECTURESHIP

July 25-29, 1993 *(Always the 4th Sunday in July)*

“Preaching Needed For The Nineties”  
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## SUNDAY, JULY 25

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- 9:45 Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself.....*Howell Bigham*
- 10:35 There is but ONE Plan of Salvation .....*Kerry Clark*
- 7:00 Humanism, selfishness, “felt-needs”  
vs. Supreme Love for God.....*Charles Leonard*
- 8:00 Is the “Old Paths Plea”  
Valid for the 90’s?.....*Gilbert Gough*

## MONDAY, JULY 26

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- 9:00 Preaching Needed but Not Heeded .....*Victor Eskew*
- 10:00 The Five Points of Calvinism.....*Ferrell Hester*
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) Psalm 50:  
Are we Prepared for Worship? .....*Tanya Bruce Cox*
- 11:00 The Golden Rule .....*Wayne Cox*
- 1:30 Instrumental Music.....*Ronnie Whittemore*
- 2:30 The Problem of Human Suffering.....*Charles Blair*
- 3:30 Digression – Update ‘93.....*Wayne Coats*
- 7:00 The Influence of TV.....*Sidney White*
- 8:00 The Two Covenants.....*Garland Robinson*

## TUESDAY, JULY 27

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- 9:00 The Bible School, Filling Time  
or Filling Hearts? .....*Edward White*
- 10:00 “We Be Brethren,” One With Another .....*Dan Bailey*
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) “We Be Brethren,”  
One With Another .....*Peggy Leonard*
- 11:00 The A.D. 70 Doctrine .....*Ken Burleson*
- 1:30 Keep Thyself Pure .....*Jimmy Bates*
- 2:30 There is But ONE FAITH.....*Gilbert Gough*
- 3:30 Digression – Update ‘93.....*Wayne Coats*
- 7:00 Right Attitude Toward ERROR  
and Those Who Teach It.....*Jim Boyd*
- 8:00 Right Attitude Toward TRUTH  
and Those Who Teach It.....*Charles Blair*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

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- 9:00 Inspiration and Authority  
of the Scriptures .....*Dan Sikes*
- 10:00 Preaching: Devotional or Doctrinal? .....*Jim Boyd*
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) .....*Dana Hale*
- 11:00 There is But ONE CHURCH .....*S. C. Kinningham*
- 1:30 Righteousness, Temperance,  
Judgment to Come.....*Melvin Sapp*
- 2:30 The Lord’s People MUST  
Contend for the Faith .....*Guy Hester*
- 3:30 Digression – Update ‘93.....*Wayne Coats*
- 7:00 Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage.....*Ken Burleson*
- 8:00 The Christ of the Bible,  
Both Positive and Negative.....*Virgil Hale*

## THURSDAY, JULY 29

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- 9:00 Christian Evidences .....*David Jones*
- 10:00 Preaching Needed from the  
Old Testament .....*Ronald Choate*
- 10:00 (Ladies Class) Great Examples  
from the Old Testament .....*Shirley Mays*
- 11:00 The Christian Home:  
Living It or Losing It? .....*Virgil Hale*
- 1:30 Evangelism: Local and Foreign .....*John Grubb*
- 2:30 Miracles Have Ceased .....*Dean Gittings*
- 3:30 Digression – Update ‘93.....*Wayne Coats*
- 7:00 Homosexuality, Sin or  
Alternate Lifestyle?.....*John A. Mays*
- 8:00 Who Will Stand in the Gap? .....*Melvin Sapp*

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# BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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We are thankful that brethren are going into Russia to preach the gospel. However, we have been disturbed to hear that some of the Bibles that are being taken into Russia are not dependable translations.

It has come to my attention that the Trinitarian Bible Society publishes a Russian Bible (both Old and New Testaments) based upon the Received Text, the same text from which we have the King James Version in the English Bible. It is available in three different sizes, with prices ranging from \$7.25 to \$12.50. I realize this is much more expensive than other Bibles, but at least we will know this Bible is reliable.

It is wonderful to take Bibles to foreign countries, but we must be sure the translations we take in are dependable. Some of the Bibles being distributed are not trustworthy. It is not enough to just distribute Bibles. They must be reliable.

The Trinitarian Bible Society also publishes Bibles from the Received Text in the following languages: Arabic, Czech, Dutch, French, Modern Greek, Hebrew (in preparation), Hungarian, Italian, Kisanga, Lisu, Maltese, Polish (New Testament), Portuguese, Spanish, and Telegu (New Testament).

The statewide address of The Trinitarian Bible Society is: 1710 Richmond N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504. The telephone number is: (616) 453-2892.

Please, brethren, do not just raise money to buy Bibles for a foreign country without knowing what kind of Bible you are providing. We at TRUTH FOR THE WORLD will be happy to answer any questions we can in this regard – P. O. Box 751135, Memphis, TN 38175-1135.

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