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Save The True Church or Divide It?

It would appear that we face a dilemma much like that faced by Solomon, when two harlots approached him, each claiming to be the real mother of a living baby.

Solomon's judgment

Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give

half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment. 1 Kings 3:16-28 (KJV)

Both of the women had given birth to a child and both of them lived in the same house but only one was the true mother of the one living child which had been switched during the night. The living baby had been taken by the mother who had lost her baby and the dead baby placed in bed with the TRUE MOTHER. It seems there has been a lot of switching and deception regarding the TRUE CHURCH but the real owner wants Her to live and thrive and come back together as ONE. The imposters and leaders who think only of themselves want Her divided even if it means destruction to the entire Body which belongs to Jesus Christ. Who cares what happens to anyone else so long as they have a small group in tact? Maybe we should take a Solomon approach to find out who is the real one. The "Covenant People" belong to Jesus Christ not the leader of some group and we need the REAL HOLY GHOST to guide us at this late hour. May God help us to wake up? **AWAKE, CHURCH OF GOD AND HE WILL GIVE US DIRECTION!**

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“SEUDCING SPIRITS OF THE LAST DAYS”

~Hillard E. Foster, Sr.~
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1 Timothy 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

Paul was writing about a last-days condition, The Spirit (The Holy Ghost) speaking expressly, meaning that the spirit spoke specifically in direct terms of the Last-Days danger. Bible scholars agree that we are now living in the last days, near the time for the coming of the Lord. This is the period in which the seducing spirits will reign.

WHAT DOES THE WORD SEDUCE MEAN?

“Seduce” means to lead away, specifically from the path of right, duty or virtue, by flattering promises: To lead astray into an evil, foolish or disastrous course. The world is contaminated with such wicked influences.

SEDUCING SPIRITS ARE THE POWERS OF THE DEVIL.

Mark 13:22 *For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*

There is a personal devil. In His kingdom there are many demons, known as wicked or seducing spirits. These spirits are everywhere and their forces and influences are increased in the

latter days. They work in cooperation with the Devil They are so closely associated with Him that sometimes they are referred to as demons or devils.

2 Timothy 3:13 *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

THEY ARE ANTI-CHRIST SPIRITS.

1 John 4:1-4 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

2 John 1:7 *For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.*

This is a deceiver and an anti-christ.

We are advised to try the spirits whether they are of God. The deceptive, seducing spirits are so cunning that they often deceive good people. The day John was writing, these dangerous influences had already invaded the Church. The children of God had overcome them, because God within was greater than the wicked powers in the world. Our best protection against seducing powers is God within us.

Genesis 6:5 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Matthew 15:19 *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

THE SEDUCING SPIRITS ARE UNSEEN WICKED INFLUENCES.

The spirits are invisible. They are, however, very powerful. They are unseen influences that work against the flesh and minds of Christians. They are controlled by the Devil himself. They are, in reality, the medium through which the Devil works to discourage and

turn aside God's people from the right.

THE SEDUCING SPIRITS ARE INCREASING.

Romans 1:21 *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Paul refers to them as a special last-days influence. They did their work in the early church, but Paul foresaw the day where their powers would be increased and their work more deadly and more destructive, the text specially refers to the great falling away in the last days as a result of the increasing powers of evil.

THEY WORKED IN THE EARLY CHURCH.

Judas was persuaded by the seductive influence of the Devil to betray the Lord. Ananias and Sapphira were deceived by the same power, and lied to the Holy Ghost. Hymenaeus and Philetus were influenced by seducing spirits, and erred, saying the resurrection was passed already. Many other heresies and doctrines of devils invaded the Christian Church soon after Pentecost, and these seductive powers made great inroads in the Church.

CUNNING CRAFTINESS BY WHICH MEN ARE DECEIVED.

The Devil does not always force men against their will; He deceives them, men are often so deceived in doing evil they believe they are doing right.

THE DEVIL DECEIVED EVE.

But I fear, lest by any

means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

Paul expressed fear for the Corinthians, lest they be deceived. There was danger in Paul's time, and there is much more danger today. As an example of how the enemy deceives, Paul mentioned Eve, who was beguiled through the subtilty of the serpent.

THE DEVIL DOES NOT ALWAYS DEMAND FULL SURRENDER

The enemy is not demanding full surrender. He does not always ask that the Christians surrender unconditionally, but he works for a compromise. Little by little the enemy slips upon the Christian. At first he only asks that you neglect some duty or commit, a small sin of omission.

THE EFFECT OF SEDUCING SPIRITS UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN.

Hebrews 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

"The day approaching" refers to the coming of the Lord and the troublesome times before and after His coming. We are here advised to exhort one another in public assemblies. The seducing spirits are opposed to Christians congregating, worshiping God... and exhorting each other. They make people late getting ready for church. They keep Christians in bed late on Sunday Morning.

They make people feel bad on mid-week service night. They make people afraid they will be called on to pray, or lead prayer, or singing, or those who like to be in the lead are told that they are not appreciated, or that the Church cannot have a good spiritual service without them.

THEY DISCOURAGE CHRISTIANS, PAYING TITHES AND GIVING IN OFFERINGS.

They often dishearten Christians by telling them the pastor lives better than the average member of the Church, that it takes too much money to run the Church. Too much for Missions, that just giving a little is doing our part.

THEY BREAK LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN CHRISTIANS.

They cause people to talk about each other, rather than pray for each other. They create jealousy between the members, pianist, and the song leader, between the Sunday School teacher and they create division between the deacons. They make the pastor believe the church doesn't like him, that they don't like his preaching. They often persuade the pastor to make unbecoming and harmful remarks from the pulpit. They stir up small things till they become mountains, kindle little fires, knowing that little fires become big and destructive fires. "It's the little foxes that spoil the vines".

SINNER, THE SEDUCING SPIRITS SAYS.

I'm as good as some, but they don't tell you that you are

worse than some. They tell you, you are good enough. Well no man is good enough, regardless of how good he is. Jesus said, "You must be born again". They tell you sinner, that you have plenty of time, that is another deceptive art of the Devil. You don't even have a promise of tomorrow, let alone plenty of time.

SEDUCING SPIRITS HAVE A SLY WAY OF GETTING AT THE CHRISTIAN AS WELL AS THE SINNER.

They tell you that the right way is wrong. and wrong way is right. When you are questioning whether or not a thing is wrong, you are usually safe to decide that it is wrong. Seducing spirits attack the most spiritual people not with thoughts of murder, theft, and other awful sins, but with smooth and persuasive influence. They cause one to neglect duty or some no-harm action that would eventually lead to defilement and finally the destruction of your Christian experience. They influence the sinner to neglect their soul salvation. Have you been attacked or are you being attacked by seducing spirits? This is a sign of the last days. But they can only do what you allow them to do. Try the spirits see if they are of God or if they are seducing spirits. If they are seducing spirits we are to resist them and rebuke them in the name of Jesus! □



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USA CONVENTION FADES INTO HISTORY

John A. Pultz, Headquarters Representative To
The USA National Convention

The USA National Convention is passed for 2010 and the memories will live on for a long time as we were all blessed by the Spirit of God as we met and sang praises unto Him. The messages inspired us to go back to the fields of labor and work with all we have in us for He is surely coming soon. The auxiliaries were well represented and the spirit of them projected to all in attendance. The National Overseer, Bishop Harry Elder, moderated the convention and encouraged us to be a praying church as we work together in unity and love. He reports that delegates were present from 10 of the 50 states and the attendance was good in every session of the convention. He is happy to report one new church in Roanoke, Virginia and one new mission in Dallas, Oregon. To God be the glory for all He has done!

The Word of GOD

~Susan Cox~
Barnhart, MO



Luke 11: 27-28 *And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.*

This woman was stating that Mary was blessed and we know today that many people worship Mary. But those who worship Mary are not obeying the word of God and are following a false doctrine. In the next verse Jesus answered the women:

But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

I want the blessings of the Lord and the Bible clearly tells us how to receive the blessings of the Lord.

Lets read it again: *But he said Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. Luke 11:28*

The Word of God is Jesus:

John 1:1 & 2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.*

Jesus is the Word, He always has been and always will be. To love and serve Jesus is to love and obey The Word of God. There is no separating the two, you can not say that you love God and not live and obey the word of God. There is a deceptive spirit in the world today that many claim to know Christ and to be Christians and they do not believe or obey the Word of God.

If we reject the Word of God we reject God. There is no separating the two, they are one in the same, and just as the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost can not be separated. We can not separate the Word. We must live by ALL of The Word of God. The enemy is blessing these people in their deception with material blessings. Messages are being preached around the world today behind the pulpit of beautiful large buildings and hundreds or even thousands of people listening to messages that are not of the Word of God!

The enemy loves to take a small portion of the truth and twist it just as he did in the beginning

in the garden with Eve and beguile all who will yield to his deception. And as the material blessings come to the deceived they are professing to being blessed by God. Their God is not the God that I

know and serve for if it was Jesus then they MUST be striving to live by The Word of God. And they must live by The Word of God to the best of their ability and walk in the light that has shined upon their path to ever be blessed by the one and only true living God.

As a child of God do not wonder or be deceived as you see these things happen. The enemy is a liar and is deceiving many. Hold on to the Word of God; keep the faith until you draw your last breath.

Let us remember John Chapter 6:53-69 *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they*

were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, *Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Many disciples today are saying, The Word of God is a hard saying, who can hear it? I say to The Church of God, to whom shall we go, there is no turning back? We are joined by Covenant and God has revealed too much of His precious truth unto you and unto me. We have priceless jewels of pearls on the inside, not on the out. And the jewels are the truth of God! Praise God! He has blessed us so very much, Church! He has entrusted us with a great treasure, the Word of God, faithful and true.

I am so disappointed in the Christian world today, both the Kingdom of God and the once Church of God letting down on their standards. And if I am disappointed, oh how sad our Lord and Saviour must be. The Christian world is saying that they do not have to live the Word in the day we live in. They are saying that is not what God really means. What did Satan say to Eve in the Garden?

Genesis 3:4 *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

He is still telling the same lies and many, oh so many believe him. Saints we can not believe that we are going to enter in and stand in Heaven next to God's true and faithful who have gone before us that stood faithful and true on the Word of God until they took their last breath. Many who were beat, persecuted and put to death, will all answer to The Word of God. It does not matter what I think, nor does it matter what you think. What matters is thus saith the Word of God! All mankind shall be judged by the Word of God.

In the Word of God we have "The Gospel" which is the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. If God has revealed this truth to you, share it where ever you go. There is a lost and dying world that needs to hear the "Good News". Don't let Satan deceive you into keeping quiet and thinking no one wants to hear. Shout it from the roof top. The Word of God is liberating "the Word of Truth" and God Himself is revealed in every word!

John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

This is a great blessing from God, that only those who HEAR AND BELIEVE the Word of God will receive.

John 8:51 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*

The Word of God gives us the promise that if we hear, believe, keep and obey God's Word we, like Him will overcome death, Hell and the grave. This shell of a body we live in will die, it decays a little each morning when we get up, but praise God we are promised a new body that will never die and we will dwell with Him for all eternity, PRAISE GOD!

My friend, that is something the god of this world can never give you or anyone that is believing His lies and falling away. Following after the god of this world and all the material blessings in this world can not buy Heaven as your home.

Mark 13:31 *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

We know that the day will come that there will be a new Heaven and a new earth. But The Word of God will still stand. It will not change, not for me and not for you.

John 8:31-32 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

Notice the word "continue," You cannot be a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and not live by the Word, it is impossible. Do not be deceived my friend by anyone that tries to tell you differently.

32) *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

The truth has set us free! We do not have to suffer the wrath of God or the punishment of sin. We are free! Praise God, covered in the blood and free. Hold on to the truth, Church!

Church, the hour has come that we must read and study as never before. As David, we must hide God's Word in our heart that we might not sin against Him. Seek the guidance of the Holy Ghost, for The Word of God is spiritually discerned. Live and walk in the Word and in the spirit. Pray for greater understanding.

For we know Jesus said, Matthew 5:6b *they*

which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Obey and live the Word of God. Do we truly comprehend how important the Word of God is? The Word of God is Jesus, and to know and love Jesus is to know and love the Word of God.

In closing, I would like us all to read the last Chapter of Revelations. This is the end of the book all has been revealed for this time.

- The Rapture
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- The antichrist
- The second coming of Christ
- Armageddon
- The 1000 year millennium reign
- Satan loosed for a season
- The White Throne judgment
- Satan and his angels, (and the sinner, who chose not to believe and follow The Word of God) cast into the lake of fire.

It is finished. And the Saints shall live and reign with God for all eternity.

Please read with me, and pay very close attention to how many times in the 22nd chapter the last chapter of the book states the importance of The Word of God.

Revelation 22:1-5 *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

Oh, how I want to be among them, don't you? Forever and ever! Praise God!

Revelation 22:6 *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.*

Faithful and True every word!

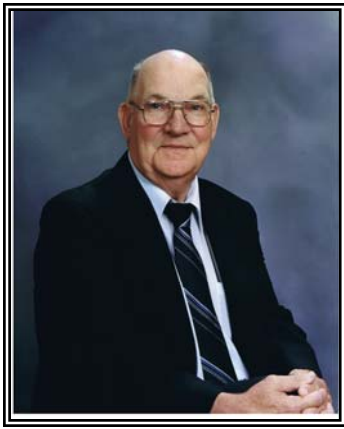
Revelation 22:7-9 ***Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of***

this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Those who worship angels are following a false doctrine. God's Word gives us the answer to all things.

Revelation 22:10-20 *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.** Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 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. He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.***

Dear Lord, speak to our hearts today. We must live The Word of God. We must be found faithful to the end. God, please let Holy Ghost conviction come down on your people. Convict your people oh Lord, to live Holy as thou are Holy. We must live and breath The Word of God. We must worship You in Spirit and in Truth, **Awake! Awake!** Let us pray without ceasing for the hour is at hand! □



“The Leading of the Holy Ghost”

~Harry D. Elder~

Cool Ridge, WV

instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

Luke 12:12 ***For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.***

John 14:26 ***But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.***

1 Corinthians 2:13 ***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***

1 John 2:27 ***But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.***

John 1:32 ***And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.***

Acts 10:38 ***How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.***

Paul went into Arabia and received his teaching from the Holy Ghost. He said, neither went

I up to Jerusalem but after three years, he went up to see Peter. James was there, he saw him as the Lord's brother. Israel wanted a King over them so they could be like other Nations that had kings. They did not want God himself being over them.

It is my opinion that James had no singular authority as a General Overseer (title given by man instead of the Bible) to act on this subject or it would never have made it before council. It seems to be stretching it to assume that James was made a General Overseer without the Bible ever mentioning it. The Bible mentions three offices in the New Testament, bishop, office of a deacon and office of the priesthood. There are no other offices mentioned. There are however, other ministries such as evangelist, pastors and teachers etc. Where were Peter and Paul? Were they not clearly overseers in the entire New Testament in the 20th chapter of Acts, where it is in the plural form?

“Over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God”. Acts 20:28b.

Here the word is not used as an office, but as a title of labor. If we aren't careful we will confuse titles and anointing for our respective area of responsibility to the work. Every child of God is a dignity, not just the Bishops, Deacons, etc. We must remain equal in the servant-hood.

Exodus 3:2-5 ***And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.***

When the Holy Ghost comes on the scene today, we know who He is for fear comes upon the people. Just as it did on Moses. Those that are filled with the Holy Ghost will have godly reverence.

Leviticus 9:23-24 ***And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.***

Nehemiah 9:20 ***Thou gavest also thy good spirit to***

I personally do not believe the office of General Overseer is a biblical office in light of the New Testament. Because of the emphasis and gravity of responsibility placed there, I feel the old ship of Zion has wrecked many times. It apparently started when the people went back and established Peter as the Head of the Church around 320-325 AD and Catholic Church emerged. In 1990 the power struggle resulted in Bishop M.A. Tomlinson being ousted from office as the General Overseer. It then renewed itself again and in 1993 another split occurred and another leader was put in as General Overseer by the name of Robert J. Pruitt. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to determine that this singular office of "General Overseer" hasn't worked well for God's church.

Since the New Testament does not back this office, what does it back? The New Testament is clear on the plurality of elders when it deals with decisions pertaining to The Church of God. Christ is the Head of the Body and the Holy Ghost is the teacher and guide. We are only members of the body that must submit to the Head. If the natural body members do not do what the head says, we say the natural body is sick. There seems to be a parallel here.

What do we call our earthly administrator, director, superintendent or some other title? General Moderator was the name given to him in the beginning of the Assembly of The Church of God. He must never be allowed to become a dictator. This means that we together

glorify God and He will let his divine spirit come down. When the glory of the Holy Ghost comes, people will fall on their faces. He is a teacher, the spirit teaches us. When we know Him in the spirit, and He teaches the Word in spirit and truth then we must not deny what the Holy Ghost has done. Lead us into all truth, we must understand the Word... for all three agree Father and Son and Holy Ghost.

THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Isaiah 63:10 *But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.*

Matthew 12:31 *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

Mark 3:29 *But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:*

Acts 5:3 *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

When people do what the spirit has shown them and the Holy Ghost is the teacher, and they have understanding, then there is no way out. It wasn't Peter that Ananias lied to, but to the Holy Ghost. If the Lord wanted

someone else to do His work, He would have chosen one of the twelve He called. But the one He has chosen was the Holy Ghost that agreed in authority with the Father and Son. He left the Holy Ghost to guide and teach the people how to do His will in the Church.

Galatians 1:16-17 *To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.*

1 Samuel 8:19 *Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;*

Acts 15:28 *For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; □*

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TO THE LORD FOR THE "2010 SPIRITUAL SUMMIT"



MEMO: MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT

1. I WILL PRAY DAILY FOR THE SUMMIT.
2. I WILL SEEK THE LORD FOR HIS GUIDANCE.
3. I WILL PRAY FOR MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
4. I WILL PRAY FOR LOST SOULS.
5. I WILL PRAY FOR A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS,
(SANCTIFICATION)
6. I WILL PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF ALL
GROUPS OF COVENANT MEMBERS.
7. I WILL PRAY FOR MYSELF TO BE LED BY THE
SPIRIT.
8. I WILL PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF ALL
COVENANT MEMBERS.
9. I WILL PRAY FOR MY COUNTRY TO TURN TO GOD
10. I WILL PRAY SINCERELY FOR ALL COVENANT

MEMBERS TO COME AND BE RECONCILED IN HIM THAT WE MIGHT FULFILL *JOHN 17:*

In Making This commitment we pledge ourselves to fulfill the words of our covenant and the precepts set forth in the Word of God. The Bible tells us to pray for our enemies and how much more should we pray for our brothers and sisters? There is no doubt that souls have already been lost because of the disruptions and others will be because men have been too stubborn to reason together. This summit is not for any one of the groups but for the Body of Christ and the ONE who purchased The Church of the Bible with His own blood.

Only YOU and GOD know if you have not broken your covenant that YOU made with HIM, not any leader of any group. If it is still intact, then we should be ONE in order to please God. If we can believe there is one among us that is greater than Jesus, then we have a severe problem. It was He who called us to be ONE!

If you will make this commitment, then print this out and place it in your Bible or devotional book for a daily reference and stick to it every single day. Please join with us in fasting and praying for this summit. Many feel sure the summit is directed by God and not any one leader among us. If this is the case, nothing can stop it! The signs are pointing to His coming soon and the great whore is making herself ready. The Bride of Christ is also making Herself ready! There will be room at the table for us all so come and make this a blessing unto our God and our other brothers and sisters in the Lord at the 2010 Spiritual Summit. The "2010 Spiritual Summit" will be conducted by an independent mediator unaffiliated with any group and the meeting will convene on neutral ground away from any group headquarters.

Please commit, fast, pray, invite others and come!

QUESTIONS FOR THE "2010 Spiritual Summit"

1. What makes your group different from the others?
2. How do you know that your group alone is THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD?
3. What is unique about your group from all the others?
4. Do you feel that all the covenant members are in your respective group?
5. Do you feel the other members of the other groups are just "Other Sheep" or are they also "Covenant Members" that are just scattered from the fold?
6. What has distinguished your respective leader to the extent that you know without a doubt that he is the one chosen of God to lead The Church of God?
7. What does it take to be THE CHURCH OF GOD?
8. What did it take in 1903 to be THE CHURCH OF GOD?
9. What did it take in Christ's day to be THE CHURCH OF GOD?
10. What did it take in Paul's day to be THE CHURCH OF GOD?
11. Was James the General Overseer of THE CHURCH OF GOD?
12. Who replaced James as the General Overseer of THE CHURCH OF GOD if he was in fact the General Overseer?
13. What will it take for us to unite together as THE CHURCH OF GOD?
14. What would the different groups have to give up or change to come into fellowship with your group?
15. Do you feel those who have left the parent group and are not with your group are lost?
16. Who has the authority to reorganize the true CHURCH OF GOD which was organized by Jesus Christ?
17. Do you feel His Church is still organized and we just need to find His perfect order of government?
18. What would you like to see happen during this "2010 Spiritual Summit"?
19. What are the prerequisites for Church membership as you see them?
20. What makes you a member of the Lord's Church, THE CHURCH OF GOD?
21. Which banner/flag is the true flag?
22. How is one added to the Church?
23. How is one removed from the Church?
24. If one is removed unjustly or un-biblically from the Church, is he or she no longer a member of the Church the Body of Christ? If yes or no, why?
25. If a member of either group no longer adheres to any or all of the teachings as taught by the COGOP prior to 1993, yet is still a member of either group, is he or she out of the Body of Christ? (trying to find a diplomatic way of asking if folks wear jewelry or makeup at any modicum, yet practice many or some of the other teachings, and still a member, are they out)
26. After 1993, when the church split, how long did it take for COGOP members to no longer be members of the BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH OF GOD, if they did not leave the COGOP yet remained true to the Old Paths?
27. Who is the judge to say whether they are in or out?
28. For any groups since 1993, who is the judge to say who is in or outside of the Body of Christ if the member is under covenant and adheres to the Old Paths and the WHOLE BIBLE?
29. Who is the Head of the Church?
30. Who is the General Overseer of the Church?
31. Who is the Presiding Bishop of the Church?
32. What has scattered us all from one organization as we all preach and teach virtually the same thing?
33. There have been many hurts and offenses by various leaders to members of the various Churches of God. How would restitution be handled for these offenses if and when various ones would want to gather together? Many who have caused offenses have the attitude that they have done nothing wrong.

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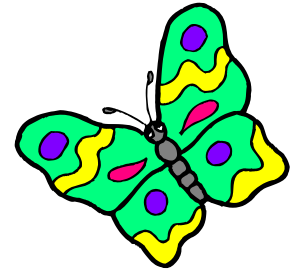
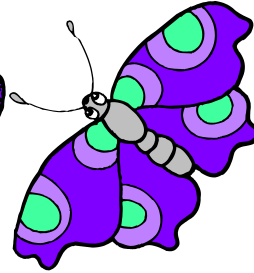
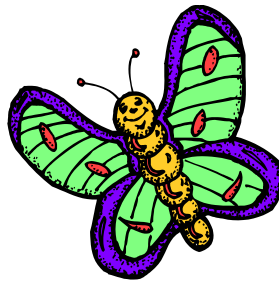
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Another Soldier

Has Gone Home



Patricia Joy Eddy Elder

(February 8, 1933- July 11, 2010)

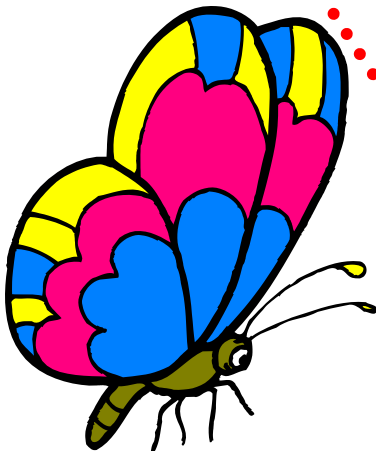
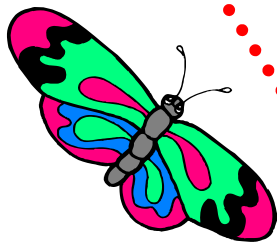
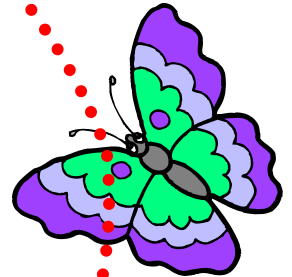
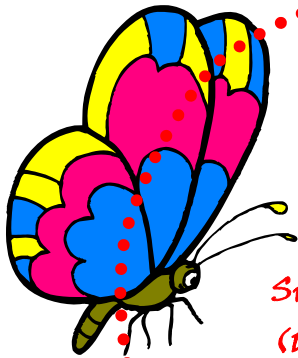
Sister Pat Elder was the wife of Bishop Harry D. Elder, (USA National Overseer). Sister Elder went home to be with the Lord on July 11, 2010.

She was a homemaker, wife of 57 years, mother of two sons, three daughters, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She loved The Church of God and was by her husband's side for many years in their pastoral ministry..

She was a wonderful worker for God.

*We all love her
and she will be
greatly
missed.*



“Women’s Missionary Band (W.M.B.)”

~Eunice Foster~
International Director

The National Convention has just rounded the corner. Seems that only yesterday we were in the Assembly. Time is swiftly slipping away. We are living in the “Last Days”. What does this mean? We hear this over and over, so often that it doesn’t stir us up like it once did. We find many warnings in God’s Word about our days.

Luke 21:34 *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.*

Dear ones are surfeiting or over indulging in things of the world. SIN and DRUNKNESS not only in liquors but in every type of sin imaginable. Many people we talk to are so worried they are overcome with the cares of this world. Jesus is warning us, as children of God, to guard ourselves against being overcome with these things. We are not keeping our minds on the Word and working for God as we should as we approach His soon coming.

Proverbs 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

When we become content and set idly by, not being active, we are being slothful about God’s work. There is a danger of falling into a deep sleep and failing to recognize the signs of our Lord’s coming.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

We are all heading in the same direction of the grave, only what we have done in this life will determine where we spend eternity. With death all opportunity to work will cease. We will stand in judgment with the record of our life here on earth speaking for us.



October Missions

October Mission drive
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Let’s make God’s work
first and foremost in our
lives.

U.S.A. National Convention

"The Spirit of Truth"

~Elizabeth Wilkins~

International Sunday School Director

Our USA National Convention has come and gone and we are still basking in the Spirit of the Lord that was felt and so real in our mist.

The Theme of our National Convention was "The Spirit of Truth" taken from **John 14:17** *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

As your International Sunday School Director, I felt lead of the Lord to remind us of how important it is to lift higher the **King James Version Bible**.

As darkness covers our world because of SIN we need the **TRUTH** of God's Word to light our pathway. We are living in a time even among Christian circles, when nothing is a sin, and every man's way is right in his own eyes. We must pray, seek the Lord, ask Him "The Spirit of Truth" to guide us. We are on our way to Heaven and we must not make a wrong turn and miss it.

The Assembly's ruling on this subject as found in the 56th Annual General Assembly held in September 1961. This is taken from the report of the Questions and Subjects Committee, Section A, page 131.

"Inasmuch as many Bible Translations give conflicting views with regard to the doctrine as taught by the Church, we recommend that this Assembly give voice of approval of the English King James Version of the Bible as being the authority for our Church doctrine and teaching."

Using different versions of Bibles have led some from the TRUTH and left many confused as to what the Bible is really saying on many subjects, thus resulting in confusion. Many people don't know what to believe, who to believe or which way to go. The Bible says; **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace**, ... I Corinthians 14:33a

I personally believe that one of the last battles the Devil is fighting with God's people is deception. Many today are being deceived by man. **Read Matthew Chapter 24:**, does this look like our day and time in which we are living?

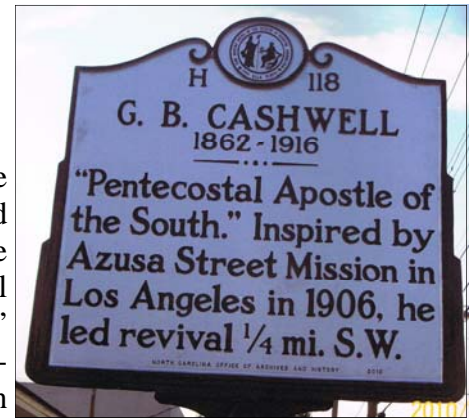
As long as A.J. Tomlinson led the Church it grew (40 years), as long as M.A. Tomlinson led the Church it grew (47 years), but when these men went on to be with the Lord, people lost their vision of God's Church. I for one was taught that Brother M.A. Tomlinson would lead us onto perfection and then the rapture would take place. However, God did not allow this to happen as we thought but, none of this changes God's Word. Whatever the BIBLE says will happen, IT WILL. I saw God's plan for His Church through Brother A.J. and M.A. Tomlinson's vision but, I also saw God's plan for His Church through His WORD. His Word has not changed it has not and will not fail. Brother A.J. and Brother M.A. Tomlinson died in the FAITH. WE, AS THE CHURCH OF GOD COVENANT MEMBERS need to arise, stand to our feet, shake ourselves, check our oil level, trim our lamps, be ready and looking for His COMING, for it won't be long. **YOU CAN STAND UPON GOD'S HOLY WORD, THE BIBLE!**



Sunday School

G.B. Cashwell

NC State Historical Marker



On August 27th at 9:30 AM a large crowd gathered to dedicate the G. B. Cashwell Historical Marker as it was unveiled before a crowd of approximately 250 people. This is the first historical marker to be erected in Dunn, North Carolina since 1949 which honored General William C. Lee, a native son known as the “Father of the Airborne” according to Mr. Michael Hill of the North Carolina Historical Research Branch. This historical marker some 61 years later is once again to honor a native son of Dunn, North Carolina Bishop Gaston Barnabas Cashwell known as “The Pentecostal Apostle to the South”. The event was honored by the presence of the local National Guard Unit, many veterans of the various wars, the Disabled American Veterans organization and the “All American Marching Band” of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The band played the theme song for all the branches of the military and then the “National Anthem” as the dedication entourage stood to their feet to honor our United States Military and our great nation as we remembered our veterans both living and dead who have protected our freedom and continue to do so today. Then we were honored to have several speakers and singers as we approached the unveiling ceremony at which time North Carolina Senator Harris Blake unveiled the beautiful marker. This marker stands on the corner of Cumberland Street (US 421) and South Wilson Avenue and directs people who read it to the site of the revival where in 1906 through January 1907 the great Holy Ghost Revival took place. This will be a long lasting gift to the city of Dunn by the State of North Carolina as it speaks to hearts from all over the country and the world regarding a small town preacher that never lived to know what he had done for God. This man did not receive accolades for his work while he lived but now he is known throughout the world and his name is recorded in books of many languages around the entire world.

HOLY GHOST

OUTPOURING MEMORIAL MARKER

(First CPMA Marker since 1973)



The day was hot and the crowd was tired but inside the church the Spirit of God was moving as the second dedication got underway at 11:00 AM. This was the one that many of us had anticipated as people from all walks of life and different faiths and colors assembled to celebrate the downpour from heaven that had come to Dunn in 1906 as G. B. Cashwell opened a new era for the South. It was much like the recorded meeting that he had with people of all faiths and colors. The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterians, Holiness Church and many others gathered to seek for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and left that meeting as changed men and women for God. Our event was made up of an audience much like his was as we anticipated what God would do. The meeting started off with the guest speaker, Dr. Vinson Synan, author of many books on the holiness and Pentecostal movement in the United States, speaking on the historical significance of this site and the man behind the movement. Then the singers came and so did the wonderful power of God to visit with each of us as the Holy Ghost ministered to each one. As this marker was dedicated in the name of the Father, a white dove was released, in the name of the Son, another white dove was released and then in the name of the Holy Ghost, the third dove was released and they ascended high above and circled until the third dove joined the first two and then they headed home. You would have to be there to appreciate the beauty of this conclusion to the dedication ceremony.

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