



Dear Christian Friend,

This is a continuation of the subject of what I DO NOT believe in balanced by some of the things that I DO believe that our Bible teaches us.

Some friends have already written to tell us that they have received some good ideas for Bible study. I hope that you find it so, too.

#### FRIEND OF WHOM?

Q. Why do you appear on the platform of \_\_\_\_\_ conventions? Don't you know that when you appear with them you become identified with them?

A. I teach on anyone's platform when they ask me to, not just \_\_\_\_\_ conventions.

Yes! I know you are right. I have grown to know and to love many of their leaders as personal friends. You may recall that JESUS elected to go teach where the doors opened to Him - much to the chagrin of the religious leaders of His day.

Did you ever wonder how they feel when they see me appear on your platform?

Don't you know that they have feelings too, and that they are doing everything they know to please their God?

I'm honored when THEY ask me and I'm honored when YOU ask me. One certain week in Illinois I taught in both a Roman Catholic seminary and a Lutheran seminary. The next week I taught in an Assembly of God (trinity) and also in a United Pentecostal Church (oneness). If pride wasn't a sin, I would be proud of such a record! And almost every theologian knows that is nearly an impossible testimony.

Q. Dave, you don't seem to understand that when you associate with a group, then your reputation becomes associated with their beliefs!

A. You don't seem to understand that our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST didn't give a "hoot" about that! He went where He was invited. I'm trying to follow His pattern; not the pattern of present day churches. The sectarian denominational idea of only associating with people in your own church is a great hindrance to the present day move of the HOLY SPIRIT, in my opinion.

My ideas are not set in cement but they are not off the wall either. They developed after a lot of Bible study.

#### ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION

Q. Dave, we gather you believe in ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION. Are we right?

A. Yes and no. More no than yes. I believe that the Bible teaches that eventually all spirits shall be saved. It does not teach, as far as I can find out, that all souls and bodies shall eventually be saved. Therefore, I seem to walk with one foot in the camp of the reconciliationalists and the other foot in the camp of fundamentalists in this matter. In other words, I believe that all the scriptures and writings about ultimate reconciliation do apply to the spirit of man. I also agree with the Methodists, however, that a man can be like a dog and return to his own vomit and lose his own soul. I underline soul to call your attention to the fact that JESUS warned of him who can destroy both soul and body in hell - not spirit.

Now we should look at the case of the incestuous man in I Cor. 5 who was turned over to Satan for the destruction of body that the spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord JESUS CHRIST. Notice care-



fully that ultimately all spirits will be saved - even of an incestuous person - but not souls and bodies.

Q. Are you saying that if the incestuous SPIRIT of a man goes to bed with his father's wife, that SPIRIT will still go to heaven?

A. NO! The SPIRIT can't go to bed with his father's wife. It is the MIND-SOUL and BODY of the man that committed the dumb act. Romans 7 devotes a whole chapter to the tension of one against the other. Every Bible student must learn to divide SPIRIT from SOUL from BODY, even after death. It is the SOUL and BODY that can't go to heaven.

Q. What is saved then? I thought that my SOUL was saved. Isn't it?

A. No, it isn't. Your SOUL is being saved. The HOLY SPIRIT presently is saving your SOUL-MIND (James 1:21). JESUS saved your SPIRIT when He came into your heart - not your mind.

When JESUS died on the cross He died to save the SPIRIT of every man. As in Adam all (spirits) died; so in CHRIST shall all (spirits) be made alive (I Cor. 15:22).

When Adam died it wasn't his SOUL or BODY that died when he was cast from the garden of Eden. That took place 900 years later. Adam lost his SPIRITUAL sensitivity. His SPIRIT became a wee small voice instead of the leading element of his personality. We must not change the subject in the middle of the sentence; "so in CHRIST shall ALL (SPIRITS) be made alive." Evangelical Christians are quick to point to the word ALL in the section "As in Adam ALL (spirits) died" to show that ALL have sinned and need a savior. But we see the above emphasis should be applied to the second ALL in the same sentence, "In CHRIST shall ALL (spirits) be made alive."

Q. Well then, do you believe that eventually everybody is going to be saved? What's the use of missionaries then?

A. No. I do NOT teach that everyBODY is going to eventually be saved. I teach that eventually every SPIRIT of every man will be reconciled to our GOD. I still believe in destruction (hell) for rebellious SOULS (minds) and BODIES. JESUS already saved the SPIRITS. We send missionaries

out to save SOULS. When JESUS talked about hell He talked about SOULS and BODIES - NOT SPIRITS.

Q. It makes sense to me every time I hear you teach it - but when I try to explain it - I mess up. Why?

A. When people ask what's going to happen to everybody, or every person, or man or some word like that - you have to back them up to ask, "Which part, SPIRIT, SOUL or BODY?" or else you get backed into the corner and look stupid. If the person you are talking to refuses to divide a person into the three parts - then you'll never get a Bible answer for his question.

#### MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD

Q. Do you teach in MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD churches?

A. Yes, lots of them. But tension develops when I get on the subject of LAW vs GRACE. So, there are a few to which I probably won't be asked to return. There is an open door to many for me. But those groups who teach their people to take the manifestation by FAITH (rather than HOPE) don't send for me. I wrote a Monarch on that recently.

#### ETERNAL SALVATION

Q. Do you believe that once a person has been saved - that the person can NEVER lose his salvation; sometimes called ONCE IN GRACE, ALWAYS IN GRACE and/or ETERNAL SALVATION?

A. Yes and no. I believe the Bible teaches that the SPIRIT is eternally secure. But I believe that the SOUL and BODY can fall from grace. You really should read the book I wrote on SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY. Some people say that understanding the difference does answer all perplexing Bible questions.

Q. Are you saying that ETERNAL SALVATION is only for the SPIRIT of man?

A. That is almost right. One lady wrote to say that after understanding these concepts she was just as active in seeing to it that all her kids got saved - but it sure did relieve a load of fretfulness about the death of her drunken father. Now she is at peace in both realms. She knows that the SPIRIT of her father is in heaven and she works diligently toward the full



salvation of the SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY of herself and her kids.

You see, there is a generation of people who will overcome in every realm - even the last enemy, DEATH (of the BODY). They will become IMMORTAL in SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY.

#### IMMORTALITY

Q. Do you teach that it is possible to overcome death - not die?

A. Yes! The Bible is FULL of it. Absolutely!

Q. Do you teach that you, yourself, will NOT die?

A. No! Never! I do teach that I HOPE that I will not die. The misunderstanding between HOPE and FAITH has contributed to a lot of my church trouble. I do NOT believe that the Bible teaches us to exercise FAITH in order to overcome death. It always uses the word HOPE in that regard. If I should ever get hit by a big truck - it makes no difference to the matter of the Bible truth. There is a generation that WILL overcome the last enemy-DEATH. I HOPE I'm part of that last generation that angels and prophets have desired to look into. If I'm not - perhaps you are! But I would rather say - I HOPE WE are.

Q. Will eating the right food bring the Body of Christ into immortality? A lot is being written to encourage a return to healthy foods. Some foods are really poison you know.

A. NO. The Health Food Movement will NOT produce immortality. It DOES help reduce suffering in the body. Increased attention to the value and harm of what we eat is a good sign. But, it is NOT the answer. Progressive changes in the SOUL (MIND) realm are mileposts on the road toward immortality of the BODY. Presently our efforts should be centered on changing our ATTITUDES. This will result in a large number of changes in our behavior patterns. What we eat will be one of a large number of things that change. It's not the answer, it's a help. Be ye transformed - in your BODY - by the renewing of your MIND-SOUL (Rom. 12:1-2).

Q. Do you teach that Christians should seek to get out from under the LAW so that they can be led by the HOLY SPIRIT?

A. Absolutely NOT! Any person who wants to get out from under the LAW is wrong. To want to be led by the HOLY SPIRIT is right. That difference shouldn't be so hard to see. The LAW is a schoolmaster to bring us to CHRIST (the anointing). I teach that the goal of a maturing Christian should be to be led by the HOLY SPIRIT, not to leave the LAW. But the earthquake comes after the Christian discovers that the HOLY SPIRIT often leads the maturing Christian out from under the LAW! And that is the part that most structured church leaders cannot understand! They teach, "If it is wrong for one, it is wrong for all." I completely disagree. I teach that Christians are at different levels of maturity and each needs certain laws for their own security - but each is different. I teach people to seek to be led by the HOLY SPIRIT even if He leads them to be free from the LAW.

Q. Some people have said that you teach a different gospel than most churches teach. Is that so?

A. I teach the same gospel that PAUL taught - the gospel of the uncircumcision.

Most churches teach a different gospel. It is the one PETER taught - the gospel of the circumcision.

I teach the message of GRACE. It says that our spiritual sensitivity is NOT dependent on what we do or what we do NOT do. It is dependent on our reliance on what JESUS DID. JESUS did it all. I cannot do any more. Others teach that it is also necessary to keep certain LAWS or else a Christian will lose their closeness to GOD (spiritual sensitivity). I teach - that is nonsense.

Q. Give me a scripture that shows or even implies that it is nonsense to believe that keeping the LAW will increase a person's spiritual sensitivity.

A. The difference between the GRACE message that I teach (gospel of the uncircumcision) and the LAW message (gospel of the circumcision) is best shown by quoting Colossians 2:23 Phillips, "Why do you take the slightest notice of these purely human prohibitions - 'Don't touch this,' 'Don't



taste that' and 'Don't handle the other'? 'This,' 'that' and 'the other' will all pass away after use! I know that these (church) regulations look wise with their self-inspired efforts at worship, their policy of self-humbling, and their studied neglect of the body. But in actual practice they do honor, not to GOD, but to man's own pride." (Emphasis added to underlined words by D.E.).

#### SITUATION ETHICS

Q. To some people, that sounds like SITUATION ETHICS. Are you saying that under some conditions - anything goes?

A. Of course NOT. That's dumb. SITUATION ETHICS teaches that you can figure out what is right for every situation. They teach you to use your head (MIND-SOUL) to get out of trouble. They teach that if you are hung up by some religious law you learned from your grandmother - then you'll probably never make it in this life. I teach that you will NEVER figure out the difference between right and wrong in your head (MIND-SOUL). I teach that you need absolute religious laws to guide you in your decision making while you are a maturing Christian. I teach that eventually you will be led by the HOLY GHOST and He may even lead you to eat bacon (against the law) sometime. If you want to eat bacon (break the law) you are wrong. If the HOLY GHOST leads you to eat bacon - you'd better. That's NOT SITUATION ETHICS.

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the gifts of our readers and friends.

Q. Do you believe in the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A. YES! It is imperative

Q. Do you believe in TONGUES?

A. YES! The gift of TONGUES is normative.

Q. Do you believe in HEALING and praying for the sick?

A. YES! Experience proves that it works. Bible study shows that it should be practiced. I believe that the HOLY SPIRIT has NOT gone out of business and every gift He brought us should be practiced in the LOCAL CHURCH today.

#### WHO AM I?

Who am I, that so very many people are starting to want to know what I believe and what I do NOT believe? I came to JESUS to eat the bread, flesh, and word; and I have believed on Him, so I drank the water, wine, blood, and spirit. If what I have written and published over the last 17 years is starting to make a constructive impression on present Christian theology - I am humbled - and my answer is; "When ye shall have done all these things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10)

Love,

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Pray for me