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**WHY SHOULD WE GIVE**

**Erwin Cowen, Moten**

First let us notice where all things come from. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof the world and they that dwell therein." (Psm. 24:1) So from the beginning all things have belonged to God; but God has placed man as stewards over his earthly things, but expects us to use them wisely and for His (God's) glory.

But let us search farther and see what God has given man which is far more valuable than worldly things. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have eternal life." (Jno. 3:16) Because of his love for us God gave us a Savior to pave the way to eternal life. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ." (Rom. 6:23).

Seeing, therefore, the gifts God has given us we all should give of our means that His name might be glorified. The reasons for our giving are many. "So we being many are one body in Christ." (Rom. 5:5) The church which is the family of God, and being composed of many members is certain to see the time when it is necessary to give help to someone. It is just and right that the church by giving on the part of her members be prepared to do so.

"Go ye and teach," (Matt. 28:18-20) reads the command. Now someone must support those who teach or preach the Gospel. This

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Bro. and Sister Perry T Vail of Wheeling, Ark. will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Wheeling Church of Christ on Sunday, April 5th

Bro. Joe Blue of Morriston will preach at the eleven o' clock hour. At noon there will be a basket dinner.

Afternoon there will be singing and preaching. Bro. Boyd Morgan of Mammoth Spring will bring the message.

Perry T. Vail and Miss Florence Moser were married at Morriston, Ark. on April 5th 1903. Bro. Joe H. Blue performed the ceremony.

The bride was born in Calo way County. Her parents moved to Morriston when she was only a year old.

Mr. Vail was born and reared at Glencoe, Ark.

Bro. and Sister Vail had lived on a farm near Glencoe until a few years ago they moved to the farm where they now live near Wheeling. They had no children of their own but reared three orphan children.

They are extending a very cordial invitation to all their friends and relatives to be with them at this time.

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### EDITORIAL

Evangelization is a real live issue to all who love the cause. The basic purpose of the church is to save the lost. It is the pillar and ground of the truth. To evangelize demands the best of our thoughts and purposes. Many of the things now being done by the church shows advancement along the line of our thinking. The great commission is world wide in its scope. The field is the world. If some be disposed to labor with local missions and others with world wide missions, both are scriptural and obligatory upon us.

Whatever precedent was set by the early church is an example to us today. They labored under the same commission. The command was that the work begin in Jerusalem. Begin where it was first established and spread into Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Apostle Paul in his missionary efforts was sent out by the Antioch church and supported by them and others in part. This was done without societies and without boards. It can be done in Fulton County today. An estimated 12% of the adult population of the county are members of the church. This leaves quite a large field before us. The world is no more prejudiced today than it was in Paul's day

and souls can be saved today here in this county by us. Do we really want to save them?

Here is the challenge; One congregation and one group of Elders employ an evangelist to do mission work in this county. The other congregations contribute to his support similar to the way many congregations support a radio program supervised by one group of Elders. There are sixteen congregations of the church in the county. Now where is that man who objected to supporting foreign missions and wanted us to preach to those at home? We are ready to spend and be spent. This evangelist can labor at points destitute of the true gospel; with established congregations, with weak congregations. A strong man capable of the task is needed. We can do it.

Too many of us want things done, but want the other person to do it. Are you one of these? It may not have occurred to you that YOU can do something. Neither is it complimentary to most of you that you have not turned in to this paper a single name of a sinner for the free (to you) subscription of this paper. Now, ask yourself. "Do I really want my sinner friends saved? Surely the answer is yes. Regardless of the condition of education, finance, or health you are in, YOU can help some way. My New Year's resolution was to find a job for everybody that would ask me. If you don't know what you can do, if you will ask me I will find something you can do, and show you how to do it.

Now which church will accept this responsibility? Why should it be some other one? Why not the church with which you worship? Why not Salem, Morriston, Sturkie, Wheeling, or any? Why should it always be the other fellow? 'Awake thou that

sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14 We have all slept long enough. We can all awake.

Nine congregations have been contacted and this program discussed. All favored it. Now must we wait longer and leave many souls in darkness. If you choose to labor with this program you surely may expect plenty of assistance to make it a success. Only one thing will defeat it. Your silence. This program will be discussed with you at your request. Contact anyone connected with this paper for help.

Prayer for our efforts.

--Boyd E Morgan

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### MORALITY IS NOT ENOUGH

Arvey Powell, Pilot

Our Savior said "Upon this rock I will build my church. Matt. 16:18: This rock is the fact that he is the son of God. He built his church upon that rock. The Apostle Paul said of Jesus "And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead" Col. 1:18. "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it" Eph. 5:25. It (the church) is to be presented unto him. "A glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing" Eph. 5:27

Since there is no salvation except in Christ, to be in him is to be in his body (the church). A redeemed person is one who has been "baptized into Christ" Gal. 3:27. Oftentimes men outside the church are as good morally as genuine Christians, but morality alone will not suffice. Morality must be combined with spirituality to be saved in Christ and to provide any promise of eternal life with him.



## THE WORD OF GOD

Lester Martin      Welcome Hill

"Through faith we understand the world's were framed by the word of God". Heb. 11:3

"By the word of the Lord were the Heaven's made". Ps. 33-6

"For the word of God is quick and powerful". Heb. 4:12

"The entrance of thy words giveth light." Ps. 119:130

"Now ye are clean through the words which I have spoken unto you." Jno 15:3

"Sanctify them through thy truth; Thy word is truth." Jno. 17:17

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth" 1 Peter 1:22

"I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who's all judge the quick and the dead at his appearing. And Kingdom preach the word." II Tim. 4:2

From the above scripture we learn how God has and does instruct man for his good, that he may spend eternity with the blessed.

You know nothing of God or his will save as you have been taught it through the medium of his word. God alone knew what he wanted man to know and do; and that men might be informed as to their duty to God, as well as to their fellowmen. God has vealed his will through chosen persons. Such persons were not to teach more or less than God revealed; if they did, they had no right to claim they were teaching the will of God. If what men teach separate and apart from what God has revealed, is the will of God, then men know the mind of God, in the absence of revelation. Since man cannot know the mind of God on any subject, save as God has revealed it, you can understand why we are confined to the revelat-

ion of God's word.

Man cannot go to heaven by a way that he may devise; heaven is God's home, and it is his right to say who shall share that home with him. Being confined to the word of God for our knowledge of God, and his will concerning us, we can see the importance of studying the Bible.

We walk by faith, and "faith comes by hearing the word of God." If faith comes in any other way, then we do not walk by the faith that comes as a result of the word of God. Your walk must be solely guided by the word of God. If you are not walking by faith, you cannot approach God for salvation. Since you are to approach God for salvation by faith, and faith comes by hearing the word of God, you can reach salvation by faithfull doing as the word of God says, and in that way only. Be taught of God's believe his blessed word, let it guide your life in your duty to God, and you have the assurance that you will be with him in the end.

## FILLING YOUR LIFE

Orville Buchanan      Mam. Spg.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5-6.

Friends, do you hunger and thirst after righteous or do you hunger and thirst after the material things of life? Things such as money, movies, liquor, gambling and riotous living. If the latter then those are the things with which your life will be filled.

Our lives are filled with what we hunger and thirst after, be it good or bad.

Now use this example. Take a glass and fill it with muddy water and let it represent a wicked life. If we want to fill that same glass with clear water, we first have

to get all the muddy water out, we pour the clear water in the glass of muddy water we still have muddy contaminated water.

To have our lives filled with righteousness we must get rid of wickedness. We do so by hearing the word, believing; repenting, confessing our Christ and being baptized. Rom. 10:17; Luke 13:3; Mat. 10:32; Rom. 10:9. Acts 2:38. We rise from the watery grave a new creature, II Cor. 5:15; Rom. 6:4. Old things have past away, Gal. 6:15. Since then we are a new creature we should desire the sincere milk of the word that we may grow thereby. I Peter 2:2.

If we fill our lives with the word of God we will grow spiritually and add to our faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity; For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. II Peter 1:5-9.

## FAITH

Clyde Frazier, Mammoth Spring  
A soul without faith is like a building without foundation, for faith is the foundation upon which its salvation is built. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1). A building built on the sand, Jesus said, will not stand. The soul who does not believe cannot hope for salvation for "without faith it is impossible to please  
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 him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. II:6) We must believe in God and believe that he will render the eternal salvation which he promised on the basis of our faith. Realizing the power of his promises upon mankind and knowing that we desire to believe in immortality, he instructed us how to obtain faith. "So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

Since all we know about God is found in the bible, then we had what he has given and, with confidence in it, faith is wrought by our hearing him and becomes the evidence of things not seen. "That the trial of your faith; being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen ye love in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory," (1 Peter 1:7:8) We have never seen our savior and shall not until he comes to claim the faithful. Many seek faith in error, seeking for a miraculous sign or a personal appearance of Jesus Christ. Such shall never be. Many testify to a faith produced by miraculous feelings and the confidence they have is based on their feelings. This is never so. Faith, he said, is the evidence, and faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. It is foolish to say we are saved separate and apart from the word of God. This is equivalent to saying we are saved without faith.

"I am come a light into the world; that whosoever believeth

on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I come not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:46 48)

## NEWS

### WELCOME HILL

We enjoyed all day services Sunday March 1. Bro. C. H. Cavin of Sturkie preached in the morning. We had a basket dinner and a singing afternoon.

The Claude Linderman family have moved to West Plains. They will be missed by us.

Bro. Marvin Ed Berry preached the second Sunday and Bro. Ira Woodward will preach the fourth Sunday.

Bro. John Weaver began a singing school here Monday night March 2nd. We invite and urge you to attend. Visitors will be welcomed at any time. Help us make this school a success. We have new song books.

Except during the school we have Bible Study every Saturday night.

## PILOT

Our hearts were made to rejoice on Bro. Woodward's last preaching date here when Sister Flavia Hatman was restored to the church. We appreciate having her so much.

We are happy to announce a Beginner's lectureship starting Monday night March 22. We are proud of the brethren in this section who have begun making public talks. The following brethren will speak as follows; Monday night; Bro. Virgil Boler

Tuesday night—Bro. Marshall Holloway

Wednesday night—Bro. Clovis Ragsdale

Thursday night—Bro. Harold Jackson

Friday night—Bro. Ira 'Woody' Woodward

Come out and hear these brethren. We expect talks of about twenty to thirty minutes. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening.

We have arranged with Bro. Fred Eaton of Brookland, Arkansas to preach here the fifth Sunday of this month. Welcome.

## GENERAL

We regret the loss to the church on earth of Bro. Noah Cherry. He was buried at Burk's Chapel Feb. 26. Bro. Morgan of Mammoth conducted funeral services. Our sympathy is expressed to those bereaved.

Bro. Harold Jackson preached at Moten March 8th.

Bro. Marshall Holloway preached March 1 at Willow Springs and March 8 at Burk's Chapel.

Bro. Virgil Boler spoke Feb. 15 and March 1 at Union Hill. Bro. Morgan preaches at Union Hill each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The church meets in the afternoon on these Sunday and at 10 o'clock on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Bro. Frank Gould has conducted a meeting at Jeff the first of this month. We regret we did not have a notice of this to announce last month.

The wages of sin are still mighty high.

The person who does and says what he pleases is usually not pleased at all.



## WHERE SHALL WE SPEND ETERNITY?

Marvin Ed Berry, Welcome Hill

Where do you want to spend Eternity? There are only two places you can spend Eternity. One is Heaven and the other is Hell.

Let us see what the bible has to say about Heaven. In Jno. 14:1,4, we read that Heaven is a prepared home for the redeemed. In Mt. 7:14 we find how many will go to Heaven. "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." In Rev. 21:9,27 we find it is a blessed estate or home for the redeemed.

We can also read about the other place (Hell). The abode of the wicked. Jesus says, "Fear them not which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and Body in Hell" Mt. 10:28.

Again "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev.20:15.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Heb. 9:27 an there we will be rewarded or sent to punishment. Are you ready for this judgment? Have you obeyed your Lord? It is up to you. Where do you want to spend Eternity.?

## ARE YOU A PART OF THE NEW CREATION?

Marvin Powell, Mammoth Spring  
The new birth...it's entrance,  
John 3:5.

A new name...it's identification  
Acts 11:23.

A new man...it's characteristics  
Col. 3:20.

A new life...it's manifestation,  
Rom. 8:4.

A new song — it's melody,  
Psa 40:2.

A new path -- it's highways,  
Heb. 10:19,20.

A new work - it's ministry.  
Col. 3:17.

A new worship...it's adoration,  
Acts 2:42,

A new destiny...it's goal, Eph.  
3:21.

## SALVATION

Erwin Cowan, Moten

Salvation defined means to be saved from something. It is a word that is used most often in a spiritual sense and in connection with the soul of man means, that after complying with certain requirements, the soul is saved from the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels, Matt. 26:46, the lake of fire and brimstone, Rev. 20:10, the place where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched, Matt. 9:48 and the second death, Rev. 20:14,

Yes those are the things we shall be saved from if we obey the gospel of Christ. A more horrible situation could not be described in human speech pointing out the terrible fate awaiting every soul leaving this earth unprepared to meet God. No man made theory about the millenium giving as opportunity for adjustment after death can avail anything. "For it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." (Heb. 9:27) "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth saith the Lord wherefore turn yourselves and live." (Ezek. 18:32) God yearns for our salvation, "Not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance." (11 Pet. 3:9) Sending his only son that the world through him might be saved. (Jno. 3:16-27) The heavenly Father of all, seeing the disobedience of men, yet longing

for their salvation sent His only son into the world to be shamefully disgraced and cast out as a criminal, and crucified between two thieves, mocked on the cross as a blasphmer, that His love for men might be made known, and their hearts might be melted to repentance and won to a loyal service under His loving discipline. It was his boundless love for us that caused our loving Savior to pay such an enormous price for our salvation. Hell therefore is an infinitely horrible place, for see what man's bare escape has cost our redeemer. "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God". (1 Jno. 4:15)

## CHURCH BEATITUDES

Blessed is he whose program contains prayer-meeting night.

Blessed is he who loves the church before his business,

Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church but who work to make it better.

## THINK THIS OVER

When I am late, the worship is interrupted until I get seated. I disturb others. I myself am a bit disturbed. I miss a valuable part of the worship, and cannot come into a full appreciation of the remainder of the services. And too, I set a bad example.

God wants men who count, not just men who are counted.

If fault finding were electricity some church members would be a power house.

Too many people are interested in the religion that makes them look good without having to act that way.

work must be carried on by the members of the body. No one outside of God's children has been commanded to carry on the work of the church. Someone must send a preacher that those who have not heard may hear. This is the duty of Christians. Christians must give that the work of the Lord may be carried on.

But how should we give?

1. Regularly, upon the first day of the week. (1 Cor. 16:2)
2. Cheerfully God loveth a cheerful giver. (II Cor. 9:7)
3. As we have been prospered. (I Cor. 16:2)
4. As to ability- It is accepted according to that a man hath. [II Cor. 8:12]
5. According to a fixed purpose, "Every man according as he purp-  
poseth in his heart so let him give." (II Cor. 9:12)

Above and before all we must learn to give ourselves to the Lord. [II Cor. 8:5] The Jews were required to give one seventh of their time and one tenth of their goods plus their freewill offering and sacrifices. (Ex 20:8) (Deut. 14:22) [Lev. 7:11-16] Members of the early church sold their possessions and gave. [Acts 2:45] Some were willing beyond their ability. (II Cor. 8:24) It is truly our duty to give as we have been prospered. Let us give Scripturally and cheerfully to the Lord.

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

Marion Farley

The great Apostle Paul, admonished the young preacher Timothy in (II Tim. 2:15) "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

If people today would do this as Paul directed, there would not be so much division and unbelief.

When we read a passage of

scripture, realize, that to understand it, we must consider three things.

1. Whom is speaking?
2. To whom is it spoken?
3. In what age, or dispensation?

When we fail to do this, we fail to get the lesson intended.

For example, under the Mosaic law a person was not allowed to travel as much as a mile on the Sabbath Day, nor permitted to pick up a few sticks to build a fire. One could be stoned to death for either. All males among the children of Israel were required to be circumcised, or face being cut off from God's people having broken the covenant. They were further commanded to go up to Jerusalem once each year to keep the Passover in commemoration of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage many more instances could be cited, but these are sufficient to show that many have the mistaken idea, that we today, may pick up the Bible, and just open it at any place and start reading and apply it to ourselves.

Jesus said "I came not to destroy, but to fulfill the Law". He fulfilled it, completed it, and this being done, it was no longer of any use. Paul in (Col. 2:14) makes it still clearer in this language "Blotting out the handwriting of Ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, Nailing it to his cross. The handwriting of ordinances was the law of Moses.

This staunch Apostle, devoted much time and effort in trying to persuade the Jews that the Gospel was also to the Gentile Nations, as well as to them, and in so doing, he emphasized the dividing or applying of God's word.

It would be no more absurd to teach that the children of Israel and Moses, while wandering through the wilderness for forty years, should have observed the

first day of the week, the Lord's day, and have eaten the Lord's Supper on the same than to teach that we, today are under obligation to keep the Ten Commandments, and Ordinances of God, given through Moses.

By way of comparison, should you by chance pick up a law book published in say, the Seventeenth Century, and in it find where there were some two hundred or more offenses that one could be put to death for, and many other that would subject a person to being put into the stocks in prominent places, that the passerbys might ridicule, you would laugh anyone to scorn, that would try to make you believe that the same was binding on people of the twentieth century, and you would have a perfect right to, since those Laws are no longer in force.

Then why not use as much good common sense, when reading God's Holy Word, as we do in wordly matters?

Since He doesn't divinely inspire any today, He speaks to us through His Word, He also tells us how we can be a "Workman that needeth not to be ashamed." And that is by one little word STUDY. Do you think He has asked too much? Do you not realize, that we will be condemned if we neglect so great Salvation? (Heb. 3:2)

I greatly fear that the majority are depending too much on others for the Bread of Life, and for many in the Day of judgment it will be sad indeed, for Jesus warned, "If the blind lead the blind they shall both fall into the ditch." Blind leaders are teachers, who do not "Rightly divide the word of truth". Nevertheless, failure to rightly divide will deny us an entrance into that bright and beautiful home of the soul.