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W - BEN WRIGHT - THE PLANNING AND BUILDING OF THE CHURCH

W - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS NOV 4-7. JERRY MARTIN WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE THEME "INGREDIENTS OF A GODLY HOME" HIS TOPICS EACH NIGHT WILL BE: GOD'S WORKSHOP, THE SPIRITUAL GENETICS, THE GODLY HUSBAND, THE GODLY WIFE, THE PILLARS OF A GODLY HOME, HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS WE WILL HOST THE 1ST SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING NOV 4 AT 2 PM

WUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6TH AVE.

HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER AT FRANK & WILMA'S OCT 27TH AT 4 PM. HOT DOGS, BUNS, CHIPS, DESSERTS AND DRINKS ARE ALL NEEDED

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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It Is The Lord's
Roger D. Campbell

There is a sense in which every material thing belongs to the Lord. Psalm 24:1 states, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof." In the New Testament era, there are some specific matters that are designated as "the Lord's." Let us take a brief look at five of them.

The Lord's day -- The sole use of this term is found in Revelation 1:10, where it is written, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." Inasmuch as Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week (Mark 16:9) and the early church met to worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), then "the Lord's day" points to the first day of the week or Sunday.

The Lord's Supper -- This expression is also used only one time in the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians 11:20: "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper." The immediate context points to eating the bread and drinking the cup (11:23-26), so "the Lord's Supper" refers to "the communion" (1 Corinthians 10:16) or "breaking bread" (Acts 20:7), which is done in memory of the death of Jesus.

The Lord's church -- Jesus promised to build His church, referring to it as "my church" (Matthew 16:18). He bought it with His own blood: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). In this passage, the reading of the ASV is "the church of the Lord." The church is His, not man's.

The word of the Lord -- "But the word of the Lord endureth forever" (1 Peter 1:25). This is the same as "the word of God" (1:23) and "the gospel" (1:25). It is the Lord's word, not man's.

The day of the Lord -- "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise . . ." (2 Peter 3:10). Please note that this "day of the Lord" is not the same as "the Lord's day" about which we learned earlier in Revelation 1:10. In the context of 2 Peter 3, "the day of the Lord" is the same as "the day of God" (3:12) and "the day of judgment" (3:7). It refers to the time of the second coming of our Lord Jesus.

The only way to be prepared for the coming day of the Lord is to receive the word of the Lord, become a member of the church of the Lord, and properly worship on the Lord's day, including partaking of the Lord's Supper. Thanks be to God for our great Lord!

Not A Denomination Allen Highers

The Church which is revealed in the New Testament is not a denomination. It is composed of those who heard, believed, and obeyed the truth (Acts 2:37-47). When men and women did what God said, they became members of the church. They did not have to "join a church" (a human act) because they

were “added” by the Lord (a divine act). Jesus Christ is the author of eternal salvation unto all those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

No one believes that New Testament Christians were a part of any denomination. In fact, denominationalism, such as we have today, did not exist in the first century. Disciples then were just Christians, members of Christ’s church, with no denominational affiliation. Why can we not be the same today?

The plea of the church of Christ is to return to simple New Testament Christianity, to be denominational, to be just what early disciples were, nothing more, nothing less. This is what is meant by “restoration” or the “restoration plea.”

It is a plea to restore New Testament Christianity, to go back to God’s original plan. It is not a plea for one denomination over another, rather, it is a plea to abandon all denominational divisions, differences, and distinctions, and to return to the church revealed in the New Testament, which was not a denomination.

When the 3,000 souls on the day of Pentecost heard the gospel, believed, and were baptized for the remission of their sins, did they join any denomination? No, none at all. Yet they became Christians, they were added to the church, they were everything God wanted them to be. Suppose today that we preach the same gospel message and that people obey the same gospel message in the same way. Some say that puts them into a denomination. Why? If individuals could hear, believe, and obey the gospel in the first century, and become Christians and be added to the church, all without ever joining a denomination, why can we not do the same today? The answer is that we can. This is our plea.

IS THE SAME CHURCH HERE TODAY?

Lyndal Lee Werner

You should know that the same church (as that in the New Testament, DR) can be found today. We have identically the same guidance they had in the first century, which will reproduce that church today (1 Pet. 1:22-25; 2 Tim 3:16-17). It did not take its direction from the teachings of men. Also, that congregation contended for the one faith every where it went or was found (Jude 3; Eph 4:5). This does not mean it was a fighting group; but in this we mean it "stood up" and preached what it believed. This congregation was the Lord’s church because of its teaching, and its unity as found in the teachings of Christ (John 17:20-21; Eph 4:4-6). Following this teaching today produces a New Testament church, not a denomination, as it would if man’s teaching was followed (1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph 4:1-6), because it is not a division of anything, as the word implies.

This congregation is faithful to Jesus Christ in all his teachings, instructions and ways (Luke 6:46; Rev. 2:10; Mark 8:38). It is made up of individuals who believe in following in the footsteps of Christ every day of their lives (1 Pet 2:21). They are a people who believe in wearing only the name of Christ; that is they are only called "Christian" (Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26; 1 Pet 4:16). Yes that church is still here. The New Testament will give you the pattern by which this church can be found.