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#### "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

#### NOTE!

Thru an error of the printer, the picture of Elder C. W. Arnold appears where the late Elder Preston Taylor should be.

> We Regret the error.



The late Elder Preston Taylor, minister of Lea Avenue Christian Church, Nashville Tennessee, philanthropist, founder and first president of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Churches of Christ. Elder Taylor's body lies moulding in the clay, but his spirit goes marching on in the men of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ. Elder Taylor plead with his brethren to forever remain free; and remove not the ANCIENT LANDMARK which thy fathers have set. He wanted his breth-ren to "earnestly contend for the FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints," We are wondering if the Convention or Society that reap the benefit of the money and property willed them by Preston Taylor believe in the "Deity of Jesus" or that baptism is essential to salvation like Preston Taylor believed.

The members of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ will not fail Preston Taylor; we will preach the same Christ he preached; we will contend for the same faith he contended for; we will carry the same torch of freedom in Christ Jesus he carried.

To The Churches and Bretthren Everywhere,

Greetings:

The sole purpose of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Church of Christ is the Restoration of New Testament Christianity, Its Doctrine, Its Ordinances and Its Fruits, through Evangelism and the Christian Informer.

The Convention will be held in Little Rock, Ark.,

August 8 to 12, 1947.

There will be preaching by outstanding ministers five times a day.



Elder A. G. Nelson, Minister, East Side Christian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, President of the National Christian Preaching Convention.

We want peace and unity according to the teachings of Christ as found in the New Testament. We want peace, but we will not run from war. We will not give an inch of ground to those who are seeking to destroy the doctrine of Christ and His church.



Elder C. W. Arnold, Minister, 92nd Street Church of Christ, Los Angeles, California, and Chairman of Evangelism; First President of the National Christian Preaching Convention.

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU. -Romans 16:16.

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All news must be in by the 25th of each month.

A NATIONAL JOURNAL

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### JUST A SAMPLE

In this issue of the Christian Informer, we present a sample of what the members of the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ believe and preach. Attend the Preaching Convention at Little Rock, Arkansas. There you will "hear the conclusion of the whole matter," and meet the brethren.

#### THAT'S ALL

"The National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ." That's all. Nothing more, nothing less. No politics, no little I or big you, no racial discrimination, no racial label, no creed but Christ, no book of authority but the Bible, no name but Christian, no one to dictate to us but Christ, "in whom we live and move and have our being."

#### WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN TEACHING?

What have the United Christian Missionary Society, Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis Christian College been teaching the "Brethren" and "Preachers" of the National Disciples Convention?

The majority of their "Brethren" and "Preachers" are graduates or former students of the above mentioned colleges. The National Disciples Convention has been under the leadership of the U. C. M. S. over thirty years.

The Secretary of the National Disciples Convention, published in the May, 1947, issue of the Clarion Voice of which he is editor and publisher, the following statement concerning the Brethren of his national convention:

"There are some of our Brethren who do not believe in the Deity of Jesus, nor that Baptism is essential to salvation is concerned they are in the same predicament of any other unbeliever, even though he may be a preacher."

"Murder will out." The National Disciples Secretary's statement brings to memory some recommendations made by us to their National Convention, when we were president. The open-membership group in the convention would not let the recommendations come before the convention for a vote. We publish the recommendations.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

To the Twenty-seventh Annual National Christian Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ of America, Inc.

#### Held with the Monroe Avenue Christian Church Columbus, Ohio

-AUGUST 17th TO 22nd, 1943-

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in our National Brotherhood we offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, we are living in a time of great stress, when the most sacred and inspiring things are being ruthlessly trampled under foot, and whereas, there is a great tendency to stray away from the Apostolic Faith and order, and a flagrant disregard for the traditions of our fathers,

Be it resolved, that we express our unalterable opposition to those liberal and modernistic teachings, practices and scriptural interpretations and the admittance to membership of those who fail to comply with the conditions set forth in the New Testament;

Be it further resolved that we reaffirm our belief in the Deity of Jesus, the Supreme Authority of the New Testament on all questions of faith and order, and that we "earnestly contend for the faith" and zealously guard the heritage left us by the Taylors, Smiths, Browns, Walkers, Herods, Louderbacks, Spencers, Thomases, Handcocks, Alphins, Dickersons and a host of others too numerous to mention, who gave their last full measure of devotion to the Christ and the Church He established.

Be it further resolved, that we reject as leaders those who do not teach, practice, or believe those things which the Christian Church has held to be mandatory and essential; and that the National Convention of Disciples of Christ teach and preach in no uncertain terms against open membership.

Prayerfully submitted,

ELDER W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR, President.

#### FROM THE HILLS OF OLE VIRGINIA

These waving fields of ripening grain Welcome sunshine and gentle rain, The shofers hurrry round the hills To get the doe to pay their bills His chvo, chvo, chvo, has the cry "Please move on mister let me by We've got to meet these Biznes Trains We hurry up and down again. The bushes, even the blue grass All nod their heads to let us pass These lowing cows and singing birds Make music city folk ain't heard. These locust posts and wire fences Tell where you stop and he commences These cattle "silhouetted skies" Lift you to where Heaven lies, And give rapture and fulsome thrills Found in these Ole Virginia Hills Here's a new "Buck" I'm planting down Send the Informer to Mrs Rosa H. Brown,

Institute, W. Virginia.

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN

#### PREACHING CONVENTION OF

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Preamble. We, the members of Churches of Christ, in order to form a fellowship in harmony with the spirit and letter of the New Testament and for the defense of the doctrine of the church as revealed in the New Testament; and secure the blessings of liberty in Christ Jesus for ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

#### ARTICLE I

- Section 1. This convention shall be known now and hereafter as the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ.
- Sec. 2. PURPOSE. The sole purpose of this convention shall be to "Restore Primitive Christianity, its Doctrine, its Ordinances and its Fruits, through preaching the Gospel, Evangelism and the Christian Informer."
- Sec. 3. ORGANIZATIONS. In order to remain free of political trickery, no organization or auxiliary of any kind shall ever be attached to this convention.
- Sec. 4. NEW TESTAMENT. This convention shall forever remain free, connected nor bound by nothing but the New Testament.
- Sec. 5. YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN AND SCHOOLS. There shall be space on convention program for sermons, lectures and banquets for our young people, women of the church, schools and colleges.

#### ARTICLE II

LOYALTY. We urge all churches to support such missionary efforts and institutions that are loyal to the New Testament.

#### ARTICLE III

- Section 1. THE CHRISTIAN INFORMER. The Christian Informer shall be the medium through which the churches and brethren may freely express themselves.
- Sec. 2. The convention shall give as much financial support as possible to the Christian Informer and request the churches to do likewise.

#### ARTICLE IV

- Section 1. CONVENTION OFFICERS. No one shall be elected to office in this convention who is not a member of the Church of Christ and true to the doctrine of the church.
- Sec. 2. The officers of this convention shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel of Christ and in good standing; whose lives are shining lights for good, in and out of the church.
- Sec. 3. The officers of this convention shall consist of president, vice- and second vice-presidents, chairman of evangelism, treasurer, secretary and editor of the Christian Informer.
- Sec. 4. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office for the president shall be restricted to two years, and at the end of the president's two years, the first vice-president shall be elevated to the office of president; providing he has served faithfully and remained true to the doctrine of the church. Likewise, the second vice-president shall be elevated to the office of first vice-president; providing he has been faithful and true to the doctrine of the church. This method is used to steer clear of political chicanery.

- Sec. 5. EXPENSES OF PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS. The convention will allow the president office expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars.
- Sec. 6. The convention will not obligate itself in defraying the expenses of its officers to and from the convention, but the convention will make a substantial gift to the president not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars.

This constitution was adopted by the members of the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST in a session at its first National Convention, held at Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, August 23-27, 1946, and in the second year after the convention was organized.

Article I, Section 1, 2, 3, 4; Article II; Article IV, Section 1, 2, 4, are never to be changed.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

C. W. Arnold, California, President; A. G. Nelson, Missoui, Vice-President; J. Salvador Johnson, Michigan, Secretary; James A. Johnson, Kentucky, Treasurer; R. F. Hayes, Arkansas, Chairman of Program Committee; R. L. (Back to the Book) Peters, North Carolina, National Evangelist; R. L. Sercy, Illinois, National Evangelist; H. C. Poston, Kentucky, National Evangelist; W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Maryland, Editor of the Christian Informer.

#### THE PATTERN

#### By ELDER JAMES F. IRVIN

Minister of Pasadena Christian Church, Pasadena, Cal. Scripture Reading Exodus 25:1. Text Hebrews 8:5

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God, when he was about to make the Tabernacle; "for see," saith he, "that thou make all things according to the pattern."

The pattern of the universe, of the earth, and of life at one time was perfect. It is recorded in the book of Genesis; which is the book of "beginning" that when God had finished the week of creation, and heaven and earth were completed He was pleased with the job and sanctified His work. He rested on the seventh day and sanctified it, therefore, it was perfect.

It was the Divine pattern at this stage of eternity that man, the creature of God, live in a paradise on earth, or the "Garden of Eden" and enjoy the things that God had created for the pleasure of man. You might ask this question, seeing that there is so much hard work and grief in the world, Brother Minister, "how do we know that God wanted man to enjoy the things that He created on the earth?" The word tells us that Adam and Eve were innocent, like little babies. They knew not right from wrong. They were souly dependent of the ability of the "Garden of Eden," to grow fruit and vegetable life for them to live on. Everything created in the garden and on the earth had within itself the power or force to reproduce. They did not have to look after any creature or plant. The word says, "a mist came up out of the earth and watered the garden.'

Man was given charge over all the creation of the earth, the creatures of the sea, the fowls of the air, the animals of the earth, and the plant life. His only task was to dress the garden, to make it beautiful for him to behold. I can imagine it was very beautiful, and I can imagine that Adam's procedure and methods were very good, because he was not yet defiled by sin; but I can't stretch my imagination far enough to try to tell you how beautiful it was because I believe it was Heaven on Earth, and we are told in the 1st Cor. 2:9, "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Beloved, that is what the Garden of Eden was like; something beyond the comprehension of man, and that is what Heaven is like. We have many illustrations in the word that give us an idea of Heaven, but these thoughts are condensed so that the limitations of

the mind of man can grasp enough inspiration to be willing to obey the law of God, in order that we might strive to receive these Blessings prepared for us.

Up to this point we have been discussing the original perfect pattern of God. Now we know that man was not content to enjoy the pleasures of eternal life as a gift, but that he chose to transgress God's commandment, to believe the devil rather than God. Because of this act of transgression God cursed both man and earth, withdrew His eternal spirit from man. He also took from man his absolute power over his soul. God cursed the body to the earth from whence it came, but preserved the soul in its perfect state, like the image of Himself. Because of His great mercy for man presented to man a plan whereby he might reclaim his soul and life forever in the bliss of the grace of God which was originally planned for him.

We are told in Phil. 2:12 that we must work out our own soul salvation with fear and trembling. God withdrew His personal fellowship from man and condemned him to die. Through love and mercy He (God) presented to him (man) this pattern, that Paul is speaking about in the text. With our limited knowledge we can't understand the wonders of God and we may sometime think His work is carried out in a loose and careless manner. But we are far wrong on this point. God's plans are perfectly completed and they are being worked out every day by the saint who walks in His ways and studies His word and "lives" the life.

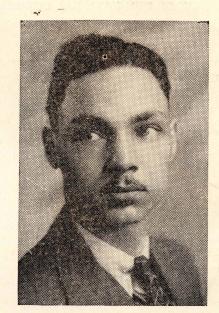
This pattern started the same day Adam and Eve committed sin. It existed, in purpose, in the mind of God after man unset the original pattern. It was necessary for God, if He wanted to save man, to create another pattern. And in due time and according to the "will" of God, this pattern will some day reach its completion. The origin was that God played a very important part, but in the second man He (God) plays all of the important parts such as He (God) reveals unto man the pattern in the word of God. Man must preach the word of God to see how he fits into the pattern.

Just as Adam and Eve altered the original pattern. We have people today who will not follow the pattern. We have those that divide the house of God and scatter the sheep in division and doubt. For an example: We are distinctly taught in God's word, the difference in the Old Testament and the New. Yet we have two classes of people that still cling to the old. The Jews or Israelites, still deny the Deity of Christ, and hold to the law of Moses.

The Seventh Day Adventists cling to the Sabboth and deny Christ the place of being the first in all things; even to the worshipping of Him who was the first fruits of them of them that slept on the first day of the week as a memorial of the overcoming of the death and victory that He wrought over the devil by taking the sting out of death.

We have those who feel that it is all right for them to offer men three different methods of Baptism when Jesus only set one example when He walked to the Jordan and requested John to Baptize Him. John said, "Nay, Lord. I have need to be baptized of Thee." But Jesus answered and said, "In order that all righteousness be fulfilled suffer it to be." There are many other points to be brought in defense of this doctrine; but it is not necessary now. I just want to show how hard it is for man to resist the interference of the devil, follow the pattern of God. It has taken some four thousand years before God could complete the first half of the pattern, and man never did get to the spiritual place where God wanted him to be in. In order that His Son might be properly received into the world. When the fullness of time was at hand it was necessary to send His Son into the world just the same. And the Teaching of Jesus upset the doctrine of His day, and changed the course of man throughout the whole

(To be continued in next issue.)



If the churches were populated with "live" members and officials who were as set on "spiritual rebirth and tithing" as they are on the other essentials, and remember the "laborer is worthy of his hire" and that "he who preaches the Gospel should live by the Gospel," God would send reapers.

Our Church's members have too many complexes—color, hair, looks, dress, diction, U. C. M. S.—to name a few. The preacher isn't to do it all. Everyone win one is the task of all Christians. We are laborers with God.

ELDER H. E. FOWLER,

Minister, Christian Church at Lockland and Oxford, Ohio.



We claim no human founder, but we acknowledge Christ as the supreme Head of the Church, and Him alone do we worship in deed and in truth. Hence we bow to the mandates or decree or authority of no man claiming, or delegated the right to make laws to govern Christ's subject. Matt. 16:16, 18,

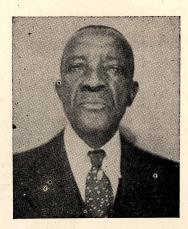
We find our authority for our belief in the New Testament sealed by His blood. I Cor. 3:11.

We believe in an infallible Bible, and from the infal-

We believe in an infallible Bible, and from the infallible Bible we obtain our faith and to its teachings we rely upon for the salvation of the world. We ever appeal to the supremacy of the Holy Scriptures and weigh all religious beliefs in the balance of the sanctuary; always reject as ruinous heresy the bold assumption that the Church has a right to change somewhat. I Tim. 3:16.

ELDER A. C. CHICHON.

Minister, Carbondale, Ill.



It is sad to say that there are lots of our churches that are uninformed concerning something they very much need to know, and ought to be awakened in order to protect themselves from a very immediate and grave menacing danger. I'm sure if Jesus Christ should come into the world today He would not pay a second visit to some churches and He would refuse to participate in many ecclesiastical gatherings.

BROTHER J. N. KEYES,

Elder of First Christian Church, Greenwood, Miss.

Those people who go through life thinking that there is plenty of everything SOMEWHERE and belong to SOMEBODY ELSE, are those who are failing to live the abundant life. Any man who thinks that NOW isn't the best time for him to live, that where he is isn't the best place for him to begin living has the wrong conception of life.

ELDER J. K. DICKERSON, Minister, Christian Church, Elbert, W. Va.

The St. Mark Christian Church appreciates being identified with the National Christian Preaching Convention of Churches of Christ.

We are trying to put forth every effort in the up-building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

ELDER C. J. MALCOLM,

Minister, St. Mark Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

May God bless the National Christian Preaching Convention to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ and the deep, spiritual development of all those who sincerely take stock in it. Yours in the "One Faith."

A. R. McDUFF,

Minister, Fifth Street Christian Church, Lawrence, Kans.

Paul said: For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Cor. 3:11. And further: Jesus is the master builder and the apostles carried out the work and plans of the great master builder. Had He wanted the ideas of men, and their denominational tactics, he would have added it in the plan of salvation. But if any man buildeth on the foundation, gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble, each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it because it is revealed in fire: and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. I Cor. 3:12-13.

I pray that all ministers will stay in the scriptures, preach the gospel, live the gospel of Jesus Christ and God will add unto the church (just as He did back in the early church) daily.

The Holy Spirit weeded the congregation in the early church. Take the case of Annanias and Sapphiria, the people were afraid to play with God's work, deceiving, lying, cheating, such as is among us today. Should the Holy Spirit walk among the congregation what would He

ELDER JAMES DABNEY, Minister, Louisville, Ky.

Man cannot save himself, it took everything that God had to save man. God would surely not accept anything other than complete obedience on our part, for the gift of eternal life

R. R. TURNAGE,

Elder of 28th Street Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.



We do not seek the praise of men, nor fear their condemnation. We shall continue to raise our voice and use our pen as a protest against open-membership, modernism and all evils in the church. We will fight, "Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed." We will preach Christ to all and "Cry in death, 'behold, behold the Lamb'."

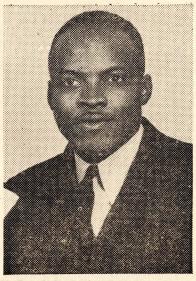
ELDER W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR,

Minister, Second Christian Church, Hagerstown; Emmanuel Christian Church, Baltimore, Md., Editor, Christian Informer.



If we can't get this spiritual birth control lifted that Dr. Satan put on the church we are done. Pray God that He will give us power to lift Dr. Satan's spiritual birth control off the church.

ELDER S. D. ARMSTRONG, Minister, Universal Christian Church, Detroit, Mich.



Restore unto me the joy of thy Salvation and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Ps. 51:12.

The purpose of the Restoration was to give Christ and the Bible their rightful places above human opinions.

This was not a reformation, but a restoration.

Men became tired of denominationalism, with its bigotry and warring factions. Therefore the leaders sought to go back beyond all denominational systems to the fountain head of truth.

They went back of denominationalism, hence the Church of Christ is not a denomination; back of Protestantism, so it is not a Protestant; back of the Roman Catholic Church, to the one true Church of Christ.

The name was restored; denominational names are confusing. Some denominational preachers say the name doesn't matter; strange they hold to one that can't be found in the Bible.

Ye shall leave your name as a curse unto my chosen.

—Isa. 65:15.

What is the new name for the children of God? The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

—Acts. 11:26.

ELDER R. L. (Silver Trumpet) SERCY. Minister, Third Christian Church, Warren, Ohio, National Evangleist.



and Dean of College of the Scriptures.

We will not go forward with overlord ecclesiasticism. But will seek the fresh air of freedom and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and not entangle ourselves with the yoke of bondage.

ELDER R. F. (Bob) HAYES,



Faith in God is the need of this hour. The fig tree is a striking picture of our contorted and torn world. We have the foliage, but no faith. Hence we receive a curse. We have the churches, but the pews are empty because of a lack of faith. Faith in God will turn hate into a river of love and good will. Faith in God turn our cannons into plow shares and our swords into pruning hooks. Faith in God will turn battleships into missionary ships. Lord help us all to have more faith.

ELDER T. R. EVERETT, Minister, Midway Christian Church, Midway, Ky.



Minister, Ringo Street Christian Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Vice-President of the National Preaching Convention.

We have been too free to go to the denominations and get men who have not been converted to the doctrine of of the New Testament. They preach any kind of doctrine, anything to be popular.

ELDER D. W. BRADLEY, Minister, Christian Church, Rogersville, Tenn.



There are a few men among us who are willing to suffer for the cause and doctrine of the church of Christ.

ELDER J. SALVADOR JOHNSON, Detroit, Mich., Secretary of the National Christian Preaching Convention.



ELDER A. H. PATTERSON, Minister of the Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.



We desire that "the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep" shall cease and that the clarion voice of the inspired prophet may be heard to ring out above "the tumult and the shouting." "Obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of lambs."

ELDER G. C. CAMPBELL, Minister of Central Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio

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What is the Gospel? I Cor. 15:3-4.

First-His Death.

Did He die? Yes. "Go to Calvary." See Him hanging on the Cross, from the sixth to the ninth hour. Hear Him as He yielded up the ghost, saying, "Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit. It is finished."

Was He Buried? Yes, Joseph, a rich man of Armathaea, who was also one of His Disciples, begged His body and laid it in his own new Tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the Sepulchre and departed.

While Christ was in the grave He preached to the spirits in prison, went down into the unseen world, preached to the spirits in prison. Chained Lucifer, taken captive, those in captivity, arose on the first day of the week, having the powers of Death, and Hell chained to His chariot wheels.

The people of Bozrah. Isa. 63:1. Saw Him coming and asked the question as to whom He was; and He did not deny His name. The Botiness asked Him whom was He? His answer was, "I am the greatest in the Botanical Garden."

"I am the Rose of Sharon and I am the Lily of the Valley."

The Astronomer asked Him, who are you? His answer was, "I am the greatest in the astronomical kingdom. I am the Sun of Righteousness, that bright morning Star."

The Geologist, on meeting Him, asked: who are you? His answer was, "I am the greatest in your Kingdom."

"I am that stone that Isaiah spoke of. Isa. 28:16. Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone, a sure foundation. He that believeth shall not make haste."

A Zoologists on meeting Him said: who art thou? His answer was, "I am the greatest in your kingdom."

"I am the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. I am the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

He is the greatest Lawyer. I John 1:1-2.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous and not for ours only but also for the sins of the world.

He is that fountain opened up in the House of King David for sin and all uncleanness.

Yes, Jesus the Christ rose from the dead. Hear the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos. Rev. 1:17-18:

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead, and He layed His right hand on me saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen. And have the keys of hell and death."

ELDER R. L. (Back to the Book) PETERS,

Winston Salem, N. C., Minister, Spencer Memorial Christian Church and President of Christian Institute.

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There is a report that there are 139 Baptist churches here. If (and we do) we have the plea and New Testament doctrine why are we content with from one to three churches in a large city?

The writer has heard statements like these: "What difference does it make if you are Methodist, Baptist or Catholic? Aren't we serving the same God?" And to friends in the audience, "I know you're Methodist, but you're alright anyhow." When we compromise and contradict our sermons, how can we expect to grow?

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