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Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Acts 8:4.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their

own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. Second Timothy 4-2:5.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18.

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**EDITORIAL
FROM THE CRADLE
TO THE GRAVE**

I knew a man who was born in a Jim Crow Hospital. Attended a Jim Crow School, worked on a Jim Crow Job, lived in the Jim Crow Section of the town, received Jim Crow Wages for his labor, traveled in the Jim Crow Train Car, rode Jim Crow Street Cars, was put in a Jim Crow Jail, ate in the Jim Crow Dining Hall. He belonged to the Jim Crow Political Party. He was a member of a Jim Crow Church. Attended a Jim Crow Church Convention. He died in a Jim Crow Hospital and was buried in a Jim Crow Cemetery. He had to die in order to get away from Jim Crowism. Heaven should be a happy place for him, where there is no Jim Crowism.

**"ALARMING AND DISCOURAGING"
"A FINANCIAL CRISIS"**

The churches I am pastoring received a letter from President S. S. Myers, of the National Disciple's Convention, dated May 14, 1948. We quote in part:

"The report of the treasurer was alarming and discouraging. The treasurer's report revealed the fact that nine churches, only, had made a financial report since the Convention. And that we had a very small balance in the treasury. This, in itself, creates a financial crisis. I am of the opinion that you will agree with me that this emergency must be met at once because the staff workers who carry the service load must be paid. One of the staff persons of the National Convention services your particular department. The National Board needs \$5,218.78 to finish paying its share of the National Budget. We will be able to meet this budget, only in proportion as the church, the missionary organization and the church school share in the raising of this money. Therefore, we request and urge every department of the church to look upon this need as an emergency and raise some money at once to send to the treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis 1, Tennessee.

If you fail to respond to this call, our Convention will be placed in an embarrassing position which truly will be a reflection upon our ability to follow through at the point of National aspirations."

President Myers letter brings to light a statement made by the Christian Informer, "That the eyes of the churches will come open." Why call on me and the churches I am pastoring for help? Haven't you considered me an outcast? When the Indians are in trouble, they go to their "Great White Father." President Myers should go to the U. C. M. S. Didn't they help to put him in office? We told President Myers, when we turned the gavel over to him, what David said in Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

In order to save the Convention from "A FINANCIAL CRISIS" which is "ALARMING AND DISCOURAGING", we suggest that Brother Myers resign at once. And that, the National Disciple's Convention call on Elijah's God and let Baal alone.

"STICK'EM UP"

We quote in part a letter published in the June 1948 issue of the Christian Plea. "The Executive Committee of the National Christian Missionary Convention has authorized me to appoint you to promote the financial cause of the National Convention in the states of Ohio and Kentucky. This means that you are to help the National Christian Missionary Convention raise money in the states. Go to the churches and members and collect and receive money to be sent to the Treasurer."

The Christian Informer would like to know which chapter in the New Testament, that gives a Convention or an Executive Committee authority to appoint someone to go into the local church and collect money?

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

If lynching is un-Constitutional, un-American and un-Christian, why do some states and individuals oppose the ANTI-LYNCH BILL? Is it because they do not like the U. S. Constitution and the Christian Religion?

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W. H. Taylor, Editor

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

According to the 1940 Census, there were more than 10,000,000 adults in the United States, 25 years of age and over, who were functionally illiterate, who could not read and write at all, or whose reading and writing ability was insufficient to be of practical use.

Of that number, 4,200,00 were native-born whites, 3,100,000 were foreign-born whites, 2,700,000 were colored, and another 100,000 were classified by the census as "other," including persons of Latin-American or oriental birth or parentage.



THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR
of Emmanuel Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland

THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH

By

Elder C. W. Arnold, California. Chair-

man of Evangelism of the National Christian Preaching Convention.

I Teach

Righteousness, Justice and Brotherhood are the alphabet of my language. If men remembered they would acknowledge me as one who early led them in the paths of truth from which they have not utterly departed although they have often turned their backs on me.

I Have an Open House of Refuge for the Oppressed

My ministries to the sick and to the desolate, to the sorrowing, and the stricken, to the bewildered and the cast down, to the sinning and the dying souls of men are "As stars for the multitude."

I am a Guardian of the Public Peace

A conservator of its abiding interests, a friend of every worthy enterprise, an almoner of innumerable supplicants who often take my bounty and scorn the hand that gives. Without the thread of my weaving, no financial fabric would endure the test of a day. Deprived of my saving presence, the law of the land would become the law of the jungle.

I Bring Forth Noble Sons and Beautiful Daughters

Nursed at my side, at length they go forth to serve in my name. They will not, they cannot, they must not forget the mother who bore them and who lives in their being. Their triumph is my glory. I will be their mother as long as filial love abides.

I Call You to My Heart

O mothers and daughters of men! I trust you forth, O soldiers of righteousness unto the ends of the earth on every battlefield of human need and I build a wall of prayer about your immortal spirits! I will wait for your return, O sons of the travail of my soul, with my altar fires brightly burning. Your sacrifice and mine shall not be in vain, as together, one, unbroken, mighty army, we shall "march breast forward" through the portals of the "new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Which Way Are You Traveling

by Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy

Atlanta, Georgia

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there in, and ye shall have rest for your soul. Jr. 6:16.

We understand from our basic text that there are many ways but only one way is right and true. God will suffer these ways to be, but will not make man even to walk in the way that is right. He tells us in Jr. 21:8, Behold I set before you this day the way of life and the way of death; so it is up to us as to which way we shall travel.

With the many ways before us, we are either in the right way or we are in some way that is wrong. We have these ways set before us from which to choose—God's way—man's way; high way—low way; broad way—narrow way; the way of the transgressor—way of a fool—way of righteous—way of salvation and the way of the Cross. Now in the light of all of these ways, tell me which way are you traveling? As for the Lord, His way is perfect and His words have been tried. Ps. 18:30. And he tells us in the strength of His word, I am the way, the truth and the life. Jno. 14:6.

I will give my people one heart and one way that they may fear me forever, for the good of them and their children. Jr. 32:39. We note that God always provides a way for his children to this extent. He gave to them all one heart. The question is what for? In order that they all might reason alike and be able to sympathize with the same thing.

Next we have the fools way. Prov. 12:15 tells us that the way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that harken unto council is wise. So if we would like to prove ourselves to be wise, then let us harken unto council. We also have the way of a lying; this is a method which has been used to lead the people of God away from the truth. God tells us in Jr. 14:14 that behold the prophet's prophecy lies in my name, I sent them not yet they ran, I commanded them not yet they went out. Listen to me this day if you please: a lie will make a slave, but it will take the truth to make a christian or a free man. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

LET US HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CHURCH

It is not federation neither an amalgamation of religions thinking in different ways, but a group of people called out of creeds and man-made doctrines accepting the Bible only as their faith, rule and practice. Thus it is not what we see being practiced by the UCMS and the NCMC. To get in Christ or the church we must first hear Mark 12:28-29. One God. What else? Ezek, 37:4. Hear ye the word of the Lord. How are we to hear it? Is it to come to us from the valley or will he speak to us as he did to the prophets of old? No. As we read Rom. 10:14 we can see that we can only hear through the preacher. After we hear then we believe or disbelieve. Heb. 11:6. Not that we are saved or that our sins are forgiven, but we believe on Christ. Next we repent of our sins, that is, stop doing what we are doing. Lk. 13:3. Next we confess Christ, not our feeling. Matt. 10:32. After we do these things, we put him on by baptism. Baptized into Christ. Rom. 6:1-4. For remission of sins. Acts 2:38. It will make us free. Rom. 6:16-17. It will save us. Mk. 16:15-16. I Pet. 3:19-20. Our sins will be washed away. Acts 9:16. This is God's way, man's way will come different; which way are you traveling? Thine eyes shall see teachers and thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee saying this is the way. Isa. 30:31. Some have forsaken the right way and are gone after the ways of Baal. II Pet. 2:15. We have a number who have forsaken the way of Christ and are gone after the way of the UCMS, which is a man-made organization and does not reveal the Spirit of Christ. A high way shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. Isa. 35:8-9. Let us remember that God said, "My ways are not your ways, neither my thoughts your thoughts." Isa 55:8-9. Now which way are you traveling? Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and thousands walk together there. God is talking to us as in the days of old.

Hear O heavens and give ear O earth, for the Lord hath spoken. I have nourished you up and brought you up children, and they have rebelled against me. Isa 1:2. The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, a sinful nation; a people laden with iniquity, seed of evil doers; children that are corrupted; they have forsaken the lord, and have provoked the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 1:8-4. Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and when you find it walk there in, and you will find rest unto your soul. Do you want rest? Then let us try God's solution.

SYNTHETIC INSPIRATION IN THE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE WORLD TODAY

By

Elder A. G. Nelson, Sr., President

Kansas City, Missouri

One of the most dangerous germs to deal with in these most perilous hours of the earth are those charged with mass deception and it is slowly but surely destroying the denominations or sectarian religious institutions and threatening to weaken, undermine or destroy the influence of the church of Christ as it, too, leans toward this false prophesy of deception. The only sure cure for this dangerous germ is the pure gospel of our Christ . . . without adulteration which is seldom preached in the world's churches.

For the past 400 years this phase of religion has been growing by leaps and bounds and threatens to smother out the real Christ's way of inspiration as set forth in his gospel.

In this day of moderism and liberalism, the devil is using every type of technique to hold together in deception the man made institutions but he forgot Christ's statement when he said, "Any plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up." These various religious groups are using many synthetic shots in the arm type to hold together and inspire their blinded followers so they can use them to their advantage. They are resorting to such techniques as quarterly, general and bishop's councils, area and general conventions, national Sunday school conventions, national conclaves, papal and international and world councils of religious meetings. Just anything to inspire, but the net results is damnation to the souls of men.

These worldly types of demonstrations must be curtailed to save the real church of Christ in these last days. Christ said in 2nd Timothy—4th Chapt., 3rd and 4th Verses, "In vain they worship me." I plead, then with the false leaders, to take God's word and read Revelations 3rd Chapt. 14-22 verses. And then fall down upon your knees and repent before it is too late because your works are an abomination in the sight of God. Also, I want the churches of Christ and the christian churches who are resorting to

some of these same types of synthetic inspiration that God is watching us as we, too, lean in this direction to try to build up mass numbers of hypocrites in the church of Jesus Christ. We forget the statement of our Christ when he said, "Narrow is the way and only a few find it." It only proves a statement of our Lord that this is all vain worship and it has no reward but it does have a wedge.

We men who are set in defense of the gospel of Christ must defend his teaching at this point. He said the gospel is the power of God unto salvation of everyone that believes. So if we preach it and live the gospel of Christ; we won't have to resort to any of these devilish synthetic methods to keep God's church doors open and the church alive. Let us refuse to lock arms with the unbelievers and encourage them in their ways by inviting them to come into our pulpits and preach to our people whom we have told prior to their coming that they were false, otherwise, the laymen will think both of us are liars. Let us, for a moment, check with the early church methods for the apostles preach boldly the gospel throughout all Jerusalem and surrounding territory and great fear came over all the people, for they preached Christ and Him crucified and a Risen Lord. They did not exalt men and make them equal with God as they are doing today nor did they exalt the church buildings, making them the inspiration of the people, but exalt Christ . . . nor did they make great gatherings or numbers the drawing card but Christ was the center of the christian religion in the presence of the people and they remained steadfast in the teachings of the Christ in prayer and added to the church daily, such as was qualified to be saved.

Christ said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." And if you feed them on my gospel, I will hold them, inspire them and make them an inspiration to the sin cursed world and cause sinners to desire to follow me.

This type of devil's racket is fast driving sinners further from God and causing teeming millions to go to Hell, saying, "I am as good as those church members or hypocrites within the church." At this point, the writer will have to agree with them because we find within the membership rolls, many wolves in sheep's clothing. Then, too, these false teachers have wavered from the Divine teachings of our Lord in the financing of his kingdom and are using

synthetic, evil or devilish methods to get money to finance his work. To this end, they are resorting to major and petty gambling, selling liquors, selling tickets and using unholy methods, such as giving dances in the churches in the face of God's Divine ways which is the oldest command given in the early days of Adam. When he said, "Bring unto my household 1/10 of your substance, that my house may not be empty." Down thru the ages, God fearing men and women have respected this command and to climax it, our Christ said himself, "I lay ye by in store as I have prospered you for with my part I will finance my plan of salvation in the midst of men." These sinful methods have made his house a house of merchandise against His will, also they have used synthetic methods to hold the young people in the church, forgetting the treasured statement of Solomon when he said, "Train the child in youth as he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." But have put before him, worldly things, even in the church. He grows up worldly as the church's evil leaders sets before him, pool tables, bingo, dancing, indoor tennis, moving pictures of evil teachings and other rackets in the disguise of recreation instead of teaching him the Bible way on missions and stewardship and christian leadership and the Christ way. The early church developed strong stalwart leaders. And I ask you the question, "What will we have tomorrow as leaders?" Nothing but worldly devils called upon to take over. What can you expect with the devil at the helm of the church.

Some of our so-called Christian leaders need to stop and think . . . time is too short to play with the souls of men. The devil is the leader or deceiver of this man's deception in the world today. It is covered up in man made religious institutions which are instruments of Hell, built on sand. Why don't you look around and see God's method to draw men to Christ?

Apostle Paul condemned this mass damning of the souls of men. If you will kindly refer to the following scriptures you will see Christ's way. Read 1st Timothy—1st Chapt., 1st Timothy—4th Chapt., 1st Timothy—6th Chapt. 2nd Timothy, 3rd Chapt., 2nd Timothy, 4th Chapt. After reading Paul's exaltation to young Timothy, you fall down upon your knees and ask God to save our leaders before they spoil His church, trying to make a big showing for worldly gain.

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PROGRAM

Friday Morning, August 13, 1948

President A. G. Nelson, Missouri,
Presiding

9:00—The purpose of the National Con-
vention, W. H. Taylor, Maryland,
Executive Secretary.

Sermon—J. Salvador Johnson,
Michigan.

10:00—Business Session.

11:00—Sermon—J. O. Bowles, Illinois.

12:00—Benediction.

Friday Afternoon

Vice-President R. F. Hayes, Arkansas,
Presiding

2:00—Sermon—A. C. Chichon, Illinois.

3:00—General Discussion—"Evangel-
ism, its progress and its needs."
Leader, G. W. Arnold, California,
Chairman of Evangelism.

4:00—Sermon—James A. Johnson, Ken-
tucky.

Friday Evening

H. E. Fowler, Host Pastor, Presiding
Local Church Night

8:00—Welcome Addresses.
Response—Vice-President, R. F.
Hayes.
Greetings—President A. G. Nelson
Offering—Benediction.

Saturday Morning

James Dabney, Kentucky, Presiding

9:00—Sermon—C. L. Johnson, Ohio.

10:00—General Discussion—"Is the
United Christian Missionary So-
ciety an open-membership organi-
zation?" Leader—L. L. Dickerson,
Ohio, Editor of Christian Plea.

11:00—Sermon—James F. Irvin, Cali-
fornia.

12:00—Benediction.

Saturday Afternoon

R. L. Serey, Ohio, Presiding.

2:00—Sermon—David Cole, Arkansas.

3:00—General Discussion: Can the
Church support the United Chris-
tian Missionary Society; and be
loyal to the New Testament?"
Leader—H. E. Fowler, Kentucky.

4:00—Sermon—L. L. Dickerson, Editor
of the Christian Plea.

4:45—General Discussion: "What can
bring UNITY to the National Con-
ventions?" Leader—Prof. D. I.
Reid, Editor of the Kentucky
Christian Evangel, Lexington, Ky.

Saturday Evening

C. W. Arnold, California, Presiding

8:00—Music—Choir.

8:00—Sermon—R. L. Serey, Ohio
Invitation—Offering—Benediction.

Lord's Day Morning

11:00—Music—Choir
Sermon—President A. G. Nelson,
California.
Invitation—Offering—Benediction.

Lord's Day Afternoon

3:15—Music—Choir
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Special Music.
Sermon—H. C. Poston, Mississippi.
Invitation—Lord's Supper

Lord's Day Evening

C. J. Malcolm, California, Presiding

8:00—Music—Choir.
Sermon—R. L. Peters, Founder
and President of Christian Insti-
tute, Winston-Salem, N. C., Invi-
tation. Offering, Benediction.

Monday Morning

E. W. Faulkner, California, Presiding

9:00—Sermon—T. R. Everett, Kentucky.

10:00—Business Session.

11:00—Sermon—S. D. Armstrong, Michi-
gan.

12:00—Benediction.

Monday Afternoon

H. C. Poston, Mississippi, Presiding

2:00—Sermon—Tibbs Maxey, Founder
and President of the College of the
Scriptures, Louisville, Kentucky.

3:00—General Discussion: "Our Lord's
Prophecy As Being Fulfilled In
The World Today." Leader, Presi-
dent A. G. Nelson.

4:00—Sermon—A Student of Christian
Institute, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Monday Evening

President A. G. Nelson, Presiding

8:00—Music—Choir.

Sermon—Dr. G. Galvin Campbell,
Ph.D., Ohio, Dean of the College
of the Scriptures.

Invitation—Offering—Benediction.

Tuesday Morning

President A. G. Nelson, Presiding

9:00—Sermon—R. L. Serey, Ohio

10:00—Business Session

11:00—Sermon—H. E. Fowler, Kentucky.
Introduction of Visitors—Benedic-
tion.

Tuesday Afternoon

James A. Johnson, Kentucky, Presiding

2:00—Sermon—R. F. Hayes, Arkansas.

3:00—General Discussion. Our Schools
and Colleges. Dean G. Calvin
Campbell.

4:00—Sermon—C. W. Arnold, Cali-
fornia. Benediction.

Tuesday Evening

President A. G. Nelson, Missouri,
Presiding

8:00—Music—Choir.

Sermon—W. H. Taylor, Maryland,
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Invitation—Offering—Benediction.

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Selection—"Onward Christian Soldier"—
The Choir
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