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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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THE APOSTLES WERE NOT CATHOLICS

From the following facts it can be clearly seen that the apostles were not members of the Roman Catholic Church, and that the Catholic Church does not teach the same doctrine taught by Christ and the apostles.

1. The apostles taught an entirely different doctrine from that which is taught by the Roman Catholic Church.

2. All the apostles died long before the Catholic Church came into existence. The last apostle died about 95 A.D. This was at least 500 years before the Roman Catholic Church was established.

3. The Apostle Peter was a married man and was never a pope nor is he referred to in the Bible as the head of the church. No apostle ever taught the doctrine of celibacy. (1 Tim. 3:2; 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 9:5).

4. No apostle of Christ, nor any other writer of the New Testament, ever mentioned the Catholic mass, auricular confession, praying to or in the name of the virgin Mary, nor any other doctrine peculiar to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The Apostle Paul said, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5).

5. Matthew recorded the command of Christ to "Call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your father which is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9).

6. The teaching of the apostles came from heaven and is not subject to any change, whereas, the teaching of the Catholic Church is from men and is constantly changing. The Apostle Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8). He further emphasized this statement in the very next verse wherein he declared, "As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

7. The apostles taught and emphasized the fact that the only source of Divine Authority is the Bible. The Apostle John set forth the all sufficiency of the written word when he said, "Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:30-31).

8. Traditions are specifically condemned by the Lord in Matthew 15:6 and Mark 7:1-13. Moreover, the Bible contains everything that is necessary to know in order to be saved from past sins; to live the Christian life and be

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Editorial.....

In Defense of The Truth

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In the last issue of "THE INSTRUCTOR" we discussed the division that exists in the Lord's Church over the problems of **church-supported human institutions**, the **"sponsoring church" projects** and a number of other things. Division was shown to be a **work of the flesh**. (See Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 3:3). The folly, shame and sin of division was shown. It was suggested that concerned believers will deplore division and will desire and work for **UNITY** on the basis of God's Word. It was clearly shown that R. W. Gray, the North Broad Church and others who support, promote, or defend **"church supported human institutions," "sponsoring church" projects, and church-supported (or sponsored) entertainment and recreational projects** are the **REAL TROUBLERS IN THE CHURCH** and thus they must bear the responsibility for causing dissention, trouble and division among God's people! They are guilty because they have forsaken the authority of Christ!

A DESIRE FOR UNITY EXPRESSED

R. W. Gray stated that "we are to

endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The numerous divisions among us are a challenge to all faithful Christians to face up to this God given assignment. (Eph. 4:1-6). .. How we would wish that harmony prevailed, but it does not. Another divine injunction is that we follow after things that make for peace, and whereby we may edify one another. Rom. 14:19. This admonition has been foremost in mind as we have typed the lessons for this page each ." (North Broad Bulletin, 7/1/70). Editor Gray also said: "Let us pray and labor to the end that we may truly 'sit together' in heavenly places in Christ .. We mutually deplore the existence of division .. We desperately need one another in the fight with ungodliness." (N.B. Bulletin, 7/14/70). Along this same line the editor also stated that "we must, if we truly love the Lord, search for a means of resolving this serious matter." (N.B. Bulletin, Not numbered or dated). The sentiments expressed by editor Gray are proper and characterize all sincere believers in Christ. We give a hearty "AMEN" to those attitudes!

DO THEY REALLY WANT UNITY?

Since editor Gray and the North Broad Church have expressed their concern over the current division and their desire for **UNITY**, I suggest that they follow **divine injunctions and admonitions that division can be ended and UNITY can be attained and enjoyed. UNITY can be attained if the causes of division are removed and divine injunctions are followed.** Please consider very carefully the following.

1. There can be **UNITY** if R. W. Gray, the N. B. Church, and others of like mindedness are willing to **CEASE THEIR UNSCRIPTURAL PROJECTS AND TEACHINGS.**

A. Benevolent institutions and sponsoring church arrangements such as "The Herald of Truth" can **NOT** be done "in the name of," i.e., by the authority of, "Christ", since it is **NOT** authorized in His Word. (See Col. 3:17).

B. One cannot "speak as the oracles

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of God' as taught in 1 Pet. 4:11 and uphold such things as mentioned above.

C. One can NOT "abide in the doctrine of Christ" as taught in 2 John 9 and uphold such projects as mentioned above since such is not authorized in the Scriptures.

D. One can NOT uphold such aforementioned "projects" to the "glory of God" as taught in 1 Cor. 10:31 since such is NOT authorized in the Scriptures.

2. Since we are to "follow after the things that make for peace," (Rom. 14:19), editor Gray and others should be willing to give up their UNSCRIPTURAL PRACTICES since they cause dissension, trouble and division.

3. Since we are to follow after "the things wherewith one may edify another" (Rom. 14:19), editor Gray and others should be willing (and anxious) to give up their UNSCRIPTURAL PRACTICES since they weaken and destroy instead of edifying Christians.

4. True UNITY of BELIEVERS can be had only if all are willing to give up EVERY UNSCRIPTURAL PRACTICE and act ONLY AS CHRIST AUTHORIZES IN HIS WORD.

Does Editor Gray and the North Broad Church really want UNITY? Remember UNITY can be attained on the basis of TRUTH! So-called "unity" on any other basis is NOT "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." We sincerely plead for UNITY on the basis of the authority of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

How can our plea for UNITY avail anything unless we are willing to be fully governed by "the law of liberty?" (See James 1:25).

WE CHALLENGE R. W. GRAY, THE N. B. CHURCH AND OTHERS OF LIKE PERSUASION TO UNITE WITH US ON GOD'S WORD! All of us will be judged by it at the last day! (CRS)

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saved eternally. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18-19).

9. The only authentic record of what Christ and the apostles taught is found in the Bible, and nowhere in this Book is any mention made of the Catholic Church, The Roman Catholic Church, The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, or any of the officials of this organization, such as the Pope, Cardinals, and Archbishops.

10. Christ had no successors, neither did the apostles. The only way to hear the voice of God is through the Bible. (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 John 9-11).

—Ivan R. Stewart in the
WASHINGTON POST

Let Him Eschew Evil

Among the requirements for one who would **"love life and see good days"** is that of eschewing evil. (1 Pet. 3:10-11). The word **"eschew"** means to turn aside, to shun or avoid. The word is used in Rom. 16:17 where we are told to **"mark them that cause divisions and avoid them."** There is too much of a tendency on the part of some to flirt with sin, to see how close they can come to it without being taken captive by it. This is not only dangerous, it is wrong. **"Abstain from all appearance of evil."** (1 Thess. 5:22). Sin is so often portrayed before us as pleasant, that we have developed a tolerance toward it, have learned to be amused at it and no longer shun it as we are taught in this passage. Many things on the silver theatre screen, or on the 21 inch screen in our living rooms are unquestionably evil, yet how often are they eschewed? The company we keep sometimes places us in situations where we are tempted to engage in what would be wrong for a Christian. **"Evil companions corrupt good morals."** A tolerance toward evil is but a stepping stone toward embracing it. What is your

Eugene Britnell Said

Brethren, when an elder, preacher, or anyone tells you what to read, or not read, he is reflecting upon your intelligence! He questions your ability to read something and distinguish between truth and error. You should resent it and many do. That is Catholicism. The Catholic clergy publishes a list of papers, books, movies and other things which their people are not permitted to read or see. Why? They are afraid they will learn the truth!! And preachers who would undertake to tell Christians what not to read are motivated by the same fear!

THE APOSTLE PETER SAID:

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

LET HIM ESCHEW EVIL (Cont'd.)

attitude toward the abominations which disgrace our land and which threaten the purity of the lives of God's people?

—Connie W. Adams

Sentence Sermons

The person who has a sound reason never needs an alibi.

The way to keep a body from being a busybody is to keep the body busy.

He who cooks up trouble usually lands in a stew of his own making.

Think before you speak, because you may have nothing to say.

Drunkenness does not "drown sorrow" as some claims; It only "irrigates it."

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