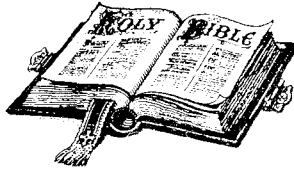


# THE INSTRUCTOR



*"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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## Is Jesus Christ Deity or Only an Angel?

Some who claim to be following Jehovah contend that "**Jesus Christ is not God, i.e., He is not Deity), but He is only an angel of God.**" Is this idea true? Is it OF FAITH? Can it be advocated BY FAITH? It is not OF FAITH and it can **not** be advocated BY FAITH unless it is taught in God's Word since "**faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**" (Romans 10:17). Let us consider the following facts.

1. JOHN said: "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,**" (John 1:1), and "**the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, . . .**" (John 1:14). NOTE: Jesus Christ is the Word who was in the beginning **with God and who was God.**" Jesus Christ is **not** God the Father, but He is God. Jesus Christ is DEITY!

2. John 5:18 says: "**Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**" NOTE: Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. (See John 10:36). He also said: "**I and my Father are one.**" (John 10:30).

3. PAUL said: "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.**" (Phil. 2:5-6). NOTE: The NASV says: "**Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.**" NOTE: This does not sound like Jesus Christ was just an angel, does it?

4. The first chapter of Hebrews shows very clearly that the SON IS NOT AN ANGEL. A contrast between the SON and ANGELS is very plainly given. Consider the following facts. (a) The SON **was made so much** better than the angels and He (the SON) "**hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they**" (the angels). (b) To which of the angels did God at any time say, "**Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?**" NOTE: The thought is that God did not make these statements at any time to any angel, but He made them to His Son. The Scriptures are abundant that tell us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (See John 20:30-31 & 1 John 4:15). Therefore, Jesus the **son** is NOT an angel! (c) When God brought the SON into the world, He saith, "**And let all the angels of God worship Him.**" (Hebrews 1:6). NOTE: The SON is NOT in the same category with angels. (d) Verse 8 says, "**But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.**" NOTE: The MAJESTY on high called the SON GOD! Yes, Jesus Christ is the SON of GOD, hence He is DEITY!

No, the idea that, "Jesus Christ is not Deity, but is only an angel of God" is NOT true. It is NOT OF FAITH and therefore it can NOT be advocated BY FAITH! That idea is only one of the many False doctrines advocated by so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

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### *Editorial . . .*

#### WIVES: THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES!

(No. 4)

In our past few studies, we have shown that **wives should not leave their husbands, but if they do, they should remain unmarried or be reconciled to them.** We have also shown that **wives should not be contentious, should not discourage their husbands in that which is right and should not privately agree with their husbands to deceive.** From a positive standpoint, we have shown that **wives should be helps meet for their husbands, should render due benevolence to them, should love and obey them.** Wives also have other responsibilities. Let us now consider some of them.

#### SHOULD BE SOBER

Aged women have the responsibility to teach young women **"to be sober."** (See Tit. 2:3-4). W. E. VINE in his dictionary says the word translated **"sober"** denotes **"to cause to be of sound mind, to recall to one's senses . . ."** He further comments that **"the training would involve the cultivation of sound judgment and prudence."** Mr. VINCENT in his WORD STUDIES says **" . . . the verb means to make sane, or sober-minded; to recall a person to his senses; hence to moderate, chasten."** A failure to **"be sober"** on the part of the wife will lead to various problems and will cause many difficulties to arise. A wife isn't born with good judgment

and prudence. She must give diligence to **"be sober."** A wife who is **"Sober"** will be concerned about her husband being **"Known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land."** Her husband's heart can **"safely trust in her,"** and **"She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."** Her husband will rise up and **"call her blessed"** and **"he praiseth her."** (Cf. Proverbs 31:10-31). Being **sober is not an optional matter, but it is a command of the Lord!**

#### SHOULD LOVE THEIR CHILDREN

Young women should be taught **"to love their children."** (See Tit. 2:3-4). Wives owe it to their husbands to love their children. They should have a passionate and tender affection for them and a **true concern** for their physical and spiritual welfare. They should not neglect the proper teaching or the needed discipline of their children. The attitude of **"let him do as he pleases"** is not true love and is not good for the child.

#### SHOULD BE DISCREET

Aged women should teach the young women **"to be discreet."** (See Tit. 2:3-4). W. E. VINE says the word translated **"discreet"** means **"of sound mind, self controlled."** THAYER'S LEXICON says **"Curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate.."** (Page 613). Mr. WEBSTER defines **"discreet"** as **"prudent, circumspect, good judgment in conduct, esp. in speech."** The REVISED STANDARD VERSION says **"sensible."** There can be no lasting peace or genuine happiness in a marriage relationship if the wife does not curb or control her desires and impulses. The wife who is truly concerned about the happiness of her husband as well as her own, will be **discreet.** She will open her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue will be the law of kindness. Honour as well as strength will be her clothing.

#### SHOULD BE CHASTE

Another responsibility that wives have is that of being **"chaste."** Paul says that aged women should teach young women to be **"Chaste."** (See Tit. 2:3-5). WEBSTER defines **"chaste"** as meaning **"virtuous."** W. E. VINE says the word translated **"chaste"** means **"pure from carnality, modest."**

Wives owe it to their husbands to be **"pure from carnality."** They should be pure in thoughts and words as well as in conduct.

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## WIVES: THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

We are told by the Preacher of old that “. . . **the words of the pure are pleasant words.**” (See Proverbs 15:26). Wives, as well as husbands, should teach their children to be pure from carnality. We should teach them to think pure thoughts and to speak pure words and to be pure in their conduct. In my judgment, it is not advisable to acquaint ourselves and/or our children with all the details of sin.

Jesus said: **“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God,”** (Matt. 5:8), and Solomon said: **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** (Proverbs 4:23). In writing to Timothy Paul commanded him saying, “. . . **Keep thyself pure.**” (See 1 Tim. 5:22). Wives should think, speak and act in such a way as to be able to **“Call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”** (See 2 Tim. 2:22).

## SHOULD REVERENCE

In Eph. 5:33 the apostle Paul said: **“...let the wife see that she reverence her husband.”** To **“reverence”** means **“to regard with respect and honor.”** Note the fact that Paul said, **“let the wife see”** that she fulfills this responsibility. Of course, the husband should conduct himself in such a way as to demand respect. He should dwell with his wife **“according to knowledge”** and should give honor unto her as unto the weaker vessel.

A wife who constantly criticizes her husband and does what she can to destroy his reputation certainly is **not** showing respect and honor for him.

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that there be no **divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**”

The rule for unity is this: **preach only what is revealed,** (Cf. Gal. 1:8-9), **preach all that is revealed,** (Cf. Acts 20:26-27), **and do not add to nor subtract from it.** (Cf. Dt. 4:2; Rev. 22: 18-19).

We are divided because people have advocated things not found in God's Word such as sprinkling, infant baptism, human names, etc. Let us be sure we are not a party to divisions. **Christ is not divided!**

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## IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

(No. 2)

In our study last month we noted how Paul addressed this question to the members of the church at Corinth, and how Jesus promised to build only one church, and how Christ prayed that all who believed on him may be one. Now let us notice how the Bible teaches repeatedly that there is one body.

In Ephesians 2:16; Ephesians 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:20 and Romans 12:4-5 we can clearly see that there is only one body.

The Bible also teaches that the body is the church. In Col. 1:18 and Eph. 1:22-23 we learn that there is one body which is the church. This is in perfect agreement with Christ's promise in Matt. 16:18 where He said: **“I will build my church,”** not **churches.** This agrees perfectly with the Scripture in Acts 2: 47 that says, **“And the Lord added to the church,”** not **churches.** I ask again, **“Is Christ divided?”**

The Bible teaches oneness and unity in several figures of speech. There is one vineyard instead of many vineyards. There is one vine and its branches rather than many vines and their branches opposing each other. (See John 15:1-6). For proof that the branches are men instead of denominations, listen to Jesus: **“If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”** (John 15:6). Notice **“a man...is...a branch.”** We see there is one house or family rather than hundreds of families with each claiming the same Father. (See 1 Tim. 3:15).

There is one fold and one shepherd instead of many folds and many shepherds. (See John 10:16).

The church is also presented in the figure of a human body with Christ as the head and all the redeemed as members of the body. (See 1 Cor. 12:12-27). There is one head and one body rather than a monstrosity with one head and many bodies! **Christ is not divided!** God is not the author of denominationism. God's Word teaches there is **“one body...one faith...one baptism...”** (See Eph. 4:4-6). **Christ is not divided!**

Many persons attempt to justify sectarianism by saying that we can't see the Bible alike. Can we? **Yes,** we surely can obey 1 Cor. 1:10 that says: **“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and**

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## THE HILL-SUTTON DEBATE

Although time continues to pass, and **Albert Hill** and the **West Hobbs Street "elders"** have had more time and ample opportunities to re-schedule the **Hill-Sutton Debate** or explain to us why they are so reluctant to do so, as of now **silence** continues to be thunderous to many of us.

Have I been too naive in expecting better things of them? Do you think I have been "unreasonable" because I have insisted that they "**honor**" their word? Have I expected too much because I have expected the **West Hobbs St. "elders"** to face reality and fulfill their responsibilities as Christians? Have I expected too much because I have expected a number of the **West Hobbs St. "members"** to "demand" that their "**elders"** be men of integrity and keep their agreement?

We are still waiting and are desirous that the debate will be rescheduled soon.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

You are invited to **hear the gospel** preached at the **East Albertville Church of Christ** building. This series of meetings will begin on **Monday evening Nov. 28th** and continue thru **Sunday evening Dec. 4th**. We will have a different speaker in each service. **7:30 P.M.** is the time.

## THE SUTTON-SHARP DEBATE

The **Sutton-Sharp Debate** on the "**Godhead**" was conducted the week of **October 24th** as was planned. It was held in the **United Pentecostal Church** building in **Moulton, Ala.** where **Mr. Edward Adams** preaches. It is my opinion that the debate was worthwhile and that much good was accomplished.

# Sentence Sermons

To be without friends is a serious form of poverty.

Some people's spirit grows gray before their hair.

While looking at the obvious it is easy to overlook the significant.

One that rules people inwardly will ultimately rule them outwardly.

To ignore and miss God's will is to sin.

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