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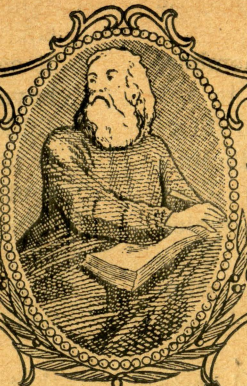
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# THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL



"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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## HE CARETH

*Not a sparrow falls nor a flower fades  
Without Jehovah's watchful care;  
No shadow falls o'er graves we've made  
So dark but that our Lord is there.  
He lightens up the darkest tomb  
With hope where once was only gloom  
When grief did seem our certain doom,  
The flowers of hope then bloomed so fair.*

*He's walked the rocky way before,  
He's drank the bitter cup of pain,  
All this He's suffered o'er and o'er,  
Without reward or hope of gain,  
Except that he might give us life;  
Might give us peace instead of strife  
And bid us look with clearer eyes  
To treasure that's beyond the skies.*

—J. E. Hendon.

## WHO ARE THE SAVED

By I. C. Sultz.

Does the Bible teach that they are the national Jew? It does not. Does it teach that they are the ones that belong to the Catholic Church. The S. D. A.? The Mormons? Church of Christ? or any other church? To all such questions the Bible answers NO. We could count more than a score of churches that claim to be the only true church. Now which one is right? I venture to say they are all wrong.

It is just as impossible for an organized church, such as we have in the world today, to be right and in harmony with God's word as it would be to make a pair of wings that would carry a man from here to the moon. Impossible? Yes, for this reason: The Bible is such a great book that it cannot all be learned in so short a time as it takes to organize a church. In order to make an organization separate and distinct

from all other organizations, it is necessary to build up a creed which defines the teaching or faith, and sets the bounds over which no one dare pass. This all in the face of the fact that the scripture says, "Grow in knowledge and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

No matter how much light a minister may get through searching the scriptures, if it goes beyond the creed, he dare not teach it. If he does he separates himself from the denomination. By teaching the new light he simply says that he is not in harmony with the denominational creed. Therefore there is absolutely no chance for one of these churches to make any advancement. They teach that you must heed the admonition to grow while their creed forbids it.

Organized churches have ever been on a standstill. The Methodist Church is now just where John Wesley put it at its organization in 1743, having during this time made no advancement whatever. The Roman Catholic Church is the same as when organized in 538 A. D. The S. D. A. Church is just where its organizers left it threefourths of a century ago. So we might go through the whole list, and find that none of them have taken heed neither can they, to the admonition to "GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE".

Having discovered this truth upon a careful study of the Bible a few years ago, I saw the necessity of separating myself from all demoninations. I thank God that I have no creed to tell me what portion of the Bible to teach and what not to teach. I rejoice in the liberty that makes me free to believe, live, and teach the whole truth.

One says you must join my church to be saved; another says, you must join mine, and so on. If this is not Babylon, will someone tell me what it is. As a result of such teaching, many think that if they

belong to some church they will be saved. Does the Bible teach this?

Let us see if Christ's plan includes the membership in some organized church. His answer to the young man who wanted to know what he could do to be saved applies alike to all individuals viz: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Then he quotes a part of the ten showing the law to which he refers, and that he includes all of that law. This is in harmony with Jas. 2:10 which says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all".

To be an offender in the eyes of God would be to refuse to do that which one knows to be right. To illustrate—as soon as I learn that the law says the seventh day is the Sabbath, and I refuse to keep it, then I become an offender and take the negative side. At that point I cease to be strictly honest with God.

The law will judge us according to our honesty or dishonesty. This is shown by the following: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are already seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead; so that *they are without excuse.*" Rom. 1:18-20.

By the above we can see that even the heathen may be saved through perfect honesty with God. He can see by the things about him that there is an all wise God over all creation. He is made with a conscience; and for the proper use of which, he alone is held accountable to God. Just to the extent that the individual yields himself to that which he knows to be right, to that extent he will be perfect, not in knowledge, but in obedience.

Paul says, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6:16. We might put it this way, if we have respect unto God's law, we are *His* servant, but if not, we are the servant of the devil.

The other day I learned of a family who are very strict in keeping Sunday. Doing up all the work possible the day before to get ready for what they believed to be the Sabbath. They knew no law for any other day as their attention had never been called to the fact that Saturday is the seventh day of the week and not Sunday. Are they offenders, and condemned for disobedience? Most certainly not. "For where no law is, there is no transgression." Rom. 5:15. As a result of perfect honesty, a steady growth in knowledge and grace will be obtained. This is not possible while living in harmony with a church creed.

The fidelity to church discipline instead of the

Bible, is responsible for the loss of power in the churches, over which so many are lamenting today. It causes ministers to preach some things which they have learned through study are not taught by the Bible. To illustrate. The quakers teach that there is no baptism but that of the Holy ghost; absolutely contrary to the teachings of the Bible which says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". Acts 2:38.

He who preaches that there is no baptism but that of the Holy Ghost, after he discovers from the above scripture and others that water baptism must precede that of the Holy Ghost, is knowingly teaching an untruth. Such teaching condemns the preacher and lowers the spirituality of the church until criminals are at ease in its pews.

Other church creeds state that the law was done away at the cross. The ordinary lay member soon discovers that this is an error, yet he thinks that he must belong to the church in order to be saved. Paul says, "Where there is no law, there is no transgression." Then if we take away the law, we take away the transgression and any thing would be right. The result of such teaching would only be to encourage sin.

Many ministers, in order to be in harmony with the creed, will stand in the pulpit and teach that the law was annulled at the cross; while he at the same time is a wilful transgressor. There is no other teaching so far reaching in its evil effects. No wonder the church has lost her power; and more than that, she has "done her do" and is doomed to destruction. Babylon has become a "CAGE FOR EVERY UNCLEAN AND HATEFUL BIRD" (wicked men). Rev. 18:2. And the wrath of God is soon to be visited upon her.

Some good people stand aghast at the situation, and say, what shall we do? seeing the churches themselves have become so corrupt. I would say to such. God has never authorized his people to place their names on the book of an organized church. Of course they all claim that God organized their church, but that does not make it so. It still remains a fact that they are all man organized.

All who repent and are baptized, endeavor to keep the whole law honestly before God, earnestly study and believe the word of God with an eye single to doing his will, and accept the atonement that Christ made on the cross for our sins, has fulfilled the requirements of God and is accepted of him.

Creeds and isms are not provided for in the word of God and should have nothing to do with the life of the true christian.

The name written on the church book of the world has nothing whatever to do with it being written on the books of heaven. The whole question resolves it-

self into that of character, and not a question of whether or not you belong to this or that church. I once belonged to a church, and thought all or nearly all that did not believe as I did were lost. Since giving the Bible a more careful study, I was compelled to change my mind considerably. The Bible teaches us very definitely that his professed people will apostatise in the last days, and all churches are daughters of Babylon, and belong to her. God still has people in Babylon at the beginning of the time of trouble that must be gathered. Rev. 18:4; Jer. 51:6, 45.

The gathering out of the honest from the religious sets all over the world constitutes the gathering of the remnant (last part) of God's people. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the gathering will be like the gleaning of grapes among the branches. It will be just one or two here and there. Isaiah 17:5, 6.

All of those who think that their church will be saved, or will save them, will be sadly disappointed. That there are honest souls in all churches, there is no doubt: But as yet they have not had sufficient light to step out. As we cannot know the heart of man, we have no right to say, this one or that will be lost. "Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart."

The strictly honest soul who is constantly seeking for added light, and places his confidence in God to lead him into all truth is building a character that will give him entrance into the kingdom of God though the road upon which he builds is very narrow. To be strictly honest nowadays means much more than many realize. How easy it is, when one needs money, to take the advantage of his neighbor when opportunity is afforded. How many who make a profession of religion cannot resist the temptation. That is why the Saviour said, "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13, 14.

The more I study the plan of salvation as given to man, the more I see that it is wholly a matter of individual character building. This is shown by the following scripture: "For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the gentiles which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law, are a law unto themselves; which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or excusing one another.)

A person may not know the written law of God

but the principles are written in the heart, and he is held accountable for violating them. His conscience being the guide, which accuses or excuses.

The man who continually violates his conscience is soon like the one who gets up by the alarm clock—One morning he wishes to sleep longer, so he rolls over and takes a little nap. He gets by this way for a couple of mornings, and the next morning he wonders why he did not hear the alarm. So with the person who continually violates his conscience, he soon has it "seared as with a hot iron". 1 Tim. 4:1, 2.

The sincere person cannot disregard the admonition to grow in knowledge and grace, for it is by this constant growth that the conscience becomes educated to harmonize with the perfect law of God.

Some professors of religion try to make themselves and others believe that they are honest in doing a thing which they know the Bible condemns. I know a man who professes to keep the law of God. He boasts of the law, teaches it, and says that we should live by it, then goes ahead and keeps the first day of the week for the Sabbath. It is possible to fool man, but not God.

As salvation depends upon the relation existing between the individual and God, he should belong solely to God's true church, the "CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN", who have their names written in heaven Heb. 12:23. Christ is the firstborn. It is His church, His family. If we expect to come into this family, we must be borne again. 1 Pet. 1:23. First, the sinner must be convinced of sin by the law. Rom. 3:20. Second, faith toward God. Third, repent and be baptized. Acts 2:38. Fourth, live by faith. 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20. Fifth, declare the whole counsel of God, and seek to please him. Acts 20:27; Gal. 1:10.

The last specification will necessarily sever a person from any or all denominations, as none of them declare the whole counsel of God, but rather seek to please men.

To join a church that would prohibit me from complying with the last mentioned specification would simply be hypocrisy on my part. God's true church, the church of the firstborn is the only one that allows *perfect freedom* in all truth. And as long as I am in harmony with the above principles, I know that my name is written in heaven. Then should I not be satisfied?

In view of the message ("Babylon is fallen, is fallen, come out of her my people"), should we not be satisfied to remain outside of Babylon? There is not the least doubt but that creeds are responsible for the condition mentioned in Hosea 4:6 which says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, BECAUSE THOU HAST REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I will also reject thee,—seeing *thou hast forgotten the law of God*, I will also forget thy people."

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The above is a last day prophecy and vividly portrays the condition of Babylon. The reason for their destruction is because *they have forgotten the law of God*. Can anyone deny this charge? Certainly not, and their destruction is as sure to come as the sun rises and sets. God has placed salvation in reach of all, and has given each individual the power to choose for himself, between right and wrong.

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life that thou and thy seed may live: Deut. 30:19.

Many are so well pleased with small gifts, such as a watch, a necktie, a ribbon etc. They talk about the little thing for months, and never think of the greatest gift that has ever been handed out to man—ETERNAL LIFE. By accepting the atonement He made for our sins, and his just plan of living, it is ours. All who are tempted to reject such a gift, should blush with shame. Christ paid for it with his life, he bought it with his blood, why not accept it?

As many thinking minds are becoming considerably agitated over this question, I have written somewhat at length, with the prayer that these lines may fall into the hands of some honest soul who is seeking a way of escape from present evil conditions; or, perchance someone who is crying out, "what shall I do to be saved."

Permit me to call the attention of the reader once more to the fact, that there is but *one* church—THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN, that will allow perfect liberty in Bible study and teaching for full christian development.

Maybell, Colo.

Following are the addresses of my "Associate Editors." They are both good Christian men and are interested in the "Remnant" and her readers. They invite correspondence on any bible subject. Some have asked for their address.

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By hearing prayer God giveth evidence of the notice which He taketh of our estates, of the respect He beareth to our persons, of the pity He hath of our miseries, of His purpose to supply our wants, and of His mind to do us good according to our needs.—*William Gouge*.

Words are mighty, words are living Serpents with their venomous stings or bright angels, crowding round us with heaven's light upon their wings. Every word has its own spirit, true or false, that never dies. Every word man's lips have uttered echoes in God's skies.—*A. A. Procter*.

I have received so many nice letters about the "Remnant". They have mentioned particularly "A Friendly Bible Study" by G. G. Rupert.

It really is "interesting and instructive" as one letter put it.

One writer said he would always support the "Remnant" so long as it stayed non denominational. I can assure you we intend to keep it so. We want to publish truth, no matter what denomination holds it with us, or whether none have it as a part of their creed.

Perhaps you have noticed that I have not published so very many letters. One thing is lack of space. And then too, I'm a little timid about publishing names without permission. One man asked that I should not publish his letter, altho' he was very pleased with the paper. Now I thoroughly understand how there could be circumstances where they would prefer that their letters be kept confidential. While others might be glad to have theirs printed to show to all their appreciation of the paper. Unless I'm positive that it is alright with the writer I will publish no letters. So do not be afraid to express yourself just as you like about the work, the paper or the doctrine. But if you will allow it to be printed say so, and I will use what I have space for. Thank you.

Editor.

## A FRIENDLY BIBLE STUDY

G. G. Rupert

*(Eighth Meeting Continued from July Issue.)*

A word of prayer will be in order. Brother Whiteburn will lead.

R. It is always well in a series of studies to keep the thought in our minds well connected. You remember we started out with the proposition that we would study the *New Testament* and take it as our guide, which we all agreed was safe to do. I thought I would suggest, to begin this evening, that we all keep that point well in our minds. So if you are willing I will spend a little time in sketching the attitude of Christ and His Chosen Apostles, toward the Old Testament, toward also the use they made of it. You know the new Testament is made up largely of the record of what Christ and the Apostles taught.

Congregation. We request that you do this, for in so doing you aid us in covering more ground.

R. Then by your request I will do so. I would invite any friendly criticism and also any assistance you may be able to give. I will begin with the teachings of Christ. He began first, by saying, "The Lord God has anointed me to preach the Gospel, to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to open the blind eyes, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." This was a quotation from the Prophets. During his teachings he dwelt largely on the sayings of the writers of the Old Testament. His reference was often to Moses and the prophets. When the lawyer asked him "which was the greatest commandment in the Law", His answer was, "This is the first, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself". When Satan tempted him he ever met him by saying, "It is written." He said that man did not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeded from God. When His disciples were accused of breaking the sabbath He said, "have ye not read what David did?" "If ye had known what this meaneth ye would not have condemned the guiltless". When he healed on the sabbath day and was accused He said, "It is lawful to dwell on the Sabbath days." As to his trial, betrayal and death, how often he said, "let it be so now that the scriptures might be fulfilled." (Obeyed.) He observed the passover and then died that the law might be obeyed. He said in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. "They have Moses and the Prophets. If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." His parable of the lost sheep was based on the teaching of the prophet. He came to seek the lost sheep of Israel. The Prodigal son's return was also based on the writings of the Prophets. The New Testament says, he is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is the author and finisher of our faith. Hence, as stated

by Peter "The spirit of Christ was in the prophets." Thus he was only doing what he had taught the prophets to write of Him.

After His crucifixion when he met the disciples, he began at Moses and all the prophets and expounded to them the scriptures concerning Himself. Finally when he left His disciples He said, "go ye into all the World and teach all Nations. Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Will some one tell how a new Testament Minister of the Gospel can obey this commission without teaching the observance of all things commanded by Christ? Then also tell us how they can do it without teaching the Old Testament. Then tell us how they can do it without teaching the Old Testament. Then tell us how we can take the *new testament* as our guide and discard and not teach the Old Testament. Does not Christ say we should walk even as He walked? Did Paul say, "follow me so far as I follow Christ?" Beloved this is but a fraction of the teachings of Christ on this line. Remember there was no New Testament when all His teaching was completed as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Note also, if we were to take out of these four books His teachings of the Old Testament how much of them would be left? There is not a single new law. There is not a single new teaching instituted in them. There is not a single new plan devised. Every thing in them from the first verse to the last verse is but the teaching of things laid down by Moses and the prophets. I do not mention these things to astonish anyone, but I call your attention to them in soberness and truth. The first thing in these books, in order to connect the life of Christ with the Old testament, is to write a genealogy from Adam to Christ, thus showing the direct lineage and connecting what they wrote with the former writings. They even said it was, "fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the captivity, and fourteen generations from the captivity to Christ." I wish to say that what is called by many the New Testament is so woven with the old testament there is not a thread that can be removed without marring the story. Infidels talk of the Bibles being but a common history. Will they tell us why at least one chapter has never been written by man, that will fit in some where and not be capable of being detected as a fraud. Don't they know that it is impossible for man to even write one chapter that will not show at once it is a fraud, and not inspired? It wearies me to hear these whom the Bible says are fools say there is no God. They talk so wisely. If they would keep still no one would know they were so foolish. Now coming back to the point of the relation the old sustains to the new, I would say, the one who tries to separate them and teach that the new is a new plan, new laws, and every thing, must be closely relat-

ed to the one who says there is no God, I fear God will class them as unwise as he says the others are, I hear of the man who said any one could write the book of Proverbs. Well says the fellow please write me some, I will say to these wise infidels please write me one chapter that is not easily detected as a fraud, and I will believe you. Beloved the World is drifting rapidly into infidelity. There is a great battle before the Children of God, I say put on the whole armor of God with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God and contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

#### THE APOSTLES.

K. I feel I must interfere a moment before R. passes to the Apostles. It seems to me we have just heard the rumblings, the storm, the tempest, the lightnings with the sound of the trumpet which sounded louder and louder from Mount Sinai. I catch a glimpse of Stephen's last statement where he said that Israel "received the Lively oracles to give unto us." I feel like as we listened to this harmonious line of teaching, I could feel the rushing mighty wind, the spirit of God burning each quotation and citation in my heart. Beloved, words cannot express the view of the harmony of the truth I now see before me, I can only say "let the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing," God's truth abideth forever.

Congregation unitely say Amen, Amen, let the Lord be glorified and His truth shine "with the brightness of the firmament and those who obey it as the stars for ever and ever."

R. I will now proceed. Where did the Apostles begin and what did they teach? I reply they began just where Christ left them. They taught just what He told them to teach and no more. We now examine the Acts of the Apostles. Here is the first record.

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them, forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God; and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerulalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto

me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."—Acts 1:1-9.

The above is the record of the last meeting of Christ and His disciples. From this last meeting they continued with one accord in prayer, waiting for the power to come upon them as promised. The first thing that was done is recorded in verses fifteen and forward. They at once began to teach what the scriptures taught concerning Judas. Peter cited the other disciples to what had been written in the Psalms. Thus the first chapter tells to any one how the mission of the disciples was to carry out the teachings of the Old Testament and keep up the organization laid down in the law representing the twelve tribes of Israel. The second chapter of the Acts teaches how these disciples regarded the day of Pentecost laid down in the law. Listen, again to Peter's teaching of the Old Testament.

"But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my hand maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."—Acts 2:14-21.

Is it not necessary to teach that same scripture today? It certainly is, for Christ, in speaking of the last days gives those same signs to be repeated. John also speaks of them. Again regarding the resurrection of Christ, Peter speaks thus:

"For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us un-

to this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption! This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."—Acts 2:25-36.

I am sure if this scripture was taught the people now, they would know more about the state of the dead, and the resurrection. This teaching pricked the hearts of the hearers then, why should it not do the same now? Note again in this same chapter, verses 17-36.

It is easy to see that the Apostles held no other doctrine. They taught no other things than that which was spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. Are we taking the New Testament as our guide? I fear not, I read again:

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none of other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Chapter 4:10-12.

This stone, which was Christ, became the head stone of the corner to the true church, from the night Jacob slept on the stone for a pillow. There is not a more forcible example of how the disciples used the Old Testament scriptures than is recorded in the sixth and seventh chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. In these chapters Stephen is accused of changing the custom of Moses, in his denial of the charge he gives a full sketch of the history of the Fathers, beginning with Abraham. From him to Jacob and next to Joseph. Then relates the story of Moses. All as recorded in the Old Testament. Then next he tells the story of the events of Sinai, how Moses received the law from the Angel, which was Christ, how those lively oracles were handed down to us, the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness, etc. Then after giving that long scriptural, historical evidence, showing fully how he did believe Moses and all the prophets, he finally in

verse 53, closes by saying how they had received the law by the disposition of angels, and had not kept it themselves. When their personal accusation was laid at their door, and they were shown they were the ones who had not kept the law, they were angry and stoned Stephen to death. Thus we see in every case, no Apostle or teacher ever relied on anything as proof, or taught any thing but the old testament. This is a fair example of the whole, but we will not stop here. Following the death of Stephen, the persecution from Paul and his associates scattered the believers abroad. The record says; "They went every where preaching the word," Acts 3:4.

The eighth chapter tells how Phillip met the Ethiopian. It is familiar to all how Phillip taught him from the writings of Isaiah the prophet, and the result of that teaching was the baptism of the Ethiopian. In Acts ten, forty-three, it tells us how Peter proved by the prophets to Cornelius the faith of Christ. It also converted the Gentiles and they were baptized, The Holy Ghost witnessing, as proof of the word read from the Old Testament.

We read in Acts 13:5, how the disciples preached the word of God at Salamis. In verse fourteen when Paul and his company reached Antioch, it tells how on the Sabbath they went to the synagogue, and when the law and the prophets had been read they were invited to speak. Paul begins with the Fathers. Then he relates the story of Sinai. Then the story of the Judges for four hundred and fifty years, following their deliverance from Egypt. Next how Israel desired a King, Saul is referred to, then David. Now of this man's seed he said, God would raise up one to sit on his throne. You can see he taught the story connectedly. Is there any improvement on that method now? (Congregation. No, No, No.)

If it was so done now, we would know more about the Bible than we do. In verses forty-two to forty-four, it says, that that preaching caused almost the whole city to come to hear the word of God every Sabbath. Chapter fourteen says, They next went to Iconium and there they preached the word of God. Is it possible that we can't see that the disciples preached the Old Testament exclusively in their ministry? That people were converted by that teaching? That people were baptized by that teaching? Now if a minister then, could do such a work, why could not one now do the same?

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