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## SEPARATION from APOSTASY

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One day, about the turn of the 19th century, a young man whose family had immigrated to the United States a few years before, walked along a canal towpath on the way to New York City. His single asset was that he had been apprenticed to a soap maker for a short time. As he trudged along he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal boat. Kneeling together on the towpath, the old gentleman prayed for the young man, and then gave him

this advice:

"Someone soon will be the leading soap maker in New York. It can be you as well as anyone. I hope it may. Be a good man: give your heart to Christ; pay the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am certain that you will be a prosperous and rich man."

William Colgate followed that ad-

vice. He gave his heart to Christ, became a faithful giver and one of the leading Baptist laymen of New York. A spiritual project dear to his heart was the young Madison University at Hamilton, New York. It was later to bear his name and to be generously endowed with his funds and those of his sons, James and Samuel.

### CHRISTIAN ATHEISTS?

In 1966, Professor William Hamilton of Colgate Rochester Seminary was quoted in the Toronto Star in an article titled, "We Are Atheists, but Christian Atheists." He said:

"We differ from classical atheism in that it says that there never was a God, whereas we say that there was a God but there isn't now. We do not know, we do not adore, we do not believe in God... Jesus was wrong about a lot of things, but He was still a great person. I see no way of affirming the life of the human community after death. Nor can I affirm the existence of Jesus after death. He, too, has ceased to exist."

This is an example of apostasy. Apostasy is the departure from spiritual truth by individuals, churches, or

## Resolved

by Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Romans 12:9-21

Is it wise for Christians to make New Year's resolutions? - - That depends! If we are speaking of the kind of resolutions that the people of the world make...and break the next day, usually.. then we should have no part in them. But if we are speaking of resolutions spawned in a heart desirous to please the Lord, having examined the year past and having recognized weaknesses and failures that are not pleasing to the Lord and in need of correction, then I

think it is a wise and proper thing to do to resolve by God's grace to do better. The heart that is in no hurry to be transformed to a walk in harmony with the Word of God professes to wait for the Holy Spirit to convict it. But the heart eager and desirous to be well-pleasing to the Lord, searches the Scriptures, using them as a light to uncover thoughts, words or actions unpleasing to the Lord in order that they

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# EDITOR'S DESK

I suppose Biblical Separation is the most misunderstood doctrine among Bible believing Christians today. In days past, when the Word of God was suppressed and all Christians were hated and despised, the lines of separation were clearly drawn and it seems that most all Christians understood that God requires the separation of the holy and the profane; a clear distinction between the clean and the unclean. However, in times like ours, when it is popular to be "born again;" when the "Christian" bookstores are full of the precious and the vile; when some "gospel" music cannot be distinguished from the "rock" or "country" music of the taverns or discos, then it is much more profitable and popular to disregard, neglect or outright disobey the clear teachings of the Word of God concerning Bible Separation.

From Genesis thru Revelation, the Scriptures teach this purifying doctrine, yet it is ignored. Our generation of preachers is long on Faith (we say we believe the Bible is God's Word) but short on Practice (doing the commandments of the Lord. Num. 15:38-40). We really have no scriptural grounds for believing what a person says if his actions do not back up what he says. It is not scriptural to believe that a person obviously living in sin is saved, even if he says he is. We are restricted to the observing of fruit, and our determination of one's spiritual state is dependent upon that. Matt. 7:20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. God has not given us permission to go beyond this, and to do so and state our opinion contrary to the evidence (fruit) is to presume to be wiser than God. God knows the heart, I do not. I am restricted to observing works. James 2:14, 18.

We have been too generous with the word "Christian;" a generosity not allowed by Scripture. We have likewise been too generous with terms such as "fundamentalist. Don't tell me you want

to be or that you are a Fundamentalist; PROVE IT! Take on the enemies of the Fundamentalists! Join in the battle for truth and right! Get your uniform dirty! If you are having trouble identifying the issues of the day, the point of Satan's attack, then subscribe to some good periodicals such as THE PROJECTOR, THE VOICE OF FUNDAMENTALISM, FAITH FOR THE FAMILY, BLUE PRINT, THE BAPTIST CHALLENGE or others and keep informed. Next, inform those under your leadership or influence and encourage them to pass it on. If you have the resources, support ministries that take a strong, separated stand. One resource we all have available is prayer -- pray for faithful men of God who are on the firing line. I can tell you, it is a lonely battle and often unappreciated by men, *But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* I Cor. 15:57.

This issue marks the 7th Anniversary of THE PROJECTOR. Our first edition went out in January, 1972. In all these years, we have spoken out on many issues and have never had to apologize for a position taken. We do not rejoice that many of the problems and/or people we have warned about have proved to be the perpetrators of the compromise and error that we warned of, but we are thankful that the principles and practices that violate the Word of God can be identified as we study the Scriptures. We are thankful, also, that there are men and women who are obedient to the Word of God and refuse to travel paths of compromise when warned.

Write us during our anniversary month. We'd like to hear from you. We pray that God will grant to each of you a year of victory and blessing in 1979 as you obediently follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Greetings in Jesus' dear Name! I appreciate the "Projector" more than I can express. Thank God for your strong uncompromising stand. You are a "voice crying in the wilderness."

The articles are clear and incisive and revealing. You are making a tremendous contribution for the cause of Biblical fundamentalism by bringing the issues into clear focus.

Sincerely in Christ for Souls,  
(Psalm 126:6)

Dr. A. P. D.  
Elkton, MD

Dear Friends,

Recently I came across a copy of your paper "The Projector." I was impressed with the articles within that issue. Keep up the good job.

In His Service,  
H. C.  
Portage, IN

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

You do an excellent job in editing The Projector. I appreciate receiving this good paper and trust you will keep up the good work.

I especially appreciate the November/December issue which included an article on Johnny Todd. I have just recently become acquainted with the ministry of Johnny Todd and believe he is a phony from the word go.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
D. A.  
Chesapeake, VA

## Bill Gothard's Compromise Opposed By Leading Fundamentalists

The Conference on Fundamentalism meeting at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA, October 22-29, passed a resolution opposing the Bill Gothard Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars as follows:

*Whereas, Bill Gothard of Basic Youth Conflicts has manifested no efforts to change his views on separation and is cooperating with new-evangelical and liberal churches and organizations, he it therefore resolved that we go on record as opposing his compromise.*

The committee which prepared this resolution was composed of Dr. Rodney Bell, Dr. Bob Jones, Dr. Arno Weniger, Jr., Dr. Ed Nelson, Dr. John McCormick, Dr. Gilbert Stenholm and other leading fundamentalists. (Dr. Ian Paisley, Dr. James Zaspel, Dr. Allen Dickerson, etc.).



**A LOOK AT  
THE BOOK**  
BY DR. BOB JONES, CHANCELLOR  
BOB JONES UNIVERSITY

Scripture records for us the purpose, the means, and the events in connection with the coming of God's Son into this world. His birth was supernatural. Before Mary and Joseph were married, Mary "was found with child of the Holy Ghost." He is the Word by which all things consist and without Whom was not anything made that was made; yet He was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

His birth fulfilled prophecy. In the day of man's sin God declared that the Seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. As the Christmas season reminds us that "when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son," so also it reminds us that He Who has begun a good work in us shall perform it until the day of completion.

His birth signifies "God with us." He is with us in our sorrows. He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He is with us in our temptations. Tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He is able

to "succour us" when we are tempted. He is with us in our trials. He was tried. He is with us in our troubles. How troubled He was! How often did He seek a quiet place to pray for strength to fight the battle He must fight. We think of the meek and lowly and gentle Jesus and forget that He had to resist the onslaught and scorn of His enemies.

Finally, His birth is a birth for salvation. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." His purpose for coming into this world was to save men from sin by His death on the Cross. He was not merely the Babe in the manger. He was also the Lamb of God Who takes away our sins. His journey which began in Heaven, rested for a moment in a manger, finally led Him to a Cross to be the propitiation for our sins. The Prince of Heaven was clothed in the swaddling clothes of helpless childhood in order that He might robe us in the divine garments of His righteousness.

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PETER J. FOXX



## ON RELIGION

### "W.S. McBurnie and the California Graduate School of Theology"

The California Graduate School of Theology is rapidly becoming one of America's most influential religious centers. Dr. W.S. McBurnie is the school's founder and chairman; Dr. Holland London is the president. From a rather humble beginning, the school has grown to more than 450 students. The California Graduate School of Theology is located in Glendale, California and is housed as part of the United Community Church. The church, pastored by Dr. McBurnie, has for its sanctuary an ultra-modern 1500-seat amphitheater valued at 1.5 million.

The California Graduate School of Theology has received endorsement in recent years by many prominent leaders of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. This has, of course, led many Bible-believing Christians to respect and have confidence in Dr. McBurnie and his school. The purpose of this article is to warn Christians that they have been misled by these Baptist leaders. Neither Dr. McBurnie nor the California Graduate School of Theology is deserving of respect or confidence.

Who is Dr. W.S. McBurnie? McBurnie was born in Toronto, Canada and received his Bible training at Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1949, he became the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Ten years later the church had grown from less than 100 members to 3000 members. However, in June, 1959, it became known that McBurnie was having an illicit love affair with a woman who was a member of his church. He had been counseling her because of her marital problems. McBurnie divorced his wife, married his lover and was dismissed by the church. The new Mrs. McBurnie did not fare any better than the original Mrs. McBurnie. In 1967, Dr. McBurnie divorced for the second time.

In 1961, two years after his shameful departure from his Southern Baptist pastorate in San Antonio, McBurnie became the spiritual leader of the non-denominational United Community Church

in Glendale. Whatever else he may have lost, he retained his charismatic charm. The new church has grown from 20 members in 1961 to the present number of 1,100.

The moral compromise of Dr. McBurnie's life is accurately reflected in the spiritual compromise of his school. Men from across the scope of American Christianity are welcome to the lectern of the California Graduate School of Theology. McBurnie's ministry has become a melting pot for liberals, neo-evangelicals, and pseudo-fundamentalists. Consider the strange assortment of bed-fellows who have shared the platform at Glendale:

#### Liberals

1. James Kallas - Professor of New Testament studies at California Lutheran College.
2. H.M.S. Richards - Seventh Day Adventist Voice of Prophecy Broadcast.

3. E. Stanley Jones - Socialistic Methodist missionary-preacher.
4. Harold F. Leestma - Former associate of Dr. Robert Schuller at the Garden Grove Community Church, Presently pastor of Lake Hills Community Church in California.
5. Charles Allen - Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. Neo-Evangelicals
1. Ralph Carmichael - President of Lex icon Music, Inc. and head of LIGHT records.
2. Gene A. Getz - Associate professor of Practical Theology at Dallas Seminary.
3. Dr. W.A. Criswell - Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.
4. Edward B. Cole - American Baptist Convention pastor, First Baptist Church in Pomona.

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# Separation From Apostates

organizations which once possessed it.

The largest unity of churches in our nation is the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. — commonly known as the N.C.C.C. At this writing it is composed of 33 member denominations claiming to speak for 42 million people. Of the 33 member denominations I do not believe that there is a single one whose leadership and schools are not in control of apostates — those who have purposely departed from Scriptural truth. This fact may shock you, but it ought not to be a surprise to the Bible-believing Christian. After all, God has foreseen it and has told us, . . . that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith . . . (I Timothy 4:1). Apostasy has always been with us. However, the Scriptures teach that it will come to an appalling climax in the last days of this church age.

Our God, knowing the situation which would surround His children, has given us a clear program for meeting the threat of apostasy. We may give this program its proper theological title by calling it "The Doctrine of Separation". The writer is convinced that this doctrine is the pivotal truth in determining whether or not a given church will be swept into the apostasy or will remain faithful until the Lord comes. Those churches which understand and practice the doctrine, will be kept as a faithful church. Those churches which do not understand and practice the doctrine, even though they desire to please the Lord, will slip into the web of the harlot church.

I would like to outline this vital doctrine of separation by setting forth the attitudes, the actions, and the applications of the doctrine.

**I. CONSIDER THE ATTITUDES OF SEPARATION.** In 20th century America we are unbelievably tolerant. The only organization of which I have not read in Christian circles is the Fellowship of Christian Gangsters. It may be along any day now. It is a good thing that we do not have to formulate our own attitudes in the area of separation. God has told us plainly what our attitudes should be. As we search the Scripture on this subject two attitudes become clear.

**Attitude No. 1.— We Must Have No Fellowship with Apostasy.** There is one letter in the New Testament written to a lady, II John. It begins,

"The elder unto the elect lady and her children, . . ." The commentaries argue over whether that lady was a specific Christian lady or whether the Apostle addressed the church as an elect lady. This need not affect our discussion here.

In the early verses of the Epistle, John exhorts this lady about the commandment, . . . that we love one another" (Verse 5). He explains in the next verse that love is walking after the Lord's commandments.

## MUST WE ALWAYS EXTEND CHRISTIAN LOVE?

It is possible to carry a good thing too far. Suppose the doctor prescribes some pills for your high blood pressure. You take four pills a day, as the doctor ordered, and begin to feel better than you have in years. Consequently, you say to yourself, "If four of those pills make me feel this well, I wonder what twelve would do?" You take that many and get your answer. Your blood pressure drops so low they have to embalm you. You committed suicide by carrying a good thing too far.

It so happens that it is possible to carry Christian love too far by extending it to apostates. The purpose of II John is to warn the good lady of the letter about this danger.

**"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 7-11).**

Are we to treat everyone with the open arms of Christian love? No, there are certain folks with whom we must have no fellowship. We are not even to honor them with a friendly, "God bless you." Who are these

people? They are spiritual teachers who do not abide in the Bible doctrine of Christ. The keynotes of the doctrine of Christ would be that He was the eternal God; that, through the virgin birth He became flesh and was just as fully man as He was God; that, after living a holy and miraculous life, He died for our sins on the cross; that He rose from the grave and personally appeared to those who knew Him best; and, that He ascended to God's right hand where He ministers on behalf of believers at this moment. This passage teaches us that, if a religious leader does not abide in this doctrine, he does not know God, and we are not to have the slightest fellowship with him.

In December of 1966, the National Council of Churches held an assembly in Miami Beach, Florida. A survey of beliefs was conducted at that time and the results published. When quizzed about the virgin birth of Christ, 72% of the delegates answering indicated that they considered it "Not true". The Bible tells us what to do about such teachers. We must not have fellowship with apostasy.

## WHY BE NEGATIVE?

**Attitude No. 2 — We Must Reprove Apostasy.** Not long ago one of my church men mentioned a Christian brother with whom he worked. This friend had said, "Why are you so negative at Bible Community Church? I would like to attend there if you weren't so negative; but you are always criticizing and standing against so many things." Why indeed? Would it not be much better if we simply had no fellowship with apostasy and exercised a positive ministry stressing what we believe? That sounds good, doesn't it? However, to go that route we must ignore the Lord's clear instruction about another attitude.

**"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).**

The first part of that verse reiterates the first attitude already dealt with. The last part of the verse commits to the faithful church the duty of reproving the works of darkness. The Greek word translated

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"reprove" means to expose, to show to be guilty. Apostasy masquerades in respectable garments. It claims to be spreading Christian love, eliminating prejudice, bringing men together, attacking the problems of pollution, providing help for the elderly, and bringing a fair wage to lettuce pickers in California. God has entrusted to the faithful church the task of tearing off the mask of these do-gooders to reveal them as false prophets who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ. Apostate religion is like cheaply veneered wood. It is not the real thing; but it is designed to blind the eyes of unsuspecting people by making them think they have the real thing. Many Christians in the pews get itchy when the pastor begins exposing apostasy and naming names. Let God deal with your timid feelings. God tells us that apostasy is to be reprovved.

The Christian is to have two attitudes of separation. He must not have fellowship with apostasy and he must reprove apostasy.

**II. CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF SEPARATION.** The era of the 20's and 30's was the period when apostasy really took over the churches. During that time thousands of people left the old denominations and founded such groups as the Bible Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Methodist Church, the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, and the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. However, it is amaz-

ing that, after this era of separation with its attendant publicity, there are still born-again people holding membership in the apostasy. Most of them are grieved by their churches. They say: Our church isn't like it used to be; our minister is a nice young man, but he doesn't use his Bible; I don't like the emphasis on social action; I don't understand why things have dropped off." As we reprove apostasy some of these people hear, and they need guidance. What guidance do they need?

There are two possibilities which Scripture sets forth. Action No. 1 - Purge the Apostasy from the Church. In I Corinthians 5 they had a case of immorality in the church. The majority of the church was moral, but there was an immoral man and he probably had some followers. What did God command them to do?

**"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (I Corinthians 5:6, 7).**

The Corinthians were not to surrender the church to immorality. Neither are believers to surrender a church to apostasy. If a church gets an apostate minister they ought to cast him out and cut the church loose from the denomination which sent him.

However, the plain truth is that this action is no longer a live option

in 95% of the churches where the problem exists. The apostasy has gone much too far. The schools are apostate. The denominational hierarchy is apostate. To cast an apostate out of the pulpit would be only to receive another sent in by the conference. No person in an NCCC church can possibly clean it up. The apostates are in control. I mention this option because Scripture makes provision for the church to purify itself and, in the beginning of apostasy, it is possible. Further, any person in an apostate denomination who vows to purify it will soon end up on the outside. Apostasy cannot stand exposure. Anyone who sets out to expose it will soon be declared persona non grata. There are still a few situations of unconnected local churches where apostasy might be handled by putting out the apostates.

Action No. 2 - The Believer Must Separate from Apostasy. The classic passage on this subject is II Corinthians 6:14-18:

**"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial: or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."**

A yoke is an instrument for work. It joins two animals in an endeavor. This passage clearly teaches that believer and unbeliever cannot be yoked together in spiritual endeavor.

The church without the truth of God is an idol temple. The believer with the truth of God is the temple of the Holy Spirit. These two temples are mutually exclusive. After laying this groundwork, God gives a command. That command is expressed in the underlined words, **"... come out from among them ... be ye separate ... touch not the unclean thing ..."** No honest believer can miss the plain force of those words. The command is followed by a promise. God

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## W.S. McBirnie

Pseudo-Fundamentalists and/or men who claim to be Fundamentalists.

1. Jerry Falwell - Old Time Gospel Hour, Lynchburg, Virginia.
2. Verle S. Ackerman - Pastor of First Baptist Church of West Hollywood, Florida.
3. Elmer Towns - Director of Sunday School Research Institute.
4. Wendel Zimmerman - Pastor of Jacksonville Baptist Temple, Editor of the Baptist Bible Tribune, Vice-President of the Baptist Bible Fellowship.
5. John Rawlings - Landmark Baptist Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Christians need to realize that these and other Baptist leaders have not spoken at the California Graduate School of Theology out of ignorance. They are well aware of the liberalism, neo-

orthodoxy, and neo-evangelicalism represented at this institution. They are also well aware of the prestige and recognition that accompanies an invitation to speak at this school. The applause and acceptance of the academic and religious communities are obviously regarded as beneficial for the Baptist cause and their own personal careers. Such thinking brings shame and reproach upon the Baptist heritage. More important, the work of God is corrupted and the people of God are deceived. The trouble is not only with McBirnie, Holland or the California Graduate School of Theology, but also with Baptists who give McBirnie, Holland and the California School of Theology recognition and respectability.



## The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

### Johnny Todd

#### Part 2

The response to our previous article about Johnny Todd has been quite varied. Some of our readers had never heard of the man, while others offered additional information and comments. This month I would like to deal with some of the more specific charges which Todd has made.

#### Bob Jones University

John Todd claims that BJU has "sold-out" to occult, illuminati, Masonic influence. He claims that the university receives millions of dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation to keep quiet about Masons and Masonic-occult ties. Todd goes so far as to assert that one of the board of directors of BJU is a 33rd degree Mason, a member of the Luciferian Council of 33 and a practitioner of human sacrifice. Most of this information, says Todd, was confirmed by a BJU faculty member who met secretly with Todd (at the risk of being fired) in Atlanta, April 1, 1978.

In reality, Todd did meet with Dr. Joseph Henson in Atlanta. When Todd asked Dr. Henson about the alleged pay-off to BJU, Dr. Henson assured Todd that this was not true. The very next day, Todd said the exact opposite during a lecture.

In a recent conversation with Dr. Henson about Johnny Todd, Dr. Henson suggested to me that Todd is either a blatant liar or he is possibly suffering from the long-lasting effects of hallucinogenic drugs which Todd admits to have taken. In any case, Dr. Henson did not give Todd the information which Todd claims.

The claim that Rockefeller has paid BJU to keep quiet about Masons is very foolish, and Todd would have known this if he had done some investigating. As far back as 1974, Dr. Bob Jones III wrote of Masonry, *It is a Luciferian religion. We are fully aware of its diabolic origin and purpose...I believe that any born-again Christian, when the facts from the lips of the Masonic writers themselves are presented, showing that Masonry is a religion and is the worship of Satan, will immediately withdraw.* Similar statements have been made since that time.

As a result of recent calls and letters to the president of Bob Jones University about the charges from Todd,

the following letter was written:

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for calling about Johnnie Todd.

Sometime ago his tapes started circulating through the student body. We were appalled at the wild, unprovable, extreme, and irresponsible things he was saying. We warned our students about listening to stories of witchcraft and demonism. We told them that if they wanted to find out about the Devil, they should go to the Bible and find out about him and that when they went to any other source, they were in extreme danger of being deceived by the arch deceiver.

As a result of our statements about Johnnie Todd, he has begun to attack the University. Your call was the second incident we have had of being accused of tolerating a Mason on the board because of alleged pay-offs. As I told you and the other source from which the information came, this simply is not true; and I can show you that the Mason involved has done very, very little in the last thirty years to help the school financially. We don't put people on the board for their potential financial benefit anyway; we put them on there because we want advice from them. The majority of our board are poor as church mice, and I assure you and the whole world that Bob Jones University doesn't take a pay-off from anybody. If Johnnie Todd can prove that we've taken a pay-off, let him prove it. When he makes that charge, he is a total and complete liar.

Thanks for doing what you can to set the record straight. Kind regards.

Sincerely your friend,  
Bob Jones III  
President

#### John Birch Society

Johnny Todd also has much to say about the John Birch Society and its founder, Mr. Robert Welch. The most astounding claim perhaps is that the Birch Society is exactly the opposite of what

it purports to be. Namely, that the society is controlled by the Illuminati and Mr. Welch is a high ranking Mason. The truth of these matters I am not sure of. As I said in my previous article, much of what Todd says is true. Otherwise, there would not be so much confusion about the man and his lectures.

The important part about Todd's attack on the Birchers is that it caused the society to counter-attack with six type-written pages of apparent flaws in Todd's lectures.

Gary Handy, research assistant for the Birch Society, has in fact done some considerable research to disprove many of Todd's assertions. In some cases however, Mr. Handy is just as guilty as Todd in the matter of "shooting from the hip." Handy seems a bit fuzzy on the subject of "being a Christian."

The Birch Society points out that one of the most powerful men in the world today, according to Todd, is Philip Rothschild, but there is no such person. According to Mr. Handy's research, there is no Philip anywhere in the Rothschild genealogy for the past two centuries, nor has there been any Rothschild by that name associated with any of the family banking activities.

Along that same line, Todd also mentions Edward Rothschild, to which Mr. Handy replies: *And just who is Edward Rothschild? The only Edouard in the Rothschild line died in 1949. Perhaps Todd means Baron Edmond Rothschild. But to have expected him to get the names straight would be to make the foolish assumption that Todd knew something about the Rothschilds.*

Another flaw in Mr. Todd's lectures concerns the murder of Sharon Tate who, according to Todd, was murdered by witches because she wanted to get out of witchcraft. Todd claims that she was left in the tarot card position. *They cut her throat and left her hanging upside down by one foot.* The JBS research gives a different story: *Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi observed that Sharon*

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By "Aunt Carolyn"

## Esther's Stand



Determined to do God's will and stand for His people, Esther was willing to lay down her life for God's cause if necessary. She had settled the matter and would go before the king to speak for her people. Going without the invitation or permission could mean immediate death if her appearance didn't meet with the king's approval, but this was the chance Esther was willing to take. The lives of thousands of her people, the honor of God's name was at stake. Esther could do no less than give her all.

But she didn't go half-cocked or unprepared. This crisis called for much prayer and seeking God's will. Esther and her maidens, and Mordecai and many of the Jews, prayed and fasted for three days and three nights. Physical comfort meant nothing to them when God's cause was in jeopardy.

At last the time came. Esther smoothed her royal robes, touched her crown to be sure it was straight, formed an alluring but respectful smile and stepped gracefully into the doorway of the throneroom in the direct view of His Majesty, King Ahasuerus. Would he favor her or strike the sign of rejection? Esther's heart beat so fearfully she felt the guards must be able to hear it pounding and feel the vibrations. Then a smile of delight and pleasure crept across the king's face as he beheld his lovely queen and with strength and assurance, he raised his sceptre toward her and beckoned her to come.

With a silent flood of relief and joy, Esther moved into his presence and touched the top of his sceptre. His words were better than she could have hoped for. Surely the Lord was working. *What is your request, Queen Esther? I will give you anything you want up to half of my kingdom.*

These were mighty words. Esther longed to blurt out her whole problem of how Haman had plotted the death of all her people. She longed to make quick work of it and ask that Haman be punished immediately and her people be freed. But she dare not. She had to be more tactful than that.

Esther was a smart girl. She knew the way to a man's heart is through his

stomach, and with sparkling eye and lilting voice, she invited the king and his trusted prime minister, Haman, to a banquet that she prepared just for them.

Delighted and honored, King Ahasuerus and Haman ate the delicious food and thrilled to the charming company of the queen. Once again the king offered to grant anything Queen Esther desired -- up to half his kingdom! Once again she soothed him with soft words and invited him and Haman to another banquet the next day.

The King was thrilled and nearly overcome with love for his lovely queen to be sure, but Haman was beside himself over the whole affair! He was so filled with pride and vainglory over it all that he couldn't wait to get home to tell his family and friends all about it. He bragged and boasted! *There's only one thing wrong, and that's that little Jew by the king's gate, Mordecai, who won't bow to me when I go by. He makes me so mad I could kill him!*

*Well, why don't you?* they said. *As important as you are, Mordecai deserves death for not bowing. He's spoiling the joy of your glory and social standing. Why don't you build a big gallows and hang the rotten fellow? Just get him out of your sight permanently!*

And by nightfall, a gallows 75 feet high stood with a rope waiting to swing Mordecai's neck.

But God had another plan. The king was so restless that night he couldn't sleep. Rather than waste the time turning and tossing, he called for his record books to be read. The reader came to the part where it was recorded how Mordecai had saved the king's life.

*Stop!* cried the king. *Tell me, what has been done to reward that man for his good deed in saving my life?*

*Why, nothing, Sire. Nothing!*

*Nothing! That's ridiculous!...Who is out in the courtyard? I need someone to help me think about this.*

The squire, looking out, answered, *Haman is out there, Your Majesty. Now Haman waited outside to get to see the king to ask that Mordecai be executed.*

*Send him in!*

*Yes, sir!* And into the king's presence came Haman, delighted at being summoned at such an unusual hour. Surely, he was the closest confidant to the king, to be brought at this time. This was a better opportunity than he had ever hoped for, to ask for Mordecai's head. There would surely be no problem or delay in his request being granted!

*Haman, the king asked, what should be done for a man whom I want to honor?*

Haman's head and heart nearly burst with pride. Surely there was no one the king would want to honor but himself. This was his chance!

*Why, King, let the man wear the king's royal apparel and the king's crown, and ride on the king's horse in a grand parade through the city. Let one of the king's most noble princes lead the horse, and let all the people bow as this man you desire to honor rides by!*

*Good, said the king. Good! You see*



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*that all of that is carried out for Mordecai. I certainly want him honored and rewarded for his loyalty to me.*

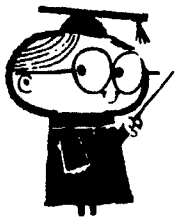
*Oh, no!* thought Haman, and in bitter jealousy and anger, he had to see that his wonderful plan was carried out for Mordecai! Humiliated, Haman went home to plan once more his revenge on Mordecai.

In the meantime, the king's orders came for Haman to hurry to Queen Esther's banquet. *Well, that won't take long, thought Haman, and then I can get back to the business of getting rid of that ornery Jew! I've taken all I can from him!*

The banquet was lovely, and once again, overwhelmed by Esther's graciousness, the king promised that she could have anything her heart desired up to half his kingdom.

Earnestly, Esther poured out her heart to the king. *My people have been sold out by a traitor. They are going to be killed and destroyed. Oh, please, dear*

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## Teaching Tips

by Alice Ann Smith

### Good Teaching Is Going On



If the pupils seem to regard the teacher as a person they highly respect, rather than as a taskmaster,  
If there is some humor, some laughter, when appropriate,  
If courtesy is the accepted mode of behavior,  
If the pupils, as evidenced by their eyes, are interested and eager,  
If every opportunity for emphasis on good character is seized,  
If assignments, reasonable in length and difficulty, are made distinctly and explained clearly,  
If directions are given while quiet reigns, before supplies are passed or books opened,  
If opportunity is offered for the pupil to ask, as well as to answer,  
If the class activity involves every pupil, showing good pupil participation,  
If a question is put to the entire class before an individual pupil is asked to respond, stimulating thinking,  
If the single question elicits several responses,  
If there is evidence of the teacher's attention to individual differences,  
If pupils are challenged and encouraged, rather than bored and discouraged,  
If each pupil is challenged to work up to his own ability level,  
If drill exercises are purposeful,  
If opportunities are offered for creative activity,  
If a pupil is praised when he has done his best, whether the achievement is great or ever so slight,  
If the teacher has the knack of making crystal clear what he is trying to put across,  
If, when the teacher does not know, his answer is, "Well, let's find out!",  
If the teacher clearly knows his subject thoroughly or is carefully exploring a new field with the pupils,  
When parent, principal or supervisor find these conditions fulfilled, let him note them carefully; they are evidences of good teaching.

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# Resolved

may be dispelled, making itself more pleasing to the Lord.

Let me suggest some resolutions that may be needed in your life, as I find them needed in my own life, and see if they might not help us to be more profitable servants in the year ahead.

#### RESOLVED: To Give Thanks.

The Scripture commands us to give thanks, Eph. 5:20. *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* You can do what God has commanded you to do. You don't even have to question whether you should do it or if God will help you do it. He has commanded you to do it, so get at it!! Recently, in an effort to help those of us in our church remember this command, I had small cards printed with these words, *GIVE THANKS*. I asked each of our families to take several of these and put them in conspicuous places; places like light switches, car dashboards, desk lamps or kitchen sinks. Putting these in places where they will be seen several times a day, enables them to remember to give thanks. These cards have been a help to me, reminding me each time I see one of them, to take time to remember at least one thing for which to give thanks.

For some years now, I have tried to make it a habit to thank the Lord when my feet hit the floor in the morning. Sometimes I forget for a minute or two, but usually now when my feet hit the floor, my heart remembers to start the day with thanksgiving for the Lord's blessing. Starting the day right is a great help to keeping the day right. Dr. Bob, Sr. used to say, *When gratitude dies on the altar of a man's heart, that man is well nigh hopeless.*

This spirit of thanksgiving needs to spill over into our dealings and relationships with others. Saying *Thank you* takes so little time, but is very often forgotten. Let us really resolve to be thankful this New Year.

#### RESOLVED: To Be Content.

Discontentment means you are angry with God for your lot in life. You are actually saying that God does not know how to take care of you, that He does not really have your best interest at heart. I know we may not mean to say that, but in reality that is what discontentment really is. The problem is not with your pay, your job, your boss or the pastor; your problem is you! Paul said in Phil. 4:11b, *...I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content.* and in I Tim. 6:6 he said, *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

#### RESOLVED: To Be Flexible.

Relax, take things in stride! Nobody is trying to give you a hard time. Nobody has it in for you. Pappy Reveal,

the late founder of the Evansville Rescue Mission and a great warrior for the faith, used to speak to the preacher boys at Bob Jones University from time to time. He could hardly stand and they would lock the braces on his legs in place as he gripped the pulpit and charged us, *Boys, be flexible in the hands of the Holy Spirit.* That is good advice. Have you ever tried to work with a child when he stiffens to your efforts to dress or otherwise move him? As clay is unable to be molded once it hardens, so God is unable to mold us when we stiffen to His touch. Be flexible; God's hand is a loving hand and we will never be hurt by yielding to the authority He puts over us, when that authority is not telling us to do something contrary to His Word. You may not understand why, but don't stiffen. Let God do His perfect work in your life. Those who are over you should feel that you are an approachable person; a person who can be talked to about any problem.

#### RESOLVED: To Be Prompt.

Tardiness is a destructive habit. The person who has little regard for the time God made is likely to have little regard for the God who made time. I think it is reasonable not to trust a person who is consistently late. The master said to the faithful servant, *...Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things...* The servant who has not been faithful in the use of minutes will not be able to be trusted with the proper use of days or weeks. Promptness is a virtue to be worked at. My Dad burned that into my conscience as a boy, long before he was saved. Even though he was not saved at the time, we were always the first to arrive at church every Sunday. I remember well, him opening the church windows while singing "The Wabash Cannonball." He was gloriously saved at age 60, after my own conversion, and the last 19 years of his life, he had an outstanding testimony for the Lord. I'm thankful for the lesson of promptness he taught me.

If you only miss your flight by one minute, don't brag about it. You are left on the ground just as surely as the fellow who was fifteen minutes late. Late is late; there are no degrees of late, there is only LATE.

This is a New Year. There are no stains on its pages. God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. Ask for His cleansing for past failures and start the New Year with these resolutions.



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## Johnny Todd

*Tate was found on the floor, not hanging. There was a rope around her neck, but not around her ankle. Miss Tate's throat was not cut, but she had been stabbed numerous times in the chest and back. There is no denying that Todd's account is even more sensational than the truth.*

Johnny Todd's diatribe concerning Charles Manson is absolutely frightening. According to Todd, Manson not only runs the prison in which he is incarcerated, but he runs the entire prison system. He has united all the prisoners and plans to arm them and take over America within the next two years. The arms will come from the vast supply which Todd claims is in storehouses in Baltimore and Philadelphia. The "non-prisoner" branch of Manson's army is being trained in rural West Virginia.

Again, may I quote from the JBS research: As for Manson's organization of the prisons,...the truth is that Manson, having been threatened by the other inmates, seldom ventures out of his cell for fear of being attacked. And isn't it interesting that Mr. Todd didn't give the actual locations where all of the small weapons purloined from the Armed Forces were hidden, or the base where Manson's army is being trained. It is possible, perhaps, that no local police official or independent newsmen in Baltimore or Philadelphia or in the entire state of West Virginia would be interested in or willing to act on such information. But highly unlikely!

### Conclusion

Obviously, we could go on for hours, looking into Todd's statements. Each lecture adds several "off the cuff" facts which are to be taken seriously on the basis that "I was there!"

It is this writer's opinion that most of Johnny Todd's information is second-hand. At first, much of what he said was accurate; however, it appears that in his desire to please audiences, additions to the lecture were necessary. As time went on, the facts and the fiction became mingled to the point that neither Todd nor the audience knew them apart.

The results of Johnny Todd's ministry have been disruption, division and fear for those who have believed his story. But perhaps the greatest harm has been to those who did not believe him and, as it were, "threw the baby out with the bath water." Satan is powerful, but God is sovereign. We are told in 11 Corinthians 2:11 that we are to be aware of Satan and his devices, but we are also told to put on the whole armour of God in order to stand against the wiles of the devil. Those who enter the warfare without their armour, are naturally going to become fearful, and those who are ignorant of Satan's devices will

underestimate their enemy and be unsuccessful in the battle.

In conclusion, may I remind you of an incident found in Acts 16:17-18. A certain damsel, who had been following Paul and Silas, continued to give testimony to the fact that Paul and Silas were servants of the most high God. The Scripture says that after many days, Paul was grieved. What this damsel said was accurate, but because of who she was and the kind of life she lived, Paul did not want or need her endorsement of his ministry.

Today, we find many like this damsel who would like to claim to be in the independent, Bible-believing, separatist camp, but we would just as soon they would keep quiet about being on our side. Some of these folks are genuine and sincere, but simply misguided. Others are like the damsel in Acts 16 and are possessed with a spirit of divination.

Johnny Todd is one or the other of these. We are neither saying that Todd is a born-again man, nor that he is possessed by a demon. We are simply saying that he is not stirring up the church to good works, but to the spirit of fear which is not from God. We don't need men like this in our camp and we can say with the apostle that we are grieved.

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. II Corinthians 11:13-15.*

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## Separation From Apostates

will treat such come-outers as a Father and provide their needs.

### HUMAN ARGUMENT vs. GOD'S COMMAND

When you face Bible-believers in a modernistic church with this simple command of God, you usually get an argument. It goes like this: "My family has been in this church for 150 years. Four of my ancestors were Methodist ministers. I teach the Ladies' Class. If I leave there will be no witness in that church. I take my quarterly each week and put Bible into it. Who will teach these children if I leave? Our new assistant minister feels like I do and I want to support him." How do you answer all those arguments? Easy; God says, "Come out from among them..." You may think I have made too much of a single text. Let me refer you to several others on the subject. I have underlined the words of each verse which indicate the action step for the Christian.

**"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5). "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness... from such withdraw thyself" (I Timothy 6:3, 5).**

**"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).**

**"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:" (II John 10).**

There you have it, my friend. If apostasy can be purged from the church it must be purged immediately. If you cannot purge apostasy from your United Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, American Lutheran Church, American Baptist Church, United Church of Christ, or other apostate church (and the fact of the matter is that you cannot) then God says: "Come out, turn away, withdraw thyself, have no fellowship, reprove them, receive him not, neither bid him God speed." In the light of God's clear words, are you in doubt as to what you must do?

There is one further area I would

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*Esther's Stand*

*Ahasuerus, spare my life and the lives of my people!*

*What! What are you talking about, Esther? the king raged! Who? Where? Who would dare plot such a thing as that*

*Pointing her finger at Haman, Esther spoke, The enemy is that wicked Haman!*

*Haman trembled in fright, and the king was so angry, he rushed out into the garden until he could gain his composure. In his absence, Haman threw himself upon the Queen's couch to plead for mercy, but when the king came back and saw him there, he was angrier than ever before!*

*Immediately, the king ordered Haman's death. The executioner covered Haman's head with the huge, black cloth and took him out and hanged him on the very gallows he had built for Mordecai! What a grim reminder that, Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

*Esther fell down before the king and with tears streaming down her face, she begged to have the decree reversed that demanded the death of all Jews. According to the law, the king could not reverse the decree, but he commanded that the Jews fight for their lives. Fear of the Jews fell on all the people throughout the land, from the commoners through the governors and officers and members of the king's cabinet. Instead of the Jews being harmed and destroyed, they were protected and honored.*

*The king promoted Mordecai to the post of Prime Minister in Haman's place. Mordecai now wore royal apparel instead of sackcloth and ashes, and on his head was a great golden crown. What a time of relief and rejoicing the Jews had. Their darkness was turned to light, their sorrow was turned to joy, and their shame turned to honor.*

*There was joy and gladness and blessing, because one young woman was willing to be the mediator. She was willing to give her life, if need be, that her people might live. What a wonderful picture that is of Christ's love for you. Jesus Christ willingly laid down His life for your sins that you might be forgiven and have everlasting life. No one else could do it for you. For there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. If you are not saved, trust Him as your Savior today.*

*If you are already a Christian, be like Esther. Don't value your own life and welfare; put your life on the line for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is worth living and dying for! May you stand without flinching for Him.*

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like you to think about. III. CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF SEPARATION. If you are in a Bible Church, as most of you who read these lines are, what application should the doctrine of separation from apostasy have in your church? It seems to me that at least three applications are quite clear.

### JOIN THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION?

#### Application No. 1 — We Cannot Be Linked with Unbelief for Fellowship.

A pastor needs fellowship. He needs to talk with other pastors, to share problems and get answers. For this reason there are always clergy associations and ministerial fellowships. In almost every area such fellowships are in the hands of unbelief. A year or two ago, I glanced over the officers of the group in my home city of Mentor. The President was a United Methodist. The Vice President was a priest from the Catholic parish, and the Secretary-Treasurer was a Unitarian. No Bible-believer could hang around with such a crowd as that.

I knew a pastor several years ago who had left the Methodist Church and then pastored an independent Baptist congregation. However, he always maintained his fellowship in the Ministerial Association. He used to invite me to attend with him and I always declined with the warning that if he associated with them he would one day be back where he once was.

### Bridget, What Are You Doing?

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Some preachers evidently do not believe that the Lord is with their gospel, because, in order to attract and save sinners, their gospel is insufficient, and they have to add to it inventions of men. Plain gospel preaching must be supplemented, so they think. Bridget was very busy catching and killing flies. Her mistress said to her, "Bridget, what are you doing?" She answered, "You see, ma'am, we have bought some fly-papers, and we must have the flies caught on them; and as they don't go on of themselves, I am sticking them on." "I should not care for fly-papers of that sort. If the gospel must be a failure unless we attract the people by some extraneous method, it is a poor business. If the fly-paper does not attract the flies, and hold them, we may as well burn the fly-paper. If your gospel cannot bring the people to hear you, and if, when they come, your gospel will not impress and convert them, well, then, give it up. Open a coffee-shop, or start in the ginger-beer line; but do not call your useless talk the blessed gospel. If you are not conscious of

a supernatural power and presence with the Word of the Lord, let it alone. A man said to me, 'You told a dead sinner to believe.' I pleaded guilty, but told him I would do it again. He said, 'I could not do it, I should feel that it was of no use to do so.' I answered, 'Possibly, it might be of no use for you to do it, for you have not the necessary faith; but, as I believe that God bids me do so, I deliver the message in the Name of the Lord, and the dead sinners believe and live.' I do not trust in the dead sinner's power to live, but in the power of the gospel to make him live. Now, if your gospel has not the power of the Holy Ghost in it, you cannot preach it with confidence, and you are tempted to have a performance in the schoolroom to allure the people, whom Christ crucified does not draw. If you are depending on sing-song, and fiddle, and semi-theatricals, you are disgracing the religion which you pretend to honour.

From a sermon: 'The Minister in these Times' Spurgeon, An All-round Ministry

Sadly, the warning was realized. He forsook his Bible convictions, apologised to the Methodist Church and returned to that pastorate. God will not bless disobedience to His Word. It will always get you.

### THE FUNDAMENTALIST'S SOFT UNDERBELLY

Application No. 2 — We Cannot Be Linked with Unbelief for Evangelism. Evangelism is the soft underbelly of fundamentalism. Satan realizes this. His major effort to bridge the gap between belief and unbelief has been by the avenue of evangelism. Pastors and churches which have maintained separatist convictions for years have succumbed to unscriptural compromise when the appeal was "for the sake of souls."

In 1950, Billy Graham was invited to New York City by a committee of Bible believers. I was in seminary at the time, studying under some of the men who were a part of the inviting committee. Billy turned down the invitation on the grounds that he could not come with such a narrow sponsorship. Seven years later, Billy came to New York under the auspices of the apostate Protestant Council of New York. "For the sake of souls", many Bible-believers capitulated and reluctantly climbed onto the bandwagon. As a result, the line which once existed in New York City between belief and unbelief has been destroyed. The victims of this disobedience are the souls whom those men sought to win.

Application No. 3 — We Cannot Be Linked with Unbelief for Favors. I have heard of catching fish on a bare hook; but that is not the way it is usually done. The devil doesn't fish with an unbaited hook. Whenever the appeal comes to cooperate with apostasy it appears to be a situation in which we have little to lose and much to gain.

Several years ago we were striving for the opportunity to be on the radio over our county seat station. The Ministerial Association had the time all wrapped up. One morning my phone rang and the Secretary of the Ministerial Association asked if we would like to take over their free time for the next six weeks — "no strings attached". Be assured of this: whenever apostasy makes an appeal to cooperate, there are strings attached.

On another occasion an officer of the Ministerial Association called to invite our participation in a Good Friday service. I declined. He re-

plied, "Oh, you don't understand; we want you to bring the message and you can reach all our congregations with the message of fundamentalism." Does that sound tempting? What he didn't mention was that I would be caught in a "love in" before that audience with the very pastors whose apostasy is sending their people to hell. An offer to sit on a pretentious platform in pretended cooperation with apostates is never an opportunity God sent.

Men offer their favors in exchange for the compromise of cooperation. In contrast, God offers His promise of being a Father to us in exchange for separation. Should we depend on the favors of apostates or the promise of a Heavenly Father?

### SEPARATION — THE PIVOTAL DOCTRINE

At different times in history, the future of the church turned on a single doctrine. In the early centuries, the pivotal doctrine was the nature of Christ — was He fully God and fully man. This divided between true and false. During the Reformation, the pivotal doctrine was justification by faith. Those who believed it became the Protestant Church and those who rejected it remained in the darkness of Catholicism. Today, the future of the church depends on its reaction to the pivotal doctrine of separation. Those who vigorously apply it will be part of the church kept to the coming of Christ. Those who compromise will be swept into the current of the harlot church which will be the companion of the Anti-Christ. Separation from apostasy is the pivotal policy of this hour.

"If I profess with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefields besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point." — Martin Luther

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