## -CONFUSION-

There is so much confusion among Christian folks today. Some ask questions about things which seem to confuse them, but the major part of them has given up in resignation and seems to think it a hopeless task to try to settle anything by the Bible. To them it is all confused. It seems to teach one thing in one portion and something else in another.

Just a few questions such as these cause quite a little concern in the minds of many. For instance, healing in one place is done by laying on hands, in another it is done by handkerchiefs or aprons which have been prayed over, and in still another the sick are to be anointed with oil and prayed for by the elders of the church. Also which is correct, to baptize in the name of Jesus or in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost? The Corinthians were to observe the Passover. Should we observe it today? What is the only correct mode of baptism? What is the one baptism of Ephesians? Why did they first have one baptism, then for a while two, and now one again? In the upper room at the last supper only preachers were to partake of it. The other 120 or the 500 brethren were not invited Why? Is it just for preachers only? While on the subject, just what directions are there for such an observance? What does the Bible say? In one place in the New Testament people are advised not to marry. In another place they are encouraged to. Which is TRUTH FOR TODAY?

It is our aim to give good sound scriptural answers for each of these and many other questions that the average person has. Not only to give the answers, but at the same time to train folks the right way to treat the Word so they can find the answers for themselves. This is a most important part of our work.

-THE ANSWER-

You may ask, "How can I find what is TRUTH FOR TODAY?" The Word itself gives the correct principle. It is found in 2 Tim. 2:15. STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

But you will ask, "What does that mean?"

I believe that Myles Coverdale, born in England in 1488, has given an answer that is just as good as one can find anywhere. It explains practically every detail of what RIGHTLY DIVIDING means. He says:

"It shall greatly helpe ye to understande Scripture, if thou mark

not only what is spoken, or wrytten,

but of whom,
and to whom,
with what words,
at what time,
where,
to what intent,
with what circumstance,
considering what goeth before,
and what followeth."

If Christians would follow this advice today all the confusion would soon be ended. What Myles Coverdale said over 400 years ago is just as true today as then. Try it and see for yourself. You will find little difficulty in discovering what is TRUTH FOR TODAY.

## -WHICH GOSPEL?-

The GOSPEL of the kingdom.
The GOSPEL of God concerning His Son.

The GOSPEL of the circumcision.
The GOSPEL of the uncircumcision.
The GOSPEL of the grace of God.
The GOSPEL of the glory of Christ.
The GOSPEL of the glory of the
blessed God.

The EVERLASTING GOSPEL.
Which of these eight gospels is
TRUTH FOR TODAY?

-WHO IS HE?-

Before the birth of the Lord in Bethlehem of Judea, He was called the Word. As the Word, He revealed The Word (LOGOS) means an ex-God, the absolute, must pression. have a means to reveal Himself to the creature. Hence the term, the Word.

After the birth at Bethlehem, He is called the Son. As such, He revealed the Father. As the Son, He was the Word which became flesh.

He is also called the only begotten Son. Begetting has the idea of becoming father to. Since He is spoken of as THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, then He was the only one ever so born.

But what was it that was begotten? Was it a man? Was it some higher creature? In the Syriac version the term THE ONLY BEGOTten SON is translated GOD ONLY BEGOTTEN. Then the Lord Jesus Christ was God.

The God-breathed Word also says. ALL SHOULD HONOUR THE SON. EVEN AS THEY HONOUR THE FATHER. This is again a proof of His deity. It further says, HE THAT HONOURETH NOT THE SON, HONOURETH NOT THE FATHER. What greater dishomor could a man devise than to deny that the Lord was God in the flesh? HATH NOT THE FATHER. Any who would may find. lightly turn from this truth will have to give an account of himself before God. HIS SON JESUS CHRIST is described as THIS IS THE TRUE GOD, AND ETERNAL LIFE.

In Psa. 78:56 you will find, THEY TEMPTED AND PROVOKED THE MOST HIGH GOD. In 1 Cor. 10:9 you will also find, NEITHER LET US TEMPT CHRIST, AS SOME OF THEM TEMPTED. By all the rules of logic, we must then come to the conclusion that Christ was the MOST HIGH GOD. is also taught that Christ was the Redeemer of mankind. In that same Psalm, verse 35, it says, GOD WAS THEIR ROCK, AND THE HIGH GOD THEIR REDEEMER.

The Greek in Jno. 1:1 reads, AND GOD WAS THE WORD. Who was He? -GOD-

A study of God in the theological sense must be taken up in at least four lines:-

- 1. God....Absolutely.
- 2. God....Relatively.
- 3. God ... . Manifest ..

4. God .... Manifest in the flesh. We know nothing about God absolute. In the Scriptures there is no such thing as a philosophy of God. There is not one statement that speaks of God alone without relation to His creatures. whole revelation of God (or the Godhead) is limited. It is limited to encompass the purpose of the

ages. Beyond that we have no reve-

lation of Him at all. We have explained the second in mentioning the first. Even when it is revealed that GOD IS SPIRIT, it is followed by the relative statement, THEY WHO WORSHIP HIM, MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

To reveal Himself in any way to a creature, God as the absolute must limit Himself. Man, as well as other creatures, does not know anything in the absolute sense. He must know only relatively. God must reveal Himself relatively. In the Old Testament He appeared in several forms, such as man, angel, THOSOEVER DENIETH THE SON, THE SAME as Son of man and other titles you

In the New Testament, God is revealed to man as the Son. As such He voluntarily limited Himself, even to the extent that He chose not to know some things. For an example, He chose not to know when He was coming again. Yet He has the power of omniscience. How limited do you think He is now, seated in His Father's throne, higher than all government and powers, and Head of all things to the church?

Yet God appeared to man in the form of a servant. That is hard to realize. Form here is not so much shape or appearance as it is His character or position. It is not a change of substance.

Let us exclaim with Thomas, MY LORD AND MY GOD!

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Who went up to heaven in a chariot of fire? There is no record that anybody ever did. Elijah went up in a whirlwind.

Why did they baptize in the name of Jesus during Acts? Because Israel as a nation did not accept the Lord and His great commission for them. In the great commission they were to teach and baptize nations, not individuals.

## -I AM-

In Exod. 3:14 you will find, THUS SHALT THOU SAY UNTO THE CHILD-REN OF ISRAEL, "I AM HATH SENT ME UNTO YOU...JEHOVAH THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS. Bishop Wordsworth says: -"The name Jehovah is a word of higher import (than ELOHIM); it is derived from the old verb HAVAH, to be, and signifies self-existence. Its proper meaning seems to be HE IS (See Gensenius, p. 337). It is rarely uttered by the Jews, on account of their reverence and awe for the divine Being,.....but in its stead, they uttered the word ADONAI. Christ unreservedly claimed this awful name: His claim was understood tho not acknowledged for immediately saying the words in Jno. 8:58 we read, 'Then they took up stones to cast at Him.'" Many do not acknowledge the claim yet today, but deny His deity.

The words of Rev. 1:4, GRACE
BE UNTO YOU AND PEACE, FROM HIM
WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH
IS TO COME, are a paraphrase of the
Hebrew word JEHOVAH. This title,
with certain modifications, occurs
four times in the Revelation.

Every title and attribute which is the exclusive claim of God is given by the Scriptures to Christ with one important exception -- INVISIBILITY.

## -WHY?~

It may be that many wonder why I have used so much space in this and previous copies concerning the deity of Christ. It is simply because the spirit of antichrist is at work in the world. It is working in various ways.

Not only do we have the attacks from without so-called Christendom, but the most specious are from within. While our Lord was on earth He was called a bastard by the Pharisees. Much modern theology teaches the same thing, but uses a nicer name for it.

About 318 A. D. some teaching by a native of Lybia, who was an Alexandrian Presbyter, came to notice. His argument was that if Christ were really a Son, then there was a time when He was not a Son. In other words Arius was claiming that Christ was not God and was not the same substance as God. He was the first that we have any record of who attacked the truth of the Trinity upon philosophical grounds. Never had the Jews questioned the fact that Elohim was plural. Nor is there any record of any such question during the first two centuries of the early church.

Arius was convicted of heresy in church council and banished. But he has many followers yet today. The father of THE LIE is ever busy. Maybe he has whispered it to you!

In many ways the same spirit is boring into every sect and denomination. The use of the familiar name JESUS is just one of the signs. In the N T we find no one speaking to Him using that name. The Holy Spirit uses it in speaking of Him, but in any dialogue between men, they speak of Him by a more reverend title. This familiarity does not honor Him, but leads to the notion that He was merely a man.

Another thing that draws from His praise and glory is the many pictures we see everywhere of Him. Any picture made of the Lord is from the imagination. If you will study your concordance, you will find a great deal about imagination and evil hearts. -(over)-

Pictures, images, and idols are man's idea of deity. They are the basis of false worship, idolatry. Any idea that man may have in his mind concerning God, if it does not correspond to the revelation of God in the Word, is idolatry. It is not truth.

It behooves every child of God to daily search the Scriptures for the complete revelation of God so that he may not fall into false worship. It is noticeable that where the Word is neglected is just the place that such pictures and ideas spring up. Where the Word is read and studied and really honored, there is no need for such pictures, images, and idols.

In the teaching of little children in the Sunday Schools, and the
songs sung in the churches, the
familiar name JESUS is used over
and over until their idea of our
God and Savior is that of a benign, bewhiskered gentleman closely related to Santa Claus.

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Let us away with our pictures, images, and idols and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Let the children be taught to respect Him as much, at least, as they do their teachers in school. Rarely do they speak of them by their first names. He is God. He is our Lord and Savior Jesus

-THE EDITORS DESK-

At first sight, the editor's desk usually resembles chaos. It would be hard for the average person to see any order in the disorder I must confess that there is a great deal of unanswered correspondence and papers piled up.

Maybe your editor tries to do too much. At any rate, he is enjoying it immensely. In the first place he is a farmer, not so much a dirt farmer, as a grass farmer. He owns a nice herd of dairy cows. or they own him, it is hard to say which. There is now an even dozen goats left to furnish milk and meat. Over 200 hens scratch and eat. (No golden eggs yet, guess we will have to raise geese). These are help earn the living and also make possible the TRUTH FOR TODAY ministry. The farm is composed of marsh, woods, hills and an ugly county ditch. I am giving you this little picture of our layout in response to some inquiries. Thanks for the personal interest in the editor and his family. Mrs. Baker and daughter Ruth help in folding the papers and licking stamps each month.

Just pray for us that we may have health and strength to carry on the work. Words of encouragement help a lot.

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