

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN LONE OAK

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GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FAMILY

Matt. 10:34 - 37
Eph. 6:17
Luke 14:25 - 27
Heb. 4:12

1. Jesus Came Not to Send Peace But a Sword.
Three Views of Peace.
 - (a) Peace With God. Rom. 5:1
 - (b) Peace of God. Phil. 4:7
 - (c) Peace on Earth. Luke 2:14

2. The Gospel Divides:
 - (a) Sets Men At Variance. Matt. 10:35.
 - (b) Man's Foes Shall be Members of His Own Family. Matt. 10:36.
 - (c) The Battle of Principles Comes Into Closest Quarter in the House-
Bitterest Foes in His Own House.

3. The Design of the Gospel.
 - (a) To Reconstruct Society.
 - (b) "That They All Might Be One." John 17:20,21.
 - (1) Closest Union
 - (2) No Seperate Will, Interest, Kingdom.
 - (3) All of the Same Mind. Rom. 12:16; 1 Cor. 1:10:
 - (c) Salvation From Sin. Isa. 1:18; Zech. 13:1; 14:8; Matt. 26:28;
Luke 24:45-49; Acts 2:38.

4. Examples:
 - (a) 3000 On Pentecost. Acts 2:41; 4:32.
 - (b) Cornelius and His House. Acts 10:47,48.
 - (c) Lydia and Her House. Acts 16:14,15.
 - (d) Philippian Jailor and His House. Acts 16:29-34.
 - (e) The 12 Men of Ephesus. Acts 19:1-7

It has been my constant plea that if a husband and wife who are divided religiously would take the book of Acts, sit down, and read the stories of conversions as recorded therein, then act accordingly, there would be no division between them.

The above examples as given in this outline, though there are others in the book of Acts, should suffice as illustrations of those who did the same thing and for the same purpose and therefore became of one mind and one judgment in matters religious. I appeal to you to study this lesson with an open mind and be obedient to Christ's gospel that all may be well with you now and forever. If I could be of any help to you at any point I would be glad to study the question with you.

JESS HALL

DOING A RIGHT THING IN A WRONG WAY

1. David would bring the Ark of God home. 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13:1-14; 1 Chronicles 15:1-29.
 - (1) David consults his chosen men; 2 Samuel 6:1; 1 Chronicles 13:1
 - (2) Regretful memories: 1 Chronicles 13:3
 - (3) To bring the Ark of God home was right in the eyes of all the people: 1 Chronicles 13:4. That which is right in the eyes of the people often does not please God.
 - (4) They set the Ark on a brand new cart: 1 Chronicles 13:7
 - (5) God smites Uzzah with death: 1 Chronicles 13:10. Why did God smite Uzzah with death? He was honest no doubt and it certainly follows that Uzzah was doing a good thing in saving the Ark from falling. We learn:
 - A. That Uzzah had zeal without knowledge: Romans 10:1-3
 - B. That self was prominent: Luke 18:14
 - (5) David is mad and angry with God: 1 Chronicles 13:11

DOING A RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT WAY

- (6) David consults with God about bringing the Ark home; not with his chosen men: 1 Chronicles 13:12. We will not go wrong if we always consult with God to know what his will is.
- (7) Levites only to bear Ark: 1 Chronicles 15:2. Why the Levites only to carry the Ark rather than haul it on a new cart?
 - A. God has said they should be the one and that they should carry the Ark: 1 Chronicles 15:2
 - B. While carrying the Ark they should not touch on holy thing lest they die: Numbers 4:15. See 1 Chronicles 13:10
- (8) God helped the Levites that bear the Ark: 1 Chronicles 15:26.
Note: God always helps those who live according to his word. This sermon preached at Lone Oak by Brother Hall, Monday night, March 18, 1957.

NOTE:

This outline, or any other outline, is brief and will require reading as well as careful study of the scriptures as given. Today, we need to learn that God means what he says and that we must do what he says in order to be fully pleasing to Him.

If there should be any question that you would like ask about any thought contained in this outline, or any other outline that I have prepared, I would want you to feel free to ask that question.

-Jess Hall

GOD'S FREE GIFT

NOTE: This sermon was
preached by Bro.
Hall at Lone Oak chu-
rch Saturday night,
March 23, 1957.

1. The city of Jericho-A Gift: Joshua 2:9, 24; 6:2

(1) "I know that the Lord hath given you the land" Joshua 2:9.

(2) "Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land-"
Joshua 2:24

(3) "I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour."-Joshua 6:2

NOTE:

In Joshua 6:3-5 God tells Joshua what he must do in order to take Jericho yet God had said, "I have given into thine hand Jericho." Could you find a single person anywhere who would contend that Joshua could have taken Jericho without doing all that God commanded. Which of the things commanded Joshua of the Lord would you brand as not necessary to the successful conquest of Jericho?

2. SIGHT-A GIFT: John 9:1-11

(1) Jesus had a gift for this blind man and that gift was restoration of sight to his eyes. How was this gift obtained?

A. Jesus made a clay of spittle-John 9:6

B. Jesus anointed the blind man's eyes with the clay-John 9:6

C. Jesus bid him go and wash in the pool of Siloam-John 9:7

NOTE:

Would you find any one anywhere who would try to argue that this blind man could have received his sight without going and washing, not just any place, but in the pool of Siloam as Jesus bid him do?

3. REMISSION OF SINS-A GIFT: How remission of sins obtained:

(1) Faith-Believe in God: Hebrews 11:6

(2) Repentance-A change of life: Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; 3:19. See also Acts 20:21 where Paul told the Jews and Greeks that they would have to repent toward God before they could believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) Confession of Christ: Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:36,37; Romans 10:9

(4) Baptism: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-5. Would any contend that remission of sins could be had without baptism?

4 Lives-A Gift: Though God had given to Paul the lives of these men Paul afterwards told them they would have to abide in the ship to be saved. Acts 27:22-32. Study carefully.

5 Eternal Life-A Gift: Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9. How obtained?

(1) Eternal life not purchased; Acts 8:20; (2) By obedience; Rom. 6:17,18. (3) Faithful life: Matt. 5:21; Mark 13:13; Col. 1:23; Rev. 2:10.