



WARNERS CHAPEL



MESSENGER

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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A PARABLE OF FIVE FARMERS

Five farmers procured a bag of seed together, and began to plant their respective fields to the seed they got from the bag. The bag of seed was represented as pure and good, tested and perfect. Each farmer agreed to plant only the seed he got from that one bag.

One day the five farmers came together to report the yield of their crops. One man reported that his seed had produced sixty bushels of oats.

Another, surprised at such a statement, stated that the seed he planted from the bag had grown corn, and only corn.

The third farmer was astounded. He declared that something was wrong with the other men, for he had planted his seed from the same bag as the others, and the result had been a fine crop of cotton.

The amazement of the others was equally as great. Radishes and rice had been the result of their planting!

Now what do you think of these farmers? Each one claimed to know what he was doing, to be an expert at planting and reaping. But how could such things be?

There are four possible explanations:

1. The seed was not pure.
2. The farmer's lands were already sown to other seed which choked out the seed that came from the bag.
3. The farmers misnamed their products.
4. Or the farmers got their seed from some other place than out of the bag they all professed to plant from.

That is just the way it is in religion. "The seed is the word of God." (Lk.8:11) Preachers are the farmers who go out to plant their seed in their various fields.

But these preachers all profess to preach the word of God, to get their seed from the same bag. But some preachers report that the seed they plant produces Baptist; others say it makes Methodist; still others, Presbyterians, Catholics or something else.

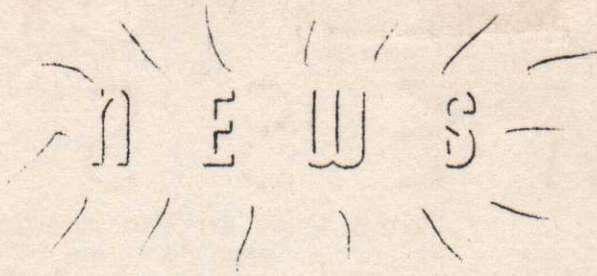
How can these things be? Well the same four things about the spiritual seed must be considered.

1. Is the seed pure?

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THE POINT IS OBVIOUS

A colored youth returning late at night from his "courting" had to pass a cemetery. For some unknown reason, he always ran past the cemetery. One night while passing by, he ran over a rabbit. He got up and said to the rabbit: Marse rabbit, if you don't want to go yourself, get out of the way of someone who really does want to go."

THE POINT---never be a hindrance to those who really want to do great things.

Again, on a frontier ranch there was a herd of mules. Every night the wolves came from a nearby forest and attacked them. Because they were frightened, they kicked promiscuously, doing many times as much damage to EACH OTHER as they did to the wolves.

Finally a wise old mule saw the futility of their present plan and suggested a better procedure. He instructed his companions, and that night, when the wolves came, the mules all rushed together, put their heads together, and began kicking OUTWARD. In this manner they did not harm each other with their kicking and inflicted all kinds of damage to their adversaries.

Again the point is obvious----let's join together and fight against Satan and make great progress in the cause of the Master.

---Selected.

Our idle days are the devil's busy days.

ADDRESS

You will recall that brother Charles Holder was drafted into the army a few weeks ago. Here is his address:

Pvt. Charles W. Holder
U.S. 53-190-211
Co. B. 701 A. I. B.
Fort Hood, Texas

Be sure and write Charles and encourage him to be faithful unto the Lord during his stay in the service.

Sister Homer Warner underwent a minor operation in City Hospital this week. She will return home tomorrow.

Reginald Landreth had his tonsils taken out this week. He is at home and getting along fine.

Sister Cline is much better and able to be out some.

Brother and Sister Thurmond Dull came forward and placed their membership here last Sunday. We welcome them into our midst to work and worship with us.

GOSPEL MEETING

JUNE 21 thru 30th

BROTHER HOWARD D. PARKER

of Roanoke, Virginia
will do the preaching.

This date is only three weeks away and it is high time for all of us to begin to work to make this meeting a great success.

SPEAKING OF EXCUSES

How's this one?

The neighbor of an Arab Sheik asked to borrow a rope.

"I cannot lend it" replied the Sheik, "because I need it to tie up my milk."

"But surely you do not tie up your milk with a rope," said the neighbor.

The Sheik answered "Brother when you do not want to do something, one excuse is as good as another."

--Selected.

"Sounds about as apt as some excuses a preacher hears sometimes, especially as regards absences from services of the church."

--C. R. Franks

A hearty Amen. V. C.

An excuse filled religion "might" do to live by, but would you want to die by it?

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
APRIL 1953

J. W. Warner, Treasurer

Balance on hand April 1, 1953.....\$1373.59

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL:

April 5,.....	\$163.90
April 12,.....	189.76
April 19,.....	180.56
April 26,.....	179.95

Total contributions for April.....\$714.17

Total to be accounted for.....\$2087.76

EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 1953:

Preaching.....	\$320.00
Radio Station WTOB.....	57.60
Church at Boone.....	25.00
Church at Tamarack, N. C.....	25.00
Hearld of Truth Radio Program.....	25.00
Rothrock, (Repair furnace).....	5.00
Church Building Boone, N. C.....	200.00
Duke Power Company.....	5.88
Stencils for Bulletin.....	3.75
Postage stamps.....	3.50
Bell Telephone Co.....	6.64
Cleaning church house.....	16.00
Lesson books.....	3.00

Total expenditures for April.....\$696.37

Balance on hand May 1, 1953.....\$1391.39

PRESENT EDITOR'S LAST
ISSUE

This will be the last issue of Warners Chapel Messenger that this editor will edit. He will begin work with the church in Bruceton, Tennessee, June 21. He would be glad to have a letter or card from any or all of the members here at any time. Our address will be 107 Lexington St., Bruceton, Tenn.

Your editor wants to say that it has been a genuine pleasure in working with those who have helped with this publication from week to week and from time to time. I will

not attempt to mention by name all those who have assisted with the printing, folding, stapling, addressing, and stamping, as well as typing. If I tryed to mention them I am sure I would leave out some one. But to each of you I give my heart-felt thanks for your cooperation in this phase of the work. I trust that our efforts have not been in vain, and I am sure they have not been. For many have told me how the paper has helped them.

We hope that you will give the next editor you cooperation as you have to me.

V. C.

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"Thy word is very pure." (Ps. 119:140) So that removes the blame from the seed. After the law of God, it bears after its kind. In New Testament days it invariably made Christians. Paul, with the word, persuaded men to be Christians. (Acts 26:28) Those influenced or produced by the word were called Christians. (Acts 11:26) So when the pure word is planted, only Christians are produced, and the word is pure.

2. Were not the preachers' field already sown to other seed, which choked out the pure word?

If the preachers produced something other than or more than Christians, it is evident that something other than the word of God had been planted. The Bible only makes Christians only. If men are something else than only Christians, they are such, not because of the Bible, but in spite of it. Some other doctrine chokes out the good seed.

3. Did the preachers misname their products?

If they planted their fields to the word of God, and that only, then they all produced the same spiritual crop, identical with that of New Testament preachers. The crop was Christians, that only, if they preached the pure gospel. If they called the result by some other name, they simply did not know their product, and misnamed it.

Could this be so?

4. Did the preachers get their seed from some other source than the word of God?

This is the very thing the Bible warns against: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20) "Speak thou the things which befit sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1)

When a man goes to a humanly written creed to get his doctrine, he is wrong. But men are constantly going to Luther for their doctrine of "faith only" salvation; to the Pope for infant sprinkling and for instrumental music; and to various other sources for organization, for doctrine and for worship.

But always remember this: Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." (Matt. 15:13)

The only plants that God has in the religious world are Christians. Be very sure that you are the product of God's word, and of that only. His word makes nothing else.

---Just A Moment.

SELECTIONS:

Hard work rarely kills because so few give it a chance.

Blessed is he who loves the church before his business.