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A Cordial Welcome Awaits You at All Times

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THE APOCRYPHA...Many are the inquiries concerning several books contained within the Catholic version of the Bible, and why such are not included in the King James, American Standard, and other less familiar versions to which we have common access. In view of the series of studies on the proper division of the Word of God which was concluded this past Sunday evening, and since during the presentation of the lessons in that series no mention was made with regard to this, perhaps a few thoughts along this line would be pertinent here.

The bishops of the Council of Hippo in 390 A.D. declared that Jerome was inspired in his translation of the Bible into the Latin language, and being thus miraculously endowed, he could not have erred. Yet, Jerome rejected the additional books which Catholics insist their version. He declared that these books were "apocrypha", meaning "hidden, obscure, and without authority". Now how could Jerome have been inspired and yet still make the mistake of rejecting some canonical books? The truth of the matter is that Jerome was not inspired - but he did recognize that these additional books, now included in the Catholic Bible, were spurious (questionable as to authenticity, genuineness, and inspiration), and thus without authority whatsoever. There are several valid objections to these additional books.

1. They possess no authority, either external or internal, to procure their admission into the canon (list of genuine books) of the scriptures.
2. Not one of them is extant in the Hebrew in which the other books

of the Old Testament scriptures were written.

3. Not one of the authors of these books in direct terms advanced any claim to inspiration. Some even say they were not inspired.

4. These books have never been acknowledged by Jews to be of divine origin; it must be remembered that Paul teaches that unto the Jews were committed the oracles of God. (Rom. 3:2)

5. These books were not admitted into the canon of the scriptures by the church during the first four centuries.

6. These apocryphal books are not mentioned by Christ or the apostles and yet, in the New Testament there are 263 direct quotations and 370 allusions to passages in the Old Testament.

7. These books contain many things that are contradictory to other Bible books in facts, doctrine, and practice.

The Apostle Peter stated that "no prophesy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Pet. 1:21) The Old Testament scriptures from which quotations are taken by our Lord and the various writers of the New Testament were, indeed, recognized as inspired of God - by Christ Himself, by His apostles, and by faithful Biblical scholars down through the years. But these "hidden and obscure" books referred to as the Apocrypha are not inspired, they are not the product of the Holy Spirit, they are not authoritative, and thus are not counted as the word of God.

(HC)

GREETINGS...The Christmas season is quite obviously with us again. The day itself is not sacred, for we have no authority in the word of God that we may celebrate the birthday of Christ. There is not the slightest suggestion or allusion either as to the time of His birth, or the idea of commemorating it in any way whatsoever. We may not go beyond that which is written in our observances; we must confine our activities in worship and life to that authorized, instructed, and sanctioned in the New Testament.

But the day itself is a national holiday, and though we may not attach religious significance thereto, the social aspects of the season make for an occasion of happiness, family reunions, tasty meals, exchanging of gifts, greeting cards, friendly atmosphere, and tots merrily playing with new toys.

Our wish for each of you is that you may have all the joy that seems to characterize this season of the year, and that God will bless you always, providing for you a New Year accompanied with accomplishment and success in your every undertaking for good.

Harmon, Dorothy, Leslie, and Beverly

CLASS DIRECTORY...Below is the complete directory of our Bible class system in the teaching program of the church, which will become effective the first Sunday in January.

Considerable attention has been given to an effort to revitalize our teaching program among the classes. You will note that specific substitutes, or co-teachers have been appointed by the elders in several classes hitherto not having the same. You will note also some changes, particularly on Wednesday nights, in classes, age groups, and teachers. Rooms are numbered. The same literature will be used Sunday mornings, but a systematized program now is incorporated also for Wednesday. Each classroom has been numbered. Note the list.

Class	Age	Teacher	Substitute	Room Number
<u>Sunday Morning</u>				
1	2 & 3 years	Leota Barringer	Barbara Minor	3
2	4 & 5 years	Eula Harper	Mary Ellen Dull	5
3	Grades 1,2,3	Metzel Doub	Virginia Elam	1
4	Grades 4,5,6	Mildred Warner	Dot Pegram	4
5	Grades 7,8,9	Norman Moser	Gary Harper	6
6	Grades 10,11,12	George Ridings	Donald Minor	7
7	Young adults	Harold Doub	Clarence Sheets	2
8	Adult	Harmon Caldwell		Audit'm
<u>Wednesday Evening</u>				
1	2,3,4,5 yrs	Helen Warner	Marie Harper	5
2	Grades 1 & 2	Mary Ellen Dull	Mary Harper	6
3	Grades 3 & 4	Virginia Elam	Dorothy Caldwell	1
4	Grades 5 & 6	Margie Sheets	Gladys Harper	2
5	Grades 7,8,9	Jim Harper	J.W. Pegram	4
6	Grades 10,11,12	Clarence Sheets	Odell Holder	7
7	Adult	Harmon Caldwell		Audit'm

It is suggested that each teacher and his respective substitute or co-teacher confer at length as to the material used and the general themes of study; that each substitute be provided with a lesson book each quarter; that the substitute in turn attend the class at intervals, becoming acquainted with the pupils, general class arrangement, and necessary teaching methods. It is further suggested that if a teacher knows he is to be absent at a given time he is to notify his substitute in time that he may adequately prepare for the class.

With our revised arrangement, particularly on Wednesday evenings, but Sunday mornings as well, we are trusting such will be greater incentive for more to be in regular attendance. Parents, here is excellent opportunity

for you to provide for your children the many advantages of graded classes in which the Bible is taught in a systematic way, with splendid study helps and material, by competent, well qualified teachers. Do give serious thought to this if you have heretofore neglected to attend, and to bring your little children. We are certainly encouraged with the interest having been in evidence the past number of weeks, and come the first of the year, it is our prayer that this interest and desire to learn will increase the more.

200 JANUARY 3..."Fullhouse Sunday!" That's what it is to be! We are so very eager that our goal of 200 for the 10:50 worship be attained on that Lord's day, and we are trusting that each of you is working to that end. Were every member of Warner's Chapel to attend for that service, surely we would have a full house. Won't you help us have this number?

HERE'S ONE..."Some people cause happiness wherever they go; others cause happiness when they go."

AND ANOTHER..."We don't believe in using instrumental music in the worship, but a lot of us sure do fiddle around in the Lord's work!"

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:50 A.M.
Evening Worship	
October - April	6:00 P.M.
May - September	7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Service	7:30 P.M.
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Other Classes and Services as Announced

RADIO PROGRAM

EACH SUNDAY—9 A. M.

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