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**THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED**

“Beloved while I was giving all diligence to write unto you concerning our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3

We have a common salvation. It is not common in the sense of being ordinary; it is an extraordinary salvation. However there are many aspects as to why it is common. For one thing it is the same for men as it is for women. A man wrote one time to say that the gospel that is preached on this broadcast is needed by all the sex in religion. I think he meant to say sects S.E.C.T.S. But he wrote sex S.E.X. Whichever he meant he was right in both cases. People in all religious sects need the gospel that is preached on the broadcast. In fact the more sectarian they are, the more they need it. But it is also needed by all the sex in religion and out of religion. It is needed by every man, every woman, every boy, every girl, every they, every them, every who, every whom, every he, every she, every it, every one, everybody. He said, “I give all diligence to write unto you concerning our common salvation.”

It is common also because we have a common Savior. Jesus can be and must be the Savior of all mankind. There is no other. Jesus said, “No one cometh unto the Father but by Me.” And Peter said, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Unless Jesus was grossly mistaken—and unless Peter was completely bumfoozled, bewildered, mystified and freaked out by what the Holy Spirit told him, there is absolutely no other way for anybody, anywhere, any time in any generation, to go to heaven other than through Jesus Christ. I write unto you concerning our common salvation.

It is a common salvation also because we have a common plan of salvation. Peter tells us that common plan the day the Church began on the day of Pentecost: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for

the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Now isn’t that refreshing? Peter not only told them this, but then he told them it was not only for them, but for their children, and he told them it was not only for their descendants, but to all that were afar off, and not only for those who were afar off, but for all as many as the Lord would call unto Him. Truly we have a common salvation because one plan fits all. I write unto you concerning our common salvation. Consider also it is a common salvation because we belong to a common Church.

There is only one Church in the New Testament. Jesus said I will build My Church. There is no other Church recognized by New Testament writers. I want to be sure I am a member of that Church. If there is any denomination in addition to the church the Lord established mentioned in the Bible, let me know where it is, or how many there are and I want to join every one of them. I want to belong to any Church that is found in the Bible, whether it be one or a dozen. Because I don’t want to miss out on anything. On the day the Church was born the Lord added unto the Church in that day those that were saved. Jude said that it was a common salvation. Common also because we have a common name.

Doesn’t it sound strange to read the New Testament and never find modern day denominational names. Listen to these strange names from the New Testament. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. If any suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed. Where did you ever read of Protestants or Catholics in the Bible? If there are Protestants and Catholics in the Bible, let me know what book, what chapter and what verse so states and I want to join both groups. Ladies and Gentlemen, I don’t want to miss out on anything. But until then, why can’t we be satisfied to call ourselves Christians, or saints and nothing else? I write unto you concerning our common salvation.

It is common also because we have a common message. This is the Bible and the Bible only. There is no other book or written communication of any kind that has been given to us by the inspiration of God. John tells us on the last page of the Bible, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

These words on the last page of the Bible stand there like a red flag, a big flashing sign that says danger, a warning to all who would write or believe or teach any other document as the inspired word of God. I write unto you concerning our common salvation.

Now after speaking of our common salvation Jude says, "I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

For one thing this faith we contend for was delivered. It was not invented by earthly men. Men did not figure this faith out for themselves. The faith was delivered. Paul tells the Galatians where he obtained the message that he preached when he said, "I make known unto you brethren the gospel which was preached by me that it is not after men, neither was I taught it, but it came to me by revelation of Jesus Christ."

We have all received the same message. The problem is we have not all delivered the same message that we received. Go to the meeting place of some denominations during the week and open the pulpit Bible and read Mark 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Go back on Sunday and he will tell you, "He that believeth and is saved shall be baptized." He has not delivered what he received. He delivers something else.

Notice also that there has only been one delivery. It was once delivered unto the saints. There is only one delivery. The truth of God was not delivered twice just once. The Bible is only book where you can find the way to heaven. There is no other. John said after the Resurrection that these things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and believing ye might have life in His name. There is just one delivery. So when someone tells you they have another book besides the Bible that is inspired of God you know that you are talking to a false prophet. There is no other book. As God looks down on the world today there is no chance that He will send another gospel. We do things now that would have been miraculous to people a few years ago. God will never say, "Well it looks like I will have to invent a high tech plan for this high tech age. They need a high tech Church and a high tech gospel." Ladies and Gentlemen, our high tech age has produced high tech sinners, who are headed for a high tech Hell. God will not give these high tech smart alecks a customized plan of salvation. There will be no designer Church or a designer plan of salvation except the one designed in the New Testament. It is the duty of the Church to send the word out to a world that lives in the suburbs of Hell.

But not only is the faith delivered and once delivered

it is delivered unto the saints. Paul tell us in First Timothy that the Church is the pillar and ground of truth. The Bible has been deposited by God into the hands of the Church.

We have a secretary of State, a secretary of education, a secretary of defense, a secretary of various departments, but there is no secretary of the Bible. That responsibility has been given to the saints.

The Church cannot change the message. The Church as the pillar and ground of truth must support the truth and hold it up to a lost world.

Ladies and Gentlemen, remember it was said, "Beloved I have given all diligence today to write to you, concerning our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you that you should contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints." E. B.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

John 11:56 "What think ye? That He will not come to the feast?" After the resurrection of Lazarus the chief priest decided to kill Jesus. Jesus withdrew into the country to await the moment when it could be said His hour had come. When the time for the final Passover had come many of the Jews went to Jerusalem to purify themselves. As they waited for the big day they began to look for Jesus. It was then that they asked that question. What think ye, that He will not come to the feast?

There was nothing more certain than the fact that Jesus would be there for this Passover. He had been present at the institution of the first Passover in the book of Exodus. It was there that the Israelites were told to slay a lamb for each family and strike the blood on the side posts and the upper door post of each home. God said, "I will pass over the land and slay the first born of every family in Egypt and when I see the blood I will pass over you."

Now the time has come when the last Passover will take place. That is why that Passover is called the Last Supper. So the question was asked. What think ye, that He will not come to the feast? There was no way Jesus would miss that feast. He Himself was to be the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world.

After He observed that feast in preparation for the slaying of the Lamb of God, it was at that time that He instituted the Lord's Supper. He has commanded the Christians to observe that memorial feast remembering that when the Lord returns in judgment, He will see that blood on the door of the Church of Christ and Passover them.

So it is still a good question. Every week as we look forward to the coming of the Lord's Day we cannot help but wonder about a great percentage of the membership of our congregation—What think ye, that they will not come to the feast? It is a sad situation. Many will not come to the feast for the celebration of the slaying of the Lamb of God who died to save us. There is no way the Lord Jesus Christ should let any thing keep Him from the attendance at the feast. What think ye that He will not come to the feast?

All things are ready, come to the feast!—Come for the table now is spread—Ye famishing, ye weary come,—and thou shalt be richly fed.

## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Ed,

A couple of Sundays ago your message was on the "Armor of God" from Ephesians 6. Could you please send me a tape of this sermon? I am going through your message titled, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" with my Sunday School class (6, 7, & 8th graders). It is taking 3 Sundays because they are looking up all the scripture references. It is a blessing to all of us. God bless you and your ministry.

Pat from Dayton, Ohio

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Thank you ever so much for the sermon book you sent to me. This book will surely help me proclaim the word of God. My first sermon I preached was the "Ten Good Men". Although I didn't say word by word, it produced good fruits because four brothers were added to the Lord's Church on Sunday of 17th July 2005 after preaching this sermon. I thank you again for a thousand times.

I am looking forward to continue being with you. It is my prayers that your ministry continues to help us grow spiritually. May the almighty God be with you and continue to bless you.

Yours truly brother in Christ,

John from Manzini, Swaziland, S. Africa

Brother Ed,

I just finished reading your sermon on "A Drink From The Old Well."

It is right on line as far as the preaching in our (Christian) churches is concerned.

There is very little Bible preaching going on in our pulpits these days.

Another brother and I were talking to a 2004 graduate of OCC, and I told him that he must tell people if they wanted to go to heaven, they must believe in Christ, repent of sin, confess Christ by their mouth, and be baptized into Christ, and continue faithful until death.

He said, "I will not preach that because I don't believe it."

What in the world are our Bible colleges teaching these days?

Brother, keep on preaching the Word of God!

In Christ,

Leon from Dewey, OK

Dear Ed Bousman,

I heard your program on the Radio Africa. Your program gave me a lot of knowledge and wisdom to the word of God because I was formerly an unbeliever but I am now a Christian. I have three wives and 14 children and we are all now Christians. (We are teaching them the whole truth). We need Bibles and I shall be appreciated if you can send one Bible for each of us. Here are our names.

Imrdeji from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Sir,

I listened to your broadcast yesterday (Sunday) morning on All-Asia Service, Radio Sri Lanka which relayed your Gospel message. I have been a believer in the Lord Christ for some years now. Although I'm now 69 years of age, I still desire to learn more of the teachings as contained in the Holy Bible.

Now I request you to send me a copy of your ministry's "Gospel Bible Lessons" along with a copy of the prescribed application form, in case I desire to go in for a regular correspondence course. Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Challam from INDIA

Dear Bro Ed,

Well I received the Bible you sent to me and I did the lesson studies you also sent to me and I would like to keep on doing these studies because they did enlighten your mind with ease. Well my name is Bryan and I'm in the Wrightsville Prison in Wrightsville, AR and is there anything I can do to help you out while I'm locked up? Just let me know, well I guess I will close but thank you again for the Bible.

One of over 500 prisoners that we have studying with us.

Dear Ed Bousman,

The Lord bless you for your good work through the Radio Africa. Your program got to us in Abodjaa Village—GJAJAPA reached us through the Radio Africa and I am happy to tell you that many people have really gained from your powerful messages. There is no PO in Abodjaa Village, this is the reason our address is in the care of the above address. So reply this letter and Bible study course to the above address. Many people want to study like this through your Bible study course and I have decided to collect all the names of people who want study course. We are all converts (72 in number) who have learnt a lot by your Bible lessons and wisdom of the word of God through your program—GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY.

Yours in His love,

Emmanuel from OYO State

Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Bro. Ed,

Hello. Hope you and yours are well. I remember when I first became a Christian I used to listen to your radio broadcast which I found by accident one morning. I have always remembered your preaching even though I lost touch with the radio program. I truly enjoy getting your monthly newsletter. They are very encouraging. I read Brother J. Ogie's letter in the August issue. His words touched my heart. We in the US have as many Bibles as we want and I wonder how many of us even bother to even read them? God's word is still mighty and powerful and how blessed we are to learn and obey it. Please use this gift to continue to go into all the world and lead people to Christ. How wonderful to hear of Moslems being converted! May God bless you for all you do.

In Christian love,

Jamie from Madison, IN

Dear Ed Bousman,

Greetings to you and your wife. I am a regular listener of your program—GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY through the Radio Africa. Your program has really gave me a lot of knowledge and wisdom of the word of God. The enclose studies in the Bible course is returned to you for correction and grading. The person who introduced your good program to me gave me the studies in the Bible Course for me to have more knowledge of the word of God. I was formerly a Muslim but now I am a Christian. I have accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. Now I know the truth and the truth has set me free. I have won many Muslim students. My parents was not happy to see me attending Fellowship. I was persecuted by my Muslim parents when I became a Christian. Kindly help me prayer. Kindly add the students below (37 total) to participate in the correspondence course and send one Holy Bible for each of the below listed names.

In His love Fatamiinn from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I write to let you know that I really enjoy your program on Radio Africa and the abundance of spiritual nourishment provided, I am not good with words all I can say is I thank God for your ministry otherwise, I would still be wandering in the dark.

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for transforming my life from darkness to light. Words cannot express how grateful I am for saving my life.

Please help me in my life in Christ to grow spiritually by sending a complete Bible to me. God bless you as you send it.

Yours in Jesus love,

Kehinde from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Brother,

I am very grateful for the New Testament Sermon books you sent to me, I got them not too long ago. I was very happy and started reading them the same day. Thank you very much for the books. May the good Lord bless you. (When someone finishes their 30 lessons of Studies in the Bible they are sent Ed's 3 NT sermon books.)

Ghana, W. Africa

## BIBLE UPDATE

I want to **THANK** each one of you as well as **CHURCHES** who have made special contributions to our **BIBLE FUND**, which is kept separately from the regular funds for the radio broadcast. From January to September 2005, we have received **\$20,497.00** designated for Bibles and **\$29,057.00** has been spent for Bibles and the postage to ship them. We still have thousands of requests for Bibles that we cannot fill because of lack of funds. Remember that it costs only **\$5.00** to buy a Bible and **\$7.30** to ship it surface mail, or about **\$2.00** to send several in one M-BAG to the same address. Please continue to keep us in mind and help us take God's Word to all parts of the world.

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