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Sunday
Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship...11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
Sunday:.....7:30am
"Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
Warm & Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

The Silence of the Scriptures

Bill Jackson

Surely one of the most effective, and most Scriptural, arguments the saints have made down through the years is that of the authority of the silence of the Scriptures. In hundreds of debates with proponents of every kind of error, audiences were shown that when God legislates in a certain area, making clear His requirements, then man has no authority to go beyond that, adding similar or like things to what God has specified. We have correctly used the gopher wood, the pitch, the dimensions of the ark in the case of Noah (Gen. 6), and we have used the fruit of the vine and the bread on the Lord's table (Mat. 26:26-28) on the same point. Of late, men are stating that there can be no argument based on "the silence of the Scriptures." As one recently put it, "Man is free to do any and everything that God has not specifically forbidden." One other man, in the kingdom, said that "any matter falling within the silence of the scriptures should be treated as options, based on the rule of Romans 14." In correspondence with one in another state, and when the matter of dancing in worship was brought up, and our having no specific condemnation in the New Testament of such, his answer was that if the congregation's elders gave approval, and if they then could see some benefit to be gained, it would be proper! Thus, the end to which one will be taken if he feels there can be no legitimate

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argument based on the silence of the Scriptures! We know the argument we now are supporting is a legitimate one, for we find it used in the Word! In Hebrews 7, as the writer speaks of the priesthood of Christ under the New Testament, he states that there has been a change of the law, thus necessitating a change in the priesthood (7:12). He speaks of our Lord coming from the tribe of Judah (7:14), and in making then the point that the Lord could not be a priest if the law of Moses were still in effect, the writer states, "of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood." Thus, the argument is made that Jesus could not be a priest under the Old Testament law, because the Scriptures said nothing about one of Judah being a priest! Let us, as we continue to stress Biblical authority, and the right handling of the Word (2 Tim. 2:15), also continually stress the silence of the Scriptures!

WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION

by Danny Box

Scripture teaches that the Christian is under special obligation to his home congregation (Eph. 4:16). What do I owe the local church?

1. I owe it the **EXAMPLE OF A GOOD LIFE**. I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community so I will be, "...an example of the believers, in word, in manner of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim 4:12 ASV). I will "...live soberly, righteously and godly" (Titus 2:12), and I will let my light shine before men so that God will be glorified (Matt. 5:16).

2. I owe it my **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**. My home congregation has regular financial obligations. These obligations must be paid, and the only way the church can meet them is through the weekly collection (1 Cor. 16:1,2; 2 Cor. 9:7). Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my contribution should still be given each week to the treasurer of my home congregation.

3. I owe my **EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS**. I must do all that I can to win souls for the Lord. I can do this by preaching and persuading, or by persistent effort, or by inviting and bringing those who are lost to the services. We may not be able to stand and preach, but we can invite and encourage our friends and family to attend and hear the gospel.

4. I owe it my **ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT**. The very existence of any congregation depends upon the attendance of its members. For this reason, I must attend **ALL** the services that I possibly can. I would not have it said that my home congregation perished because I would not attend the Bible classes and evening worship services.

I am a part of my home congregation, and I must meet my obligations to the best of my ability to build up the body of Christ here at this place! (Adapted from an article in "Glad Tidings" by Bro. Frank Cox 2/4/99)

Have You Obeyed the Gospel?

- We are warned what will happen if we obey it not. **2 Thes. 1:6-9**

- Jesus died for your sins. **1 Cor. 15:3-4**

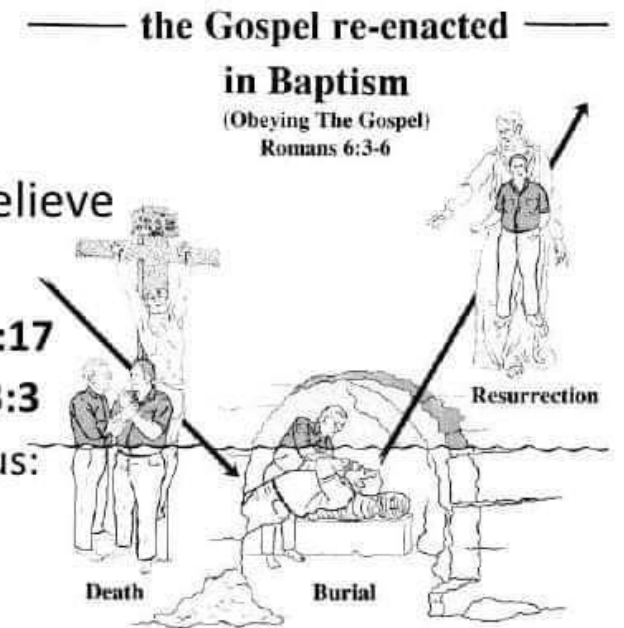
- To be saved one must believe and obey the gospel.

- Hear & Believe: **Rom. 10:17**

- Repent from sin: **Luke 13:3**

- Confess your faith in Jesus: **Acts 8:37**

- Be Baptized: **Acts 22:16**



“O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. ² For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord” (Psalm 117).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov 8 – Preach-N-Eat and 1:30 Worship (Song Service)
- Nov 22 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- Dec 6 – Men’s Business Meeting (Budget Meeting) & Ladies’ Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell