

An Introduction To “Pillars of Truth”

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The following introduction was written by me on April 15, 1980 when we began publishing the local bulletin called “Pillars of Truth” We mailed out literally thousands of copies to the various churches of Christ in Searcy and in nearby communities. It was a great teaching opportunity, and it received a lot of attention – not all of it positive. I was 26 years old at the time, full of life, enthusiasm, and determination. This little introduction still embodies my purpose for writing bulletins, so I thought it would be good to include it here in my final bulletin.

Editorial Introduction

The purpose of publishing this bulletin is to fulfill the church’s divine obligation to **teach**. The church’s mission is three-fold (**Ephesians 4:12**), and evangelism as one of those three is finding expression through this paper. Therefore we shall not use these pages for announcing visitors, sick ones, responses, or other such information. It is simply not our purpose. Instead, we shall speak as the Bible speaks, teaching New Testament principles in New Testament words – fearing all else as errant, and questioning language and works which may be “Ashdod-ish.”

We do not intend to devote ourselves to any particular issue, for we are not hobbyists, and do not intend to so appear. Nonetheless we are not afraid to **speak out** on any issue, and we shall not be intimidated to **limit** our space for fear of what some may say. We please God first (**Galatians 1:10**), and we write just as we preach. That is, we teach on the subject until we get finished. We certainly pray to God that we will always be wise and bold enough to declare the whole counsel of God, preaching in season and out.

All that we teach from these pages is from the *motivation* of **love**, for we are fully aware that regardless of how well we may write, if it is not from love “*I am become as sounding brass, or as a tinkling cymbal*” (**1 Corinthians 13:3, KJV**). Love of God, and love of mankind was the whole of the law (**Matthew 22:37-40**). As servants under a **better** covenant, less will not be accepted from us, and as **spiritual** Jews (**Romans 2:29**) the true meaning of God’s love is to be seen in us. Therefore, let no man sinfully judge our motives (**Matthew 7:1**) to be otherwise. Furthermore, let none see ill will, bitterness, or hatred in our duties to “*reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine*” (2 Timothy 4:2). Be patient with us, and hear us out with an open mind.

Pray for us to have wisdom from above! “*But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy*” (**James 3:17**).

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