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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Changes in the Law

(Heb 7:11-12)

PM Sermon

The Spiritual Sickle

(Revelation 14)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Outline of the Bible - Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

V. Smith

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Truth in Love

on Channel 19 Sundays @ 8am

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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The Oologah Informer **May 13th, 2018**

Thoughts from the Preacher

“The Cross”

The Cross is the reason we have salvation.

The Cross is the reason we worship God.

The Cross is the reason we strive to live godly lives.

The Cross is the reason we study the Word of God.

The Cross is the reason we have the hope of Heaven.

The Cross is THE Reason.

Weekly Article

“Is Hand Clapping Scriptural”

Part 1

From the “Truth for the World” Website

Why do some clap their hands (applaud) during the worship of the church? Some clap when they agree with a point the preacher has made. Some applaud when he finishes his sermon. This is to show their approval of it. However, there is no Scriptural authority for hand clapping in the worship of the church! One of the principles which will help us understand the Lord's will for worship is to “speak where the Scriptures speak, and to remain silent where the Scriptures are silent.” In other words, when the Lord teaches us by a command, approved example, or implication in His Word, we have authority to do it. If He does not, then we are doing it without His authority.

What is the proper way to show agreement or approval in worship? The answer is found in 1 Corinthians 14:16. Paul wrote: “Else if thou bless with the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place of the unlearned say the Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest? The manner of Paul's question implies that the proper way to show agreement is to say “**Amen.**” Even though this passage is dealing with the miraculous spiritual gifts of the apostolic age, it clearly shows how the Lord expects His disciples to show agreement today.

If God had simply said, “Show agreement,” then hand clapping, whistling, or anything else could be done to accomplish it. However, God did not simply say “Show agreement!” He said to say “**Amen**” to show approval or agreement. This principle is clearly seen in Genesis 6:14. The Lord told Noah to “**Make thee an ark of gopher wood.**” Since God commanded the specific kind of wood to be used, no other kind could have been used with His approval. Since, in the New Testament, God has commanded the way to show approval or agreement in worship is by saying Amen, then no other way can be used with His approval! God does not have to say, “Thou shalt not

practice hand clapping or any other thing except to say “amen.” When He commanded saying Amen, this eliminated (left out) every other way of doing it!

The apostle Paul wrote: And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). To do a thing “in the name of the Lord means to do it by His authority. Therefore, we must have authority for everything we do in our worship and practice. *Where is the verse which gives us authority for hand clapping in worship?* It is not mentioned anywhere in the New Testament!

*Continued Next Week