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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 & Plagues  
(Revelation 15-16)

#### 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

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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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### Thoughts from the Preacher

#### **“Love God”**

**You cannot love God without obeying Him.**  
**(John 14:15)**

### Weekly Article

#### **“Is Hand Clapping Scriptural”**

##### **Part 2**

From the “Truth for the World” Website

Please consider the following arguments from the Word of God:

#### **ARGUMENT I**

All Scripture is given to thoroughly equip the man of God for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). No Scripture authorizes hand clapping in the worship of the church. Therefore, hand clapping is not a good work!

#### **ARGUMENT II**

It is a violation of Scripture to go beyond what is written (Revelation 22:18,19; 2 John 9). Hand clapping in the worship of the church is not written in the New Testament. Therefore, hand clapping in the worship of the church is a violation of the New Testament!

#### **ARGUMENT III**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). And whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). The Word of God does not mention hand clapping in the worship of the church. Therefore, hand clapping is not an act of faith and is a sin!

#### **ARGUMENT IV**

God has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through His Word (2 Peter 1:3). God's Word does not give us anything concerning hand clapping in the worship of the church. Therefore, hand clapping in the church does not pertain to life and godliness!

Some try to justify hand clapping in the worship of the church by arguing, “It is mentioned in the Old Testament.” While this is true (see Psalm 47:1), this does not authorize it in the worship of the church today. We are under the New Testament law of worship. The Old Testament Law was for Israel and has been replaced by a new and better covenant (Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 7:12; 8:6-13). The fact that hand clapping was commanded in Old Testament worship does not authorize it in New Testament worship any more than the fact that the burning of incense and the offering of animal sacrifices in Old Testament worship gives authority for them in New Testament worship. We are not under the Old Testament law of worship today! If one leaves out the offering of animal sacrifices and burning of incense, he must also leave out hand clapping.

Some try to justify hand clapping in the worship of the church today by insisting that it is a matter of option. One can choose to do it, or one can choose not to do it. But if it is an option, why not leave it out? Many Christians cannot do it in good conscience. If it is not commanded, but merely a matter of option, then it should not be used for this will cause division. Those who oppose hand clapping in worship do not believe it is an optional matter. They oppose it because it is an addition to the God given pattern of worship in the New Testament.

When we worship God, we must simply follow that which He has revealed to us in the New Testament. Hand clapping as an act of worship is not revealed in the New Testament. Therefore, in order to please God, we must leave it out of our worship! God demands respect for His Word. To add to it or to take away from it is to incur the wrath of God. It will result in one's being kept out of the Holy City (Heaven) (Revelation 22:18-19).