

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths...and walk therein."

(Jeremiah 6:16)

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Seek The Old Paths '94 Lectureship Review

Garland M. Robinson

The 9th annual Seek The Old Paths Lectureship has now ended. Like those that have gone before, the preaching was right on target and true to the Book of God. There were no "uncertain sounds" heard here (I Cor. 14:8) as are heard in so many places today – even in our own backyard! The subject matter dealt with was IMMORALITY. Thirty-two speakers spoke forty times and taught what the Bible says regarding: idolatry, materialism, evil companionships, situation ethics, witchcraft, bribery, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, hatred, strife, envy, lying, dishonesty, immodesty, gambling, evolution, dancing, fornication, capital punishment, adultery, murder, abortion, euthanasia, sodomy, racism, pornography, suicide, profanity and many other related topics.

The lessons are available on cassette tape for \$27 postage paid (make checks to Garland Robinson) and the video tapes are available for \$60 (send video orders to Jim Green, Rt. 1 Box 427, Dunbar, PA 15431, Ph. (412) 628-4762). The book which contains the lesson outlines consists of 128 pages. It is rich in content and will serve brethren around the world in learning God's Word on moral issues. Several have already made comment that it

will be excellent for class study and preaching from the pulpit. You may have a copy free by sending a self-addressed 6"x9" envelope with 66 cents postage on it.

Brother Wayne Coats spoke for one hour each day concerning the current digression among churches of Christ. The topics each day were: Monday – "The Christian Jubilee, Inc.," Tuesday – "Special Music in the church," Wednesday – "Agents of Change," and Friday – "Miscellaneous Matters." It is so sad, but multitudes are those who have closed their eyes and pretend that digression from the "Old Paths" does not even exist! These folks better wake up before it's too late! The church is already divided just as it was in the late 1800s and was not officially and finally recognized until 1906. We pray for the day that brethren will repent of their wickedness in departing from the living God, and if they do not, that they will get on out and leave the faithful alone. But, so many have vowed they will continue on "with us" and cause as much harm and damage as they possibly can. So many in so many places are their helpers because they have "lock-jaw" and refuse to expose their unlawful deeds as Romans 16:17 and Ephesians 5:11 demand. Let's hasten the day that

brethren will come to a knowledge of the Truth and have enough backbone to contend for the faith (Jude 3). But if they do not, we'll continue on with the other 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to digression and compromise (I Kings 19:18; cf. Rom. 11:4).

The attendance this year was the best ever. Brethren registered from 15 states and one foreign country: Mississippi, Tennessee, Wyoming, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, California and the Philippines. The attendance this year topped last year. Totaling all the sessions together the attendance reached 5,116 (up 30.9% from last year). The highest attendance at any one lesson was 220 and the lowest was 75. Out of 36 sessions, only 2 had under 100 in attendance! The sessions during the day averaged 128 and those at night averaged 178. The averages each day were: Sunday, 143, Monday, 142, Tuesday, 165, Wednesday, 139, Thursday, 122. The average attendance for all sessions was 142 which was an increase of 30.2% over last year.

There were six responses to the invitation for which we are

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LECTURESHIP REVIEW

“SEEK THE OLD PATHS” '94 LECTURESHIP IN REVIEW

Gilbert Gough

On July 24th through the 28th, the East Corinth Church of Christ in Corinth, Mississippi, conducted the ninth annual *Seek the Old Paths* lectureship. The theme of the lectureship was *Immorality*. The subject matter was truly needed for many reasons. First, our society has become so immoral in so many ways that having the lectureship on this theme should awaken us to the great need for preaching and teaching on immorality. So many are being influenced in and out of the church to do evil. The church needs to be forewarned of immorality's dangers. Second, preachers need to be reminded of our obligation to preach on the various wicked elements of immorality. So many have compromised by their silence and have failed miserably to preach the whole counsel of God on these matters. Preachers, we cannot be afraid of our brethren or losing our jobs by teaching the truth on immorality. We had better be afraid of not pleasing God and losing our souls! The book of lessons gives plenty of excellent material for preachers to use in preaching and teaching. In fact, one preacher has already started using the booklet for his Sunday morning Bible class.

We must express our gratitude to the godly elders of the East Corinth church for providing this great lectureship. **Wallace Benjamin, Earl Case, and Edmond King** are caring shepherds who are concerned about the church of our Lord and desire to see God's people remain steadfast in the "Old Paths." They are an encouragement to the brotherhood and are promoters of "good

things." By providing this lectureship and recording all of the lectures, good can continue to spread because of their foresight.

Garland Robinson, director of the lectureship and preacher of the East Corinth church, tirelessly planned and directed the lectureship. He, along with his elder's guidance, put together a most effective and interesting schedule that no doubt led to the most successful *Seek the Old Paths* lectureship in its nine year history.

The attendance this year increased tremendously. This influx caused some problems. There was a lack of parking space. People were shoulder to shoulder in the building. Even the air conditioners were working in fine fashion, but it was still rather warm in the auditorium. Did any one complain? Not that I am aware of. However, the kind of problems which arise from growth in attendance are "good problems."

No one had to worry about false doctrine being taught, or erroneous practices being done. There were no tensions among brethren concerning who was "politically correct or incorrect." There were no serious difficulties. Just great fellowship, singing, preaching and happiness.

The preaching was absolutely superb! During the lectureship I heard twenty-three lectures. Since that time, I have listened to the rest of the men's lectures. I have to admit every preacher was well-prepared, presented their lessons well, and remained true to the "Good Book." Every preacher added greatly to the overall effect of the lectureship.

There were no poor lessons. Why not purchase the cassette or video tapes and ask for the book that contains the outlined lessons? You would spiritually benefit if you would. This way the lectureship will continue to expand its positive influence for good in the church and in the world. Make copies of the lessons on homosexuality, abortion, racism, nakedness, gambling, et.al., and give them away to those who will listen.

Also, it was reported to me by many good sisters that the Ladies Classes each day were magnificent. The sisters would recommend all Christian women to secure the recordings of these sessions.

Again, **Wayne Coats** did a super job in forewarning us of false teachers and their perverted doctrines. We do not delight in his exposing error. There is however the obligation to do so. We can only wish error were non-existent. But we do appreciate brother Coat's love of the church and defence of the truth. He is not physically well, but it was not reflected in his powerful presentations each day. We pray and trust he will physically improve and get well, and that he will be able to continue for a long time to defend Christ and His church.

We must not forget to thank **Angelita Robinson** for graciously opening her home for lunch everyday. Approximately 125 people lined up and went through her house each day. The good sisters of the East Corinth church are to be commended highly for the preparation of the food. It was delicious and nourishing.

At this time, the tenth annual

Seek the Old Paths lectureship theme has not been announced. I do not know about you, but I cannot wait to find out what next year's theme will be. Knowing the soundness and courage of the preacher and elders of the East Corinth church, they will develop and plan a great lectureship for next year. Let us all make plans to be in Corinth next year the week of **July 23-27, 1995.**

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most grateful. Pray for these! The calls and letters we have received have been overwhelming! The encouragement and prayers of brethren everywhere have been uplifting. Next year's theme has not yet been decided but we can promise it will be a good study for it will be from the Book. Plan on being with us **July 23-27, 1995.**

Pray for us brethren. We need your prayers.

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**A Review Of The Ninth Annual
"Seek The Old Paths"
Lectureship, 1994**

Ken Burleson

"The best," "one of the finest," "one of the best," were statements describing the lectureship to this writer by those in attendance. Yes, it was one of the best, if not the best lectureship this writer has ever attended. If you were not in attendance, you missed a spiritual feast.

The lectureship theme, "Immorality," was very timely in view of the conditions of the world in which we now live. The subject matter dealt with in each lesson certainly meets the needs of our day. The lessons were well prepared and each speaker did an excellent job in delivering his lesson. The messages were true to God's word. There was not one inkling of false doctrine espoused in the lectureship. False doctrines and their propagators were exposed without fear or favor. I can recommend these lessons for your use. We must get them out to the brotherhood and the world. Mr. Bill Clinton and his staff should have a copy of the messages.

The messages were not only beneficial for those in attendance, but will benefit many throughout the world by the use of the tapes and book provided by the East Corinth Church of Christ. Although the lectureship is history, the lessons will live for many years to come. It has had, is having and shall continue to have an impact for good upon the brotherhood.

Thanksgiving should go out to the East Corinth Church of Christ Elders for their foresight in seeing the need for such a lectureship. Brother Garland Robinson is to be commended for his work in planning and bringing about this great lectureship. The congregation as a whole should be commended for their effort in making it a success. Many men of the congregation did a great deal of work behind the scenes and the ladies did an excellent job in preparing meals each day. Thanksgiving goes out to the husbands and wives who opened their home for the speakers. The hospitality extended to all was wonderful.

As I think back on the first Annual "Seek The Old Paths" lectureship and the handful in attendance, in contrast to the attendance this year my heart rejoices because of the growth. To God be the glory.

The East Corinth Church of Christ is doing a tremendous job in "fighting the good fight of faith" against that which is evil and for that which is good. The "Seek The Old Paths" lectureship and "Seek The Old Paths" paper are just two avenues they are using to accomplish this good work.

Please get the book and/or the tapes and use them to the glory of God. Preach the Word. I am looking forward to next year, **July 23-27, 1995.**

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WATCHMAN! ARE YOU SLEEPING?

Nat Evans

WATCHMAN - One who guards a city or the headquarters of an army (I Sam. 14:16; II Sam. 13:24-27). Such watchmen were set on city walls or on hilltops (Jer. 31:6). The term also has a spiritual application. Under the Old Testament age, God's prophets were to be his watchmen to warn the people (Isa. 21:6). Under the New Testament age each Christian is a watchman of the souls of men. Today, each Christian is to be a watchmen for the souls of men. Each Christian is to be a watchman for his brothers and sisters in Christ (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20; Heb. 3:12-12). Elders and preachers especially have a responsibility to be watchmen (James 3:1). Elders are to watch for our souls (Heb. 13:7,17; I Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:28). A part of the work of elders involves having the knowledge and courage to stop the mouths of false teachers (Titus 1:9-11). Preachers of the word will not only preach the positive but also expose false teachers, dealing with their message and their methods (Jude 3; Rom. 16:17-18). The liberals among us don't want this done, so they hurl words like, Brotherhood Watchdog. They don't like to be exposed. But brother, everybody ought to be watching and warning. God raised up Ezekiel as a prophet to the captives in Babylon. Ezekiel was to Israel as a watchman on the walls. The charge given to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 33:1ff, put on him the obligation to warn the wicked and to warn the righteous who had turned from their righteousness. If Ezekiel failed to sound forth God's warning, the lost would die in their iniquity, but their blood would be required at Ezekiel's hands. If he was faithful to his charge and sounded forth the message, and his mes-

Ezekiel 33:1-9, "Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

sage went unheeded, the people who rejected God's message would die in their iniquity but Ezekiel would have delivered his own soul.

Every Christian has a like charge. He is to sound a warning to both sinners and erring brethren. We must teach the Word of God to others and thereby help to fulfil our obligation. If they, after having been warned, do not heed the message, they will be lost but we will have delivered our souls. However, I want to emphasize that if we do not warn them and they are lost, then their blood will be required at our hands.

When a watchman on the wall or in his tower observed the enemy coming, he was under obligation to blow the trumpet, to sound the warning! False doctrine and False teachers are certainly enemies of the souls of men; therefore faithful elders and preachers must put the trumpet of truth to their lips and sound forth the warning. Why is not more being said and done to alert and warn people of the great dangers we are facing in the world and in the church? When will our own people wake up and realize that false teachers are enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18)? They must not go unchallenged. All that is necessary for error to have it's way is for good men to keep silent.

Are all of us fulfilling our duty as watchmen? Elders, preachers, are you sounding forth the trumpet of Truth? Does each member really realize his or her responsibility to warn the lost (Prov. 11:30; Ezek. 33:1-9)?

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WRONG IS WRONG

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***“He that doeth wrong shall receive
for the wrong he hath done”***

(Col. 3:25)

There is a divine standard measuring right and wrong morally and spiritually. We are responsible and must answer to God for the decisions we make and the things we do. People frequently try to defend, excuse or explain away wrongs they have done. We must insist that **WRONG IS WRONG REGARDLESS**. For example:

1. **Wrong is wrong even if one does not get caught.** One may cheat on his income tax, copy answers from another on a school test, break the speed limit or shop lift from a store. His philosophy may be, “It’s only wrong if you get caught.” Of course, sooner or later, one’s sin will find him out (Num. 32:23).

2. **Wrong is wrong even if it is legal.** Civil government is good and we are taught to respect and obey it (Rom. 13:1-7), but sometimes the laws of the state conflict with the laws of God. Civil government has made gambling, alcohol, abortion and divorce for many reasons legal but can never make them right.

3. **Wrong is wrong even if it is for “a good cause.”** A civic or religious organization conducts a raffle and asks people to buy a chance (gamble) because “It’s for a good cause.” A dance is held to raise money for a child who needs an operation. A beer manufacturer says, “Buy our products, and a portion of your money will go to fight MD.” Paul strongly rejected the false accusation that he said, “*Let us do evil that good may come*” (Rom. 3:8).

4. **Wrong is wrong even if**

someone else causes you to do it. Adam tried to blame Eve for his sin, but he was still wrong. Sometimes people cave in to pressure or are provoked into doing something wrong, but they are still responsible.

5. **Wrong is wrong even if it is difficult to make right.** Some wrongs are very hard to give up. Our heart goes out to those who struggle with alcoholism, lustful thoughts, or an unscriptural divorce and remarriage. We wish to comfort, encourage, and support them but we cannot give them the idea that something is not so wrong just because it is difficult to overcome.

6. **Wrong is wrong even if someone else has done something as bad or worse.** A teenager was trying to talk her Christian parents into letting her go to the school prom. “But, Mom,” she argued, “Everyone’s going to be there.” Social drinking is often defended because, “Everybody does it.” Someone excuses himself by saying, “Well, at least what I did was not as bad as what John did.”

7. **Wrong is wrong regardless of who does it.** Years ago a man expressed appreciation to a gospel preacher for a strong and scriptural sermon he preached in a meeting on divorce and remarriage. “We need more preaching on this subject,” he said. Three years later, the same preacher returned for another gospel meeting and preached the same lesson. This time, the same brother expressed resentment and opposition to such “harsh,

unloving” preaching. The reason? His daughter had recently divorced her husband unscripturally and remarried.

8. **Wrong is wrong even if it doesn’t bother you.** Some may insist, “I don’t see anything wrong with it.” I once read about a man who walked through a glass patio door. He didn’t see it, but it was still there.

9. **Wrong is wrong even if it appears to be expedient.** Caiaphas was willing for Jesus to be crucified – even though he was a just and innocent man – so that the whole nation would not perish (John 11:49-50). A salesman may think it is expedient to lie in order to make a big sale which will be of great financial benefit to his family. But, wrong is wrong even if it seems like the only way we can gain something we think is needed.

10. **Wrong is wrong even if you do not admit it.** The prophet Malachi condemned the people of his day for a number of wrongs. Rather than admitting and turning from them, they tried to “bluff” their way through. They said, “*Where have we done this*” (Mal. 1:6; 2:17; 3:7-8)? The fact that they tried to deny wrongdoing did not mean they were innocent.

Yes, wrong is wrong regardless of all these things (and more). People in the military are taught to respond to a challenge of wrongdoing on their part by saying, “No excuse, sir!” We must be willing to face our wrongs and make them right.

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Instrumental Music – Is It Such A Little Thing?

Dan Goddard

It is to be hoped that the recent unity movements among some brethren and some in the Christain Church was impelled by the right reason, the right motive and seeking the right goals. But regardless of the purity of the motive or the righteousness of the goal to be reached, the movement is entirely out of order if unity is not sought upon Bible grounds. Any other kind of unity would be a disaster. The Christian Church knows full well the causes of the division. They also know who was responsible for these causes. They cannot deny these causes or even a knowledge of them. Unity meetings over a period of time, merely for the sake of learning to love one another, are ridiculous and unnecessary. Every faithful child of God ought to love every man, but sin cannot be tolerated in anyone. The moment a man turns from his sins and seeks God's pardon, he at the same moment seeks the fellowship and love of God's people. Until the disease is removed there can be no health in the body of Christ.

That we need to love one another more has been recognized a long time. Had those that used instrumental music loved the word of God and the brotherhood as they should have, there would have been no division. Everyone familiar with the history of this unhappy division knows that the brethren who endorsed the instrument loved it more than the fellowship of some of their brethren. In many instances, when the instrument was being pushed in over the protest of godly brethren, they were told to get out of the way if they did not like it. All kinds of excuses were given for bringing in the instruments of music, but never one word of authority from God. Among the shallow excuses often heard is: instrumental music is such a little thing for brethren to be fighting over. But it is hard for us to believe that these folks really think it is "such a little thing," when we consider the strife and contention they have caused over it. If it is such a little thing why not give it up? According to their own estimate of it, they would not be giving up much; but it would be a big step, and a real step,

toward the unity they want us to believe they so earnestly desire.

Is instrumental music such a small matter that we can place it in Christian worship without the displeasure of the God we worship? Man is prone to minimize sin. He sometimes talks about a little white lie and a big black lie. Man measures sin largely by the evil physical effect it has upon himself or his fellow man. If he can see no great harm done, he thinks it is not such a big sin, and God will overlook it. But God does not measure sin by man's standard. Sin is transgression of the law of God; and whether it be an atrocious deed or one not so black, if by it man transgresses God's law, he sins and is condemned.

A fair example of the awful consequences of sin, even a sin that man would call a little sin, is seen in the first sin that man committed. Adam ate the forbidden fruit, and, as a result, lost paradise and brought wreck and ruin upon the human race. Was it a little sin? Should a man steal an apple, would he be hanged for it? And yet for eating an apple, or some kind of fruit, Adam was condemned to die.

And so in the present controversy, do those who endorse the instrument want us to accept mechanical instruments of music, along with many other innovations merely because they think it is such a little thing? It is not the size of the sin as measured by man that counts; it is the condition of the heart from whence came the sin. The overt act is but the symptom of the disease of the heart. *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: These are the things which defile a man"* (Matt. 15:19). The man that loves God with all his heart will never stop to measure sin, but his earnest desire is to please God in all things, he is also pleased. Here, and here alone, can be found lasting peace and a good conscience. Unity among brethren sought upon any other ground than the Bible is not Christian unity. It is not to be desired, but shunned.

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TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY A BOOK REVIEW

Rod Rutherford

It has often been stated that if one does not learn the lessons of history, he is doomed to repeat the mistakes of history! For this reason, it is important that members of the Lord's church have a thorough knowledge of church history and especially the history of the great movement to restore New Testament Christianity.

Today, the church is facing a similar situation to that which prevailed a century ago. The Lord's church was divided then by men who had lost their respect for the authority of God's Word and therefore had abandoned the Restoration plea. If we had learned the lessons of history, perhaps the present apostasy could have been avoided or, at least, its impact lessened. It is not too late to learn history's lessons in order to prevent apostasies in the future!

An excellent book, *Triumph and Tragedy*, which is helpful in learning from the past, came off the press sometime ago. The book was edited by faithful Kentucky evangelist, Paul Vaughn, and was written by about two dozen capable preachers of the gospel in Kentucky and elsewhere. This book chronicles the amazing growth of the Lord's church in the bluegrass and Mountain regions of Eastern Kentucky. It was in this area that the Restoration Movement had much of its earliest and greatest success. Great men of God such as Barton W. Stone, "Raccoon" John Smith, Walter Scott and John T. Johnson laid the foundation for the future growth of the Lord's church. A second generation of pioneers including such notables as J. W. McGarvey, Moses E. Lard and Robert Milligan built upon this solid foundation.

For half a century, the center of the brotherhood's strength lay within a one hundred mile radius of Lexington, but by the turn of the last century, very little remained! Apostasy had virtually destroyed the church in the region. The toilsome task of rebuilding the Cause of Christ began and eventually a reasonable, but lesser measure of strength was attained. Now, apostasy threatens the church in that area and elsewhere once more!

Triumph and Tragedy is a book that you need to read. The cost of this 290 page volume is only \$8.00. You can order it from Paul Vaughn, 297 Picnic Hill, Jackson, KY 41339. Add one dollar for each book ordered to cover postage and handling and include your check payable to him with your order.



"The Seek The Old Paths Lectureship dealing with immorality was excellent and needed. The speakers dealt with their topic thoroughly and presented it well.

We enjoyed every lecture while enjoying the hospitality and meeting new people. In addition, I am happy my son could hear lessons which will directly affect him as he confronts the world" ...*Everett Spencer, Krypton, KY*. "In what ways could I express my joy and thankfulness to the elders and brethren in allowing the lectureship presented on July 24-28, 1994 to be held? The work which unfolded before my entire family, gave each, guiding principles for our lives. What I am attempting to write to you is the feeling I have in my heart. I have not the ability to adequately pen even a thread of feelings that I have for your teachings of the truth. Therefore, I say, thanks so much for the good work you are doing" ...*W. M. "Mitch" McLellan, Toomsaba, MS*. "We wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the lectureship at East Corinth. I believe it was the best I have attended. We are looking forward to next year" ...*Ed Floyd, Mountain City, TN*. "Please let others know that Bob Leedy's wife had emergency gall bladder surgery (Bob is a faithful preacher). They have no insurance because of medical problems. Any help would be appreciated. You may contact Wellston Church of Christ, P.O. Box 540B, Wellston, OH, 45692" ...*Dayton, OH*. "I wish you well and my prayers are with you" ...*Anadarko, OK*. "I commend your efforts in preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ through S.T.O.P. Please accept this contribution to support your work" ...*Harrah, OK*. "In this time of "grey areas" that the Lord's church is experiencing, I applaud your efforts to teach truth. Thank you" ...*Maxville, FL*. "I just wanted to write and let you know how much I enjoy S.T.O.P. It is so nice to get a paper that is sound in this day and time. Our prayer is for more men and women to stand up for the truth" ...*Moultrie, GA*. "Thank you for the article I read in a recent issue of S.T.O.P. It has inspired me to redouble my efforts to contend for the Faith. Please add me to your mailing list for this fine paper. Keep up your fine work" ...*Algonac, MI*. "I saw your paper S.T.O.P. for the first time while preaching in a Gospel Meeting in Mt. Pleasant, TN. I was very impressed with it. Please put me and my elders on your mailing list. I think it is important for our elders to read "The Scriptural Response to Liberalism" in the March 1994 issue. Please send me a bundle. Thank you and keep up the good work!" ...*Rockwood, TN*. "I have been getting S.T.O.P. for some time and feel remiss because I have not sent a contribution for the cause of Christ. I enjoy the word it gives and I wish everyone in the brotherhood was receiving it. May your efforts produce much good fruit and may it be long lasting" ...*Oklahoma City, OK*. "My wife and I were visiting with a congregation of the Lord's people last year in Booneville, Miss. We signed up for your paper. We really appreciate it and enjoy it very much. Here is a check and some addresses of some folk that would enjoy receiving it very much" ...*Maysville, OK*. "We are trying to encourage our members to study and to be informed.

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