"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb 13:8)

Circular Letter

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Heartfelt greetings to all true Bible believers in all countries and languages in the precious and Holy Name of our LORD Jesus Christ with the Scripture from 1 Tim 6:14-15:

"That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the **appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ**: Which in his times he shall shew, who is **the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and LORD of lords** ..."

This is one of the most important Scriptures in regard to the commission given by God before the Return of Christ. Here we are dealing with the fulfillment of a divine mission until the appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ, which must be carried out beyond reproach and without leaving behind any blemish.

There is no calling without a commission and no commission without a calling.

Is it possible to carry out a divine commission? Indeed, it is possible with God's help. It is written about Noah that he did everything precisely as God had commanded him (Gen 6:22). Moses and Aaron likewise did everything exactly the way they had been commanded (Ex 7:6, 10, 20). Elijah could say, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word." (1 Kgs 18:36).

As regards his ministry, John the Baptist could refer to Isa 40:3: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the LORD, as said the prophet Esaias." (Jn 1:23). The LORD Himself said this about him: "For this is he, of whom it is written (Mal 3:1), Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." (Mat 11:10). Whenever the LORD Himself gives specific commissions that are connected to the Plan of Salvation, then He also grants grace and strength so that they are carried out precisely.

Paul testified: "Whereupon ... I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision ... Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come ..." (Acts 26:19+22).

The statement "none other things" is very important, because from the first verse in the New Testament, it is about the fulfillment of all prophecies and promises of the Old Testament. After His glorious resurrection, our LORD confirmed it: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things **must be fulfilled**, which were written in the **law** of Moses, and in the **prophets**, and in the **psalms**, concerning me." (Lk 24:44).

Now, in our time, everything that was foretold for the period before the Return of Christ must come to fulfillment, including the promise which God gave in Mal 4:4-6: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet ..." After the ministry of John the Baptist, the LORD confirmed in Mat 17:11 and Mk 9:12 that this promise was yet to be fulfilled: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things." And so it happened through the unique ministry of William Branham. He delivered the pure message, which was based solely upon the Bible, to the people of God, as it had been announced to him from within the supernatural light on June 11, 1933. Also the commission that the LORD gave him on May 7, 1946, namely to preach the Gospel to the nations while equipped with the gift of divine healing, was carried out by him accordingly.

Likewise, I have also done what the LORD commanded me to do when He called me into His service on April 2, 1962.

I have preached the Word of God (2 Tim 4:1-5) and given out the spiritual food (Mat 24:45-47), as I was commanded. In 1 Cor 4:1-2, the Apostle Paul wrote in reference to his commission: *"Let a man*

so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." This is now the time period before the Return of Christ in which the pure, the full, the revealed Word, the whole Counsel of God is proclaimed. In Eph 5, Paul gave instructions for the practical life of the redeemed and showed what Christ's Work of Redemption accomplishes in the believers who accept every teaching of the Word: "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word ..." (Eph 5:26). A bath in the Word of God, until no spot, no blame remains, is just as necessary as the total forgiveness, reconciliation, and justification through the Blood of Christ (Rom 5:9). The final ministry must include the evangelistic, the doctrinal, and the prophetic part. It must be blameless before God so that the LORD can fulfill the following: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph 5:27). Yes, the result of the last Word-message will be that the Bride Church becomes a pure Word-Bride without blemish.

At first, it is about the calling out of the believers from all religious confusion. It is a commandment of the LORD: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing ..." (2 Cor 6:14-18). Then follows the sanctification in the Word of Truth (Jn 17:17), for which our LORD prayed: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The order of the day is the preparation of the true believers for the Rapture at the Return of Christ, "Which in his times he shall shew the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and LORD of lords ..." (1 Tim 6:15). The time is at hand!

"To the end he may establish your hearts **unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ with all his saints." (1 Ths 3:13).

Paul wrote: "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the LORD, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth ..." (2 Ths 2:13). Amen. Brother Branham said in his sermon on November 25, 1965, "You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned at the first place. You're perfect through the Blood of Jesus Christ ..." Amen.

If Anyone Adds or Takes Away ...



In the large, international meeting in Brussels on June 11, 2017, we remembered the commission of Brother Branham on June 11, 1933.

On June 12, 2017, I recalled my conversation with Brother Branham on June 12, 1958, in Dallas, Texas. At the end of that conversation, he said, "Brother Frank, you will return to Germany with this message."

After our conversation in Dallas, Brother Branham said right at the beginning of his sermon "We would see Jesus": "Just now, a man laid his arm around me from Germany, just now, where we had on the average of ten thousand converts every night: fifty thousand in five nights." In the course of this sermon, he also spoke of the supernatural light that had been photographed at various places and said, "Here's a man from Germany, here's right now, was there when it was taken three times by the German camera." The photo that was taken at the preachers' meeting and captured the light above Brother Branham can be seen on the Internet. Yes, I was an eye- and ear-witness of his special ministry.

Due to the fact that changes of serious consequence have been made to the commission given on June 11, 1933, we shall once again cite the exact wording as well as the changed version for comparison.

Original: "As John, the Baptist, was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, the message that is given you will be a forerunning of the second coming of Christ."

Brother Branham repeated the exact words spoken from within the supernatural cloud a total of 55 times, and so that all of the elect would take it seriously and believe it, he emphasized the following on February 10, 1960, and on several other occasions: "Not that I would be a forerunner, but the message was the forerunning."

Unfortunately, the abbreviated version was circulated shortly after Brother Branham had gone home to glory: "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of the LORD, so you are sent to forerun His second coming." The main word "message" had been omitted. Therefore, it must be emphasized once more that no one has the right to change the precise words of the commission.

On May 7, 1946, a heavenly messenger visited Brother Branham, saying, "Do not fear, for I am sent from the Presence of the Almighty God ... to tell you that your peculiar birth and life has been to indicate that you're to take a gift of Divine healing to the peoples of the world." This reminds us of Lk 1:19, when the angel came to Zacharias and announced the birth of John the Baptist: "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings."

Both of the commissions given to Brother Branham must be placed in their divine order according to the Holy Scripture: The first one was connected to the message which would forerun the second coming of Christ: the second one was in reference to his evangelistic ministry. Both of them were carried out by the man sent from God. Having received divine authority and the gift of healing, Brother Branham traveled the continents and preached in evangelistic meetings in various countries. As it happened in the ministry of our Redeemer, spontaneous healings took place in the meetings of Brother Branham: The blind received their sight; the lame could walk; the deaf could hear. That is the way the worldwide healing revival began in 1946. While preparing to pray for the sick, Brother Branham is on record at least 280 times as he referred to what our LORD said in Jn 5:19: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do ..." He also saw in visions what God was about to do and could tell that to each person in the prayer line and confirm it with THUS SAITH THE LORD. I personally witnessed it in the meetings.

God led in such a manner that I was able to place everything pertaining to the Counsel of God into the divine order of the Bible from the very beginning. Right from the start, my absolute was, and shall forever remain, the written Word of God. The LORD Himself commissioned me to preach the Word of God the way it is written. The only concern in regard to the message is to solely proclaim what the Holy Scripture says, a proclamation that is absolutely faultless and beyond reproach.

On November 28, 1963, Brother Branham said, "You must never leave that Word. You must stay exactly with that Word the way It's written. Don't put no private interpretation to It. Just say It just the way It's written. That is God's Word, and that is God. God and His Word is the same, just the same."

On September 19, 1965, he emphasized in his sermon, "You--you mustn't--you mustn't never go for anything unless it's exactly the Word of God. You must stay right exactly with that Word."

Sadly, beside the continuation of the proclamation of the true Word according to God's commission, right away there were also various different interpretations introduced. Brothers who referred to Brother Branham succeeded in presenting their own interpretations as credible and in drawing away disciples to follow them (Acts 20:30). Statements of the prophet are interpreted and presented as doctrines. That has caused and still is causing new groups to come into existence. Not once have I participated in a discussion about any of his quotes, since all that does is create divisions in the congregation (Rom 16:17).

The tragedy lies not in what Brother Branham said – sometimes it is hard to understand – but in what brothers do with it (2 Pet 3:16). Even what Brother Branham said in the sermon "The Rapture" is being misinterpreted as though the LORD is already in the process of descending with a shout. The shout in 1 Ths 4 refers to the resurrection of those who have died in Christ, not to the ones who are now living. At the Return of Christ, everything will happen precisely as it is predicted in chapter 4, from verse 13 to 18: "For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD." Please consider also 1 Cor 15:45-58.

The shout that is now going forth through the message is meant to wake up the living, according to Mat 25: *"Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."* (v. 6). All of the virgins hear the last call and go out to meet the Bridegroom.

In Mat 13, we find the parable of the man sowing the good seed in his field. In that parable, our Redeemer said, "But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." (Mat 13:25). Speaking to His disciples, He explained the parable as follows: "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one ..." (Mat 13:37-38).

That is exactly what happened in our time: First the good seed of God's Word was sown; then the enemy succeeded in sowing his seed of interpretation among the wheat. That happened when the virgins became tired and fell into a spiritual sleep. But the wheat nevertheless remains wheat, and the tares also remain what they are. The two seeds originated with Cain and Abel. The one hated, and the other one was hated. "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." (1 Jn 2:11; 1 Jn 3:7-15). It can be said that someone who does not have a brother like Cain cannot be an Abel.

And in this context we also find the admonition: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart." (Mat 13:19). It is so very important to believe and to understand every Word; otherwise, the enemy will rob us of the true seed and sow his interpretation. The LORD asked His disciples, "Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, LORD." (Mat 13:51).

Who can honestly answer with "Yes," even today? Who has truly understood everything that has been preached and written in accordance with the Word of God by divine commission? Whose eyes and ears can the LORD proclaim as blessed? Evidently, all of the virgins who were waiting for the coming of the bridegroom ended up falling asleep. All of them woke up, but only the wise fell asleep with the seed of the Word and then also woke up with it. Since they brought along the vessel with oil and were able to draw from the fullness of the Holy Spirit, they were prepared to enter the marriage supper. The foolish listened to the interpretations of the enemy and were beguiled (2 Cor 11:3-4); they will be knocking on the closed door in vain (Mat 25:11-13).

In regard to His coming, the LORD particularly urges us to be vigilant: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your LORD doth come." (Mat 24:42).

"The LORD is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet 3:9). This Scripture clearly disproves the false doctrine that the time of grace has come to an end and that the Blood is no longer on the Mercy Seat. By the grace of God, we are still living in the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2); the LORD is still calling to repentance; He is calling out the believers from all spiritual confusion. The false teachers, who present their own interpretations in regard to what Brother Branham preached, will only be heard by the foolish virgins. It must be stressed here once again: Leave all things the way they were said! Do not add anything to the written Word of God!

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Brother Branham revealed all of the hidden mysteries. His unique and extraordinary ministry, for which we are grateful to God, has been fully accomplished. He truly received the revelation of all things that belong to the Plan of Salvation: the Godhead, water baptism, the LORD'S Supper, what really happened in the Fall in the Garden of Eden; the complete revelation of all things, including the seven seals, was given to him.

The mighty experience Brother Branham had on February 28, 1963, as the supernatural cloud appeared and <u>seven mighty thunders</u>, accompanied by an earthquake, shook the entire area by Sunset Mountain, was of particular importance to him in regard to the opening of the seven seals; therefore, he frequently referred to those seven thunders. However, the seven thunders in Rev 10:3 will only sound their voices when the Angel of the Covenant descends, surrounded by a rainbow.

None of the things written in the seven seals actually happened while Brother Branham preached about them in March 1963. The Lamb did not leave the throne in March 1963; the Blood of the New Covenant was not taken from the Mercy Seat in the Holiest of Holies. Brother Branham merely repeated what the Apostle John had seen and written down on the Isle of Patmos, and then he spoke about what had been revealed unto him in that regard.

He could precisely identify and scripturally place the riders in the first four seals as the Antichrist in his four stages of development, riding on four different horses, as he progressed in relation and parallel to the New Testament Church. Brother Branham was able to show that the fifth seal is about the Jewish martyrs who are calling for vengeance. In this context, he even mentioned Adolf Eichmann, who was mainly responsible for the murder of the six million Jews during the Holocaust.

The prophet also correctly placed the sixth seal (Rev 6:12-17), namely into the time of tribulation, because that is when the Day of the LORD breaks forth, the sun turns into darkness and the moon into blood (Joel 2:31; Acts 2:20).

Rev 7:1-8 is about the 144,000 Jews from the twelve tribes of Israel who will then be sealed. In verses 9 to 17, the great, uncountable multitude from all nations is shown, all of which have come out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

When the seventh seal is announced in chapter 8, <u>seven judgement angels</u> appear before the throne of God, and they are given <u>seven trumpets</u> to bring the judgements upon the earth. In chapters 8 and 9, we see what happens on earth during the six trumpet judgements. In chapter 10, the Angel of the Covenant makes <u>the</u> <u>announcement</u>, confirmed by an oath, about what shall take place when the seventh judgment angel sounds his trumpet (v. 7), for then "the **mystery of God** should be finished ..."

The announcement in chapter 10:7 is shown in <u>its fulfillment</u> in chapter 11:15 at the beginning of the Millennial Reign: "And <u>the</u> <u>seventh angel sounded</u>; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

The Result of the Last Message

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, **that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ**. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Cor 11:2-3).

It is indeed strange that the Apostle Paul would mention the beguiling of Eve in conjunction with his efforts to present a chaste virgin unto Christ.

In a vision, Brother Branham saw the Church and also the Bride. He was shown that the Church was being led by a witch and that there was a religious confusion. He also saw that the Bride was no longer in step with the Word, but then he was shown how she received her correction and was brought back into step with the Word of God. That is what is happening right now worldwide. Just like in a natural bath, we are being completely purified in the Word of God. The true Word-message will not have gone forth in vain, but it will accomplish in the Bride Church what it was sent to do.

The foolish come to a spiritual halt with the messenger who showed all of us the way; the wise virgins follow the Redeemer all the way, right up to the completion. The wise are thankful and rejoice because the faithful LORD has spoken to His servant repeatedly with an audible voice and given direct instructions (Mat 24:45-47). The foolish question the commission; like Eve, they are deceived and fall prey to the sin of unbelief. They ridicule it and are despisers of God and bypass what God is presently doing (Acts 13:41). The foolish believe that the prophet will return and many other such foolish things.

The wise and truly redeemed believe in the **Return of Jesus Christ**. All those who are part of the Bride Church take part in what God is presently doing on earth. The Bride Church, which Christ purchased with His own Blood and which has been filled with the Holy Spirit, is being cleansed by the waters of the Word of every stain in the fleshly and in the spiritual realm and stands without blemish before God.

"To the end he may stablish your hearts **unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ with all his saints." (1 Ths 3:13). By the grace of God, I have remained faithful to the divine calling and commission and can testify along with the Apostle Paul: "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come ..." (Acts 26:22).

My concern is the main promise for the true Church, namely the Word-message, which is still going forth before the Return of Christ, so that every believer's personal life as well as the spiritual life in the Church are brought back into the divine order. The last message before the Return of Christ is directly connected to faith and obedience as well as to separation and preparation, and, as Brother Branham said, to perfect love and the faith in every Word of God. That is the actual purpose of the divine commission: to turn the hearts of God's children back to the original faith of the apostolic Fathers in the very beginning so that the LORD will find His Bride well-prepared.

What our Redeemer said in Acts 1:5 is still valid for us today: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." The words of the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost, at the founding of the New Testament Church, still apply as well (Acts 2:38-41). Repentance, faith, water baptism, and baptism by the Holy Spirit.

Everything that pertains to the natural and the spiritual realm is included in the complete restoration of the Church of God. Everyone who has truly experienced salvation and has come to believe further accepts the divine order not only for the spiritual but also for the personal life, including marriage and family. We believe and respect every Word of God, accept every correction, and adjust our lives in true obedience to every Word, **"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."** (Mat 12:50). "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." (Jas 1:21). All others can do what they want; the LORD Himself will pronounce the verdict in this regard at the Last Judgment. The following applies to the redeemed: "Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words ..." (Deut 4:10; Ps 50:5). Whoever is of God will hear God's Word (Jn 8:47); therefore, we have been given the commandment: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty." (2 Cor 6:17-18).

The Apostle Peter cautioned us: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Pet 1:15-16).

"For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; **Proving what is acceptable unto the LORD**." (Eph 5: 9-10).

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal 5:22-23). "Ye shall know them by their fruits." (Mat 7:16).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor 7:1).

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut." (Mat 25:10).

"Let us therefore fear, **lest**, a **promise** being left us of entering into his rest, **any of you should seem to come short of it**." (Heb 4:1).

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet 1:3-10). "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your ¹³ whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ." (1 Ths 5:23).

Maranatha. Come, LORD Jesus.

500th Anniversary – The End of the Reformation

October 31, 2017, will be observed as a special holiday all over Germany: It has been 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, and thereby facilitated the breakthrough of the Reformation. Now all of the Christian churches that profess the Nicene Creed are returning to the womb of the mother church.

Die "Judensau" bleibt



A stone relief on the facade of the town church in Wittenberg dates back to 1305: It portrays a sow with Jews suckling on its teats. This image was meant to publically humiliate Jews in the Middle Ages. Recently, there was an initiative to remove the socalled "Judensau" (Jew-Pig), but the city council and the church council in Wittenberg have decided not to remove it so that it can continue to serve as a memorial against antisemitism. Thus, visitors and delegations from all over the world can see this symbol for the discrimination against the Jews with their own eyes. Martin Luther had experienced the justification by faith. Embraced by the Spirit of God and filled with the grace of God, the reformer then preached the Gospel. He believed in the completed Work of Redemption through the Redeemer's death on the cross. What he then said about the Jews as an old, sick man after he had also been disappointed by a Jewish doctor must simply be taken for what it is worth. However, historians tend to keep silent about the fact that his statements about the Jews originated with declarations made by the churches, particularly at the Lateran Council in 1179.

The hatred toward the Jews has been in existence for a very long time. Their persecution began shortly after Emperor Constantine declared Christianity as the state religion in the entire Roman Empire in the year 311. With a view to the crucifixion of Christ, they were generally accused of being the murderers of Christ and of God.

In the year 321, the Jews were forbidden to keep the Sabbath and were forced to observe Sunday instead. Against the backdrop of these tragic developments, the Council of Nicaea took place from May 20 to July 25 in 325. Constantine was interested in the unity of all his citizens, which is why he invited the leaders of the various Christian directions that were in existence at the time. There the heathen church representatives discussed biblical subjects; the Words of the Holy Scripture were used and then misused: The first unbiblical profession of faith about the Trinity, namely that God exists in three separate eternal persons, was proclaimed and was finalized in 381 at the Council of Constantinople with the declaration that the Holy Ghost was supposedly the third person of the Trinity.

The biblical profession of faith is only found in the Bible, and only what is written in the Acts of the Apostles originated with the apostles, and only what is taught in the Epistles of the Apostles is apostolic doctrine. Being true to the Bible clearly means to believe precisely what is written therein!

The Early Church remained in the doctrine and in the practice of the apostles: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42). The true Church of Jesus Christ is still "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ..." (Eph 2:20).

The complete agreement of the Old and the New Testament is overwhelming. From the first verse in the Bible, God/Elohim introduces Himself as the Creator. At the beginning of time, He, the Eternal One, Who is Spirit, came forth from His eternal fullness of spirit, light, and life into a visible form as LORD/YAHWEH. Through His Almighty Word, He spoke all things into existence, the visible as well as the invisible. HE walked in the Garden of Eden and created man in His own image.

In the Old Testament, God foretold through His prophets what He had purposed from eternity in the Plan of Salvation. Right from the beginning of the first chapter in the New Testament, we are shown the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

The main subject in all of the Holy Scriptures was and is the God-

head. In the 4,000 years of the Old Testament, the LORD God revealed Himself in many different ways: as Creator, Sustainer, King, Judge, etc. For our Salvation, He revealed Himself in the New Testament as Father in heaven in His Son on earth and through the Holy Spirit in His Church. Throughout all of the Old Testament right up to the Prophet Malachi, who lived 400 years before Christ, no one ever spoke of a Father in heaven, not a single time of a Son in heaven, not once of three eternal



persons who are in agreement and form a trinity.

In the Old Testament, the main concern was the coming of the Messiah as the Redeemer. There are over 100 prophecies that make reference to the Redeemer, Who was to be born from a virgin as Son of God: *"Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a*

virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isa 7:14; Isa 9:5; Micah 5:1; ...)

In the New Testament, the birth of the Son of God is described in detail. The Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and **bring forth a son**, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, **and shall be called the Son of the Highest**: and the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**" (Lk 1:30-35).

The LORD God revealed Himself personally to Abraham (Gen 18), to Moses (Ex 4), and to all the prophets in the Old Testament. But in order to redeem us from sin, the LORD Himself had to come into a body of flesh. From the time of His birth: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the LORD." (Lk 2:11), the Son is referred to as "LORD" 300 times. HE is always the same LORD, whether it is in the Old or the New Testament (Heb 13:8). "... no man can say that Jesus is the LORD, but by the Holy Ghost." (1 Cor 12:3b).

There is not a single Scripture which states that God as Father has begotten and born the Son in eternity. What the heathen church fathers formulated, especially at the Council of Nicaea and then in Constantinople, and subsequently labelled "Apostles' Creed" is totally foreign to the Bible. It does not matter if it is written in the Didache or in a catechism or a church constitution – if it is not written in the Holy Scripture, it is not biblical.

All churches have the right to decide what they believe and what they teach and practice. Our primary concern is to believe only what the Holy Scripture actually says. What Tertullian, Athanasius, Augustine, Hieronymus, and others said was the foundation for the state church in the Roman Empire. Bible-believing Christians can believe only what the men of God said by divine commission at the foundation of the New Testament Church. All those who refer to Eph 4:5, namely "<u>One LORD, one faith, one baptism</u>," should go back to the Book of Acts and read for themselves how the apostles carried out the baptism (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5). Not a single time was it administered in a Trinitarian formula but exclusively in the New Testament Covenant Name in which God revealed Himself as Father in the Son and through the Holy Spirit, and that is "in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ." In Mat 28:19, the original text states, "... baptizing them in <u>the name</u> ...," not names, not three titles, but *in the Name* that is above all other names. The Apostles Peter, Paul, and Philip carried out the Great Commission in a precise manner.

No one may add anything to what the Apostles Peter, John, James, and Paul taught, practiced, and wrote down. Indeed, the true Apostles' Creed is found solely in the Bible. The New Testament is also a divine, finalized document, whereunto nothing may be added and wherein nothing may be changed (Rev 22).

In all truthfulness we can say before the true and Almighty God, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." (2 Pet 1:16).

We have been brought back to the original Word that came forth from Jerusalem and may experience what God is doing during this most important part in the Plan of Salvation. <u>The scriptural mes-</u> sage, through which all things are to be restored and brought back to their rightful order before God, has reached the ends of the earth; the hearts of God's children worldwide have been turned back to the true faith of the Fathers.

The LORD God completed His Work of Creation, and He Himself shall complete His Work of Redemption by doing exactly what He has promised in His Word: *"For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth."* (Rom 9:28). "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa 55:11). Amen.

By His commission,

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