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Romans 1:14-18

(EKKLESIA)

CHURCH: Gr. General: "a body of citizens gathered to discuss the affairs of State. viz ASSEMBLY."

INT:

St. James

Gr. Specific: "the whole company of the redeemed"

REDEEMED: GR: "those delivered from the power of sin by the death of Christ." GR: LUTROSIS.

APOLOGY: "a defense offered to explain something which appears to be wrong." *Covers up for what which is wrong*

LESSON: Why no man should ever NEED to apologize for the church; BUT why we are sometimes forced to do so.

I. THERE IS NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR GOD'S PART EVER!!!

Matt. 5:48. Ps. 18: 20. Ps. 19:7.

A. THE GOSPEL. (God's Good News) Message world needs to

1. Eternal Salvation is it's theme. I C. 15:1-4. hear!

a. Preached, received and now stand. I Cor. 15:58.

b. Christ died, buried and rose again. NOW STAND!!!

NO APOLOGY NECESSARY! *The Gospel.*

B. THE GOSPEL PLAN. (WAY the world needs to GO.) *Mk. 16:15-16*

1. Study the Evidence & Believe. II Tim. 2:15, R. 10:17

2. Repent while there is still time. Acts 2:38.

3. Confess to be confessed. Matthew 10:32.

4. Baptized to be cleansed of sin. I Pet. 3:21.

NO APOLOGY HERE EITHER!

C. THE GOSPEL ORGANIZATION. (LEADERS world needs to KNOW)

1. Elders, Deacons, Evangelists & Teachers. Eph. 4:11.

2. Work of Ministry, Perfecting of the Saints, Edifying of the Body of Christ. To the fulness of Christ.

D. THE GOSPEL WORSHIP. (SPIRIT world needs to FEEL.)

1. Sing, pray, preach, Lord's Supper, Give.

2. Eph. 5:19, I Thess. 5:17, II Tim. 4:1, Acts 20:7, I Cor. 16:2.

Fulfills Man's every need. NO APOLOGY NEEDED HERE!

II. SOMETIMES COMPELLED TO APOLOGIZE FOR MAN'S FAILURES.

A. Some generations fail to reach whole world. Mk. 16:15-16

1. Africa: "Why didn't you come before my parents died?"

B. Some professed Disciples fail to give right example.

1. India: Duel. Englishman buried with two empty whiskey bottles and a lottery ticket. American buried with a cigar box, cigarette lighter and copy of Mad magazine. (Western-Christian nations)

C. Some church members fail to manifest Spirit of Christ.

1. Eph. 4:29-32. Rom. 12:9-18.

1 Tim. 3.

St. James
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Matt. 5:16

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INV: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, when seen in its true light consists of:

- 1. Happiest people alive. Close to God.
- 2. Full of Joy. Love one another.
- 3. Ill. Look at that Christian donkey.
How know? By his looong face.
- 3. On the way to Glory Land. *Marching to Zion*

not like it used to be:

Sinner friend: Don't get left behind. Obey gospel. NOW.

Brother in sin: Don't get left Out! Repent Now.

Place your membership with us today.

Jesus apologize to God for YOU

- not happy?*
- not pleasant?*
- not faithful?*
- not influential?*
- not saved?*

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