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Acts 8:5,12

I. Men have various ways of speaking—some seem to obscure the points, others make them most plain.
   A. Illustrate with Spencer & Radio clip.
   1. On my subject I'd like to speak with utter clarity today—why the church of Christ.

II. Prejudices exist almost as numerous as do churches.
   A. I can preach Christ—and this I should.
   B. But some mistakenly think I can preach Christ without mention of the kingdom.

Acts 8:5 *Then* Phillip went down to the cit
Acts 8:12 *But when* they bel. P. pr. the t

1. Part of our error seems to be there is one thing to get in Christ, then separate and apart from this action I join the church. You would be a bigot to say my choice in churches is poor!
2. Our only question—is this Bible?
3. No way to find out other than to turn.

III. Does the Bible speak of the church in any type of "elevated" terms?
   A. Consider these.
   1. Christ's Bride.
      Eph. 5:22 "Wives be in subj. unto your own
      Eph. 5:32 "This is a great mys., but I spe
   11 Cor. 11:2 *For I am jealous over you
   Rev. 21:9 *Come hither I will shew
   a. What an appeal for purity.
   2. Founded upon a rock. *My church—not ours*
      Matt. 16:13-19 "When Jesus came unto the
      a. Dan. 2:44 & Heb. 12:28 calls it an ever-
longing and an unshakeable kingdom.
3. It's cost.
   Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto y.
4. It's purpose—to make known wisdom.
   Eph. 3:20-21 "Now unto him that is able to
5. Fullness of Christ.
   Eph. 1:22-23 "And hath put all things...
   a. Now summarize 5 points above.

IV. One important thing—note the number.
A. It is singular all the way through!
   1. How many brides?
   2. For how many did He die?

V. What church is that?
A. Would you want in it?
B. We shan't discuss claims of various denominations, don't even know how many—thet are
   1. All teach some truth, don't know which
      teaches the most. Why not join them all?
   2. I have no church and no church of Christ denomination. Never joined one. Not our part.
   3. Suppose you'd never heard of word church until now but you know these 5 things. How
      could you know you are in it?

C. Let's summarize Bible.
   1. Gospels=Life of Christ
   3. Epistles=how Chr. is to live.
   4. Rev.—Home of soul

D. What does each say?
   1. Matt. 28:18-20 "And Jesus spake—all power
      a. Join church? Never! Make disciples.—
      Were they members?
   2. Mk. 16:16 "Go ye into all the world and pre
      a. Were they members?
   3. Lu. 24:46 "Thus it is written and thus
Those that rec. remission—members?
4. Jn. 20:23 "Whosoever sins ye remit
   Acts 2
a. Were they members? What if did same today?
VI. Then its not the choice of a favorite church
--its simply obeying the gospel and Christ
puts you there. This is why I'm a member of
the church.
A. It's like you can't be married and not
   have a wife.
   B. God tells of 2 Kingdoms-his & Devil's.
      Where's salvation?
   C. God has a family - I was born into it.
      I never joined.
D. Question not "which church" but
   "whether Jesus." Will you come?

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Herbert Spencer's definition of evaluation was 
"Evaluation is an intergration of matter and a concomitant 
dissipation of motion during which the matter passes 
from an indefinite incoherent homogeneity to a definite 
coherent heterogeneity and during which the attained 
motion undergoes a parallel transformation.

I heard two radio announcers talking. One said "I just 
hear the good humor man is driving down your street with 
his ice cream wagon. Do you have a word for him?" The 
other one answered "Yes, detour!"
I don't know.
model — Christ in you — and you do he see Jesus? What difference is there between you favored.
2. Greek
   Latin - easily transliterated
   Hebrew - OK
   Greek - Nicely perfect
3. E. W. needed:
   a) Ideal - hero - it's a Christ
      courageous, outdoors man,
      tough, fighting man
      commanding presence
   b) Need for a Savior -
      philosophy can't do it. Simple
      sacrifice, suffering
      This.