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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 Philip went down to the city of
cities..."
  Acts 8:12 "But when they bel. P. pr. the th
  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-
lasting 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 denom­
   inations, don't even know how many—-they of
   receive origin.
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. I've never joined one. Not our part.
3. Suppose you'd never heard of such church
   until now but you know these 5 things. How
   could you know you are in it?

C. Let's summarize Bible—We'd give up no right
   1. Gospels=Life of Christ
   3. 21 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 & Dev. 13.
   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!"
Gabriel said he came to save people from sins.

3. Christ is seen in praying and teaching from John 3:3-5.

4. Jesus' immortality. Of religions offered nothing here. We were great spiritual, intellectual, but no spirit man. He feared old age. 2 Cor 5:1 of know earthy thing be destroyed.

What else can't do give hope of life after death. Christ can.

Jude - Sav - Hope.
"I need to be a real living model." Much in you and you do he see Jesus. What difference is there between you and me?
1. John 12:21-22 E. W. N. S.
2. Perfect
   Latin - early translation
   French - G.
   English - nicely perfect
3. Sex needed:
   a) Ideal - hero - it am Christ
      courageous, outdoors man
      40 yrs. fighting man
      commanding man
   b) Need for a Senior
      Philosophy can do it. Temple
      & sacrifice, expansion.
This.