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THINGS RIGHT WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

- NT:** Ours: an enlightened age! Age of introspection. Age of discernment, scrutiny and examination. *Negative!*
- Some amazing facts: *4,250,000,000+* *(Rationalism.)*
1. 50% of all human beings who have ever lived are living right now.
 2. 80% of all human beings who have lived since Christ are living right now.
 3. 90% of all this world's knowledge has been gained since 1940 and knowledge doubles every decade. *60-70. 70-80. 80-90.*
 4. 97% of all scientists who have ever lived in the world are living NOW.
 5. *60%* 60% of all merchandise which WILL be on the counters of our Dept. stores in 1990 have not even been THOUGHT UP yet. *Value of products?*

Man today thinks he knows much! Favorite pass-time is picking out WHAT'S WRONG: with the recent war, the establishment, religion of yesteryear, the old math, the old history books, the old reading method etc



Special target: The Church. — WRONG!

Next few minutes dedicated to something that is RIGHT!

Something God sent Jesus to build. Matt. 16:18. MY.
 Something Jesus died to establish. Acts 20:28. Blood
 Something God told us to put first! Matt. 6:33.

ANYTHING this important, we want to be sure to find and be sure we are right!

I. FIVE THINGS RIGHT WITH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A. FIRST: She is built on the right foundation.

What matter? Ans. Matt. 7:24-29.

How many here knowingly build home on poor foundation??

1. John 6:38. I Cor. 3:11. Eph. 2:19-22*.
2. Humanistic-foundations of American denominationalism are cracking, breaking-up and frightening people.
3. Peace and happiness rests solely on a life, resting on a sure foundation.

Ill. Mother on boat from Montreal to Columbus, Ohio.

(Knt. On Lake Erie. Storm. Terrible! Unperturbed.

II. Asked about calmness. Ans: Going to see one

P.14) her daughters. One in Columbus, other in Heaven.

RIGHT FOUNDATION!

B. SECOND: Church of Christ following right leadership.

What matter? Matt. 15:13-14.

How many here knowingly follow a blind leader?

1. Eph. 5:23-24. (Col. 1:18) Eph. 1:22-23. Heb. 8:1.

2. III. Great comfort in following the right leadership thru life and to the point of death. Dying stranger. Asked by local rel. leader of what persuasion he was. Said: Paul's persuasion. II Tim. 1:12. (Knt. II. p. 13)

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C. THIRD: Lord's Church follows the Lord's Creed. John 14:1. Heb. 11:6. Matt. 16:16. John 8:24. What matter? John 12:48. **JUDGEMENT!**

Dr. + dying girl. (KNT. II, p. 15) Brother.

III. Great inner strength believing the right thing: Ancient Rome: Guard permitted condemned Christian father to see his daughter before execution. Astonished: No sad farewell! Asked, "Why do you not weep and mourn? You are seeing your daughter for the last time!" Reply: "Sir, we are Christians, and Christians never see each other for the LAST time." John 11:25-26.

D. FOURTH: C of C worshipping GOD's right way. What matter? John 4:24. Matt. 15:8-9.

1. How N.T. church do it? Acts 2:42. Acts 20:7. Eph. 5:19. Teach-admonish: only from the heart! I Cor. 16:2. Worship from the heart.
2. III. Lord's way best way-only way!

NORFOLK LEDGER-DISPATCH expressed it well. Preacher called in his Sunday sermon topics. A.M. "The Lord is my Shepherd." Reporter: "Is that all?" Preacher: "That's enough!" Announcement read: "The Lord is my Shepherd--- that's enough!" Tis so!

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E. FIFTH: Lord's church teaches Lord's Plan of Sal. What matter? Matt. 7:21-23. Luke 6:46. *I say!*

1. Millions out there DO NOT KNOW THIS!
2. One way: John 14:6. Acts 4:12. Mark 16:15-16. Acts 2:38.
3. Test; 11 examples in Book of Acts. B-R-C-B.
4. III. Exact-truth gives Blessed Assurance. *Security.* Like: Dr. who took old dog on house calls in his buggy.

Patient dying: "I'm afraid. How do I know what lies beyond death?"

Dr.: "My faithful dog is in the other room. He's never been in this room. He knows I, his master, am in here. He would come in without hesitation--because he loves me. He knows I'm just inside this door."

God is just beyond the door of death!

INV. WE LOVE GOD. KNOW HE IS JUST INSIDE THE DOOR OF DEATH.