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December 10, 1969

Dr. Batsell Barrett Baxter
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Dear Batsell:

Your thoughtful letter regarding my presentation at the Campus Evangelism Seminar was appreciated. I deliberately presented those remarks as I did because of my reaction to developments in the seminar to that point. I am of the persuasion that the Nashville seminar was the least Biblical, in the presentations, of any of the seminars I have attended. This does not, in any way, take away from the presentations that were made but it does suggest that we must continue to look for exciting, effective ways to clearly present God's word. I think this is especially the challenge in working with young people.

You were more than gracious in your compliments. I am not sure that anything could have helped the controversy at its high pitch two or three years ago. The presentation, however, given at Highland on Sunday evening after Nashville on Friday evening, was received with equal approval and acceptance. So far, I have heard not one single criticism or rejection of the lesson as presented. This, I pray, means that I am growing in spiritual maturity and the members of the Highland church are also growing. Please remember both the congregation and me in your prayers.

We look forward to having you at Abilene in a few days. I hope it will be an encouraging time for you. I have not spent as much time with you as I would have liked in the past three or four months. This in no way indicates that I am not appreciative of what you are trying to do on radio. I pray God's richest blessings on you.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen:

Your message on Friday evening was outstanding. It was the finest that I have heard or read on the subject, and the subject is one of the more difficult in our brotherhood today. I recorded the message on my cassette recorder and listened to it again immediately as I hurried away to a wedding of one of our Hillsboro girls out at Brentwood. I found myself wishing that this had been in print two or three years ago when the controversy really began to get heavy over the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I believe it would have saved much of the hurtful discussion that has sometimes gone on.

I would hope that you will make this available in some kind of printed form for wider distribution. Also, I felt that your method of delivery, somewhat lower key than the usual preaching approach, was most effective.

Sincerely,

Batsell Barrett Baxter
Chairman, Department of Bible

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