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April 18, 1967

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John,

I've meant to write again long before now. Although it had been my intention to offer comment on your paper on "Renewal" when I wrote, I am not able to do so at this time as I plan to consider it, but I am moved to write.

I was gratified at the response you got from the Southwest church. My only regret is that they let you leave town! I talked with Dick Burson shortly after you were there and have gotten other indications of your presentation. Apparently you really hit them where they felt ambivalent.

I am concerned about Southwest. They have such great potential and want so much to launch out, but somehow, those they have sought to work with them have been uninterested, or unable to come. My month with them was most stimulating. I saw Houston in new perspective, as one of the major challenges for the gospel in the world. Do what you can to put them in touch with the right man to help them realize their potential. I am very sad when I think of the resources of the Lord's people there that are unmobilized. The church in Houston could, and should, become the light-house for the world. I believe it has that potential. I believe Southwest could serve as the leadership for such bold thrusts.

Apparently, things are continuing well for you in your present arrangement. If my between the lines reading is accurate, I catch a barb here and there aimed at you, but I am confident that you have the perspective and perseverance to weather whatever storm might arise. I am confident that you occupy a unique role in the church and can help bridge a widening chasm in theology among brethren. I shall continue to pray for you.

Enclosed are copies of the program for our workshop May 4 & 5. I am sorry that you were unable to be with us. We have invited brethren from twelve states, two provinces in Canada and the District of Columbia. We hope to have 100 men present who in turn will go back and begin doing a better job via radio, or start broadcasts where now there is none heard. Pray for the success of this effort.

Regards to your wife. I am grateful for her contribution to the advance of the gospel through being a keeper at home while you are away.

Should you get into this area, plan to stop by Albany.

Brotherly,



Bob Scott