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September 15, 1966

Mrs. Betty Rhodes
5616 S. Randolph
Woodcroft, Indiana 46227

Dear Mrs. Rhodes:

Thank you for your recent letter. I am so happy that you have written, and I offer the following remarks in answer to the questions of your letter.

In Mark 16, the tongues mentioned were a special gift of the apostles and other specially chosen first century church leaders. These tongues were for the purpose of "confirming" the message they spoke and for being able to communicate to the men and women of all nationalities. A study of I Corinthians chapters 12 through 14 will show these tongues ceased with the apostles' death and with the end of the first century, by which time the New Testament had been written and no longer was special divine intervention needed as authority for what was being preached. For, from that day until this, our authority is God's word which furnishes us unto every good work (I Tim. 3:16-17.)

It is my conviction that the Christian under no circumstances would want to participate in social drinking of alcoholic beverages (I Cor. 6:19-20; I Thess. 5:18-23.) The Christian has an obligation to do everything in his power to be a positive force for good rather than seeing how close he can come to living like a non-Christian (Rom. 12:1-2.)

There would be nothing better that you could do than to start a Bible study in your own home. We would be happy to send you a free Bible correspondence course if you so desire. Enclosed is a card that you may return if you desire to enroll in our Bible correspondence course. It might be advisable for you and several others to band together and study this same course together. We would be happy to send each student in your study group an individual Bible study course.

The churches of Christ are in no way affiliated with the National Council of Churches of Christ. This is a group of liberal protestant denominations. We have no affiliation with them because we do not believe in many instances they are teaching Biblical truth.

We thank you for your letter and pray God's blessings on you in your search for truth. Enclosed you will find copies of some of our most recent radio sermons that you might find interesting.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Enclosures

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Mrs Betty Rhodes
5616 S. Randolph.
City:

pastor Chalk:

Enjoy your sermons over the air very much, I had a discharge in the church I belonged to. a scandal and our minister left the church, I dropped out after some things about the doctrine I did not understand, and seemed no one answered me,

Could you explain to me what Mark 16: 15-16-17:18 means. particular the the new tongues,

I do not drink but the church says, it is all right to have, 1 drink a day. That is a Temperance question isn't it?

also I find many people around me who have no church affiliation or have dropped out because of things they don't understand, would it be possible to start a bible study in our homes mine in particular, just my mother 86 and I reside together:

Would this be right in gods eyes?

Is your church affiliated with the Council Churches? many are distressed here about a few men speaking for millions of people.

Thank you for your help.

Betty Rhodes