

## APOSTASY IV

For the next few weeks I shall be presenting a tract that I wrote in the early 1990's. I can look back on the material thirty years later and observe the validity of the material presented:

6. ***"And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone,"*** Matt. 18:15. This verse is used to show that the one who makes a charge is really the one who has sinned. This is a turn of events. The innocent is made to be the guilty one! This is a neat trick to take attention away from the one who is charged with a sin, and the sin is placed on the other fellow. Does this make the first charge false? Certainly not! A false teacher must be exposed at any time or place: **"Them that sin, reprove in the sight of all, that the rest may be in fear,"** I Tim. 5:20.

Now, it does not take long for one to see the **"Change Artist"** at work. There is an effort being made to change the Church of Christ, and make it what the Lord did not intend it to be. Once these fellows have their hold, the end is in sight: **apostasy!**

**Unity in diversity** has to be considered in the midst of all this. Has the idea crossed one's mind as to why these brethren can be so loving and kind; yet, when it comes to the **"Guardian crowd,"** they can be so hateful and spiteful? The reason is, we do not believe in **"unity in diversity"** and will not accept them. It is like the denominational world. They will accept anything and anybody, but let a member of the Church of Christ oppose them and they become wild with spite. They just cannot stand someone opposing them and telling them they are wrong! This is the reason for the words **"Pharisee," "Legalist," "Keepers of the Orthodoxy,"** and many other offensive terms. They just cannot stand someone telling them they are wrong!

These brethren have found a refuge in Rom. 14. One wants to put **"Marriage and Divorce"** in Rom. 14. Another wants to put **"Neo-Calvinism"** in Rom. 14. Another wants to put **"Institutionalism," "Sponsoring Church"** type of arrangement in Rom. 14. Another wants to put all kinds of **"worldliness"** in Rom. 14. And still another wants to put **"Denominationalism"** in Rom. 14. Now brethren, tell me where the stopping place will be? **Anything and everything** will be put in Rom. 14. A refuge has been found for those who are in error, and, according to them, we should fellowship them and not be opposed to those who practice such things that are known to be unscriptural!

When one opens the door to the doctrine of **"unity in diversity,"** there is no stopping place. If we can do this with **"Marriage and Divorce,"** why not in the **"Sponsoring Church"** type of arrangement? This is the reason for many of the liberals accepting denominational people on their denominational baptism. When you accept **"Neo-Calvinism,"** the next step is **"Unity in Diversity."** It is only time that will keep one from accepting what he wants; because, once the principle is laid, the conclusion is inevitable.

This, my friends, is why there are so many of us who are preachers of the Gospel of Christ who are alarmed about what is happening today in the Church of Christ. We are being destroyed from within!

We have had some of our brethren accept the idea of **"subjective truth,"** a term that has been assigned to truth coming from within a person, i.e. men's knowledge. This is the type of knowledge that the denominational world has by which anything they want to do, if they think it is right, then it is alright. It is a knowledge and wisdom, **not from God but from men!**

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