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**APR 18, 2010**

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**AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - IS THE HOUSE STRONG?**

**PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN, APR 18-20**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT FAYETTE, APR 25-28**

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Apr 18: Jincy Wright

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**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**  
**WORSHIP 10:20**  
**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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**IS THE HOUSE STRONG?**  
**(1 Timothy 3:15)**

- I. It takes a Christ-centered \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Spiritually speaking, Christ must be the foundation of the local congregation or it will \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. 1 Corinthians 3:11.

2. Any other foundation is \_\_\_\_\_ and will collapse.
- B. Jesus should be at the center of our \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. He is what \_\_\_\_\_ our work, worship and life or we will fail.
- II. It takes sound \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. If the local house of God is not built with the doctrine found in the New Testament it will not be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- B. This is the message that must be believed and \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Romans 6:17.
  2. 1 Thessalonians 2:13..
- C. This is the message that molds people's lives into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- D. A local congregation will not stand if it is built upon a \_\_\_\_\_ message.
- III. It takes a platform of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. Unity must be extremely important because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for it hours before His death (John 17:20-23).
- B. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- C. Paul preached the \_\_\_\_\_ and beliefs that are necessary for unity (Ephesians 4:1-6).
- IV. It takes an aggressive and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.**
- A. The Lord's church is compared to an \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:13f.)
- B. Paul told Timothy to be a good \_\_\_\_\_ because we are at war with Satan and sin (2 Timothy 2:3-4).
- C. We are engaged in spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:12).
- D. Every military unit has \_\_\_\_\_ to follow.
- E. We will aggressively \_\_\_\_\_ the lost if we are strong..
- F. We will militantly \_\_\_\_\_ for that which is right if we are strong.
- G. While we do this, we do it with love and meekness, seeking to win souls and not \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. It takes a worshipping people.**
- A. When we empty ourselves of things of the world and enter into worship with one another to lift up the banner of the cross, we can't help but be \_\_\_\_\_ to service.
- B. Until a congregation learns to worship properly and attend properly, Jesus will not be the central point of its \_\_\_\_\_.

## **SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS**

**Patrick Morrison**

The idea of speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is silent is a rather outmoded concept to many who hold feelings and opinions in equal or higher regard than Scripture. It is a highly esteemed and noble ideal to those who value the precious authority of the word of God. Does the motto, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent" have any clout, or

is it merely the product of human derivation? It boils down to a matter of authority and our perspective toward such. Are the Scriptures the only source of authority for what we say and do religiously? Is the word of God just another authority among many (oral tradition, human experience, etc.)? Or is the Bible merely (as some among us claim) a collection of “love letters” which God never intended for us to use as a blueprint or a source from which to seek out Divine authority? Those who make light of the principle under consideration would point out that the saying, “Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent” was born out of the American Restoration Movement, and as such, is merely of human origin. It is true that Thomas and Alexander Campbell affirmed this maxim in the early 1800’s as they sought to separate themselves from man-made religious traditions that at that time were commonly practiced, but such a declaration came only after they had studied deeply from the word of God, and found the precious Book Divine to speak to this end. In other words, though not stated with the exact phraseology as found in the title of this article, the principles espoused therein are certainly found within Holy Writ.

It is imperative that we seek authority for all that we say and do in religion from the word of God. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of (by the authority of, SPM) the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17). To be sure, the Bible commands us to speak where the it speaks: “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:11). Certainly it is a fair question to ask concerning religious teachings and practices, “By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority?” (Matthew 21:23). When Jesus was approached with this question, he did not respond by saying that no authority was necessary. He lived and taught the necessity of Divine authority to direct our steps. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). It is only by and through the word of God that we find and lay hold on eternal life: “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63). A refusal to accept God’s guidance through His word is the height of self-righteousness.