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“There is One Body”

Whereunto shall we liken the KANSAS BAPTIST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP? Or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a very small and infant rattlesnake, which having neither fangs nor venom is yet to be hated and feared; for in process of time the fangs will assuredly come, and the venom will come.

Now learn these lessons from the parable of the rattlesnake:

Holy Scripture teaches that “there is one body” (Eph. 4:4). This is perhaps the key text for the doctrine of church government. With this brief text we knock to smithereens the universal-invisible-church heresy. And we also destroy the interdenominationalism heresy. And we uproot the heresy of Presbyterianism, i.e., centralized church government. It is with this last-mentioned heresy within the Kansas Baptist Bible Fellowship that we now take up pen to deal.

Under the leadership of Bishop Leaford H. Cavin of the Eastern Kansas Diocese and Bishop Lonnie Smith of the Western Kansas Diocese, the sheep-headed preachers of Kansas who call themselves “independent” Baptists have allowed themselves to be organized (by-laws and all) into a “body.” And so now there are TWO BODIES! Membership in this second “body” is “open to any Baptist Church in Kansas believing in the Word of God etc., etc.” (Art. IV, Sec. 1).

Seems innocent enough, doesn't it? But this is exactly the way the Holy See of Rome got started. And we could mention the Methodist hierarchy, the Episcopalians, the American Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. All of them rattlesnakes at different stages of growth. And all of them needing their heads cut off!

Christ is the Head of “one body” on earth, and only one body. This body, obviously, is the organization known as the Church. Pray tell us, who is the head of this new organization (or body) known as the Kansas Baptist Bible Fellowship?

Christ hath adjudged “one body” sufficient “for the purpose of carrying out the Great Commission” (Preamble to KBBF By-Laws). Who or what manner of heretic hath deemed a second body necessary?

This strange new “body” arrogantly purports “to establish new churches under the supervision of the Kansas Baptist Bible Mission Committee” (Art. 2, Sec. 3). But we had thought that only “one body” by and of itself, has divine authority and commission to bring forth another such body---“after its kind.” It is God’s law of reproduction. “And gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22, 23). And Christ hath therefore deigned to work in and through His One Body (or Organization; i.e., one kind of body) on earth to bring forth into being other bodies of like faith and order. And without the help of the Great Whore or any of her children, thank you!

Note how this new body, or organization, the KBBF, presumptuously intends to compete with Christ’s Church:

The Kansas Baptist Bible Fellowship ---

---Has a name (Art. 1, Sec. 1)

---Has a headquarters (Art. I, Sec. 2)

---Has a purpose, viz., to carry out the Great Commission (Art. II, Sec. 1)

---Has stated times for meeting together (Art. III)

---Has a voting membership (Art. IV)

---Has officers with authority and duties both executive and judicial, including the receiving and disbursing of funds, hiring and firing missionaries, and approving of new pastors!!! (Art. V, esp. Sec. 10)

Behold what manner of men are these who will thus defy the revealed will of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks! Do you say that they are good men and mean well? I tell you plainly that they are only men! Gone astray from the plain teachings of

the Scriptures! And who would arrogate unto themselves the authority of the Head of the Church by taking the seven stars (pastors of the churches) into their own slimy hands, and by themselves walking with crusty feet amongst the candlesticks (churches).

You can find Scriptural office of Church Pastor, but not Fellowship Chairman or President. You can find missionaries going out under the authority of a Church and accountable of the Church in the New Testament; but you cannot find groups of Churches, organized together, empowering a Committee to hire and fire missionaries for them!

A new Testament Church is “The fulness of Him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:23). What Church could want more than the “fulness of Him?” That is completeness par excellence! What warrant, therefore, has any church for “joining” or becoming a “member” of any monstrous, unscriptural, super-church organization?

Fie on those preachers who voted on and drafted these contemptible “By-Laws!” Would they feign ape the religious hierarchy that has drunk the martyr blood of their Baptist ancestors? Fie on those who piously attend the meetings and cast the votes! Fie on these cross-country travelers, cowards and busy-bodies, who cannot lead their own churches into a Scriptural program; and who instead seek an outlet for their energies by organizing strange new bodies! Fie! Fie!

There are only two women, and only two, in the Apocalypse, who stand typically for organized religion on earth. The one is a pure woman and represents the true church. The other is a whore and represents competitive organizations to the true church. The KANSAS BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP is a religious organization. And it is not a church. We conclude, therefore, that the organization (as such) known as The KANSAS BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP has the attributes and essential character of the Great Whore astride the Scarlet Colored Beast. If it does not appear so to you now, a few years will bring out her true and essential nature as the arch-foe of the local church.

An infant viper indeed, having need of nothing so much as the severance of its head.

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