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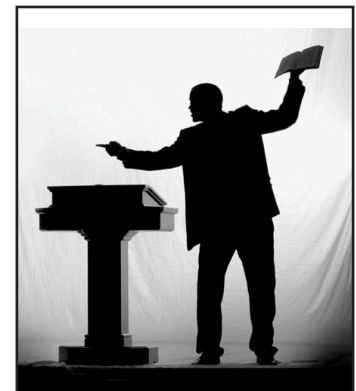
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## **Editorial... CONSENSUS FELLOWSHIP**

Over the years, there have been and continues to be certain brethren who are deliberately and consistently ignoring the Holy Spirit's teaching concerning fellowship in the inspired absolute objective standard that is the New Testament (Col. 3:17; Jude 3; 2 John 9, 10; John 12:48). In recent years, it seems that the number of brethren rejecting the New Testament's teaching about fellowship has grown. These brethren are not among those rank liberals who are far to the left of the truth, apostates such as Max Lucado, Rubel Shelly, Pepperdine U., Abilene Christian U., Lipscomb U., etc. In fact, they have in times past correctly opposed these rank digressives. However, those same brethren are not at all consistent, regular, and steadfast in practicing scriptural fellowship regarding matters about which they consider less important than the preceding listed liberals and their far to the left false doctrines. In other words, if they were Israelites they might be concerned about "Golden Calf" worship, but not about the private sins of Nadab and Abihu.

In many cases, the brethren we have in mind teach the truth concerning fellowship, but they only practice it when they arbitrarily decide to do so. As to who should and should not be fellowshiped, they apply the truth concerning the same on the basis of their own respect of persons. They closely observe which way the wind is blowing regarding what certain influential brethren will or will not do. If they think that opposing whatever or whomever will cause them to lose financial support, gospel meetings, lectureship invitations, and/or highly esteemed advantageous connections in the church, or put them at odds with preacher training schools, from which many of them are graduates and, sadly, with which they are joined at the hip with no intention of being parted, they will not oppose it or them. Simply put, these weak-kneed brethren are not about to lose their highly esteemed and cherished "chief seats." They are as was Ephraim of old, "**joined to idols...**" For those who desire to remain faithful to God, the remedy prescribed by the prophet for Israel concerning Ephraim is the same now as then—"**let him alone**" (Hos. 4:17).

### **"CONSENSUS FELLOWSHIP"**

These inconsistent brethren follow what I call "the consensus standard" for determining who should or should not be in fellowship. As previously noted, "the consensus standard" brethren decide to support, oppose, or attempt to remain neutral regarding whatever or whomever on the basis of WHO the preacher is, the number and nature of the errors, his influence (or the lack of it), the group with which he is associated (Is it "too big to fail?"), and the financial loss if he/we oppose it. This is the way "the consensus standard" brethren think, purpose, and plan. If the foregoing is familiar to you, it should be, because it smacks of the dishonest characters in secular politics.

One cannot help but wonder if the false MDR doctrine

popularized by the late James D. Bales had appeared for the first time today, whether Bales would have been opposed by “the consensus standard” brethren. Indeed, I am made to wonder if brother Bales would have remained in fellowship at that time if the late brethren Thomas B. Warren and Roy C. Deaver had not taken the lead in opposing and refuting brother Bales’ false doctrines on MDR (the alien sinner is not amenable to the law of Christ and the so-called “Pauline Privilege”). After all, most of what brother Bales believed was scriptural. Indeed, until he began to propagate his errors concerning MDR, he was a leading opponent of liberals in the Lord’s church.

The mind-set of those brethren who continue to claim to be sound in the faith and who do not presently accept the liberalism of Lipscomb U., ACU, et al., is, nevertheless, “unity in diversity” in obligatory matters, a course that the far left liberals have long followed.

Once “the consensus standard” brethren have stamped their “Good Church Housekeeping Seal of Approval,” or placed their “Imprimatur” on someone, or some organization, or doctrine, woe be to those who do not accept their dictums and pontifications. In such matters, about which this article is concerned, “the consensus standard” brethren and their followers do not deal in facts, or in the scriptures pertaining thereto. *As far as “the consensus standard” brethren are concerned, the truth about anything is whatever they decide it to be.* They are interested in one thing, promoting themselves, their work, and opposing whoever gets in their way. There is little to no fear of God before their eyes, and they are searing their consciences as they travel down the broad way that ends at the same place where Shelly, Lucado, Pepperdine U., ACU, Lipscomb U. et al. are residing. Not to realize that salient but terribly sad fact is to be bigger fools than the people who think that politicians have the answer to all the problems in our culture, society, and nation. In this editorial, a prime example of the foregoing bad mind-set, I am sad to say, is displayed by brother Perry Sexton in the Facebook discussion beginning on page 7. Just remember,

one has not been loved until one has been loved by a liberal.

Before closing I want to mention another fellowship error. *The brethren engaged therein demand that anytime a church withdraws fellowship from someone, all brethren without question or investigation must accept the withdrawal.* Of course, if a church scripturally withdraws from someone, they will be able to prove to inquiring brethren that their disciplinary actions were scriptural (1 The. 5:21).

In a case where there are as many brethren in good standing in a congregation who are opposed to the withdrawal as there are brethren who are for it (especially when the alleged sin has to do with one’s conduct rather than doctrinal error), it is virtually impossible for one outside the congregation to know the facts in such a case so they can comply with 1 Thessalonians 5:21, especially where no elders exist. Thus, “outsiders” cannot act by faith in honoring such a withdrawal of fellowship because they cannot prove what transpired in the matter (Col. 3:17; 2 Cor. 5:7). When the accusers demand that all churches accept what they dictate to them without question, but refuse to meet with all church members in said congregation that were involved in said matter, even refusing to permit the accused to face his accusers unless it is before a group the accusers have personally approved, sensible brethren ought to “smell a rat.”

When “outside” brethren are willing to make up their minds based ONLY on what one side in such a church fray told them, indicating no interest in hearing what other brethren who were personally involved in said matters have to say to the contrary of said accusers, one cannot help but wonder about the accusers’ desire for scriptural justice and equity. Why would anyone permit oneself to make up one’s mind about such a serious matter on partial information?

Our prayer is that all those in error on fellowship, regardless of the kind of error it is, will repent of their sins before they leave this world.

—David P. Brown , Editor

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# IS ELDER RE-EVALUATION AND REAFFIRMATION REALLY A MATTER OF INDIFFERENCE?

Danny Douglas

In the last ten years there have been numerous excuses offered by brethren, who should know better, as to why the Dave Miller doctrine on the re-evaluation and reaffirmation (reconfirmation) of elders does not need to be exposed, opposed, rejected, refuted, and condemned. Although there is absolutely no Scriptural authority for it, various men erstwhile known as soldiers of truth have been amazingly silent. Rather than offering Biblical refutation against it, or even attempting to present Scriptural justification for it, **“they all with one consent began to make excuse.”** It is as if they have forgotten that silence in the face of sin is sinful! They have caved in to pressure in the brotherhood, rather than opposing it for what it really is—a false doctrine! Evidently favor among men is more important to them than the Divine charge to expose, oppose, and rebuke sin when darkness and error appear: **“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them”** (Eph. 5:11; cf. 2 Tim. 4:1-2). Indeed, error must be rebuked, refuted, and confuted, and efforts must be made to convince and convict those teaching, practicing, or believing it, by wielding **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”** (Eph. 6:17; cf. Tit. 1:9-13; 2:15; Jude 22; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2).

## DO NOT FORGET THE CURSE OF MEROZ

In the song of Deborah and Barak, after the defeat of God’s enemies, the Canaanites, a curse was pronounced against the inhabitants of Meroz, because: “they did not come to help Jehovah when He was fighting with and for the Israelites” (Keil & Delitzsch). The Divine pronouncement was: **“Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty”** (Jud. 5:23). In like manner, silence is sinful when the truth is at stake!

This brings to mind those who refuse to stand up with those who are fighting with the Lord against the many errors facing the Lord’s church. This includes, but is not limited to, the false doctrine of change agents, such as: Rubel Shelly, Mike Cope, Max Lucado, Jeff Walling, and others. However, a more imminent danger to sound brethren is the influence of men who are not overtly teaching error themselves, but who are bidding Godspeed to those who do, or to their supporters. This is a violation of 2 John, verses nine through eleven and other passages, which declare God’s law on fellowship. It is an insidious danger because certain men of sound reputation are refusing to speak out on such cutting edge issues that are slowly creeping into the church, such as Miller’s elder

re-evaluation / reaffirmation and marriage intent doctrines. This new “unity in diversity” movement, as practiced by the Memphis School of Preaching and others, is sweeping the brotherhood, wherein men formerly known for soundness are extending fellowship to congregations, schools, and preachers who are in violation of God’s law on fellowship.

If it is their “righteousness” that forbids such brethren to oppose elder re-evaluation and reaffirmation, why does their “righteousness” not demand their defense of it? If there is nothing to it, why not oppose those who charge Dave Miller with fatal error? Moreover, if they sincerely believe that all this is much ado about nothing, then why not attempt to set forth Scriptural arguments to correct and refute those who are in opposition to this matter of “indifference”? Furthermore, why does not the astute and articulate Dave Miller himself rise up and defend his bizarre ideas about the eldership and marriage intent?

True men of God in the past who have been attacked for what they believed and taught were unafraid to mount the polemic platform and do battle by laying out their logical arguments and mightily contending for their convictions in public debate. Yet, we see none of this out from brother Miller and those who defend him. Why are they silent as the tomb in attempting to logically justify a practice which heretofore was unknown among faithful churches of Christ. If it is a scriptural and wise way to conduct congregational matters, when will his adamant supporters implement this novel idea for their elderships? When will Forest Hill (home of MSOP) and Getwell in Memphis, and others, set into motion that which has brought chaos and division into the Brown Trail church of Christ, Hurst, Texas, where it has been practiced on two occasions? Hopefully, never, but why defend and promote one who has helped to introduce it into the Lord’s true church? In love, we pray that he and they will repent. Does not the Bible still say:

**Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple** (Rom. 16:17-18).

## THE BIBLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ELDER RE-EVALUATION / REAFFIRMATION

Attempts have been made to justify Brown Trail’s practice of the re-evaluation and reaffirmation of elders because there were men in the eldership who needed to be removed. If that were the case, then God has given the church instruc-

tion whereby to remove such men without concocting a new and unauthorized practice. Paul instructed Timothy:

**Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality (1 Tim. 5:19-21).**

The Bible nowhere authorizes men to rid the church of a Scripturally qualified elder simply because some members refuse to follow him or do not perceive him to be a leader. Yet, the Brown Trail leadership and Dave Miller implemented this very thing. In the process of carrying this out, brother Miller taught the following while working with the Brown Trail church of Christ: “Not only may a man no longer meet the qualifications, but conceivably a man could meet the qualifications, brethren, and yet not be perceived by that flock as a shepherd. Not be a man to whom they would submit themselves. Shepherds cannot lead where sheep will not follow.” However, holding elders to the scrutiny of human perception would submit the Lord’s church to mere human subjectivism rather than the absolute authority of the New Testament of Christ.

The Miller philosophy, stated in his own words above, is faulty in more than one way. First, members are to submit to the eldership. No elder on his own has any authority, but collectively the elders of the congregation have authority to rule and oversee the flock (cf. Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3). Secondly, members who refuse to submit to Scripturally qualified elders need to be rebuked and disciplined—not catered to. **“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Heb. 13:17).** Rather than putting Scriptural elders out of the eldership, it is the child of God who refuses to respect them and follow their lead who needs to be dealt with, and not vice versa as the Miller doctrine implies. Rather than the church rebel being responsible for his own rebellion, the Miller doctrine would hold Scriptural elders responsible for the rebel’s behavior. According to this reasoning, the obedient Moses and Aaron should have been swallowed up by the earth rather than the disobedient Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, who rebelled against the authority of God (cf. Num. 16).

Such an idea is completely foreign to the Scriptures. According to this flawed logic, preachers to whom stiff-necked brethren refuse to listen should quit preaching, and preachers who are not perceived as gospel preachers by men should not attempt to preach at all. Nevertheless, thanks be to God that elders, preachers, and Christians alike are found pleasing to God, not based upon human perception, but upon their adherence to the word of God! Paul instructed Timothy to: **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season...”, even when people would not endure sound doctrine and**

**turn away their ears from the truth”** (cf. 2 Tim. 4:1-4). Gospel preachers today are to obey that same charge. Furthermore, God commanded Isaiah to keep preaching even when the people would not listen:

**Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without a man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land (Isa. 6:8-12).**

### **ANOTHER QUALIFICATION FOR ELDERS HAS BEEN ADDED**

During the same sermon, brother Miller further stated: “What follows then that one of the qualifications of a shepherd is that the membership perceives him to be such, and is willing to submit and to follow to respect and to trust.” Whether he admits to this or not, by making such a statement brother Miller added unto the qualifications for elders laid down in the New Testament. Nowhere in Titus chapter one or in First Timothy chapter three can this qualification be found, that members must perceive a man to be an elder. Some members of the church do not perceive the importance of faithful attendance, but that does make faithful attendance unnecessary. Some do not believe in withdrawing fellowship from the disorderly, but it still is required by God.

No doubt, there have been congregations with a several worldly or rebellious members who did not consider a godly elder to be a true elder. Consequently, they sought to oust him from the eldership, but were unable to do so if they had succeeded such congregations would have long gone by the wayside. Yet, had the re-evaluation and reaffirmation of elders doctrine been practiced in these congregations, the carnally minded would have succeeded and the devil would have had a heyday! We are warned not to add to or take away from the word of God (cf. Rev. 22:18-19)!

### **WHERE IS THE SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY FOR VOTING TO EXPEL GODLY ELDERS?**

One might argue that there is nothing in the New Testament forbidding such a practice. However, the same argument could be made in behalf of using mechanical instruments in Worship. Yet, there is as much Scriptural authorization for worshipping with the mechanical instrument as there is for elder re-evaluation / reaffirmation—None! We are to do all **“in the name of the Lord Jesus”** (Col. 3:17), that is, by His authority and according to His word.

When the Brown Trail elders first practiced this in 1990, one of the forms they presented to the membership was a

“Biblical Rationale For Evaluation of Elders.” In harmony with brother Miller’s sermon, it included the following declaration:

Shepherds cannot lead where sheep will not follow. Even if a man is technically qualified to be an elder, if the membership where he attends does not perceive him as a leader whom they respect and trust, he cannot shepherd effectively. (Dave Miller.)

In fact, they said that an elder had to be approved by 75% of the membership whether scripturally qualified or not. That means that 26% of the members had the power to expel a godly elder from the eldership by popular vote.

Also included in the process was a statement to the members entitled: “Procedure For Implementing Elder Evaluation/Selection Process.” Two of the Items stated:

**3. Distribute evaluation/selection forms to the membership (April 22). Give membership one week to carefully/prayerfully evaluate present eldership as well as potential new elders and submit forms to the committee no later than April 29.**

**4. Tabulation of forms by the committee. Present elders must receive 75% support of those submitting forms. Individual interview appointments will be scheduled. Interviews will facilitate introspection and review biblical qualifications.**

This practice is nothing short of an opportunity to vote a Scripturally qualified elder out of the eldership there is no authority for it!

### WHERE IS BROTHER MILLER NOW?

Brother Dave Miller, current Director of Apologetics Press, Montgomery, Alabama, has stated that it is not an unscriptural practice and that he would do it again. The practice known as Re-evaluation and Reaffirmation of Elders was derived from change agents and liberals, whose basic problem is that they “**despise dominion**” (authority). Jude warns of such in Jude 8: **Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.** This hallmark of the liberal is readily seen in this false doctrine which robs the eldership of its authority.

Sadly, brother Dave Miller, whose excellent book, *Piloting the Strait*, is an effort to oppose change agents, has cast his lot with them in the practice of Re-evaluation and Reaffirmation of Elders. Students of Church History are well aware of the fact that the first major departure from the faith in the early centuries of Christianity, which led to the full-blown development of the papacy and Roman Catholicism, was the destruction of the scriptural organization of the church. God has ordained that a plurality of elders are to oversee the local church (cf. Acts 11:30; 14:23; 15:2, 4, 22, 23; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim. 5:17; Tit. 1:5; Jam. 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1).

God has vested in the local eldership the authority to carry out the work which He has charged them to do (cf. Heb. 13:17; 1 The. 5:12-13; 1 Pet. 5:1-3). Moreover, the Scrip-

ture teaches that the Holy Spirit makes overseers (elders), and that they are to feed the blood-bought church of God, as Paul stated to the Ephesian elders: “**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**” (Acts 20:28).

### CONCLUSION

The bottom line is that the reevaluation and reaffirmation of elders is unscriptural in nature. It is an innovation that brings subjectivism into the Lord’s church. It is a process that has the potential of ruining any faithful congregation. Therefore, it cannot be sound and scriptural.

It is shocking that some brethren, including some who at first opposed the process, are now defending it. Brethren, we cannot defend error, and be right. There is no scriptural authority for it. We cannot practice the reevaluation and reaffirmation of elders in the “**name of the Lord Jesus**” (Col. 3:17). Let us be warned about introducing practices into the Lord’s church that would result in transgressing the Biblical pattern for church organization. Let us be warned:

**For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book** (Rev. 22:18-19).

Let us also remember that if we do not abide in the doctrine of Christ, then we cannot have the Father and the Son: **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds** (2 John 9-11).

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*[The previous article appeared originally in the August, 2015, **Defender**, edited by Michael Hatcher. Bro. Hatcher also posted the article to the Timeline of his Facebook page. Bro. Douglas also posted his article to his own Facebook page Timeline. Following bro. Douglas’ posting of said article, a long discussion between several brethren ensued on said Timeline. The discussion continued throughout August, 2015. A year has past since anyone has posted anything about it on said Timeline. Also, bro. Douglas’ article is as timely today as it was a year ago. That being the case, we decided to print said article and the discussion about it appearing on said Facebook Timeline. —Editor]*

# AUGUST 2015 DISCUSSION ON THE TIMELINE OF BROTHER DANNY DOUGLAS' FACEBOOK PAGE CONCERNING HIS ARTICLE, "IS ELDER RE-EVALUATION AND REAFFIRMATION REALLY A MATTER OF INDIFFERENCE?"

[Because the following posts were taken directly from bro. Douglas' Facebook page there are grammatical and mechanical mistakes in the language typical of such posts. We have lightly edited the posts to make them as readable as we could without changing anything that pertained to the discussion. —Editor ]

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation. 8/3/15 at 8:17am

**Michael Hatcher:** Perry, it has been practiced by other congregations. It was practiced again in 2002 by the Brown Trail congregation. The elders of that congregation did send out a letter repenting of mistakes they had made.

Perry, are you trying to defend the practice? Do you believe the practice is sinful? Are you trying to say that since it happened in 1990, that one does not need to repent of it? 8/3/15 at 8:31am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, how do you get all of that from my post??? When a post like this is made do you believe it is good to also give the original sermon so people can actually see what was said? I am not defending any such practices that are unscriptural. By the way, my post was made to Danny Douglas. What other congregations did this? And have they also repented? 8/3/15 at 9:01am

**Michael Hatcher:** Perry, there were questions (which you really did not answer). Are you suggesting that brother Daniel Douglas was lying about what was said in the sermon, or misrepresenting what was said in the sermon? The sermon has been reproduced numerous times through the years, both the transcript and the audio.

To say that you are "not defending any such practices that are unscriptural" is a pretty worthless statement. I do not think anyone would state that they support any practices that are unscriptural. Do you believe that elder R/R is Scriptural?

The post was made in response to the post by Danny Douglas. It was a public post and your response was public. If you wanted it to be only to brother Douglas, you should have sent him a private message. You did not do that, though, did you?

In 1997 Dub McClish documented 7 congregations that he personally knew that had practiced it. In May 2004 issue of *The Christian Chronicle*, they documented several other congregations who were practicing this. Brother

McClish was and is opposed to such while *The Christian Chronicle* was supportive of the practice. 8/3/15 at 9:14am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, I am sorry you do not like my answer. You did not answer my question at all. That was a yes/no question! You may say my answer "is pretty worthless," but I stand by it. My response was public, but addressed to Danny Douglas. Why did not Danny answer (I am asking Danny)? My question was simple and my statement was simple. Like in your first response, your second response shows you read into people's statement things that are not there. Therefore, I will not get into a further discussion with you on this matter. Since I made my post, will you and others make a full blown attack on me??? I say again, "It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation." I am sorry you do not like this, but I believe both sides of this should be told together. Since you seem to want to get into it on this matter why don't you challenge Dave Miller for a debate on it? One more question, did Danny send this to Dave Miller. And please do not read into this that I believe public false teachers should be approached privately first. I believe as brethren when we refute brethren publicly we should let them know what we are doing. What do you think? End of discussion with you. Let me know if you get a debate with Dave Miller. 8/3/15 at 10:09am

**David P. Brown:** Michael Hatcher, brother Perry Sexton's comments evidence how far behind the times he is regarding the R&R issue and the controversy connected thereto. Everything he asks for and suggests has been done or at least attempted, especially when it comes to the many times brethren have attempted to get Dave Miller publicly to defend what he believes regarding R&R of elders and the many efforts engaged in by some of us to meet with him and those brethren defending him to discuss the same. I seriously doubt that brother Sexton knows about the MDR doctrine that brother Miller teaches either, which doctrine appeared about the same time of the R&R issue the last time that Miller was connected thereto. If he does know about it, he can say so and then tell us what it is and where he stands on that topic. Some folks just don't keep up with what is happening. If brother Sexton can get Dave Miller to enter into a public four night oral debate on his R&R doctrine and/or his MDR doctrine we would be glad for him to do so. His suggestion that we let brother Miller know about these matters and where we stand regarding them and him compounds the evidence that brother Sexton simply does not know what has transpired for well over ten years, but especially since 2005 regarding this and other issues connected thereto. 8/3/15 at

11:01am

**Daniel Douglas:** Regardless of how little or how much it has been practiced since 1990, it was sinful then, it is sinful now, and brother Dave Miller has never repented of this false doctrine that he taught. Effectively, this doctrine has the potential of destroying any eldership or congregation. It is unjustified and unauthorized by the Scriptures. Col. 3:17; Rev. 22:18-19. With God, there is no “statute of limitations.” Once a sin—Always a sin, and all sin needs to be repented of. Sin does not change regardless of how many years ago it was practiced and false doctrine does not go away because of time. God proved that in the Old Testament, when He remembered the sins committed by nations centuries after they were committed and remained unrepented of. The teaching of brother Miller on this subject and his error on the eldership is well-documented for any who would like a copy of it. Let us uphold the truth, not oppose it, and let us oppose error and not defend it, regardless of who is involved. God is no respecter of persons, and neither should we be! Acts 10:34-35. 8/3/15 at 10:34am

**Daniel Douglas:** Yes, brother Sexton, it has been practiced since 1990. 8/3/15 at 10:36am

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Sexton, Do you remember when you were staying in Mt. Pleasant back in the winter of 2012-2013 that I came to your house and presented material to you on the Dave Miller error? You really did not express a desire to go further in depth on the matter, although the material presented at that time was sufficient to raise serious concern. The documentation is readily available to prove that Miller taught exactly what we are saying. We must oppose error and defend the truth always, as God commands (Rom. 16:17-18; Eph. 5:11; Tit. 1:14). You also will recall how that I preached on the fact that we cannot give and receive support from those who are involved in error or the fellowship of it, since giving and receiving are a form of fellowship (cf. Phil. 4:14-15; 2 John 9-11). 8/3/15 at 10:56am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, Your post is isolated from Dave Miller’s sermon and other material on this. I ask again would it not have been good to have given the readers a link to Miller’s sermon on this? Why will you not answer this? I remember the visit, but your assessment is wrong. My assessment was you wanted me to believe you without anything from Miller. I think my assessment is proven in this. 8/3/15 at 11:23am

**Michael Hatcher:** Since Mr. Sexton will not respond to me anymore (per his statements), it is obvious that some will just drink the “Kool-Aid” of Dave Miller and attack anyone who exposes his error. They do not care about truth or what is right and wrong. They make demands of others that they would not live by themselves, nor does the Bible support or live by it. Sad, but that is the type of individuals we often must deal with—especially when it comes to Dave Miller and his false doctrine. They will support Dave Miller no

matter what he has taught, supported, encouraged, etc.

David P. Brown, either Mr. Sexton does not care about the efforts that have been put forth by a multitude of people or is simply willfully ignorant regarding them.

I certainly wonder how one can take a sinful action and explain it away to make it a non-sinful action? Apparently this is what Mr. Sexton thinks Dave Miller’s “explanation” does. Sad when someone believes you can explain sin away! 8/3/15 at 11:34am

**Dub McClish:** I’ve just now caught up with this exchange. My Bellview Lectures MS on this subject was referenced earlier. If Mr. Sexton would care to read it, it is available at the following: <http://thescripturecache.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/REEVALUATION-REAFFIRMATION-OF-ELDERS.pdf>, 8/3/15 at 11:48am

**Michael Hatcher:** That lectureship manuscript was from 1997. So the oppositions to Dave Miller have not been done in a corner. 8/3/15 at 11:52am

**Dub McClish:** I will add the following disclaimer: Some of those whom I quoted as opposed to the R/R practice 28 years ago have since made serious compromises on fellowship and other errors (i.e., Mac Deaver, Terry Varner, Garland Elkins, Robert Taylor). At that time they were all sound men; what they said relative to the R/R procedure is as true now as it was then. 8/3/15 at 11:55am

**Michael Hatcher:** As to a debate, when Dave Miller refused to debate a Baptist regarding what one must do to be saved and refused the challenge of a Muslim to debate, it is no wonder that he will not debate this subject. He would have been standing for Truth on either one of those debates that he refused, yet in this he would be standing for error. No, Dave Miller will not debate the subject. 8/3/15 at 12:23pm

**David P. Brown:** To all who are reading this thread, if you will contact us through *Contending for the Faith’s* web page ([www.ctftpaper.com](http://www.ctftpaper.com)—*Editor*) we will be glad to supply primary documentation regarding the R&R of elders, etc. If brother Sexton was not working [so] hard to be willfully ignorant of said matters pertaining to Miller, et al., he would be doing a better job than repeating that Miller’s sermon should appear beside brother Douglas’ article. The truth of the matter is that this man does not desire to know anything definitive and complete about the Miller fiasco. That is evident from his ignorance of the matters that he mentioned. What he does like to do is “hit and run” because that is all he can or cares to do. I suggest that brother Sexton take Danny’s article about which he is so exercised and put it along side Miller’s sermon and send it out to all since he is concerned about the whole story being told. In fact, will he publish brother Douglas’ article along with Miller’s sermon to all since he has such great concern for the truth regarding Miller’s errors?? BTW, brother Sexton has not answered one way or the other regarding his beliefs pro or con concerning



Miller's false doctrine concerning R&R of elders or Miller's false doctrine on MDR. Now, why will he not answer for himself? 8/3/15 at 2:11pm

**Dub McClish:** Ignorance is one thing, but willful ignorance ratchets the matter up another notch. Brother Sexton travels about on his evangelistic sorties (no criticism of evangelism with the Truth, mind you), raising money to do so, while he's demonstrated that he's both uninformed and uninterested in becoming informed. BTW, aren't those on this list required to answer questions submitted to them? 8/3/15 at 2:18pm

**Geoff Litke:** *Perry Sexton, why didn't you just call Dave Miller if it is that important. I did. He told me he did NOT repent because there is nothing to repent of and that those parading his "statement" as repentance were misrepresenting him. (Italics mine—Editor)* 8/3/15 at 2:20pm

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, why did you not answer my first post instead of brother Hatcher answering it? I addressed it to you. 8/4/15 at 11:43am

**Perry Sexton:** I am asking these questions individually so your answer will be clear. 8/4/15 at 11:43am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, did you get out of my posts that I believe time covers sin? Yes/No. 8/4/15 at 11:44am

**Perry Sexton:** Why did you not give the link to Dave's sermon? Will you give that link now? 8/4/15 at 11:46am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, did you send your post to Dave Miller? If not, why not? 8/4/15 at 11:46am

**Perry Sexton:** Why the attack on just Dave Miller? What about all the elders, preachers, and other congregations who have done this practice? 8/4/15 at 11:47am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, has Dave Miller ever advocated that other congregation follow his "error?" Please document it. 8/4/15 at 11:49am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, please explain how "the Holy Spirit makes overseers (elders)." 8/4/15 at 11:50am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas stated, "Brother Dave Miller, current Director of Apologetics Press, Montgomery, Alabama, has stated that it is not an unscriptural practice and that he would do it again." Please provide documentation for this. 8/4/15 at 11:51am (*Note Geoff Litke's post above re., Miller's comment to him—Editor*)

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas wrote, "In fact, they said that an elder had to be approved by 75% of the membership whether scripturally qualified or not." Please provide proof for this. 8/4/15 at 11:53am

**Johnny Oxendine:** Just send this brother the CD so he can see the voting handouts, etc., as David P. Brown said earlier, if someone is not aware of the details this far along... ten years after...then there is no way to cover all of that in this space...any questions should be answered after he has

received and absorbed the whole CD...until then it will only be piecemeal. 8/4/15 at 12:09pm

**David P. Brown:** At least one thing is made crystal [clear] by brother Sexton's questions—he has not kept up with much of anything regarding the discussion of this topic over the past ten or more years. How often have the questions he posed, with many others connected thereto, been dealt with during the time I've mentioned. He is the type of character that sticks his head as deep in the sand as he possibly can and, only when forced to do so, does he pull it out for a peak at what's going on. He then throws [out] a few questions—questions that have been answered and discussed years ago, only to then poke his head back down deep into his hole. With preachers of Sexton's stripe around, no wonder the church is in the mess it is. 8/4/15 at 12:12pm

**Michael G. Knox:** David P. Brown, et. al.—Some people are busy trying to save souls more than being the brotherhood police. The reason the church is in the mess it is in is that too many brethren on all sides of any given issue being too political and choosing sides without having considered all the information. In short, too many get their exercise jumping to conclusions rather than critically examining all of the evidence. As many of you may recall, this all started with Perry asking for more information. No one can truly be both an effective evangelist and a fully informed brotherhood watchdog. Just because something happened over 10 years ago does not mean that all preachers will know ALL about what happened—good, evil or indifferent. 8/4/15 at 9:14pm

**David P. Brown:** [Michael G. Knox], the apostle Paul was one of the greatest soul winners to ever walk this earth. However, the peerless apostle had as much to say about watching out for, exposing, refuting, and marking false teachers as anyone ever did. Was Paul a brotherhood policeman and/or "a brotherhood watchdog?" Your statements of, 1) "Some people are busy trying to save souls more than being the brotherhood police" and 2) "No one can truly be both an effective evangelist and a fully informed brotherhood watchdog" are palpable false. No one is so blind as he who refuses to see. Your use of one "being the brotherhood police" and "watchdog" are prejudicial terms used by you to denigrate every passage in the Bible (especially the New Testament) that warns Christians about being vigilant and watchful concerning error in and out of the church (especially in the church) and who propagates the same. Besides that, you do not mind opposing in print and publicly someone when you think one is wrong. Please explain your scripturalness in so doing, but then opposing others who do what you have no problem doing when it suits you. The legs of the lame are not equal. 8/4/15 at 1:56pm

**Michael Hatcher:** This did not start by Sexton asking for more information. He had been offered the information by brother Danny Douglas a few years ago. David P. Brown

has offered to send him a CD with the requested information and the offer was never accepted. Thus, like most of your other statements as brother Brown has already pointed out, your statement, “As many of you may recall, this all started with Perry asking for more information” is likewise false. 8/27/15 at 6:56am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, I am making these posts individually so we all can see clearly your answers to each post. Please reply to each one individually. 8/5/15 at 7:31am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher wrote, “To say that you are ‘not defending any such practices that are unscriptural’ is a pretty worthless statement.” Michael, are you aware of the meaning of the word “such?” August 5, 2015 at 7:32am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, please answer it this time: “When a post like this is made do you believe it is good to also give the original sermon so people can actually see what was said?” Yes/No. 8/5/15 at 7:33am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, you and others have accused me of many things unjustly. I think any honest person can see this. You need to consider your errors and character! Do you think you all are not guilty of Matthew 7:1ff? 8/5/15 at 7:34am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, did you step up and offer to debate that Baptist and Muslim in the place of Miller? If not, why not? I do not know the reason why Dave Miller did not debate them or you, if that is the case, but there can be good reasons. The time element is one reason and that is one reason I am not going to continue long in this discussion. I must say, I have far better things to do. 8/5/15 at 7:35am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, you stated, “The post was made in response to the post by Danny Douglas. It was a public post and your response was public. If you wanted it to be only to brother Douglas, you should have sent him a private message. You did not do that, though did you?” Michael, no I did not, Danny’s post was public as you pointed out. Why should I answer in private??? Is this the same reason you and Danny will not post a link of Miller’s original sermon to Danny’s original post: so people CANNOT see what was actually said? I addressed it to Daniel Douglas, did you miss that? I suppose you, and the other like-minded as you, would have liked me to answer Danny’s public post privately. That seems clear in your statement. Let Danny answer for himself. You all can coach him privately, but let him answer for himself!!! 8/5/15 at 9:37am

**Daniel Douglas:** At this point, I am going to be brief because I have a funeral to preach in a little while. I have been away from this discussion since Monday due to various circumstances. Yet, I will say this, evidence and documentation for the Dave Miller error was offered and made available years ago, but some have not accepted or studied it. Moreover, watching out for error in the brotherhood is

one of the duties of gospel preachers and men of God (cf. Eze. ch’s. 3 & 33:1; Acts 20:28-32; 2 Tim. 4:1-5). I have presented the article on the Dave Miller error in sincerity and love. It is the truth. If any do not like it or appreciate it, they need to investigate, or examine themselves (2 Cor. 13:5). Brother Michael Hatcher has a CD available with lots of documentation, including brother Miller’s word for word sermon. Albeit, the evidence and quotes in the article that I wrote should be enough. (How many of you have presented Rubel Shelly’s full sermon on grace before you quoted him in saying, “We do not contribute one whit to our salvation”? Let us be honest.) Indeed, we should have a concern for saving souls (Mark 16:15-16). Yet, to save them and go off and let the church be overrun with error is not in harmony with the principles of Ephesians 5:23-33; 5:11; Rom. 16:17-18; 2 John 9-11. Moreover, I know of one brotherhood “watch-dog,” who edits a sound brotherhood publication, and I was talking to him this past Saturday morning. He had to hurry off because he and other Christians had a door knocking session. Well, by their fruits we shall know them (Mat. 7:15-20). 8/5/15 7:51am

**Michael Hatcher:** Well we see how much value to put in Perry Sexton’s word! He stated, “End of discussion with you.” Yet, now we have 6 different posts directed specifically at me. Glad you are a man of your word, Perry.

Perry, I am not your slave! I can answer any way I wish to answer and I am not bound by your dictate to “Please reply to each one individually.” No one died and left you in charge!

I know what “such” means! I also know where the word came from—its origin. Such a condescending attitude you show here!

Perry when you ask the question ““When a post like this is made do you believe it is good to also give the original sermon so people can actually see what was said?” Yes/No” you need to define “good.” However, brother Daniel Douglas has already responded to this showing the silliness of such an argument. However, since it is not Biblically mandated, it is the option of the author as to whether he wishes to do so or not. The problem is when certain individuals imply that a person is wrong for not doing so. They again need to be reminded that they are not God!

Perry, you have shown what you are by the comments that you have made and the false demands you have tried to impose upon brother Douglas. No, I am not guilty of Matthew 7:1!

To ask such questions about those debates proves you have no knowledge and do not care about anything regarding truth in these matters but simply try and find a way to discredit others. The facts are: the debate with the Baptist was that he would only debate someone with a Dr. degree. I do not have one and do not want one. Thus, for me to step up and debate him in place of Miller is a ludicrous question.

The debate Miller refused with the Muslim is one where the Muslim challenged Miller (not me) based upon what he claimed was false statements in Miller's book. After Miller's refusal, another brother did step up and debate him in place of Miller. I did not find out about the debate and the events surrounding it till it was already over and done with. So again, a ludicrous question by Perry.

Perry if you respond to a public post in a public way, then don't start crying and whining when someone else responds. Brother Douglas certainly does not need me to "coach him privately" or otherwise. You owe brother Douglas an apology for such disregard for a good man. However, you have demonstrated your attitude through this entire exchange so I won't hold my breath waiting for you to do so. You are, as David P. Brown stated, like the proverbial man who sticks his head in the sand only to come up to denounce those who are doing what the Lord commands in "earnestly contend[ing] for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." 8/5/15 at 8:53am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher wrote "Well we see how much value to put in Perry Sexton's word! He stated, "End of discussion with you." Michael, in a public debate or discussion should not the opponents have equal amount of time/space/opportunity??? I addressed my statement and question to Danny Douglas; you jumped in before him to answer. Why? After I said "End of discussion with you," you made several more posts in reference to me and what I had posted. Do you think I do not have a right to reply? You and I had equal posts, two each, and then I said, "End of discussion with you." Must you have the last word? And then keep on with even more? Again, I believe honest people can see the truth in this matter, all of it. Those "6 different posts directed specifically at" you were in regards to you nipping at me as I tried to end the discussion with you and get Danny Douglas to answer for himself. I guess you just could not wait to get in on the attack! You did not do as I requested and answer each post individually. This makes it harder for readers to see readily just how you answered each one. Now why do you not want to make it as clear as possible as to what you are answering??? Why should not Danny Douglas post a link to his original post so people can go to it and actually read what was said? Is it the same reason that you do not want to make it clear as to what you are answering on my posts??? 8/5/15 at 10:28am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher wrote, "I know what "such" means! I also know where the word came from—its origin. Such a condescending attitude you show here!" Michael, you judge so? Other people can judge for themselves, please consider: Michael Hatcher wrote, "To say that you are "not defending any such practices that are unscriptural" is a pretty worthless statement. I do not think anyone would state that they support any practices that are unscriptural. Do you believe that elder R/R is Scriptural?"

The post was made in response to the post by Danny Douglas. It was a public post and your response was public. If you wanted it to be only to brother Douglas, you should have sent him a private message. You did not do that, though did you?

In 1997 Dub McClish documented 7 congregations that he personally knew that had practiced it. In May 2004 issue of *The Christian Chronicle*, they documented several other congregations who were practicing this. Brother McClish was and is opposed to such while *The Christian Chronicle* was supportive of the practice." Michael, you used the word "such" in copying my post and your statement about brother McClish. I think the word is used in the same manner. Why did you and others not understand that??? Is it because you attack everyone who does not believe you all in every single detail??? You all have misjudged me and bashed me in many ways. Honest people can see this. 8/5/15 at 12:33am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, I am finishing up a gospel meeting tonight and moving on for another "sortie" as brother Dub McClish called it. So don't think just because I do not answer in a day or so that I have turned tail and ran. 8/5/15 at 10:33am

**Michael Hatcher:** All I have seen from Perry is attacks on a faithful brother, sticking his head in the sand and then jumping up to attack those who are doing what Jude and other Bible writers command us to do, playing God in trying to force us to do as he dictates us to do. Yet, he has continued to refuse to answer the simply question if elder R/R is sinful. Oh he is against everything that is sinful but refuses to state whether that action is sinful or not. When called upon he diverts attention away from the real issue as to whether or not elder R/R is sinful.

No your word, Perry is worthless. You said you were finished then lied about it. Now you try to make an excuse for your lie and simply whine about my responses. I never made such statement nor am I bound by your statement. Additionally, every post you make to me simply continues to show that you are a liar.

No one has to agree with me regarding anything. However, they must agree with what God teaches. When a person engages in sin and when others defend the sinner in the error of his ways, then it our responsibility to expose the sin and those who support such. August 5, 2015 at 11:45am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher I have much confidence in brethren with honest hearts. I say again I believe they can see who is doing what. You have shown much of your character. Sad! 8/6/15 at 1:43pm

**Michael Hatcher:** Perry, you have lied again from your previous statement. Brother Douglas was doing exactly what the Bible demands of Christians and you have attacked him. You bury your head in the sand and then jump up to attack the faithful. 8/6/15 at 1:45pm

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, please tell me how I lied again. 8/6/15 at 1:49pm

**Michael Hatcher:** On Aug. 3, at 12:09 pm you wrote, “End of discussion with you.” Yet, you continue. Every post you make to me says that you lied when you stated that. 8/6/15 at 1:51pm

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, I answered that very well above but you did not really deal with it. You sure strain at gnats! I was trying to end the discussion with, but you had to keep on and on, [etc]. Just like in the beginning when I addressed my post to Danny Douglas and you evidently could not wait to get in. I guess you would like for me to not answer you so and can just go unchecked. Is that what you want??? Is this why you will not post Dave Miller’s original sermon??? Have you ever in your whole life time ended a discussion with someone and then took it up later??? August 6, 2015 at 2:05pm

**Perry Sexton:** Good bye for now. 8/6/15 at 2:06pm

**Michael Hatcher:** And I dealt with it previously also. No one made you state what you did. You are the one who chose to end it. I am not subject to what you do. No one died and left you to be god. You stated it, then jumped back in. You did not have to jump back in, but you decided that and thus violated what you had previously stated; thus when you post something to me, you show that you cannot be trusted. 8/6/15 at 2:14pm

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, are you going to answer my posts shortly after my original post? 8/8/15 at 9:27am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas, do you believe it would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation along with your original post? Yes/No. I think you know what “good” means even though Michael Hatcher would not answer this question plainly because he said he needed me to define the word

“good.” 8/8/15 at 9:28am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas wrote, “Moreover, I know of one brotherhood ‘watchdog’, who edits a sound brotherhood publication, and I was talking to him this past Saturday morning. He had to hurry off because he and other Christians had a door knocking session. Well, by their fruits we shall know them (Mat. 7:15-20).” Danny, did that unnamed brother pass out *CFTF* in the door knocking? If not, why not? 8/8/15 at 9:30am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher wrote, “However, I see you continue to wish to change the subject. Do you, Perry Sexton, believe elder R/R is sinful?” Michael, here is my original post, “**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation.” From this simple statement and question I received all of these malicious attacks and false accusations about me!!!

Michael, look at my original post (above) and please be honest and answer this: Who changed the subject???

See Hatcher on “such” and “good” in his former posts.

Hatcher wants to continue to attack me but have me never to answer him again!!! What ungodliness!!! Michael Hatcher again to try to cause you to understand this: I tried to end the conversation with you, but just because I end one discussion with you does not mean I never have another right to answer your continued vicious attacks on me!!! Do you hold yourself to this same standard you impose on me???

What kind of a man are you??? Do I not have a right to answer your ungodly attacks on me??? I full well believe any honest person can see who did what!!! God knows for sure. 8/8/15 at 9:51am

**David P. Brown:** Perry Sexton, is it scriptural to distribute letters written to churches, which letters discuss all kinds of internal problems of said churches, to church members and non-church members like? August 8, 2015 at 9:51am

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**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Sexton, Have you ever written an article of warning regarding false teaching in the brotherhood? If so, then did you hand the same article out in your door knocking sessions? 8/8/15 at 10:58am

**Daniel Douglas:** I said in my last post, “Let us be honest.” That means that we apply the same standard to ourselves that we apply to others. 8/8/15 at 11:00am

**Daniel Douglas:** Isaiah and the other faithful prophets of old, not only preached to save souls but to warn God’s people against sin and error. The same was true of the apostles. Paul was one of the greatest examples of this (cf. Acts 20:20, 28-32). Today, in order to be faithful preachers and servants of Christ we must not only evangelize and seek to save the lost, but also to warn against fatal error. 8/8/15 at 11:03am

**Daniel Douglas:** The words of Isaiah are very appropriate here: “**His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber**” (Isa. 56:10). It is because the preachers and elders in the brotherhood whose who fail to do their duty, that error creeps into the body of Christ. Indeed, it is an honor to be unlike the “**dumb dogs**” that “**cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.**” They are especially quiet when certain well-known brethren or schools are involved! 8/8/15 at 11:06am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, I will make my post again, please answer the question plainly. I posted: “Danny Douglas wrote, ‘Moreover, I know of one brotherhood ‘watchdog’, who edits a sound brotherhood publication, and

I was talking to him this past Saturday morn He had to hurry off because he and other Christians had a door knocking session. Well, by their fruits we shall know them (Mat. 7:15-20).” Danny, did that unnamed brother pass out *CFTF* in the door knocking? If not, why not?” Please answer this Danny. 8/11/15 at 6:54am

**Michael Hatcher:** The only ungodliness I see in all this is Perry Sexton!!!! He tries to bind things on others that are not bound by God. He tries to bind things on others that are directly contradicted by the Scriptures. He has continued to lie. He refuses to define his terms. He refuses to answer the one question that directly pertains to this entire subject (“Do you, Perry Sexton, believe elder R/R is sinful?”). Perry is acting more like an agent of Satan than a supporter of Christ. 8/11/15 at 7:01am

**Perry Sexton:** Michael Hatcher, I am finishing up a gospel meeting tonight and moving on for another “sortie” as brother Dub McClish called it. So don’t think just because I do not answer in a day or so that I have turned tail and ran. 8/5/15 at 10:30am

**Gilbert Gough:** Excellent job Danny. 8/6/15 at 1:58pm

**Dennis Francis:** It’s entirely too bad that Perry Sexton who has “better things to do” has spent all this effort attacking those who are trying to stand against error and for the truth rather than actually attempting to find out for himself “whether these things are so.” So many today place an undue self importance on only doing a part of the Lord’s work while not doing the rest. If it were only evangelism the Lord wanted done, why were 22 books of the New Testament

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written to refute error? 8/6/15 at 2:21pm

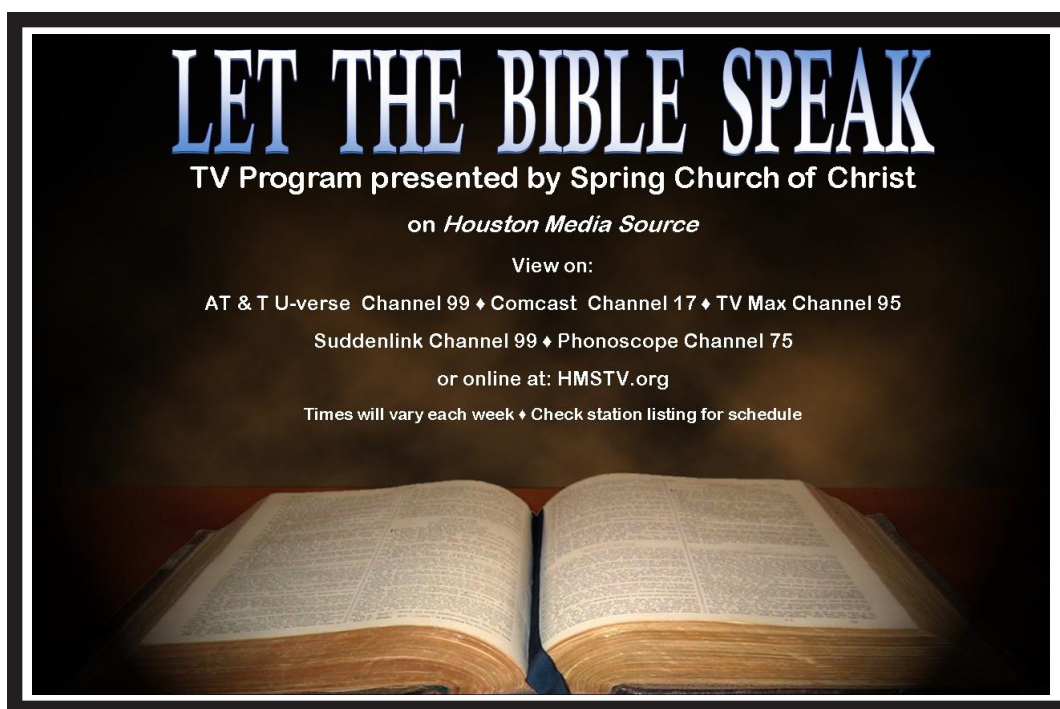
**David P. Brown:** Perry Sexton reminded Daniel Douglas of his comment to him (Sexton) by quoting the same back to him with follow up questions. Danny's quotation and Sexton's question are once again stated here: "... 'Moreover, I know of one brotherhood 'watchdog', who edits a sound brotherhood publication, and I was talking to him this past Saturday morning. He had to hurry off because he and other Christians had a door knocking session. Well, by their fruits we shall know them (Mat. 7:15-20).' Danny, did that unnamed brother pass out *CFTF* in the door knocking? If not, why not?" By quoting Danny and asking him the questions that he did, Sexton reveals the false premise on which he is basing his thinking. Sexton's false premise is: "*The scriptures teach that if a church chooses to withhold certain religious issues from the general public, then it is wrong to be engaged in dealing with said issues at all.*" Obviously, Sexton thinks the foregoing proposition is true. The fact that he does think it to be true speaks all the more as to how weak, shallow, and erroneous his "thinking" is. Among several important matters to which brother Sexton is blind is the fact that the letters to the churches that comprise the New Testament dealt with all kinds of internal problems, but they were circulated among all the churches of Christ and were read to the public assemblies of the churches. Thus, for example all the terrible problems of the church at Corinth were made available to all. When brother Sexton distributes a New Testament to a non member, he needs to remember that most of it was written to churches and individual Christians concerning all kinds of error in and sinful conduct of members of the church. Tell us, brother Sexton, have you placed New Testaments into the hands of non-Christians? Or, in making them available to the general public, did you limit them to only reading those parts of it that dealt with becoming a Chris-

tian, and forbade them from reading about the issues and problems among Christians? Let us not hold our breath till this "prime example of a learned gospel preacher" answers the foregoing questions as well as other important questions pertaining to the same.

In dealing with brother Sexton I am reminded of the preacher, who upon being charged with being a "witch hunter," responded, "I suppose the charge that I am a "witch hunter" is a true one, for I certainly found a witch." In brother Sexton's case he is a witch without the ability to fly a broom. I think we can safely conclude he did not graduate from "Hogwarts." 8/11/15 at 1:49pm

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, you make many false charges again about me. I know my thinking, God knows it perfectly, but who do you think you are to know my thoughts? You have missed it by miles! Why did you put your statement in quotation marks as if I had said ??? *Are you relying on the possibility that no one will go back and check for themselves? I believe if any honest person would go back and examine all these posts they will see clearly the many false charges made by you and others and see your ungodliness.* 8/12/15 at 9:16am. [Italics mine— **Editor**]

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, you like Hatcher and the others, got all of that [from all your posts] from my following first post, "Perry Sexton Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation." Simply amazing!!! I think any honest person reading these posts can see what I asked for and how you all reacted. All of this malicious treatment of me because of this post!!! What ungodliness. I suppose you all THINK you do service to God and His church by such ungodliness. 8/12/15



at 9:19am

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, when a post like Danny Douglas' original post is made, do you believe the author (in this case Danny) should give the link or other information where the original sermon was made? I think people should have the option of reading it for themselves. Don't you? Yes/No. 8/12/15 at 7:20am

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, it should be obvious to anyone that I am not talking about what all has been done and said about this matter. To try to make it clear to you all, I am talking about the post made by Danny under this discussion. Do you suppose there may be several thousand brethren who have not heard all the details of this? And have not read the original? Do you think they should have the opportunity to read the original for themselves??? Or, do you just want what you all say about it seen and read??? 8/12/15 at 9:21am

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, to answer a former post of yours: it is Danny's article, I am leaving it up to him to post a link to the original sermon or not. We will see what kind of character he is. Why can't Danny Douglas answer plainly the simple questions I asked him? 8/12/15 at 7:23am

**Perry Sexton:** David P. Brown, do you support AP? Do you use their material? 8/12/15 at 7:25am

**David P. Brown:** No, I do not support AP. No, I do not use their material. 8/27/15 at 6:03am

**David P. Brown:** Perry Sexton, do you want the Miller CD? 8/27/15 at 6:04am

**Michael Hatcher:** David P. Brown of course brother Danny Douglas offered to give him material a few years ago

and he rejected it according to what brother Daniel Douglas has stated. 8/27/15 at 6:09am

**David P. Brown:** Brother Perry's "forgettery" works very well. His memory operates under the "selective service act"—selecting what he remembers and what he forgets. 8/27/15 at 7:07am

**Kent Bailey:** Excellent material Danny! 8/11/15 at 1:41pm

**Kent Bailey:** If being set for the defense of God's truth makes me a watch dog, then woof, woof! August 11, 2015 at 1:44pm

**David P. Brown:** And, Kent Bailey, I'll add my "Bow Wow!" to your "Woof, Woof!" (lol). 8/11/15 at 1:54pm

**Kent Bailey:** Right on David P. Brown. We both need to make sure all of our distemper shots are updated. 8/11/15 at 1:56pm

**Dennis Francis:** I was referred to many years ago as a "watchdog of orthodoxy." Considering the source, I felt I was in good company. Since a watchdog is to be on guard, we certainly have adequate scriptural support for such (1 Tim. 6:12, Acts 20:27ff, etc.). 8/11/15 at 2:01pm

**Dennis Francis:** Kent Bailey you may have known that individual. He had formerly preached in Mountain Home and other congregations in the Boise area. He was the point man for unity in diversity in that area. 8/11/15 at 2:04pm

**Michael Hatcher:** I wonder if Perry would consider Jude a "brotherhood watchdog"? Or, what about Paul as he often wrote to congregations warning them of error and false teaching. Should we consider Peter a "brotherhood watch-



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dog” since he wrote what he did in 2 Peter 2 ((in particular). Oh, and who can forget the apostle of love, John. Would he have to be considered a “brotherhood watchdog” considering what he wrote to the congregations in Asia? I think it will be an honor to stand with these “brotherhood watchdogs.” 8/11/15 at 2:05pm

**David P. Brown:** I’m sad to say when all is said and done there will always be “sunshine patriots,” “fair weather soldiers,” “Fifth Columnists,” and “back shooters” in the Lord’s army as well as this nation’s military. August 11, 2015 at 2:11pm

**Gilbert Gough:** I wonder if brother Sexton has read Ezekiel 3:17-21. 8/11/15 at 2:24pm

**David P. Brown:** Gilbert Gough, maybe brother Sexton read it, but he doesn’t believe what he read. 8/11/15 at 2:43pm

**David P. Brown:** Brother Perry Sexton has no problem whatsoever growling and barking at some of us for doing what he thinks is wrong. But he can’t stand it when we bark at false teachers. Strange that he is blind to his own confused conduct. 8/11/15 at 2:37pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Certain demands have been made upon those who are standing against the false doctrine of R&R of the Elders (taught by Dave Miller), such as: David P. Brown, Michael Hatcher, Daniel Douglas, and others. The things that brother Perry Sexton would enjoin upon us before marking and refuting a false teacher, evidently are the following:... any time a false teacher is marked and his doctrine is refuted, or perhaps, he has applied it only to the Dave Miller situation. 8/11/15 at 11:55am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, in the first place your post is very unclear. I kindly ask you to show where I have demanded anything. Are you mimicking Michael Hatcher (see his post on Aug. 5)? You are making false accusations against me. What you say is not true at all.

My first and original post was: “Perry Sexton [addressed to] Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation.”

Daniel Douglas, from this simple post I have been viciously attacked by you and others.

Daniel Douglas, please answer what Michael Hatcher would not answer plainly: “When a post like this is made do you believe it is good to also give the original sermon so people can actually see what was said?” Yes/No.

Daniel Douglas, when you quote someone is it not customary to give the source so people can see for themselves? You may want to see my article posted on my time line last night where I quote one and gave the source. My article may give you cause to find further fault in me. When you quote

the Bible to non-Christians and those less informed do you give the reference or do you just expect everyone to take your word for it? 8/18/15 at 7:53am

**Daniel Douglas:** Excuse me, let me finish my post— The obligations that we have before refuting a false teaching according to brother Sexton implied that I have erred in the article that I presented, and according to statements that he has made are: 1) a notice must be sent to the false teacher; 2) an internet link must be posted where the entire message wherein the alleged false doctrine was taught may be read. If this is the only situation wherein it is “good” to present a refutation of false doctrine, then we need Scriptural authority to back up such a position. 8/12/15 at 2:01pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, you have misrepresented me! 8/13/15 at 4:06pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, what hindered you from finishing your post? Danny, are you willingly misrepresenting me or just missed it? Danny Douglas, does one have the right to defend himself? Do you not know of Bible verses showing this? How would you like to be accused, but never given a chance to defend yourself? Do you really think what you are doing in these posts are anywhere Christ-like??? What you have done will be more clear IF you would answer my questions!!! Is this why you have not answered them all and plainly???

Here is the situation: I think it was Aug. the 2nd I saw where you, Daniel Douglas, made your original post on my “Time line” without my permission. It read like this: Daniel Douglas with Perry Sexton and 12 others (I believe it was 12) and your article followed. It appeared as if I had approved of it, but I had never even seen it. I removed your post from my “Time line” and the next day made my original post whereupon I have been viciously attacked by you and others. Danny Douglas, you made your original post public (potentially the whole world can see it)

On my FB I have several hundred people many of which may be non-Christian, new converts, etc. And of all the tags and shares 1,000’s of people not knowing about this; 1,000’s of new Christians and old Christians alike may be discouraged by all the animosity and perhaps even caused to fall away; 1,000’s of non-Christians seeing the dissension in the church of Christ hindered by the great animosity seen posted against me.

Yes, error needs to be refuted and I think I have done my share of that. And yes, before you ask and accuse, the people knew what I said because most of it was between us. I did it to their face not behind their back.

I request, not demand, that you answer these questions plainly and simply: (1.) Was it 1990 when Dave Miller brought the sermon under consideration in your article? (2.) Was Miller the only preacher or member of the church involved in it? (3.) Was Miller the first to teach anything similar



to this? (4.) If not, have you or any of the other members of your pack tried to correct the error? (5.) Did you mark them? (6.) Have you marked them as much as you have Miller? (7.) Are you still marking them as you do Miller? (8.) When did you or any of your pack learn of Miller's sermon? (9.) How did you come to know about Miller's sermon? (10.) How long after you learned of Miller's sermon did you mark him?

What I would like to know is why are you and your pack raving so much about Miller and not the others. Please tell us. 8/18/15 at 9:54am.

**Daniel Douglas:** If it is necessary to inform a public teacher of error when a public refutation of his error is done, as brother Perry Sexton implies that I should have done, then I have two questions: 1) Brother Sexton, have you done that every time that you refuted the Pope of Rome, Billy Graham, or Rubel Shelly, or any other false teacher? 8/12/15 at 12:03pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, I never implied that. 8/13/15 at 4:07pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Then why did you ask if I had done that, and why had I not done that? 8/13/15 at 7:47pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, see my answer above as well about your post being "public." Furthermore, it has been 25 years ago since Miller gave that sermon. He is a brother in Christ. God has instruction concerning a brother erring in the faith, does He not? I think your brother Miller should know you are still on the attack. Danny you told me yourself that Miller had issued a statement concerning his sermon. Can you provide that statement? Do you think the public, the non-members, the new converts, the weak members, and the strong members alike have a right to see that? Or do you just want what you have to say about it known to all of these??? 8/18/15 at 9:54am

**Daniel Douglas:** Another Question, for brother Perry Sexton, If it is necessary to contact the false teacher either before or during the refutation of his false doctrine, then please provide Scriptural examples or principles that would enjoin such upon us. If it is in the example of Jesus, the apostles or any other inspired men, please provide this. (We do have word for word documentation to prove all that has been said in this article under consideration regarding brother Miller's Re-Evaluation and Reaffirmation of Elders doctrine. Documentation has been offered and let me offer it again. We should have a "thus saith the LORD" for all that we bind upon others. Where is the direct statement or command, the implication, or the binding example, for that which brother Perry Sexton has implied that I should have done, in order to refute this false doctrine (Rev. 22:18-19)? 8/12/15 at 2:10pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, please go back and read my first post carefully and then please answer the second question. 8/13/15 at 4:10pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry, I did answer that R&R of Elders has been practiced since 1990. 8/13/15 at 7:47pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, You did imply the above by your questions and criticisms. You implied that a link should have been provided. 8/13/15 at 7:50pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Miller has never given Scriptural justification for what he did, nor has he repented of this false doctrine. 8/13/15 at 7:51pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry, You have criticized me for this article, but you have failed to show anything that I have done that violates the word of God. 8/13/15 at 7:52pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, you keep on misrepresenting me. Please show me (I am not demanding, just asking) where I have tried to bind this on anyone. Are you throwing up smokescreens? See my above posts. 8/18/15 at 7:55am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, you keep on misrepresenting me. Please show me (I am not demanding, just asking) where I have tried to bind this on anyone. Are you throwing up smokescreens? See my above posts. 8/18/15 at 7:57am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, please tell me what Jesus implied by His question here: "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men?" (Matt. 21:25).

Daniel Douglas, also, did the disciples understand what Jesus implied here: "**Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.**" (John 21:22). Danny, is it possible that you inferred that which I did not imply???

Daniel Douglas, for what it is worth to you I speak all these things with love for you and all the church. God knows my mind and I think I know my mind a little better than you do. I did not imply those things you accuse me of. 8/18/15 at 9:58am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, Did Miller teach this outside of his congregation? Did his elders instruct him to teach this? Has Miller taught this publicly since 1990? 8/18/15 at 7:58am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, did Miller issue a statement concerning his sermon? If so, where may we find it? 8/18/15 at 7:59am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, wherein have I criticized you for the article? Danny, you make false charges but fail to show the proof. This seems to be typical of you. My 1st post to you was: "Perry Sexton [addressed to] Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by a by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation." 8/18/15 at 10:00am

**Daniel Douglas:** I can provide Dave Miller's word for word sermon on R&R of elders, although I do not have a

link to it on the internet. Are you interested in it, brother Perry Sexton? You have not provided a single defense of this false doctrine, and of course, you are not able to successfully defend that which is not authorized by the New Testament. 8/13/15 at 7:57pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, of course I have not defended this false doctrine, why should I? Danny was my post about your article? You and your pack have viciously attacked me because of my first post. I believe people have a right to defend themselves, don't you??? I believe as brethren we ought to treat one another as brethren, don't you??? I believe members should have the right to hear both sides of an issue, don't you??? Evidently you do not based upon your initial post and others thereafter.

My post was not against your article, yet you and the pack attack me!!! Why, is it because I am not in your pack??? Is it strange to you that I follow no man, except those godly men of the Bible as they follow Christ??? Because I mildly rebuke (if you can even call it that) you, a member of this pack does that make me worthy to suffer as I have from the pack's claws and fangs???

Daniel Douglas, why should I answer wolves like you have shown yourselves to be? My first address was to you Danny, yet Hatcher answered and then by his second post calls my statement "pretty worthless," yet within 5 sentences he uses the word "such" as I did, but cannot or WILL NOT comprehend my meaning – and the pack follows suit!!! Daniel Douglas, would you care to count how many times you used the word "such" in your article and then please explain (I am not demanding) why you all cannot understand my statement using that same little word (such)??? Must I really supply a definition of the word "such" and "good"?

Daniel Douglas, Michael Hatcher wrote, "In 1997 Dub McClish documented 7 congregations that he personally knew that had practiced it. In May 2004 issue of "The Christian Chronicle," they documented several other congregations who were practicing this. Brother McClish was and is opposed to such while "The Christian Chronicle" was supportive of the practice." [Posted Aug. 3 at 12:14pm]

Daniel Douglas, please note Michael' use of the word "such." I ask you, did these 7+ congregations practice this "elder R/R" before Miller's sermon or after? Now, you and the pack are so informed in all these matters you should be able to tell us precisely, but will you?

Daniel Douglas, yes, please mail me the CD you all have put together: mail to 1763 you know the rest and please do not share my address. 8/18/15 at 10:01am

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, Are you going to impugn my character and motives, if I fail to meet demands that God does not required of me in order to refute error, but which you have required? Let us provide things honest and honorable in the sight of all men. Rom. 12:17.

8/13/15 at 8:11pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, will the attacks from you and the pack never cease??? I do not fear what honest thinking people will learn from all this. The truth is quite clear to those who love the truth more than packs! I clearly see why many multitudes will not make a peep, they seem smarter than me. But for your information I told my wife before I ever made that first post that I was opening myself up for attacks of all kinds, you see, I am not totally uninformed of this pack. I have seen these ungodly attacks on others before.

I really do not believe it is possible to have a good sound and honest discussion with any of you. I think that is proven here and elsewhere. Are you satisfied with your conduct before Almighty God in this??? Please examine yourself. I think any honest person can see for themselves if they will examine all of this closely. 8/18/15 at 8:02am

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, would you please answer my posts I made on August 4th beginning at about 2:43pm? And would you also be so kind as to answer below each post out of courtesy so we all can see exactly what you are answering and see exactly what I did say. and do? Please note that these are requests, like all the rest of my posts, they are not demands, but requests. Please do not continue to show your character by misrepresenting me.

Daniel Douglas, now that you are answering for yourself, what little you have answered, would you please write a short article showing how a congregation is to deal with elders who sin and will not repent. And how a congregation is to deal with "elders" who were never qualified in the first place? Please give details. Again I am not demanding, but requesting this. I am sure such an article would be good for the brotherhood. You may already have one that you would share with us. 8/18/15 at 10:03am .

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David P. Brown, are you referring to me in any of this? If so, why did you not mention my name? What I have written was posted directly to the one [Daniel Douglas] that I had a statement for. Now if you are not referring to me, why not name the person(s) to whom you are referring? Or are you guilty of what you wrote? And if you are referring to me, do you praise the one [Danny] who has written up a brother in Christ for something he said in a sermon (by direction of his own elders) 25 years ago??? And do you praise him [Danny] for airing this for the whole world to see, but yet not referencing the quotations??? Do you praise Danny for not referencing his quotations??? Do you praise Danny for not giving the world an opportunity to see for themselves??? Is this typical of how you all operate??? Is this Christianity??? 8/18/15 at 10:04am

**David P. Brown:** Well of course I am speaking of you, but certainly not only you. You are simply the one at present who is displaying your fruit for all to see as a strutting peacock reveals his tail feathers of glory. You are just one of many. How many times have we advertised far and wide the free CD, doing the same for almost ten years. That CD deals with the questions you are asking. Moreover we have written on the matter many times over the years as well as published what others have written on the same years before the 2005 fiasco regarding Miller, et al. Must you and others be roped, hog tied, and force fed what is very much free and readily available to any one who desires to learn of these things? In fact, we have distributed literally hundreds of said CDs with the permission for those who received them to burn as many copies of the same that they desire and to give them to those who need to be informed about what the CD covers. You are a willingly and willfully ignorant man (as are others of your stripe) at the very least on the Miller, et al., matters. If you informed yourself on these and other like matters troubling the Lord's body, you would remove your chief "sugar stick" that props up the fragility of your approach to the Miller matter, et al., or anything else that you think would be detrimental to you and your work. You desire for the churches to see you as one who occupies such a pious seat that he is too far above the fray of his lesser brethren. You prove the same by the way you are dealing with said matters in your posts on this forum and you will not change your approach in dealing with such matters. You will never go against what is popular in the church regarding said matters. I am very sorry to say that such is in your spiritual and moral DNA, bro. Sexton. 8/18/15 at 9:11am

**David P. Brown:** If bro. Sexton were as exercised over Dave Miller's false doctrines and practices of which Miller has not repented, as well as other errors in the church and those who advocate the same, especially false teaching regarding fellowship, as he is upset with us, he would have others who are of the same mind set as he now is, dealing with him as he is presently dealing with us. A member of the church is not sound in the faith ONLY because he teaches the truth, but also because of the error he exposes and refutes. Now, just continue to read bro. Sexton's posts and you will note where he focuses and with whom he is truly upset—and it is not with false teachers. He is upset (terribly upset) with those of us who expose and refute false teachers especially those in the church and point out such spiritual wimps as he is—brethren who are far more upset and exercised at us, than with Miller or any other false teacher. If he can spend the time that he has already spent and he continues to spend dealing with us (such as his "dealing" with us is), what could he accomplish in his work? Well, on second thought, would those churches and people with whom he works use and support him at all if he were that interested in opposing with regularity all forms of error, especially in the church. Now watch bro. Sexton's response to this post. He won't change

a thing in how he responds, but he will not respond at all to those who teach error—especially if he can declare that the "statute of limitations" as to time and number of people impacted by any error has "run out." But he has no problem at all in taking in after us. No one is so blind but he who refuses to see. 8/18/15 at 9:14am

**Michael Hatcher:** I am very thankful I am with the "pack" who are doing what God commands all Christians to do in contending earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. I will proudly continue to do so even though there are those like Mr. Sexton who will continue to support the false teachers and attack those doing what God commands. 8/18/15 at 8:38am

**Danny Douglas:** Brethren, The matter of documentation should not be called into question here, seeing that word for word quotes were given (in context) and the entire sermon by Dave Miller is available and offered. To require more than the apostle Paul himself did and more than the Lord requires is to make requirements which God Himself did not make. (cf. 2 Tim. 2:16-18; Rom. 16:17-18; Rev. 22:18-19). 8/18/15 at 7:56pm

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas it is very disappointing to see you a Christian, furthermore a gospel preacher, defend yourself in not giving reference to your quotes of a man, yes a brother in Christ. When quotes are made a reference is to be given! This is common practice and is taught in all schools (maybe not the pack you are with now). Furthermore, it is common courtesy. But what you display here is typical of the pack you run with: proud, arrogant, better than thou attitude, etc. Honest brethren can and do see these things. Danny's statement, "Brethren, The matter of documentation should not be called into question here, seeing that word for word quotes were given (in context) ...." Danny, what an arrogant statement!!! It sure seems to say to me, "Who are you to question me?" Attitude. This is seen in others of the pack in this discussion. Danny continues in that statement, "... and the entire sermon by Dave Miller is available and offered." Danny Douglas you know you did not offer this nor did you give proper reference for your quotations of Miller. Do not try to pretend it was given up front. Danny you know that proper references should have been given. Without proper reference to your quotes of Miller, do not the quotes of him become hearsay or rumor; tale bearing and gossip? God has given us many verses on these matters; we ought to take heed to them!

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**Danny Douglas:** I have given the quotes within context and offered you “word for word documentation” (corrected August 26, 2015 at 8:07am post, by DD). God is my judge and I have several witnesses here, including brethren Michael Hatcher, Dub McClish, David P. Brown, and others. Your have impugned my motives and Christian character, brother Perry Sexton, and given requirements that I do not find in God’s word in the process of exposing false doctrine. If any of the faithful brethren here think that I have failed to properly document what I have said, I would appreciate their speaking up and letting me know. Brother Perry, as for part, God knows my motive and my heart. There is one thing that can be said and that is the defenders of the faith with whom I am honored to be associated and who have been unfairly attacked in this discussion, have not denied what they teach and what they have taught. This cannot be said of all preachers. My desire is expressed by the beloved apostle Paul (Acts 24 : 16; Rom. 1 : 16; 16 : 27). We will stand before the Judgment seat of Christ, Who knows the heart, purpose, actions and life of all men, including those of myself and other faithful brethren, and nothing that you say against us is going to change what God verily knows (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10-12; Heb. 4:13; Pro, 15:3; John 2:24-25). 8/26/15 at 10:06am

**Michael Hatcher:** Brother Danny Douglas you have

acted honorably and Scripturally in all this. 8/26/15 at 8:08am

**Dub McClish:** Danny, you’ve given sufficient documentation for those willing to accept it. 8/26/15 at 9:29am

**Michael Hatcher:** Brother Dub McClish, some people will never accept the truth, documentation or not! 8/26/15 at 9:31am

**Danny Douglas:** Brethren, It is not dishonest to refuse to answer every quibble, “straw man, and ad hominem attack of men who are merely seeking to set a trap rather than sincerely seek the [the word “truth”added on 8/26/15, 10:21 am by DD—*Editor*] on a matter. Of this our Lord is the perfect example (cf. Mat. 21:23-27). I returned brother Sexton’s questions with questions for him. [He was offered Dave Miller’s word for word sermon—Sentence corrected by DD on 8/26/15, 10:21 am—*Editor*]. In fact, two and a half years ago I offered to study with him regarding Dave Miller, his errors, fellowship errors, and concerning all those involved in it, but he was not interested. Yet, he should have been because it is important to God (Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11; Rom. 16:17-18. 8/26/15 at 10:20am

**David P. Brown:** My remarks given in answer to bro. Sexton’s post will be divided into different posts.

It is herein emphasized that bro. Miller has never confessed that the R&R of elders is a sinful action. Thus, bro. Miller DOES NOT think he must repent of the same. It is a fact that the Brown Trail elders (BT) have confessed that they made a mistake in judgment in choosing to practice said R&R of elders, but never has said eldership confessed that the actual practice of the R&R of elders is a sin. If anyone knows of a statement wherein either brother Miller or the BT elders have confessed that they engaged in sin when they practiced the R&R of elders and they have repudiated and renounced said erroneous doctrine, and asked God and their brethren for forgiveness for having engaged in said error, I would appreciate having proof of the same. I will be more than happy to publish it in *CFTF*.

The following is a review and critique of what brother Perry Sexton wrote and posted that is fundamentally an attack on bro. Danny Douglas’ character rather than the substance of bro. Douglas’s posts concerning Dave Miller’s re-evaluation/reaffirmation of elders (R&R) error as twice practiced by the Brown Trail Church of Christ, Hurst, Texas. Brother Perry Sexton posted: “Danny Douglas, it is very disappointing to see you a Christian, furthermore a gospel preacher, defend yourself in not giving reference to your quotes of a man, yes a brother in Christ. When quotes are made a reference is to be given! This is common practice and is taught in all schools (maybe not the pack you are with now). Furthermore, it is common courtesy.”

**DPB COMMENTS:** The absurdity and disingenuousness of bro. Sexton’s remarks in the foregoing quotation

from his post is seen in part in that I have personally offered a free CD to bro. Sexton that contains the documentation that he calls for. Moreover, there is other documentation that is far more than he and others of his stripe care to see. He reminds me of a self-willed and deluded ignoramus who threw dust in the air and then complained because he could not see because there was so much dust in the air, which evidence bro. Sexton did not and does not want to see in the first place. To read only brother Sexton's complaints about "no documentation" in said matter, one would think that it has never been mentioned at all, when in reality there is as much adequate documentation pertaining to the same as there is that the pope is a Roman Catholic. Bro. Sexton, do I need to produce documentation that the pope is a member of the Roman Catholic Church every time I say as much? Indeed, in view of your convoluted and absurd comments in how you have dealt with the Miller et al., matters, it is you who need to provide adequate evidence and credible witnesses that you are a faithful gospel preacher according to the New Testament definition of the same. Because bro. Sexton does not want to avail himself of the adequate evidence and credible witnesses that have been around for years proving what we have said about the errors of bro. Miller, including his erroneous beliefs about the R&R of elders, does not mean such proof of the same is not there. However, bro. Sexton deliberately chooses with malice aforethought to attack bro. Douglas' character rather than deal with the issue. Bro. Sexton needs to get a good dictionary and look up the definition of "slander" and "libel." For, obviously he does not understand or else he does not believe what the Bible teaches about the same.

Also, notice bro. Sexton's loving disposition of mind revealed when he referenced those who stand where Danny stands on the said Miller matter as "the pack you are with now." 8/26/15 at 4:10pm

**David P. Brown:** Bro. Sexton posted: "But what you display here is typical of the pack you run with: proud, arrogant, better than thou attitude, etc. Honest brethren can and do see these things. Danny's statement, "Brethren, The matter of documentation should not be called into question here, seeing that word for word quotes were given (in context) ...." Danny, what an arrogant statement!!! It sure seems to say to me, "Who are you to question me?" attitude. This is seen in others of the pack in this discussion. Danny continues in that statement, "... and the entire sermon by Dave Miller is available and offered." Danny Douglas you know you did not offer this nor did you give proper reference for your quotations of Miller. Do not try to pretend it was given up front. Danny you know that proper references should have been given. Without proper reference to your quotes of Miller, do not the quotes of him become hearsay or rumor; tale bearing and gossip? God has given us many verses on these matters; we ought to take heed to them!

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**DPB COMMENTS:** More dust thrown in the air by bro. Sexton so he can continue in his attempts to justify, at least in his own eyes, his complaints that he cannot see. Again, to read what bro. Sexton wrote in the previous quotation one would think that no one has ever documented anything regarding the said Miller matter. Where has bro. Sexton lived over the past ten and more years? It is bro. Sexton who has not kept up with what has gone on in the church over the last several years, at least concerning the said Miller matters.

Clearly, bro. Sexton has no sense of personal responsibility to keep himself and those to whom he preaches fully informed as to false doctrine and false teachers in the church. To him it is as if the New Testament has little or nothing to say about the obligation of gospel preachers to warn the brethren about false teachers and the error they teach. If bro. Sexton had been one of the Ephesian elders to whom the apostle Paul addressed himself in Acts chapter twenty when the apostle warned them of men arising from among them-

selves teaching error, he would have asked for documentation that such was actually going to happen. And, in the first century church there must have been some like bro. Sexton, for in time brethren departed from the faith, notwithstanding the fact that the apostles and faithful evangelists warned them of the same. Notice that bro. Sexton calls us wolves to criticize us because we are warning the brethren about false teachers and false doctrine. Now you know exactly how the first century false teachers conducted themselves relative to the warnings the apostles gave to the first century church. Have you ever heard of a wolf in sheep's clothing?

When Jude used “**common salvation**” did he sin because he did not define and document that expression? The fact that a matter is “common” or commonly known by those who see the need to keep themselves informed, means that every time the matter is referenced or the term used in a conversation that one is not required to define and document it. If bro. Sexton thinks to the contrary, then let him take it up with the Holy Spirit and with Jude (Jude 3). Bro. Sexton, do you desire the Miller CD or do you desire to remain willfully and willingly ignorant so you can engage in your character assassination of Danny and avoid the topic of concern? Will you receive any other documentation having to do with said Miller matters, or do you desire to remain in your self-imposed ignorance of the same, which willful ignorance you enjoy hiding behind? 8/26/15 at 2:32pm

**David P. Brown:** Bro. Sexton labels Danny as arrogant. If ever there was an arrogant comment it is bro. Sexton's comment wherein he labels bro. Danny Douglas as an arrogant person. I have not seen a person who rejoices in self-imposed ignorance concerning a topic who does so well in projecting a more arrogant spirit than does bro. Sexton, at least when it comes to his refusal to be informed about the Miller, et al., matters.

Bro. Sexton again complains about non-members and new members of the church being exposed to bro. Danny Douglas' exposure of Miller's errors and his own failure to be informed accurately about the said Miller matters. In an earlier post several days ago I ask bro. Sexton if he ever placed a New Testament in the hands of non-members and new Christians. If he has, and we know he has, did he not realize that he was placing into their hands, for the most part, material that dealt with all manner of issues and errors in which members of the first century church were involved and entangled? Is he telling us that non-members must not be informed of church problems until they are members of the church and even then new Christians should be kept from the fact that problems exist in the church today even as they did in the first century? One thing that Danny's exposure of bro. Sexton's failure to do, that all faithful gospel preachers are to do, is to expose and refute false teachers, which those non-members and new members of the church now know brother Sexton did not do and does not do. But in reading the New Testament for themselves these non-members and

new members of the church can see what God expects, yea, demands, that preachers must do if they are to be considered faithful, and that bro. Sexton in at least the Miller, et al., matters refuses to do.

For a man who will not answer questions, bro. Sexton certainly can ask them. Have the readers noticed that if it was not for bro. Sexton's charge that bro. Douglas has not documented what has been documented countless times and on numerous occasions over many years, which documentation has been offered to bro. Sexton on more than one occasion, bro. Sexton would have virtually nothing to say. Thus, the only other thing bro. Sexton can do is to continue to malign bro. Douglas' character, for he cannot afford to engage in a fair objective discussion of the actual issue(s). To engage in such an enlightened discussion of the actual issue(s) bro. Sexton would of necessity have to be enlightened on the subject. Of course, bro. Sexton is not about to allow anything to dispel his cherished ignorance for it is about the only thing left for him to hide behind. Now, remove the two foregoing areas of bro. Sexton's expertise in argumentation and he is left with absolute nothing to say. What is wrong with a man who has no more response than to argue for documentation that has been supplied on countless occasions and that is once again offered at this time to him, but he readily maligns his opponent's character in order to keep his head above water while all the time telling him how much he loves him and God? Yes, bro. Sexton those reading these exchanges can readily see your willful ignorance and your character vilification of brother Douglas, but what they do not see is your dealing with the issue(s) that is common to all those who over the years have kept themselves fully informed about the Miller, et al, matters. To be fair with bro. Sexton, we must say that he is not alone in the said manner in which he is dealing with the said Miller matters, for a host of men will not apply the truth on fellowship and exposing false teachers and their errors when it comes to dealing scripturally with said Miller, et al., matters. They have been weighed in the balances of truth and found very much wanting.

Before closing, here are some True/False questions for bro. Sexton to answer, but we won't hold our breath till he answers them:

1. T F Apologetics Press with its present director, Dave Miller, may be scripturally supported.
2. T F Lipscomb University with its present religious practices may be scripturally supported.
3. T F East TN School of Preaching and Missions with its present beliefs and practices may be scripturally supported.
4. T F Memphis School of Preaching with its present beliefs and practices may be scripturally supported.
5. T F The R&R of elders as twice practiced by the BT Church of Christ, Hurst, TX is authorized by the New Testament

6. T F No matter how common an error is, every time it is mentioned in a discussion it must be fully documented or it is to be considered gossip. END 8/26/15 at 4:18pm

**Danny Douglas:** Amen! Well said, brother Brown! Pro. 23:23. 8/26/15 at 7:15pm

**Danny Douglas:** Amen, brother David P. Brown! Thank you for fighting the good fight of faith! 1 Tim. 6:12. 8/26/15 at 7:17pm

**Dub McClish:** Religion and politics travel on parallel rails. Brother Sexton reminds me of the “establishment” Repubs. (e.g., McConnell, Boehner, et al.) who wouldn’t dream of opposing the real enemies—the Dems. (who have been responsible for driving our nation to the cusp of absolute abandonment of its founding principles), but they aim all of their arrows and bullets toward Constitutional conservatives who are seeking to restore it to its original order (e.g., Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Tea Party members, et al.). 8/22/15 at 1:09pm

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, you who seem to think you know everything, please tell me what errors I have stood against in the past 7 years. 8/19/15 at 11:03am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish wrote above on August 3 at 5:18 “Ignorance is one thing, but willful ignorance ratchets the matter up another notch. Brother Sexton travels about on his evangelistic sorties (no criticism of evangelism with the Truth, mind you), raising money to do so, while he’s demonstrated that he’s both uninformed and uninterested in becoming informed.” Dub McClish, please be honest enough to tell all! 8/19/15 at 11:05am

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, from what I wrote before your post on Aug. 3, please explain how you have arrived at my “ignorance” and “willful ignorance,” and “while he’s demonstrated that he’s both uninformed and uninterested in becoming informed.” 8/19/15 at 11:04am

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, exactly what are you trying to imply by this statement you made, “Brother Sexton travels about on his evangelistic sorties (no criticism of evangelism with the Truth, mind you), raising money to do so, while he’s demonstrated that he’s both uninformed and uninterested in becoming informed.” Dub McClish, please be honest enough to tell all! 8/19/15 at 11:05am

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, you know very little about what I do, you are not very informed. Is it any business of yours what I do??? August 19, 2015 at 11:05am

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, have you ever referred to your evangelistic efforts, or anyone else’s as “sorties”? Why do you refer to my evangelistic efforts as “sorties”? What is your motive? 8/19/15 at 11:06am

**Perry Sexton:** Brother Dub McClish, I am uninformed on this, what you wrote, “BTW, aren’t those on this list required to answer questions submitted to them?” Brother Dub

McClish, please explain it to me. I am sure Danny Douglas is informed very well on the matter. You might ask him why he did not answer all my questions. 8/19/15 at 11:06am

**Dub McClish:** Perry Sexton, Perry Sexton, Brother Sexton: I hardly “know everything,” and I’ve never claimed to do so, and I have no idea what doctrines you have stood against in the past 7 months, much less, 7 years. It seems evident, however, that elder R/R and its chief promoter might not have been among them. 8/22/15 at 12:14pm

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton: First, please accept my apology for the statement about your “raising money.” I spoke out of turn and made a judgment I had no right to make. As to answering you promptly, I seem to recall some lapses of days at times in your responses to questions. 8/22/15 at 11:49am

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton: I made the statement concerning your being uninformed relative to the attitude you have indicated in your posts over the past few days concerning the errors of brother Dave Miller. 8/22/15 at 12:15p

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton: I’ve already addressed my unfortunate statement about “raising money.” I’ve also addressed my comment about your “intentional ignorance.” All of us are ignorant about various things which are of no consequence. However, the doctrines of brother Miller (elder R/R and marriage intent)—both of which he has defended rather than repenting of them—are of great consequence. An abundance of information—well documented—has been readily available for years, yet you seem to be inclined to defend him and at the same time reticent to avail yourself of documentation of his errors. 8/22/15 at 12:01pm

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton: It is the business of all who will be faithful to the Master of us all to be concerned about one another, whether it is expressed in reproof, rebuke, or exhortation (2 Tim. 4:2). I’ve already done my mea culpa for expressing an improper attitude in some of my remarks to you. However, that does not change either what brother Miller has taught (and defended when challenged) or your seeming nonchalance toward same. 8/22/15 at 12:19pm

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton, yes, I believe I have heard such efforts referred to as “sorties.” I cannot recall that I’ve referred to my efforts as “sorties,” but I would not hesitate to so use it nor would I be offended if someone used it of my feeble efforts. I count it an honorable term, for its basic meaning is “an attack made by troops coming out from a position of defense,” which is not a bad description of at least half of the work of soldiers in the Lord’s army. As a man with military service (for which I express my sincere thanks) I would have thought you were aware of the meaning and use of this term. I’m sorry if this term was offensive to you. My motive was to call attention to your willingness to ignore the errors (and by implication, defend) of a false teacher and engage in fellowship with others who do so as well. As a youngster, we used the expression, “Turn about’s fair play?”

Now I kindly ask your motive for being so determined to defend the indefensible. 8/22/15 at 12:43pm

**Dub McClish:** Brother Sexton, I honestly asked the question about answering questions. I know that some of the lists that some of us are on require the answering of questions. However, this discussion's being on a FB page, this rule may not apply. As far as I can tell, Brother Douglas has answered your queries. Please note that I saw a couple of typos in my earlier messages in this series that I have since corrected. The first one was especially crucial (omitting a negative) that made the statement say the opposite of my intent—proof positive that this scribe doesn't "know everything." While I don't know everything, I do know (and anyone can know who cares to know) that brother Dave Miller has been "given a pass"—for whatever reason(s)—on his heresies. I pray that he and all those who are encouraging his impenitence by fellowshiping him will repent this side of the Judgment. 8/22/2015 at 12:56pm

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish, I am sorry I did not have the option to answer below each of your post. This is one problem of such discussions on FB. You can sort it out. Thanks for your apology but none was needed as I am not ashamed that money is needed to preach the gospel. But to make it clear I do not go raising money as it is already raised. I go and try to help small struggling congregations and at times receive no funds from them at all and sometimes refuse the funds offered. I pray and trust, and know that we have helped many in many ways. My question to you was about the "sorties" which you did address below. I am not certain what you meant by this, "As to answering you promptly, I seem to recall some lapses of days at times in your responses to questions." I do not recall saying anything about you not answering promptly. 8/26/15 at 7:05am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish, you are right about all this, but why do you expect me to know all about Dave Miller? As far I can tell you all are the only ones keeping it going. See my post below. 8/26/15 at 7:06am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish, yes I am somewhat unformed on the matter as I have never ran into it at all except from some of you. I have worked with 30 different congregations in the past few years and not a one showed any signs of error on "elder R?R." From what I have seen from you all it seems to be the most pressing issue in the brotherhood. I am not sorry that I have not run into it except from you all. I have seen many other errors and have dealt with those errors to the best of my knowledge and discretion. And many of the errors seem far greater and doing far more damage to the brotherhood than the "elder R?R" doctrine. 8/26/15 at 7:07am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish I am sorry that you too have missed the point (my original post). And yes as above and elsewhere I believe there are by far more pressing issues in the brotherhood than the attacks on Dave Miller. I ask you

why so much on Miller and hardly a word about the others: elders, preachers, etc. and the ones before and after Miller doing the elder R/R? 8/26/15 at 7:08am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish, I understand about my brother's keeper but does that mean we investigate every brother and snoop for the scoop before the proof? [Def. I intend for "snoop" = "A spy who makes uninvited inquiries into the private affairs of others." [WordWeb] Do I have the God given right to snoop into the affairs of elder's meetings of another congregation to be sure they do everything just right? Are you all the only ones who cannot err in judgment (based on other posts from you all)? When one errs and it is made public shall we attack with all claws and fangs first or does God have another method? As I explained above I have not seen this "elder R&R" as an issue, but I have seen many far greater issues. 8/26/15 at 7:09am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish thanks for the honor. As seen before I see again you have been investigating me at least somewhat. I am and was aware of the meaning of the word sortie, but there seems more implied in your statement than praise, but that is between you and God. I have explained about the error above. 8/26/15 at 7:10am

**Perry Sexton:** Dub McClish thanks for clearing that up about the answering of questions. I do not personally know Dave Miller, but I do believe he has been attacked above measure, but others in that same matter have been, as you say of Dave, "given a pass" and yes by you all. Why? Why such an attack on Miller and not the others? No, Danny has not answered all my questions and many he has "answered" were vague. 8/26/15 at 7:10am

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, Which questions did I not answer? You have not answered all my questions. For example, whenever you have written an article exposing error such as on the Pope, Billy Graham, or Rubel Shelly, Did you? 8/21/15 at 7:29pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Inform the false teacher? Did you provide the entire article or sermon in which the error you exposed was found? Moreover, Please give Scriptural proof that this must be done, as you have implied. Please be fair and honest, brother Sexton. Now, I have told you that Miller's word for word sermon is available upon request. If you refuse that request Perry Sexton, you are simply quibbling and not sincere about documentation. 8/21/15 at 7:32pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Let us provide things honest in the sight of God and all men. Rom. 12:17; Acts 24:16. We are sincere about exposing error and refuting it, as God commands (Eph. 5:11). Why would you, brother Perry Sexton attack those who oppose fatal error? This is at the real crux of the matter. Rather than attack defenders of the faith, why not attack error and expose those who bring it, as God commands (2 Tim. 2:16-18; Rom. 16:17-18)? 8/21/15 at 7:37pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas ever since the begin-



ning of time Satan and his workers have quoted Scripture to make themselves appear as angels of light, but it does not work for honest discerning brethren, it works only for silly women and gullible brethren. I am relying on honest discerning brethren to make righteous judgments in these matters, I know God does and will in the end. You all make it appear as if you and the pack are the only ones refuting error and marking false teachers. You all make it appear that if one is not a part of the pack he is lost. I have already made mention of when we were with you and then Dub McClish's sermon at the gospel meeting there. From my judgment in these matters the number one thing on your all's agenda is to destroy Dave Miller. I would say you have brainwashed the members of your congregation this way. I would ask, why so much teaching on the Dave Miller subject at such a small congregation without elders? Are you expecting trouble??? And then to beat it all, Dub McClish holds a gospel meeting where the public is invited and at least one sermon is on this matter!!! Is it essential to salvation for people to develop a mind-set of attack and destroy Dave Miller before they can be saved???

As I have posted elsewhere in these posts I have refuted error, confronted false teachers and warned brethren of error and false teachers of many stripes in the past few years (contrary to what has been insinuated by some of you, and not worrying about money because I know God will supply my needs). I have done the same all of my Christian life.

**Jim Miller:** I must say after following this now for a while that as Michael said I am grateful to run with the "pack." Mr Sexton seems unwilling to follow the commands laid out in scripture. This is a dangerous road to walk Mr. Sexton. You simply can't fellowship with error and expect to please God. 8/22/15 at 12:08pm

**Philip Crews:** Amen. 8/22/15 at 12:19pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton requested that I write an article on elders who sin and how to deal with it. I admit that I overlooked this request. At this time, I am going to state Biblical principles regarding this matter. First of all, if an elder is guilty of being a heretic, after the first and second admonition, he is to be rejected, and this would include any elder who would be like Diotrophes or any other kind of heretic (cf. Tit. 3:10-11; 3 John 9-11). Secondly, if an elder (or any other Christian) is guilty of committing a personal offence against another brother then the steps are to be followed that Jesus laid out in Matthew 18:15-17. Thirdly, if an elder causes divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine of Christ, then he is to be marked and avoided (cf. Rom. 16:17-18; 2 John 9-11). This would include an elder (or any Christian) who would teach contrary to the doctrine of Christ and refuses to receive the words and doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. The faithful are to withdraw from such a one (1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 John 9-11). [This would also include any elder or Christian who is in fellowship with, or upholds, any

person or action that pertains to darkness—Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11]. Fifthly, if an elder ceases to possess the qualifications of Christian character laid out in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 or Tit. 1:5-9, then he is no longer qualified to be an elder. (Certainly, an elder, as any other Christian should be given the opportunity to repent. However, this does not necessarily mean that he should continue as an elder, even if he does repent. Nonetheless, he should be forgiven, if he repents [cf. 2 Cor. 2:5-11; 2 Cor. 7:10; Luke 17:3-4; Mat. 6:14-15; Eph. 4:32]). Sixth, if an elder ceases to perform the God-given duties required of elders (cf. 1 Pet. 5:1-3; Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:28; Tit. 1:9-13), then he is guilty of the sin of omission (Jam. 4:17). For this he should also repent., and this, as with any sin, requires the bringing forth of fruits worthy of repentance (cf. Mat. 3:8; Luke 3:8; Acts 26:20). Obviously, any elder who is guilty of immorality or any other sin of which has not repented, should be dealt with as any Christian (cf. 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 The. 3:6, 14, 15). God, in His great wisdom, requires the following regarding a charge of sin being brought against an elder: **"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses"** (1 Tim. 5:19). If it be the case that an elder has sinned, the inspired apostle further enjoins, **"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear"** (1 Tim. 5:20). If an elder or elders are, according to the Scriptures required to repent, or no longer meet the qualifications of an elder, then the faithful and qualified elders should lead the congregation in dealing with this matter. If it be the case that an elder should resign or be made to resign, based on Scriptural principles, including the wisdom of God's word, then the faithful elders should deal with such an elder, and of course, if he refuses to do so, then they should lead the congregation in dealing with the matter, with all things being done decently and in order, and above all, according to the authority of Christ (cf. Mat. 28:18; Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 14:40). I will hasten to say this, that the Scriptural principles that I have just laid out are a far cry from the Re-Evaluation and Re-Confirmation (Re-Affirmation) of Elders taught by Dave Miller and practiced by the Brown Trail congregation in Hurst, Texas, several years ago, and that which continues to be taught and practiced by certain liberals. Miller taught and they practiced the idea that an elder may be removed by not receiving a certain percentage of approval of the congregation, whether or not he had sinned (Please see the article above on, The Re-Evaluation and Re-Affirmation of Elders for documentation of this process, and also, we can provide Dave Miller's word for word sermon). 8/22/15 at 4:24pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas I full well agree with the teachings of the Scriptures you have provided. It would be wonderful if fallible humans would follow the Word of God in all things then I would not have been falsely accused of many things and slandered as I have been in these posts by you all. Many things are not perfectly clear and as easy to deal with as with what you wrote seems to make it appear.

Danny wrote, “If it be the case that an elder should resign or be made to resign, based on Scriptural principles, including the wisdom of God’s word, then the faithful elders should deal with such an elder, and of course, if he refuses to do so, then they should lead the congregation in dealing with the matter, with all things being done decently and in order, and above all, according to the authority of Christ (cf. Mat. 28:18; Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 14:40).” Danny, the how is what I was asking for and I think you know it. I think we all know the Scriptures on what you wrote. I asked, “... would you please write a short article showing how a congregation is to deal with elders who sin and will not repent. And how a congregation is to deal with “elders” who were never qualified in the first place? Please give details.” Danny, you know what I was asking for, but after your good article with Scripture (which I agree with) you end up right back at the starting place and really did not answer what I asked. So I ask again using parts of your sentences: How shall “the faithful elders” deal “with such an elder”? How shall the faithful elders “lead the congregation in dealing with the matter, with all things being done decently and in order, and above all, according to the authority of Christ”? I must say that I have never been involved in any real eldership problems because I have worked with small congregations (as I intended to when I started preaching) usually without elders. I have been on both sides of the fence of “firing” a preacher and know firsthand it does not always go as it should. Many times there are splits in the congregation, etc., too much to talk about here, but I am sure in dealing with unqualified elders there can be many problems because of the human element. 8/26/15 at 6:56am.

**Daniel Douglas:** Furthermore, regarding the information which I have given above, I have more to say, in connection with the request of brother Perry Sexton concerning how to deal with an elder that sins. There is a great difference between what I have taught above, and what Dave Miller taught regarding the Re-Evaluation and Re-Affirmation of Elders (Please see the article written originally, which has sparked this discussion.) 1. According to Miller’s Re-Evaluation & Re-Affirmation of Elders Doctrine, an elder does not have to be guilty of any sin at all, but (as the documentation proves) one might be a fully qualified elder and still suffer the shame and humiliation (as if he had sinned), by being cast out of the eldership by popular vote. [Brother Perry Sexton, while you are so adamant in attacking the “pack” of defenders of the faith for opposing such fatal error, why don’t you get busy and either defend this practice of Dave Miller’s or study and see why it is a damnable heresy?] 2. Further, in regard to the Dave Miller error, one might even be guilty of sin as an elder, and remain in the eldership, if he were to receive a large enough percentage of favorable votes within the process which Miller laid out at Brown Trail. This within itself proves the R&R of Elders doctrine to be fatal error, in that, it enables the word of God to be made of none

effect, as the scribes and Pharisees had done with their traditions [cf. Mat. 15:1-9; Mark. 7:6-13]. What I have taught regarding an elder in sin, is according to God’s word, in that, any person is to be dealt with according the same principle, whether he be an elder or not. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35; 1 Tim. 5:21; cf. 1 Tim. 5:19; Mat. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1). 3. Brother Dave Miller, in his teaching on the re-evaluation and re-affirmation of elders (for which he has never repented) has added a qualification to the eldership, and that being that an elder must be perceived as a leader (See documentation in the original article above.) The qualifications of elders are given in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 & in Tit. 1:5-9. Yet, nowhere in these passages or anywhere else in the New Testament, is the qualification stated that an elder must be “perceived as a leader.” No doubt, this is to add to the word of God, and we are strictly forbidden to add to, or to take away from, the word of God (cf. Rev. 22:18-19). Some shallow and misled brethren would not know a true elder, gospel preacher, or any other kind of leader, if they came face to face with him. Yet, the Miller doctrine would turn the future of a congregation over to such people if it were put into force and implementation throughout the brotherhood. Brother Perry Sexton, why don’t you get busy and provide Scriptural authorization for Dave Miller’s new elder qualification, or else study your way out of this matter and stop defending a marked false teacher, and stop defending those who are defending a marked false teacher! (Pro. 17:15). What I have taught in regard to dealing with an elder in sin, is based on what the New Testament teaches, including how to deal with an elder or any Christian in sin, and the God-given qualifications of elders. Much more could be said, but I will say this, the doctrine and practice of Re-Evaluation and Re-Affirmation (Reconfirmation) of Elders, leads to subjectivism in the Lord’s church. Perhaps, this is the most insidious danger of it. It would cause the Lord’s people, members and elders, to base the organization of the church on popular vote or the whims of men. We have an objective standard, the standard of the word of God (cf. Phi. 3:16; 2 John 9; 1 Cor. 1:10; Heb. 4:12). It is the standard by which one day we shall all be judged (John 12:48; Rom. 2:16; Ecc. 12:13-14). Pleasing man, even in a congregation or in the brotherhood or anywhere else, will lead to eternal ruin (cf. Exo. 23:2; Mat. 7:13-14; John. 12:42-43; Gal. 1:10). This is a grave danger. Paul refused to please men (Gal. 1:10). Peter and the other apostles before the Jewish leaders, even at the peril of their own lives, refused to please men. They said and we should all say, by our words and our actions: **“We ought to obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5:29). 8/22/15 at 5:06pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas wrote “[Brother Perry Sexton, while you are so adamant in attacking the “pack” of defenders of the faith for opposing such fatal error,...]” Daniel Douglas wherein have I attacked any of you for “opposing such fatal error”? Are you willfully ignorant here or just lying??? Who is really doing the attacking and maintain-

ing them? Is it possible for you and the pack of wolves to honestly answer questions without false accusations, intimidations, and ganging up on your victim? Does the pack seek to destroy everyone who does not follow the pack? I ask you again, is this Christianity? I have mentioned this before but you have not responded to it and many other things like this. Please go back and honestly answer all my post made to you individually. And please restrain the pack from answering for you. FB is not a very good place to have such a lengthy discussion as a reader can easily get confused and especially when answers are not made in reply to the immediate post.

Daniel Douglas continued “[... why don’t you get busy and either defend this practice of Dave Miller’s or study and see why it is a damnable heresy?]” Daniel Douglas, so you admit that I have not defended Miller’s error, but yet I have been accused of it!!! Honest seekers of truth can see all of this, but the blind will continue to lead the blind. Daniel Douglas, early on I made it clear that I do not follow Miller’s error. When are you going to answer the post concerning “such”? Daniel Douglas, please answer this, did you give proper documentation to the quotes you made by Miller in your original post when you made the original post? Have you given proper documentation to Miller’s quote in this series since then? Daniel Douglas, you know that I do not oppose marking false teachers, but it seems to me the pack is after Miller above measure! Why? Is this the most pressing issue in the brotherhood???

Daniel Douglas wrote, “Some shallow and misled brethren would not know a true elder, gospel preacher, or any other kind of leader, if they came face to face with him.” Typical of the pack you seem to be referring to me without calling my name. When I looked into this matter in about 2008 or ‘9 I saw the character of some of you then; and again when I was with you in the winter of 2012-2013. And now in all of this the characters of you all are seen even more as vicious wolves seeking to destroy those who do not toe your line and agree with you all perfectly. I believe you truly do rely upon people taking your word for everything and not giving references (see your post on 8-18 at 10:56pm). Danny, please answer my above post about the 1,000s. As I said before I believe there is more to this matter than just marking error and a false teacher.

In the past few years I have worked with 30 different congregations and not a one showed any signs of error on “elder R?R.” The only time I have heard of it was through you all. I ask again, is it the most pressing problem in the brotherhood today???

I have seen many errors and have dealt with those errors to the best of my knowledge and discretion as a Christian and a preacher. From my experience, I believe one of the most pressing needs in the brotherhood is an exposure of the Mac Deaver error. Since you all like to tear into people, has any of the pack challenged Mac for a debate???

By the way, years ago I exchanged some emails with Mac concerning his error and I must say he was much

more brotherly/Christian acting than you all. Mac was very courteous to me; however he did not answer many of my questions, like you all. I have ran into a host of errors that seem to me are doing much damage to the church, but I have never seen the “elder R?R” except from you all. While we were with you we got just about sick of hearing so much about it, then shortly thereafter Dub McClish held a gospel meeting there and guess what at least one of the topics was about? That is right. At least in your all’s minds the most pressing issue in the brotherhood clearly seems to be attack and destroy Dave Miller. You would think someone of you wanted and still wants his job! Will you deny this?

Daniel Douglas wrote, “(Please see the article written originally, which has sparked this discussion.)” Danny, as many times as I have corrected you all on this you still persist in your error. Why? Can you not read my words? What the discussion is about is my original post and you know this! My original post and cause of all these vicious attacks on me is this: “Perry Sexton [to] Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation.” Danny I still know proper reference should be given in spite of your ungodly attempt to prove otherwise. It is obvious you do not believe proper reference should be given for quotations (see Danny’s post August 18 at 10:56pm).

Daniel Douglas, if you would honestly answer all my questions I believe more light could be shed on this matter. Is this why you will not answer them all plainly? In the first place the discussion should have been between you and me as I addressed my post to you. I think I can clearly see why others do not question any of you. You all have ganged up on me with your vicious attacks and false accusations (typical of the pack), but at the same time will not honestly answer questions. It is true, I have not answered all of the pack’s questions, but why should I when my questions have not been dealt with honestly? 8/26/15 at 6:58am

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, actually, I was not referring to you when I spoke of those who are “shallow and misled.” However, from the things you have written, you are wrong about your conclusions. I am not saying that anyone misled you to think this way, but nonetheless you are holding a position that cannot be upheld. Let us give a “thus saith the LORD”. (1 Pet. 4:11; Col. 3:17). 8/26/15 at 3:53pm

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, You are defending brother Miller indirectly, but you are not setting forth logical arguments and defending the practice of the Re-evaluation and Reaffirmation of Elders. 8/26/15 at 3:54pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas you can keep on claiming that all you want to, but God knows my mind and God knows exactly why you keep on being so dishonest in all of this. You know my original post but you will not even deal

with that in an honest manner. As I have said before, as if it matters, proper documentation should have been given to the quotes you made of Miller and you know that and you also know that it should have been done, but yet you whimper like a wolf pup and ungodly try to defend the fact that you did not provide documentation and then turn and say you did provide documentation, but you know it was after the fact.

Dave Miller is a brother in Christ and deserves an opportunity to answer for himself if he so desires. Furthermore the 1,000 of 1,000s of non-Christians and new Christians deserve the right to see for themselves what Dave preached without having to receive your all's CD, which personally having seen more of how you all are in these posts, I would not put much stock in what you all say at all. Why is it that you all cannot deal with a matter honestly without creating a smokescreen via your straw man??? You do not have the honesty and humility to admit your error so you turn and attack me for things you have made up even going to the point of claiming you do not understand the little word "such" as Hatcher did. By the way, when are you going to answer my post on that??? Never, I suppose. 8/31/15 at 3:17pm

**Perry Sexton:** Daniel Douglas, there you go again (above at 6:53 pm). I believe I am right in that you are trying to make it appear that I uphold "elder R/R" as was taught by Miller in 1990 which was directed by his elders from my understanding of, but you know you are misrepresenting me. Now if it is not that then it must be about proper documentation of quoting someone and I can easily defend that and have. 8/31/15 at 1:19pm

*[At about this point in the discussion a brother Bill Williams made several posts. Most of what he wrote had little to do with the subject of R&R of elders. However, he advocated other errors. When he was answered and refuted by several different brethren, he left the discussion. His post at the time were not readily available to everyone and it was, therefore, difficult to get the comments that he made. Since his post did not deal with what was being discussed and they did not appear for all to see, we removed his posts.—Editor]*

**Daniel Douglas:** Brother Perry Sexton, You asked me to write an article on how to deal with an elder in sin. I wrote 2 lengthy posts on this matter. I answered your request. Yes, as I said before, congregations have practiced the R&R of Elders since Dave Miller first taught it. Also, I did offer documentation to you. How can you honestly deny that. Just say the word and I will email you a word for word copy of it. You have also been offered a CD with loads of documentation. Have you answered this offer? It is very puzzling as to why you deny the facts regarding documentation. Moreover, in marking false teachers, have you ever quoted Rubel Shelly or any other false teacher, without reading or presenting the false teacher's entire sermon at the time that you spoke or wrote about it? Brother Perry, this is an honest question. You want to malign my character for not doing this in the original

article, although the documentation is offered. Yet, I would dare say that you have not done what you are requiring of me. Let us provide things honest before God and man (Rom. 12:17; Acts 24:16). 8/26/15 at 4:00pm

**Gene Hill:** Bro Douglas, excellent post. However, I have no more confidence that this one will be read with any more discernment that have your previous such posts. A willfulness to misunderstand on the part of one, is difficult if not impossible to overcome. In reading your posts and the responses, I thought that I was missing something because the connection between post and response was not present. I believe that an obtuseness is demonstrated that renders any further efforts, at least on my part, not worth the effort. I will leave it to your capable and patient hands. 8/27/15 at 1:31pm

**Danny Douglas:** ... The proper and correct appointment of elders is based on the word of God. It is subject and so are those who are selected to Divine Authority, namely, the word of God (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9). The faithful members weigh the fruits of men against the word of God, our Standard (Col. 3:17; Mat. 28:18; Phil. 3:16), to see who is qualified (cf. Mat. 7:15-20). There is a vast difference between this and the idea that Dave Miller advanced in his R&R of Elders teaching, and that being that a Scripturally qualified elder could be removed by a vote of at least 25% of the congregation. Even Miller's own words bear this out. Thus, the word of God was not the standard being followed, and hence, the process was subjective. Yet, it was not SUBJECTED to the word of God, nor authorized by it. (Heb. 4:12). 8/27/15 at 1:41pm

**Johnny Oxendine:** ...when you have brethren offering a multitude of reasons for supporting (rather than withdrawing from) Dave Miller (all the way from, he repented, he had nothing to repent of, to it's not worth splitting the brotherhood over, to the asinine comment "he cannot lead if the congregation will not follow") and they are all revealing a broad set of contradictions and an inharmonious cacophony of willful ignorance, why bother with lengthy scriptural responses? Why provide detailed explanations with the hope of informing? Everyone knows the support for Dave Miller was about money to keep AP afloat...and that Memphis [Memphis School of Preaching—*Editor*] did an about face because they feared losing support...the glib plebeian ostriches now arriving are posers...no doubt in fellowship with Brad Harrub, Phil Sanders, et al...and not really interested in "contending for the faith"...but probably also viewing Paul and Jude as busybodies who were not willing to let bygones be. August 27, 2015 at 4:47pm

**Dennis Francis:** Johnny Oxendine you are correct. He did a drive by and then cleaned up the evidence. 8/27/15 at 6:40pm

**Danny Douglas:** Does anyone sense that these "nice and kind" brethren who are so concerned about us dealing with the Miller error, are very personal in their attack on us?

8/27/15 at 6:39pm

**Danny Douglas:** I need more knowledge and wisdom from God (Jam 1:5; 2 Pet. 3:18; Pro. 1:7). However, that does mean that we are not able to discern between truth and error, or between that which the Bible authorizes and that which it does not authorize (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17). I do not have any ill-will toward you [Perr Sexton—*Editor*] or anyone else. Yet, I must stand for the truth and against error. This is my God-given duty as a Christian and as a gospel preacher. If it means that I lose friends and favor in so doing, then so be it. **“We ought to obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5:29). 8/27/15 at 8:50pm.

**Danny Douglas:** Brother Curless is one of the LORD’s number and thus, he is one of our number in the body of Christ. Moreover, he does not agree with the R&R of Elders nor the fellowship compromises that are going on today, and neither does brother Tony Ferrell, another faithful brother in Christ and gospel preacher. I am look forward to going and worshiping with the Wards Chapel church of Christ, where he is the faithful preacher, in one night of their Gospel Meeting coming up on September 4-6. Brother Curless will be the speaker. Brother Harrell Davidson was there in a Gospel Meeting this past summer. These godly men hold to the **“old paths”** (Jer. 6:16). I am honored to be in fellowship with these faithful brethren who love the Lord and who love the truth, and these other faithful men of God who have answered for the truth and against error in this discussion. ... We are to **“prove all things”** and to **“hold fast that which is good”** (1 The. 5:21). 8/27/15 at 9:00pm

**Samuel Alejo Bagsangi:** Brother Danny Douglas, that is the only [thing—7.02am] they can do to defend themselves and their error. So sad. 8/28/15 at 6:46am

**Perry Sexton:** Danny Douglas wrote, “Does anyone sense that these “nice and kind” brethren who are so concerned about us dealing with the Miller error, are very personal in their attack on us?” Danny I am not defending what any others may have said about you all, but as for me referring to you all as wolves fits the bill very well in my opinion from the things you all have falsely accused me of, etc. It is amazing to me how you continue to mark yourselves for what you are. You make the above comment, but when Hatcher and Brown speak evil and lie about me you say nothing!!! WHY is this Danny??? You all have shown yourselves very well to be the vicious wolves I called you. You praise and lick, as dogs do, one another’s wounds and continue your same ungodly tactics.

*Danny Douglas, I challenge you to copy these posts from the beginning and put them on Power Point and teach on Christian Characteristics using yourself, Hatcher, and Brown as outstanding examples of Christians, preachers, and elders. I honestly do not believe you have it in you to handle aright these posts as you have proven so in these very posts. [Since brother Sexton suggested we post these com-*

*ments for all to see, said posts are herein given for those who are NOT willingly and willfully blind. If they are not content with what is herein given, the readers may go to Daniel Douglas’ Facebook page—it is ON Daniel Douglas’ Facebook page, 8/1/15— and read all of them.—Editor* It is certainly not foreign to the Bible for such people to act as you all have yet think they are serving God!!! Very sad.

Danny Douglas, there are over 717 counties in the USA without the true church and let us just say each of these counties have only 4 towns each. That would be 2,868 towns without the true church in the continental USA. I cannot help to think about how much good could have been done by you all if you had used just a fraction of the time and energy you all have used in trying to destroy Dave Miller since 1990, or whenever you all started your attack on him. Answer all my questions on Dave Miller and we all will understand better why you are still attacking him more than anyone else. 8/31/15 at 1:15pm

**Danny Douglas:** I would describe Bill Williams [*as noted earlier, the brother whose posts were removed—Editor*] and Perry Sexton by Matthew 15 : 13-14. They have proven that they will not accept the truth and the evidence. We need to leave them alone, who insist on the road to compromise! 8/31/15 at 4:03pm

**Michael Hatcher:** Amen brother Danny Douglas. There comes a time when you are simply casting your pearls before swine. 8/31/15 at 4:13pm

**Danny Douglas:** Amen! 8/31/15 at 4:14pm

**David P. Brown:** Brethren Brown and Hatcher have lied about brother Sexton?????!! Amazingly amazing as to the extreme lows to which disingenuous people will sink in their weak attempts to defend what is indefensible. Not one false statement has been made by either one of us regarding brother Perry Sexton. Since he thinks we have lied about him let him state precisely and explicitly the lie(s) we have told about him. Brother Sexton does enough harm to himself without anyone having to lie about him. I assure you neither of us will hold our breath until he puts into writing the lies he so boldly declares that we have told about him. He ought to be ashamed of himself for sinking so low in his vain attempts to defend himself, saying such things about us. Indeed, all we and brethren Douglas and McClish (along with other good brethren) have done, was done to help brother Sexton see his errors and inconsistencies with the hope that we could/can bring him to repentance. I have nothing but the kindest of feelings toward him. I certainly can’t have anything personal against him, because I don’t even know the man personally any more than he knows me. However, please notice when you read all of his posts, his lack of personal knowledge of me does not stop him from belittling my character. All I can conclude about his sad conduct is that this is his routine and practiced way of dealing with people when he can’t handle the evidence and the arguments therefrom that prove him to

be in error. I can only suppose that the poor man thinks such is the way Christians are to treat one another, seeing how it is that he has engaged in so many absurdities and slanderous remarks in this whole discussion. The foregoing along with his adamant refusal to accept adequate evidence and credible witnesses proves he does not want to believe the truth on said matters. But in rejecting the same, bro. Sexton demonstrates for all to see his profound confusion, along with his adamant, willful, and abysmal ignorance. 8/31/15 at 4:58pm

**Danny Douglas:** I agree, brother Brown. His personal attacks against you, brother Hatcher, brother McClish and myself, are unfounded and unjust. We can be sure that we have dealt with Dave Miller and his false teaching, but have not shown personal animosity and mean-spiritedness as this man has done. Actually, he and Bill Williams are both guilty of that which they accuse us. Indeed, it is because they cannot answer the evidence and is the reason that they are getting so personal in their attacks. It is like the old saying that if you throw a rock in the middle of a pack of dogs, the one that comes out howling and whining is the one that has been hit. That article hit a nerve, a target, a guilty conscience or something. Methinks it may go back to supporters and congregations they like to fellowship. Yet, the Scripture still says what it does in : Rom. 16:17-18; Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11. All the Perry Sexton's ... in the world can't change it! 1 Pet. 1:25. 8/31/15 at 5:48pm

**Danny Douglas:** Above, I said: "I certainly have a lot more to learn ... and I realize that. I need more knowledge and wisdom from God. Jam. 1:5; 2 Pet. 3:18; Pro. 1:7. However, that does mean that we are not able to discern between truth and error, or between that which the Bible authorizes and that which it does not authorize. 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17, ... It should read, "that does not mean we are not able to discern between truth and error..." 8/27/15 at 9:22pm

**Danny Douglas:** Brother Michael Hatcher is a faithful brother in Christ, as is brother David P. Brown. We oppose the exaltation of man in the Pope (Mat. 23 : 8-12) and all compromises of the faith (cf. Jude 3; Galatians 2 : 3-5). 8/28/15 at 5:19am

**[On September 14, 2015, Perry Sexton posted the following response on his own Facebook page.— Editor]**

Daniel Douglas, Michael Hatcher, David P. Brown,

Dub McClish: Marking Themselves For What They Are!

The above named have made false charges against me and then Danny Douglas blocked me from his FB site where the charges were made so that I can no longer answer. My guess is they all are privy to this blocking. Since Danny's blocking of me I have sent him two emails which he has not answered. I also have requested to be friends with the others named above so that I could answer their false charges on their FB site but none have accepted. I want it known that this is the only reason I wanted to be "friends" with them,

because I certainly do not believe I am in fellowship with them. I believe any honest person can see that their accusations against me are false and drummed up, and so proving that they are dishonest people. You can judge for yourself (John 7:24) by going to Daniel Douglas FB and viewing the posts dated 8-1-15 and following. See what they accused me of, but then see my posts if I am guilty of such accusations. Evidently they are so high, proud, and arrogant minded that they think they can do and say what they want to and get away with it. I have seen this in other articles from them. My friends they do not represent Christianity!

As I challenged Danny Douglas I challenge them all with this: Take all the posts, put them on power point and show to their congregations how they answered. Let them show from their answers to my posts just how a Christian, preacher, and elder of the church of Christ is to behave himself!!! I cannot imagine grounded Christians following such people. On into my posts I refer to them as vicious wolves because they have demonstrated to me to be just that in many ways (cp. Phil. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:1-6; Jude 10-13, etc.).

Keep in mind Danny's original post was made public which makes it practically available to the whole world: non-Christian, new converts, weak members and all. They exhibit dishonesty and much ungodliness. Only eternity will tell how much harm such people as this has done to the Lord's church! I believe they are guilty of everything they accuse me of. This is a common tactic of their kind. Is it right to make accusations and then block one so he cannot answer? Even the non-Christian can see this is not right! Keep in mind all the attacks started with my original short post (below) made on Aug. 3rd.

They operate by bullying people and I can full well believe that many of their followers are so intimidated that they dare not cross them in any manner. You can see how they did me just because of my post below. In all of my dealings with false teachers I have never, to my remembrance, been treated so ungodly!

Friends, you who are friends with any of these people named above please pass this post on to them. At this point (after Danny Douglas blocked me from his FB site) I do not see the need to answer any more of their false accusations because I think honest people can clearly see how ungodly they are. However, I may write about this ungodliness as I have time and desire to do so in the future for the benefit of those who are caught up in following such ungodliness. There is a need to mark false brethren: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). Their spirit is so contrary to Christ it is absolutely pathetic!!! Can people like this be trusted in anything they say???

You can see Danny's original post on his Daniel Douglas' FB site dated August 1 and the many posts which fol-

low. I suggest that you check it out for yourself and copy it entirely in case Danny decides to remove the incriminating evidence. If Danny has removed any post, as of yet, I am not aware of it, but it would not surprise me if he has removed some posts.

You will also see how my original post was made specifically to Danny but the others jumped in real fast and then they did the relay thing! 1 Definition intended: “A fresh set of dogs in hunting” [Chambers Dictionary (12th Edition)] I say again, this is not Christianity!

And then instead of dealing accurately with my post they falsely accused me (created a straw man [Definition intended: “A weak or sham argument set up to be easily refuted.”]). It occurred to me that they are so “Contentious for Their Faction” that if they do not have something to argue about they will create something, which they certainly did in this case. And I have seen this before. Has God anything to say about contentious brethren? You might start with Proverbs 6:19.

This all came about by Danny Douglas tagging me in a post he made which made it appear as if I had known about it, which I did not. The post can be seen, at least for now, on his (Daniel Douglas) FB dated August 1 and is titled: “Is Elder Re-Evaluation and Reaffirmation Really a Matter of Indifference?” I removed Danny’s post from my FB site and made the following post on Danny’s FB in reply to the article:

“Perry Sexton Daniel Douglas, has this been practiced by any other congregation since this happened 25 years ago in 1990? It would be good also to post the link to what Dave Miller said in that sermon and also his latter explanation.” August 3 at 11:17am

The following post I made may sum up my position more than any other post I made:

“Perry Sexton Daniel Douglas, what hindered you from finishing your post? Danny, are you willingly misrepresenting me or just missed it? Danny Douglas, does one have the right to defend himself? Do you not know of Bible verses showing this? How would you like to be accused, but never given a chance to defend yourself? Do you really think what you are doing in these posts are anywhere Christ-like??? What you have done will be more clear IF you would answer my questions!!! Is this why you have not answered them all and plainly???

“Here is the situation: I think it was Aug. the 2nd I saw where you, Daniel Douglas, made your original post on my “Time line” without my permission. It read like this: Daniel Douglas with Perry Sexton and 12 others (I believe it was 12) and your article followed. It appeared as if I had approved of it, but I had never even seen it. I removed your post from my “Time line” and the next day made my original post whereupon I have been viciously attacked by you and

others. Danny Douglas, you made your original post public (potentially the whole world can see it)

On my FB I have several hundred people many of which may be non-Christian, new converts, etc. And of all the tags and shares 1,000’s of people not knowing about this; 1,000’s of new Christians and old Christians alike may be discouraged by all the animosity and perhaps even caused to fall away; 1,000’s of non-Christians seeing the dissension in the church of Christ hindered by the great animosity seen posted against me.

“Yes, error needs to be refuted and I think I have done my share of that. And yes, before you ask and accuse, the people knew what I said because most of it was between us. I did it to their face not behind their back.

“I request, not demand, that you answer these questions plainly and simply: (1.) Was it 1990 when Dave Miller brought the sermon under consideration in your article? (2.) Was Miller the only preacher or member of the church involved in it? (3.) Was Miller the first to teach anything similar to this? (4.) If not, have you or any of the other members of your pack tried to correct the error? (5.) Did you mark them? (6.) Have you marked them as much as you have Miller? (7.) Are you still marking them as you do Miller? (8.) When did you or any of your pack learn of Miller’s sermon? (9.) How did you come to know about Miller’s sermon? (10.) How long after you learned of Miller’s sermon did you mark him?

What I would like to know is why are you and your pack raving so much about Miller and not the others. Please tell us.”8/18/ at 10:54am [Posted on Danny’s site on indicated date and time] Daniel Douglas has not answered (as of 9/9/15) these questions and many others like them.

*[Although brother Sexton indicates he posted his remarks on brother Douglas’ page, according to brother Douglas, he never saw it on his page. This does not mean that bro. Sexton did not do as he said, but that bro. Douglas has never found it on his own Facebook page.*

*Furthermore, in bro. Sexton’s aforementioned September comments on his own Facebook Timeline, he offers nothing new. He continues his irrational rant against Danny Douglas and the rest of those he lovingly labeled “a pack”—time and again attacking their character. From Aug. 2015 until Aug. 2016 Bro. Sexton never requested what was so freely and repeatedly offered to him, specifically the documentation he declared to all repeatedly that he so desperately desired. All he did was to harp, whine, bark, howl, and rage on as if nothing had been offered to him. In this he reminds me of denominational preachers, who, in debate have run out of soap, so they just repeat what they have said as if they have not been answered.*

*Regarding the complete discussion exchange, only those posts were removed that had little to no bearing on the discussion, or because they were repetitive. Our editing was to save space and provide continuity and clarity to the discussion. Some of the dates could be incorrect, but one can read the whole discussion on Daniel Douglas’ Facebook page. Nothing was done that altered the discussion of the R&R of elders issue in said posts. —Editor]*

# OBSERVATIONS REGARDING PERRY SEXTON'S STATEMENT ON HIS FACEBOOK PAGE DATED 9/14/15

Danny Douglas

While it is truly regrettable that brother Perry Sexton has chosen the path of justifying the wicked and condemning the just (Pro. 17:15), the situation does provide an opportunity for teaching and learning.

Here are some lessons that may be learned.

1. Christians are to **“prove all things”** (1 The. 5:21). This is true not only regarding what we believe and practice, but also regarding charges and accusations that one makes against others [cf. 2 Cor. 13:1]. Abundant evidence has been offered to Perry Sexton regarding the false teaching of Dave Miller (on more than one occasion), which he has rejected. Yet, in his harangue against those who oppose the Dave Miller error (Perry Sexton Facebook page, September 14, 2015), he provides no solid proof for his charges, only accusations. It is one thing to quibble, but quite another to provide evidence.

2. Moreover, to be a sound gospel preacher, it is not only important to teach people the truth, but also to defend the truth when it is attacked. We are to be like Paul, **“set for the defence of the gospel”** (Phi. 1:17). Brother David P. Brown well stated:

If bro. Sexton were as exercised over Dave Miller's false doctrines and practices of which Miller has not repented, as well as other errors in the church and those who advocate the same, especially false teaching regarding fellowship, as he is upset with us, he would have others who are of the same mind set as he now is, dealing with him as he is presently dealing with us. A member of the church is not sound in the faith ONLY because he teaches the truth, but also because of the error he exposes and refutes (Daniel Douglas Facebook page, 8/18/15, 11:14 a.m.).

3. It is not a waste of time to deal with error. While it is important to convert souls to Christ, it is equally important to further instruct and warn them that they might remain saved! [cf. Col. 1:27-29; Acts 20:28-32]. Brother Dennis “Skip” Francis made an excellent point regarding the matter:

It's entirely too bad that Perry Sexton who has 'better things to do' has spent all this effort attacking those who are trying to stand against error and for the truth rather than actually attempting to find out for himself 'whether these things are so'. So many today place an undue self importance on only doing a part of the Lord's work while not doing the rest. If it were only evangelism the Lord wanted done, why were 22 books of the New Testament written to refute error? (Daniel Douglas, Facebook, 8/6/15, 4:21 p.m.).

4. Another important lesson is to: **“Provide things**

**honest in the sight of all men”** [Rom. 12:17b]. Brother Sexton implied that he was not allowed to defend himself on my Facebook page. His misleading statements are very disappointing. He was allowed to make many statements, including some very harsh ones, for 21 days, from August 5, 2015, until August 26. Eventually, he was blocked because of his refusal to deal with the issue at hand, that is, Dave Miller's teaching on Re-evaluation and Reaffirmation of Elders. While continuing his attack against faithful brethren for exposing and refuting this heresy, as we are commanded to do (Rom. 16:17-18; Eph. 5:11), he never offered one single defense of it! Why should one's Facebook page continue to be abused and misused by one who will not debate the facts, and who constantly condemns the efforts of godly men?

5. Moreover, compromise does not pay! Brother Sexton, along with many other church members, has weaved himself into a web of compromise, out of which he cannot free himself, apart from repentance. By claiming to uphold the truth while at the same refusing evidence of error on the part of a well-known writer and preacher, he is seeking to do the impossible. One cannot stand for the truth and defend error at the same time. While he will deny that he was defending the Miller error, what else can be said when a gospel preacher goes on the attack against godly men who are seeking to refute a certain doctrine, namely, the Miller doctrine? Faithful brethren will not compromise with Perry Sexton, Dave Miller, Memphis School of Preaching, Apologetics Press, and others, who are selective in the error they oppose. God forbids us to show respect of persons (Rom. 2:11; James 2:1). Let us be like Paul, who said concerning the Judaizing teachers: **“To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you”** [Gal. 2:5]. When one seeks to defend error, he puts himself into an indefensible position, because one cannot defend the indefensible. We say with the apostles, **“We ought to obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5:29).

6. The words of brother Sexton on Facebook demonstrate what is known as an ad hominem attack, or “attacking an opponent's character rather than answering his argument” (dictionary.com). Obviously, he was unable to answer the Scriptural arguments set forth in my article on the Miller heresy, so he proceeded to question the way the article was presented and to make personal attacks. He spoke as if documentation had never been offered to him or as if he had never had an opportunity to see the evidence, although 2 ½ years earlier (winter of 2012-2013, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee) I de-



livered written materials to him in his motor home and offered to study the issue with him. Yet, he was not interested in the truth of the matter then, and evidently, until this day he is not interested. Furthermore, he was offered a free CD, and other sources of documentation, during our Facebook discussion last year, which included the word for word sermon of Dave Miller and the errors practiced in connection with it, but he never accepted it. It is not honest to imply that brethren are making unfounded charges and then to refuse to look at the basis of those charges. Let us be: **“in all things willing to live honestly”** (Heb. 13:18b). He also implied that Miller’s word for word sermon should have been placed alongside my article, and that Miller should have been contacted. Although, Dave Miller has been contacted and urged to repent many times, he has refused, and has plainly stated that he did not repent, and has nothing to repent of. For example, Geoff Litke stated in the discussion: “Perry Sexton, why didn’t you just call Dave Miller if it is that important. I did. He told me he did NOT repent because there is nothing to repent of and that those parading his ‘statement’ as repentance were misrepresenting him.” (8/11/15, 4:20 p.m.).

7. God authorizes, yea commands, that false teaching and false teachers be marked and warned against (cf. Rom. 16:17-18; 2 John 9-11). In regard to brother Sexton’s various quibbles regarding my article, I replied:

If it is necessary to inform a public teacher of error when a public refutation of his error is done, as brother Perry Sexton implies that I should have done, then I have 2 questions: 1) Brother Sexton, have you done that every time that you refuted the Pope of Rome, Billy Graham, or Rubel Shelly, or any other false teacher? (Daniel Douglas, Facebook, 8/12/15, 2:03 p.m.).

To this question, I never received an answer! Indeed: **“The legs of the lame are not equal...”** [Prov. 26:7a].

8. We are to follow the “golden rule,” and treat others as we would want to be treated [cf. Mat. 7:12], even when in disagreement. To open malign godly men, as brother Sexton has done, reveals something about a person. I appreciate very much a statement that brother Michael Hatcher made to him during our discussion:

“Perry if you respond to a public post in a public way, then don’t start crying and whining when someone else responds. Brother Douglas certain does not need me to ‘coach him privately’ or otherwise. You owe brother Douglas an apology for such disregard for a good man. However, you have demonstrated your attitude through this entire exchange so I won’t hold my breath waiting for you to do so. You are, as David P. Brown stated, like the proverbial man who sticks his head in the sand only to come up to denounce those who are doing what the Lord commands in “earnestly contend[ing] for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” [Daniel Douglas, Facebook, 8/5/15, 10:53 a.m.]

9. I stand ready to defend and document the material I have presented: “Is Elder Re-Evaluation and Reaffirmation

Really a Matter of Indifference?” While many brethren are indifferent toward this sinful practice, we can be assured that God is not indifferent toward any doctrine or practice that would destroy the Divine Plan for the Organization of the Church—**“the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood”** (Acts 20:28; Also see Lev. 10:1-10).

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**Jerry C. Brewer and Earl Wasonga**

“Little buddy, Earl Craig Wasonga” is “a real sweetie” and was “my shadow while in Kenya,” Bro. Brewer said. Jerry said he would have put him in his suitcase and brought him home if he could have. His father and mother are Veroon and Hulder Wasonga.

Bro. Brewer of Elk City, OK, long time and faithful Gospel preacher, recently returned from Kenya where he once again preached the Gospel and taught the Bible in a preacher training school. We appreciate his work for the Lord and his safe return to the USA.

## NOT FOR SALE

A well-dressed couple came into a toy shop with their two children. “We want some toys that will keep the children entertained “ the mother said. “My husband and I both work and the children are alone a great deal.”

The salesgirl showed them a variety of games and play equipment, but to each there was some objection. “It seems to me,” the mother said impatiently, “that if you knew what we were looking for, you could find it among all these toys.”

The salesgirl sighed, “I’m sorry ma’am, but I believe what you are looking for—what your children want—is a mother and a father; we don’t sell those here.

# Mr. Pepperdine rolls over in his grave

Bob Kellogg, Billy Davis (*OneNewsNow.com*), Tuesday, August 16, 2016

To the shock of many observers, a private California university is surrendering its Title IX religious exemption and embracing the Obama administration's controversial transgender rules.

Pepperdine University, which is affiliated with the Churches of Christ, made the request in a letter sent in January to the Office for Civil Rights, a division within the U.S. Department of Education.

The university's request was made public in a *Huffington Post* story, *The Christian Post* reported.

Pepperdine was granted its Title IX exemption in 1985, when it stated traditional beliefs about man-woman marriage and men-only roles in church.

Outed by the *Huffington Post* story, a school spokesman has since said Title IX does not “not fully reflect Pepperdine's values today.”

Pepperdine has approximately 7,600 students on its sprawling 830-acre Malibu campus.

Businessman and philanthropist George Pepperdine, father of the Western Auto store chain, founded the university in 1937 as part of his Church of Christ faith.

At the same time Pepperdine was caving, other religious-based colleges and universities in California have been fighting a state law that would strip them of the federal government's Title IX exemption, forcing them to enroll openly homosexual students or face a lawsuit for expelling them.

*OneNewsNow* reported in an August 11 story that state Sen. Ricardo Lara has amended the legislation amid an outcry from minority students who are at risk of losing scholarships if they chose the religious-based schools.

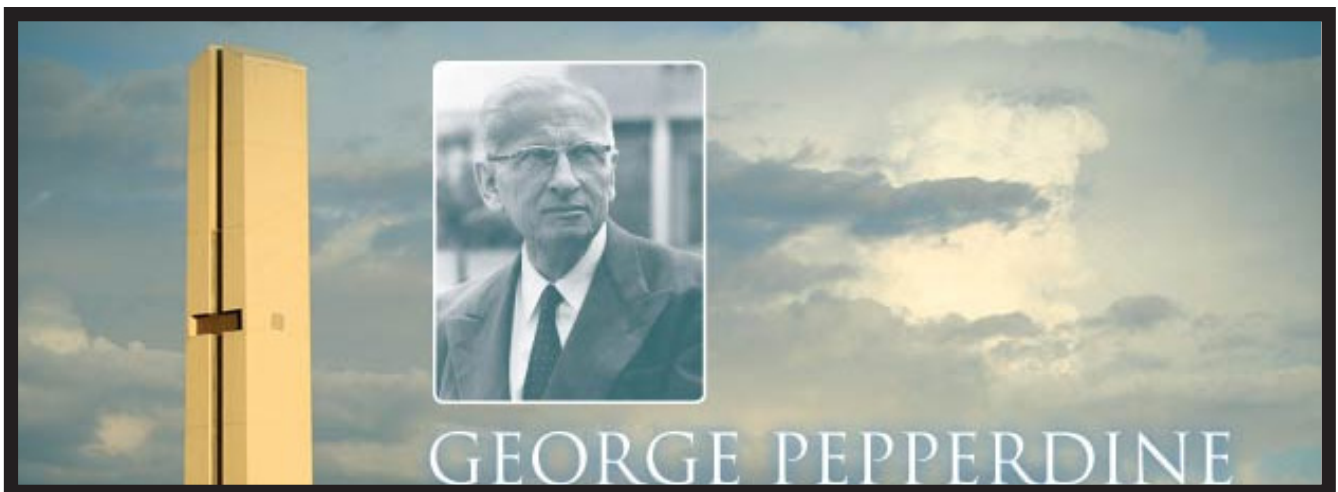
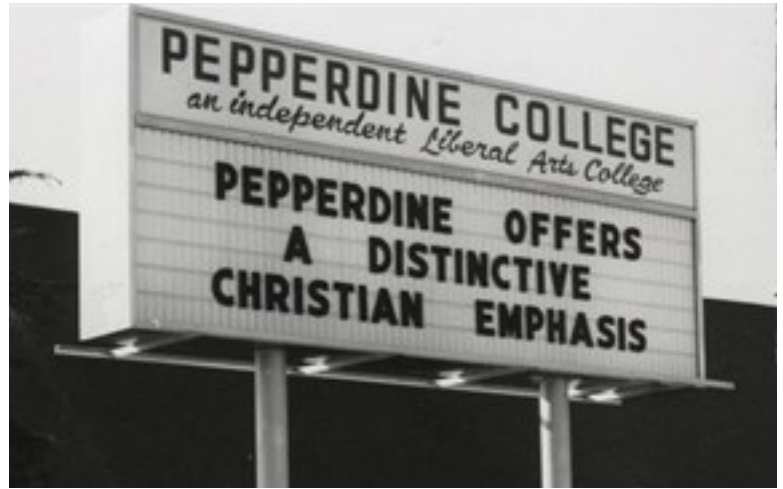
Lara has vowed to bring the legislation back in a future legislative session.

“Pepperdine has in essence negated them as a university committed to Christianity and especially the teaching of scripture from the Bible,” complains attorney Brad Dacus with the Pacific Justice Institute.

The school's backtracking, he says, should be a warning for parents who are considering sending their children there.

The *Christian Post* story noted that Pepperdine was included on a so-called “Shame List” compiled by a homosexual rights group and published last December.

CP asked Pepperdine officials if the school was motivated by the “Shame List” to withdraw its exemption but the school didn't respond.



*[Editorial comment regarding the preceding article: George Pepperdine, a member of the Lord's church and founder of Western Auto, was the original money behind founding what is today Pepperdine University (P.U.). Since its founding in 1937, P. U. has never been very sound in doctrine, except in its first years of existence—roughly from its beginning through the 1950's and maybe into the 1960s. However, it never was comparable in Biblical soundness to her sister universities at the time of their beginning and for sometime thereafter—longer for some than others. (Today, I would not give you a rotten potato for any of the schools of higher education operated by so-called Christians. Some time ago these schools lost sight of the reason brethren founded them and of what pure, primitive, New Testament Christianity actually is. All of them are at various stages of digression—some further along than others ).*

*Historically, among the schools operated by the brethren, P. U. has been in the forefront of digression and apostasy in the Lord's church. Today, and for many years, it has exhibited far more interest in academics than in Biblical morals and New Testament Christianity. P. U. denigrates the New Testament as a divine pattern or inspired blueprint and all those who teach that it is.*

*Some years ago in a hotel in London, U. K., I spotted a young man wearing a sweat shirt with Pepperdine University inscribed across the front of it. Since we were sitting close to one another, I purposely struck up a conversation with him with the intent to ask him about P. U. When the discussion got around to the church, he had no idea of P. U.'s connection with the church*

*of Christ, although he had earned a graduate degree from P. U. This chance meeting with a P. U. graduate may seem nothing to some people, but this tells me that a person who is not a member of the Lord's church can go through a program of study at P. U. with little to no concern exhibited on the part of the school regarding one's spiritual condition.*

*It might surprise many members of the church to learn that a high percentage of all the so-called Christian universities' student bodies today are not members of the Lord's church. Moreover, such students can go through those schools without said schools making much, if any of an attempt, to convert them to Christ.*

*As noted earlier, P. U. and her sister so-called Christian universities are for the most part secular schools with a religious or Bible department connected to them. Moreover, many of those Bible departments are the source of all kinds of doctrinal error, especially error on Christian fellowship. But, with all of this said and done (and over the years much warning about said schools has taken place), you simply cannot warn many brethren concerning said universities.*

*Sadly, now the same is being seen regarding the conduct of the preacher training schools operated by various churches and the blindness toward them of those who support them. Many of them are about where the Bible departments of the universities were about 40 to 50 years ago—weak doctrinally and afraid to say anything that might set them against their sources of money and friendship. In too many cases, follow the money trail and it will take one back to the devil.—Editor]*

## “TAUGHT WRONG AND BAPTIZED RIGHT”?

Jerry C. Brewer

It is not possible to be taught error and be Biblically baptized. Christianity is a teaching and a taught religion. Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me”** (John 6:44-45). God draws men to Jesus Christ but that drawing is not mystical, mysterious, or “better-felt-than-told.” It is through hearing and learning. To “hear” the gospel means to understand it in the inner man. Jesus said again, **“For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them”** (Mat. 13:15). Understanding the gospel message is requisite to coming to Jesus for salvation.

Salvation begins in learning (John 6:45) and culminates in obedience. Paul told Christians at Rome, **“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness”** (Rom. 6:17-18). When were they made servants of righteousness?

When they obeyed that form of doctrine delivered them. What was the doctrine? It was the gospel of Christ. They heard, learned, and obeyed and thereby became Christians. The word *doctrine* means “teaching.” They obeyed a form of teaching. They were taught the right doctrine and were baptized for the right reason—the remission of sins (Acts 2:28). When they did that, they were added to the church by Christ (Acts 2:47).

No matter what anyone tells you, a person who is baptized in the Baptist Church has not been taught the right doctrine and, therefore, has not been Biblically baptized. Baptists disdain the Lord's statement that **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”** (Mark 16:16). Baptist preachers will tell you that one is saved by “faith only” and then should be baptized to enter the Baptist Church (upon a vote of approval from that church), making it much easier (for them) to get into heaven than into the Baptist Church!

This was the case with a dear lady at Salisbury, Maryland during our last gospel meeting. She had been baptized as a Baptist and thought she was saved. We addressed this very topic in a sermon and during a question and answer session. Her heart was honest and she came to understand the Lord's teaching on salvation, and was Biblically baptized into Christ. She heard, learned, and acted upon what she was taught from the Scriptures. That is the only way one can be saved.

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**Houston area**—Spring Church of Christ, 1327 Spring Cypress, P.O. Box 39, Spring, TX 77383, (281) 353-2707. Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m., David P. Brown, evangelist. Home of the Spring *Contending for the Faith* Lectures, and the internet school, Truth Bible Institute. [www.churchesofchrist.com](http://www.churchesofchrist.com).

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