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LOVE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

Harold Sigtler preached for fifty-five years and went to be with the Lord several years ago at the age of 81. The following quote is from his last sermon: “The institution I want to be most faithful to is the local Church. I love the institution of the family and I love the institution of the home...But in a different way, a unique and special way, I love the institution of the local Church more than I love my family and my home... I want to be a local Church man. I do not belong to anything but my wife and the local Church. The local Church is the most precious and sacred institution on earth – I want to be bound to the local Church. Does that seem evil to you? To me, it is reasonable, practical and godly! I believe the Lord is pleased to have a preacher who will stay with His, God’s Church.” My experience is there are not many Christians who have that philosophy. Too many believers are ready to give up the local Church at the drop of a hat. Do we have any concept that it is God’s Church?

I GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

FIRST: I go to Church on Sunday nights because when I was saved, I united with a Fundamental, Bible preaching Church. In doing so, I made a commitment to attend all the services of the Church, not just Sunday morning. SECOND: I go to Church on Sunday nights because I have an appointment with the Lord Jesus Christ in His Church. He is present where two or three are gathered in His name. THIRD: I go to Church Sunday nights because I want to be with my fellow Christians and I want to see souls saved.. How can we expect sinners to come when many Church members do not attend the services? FOURTH: I Go to all of the services because I want to see the Church kept open. Each time I am absent, I am casting my vote to close the doors of the Church. I am attending Sunday nights so that these services might not be cancelled and perhaps eventually having the Church closed. FIFTH: I go to Church on Sunday nights because that is the place I want to be. It is not difficult nor a hardship. **“Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.”** ~Heb. 10:25.

THE SHAM ROCK!

Quite a few years ago now, a street preacher was preaching on a busy street in London. A crowd had gathered. It was the time of the famous Shamrock races. A heckler shouted: Preacher, what do you know about the Shamrock?” The preacher ignored him, but the man was not to be silenced so readily but persisted. For the fourth time the man cried out, “Preacher, what do you know about the Shamrock?” The preacher paused and the crowd became very still waiting for the preacher’s response. Pointing to the sky with one hand, he said, so clearly and distinctly that everyone could hear him: “On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other rocks are --- sham rocks.”

HOW TO PREACH THE BIBLE

“The Bible is the grand repository of the truths which it will be the business and pleasure of my life to set before you. It is the complete system of Divine Truth, to which nothing can be added and nothing taken away with impunity. Every attempt to disguise or soften any branch of this truth in order to accommodate it to the prevailing taste around us, either to avoid the displeasure, or to court the favor of our fellow-mortals, must be an affront to the majesty of God, and an act of treachery to man. My conscience bears me witness that I mean to speak the truth among you. May the grace of God always enable me to do it.” – John Newton