

## **PRESUPPOSITIONS OF THOSE COMMITTED TO CHANGE**

Theologians of the change movement like to emphasize that everyone comes to the Word of God with presuppositions which color their understanding and conclusions. They should know this for it is evident that promoters of the change agenda have a lengthy set of presuppositions. In reading some 30 books promoting their system, I discovered the following presuppositions to be commonly held:

- \* That truth is relative and flexible, meaning one thing to one person, something else to another.
- \* That the Bible is not an authoritative standard to which we must conform.
- \* That the Old Testament stands equal to the New Testament in determining how Christians and the church should function.
- \* That logic and reason play a very small role in understanding God's will. Emotions, subjectivism and the will of the majority are more determinative.
- \* That no one body of people are exclusively Christ's church on earth; rather, all are denominational parts of the whole.
- \* That churches of Christ are an illegitimate faction that split away from the Disciples of Christ without Scriptural justification.
- \* That the brotherhood of churches of Christ are a failed group whose beliefs and practices are defective and in serious need of change.
- \* That no denomination, doctrine or practice nor religious teacher should be judged as wrong and criticized except the traditional, conservative churches of Christ and their spokesmen.
- \* That the views of denominational scholars, especially those of more skeptical ranks should always be preferred over those of scholars of the church of Christ.
- \* That they (the change brotherhood) have found a superior way to worship and serve God and a higher level of piety than those of traditional churches of Christ.
- \* That they (promoters of change) because of the superiority of their views, are fully justified in usurping control of existing congregations and claiming church properties built and paid for by others.

Since it is the case that ones conclusions and actions are definitely colored by the presuppositions he holds, we can now better understand the behavior of the promoters of change. JHW