

FACTORS THAT DEMAND CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS

Mathematically, if you add the factors of three and four, of necessity you will reach the sum of seven. If, on the other hand, you take the factors of five and five you will certainly have a total of ten. So it is in today's religious environment.

If the elders of a congregation invite leaders of the change movement to come and speak for their flock and if they allow the agenda of the change agents to be implemented, it will naturally follow that they will cease to be a church founded on the principles of the New Testament. Rather they will change into a denomination as that is the sum of the change agenda.

If a preacher is enamored with the ideas and programs of the promoters of change, if he echoes their "language" in his lessons, if he frequents their lectureships, workshops and seminars, then the likely conclusion is he has embraced and become part of the change movement.

When members of the church of Christ announce that they can worship with those of the Christian Churches and sing along with their instruments in worship, when they knock and ridicule their own brethren, while heaping effusive complements on those of other religious bodies, then we can safely conclude that they are no longer faithful members of the church of Christ. These factors added together might prove them to be members of the Christian Church or some other denominational body, but certainly not the church one reads of in the Bible.

When a Christian college or university harbors on its faculty men openly committed to the change agenda, if they produce books that promote the program of change, if their lectureships and forums are filled with those recognized as the champions of the change movement, if large numbers of their graduates are found to be avid workers for the change agenda, then one can only conclude that the school is itself a part of the change movement.

Given these realities, every preacher, eldership, school administrator, every Christian should ask himself, "How do my factors add up?" When a crisis of faith confronted the Hebrews, Moses asked "Who is on the Lord's side" (Ex. 32:26). There was no neutral ground, a person was either firmly for the Lord's way or he was not. Today the church is likewise confronted by a major crisis of faith and we too must ask, "Who is on the Lord's side?"