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What Constitutes The Doctrine of Christ?

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“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“ (II John 9). There are four different answers offered to the question, “What constitutes the doctrine of Christ?” (1) The humanity of Christ; (2) The divinity of Christ; (3) The teaching about Christ, His humanity, and divinity; (4) The teaching that Christ and His apostles taught. The answer to the question is most important because one's relationship with God is determined by his adherence to the doctrine of Christ. Due to limited space, we will consider the question under two propositions: (1) the doctrine about Christ and (2) the doctrine taught by Christ and His apostles.

If proposition “1” is true, everyone who accepts the teaching that God's Son came in the flesh has both God and

Christ. Anyone going beyond the teaching about Christ's humanity and divinity would not have God. The things that Christ and His apostles taught would be excluded from the doctrine of Christ. The doctrine of Christ is both exclusive and inclusive. It includes all who abide in it and excludes all who go beyond it. When we consider the exclusiveness of proposition “1”, we must reject it as being

erroneous.

Proposition “2” — The doctrines taught by Christ and His apostles includes Christ's divinity, His humanity, and the doctrine taught by Christ and His apostles. This is the only interpretation of the doctrine of Christ that harmonizes with the rest of the scripture. Jesus said to those Jews who believe in him, “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed.” [John 8:31.] We understand how one abides in the word of Christ, the doctrine of Christ, but how does one abide in the doctrine about Christ?

Why would anyone espouse the teaching of proposition “1”? We are not capable of judging everyone's motives, but those who advocate that the doctrine of Christ is the doctrine about Christ do not make anything taught by Christ and His apostles essential to salvation.

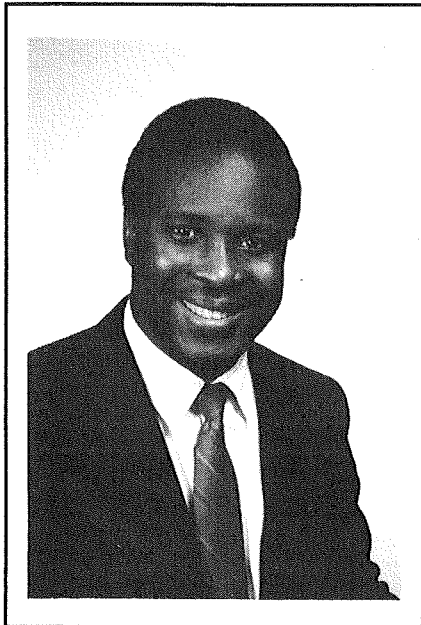
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Wanting To Serve

By
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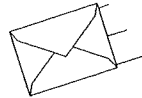
My name is Dumas Lafleur. I was born in Haiti and speak English, French and Creole. I am 38 years old, married, living with my wife Bernadette and our two boys: Michael-Ange 6 and Mark 4. I am a second year student at the *Florida School of Preaching* and am graduating in May of 1993.



Dumas Lafleur

There are hundreds of thousands of Haitian people living in South Florida (tens of thousands in Miami area alone). The good news of the kingdom of God is still unknown to these people. My desire is to evangelize the Haitian people of South Florida and establish a French-Creole speaking local congregation. If your congregation feels strongly about helping with the development of such a work, please write to me at

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November 18, 1992

Dear Jackie,

This letter is written especially to try to express how impressed I am with the current issue of **Preparing Souls To Serve the Lord**. You certainly did a good job, first, in the layout—choice of type size, kind and density—, arrangement, graphics, etc., causing one to want to read it immediately.

Your editorial was interesting, timely, and the questions were really thought provoking and profitable in teaching the reader how to recognize and evaluate false teaching. Concluding with those questions was a stroke of genius. Whew!

The Lectureship sounds like it will be good—wish I could attend.

The backpage certainly commanded attention, with the way it was set up. The letter is excellent . . . but it would not be nearly so effective without the points along the side under "Please Consider." Also, the way the address section is set up with the bold-type reminds the reader again—"Florida School of Preaching." . . .

Does it seem a little strange for me to be praising your literary efforts instead of finding fault? Hope it makes

you feel good.

We are both doing O.K.
. . . Tell the boys "Hello."

Sincerely,
/s/ Violet

[Sister Violet Masters and I worked together eleven years. She was a loyal secretary and beloved friend. Her critique of my writing saved me from many embarrassments. Her encouragement means much to me. She is a genuine promoter of the *Florida School of Preaching* and we appreciate it.]



Sympathy To The Family Of Noel Merideth

We have recently learned that Noel Merideth suffered a fatal heart attack October 29, 1992. Noel and I attended Freed-Hardeman University at the same time.

Noel has spoken on our lectureship program and at one time moved to Lakeland to work full time with the *Florida School of Preaching*. He was a diligent student of the Bible, a writer, publisher (Commentaries, edited "*Christian Light*"), debater, and preacher. He was 51 and will be missed.

The Harvesters

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Eighteenth Annual Lectureship

January 18-21, 1993

Theme: "It Is Written In The Prophets
They Shall Be All Taught of God"

Monday—January 18		Wednesday—January 20	
9:00	"The Position of The Prophet" Rex Turner, Sr., Montgomery, Alabama	9:00	"The Position of The Prophet" Rex Turner, Sr., Montgomery, Alabama
9:45	"Practical Lessons From Job" V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama	9:45	"Practical Lessons From Abraham" V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama
10:45	"Prophets Could Believe A Lie" Cliff Martin, Jamaica	10:45	"Lord, Give Us Preachers Like the Prophets #2" Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, Alabama
11:30	Lunch	11:30	Lunch
1:30	"Lessons From Elijah" Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama	1:30	"Lessons From Elijah" Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama
2:30	"The Teachings of Balaam" Bill Cantrell, Huntsville, Alabama	2:30	"Lessons From Jeremiah" Roy Deaver, Austin, Texas
3:30	"The Prophetic Message Corrupted by Max King" Dale Spung, Arcadia, Florida	3:30	"The Importance of Preaching" Wallace Maxwell, Jacksonville, Florida
4:30	Dinner	4:30	Dinner
7:00	"Prophecies And The Inspiration of The Bible" Joseph Sejour, Orlando, Florida	7:00	"False Prophets Then; False Teachers Now" Charles Austin, Mulberry, Florida
7:45	"The Courageous Prophets" B.C. Carr, Lakeland, Florida	7:45	"Lessons From Amos" Roy Deaver, Austin, Texas
Tuesday—January 19		Thursday—January 21	
9:00	"The Position of The Prophet" Rex Turner, Sr., Montgomery, Alabama	9:00	"The Position of The Prophet" Rex Turner, Sr., Montgomery, Alabama
9:45	"Practical Lessons From Eli" V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama	9:45	"The Prophetic Message Corrupted by Premillennialism" Buford Carroll, Pinellas Park, Florida
10:45	"Jonah: A Prophet With A Problem" Lester Kamp, Madisonville, Kentucky	10:45	"There Are False Prophets Today" Willie E. Bradshaw, Riverdale, Georgia
11:30	Lunch	11:30	Lunch
1:30	"Lessons From Elijah" Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama	1:30	"The Prophets Praise and Memorials" Maurice Davis, Lakeland, Florida
2:30	"The God Who Inspired The Prophets" Charles Wright, Kissimmee, Florida	2:30	"Lessons From Jeremiah" Roy Deaver, Austin, Texas
3:30	"The Christ The Prophets Foresaw" E. Robert McAnally, Lakeland, Florida	3:30	"Why Christ Was Likened to The Prophets" J. H. Blackman, Jr., Lakeland, Florida
4:30	Dinner	4:30	Dinner
7:00	"The Perseverance of The Prophets" Robert Lupo, Live Oak, Florida	7:00	"Prophetic Word Is Used To Expose False Prophets" Ted Wheeler, Venice, Florida
7:45	"Lord, Give Us Preachers Like The Prophets #1" Wendell Winkler, Montgomery, Alabama	7:45	"Encouragement From The Prophets" Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama

Lectureship Director—Jackie M. Stearsman (813) 683-4043

Registration Schedule

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Check Classes Desired

Hours	Course	Instructor	Credit
Monday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:30	Acts 12318	Davis	3
	Introduction to N. T. 22321	Burgett	3
Tuesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:30 ___ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Greek 22323	Stearsman	3
	Restoration History 22342	Stilwell	3
	Psalms 31368	Blackman	2½
Wednesday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:30	Wisdom Literature 22348	Stearsman	3
	Principles of Speech 22302	Franklin	3
Thursday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:30	Christian Ethics 32385	Stearsman	3
	Gospel of John 22327	Davidson	3
Friday ___ 8:30 to 12:00 ___ 1:00 to 4:30	Old Testament History 22339	Stearsman	3
	Educational Program 12330	Franklin	3

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