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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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Are Scofield's Bible Notes Modernistic?

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In my study in Leviticus 3 of the feast of the Passover, unleavened bread, first fruits, and Pentecost, I looked up the notes of Scofield's Reference Bible. On Lev. 23:15-22 he says: **"The ante-type is the descent of the Holy Spirit to form the Church."** It is beyond my understanding that such men will add to God's Word, when there is not a hint of the Holy Spirit forming a church on Pentecost. He goes on and says: **"The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost united the separate disciples into one organism."** They were already one organism, had voted in church capacity and elected one to take Judas' place before Pentecost (Acts 1:21-26); and **"they were all with one accord in one place"** when the Spirit came [Acts 2:1]. Who, but he that is blind, cannot see that the church was already built, and they were waiting for the Holy Spirit to give them power, as Jesus had commanded them? But hear him again: **"The wave-leaves were offered fifty days after the wave-sheaf. This is precisely the period between the resurrection of Christ and the formation of the church at Pentecost by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:1-4."** His notes are full of modernism like that above; yet this book of notes is recommended by the leading fundamentalists.

Let us look at his notes on Heb. 12:23—"Church (true) Summary: The true church, composed of the whole number regenerate persons from Pentecost to the first resurrection (1 Cor. 15:52), united together and to Christ by the baptism with the Holy Spirit." Now we have it as clear as mud. No one united to Christ until baptized by the Holy Spirit. No one in the church or in Christ until Pentecost. Then they all were baptized into Christ and the church on Pentecost—all who are "regenerated persons from Pentecost to the first resurrection." Lord, deliver us from such blind teachers. That text includes all redeemed of all time. Their meeting place is in heaven at the end of time.

The building of the church before Pentecost by Jesus is plainly given in O. T. types. In Solomon's building the Temple, Hiram, who prepared the material, is a type of John the Baptist. **"Hiram was ever a lover of David,"** Solomon's father (1 Kings 5:1). **"He was filled with wisdom"** (1 Kings 7:14). John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). So he was ever a lover of God, and prepared the material for God's Son to build the church. **"So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made King Solomon for the house of the Lord"** (1 King 7:40). When Solomon had finished the house for the Lord, he had the priests bring up the ark of the Lord (1 Kings 8:4). **"There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt"** (1 Kings 8:9). Now, Jesus, when He had finished the church, "the temple of the Lord," put the Word of God in it for the church to keep (John 17:8, 14; Jude 3). After the temple was built and the ark of the covenant placed in it, they had a great sacrifice (1 Kings 8:5-6), typifying the sacri-

fice represented in the Lord's Supper instituted in His church (Matt. 26:26-27).

Solomon prays the dedication prayer of the temple (1 Kings 8:22-53). Jesus prays the dedication prayer of His church (John 17). After the dedication of Solomon's temple Solomon offered a sacrifice of a peace-offering (1 Kings 8:63). After Christ's dedication prayer of His church, He offered Himself as the great peace-offering, in which "mercy and truth . . . met together; righteousness and peace . . . kissed each other" (Ps. 85:10).

"Now, when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering, and the sacrifice; and the glory of the Lord filled the house" (2 Kings 1:12). In Acts 2:1-4 we have the ante-type, when they "were filled with the Holy Ghost."

In 2 Chronicles 6:1-2 Solomon says: **"The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling forever."** Now, the Prophet Zechariah, in 6:12-13, says: **"Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH: and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory."** Then Jesus says: **"I will build my church"** (Matt. 16:18), and Paul, under inspiration, says to the church at Ephesus: **"In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit"** (Eph. 2:21-22).

Why do these Modernistic so-called "Fundamentalists" rob Christ of the glory of establishing His Church which He purchased with His own Blood? Is it not for their own glory and the praises of the modern sects, who want to be recognized as true churches of Christ?

Our good Bro. Norris, of Fort Worth, recommends Scofield's Bible with its notes for study in his church and Sunday school. He opposes the Sunday school helps of our Baptist Committee, yet swallows Scofield's helps that are full of heresies. I will assure you that he will not find such Christ-dishonoring teachings in our Texarkana Sunday School literature.

I, at one time, tried to get the so-called Fundamentalists out here to co-operate with us to some extent, but they are afraid of the church question. They receive alien immersion, hold open communion, committing spiritual fornication with the daughters of Babylon. When they find we oppose such, they treat us as coldly as the evolution convention people do.

Because of my stand for a pure church, the Bride of Christ, on this coast, I have been lied about, persecuted, ostracized, and misrepresented; but God has preserved me. Praise His holy name.

I see this cold, slimy serpent creeping down over our beloved Southland, under the guise of "Fundamentalism." Is not all God's Word fundamental? His churches are the fun-