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To the NASU Committee:

We assume that your efforts have been unselfish and directed to the glorification of our Creator, rather than trying to accomplish what is humanly impossible and that is assuming Devine judgment. Many have labored over this question that was every whit as spiritually equipped as any of us today. This fact, of course, is not an excuse to not try again but is a very good indicator that the spirit of God does not prevail in these efforts and in which case no age or generation will settle the matter to the spiritual benefit of all. Some will be elated while others will possibly become discouraged not to mention the many who are prospective candidates for baptism, who will rightly surmise that we (Christadelphians) are not to different than those who surround us.

From "Selected works of Thomas Williams", p. 489 we would quote the answer given by Brother J.J. Andrew to a question asked by Brother Thomas Williams on the "Responsibility Question".

Answer: "The question of making resurrection of gentiles out of Christ a test of fellowship depends upon the way it is held. If it be recognized that Adam brought death upon the entire race by his sin, that baptism into Christ frees men from the permanent power of death, and that such of the baptized as die will raise through their relationship to Christ, but that it is possible God may, by His independent power, raise some others, I should not consider it a barrier to fellowship."

What more could a mind guided by the spirit ask? Simple, saving truths are set forth while lead way is made for those who would delve further God's power was not a question then nor now.

Conclusion of answer: "But if it be contended that some gentile out of Christ will be raised on the same basis as those in Christ, this contention would be a barrier to fellowship."

This answer Brother Williams fully endorsed as do we! If there is a solution beneficial to all concerned, it will be based on this simple but conclusive answer. This answer was not acceptable to the amended fellowship then nor does it seem to be now. History has proven that Brother Andrew was goaded into a further statement which discredited him in both fellowships and that being "God could not raised from the dead those who had not made a covenant by sacrifice (namely Christ sacrifice)" words and phrases have been selected to prove that Brother "So and So" taught this or that without considering the general context of the subject at hand in much the same way that Christendom at large defends its conclusions.

If we concentrate on what God has promised He will do under the conditions He has deemed to be right – we will have more than enough to occupy our time and efforts without making an issue over what He might do.

We of this the Beulah ecclesia recognize that we are a formally unlearned group and take comfort in that Christ thanked the Father that He had “hidden (the truth) from the wise and prudent of this world and revealed it unto babes”.

Volumes must thus be reduced to pages and pages to paragraphs and paragraphs to sentences and sentences into words that speak louder than they all if the truth is to remain a light in the earth.

We respectfully stand apart from a union based on the skillful use of words which can only further divide. We believe this to be akin to “adding too or taking from” the simple word of God which is “easy to be understood”.

In this we do not set ourselves up in any judicial manner nor do we shirk our duty (privilege) to speak a word “in season” but rather pray for God's mercy upon the whole household.

The Beulah Ecclesia meets on the Birmingham Unamended Statement of Faith including the Doctrines to be rejected.

Yours in Christ,

The Beulah Christadelphian Ecclesia

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