Heaven itself; there is no earthly manifestation in a visible structure which can represent, express, or create this heavenly unity. The emphasis in the Bible is never on the church organization and men, but upon seeking "first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

3. True Christian Unity Is Eternal

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). This life is in Christ alone, the gift of God. It is neither the work, the gift, nor the power of the church.

Thus Paul says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:3, 4). It is "in the dispensation of the fulness of times" that He is to "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Eph. 1:10). And He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6, 7).

4. True Christian Unity Honors Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church

Christ alone directs all of the affairs of His churches from His present place in Glory. His Word is Law. He walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. This submission to Christ unites men of every race, color, tongue, and kindred in an eternal bond as saints of the Most High God. Our troubles are not with Him, but with men who would pervert His churches on earth! Two hundred eighty separate churches in America with men looking to Him is better than one superchurch with men using it to direct the nation!

There is indeed one body in Him, but this is the company of the saved of all time and eternity in Heaven and in earth. There is indeed one

Spirit — this is the Holy Spirit, the second Person of the eternal Trinity. There is indeed one hope of our calling, the Blessed Hope of the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Indeed, Paul declares there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:5, 6). Nowhere in the New Testament can there be found the slightest indication that it was the will of Christ that all of His people should be members of one visible organization presided over by some hierarchy. The gifts which He has given are "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12, 13).

The Bible does not say, "Till we all come to the one-world visible church," which is the dream of the modernist church leaders today. Men and even a church cannot usurp Christ's place and pleasure.

5. True Christian Unity Manifests Itself by Proclaiming the True Gospel

The genius of the Protestant faith has always been that the Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures directly to the individual in saving his soul, and in edifying his spirit. The emphasis in unity has always been upon the Bible, the Bible, the Bible; not the church, the church, the church. It is this shift to the church at the present moment which is so disastrous. Only as the church gets away from the Bible does it build its own power.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., in the presentation of his unity plan, "The Blake-Pike Proposal," from the pulpit of Bishop James A. Pike's cathedral in San Francisco, December 4, 1960, called for the union of some 20 million Americans into one great church, including The Methodist, the Protestant Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian. He said that they should have to

abandon *sola scriptura* (only Scripture) and give tradition a place beside Scripture in order that the church might be "truly Catholic, truly Reformed, truly Evangelical." This is a contradiction, and it dethrones the Scripture from its Christ-given place. Said He, "They are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

The *Miami Herald*, February 12, 1962, reports Blake as saying, "This means giving up a dogmatic stand on justification by faith." He predicted the coming of "one church broad enough to accommodate such divergent groups of Christians as Pentecostals and Roman Catholics."

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:16, 17).

6. True Christian Unity Is With the Trinity, Not in the Organizations of Men

Our Lord's prayer in John 17 has been grossly perverted by the ecumenical leaders. Christ declared, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." It is not the church that does the sanctifying, small or large, many or one. The prayer, "That they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one," deals with a spiritual unity with the Trinity, which could not possibly be a one-world church organization. And the phrase, "That the world may know that thou hast sent me," is not related to a visible one-world church, but to the individual united to Christ. It is the individual, one by one, in whom Christ dwells. Every Christian should have this union. This is such a union and a manifestation of the truth that men may see Christ in us.

The ecumenical dreamers have twisted this completely around: the individual is not important any more; it is the powerful, visible, world church which they are building which, in the name of the church, will direct the affairs of

nations and of mankind. This is not Biblical unity. How crass, carnal, cruel is a world superchurch compared to the Biblical teaching!

7. True Christian Unity Is Not "Babylon"

Revelation 17 and 18 present the picture of the harlot one-world church, "I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast." The beast represents political power and sustains the woman, who represents ecclesiastical power. Her name is, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." That she represents "that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (v. 18) there can be no doubt. And "the waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (v. 15).

God commands, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev. 18:4, 5).

Already today the World Council of Churches has its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, which is seeking through the United Nations and in its constant contacts with all the nations of the world to help direct the affairs of the world. When great political decisions are being made, it is always there, through its spokesmen, to tell the world what it should do. That voice, even today, is calling for "peaceful coexistence" and the development of "mutual trust" between the Communist bloc and the West.

8. True Christian Unity Does Not Relate to "Non-theological" Factors

All the various factors in nature and history which brought about different church organizations, such as linguistic, cultural, climatic, racial, geographic, are of secondary significance compared with the churches' return to the infallible and inerrant Word of God. When men turn away from the infallibility of the Bible to mod-