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“The Concurrent Practice of All Truth [‘Nails’]”

Ecclesiastes 12:10, 11 (vs. 9-14); Proverbs 22: 21, 22

Nails are clarified truths (Eccl. 12:9, 10). It is part of the preacher’s responsibility to nail down these truths (Eccl. 12:11). There is work involved in the finding, giving, receiving, and practicing of these truths (Eccl. 12:12).

Obedient Christians observe the **concurrent** respect and **practice of all truths** (Eccl. 12:13, 14), which results in a dynamic equilibrium (Pro. 22:21, 22—“certainty” also can be rendered “balance,” “equity (as events weighed),” “reality”).

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Eleven Nails of Election

Romans 9-11

1. God is always righteous (just) (Rom. 9:14; Job 4:17; 8:3).
2. God is sovereign (everything He wills happens) (Rom. 9:15).
3. None seek after God (apart from His grace) (Rom. 3:11).
4. God is love (I Jn. 4:8b; Rom. 5:8).
5. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10:13).
6. The Lord is not willing that any should perish (II Pet. 3:9a; Mt. 23:37; I Jn. 2:2; Ez. 33:1; I Tim. 2:4, 8; Titus 2:11; Rom. 10:21/Is. 65:2).
7. God does all things well (Mk. 7:37).
8. The soul that sins shall die (Ez. 16:20).
9. God's ways are inscrutable (Rom. 11: 33, 34; Job 5:9).
10. There is a purpose of God according to election and not according to man's will (Rom. 9:11, 16).
11. God always does what He does for His glory (Rom. 9:17, 23; Rev. 4:11).

The Eight Nails of Deciding “Questionable Things”

I Corinthians 8-10

“Questionable things” are those beliefs and activities that are not explicitly commended or forbidden in scripture.

1. It is wrong to do that which leads your brother to offend (sin against God) (I Cor. 8:8-13; 10:24, 31-33; Rom. 15:1-3).
2. The saved have rights in Christ which cannot be taken away (9:1-14).
3. It is right to give up your rights in order to minister to others (I Cor. 9:1-15; 10:23-33; 13:1-7). None is to insist on his rights to the hurt of others (I Cor. 6:7).
4. The weak are to grow, and not remain ignorant and weak (I Cor. 8:2; 3:1-3; II Pet. 3:18).
5. All are ignorant (“weak”) compared to what they ought to know (I Cor. 8:2; Gal. 6:1).
6. Certain activities in themselves are wrong (I Cor. 10:6-14, 21-23), including rejecting providential leadership (I Cor. 10:10; II Thess. 2:15; II Tim. 3:14; Rom. 14:4).
7. Every decision should lead others to Christ (I Cor. 10:32, 33).
8. The guiding principle for all behavior is to do all for the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31).

Three Summarizing Exhortations

1. Do all to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31)
2. Seek not your own, but every man another’s wealth (I Cor. 10:21). Please your neighbor for his good to edification (Rom. 15:2).

3. Be followers of your providentially-placed leadership (I Cor. 11:1).
Obey them that have the rule over you (Heb. 13:17).
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Eight Nails of Medicine

James 5:13-15; Mark 2:17

1. God is (Heb. 11:6).
2. All disease and death are a result of Adam's sin (Rom. 5:12; Pro. 3:8).
 - a. Our sin continues to contribute to disease and death (i.e., worry, sexual sins, moral choices, gluttony, vices, etc.).
 - b. Sickness is not necessarily the direct result of sin (Jn. 9:1-3).
3. Christ is the Great Physician (Ex. 15:26; Mk. 2:17; Rom. 6:23). Man's great need for healing is through restoration with Christ (Rom. 8:22, 23).
4. The power and prerogative of life and death and healing are God's.
 - a. Life begins at conception (Ps. 51:5).
 - b. It is appointed unto man once to die (Heb. 9:27).
 - c. God determines personality (Jer. 1:5).
 - d. Do not play God (Job 1:21).
 - e. The prayer of faith shall save the sick (Jms. 5:15).
 - f. Final decisions pertaining to healthcare are the responsibility of the individual patient (Rom. 14:1-12).
5. Human "doctoring" is legitimate and can be wonderful (Mt. 9:12).
6. Pain is not the ultimate evil. Sin is the ultimate evil. It is not God's will that every Christian be healed or delivered from pain.
7. Sickness is not necessarily the direct result of sin (Jn. 9:1-3).
8. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine (Pro. 17:22; Pro. 16:24; Pro. 3:8).

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Nine Nails of the Gifts!

Romans 12:3-8

1. Every New Testament believer has at least one gift of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:7; I Pet. 4:10).
2. A gift is a Spirit-given ability for Christian service (I Cor. 12:1; Rom. 12:6) [always for edification (I Pet. 4:10)].
3. Talents differ from gifts. A talent is a natural ability present from natural birth through common grace (I Cor. 4:7; 12:11).
4. The proper use of a gift glorifies God, and blesses others [and self (Pro. 18:16)] (I Pet. 4:10, 11).
5. The apparent absence of a gift gives no excuse for disobedience. All of the spiritual gifts listed (eg., Rom. 12:3-8) are connected with practices required of all Christians. While some are more blessed as they practice certain gift-connected activity, all are expected to serve (Mt. 20:26-28), show mercy (Rom. 12:10, 15), give (Rom. 12:13), teach (Heb. 5:12), administrate (Rom. 12:11), etc., in some measure (Rom. 12:3).
6. The authenticating sign gifts (miracles, sign healings, tongues, interpretation of tongues) ended with the establishment of the New Testament church, even before the last apostle died (II Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:14; Heb. 2:3, 4; I Cor. 13:8-10; Jn. 14:26; 16:13). [Authenticating sign miracles were indisputable (Jn. 3:2)].
 - a. Tongues were real foreign languages spoken supernaturally as a sign to unbelieving (disobedient) Jews that God was dealing with them nationally [establishing the new church] (Dt. 28:49; Is. 28:11, 12; Jer. 5:15; Acts 2:6; I Cor. 14:21, 22), and that Jesus was the Christ (Jn. 20:31, 32). [Every time tongues was practiced in Acts

(2:1-4; 10:44-47; 19:1-7), Jews were present. The only other book which mentions tongues (I Corinthians) connects tongues with the Jews (1:22; 14:21). (Acts 2:1-4 validated for the Jews the fulfillment of Joel 2. Acts 10:44-47 validated for the Jews acceptance of the Gentiles (v. 45). Acts 19:1-7 validated for the Jews Paul's message. Cf. Masters – 28, 29, 36- 7, 39 (48-9, 52)]

- b. All genuine tongues were a message whose meaning would be understood by the speaker and confirmed by an interpreter, to benefit the congregation (I Cor. 14:2, 5, 13, 15, 28-30; Jn. 10:5).
 - c. The healing wonders were intended to authenticate the apostles (Acts 5:11, 12; Rom. 15:18, 19; II Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3, 4).
7. The offices of apostle and prophet ended with the completion of the canon (Eph. 2:20; Jn. 16:13; Heb. 2:3, 4; Dan. 9:24).
 8. The three major listings of the gifts are given in I Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11).
 9. Spiritual gifts may be systematized as speaking (I Pet. 4:10), serving, sign (II Cor. 12:12) and revelatory (Jn. 16:33).

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Nine Nails of Revelation to Hear and Keep

Revelation 1:3; 22:20, 21

1. **Revelation is “the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1:1).**

Revelation is a book which reveals Christ.

[God herein is revealing Himself, specifically in Christ: *Apocalypses Iesou Christou*. This vision describes the exaltation of our Lord (Phil. 2:5-11). This confession is made by the hosts of heaven, every tribe, nation, family in earth, and even those under the earth.]

2. **Revelation is a book of blessing to him “that readeth and they that hear and keep these words” (1:3).**

3. **Revelation is a book of sevens.**

[God’s purpose in Revelation includes exalting the Lamb (Jn. 1:29). Specifically, the redemptive work of Christ is paramount (5:6-13). His substitutionary blood sacrifice makes Him worthy to receive all worship and glory and honor and power.]

- a. [written to seven] churches (chaps. 2-3)
- b. seals [of title deed to world] (chap. 6) [occur during first half of seven year period]
- c. trumpets [judgments/purgings, apparently during second half of tribulation (7 years)] (chaps. 8, 9)
- d. vials [as bowls, in quick succession toward end of 7 year tribulation immediately before the Second Coming] (chaps. 15, 16)
- e. personages (chaps. 12, 13) [including woman with child, dragon, manchild, Michael, Jewish remnant, beast/Antichrist, False Prophet]

- f. dooms (chaps. 17-20) [Babylon, Beast, False Prophet, kings, Gog and Magog, Satan, unbelieving dead]
- g. new things (chaps. 21, 22) [heaven, earth, peoples, Jerusalem, temple, light, paradise]
- h. blessings (1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14; read-understand-obey; die in Lord; raptured; at marriage supper; first resurrection; keep; wear white robes)

4. **Revelation is the book of culminations and consummations** (16:17). [It is done (16:17).]

- a. judgment (16:17)
- b. the Antichrist (13:1-8)
- c. the False Prophet (13:11-17)
- d. the world (17:18)
- e. war (19:11-21)

5. **Revelation is a book which is absolutely trustworthy and accurate** (22:6). [“These sayings are faithful and true”(22:6).]

[Ten times the word “true” appears, always in reference to Christ. He only is completely trustworthy! cf. 22:18, 19]

6. **Revelation is a book which reveals the end of worldliness (the world’s system)** (18:2). [“Babylon is fallen, is fallen” (18:2).]

[Babylon (chaps. 17-18) is the culmination of worldliness, having three aspects: religious (chap. 17), commercial (chap. 18), and civil (19:17-21, not called “Babylon”). Each aspect [or entity] is headquartered [concurrently] in the literal city of Babylon in Iraq. Each aspect is systematically destroyed (chaps. 17,18) leading up to the Second Coming (19:11-21). Do not be caught up in her spirit today as she is forming (Jms. 4:4). [See #129 e. 1 in Revelation booklet, 2), 3).]

7. **Babylon’s sins have reached unto heaven, [and God hath remembered her iniquities].**

Come out of her, my people (18:4)!

[Jms. 4:4; Rev. 21:3 with II Co. 6:14-7:1.

Come out of her, and come to Me (22:17)!

8. **The marriage of the Lamb is come (19:7).**

Let us be glad and rejoice [now – already/not yet] (19:7).
[22:1-5]

9. **“Behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book” (22:7,12, 20)!**

Keep [be keeping, Mt.24:46] the sayings of the prophecy of this book (22:7).

[Be ye also ready (Mt. 24:44). Love His appearing – in you today! Our part is to be developing a love relationship with Him daily. Leave it to the Spirit to work the appropriate yearning (and present satisfactions with Christ). Expectancy is worked by Spirit! Christ will be appearing more and more in us as we yield to them (these sayings) more and more now.]

[Also, 1:1;2:25;3:3, 20;1:7; 2:5, 18; 3:11; 16:15; 22:7, 10, 12, 20; Acts 1:11; Titus 2:11-14; Is. 40:10; Mt. 24:3 Scof. note, 36, 44, 48-51; 25:13; I Co. 15:51, 52; Phil. 3:20, 21; I Thes. 1:10; 4:14-17; I Tim. 6:14; Heb. 10:37; 11:7; 4:6]

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Eight Nails of Race
Genesis 10; Acts 17:24-31

1. There is one human race (Acts 17:24-31; Gen. 9:19; Dt. 32:8).
2. There is one way of salvation (Mt. 28:18-20).
3. Christians of all races (and other divisions) are one in Christ (Col. 3:11; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:11-22).
4. God separated the nations (races, people groups of all kinds) after the flood and the tower of Babel according to the layout in Genesis 10 (Gen. 9:17; 10:5, 20, 31, 32; Gen. 10:1-32; 11:1-9).
5. God has allowed the races to develop as they have, which has resulted in a natural separation (Rom. 1:26; 2:14; I Cor. 11:14).
6. Racial prejudice – i.e., thoughts, feelings, and actions of assumed superiority or inferiority – is a function of depravity; it exists and it is abominable (Pro. 6:16, 17; 13:10; Phil. 2:3).
7. There are many things which we don't know which should be left to God (Dt. 29:29; Pro. 13:10; II Tim. 2:14-16).
8. God does all things well (Mk. 7:37).

Other CBC/KH Books of Lists (Other “Nails”)

1. Spiritual Warfare Summarized (8/17/97)
2. Depend on God (2/14/98)
3. Book of Lists On the Family (7/2/98; 10/20/02)
4. Book of Lists On Administration (9/5/98)
5. Separation Position (8/10/99)
6. Job (1/16/00; 12/31/05)
7. SS Teachers (6/4/00; 11/20/02)
8. Book of Lists of Church Philosophies, Policies, and Procedures (6/21/01; 9/14/01)
9. LCA Staff Handbook (8/21/01)
10. Life of God in the Soul of Man (8/26/01)
11. (BCSA) Legislative Program (12/01)
12. Doctrine of CBC (6/9/02) [statement plus verses]
13. A Fully-matured Teacher (11/7/02; 8/20/05)
14. (AACCS/BCSA) Legislative Action Plan (6/17, 18/03)
15. Leadership Retreat (7/19/03) [study on manliness]
16. Revelation (12/31/03)
17. Coaches Handbook (12/17/04)
18. Theology of Christian Education (1/29/04)
19. Theology of Civil Government (8/17/04)
20. Secretary Orientation (11/1/04; 6/1/05)
21. Intern Booklet (6/17/05) [pastor, music, political, secretary]
22. Book of Lists of Nails (11/26/06)

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