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1 Kings 2: 2 “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, **3** and observe what the Lord your God requires: **Walk in obedience** to him, and **keep his decrees** and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses.

1 Kings 2: 5 “Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me...6 Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

8 “And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera...Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood.

John 17: 20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that **all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one **as we are one—**

John 17: 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity**. **Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

Acts 2: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44 All the believers were together and had everything in common...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHETS	
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Major	Minor
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Isaiah	Hosea
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Jeremiah	Joel
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Lamentations	Amos
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel		Ezekiel	Obadiah
	1 Kings		Daniel	Jonah
	2 Kings			Micah
	1 Chronicles			Nahum
	2 Chronicles			Habakkuk
	Ezra	* CTJ does NOT believe that the Song of Solomon and the apocryphal books are divinely inspired and therefore part of the Bible as they were not included in the original text up until the time of Jesus.		Zephaniah
	Nehemiah			Haggai
	Esther			Zechariah
				Malachi

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PROPHETS

WRITINGS

Genesis

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Prophets*

Joshua

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1-2 Samuel

1-2 Kings

*Latter
Prophets*

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Ezekiel

The Twelve

*Pre-
Exilic
Writings*

Psalms

Job

Proverbs

Ruth

Song of Songs

Ecclesiastes

*Post-
Exilic
Writings*

Lamentations

Esther

Daniel

Ezra-Nehemiah

1-2 Chronicles

1 Chronicles 22: 7 David said to Solomon: “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the Lord my God. 8 But this word of the Lord came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have **shed much blood on the earth in my sight.**’

God will not bless anyone who
wants to establish His kingdom
through worldly means.

God does not want a Kingdom
based on
violence and division.

Matthew 11: 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been **subjected to violence**, and violent people have been raiding it.

T.B. Larimore

1843-1929





- 1843-1929
- Fought in Civil War.
- Primary task as preacher: get out of the way of God.
- Abhorred division and disunity
- Buried in Santa Ana, CA. Foy E. Wallace was a pallbearer.

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Foy E. Wallace

1896-1979





- 1896-1979
- Lived through division in CofC, Christian Church, and DofC.
- Was a self-proclaimed “soldier of righteousness”.
- Editor of Gospel Advocate.
- Rejected Larimore’s reconciling spirit.

Before Civil War and Wallace's
impact, the Stone-Campbell
Movement was characterized
by "Christian Unity".

We will that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the Body of Christ at large; for there is but one body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling.

Barton W. Stone “The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery.”

Oh that ministers and people would but consider,
that there are no divisions in the grave; nor in that
world which lies beyond it: there our divisions must
come to an end.

Alexander Campbell

After the Civil War and
Wallace's impact, the Stone-
Campbell Movement was
characterized by
"Restoration".

Result for Wallace: Desire to be
distinct from all others.

For Wallace, to be “distinct”
meant to be “right” (& all others
are wrong)

Every Christian and congregation is to “discard from their faith and their practice everything that is not found written in the New Testament” and to “believe and practice whatever is there enjoined.”

Alexander Campbell “A Restoration of the Ancient Order of Things.”

State of the Church in the US

Of the 300k congregations in the US, 30-40% (100k churches) will close.

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The CofC is the 13th largest denomination. 92% have less than 200 members.

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By 2050, Churches of Christ in the US will have declined to less than half of what they are today.

(Tim Woodroof/Stanley Granberg)

How will God build this temple?

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The Kingwood Church of Christ
must die!

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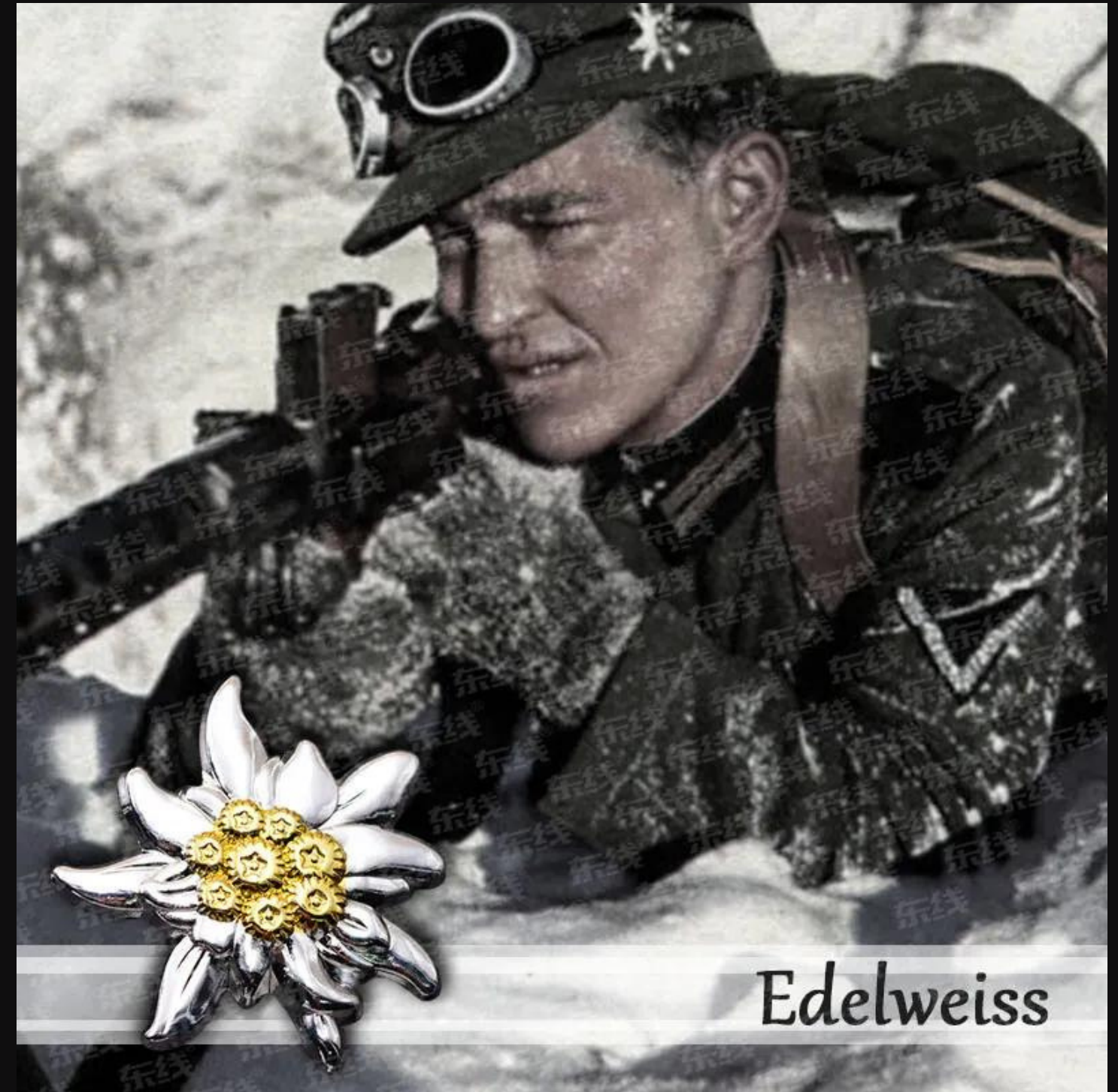
Unity has to matter.

Unity makes no sense if there
is no division.

Unity in agreement denies the
power of the cross and the
witness of the church.

Unity is not a growth strategy.
It is what the cross demands.

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