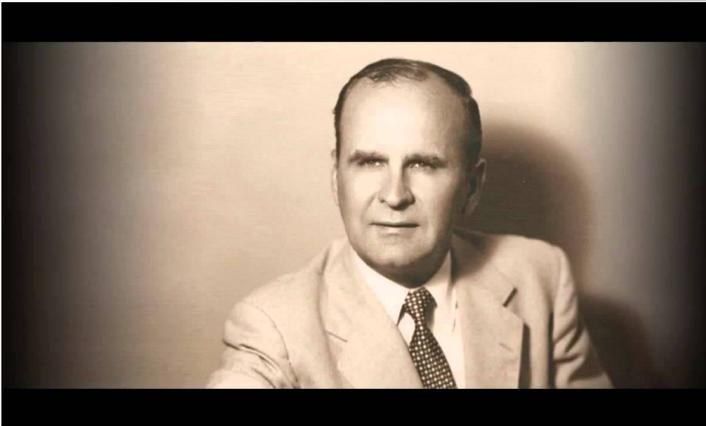


THE CHURCH VOTE

"THE WHOLE VOTE OF THE CHURCH SETTLES THE MATTER"



59-0712 - "A Total Deliverance"

58 Then we've got to have a man that we believe that preaches the Word of God. If the man don't do it, then get somebody who does do it. That's the way we must stand.

If the trustee board won't stand by what's right, then it's your business to elect somebody who will stand for what's right.. And then when you do it, stay by it. It's up to you. Stand by it. And, all together, we're standing for one Thing, that's God.

59-1227e - "A Super Sense"

16 It's official, as long as the church. In our church, it's the sovereignty of the church. The church moves, or puts in the trustee, the church moves the pastor, or puts in the pastor. Whatever it is, it is the church in all. That's apostolic. That's the way it was did in the Bible time. Therefore, we feel that no one person, then, is a dictator or something in the church. We don't want that. Every man, every person, myself, in voting in anyone, and just got one vote, just like any other person of the church here, just one vote. Isn't what I say; it's what the church says, see, what the church says in the body. You like that? [Congregation says, "Amen.." — Ed.] I think that's just Scriptural. That's the way it should be.

58-0928m - "The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit"

187 If you don't like your pastor, and there's two or three people gets something against the pastor, they can't raise up with their deacons, trustees, they just on what officer they are here. They just got one vote. That's all. If he is assistant pastor, he's just got one vote. He's just like the lay member that sets back there. **The whole vote of the church settles the matter.** And that's right. That's—that's right. **No deacon board put a pastor out, or no pastor put a deacon board out. The church does that, in a general vote of the whole thing.**

62-1007 - "The Key To The Door"

8 You all voted a hundred percent on it, so we've held right to that, see. **The church is sovereign. What the church says, that's what.** Trustees or nobody else...The trustees is just, each one, a vote. The pastor is just one vote. It's the church, that it's—**it's the democracy of the church, the sovereignty of the church. The church, in whole, speaks. That's all.** And we like that, because we have no bishops or hierarchies or overseers or so forth to tell us this, that, or the other. **It's the Holy Spirit in the church, does the speaking. I like that rule, and it's very fine.**

56-0527 - "At Kadesh-Barnea"

138 You've got a decision to make. You're at Kadesh, you see; see, can't stand much longer. Why you halting between two opinions? Why isn't the church on fire? Why isn't the place packed out with people? Why isn't great signs and wonders done? Don't lay it onto the pastor. It's you. We got a mixed multitude; one pulling one way, and one the other. You've got to come to a time of decision. **If it's the pastor, fire him, get him out and put somebody else in who will take his place.** If it's a deacon, take him off the board and put somebody else in his place, that'll take the place. What are you going to do, brother? **God has put the responsibility upon you.** That's it. And we've, each one, got to give an account for our own sins, and answer at the Day of Judgment. We're in Kadesh-barnea!

57-0922e - "Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2"

281 Therefore, no one person has nothing to do in this. It's the majority of the people. Yes, sir. If twenty votes for him, and twenty-one votes against him, he goes; or, vice versa. See? **That is, it's the sovereignty of the local church and, then, each one of the members has a say-so in the church. Anything goes on, wrong, then they can come right around, and the only thing they have to do is to be before God that they are absolutely see that nothing hinders the moving of the church.**

282 But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor. Read that in the Bible, see if that's not Bible order. That's exactly right. There is no one above the elder. I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here. **That's up to you and** Brother Neville. If Brother Neville wanted to preach Jehovah Witness doctrine, **that's up to him and you.** See? If he wanted to preach anything he wanted to, **that's between you and him.** That's all. **If the congregation votes for him in there, to preach that, that's all right.** That's up to him.

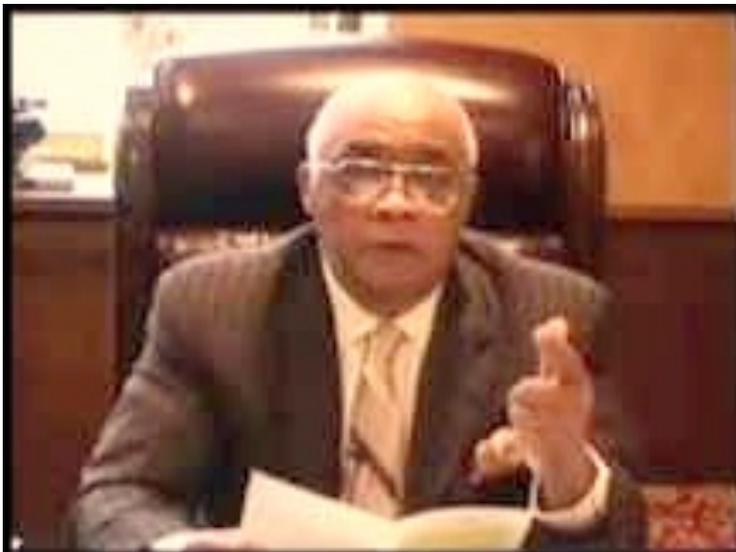
57-0915E - HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.1__ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY__

89 Now, "All wars," as I say, "are fought for principles." Now, if you have a little war in church, it must be the right principle. You must be fighting for the right thing. And each member of the church is supposed to do that. Now, this teaching is for the church. That's what we're here for. That's what I'm standing here for. That's what God's Word is for, is for the church.

90 Don't never let nothing hinder this church. If it does, you're guilty, each one of you. And you, in your different churches, if something is going wrong in your church, you're guilty, because you're the overseer of that church. It ain't up to the pastor. It ain't up to the deacon board. It's up to you, you individual....

57-0922 - HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2 JEFF. IN SUNDAY

276 By the way, while I'm speaking; somebody, in around this country somewhere, is guilty of writing some cards, to move Brother Neville out of this pulpit. You're going to have to settle that with me. Uh-huh. That's right. Uh-huh. Yes, indeed. Now, I want you... Said the dea-... something about the deacon board. The deacon board has not one thing to do with that pastor. No, sir. The congregation, in full, has all the authority. It isn't... A deacon board is just the policemen here in this church, just to keep order and so forth. But when it comes to rules, the whole church has to say so. This church is built upon the sovereignty of the local church. Therefore, I have nothing to say in moving this pastor, or putting one in. I own the property; it's given to the church. You all are the church. You people are the one who control. You're the church, yourself. And the Church, the holy Church of God is the sovereignty, of the Holy Spirit in that Church. And the only thing I do is own the property, give it over to this church, as give it over for a church, and it's tax free. And the church elects their own pastors. I have nothing to do with it. **And the only way this pastor could ever leave, would be the pastor decide himself to go, or the majority of the votes of the church would have to say, "Change the pastor." That's the only way. No deacon board can do it.** The deacon board only keeps order and things in the church.



Inspiration: July 23, 1974:

*My son, I speak to you this morning by My Spirit. I have revealed to you this morning by My Spirit, My will concerning your Ministry, Church and My plans in general concerning My Bride. **Your Church is a sign to the Bride. You are a sign to the Bride. Your Church is being interpreted by My Word, because it is a Word Church.***

- Rev. Joseph Coleman

