

Letters to Vic,

“I’ve found your writings very valuable and enlightening. I’m a member of the Worldwide Church of God in Cape Town, and I’d like to have a copy of your literature. Apart from personal financial constraints, currency control regulations, and the exchange rate virtually doubling the cost of any literature ordered from overseas. I would appreciate it very much if it would be possible for you to donate a copy of each of your books to our small group we have in our suburb.

My sister left us to fellowship with the Church of Christ. She’s now been horrified by the legalistic views expressed at the congregation.” - Henri Fortuin, Stellenbosch, Republic of South Africa.

“I do not know if you answer these comments, but I was led by God to these pages. I have been reading ONE GREAT CHAPTER, MISSION MESSENGER, 1971 and wishing more could be found. I am struggling in the Church of Christ. I did not even know Leroy Garrett and Carl Ketcherside writings could be found! The Holy Spirit is working great things today! Praise God!” Len Platt, lenplatt@islandnet.com

“Thank you for your note and your books. It is such a relief to find that I was not the only person in the Lord’s church who could see so plainly the gaping holes in the litany of legalism that I was hearing. The same people who were leaving the church for having a kitchen in the building were busily defending how they were the only representatives of Christ’s official program which had better be obeyed or else---“ Rose Petit, rrp@psln.com

“Where to begin? Conservative, dogmatic, legalistic Church of Christ member for twenty years....a study with my future son-in-law (to convert him) brought me to some undeniable truths. Now I’m scared, but smiling. Such a smart young man my daughter found. I had been praying for someone to study God’s word with and assumed this young man was the answer to my prayer. He was, but not in the way I thought. It wasn’t HIM who needed the help—but me!! I’m just not sure where to go from here. I have strong family ties in the Church of Christ and I worry still about some of the doctrines floating around “out there,” but I can no longer fully support some of the attitudes that I’ve previously been guilty of. Who can help and encourage me? Thanks for letting me air my thoughts.” Judy, sd24judy@wave.sheridan.wy.us

“I found your site through the WCGnet. As a member of the Worldwide Church of God, I have found your site a goldmine of information on God’s truth and grace! Keep up the good work. I’ll be back.” - Sooke, British Columbia

“To Chita of El Paso (a place I haven’t yet seen) and Vic of Shreveport (a nice place I visited as a child; even ate one of the best hamburgers I ever had there also): I Gordon Davis, am here too, laboring away in West Los Angeles. ... I really like the “Freedom’s Ring” site---quite a breath of fresh air compared to the COC “party line” that

I was raised on in Oklahoma. To Hook, Phares, Fudge and all responsible for Freedom's Ring, keep up the good work. I suspect that for every person who posts an acknowledgement of your work, there are about 5 to 100 people who are just lurking out—like I have for about 3 months.” Gordon Davis

“I have been reading your “on-line “ version of FREE IN CHRIST, and I wanted to express to you how wonderfully enlightening and uplifting I found it. I have known so many brothers and sisters in Christ (in all denominations) including members of my own family, whose whole lives have been dominated by the “legalistic” approach to the scriptures. I have been guilty of this myself more times than I can possibly enumerate. To hear your message from a member of the “Church” (I use this in the old-fashioned, narrow manner) is like a breath of fresh air. ....” Jeff Haney, djjlh3@attme.cnet.att.com

“I’m sure you’ve heard it many times before, but let me add my thanks for your insight and boldness to express those insights regarding the truth that can set us free. I am an elder in an independent Christian church in Charleston, SC (Central Christian Church) of the NACC variety, that is (see? Look at those labels!!) etc.

Anyway, my dad, a retired preacher of our fellowship was quite taken with the contents of FREE IN CHRIST. That is a testimony to your effectiveness: He is in many ways “old school.” Once more, thank you for your faithful ministry. I thank God for you.” -Tim Boden, TWBoden@aol.com

“The June 1, 1996 issue of FREEDOM’S RING just opened up enormous possibilities to so many who can get onto the internet and E-mail. I would hope that I will be able to find a truly responsive soul or two among the many Christians who have listed their E-mail addresses. Every one needs a person whom they can openly confide in. Someone they can trade notes with, share their concerns, doubts, and joys with. Someone with whom they can openly say “I don’t understand this,” or I do not understand this particular scripture this way.” Etc. -Reed Shackelford, lreed@calweb.com

“Legalism is a way of life in the Church in this state! I must submit to a form of slavery or leave the church. What a terrible choice to make.” Ken Galloway, Lake Placid, FL, ken@ct.net

“My name is Susan Kowan. My husband, Art, is a frequent user of the Internet, and tonight by “accident” we found your website. I don’t actually believe it was by accident at all, but were led to it by the Spirit. God is a good God.

I was raised in the Church of Christ, my father is an elder in the church in eastern Canada. We live in Vancouver, Canada. My husband came to the Lord a year after we married 12 years ago. Five years ago, our “church” suffered a split. I had witnessed two before it, but we were casualties of the third.” (In three pages she tells their painful experiences which are similar to those many others are enduring.) akowan@direct.ca