
Subject: The "body" of truth...

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Over the past years we've all been bombarded with warnings about the message we received from Hobart Freeman, however, most of us here, with varying degrees of passion, have attempted to stress the positive aspects of our association with brother Freeman's message. That's not to say that we haven't examined the areas where we fell short, we have, but most of us are thankful for our association with brother Freeman and consider that even the negative aspects have had redeeming value in our growth as Christians.

This week I was thinking about this, and the reasons why some no longer want to have anything to do with the message, and suddenly it dawned on me that one of the primary reasons I have for appreciating brother Freeman's ministry is this: He gave us something that no other preacher/teacher has duplicated since his passing... a love for the truth, coupled with the tools needed to discern the true from the false.

This is one reason most of us have never been truly comfortable with any other church, or any other ministry. Some, to this day, cannot find a church home that satisfies the deep longing for the truth that we found at Faith Assembly.

I know I haven't. Brother Freeman stressed the importance of us all digging into the Word of God, for ourselves, so that we could fulfill the ministry that all of us have. It was never about the big I and little u... he restored to us the concept of body ministry. No other place I've ever attended has done that.

The leadership of the charismatic movements across the land continually stresses the importance of "the clergy" only giving lip service to the idea that God wants to use each one of us in a significant way to accomplish His purpose on the earth today. Of this leadership, those who have any true theological training have chosen to keep that for themselves, and have not equipped the saints for their work in the ministry... Hobart Freeman gave it away, he longed for us all to take the truth of body ministry to heights that, in my experience, no one else has even come close to achieving.

And he did it by giving us the tools to do so. Let's be honest, there were few that sat under his ministry, that wouldn't be more qualified for ministry than the entire current crop put together. Why? Because he taught us the Word of God... he planted the seed of God's word in a way that no one else has.

This one thing has been a key element that has enabled us to recognize and discern the true from the false, and even those who constantly criticize all things FA, often do it using the same tools we received from brother Freeman.

Even today, as we look back over our past mistakes, those tools he equipped us with are helping us to winnow out the wheat from the chaff and come to a fuller understanding of our own shortcomings so that we all can have a chance at experiencing the fullness of God!

Thank you Jesus!

Blessings,
William
