

baptism is essential to salvation, but look how many REJECT that truth. People's REJECTION does not mean we have not given proof! Did Jesus fail in giving proof? No, but look how many REJECTED Him and His Word, and multitudes times multitudes still REJECT His truths (cp. John 12:48). REJECTION of truth is one reason why so many will be lost. Please, let us all have the mind of Christ as you / I consider these things (Gal. 5:22,23 cp. 6:1; John 17:20,21).

**The Bible authorizes by:** direct statements/commands, examples, implications/expediency/necessary inference. All we need is one statement from any one of these areas for a matter to be authorized. But let us all be warned, we must be very careful to make sure we have authority for what we practice (Col. 3:17 is very important as well as 2 John 9, etc).

**I contend** that faithful members of the Lord's church may, and in fact must use God's money from the church's treasury to help (financially) **all people** as we have opportunity in accordance to God's Word. I believe the Bible shows clear authority for those who want the truth.

### Galatians 6:10 Is Absolutely For The Church

The book of Galatians was written "unto the churches of Galatia" (Gal. 1:2). It is clear that Galatians 6:10 is for the church as well as individual members: "As we have therefore **opportunity**, let us do **good** unto **all men**, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Never give this truth up!

The antis say Gal. 6:10 is for the individual Christian only and does not authorize God's people to use the church's treasury (God's money) to help "the created in the image of God non-Christian." Put in my words, of course, as the antis would never be so plain in telling people what is really happening. Later we will look more at the antis' erroneous position that Gal. 6:10 is only for the individual Christian. But please note now, and forever keep in mind the simple fact that Galatians, which naturally includes 6:10, was written to the church (actually the whole New Testament was). No matter what the antis say they can never get around this fact, but I pray that they all will accept this truth and make proper application before they face this truth in The Judgment! ♥

[Article 3, Gal. 6:10 is something the church can do and must do.]



# Sound Words



**"Hold fast the form of sound words"**

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(2 Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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## Church of Christ Non-Institutional (NI) Study (Article 2 – The Antis' Position vs Galatians 6:10 )

(A Series of Articles Dealing With This Doctrine Which Has So Miserably Divided The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ)  
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**The subject we are dealing with:** Whether or not we (the church) are authorized to use the church's treasury (God's money) to help (financially) non-Christians which of course includes widows and orphans.

### The Antis' Position

**Anti means**, "A person who is opposed [against] (to an action, policy or practice etc.)." As stated in article 1, I mean no disrespect whatsoever in referring to the **NI** church and its members as antis for the term is very accurate and I want to be as accurate as I can be.

The antis say the church **cannot** use money from the church's treasury (God's money, PS) to help non-Christians in any financial way. We see how the term anti fits them very well as they are **against** using money from their church's treasury to help any non-Christian, except non-Christian children whose parents are members of the anti church. You may have picked up on a very inconsistency here in the **NI** doctrine. Inconsistency is a mark of error. This is their position concerning the subject at hand, put in my own words.

## Herein Is Just One Of Many Dilemmas The NI Doctrine Presents

- ! They do use the Lord's money to help a non-Christian child of families of the NI church.
  - o This is inconsistency. In this they are helping a non-Christian which they claim they have no authority to help the non-Christian from their church's treasury.
    - Of course they will get around their own rules by some means.
    - But will they give us a clear example where this is being done in the New Testament as they require of us for what we believe?
- ! The anti church will not use their church's money to help a non-Christian child of families of non-Christians.
- ! The anti church will not use their church's money to help a non-Christian child even if the child, due to no fault of his own, has no living family at all. Now this is the result of their doctrine, but I am sure they would never say it so plainly.
- ! The anti church will not use their church's money to help a non-Christian child left on the anti church's doorstep. If they helped that child from their church's treasury they would be violating their own doctrine. My question is, How would they know this child is a child of Christians or non-Christians?
  - o Let them tell you what the little child of the non-Christians, or unknown parents, did to deserve their treatment! It is not God's treatment. Do they not defame God with their doctrine? (more later)
  - o How is the one child (of Christian parents) more deserving than the other child of non-Christian or unknown parents?
  - o Is one child more holy or pure?
  - o This alone should cause one to see the ungodliness of the NI doctrine!

This is the NI doctrine of the anti church (**IT IS NOT GOD'S DOCTRINE**). I am being most loving in trying to point out to them, and to us all just how ungodly this error is. And we need to oppose it fervently and strive to bring about unity in the church for which our Lord gave His life's blood! I am not misrepresenting the anti church at all. This is the truth of that damnable NI doctrine. I am not saying

the members of that church are unloving or not compassionate or any such thing. The NIs believe it is the individual Christian's responsibility to care for non-Christians as they have opportunity. But look what the NI's doctrine does to God's church!!!

**God's money:** I do not ever recall hearing of the antis calling the church's treasury God's money, but that is exactly what it is.

**For the record I have sought studies with NI preachers** without success until recently. In the past few months I have had about five face to face studies with a younger NI preacher and I am to continue that study with him by email. However, the email study has not progressed at this writing, but this NI preacher seems to have no problem for me to call the church's treasury God's money.

**I have studied once** face to face with an older NI preacher wherein he dominated the study, and when he finally gave me a chance to speak he interrupted me before I could make my points, and he went on and on again. We did exchange a few emails but he ended the study because, in my opinion, he did not like me holding him to answering plainly about what all he opposed. Almost everything I wrote, he came back saying something a little different. He seems to be one who has to have his way or he will "take his ball and go home", which he did. We did not even get past the proposition. I will say he is probably not the typical NI preacher, but then again maybe he is. We do know that God says much about money in His Word and that many, even of God's people, have serious problems with money.

**The antis claim** there is no authority to use money from the church's treasury (God's money, PS) to help the non-Christian. Namely the antis insist there is no example of it being done in the New Testament. All these statements are false and throughout these articles I will set forth proof that they are false.

### Authority

We must have authority for everything we do (Col. 3:17; John 4:24). I believe a lot of our problems stem from brethren who do not understand authority and others who misuse it, intentionally or not. I full well believe the church, with God's money, has authority to help non-Christians financially and is indeed obligated to do so. This I believe is easily proven even though the antis have, and may continue to REJECT the truth on the matter. This should be no surprise to us for many REJECT many truths in the Bible. It is easy to prove