

The Conductor

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My wife and I recently attended a concert by the Morehead University Symphony Orchestra of which our grandson is a member. Before the concert got underway, the players began “warming up,” each individually testing his/her horn or instrument. No two were on the same key and the “noise” was almost deafening.

When the conductor came to the podium all were sitting quietly in their seats, their instruments ready. Under the direction of the

conductor the orchestra became as one. The music was in perfect harmony and marvelously beautiful. It was evident they had practiced often. The conductor had taught them well, and they obeyed his every command. When the concert ended, the audience gave them a standing ovation.

The concert reminded me of the relation of Christ and His church. When everyone does his or her own spiritual “thing” the result is chaos. We can see that in the religious world today. Thousands of denominations march to their own

man-made creeds and beliefs. The “sound” of such efforts must make a terrible noise in the Lord's ears.

Only when we all follow the true Conductor (Christ), will there be perfect spiritual harmony on earth. Then the teachings in all assemblies would be the same simple gospel of salvation given by Christ and recorded by men inspired by the Holy Spirit (Gal. 1: 6-9; Eph. 1: 13, 3: 5-6). all would be in “one accord” just as the disciples were in the first century (Acts 2: 44-47). The “melody” that would go up to heaven would be

beautiful. It would surely bring tears of joy to the “Conductor” who gave his life that we could be one in Him.

We all fail at times. The orchestra practiced many hours to prepare for their concert. We too must keep striving to do the Lord's will. One off-key player in an orchestra can ruin a performance. In the church one disgruntled or “out-of-tune” Christian can result in discord, confusion, and lost souls.

There is only one true Conductor of the church. Let us follow is lead, and may His will ever be done in all

our lives. The “ovation” in heaven will bring us joy throughout eternity.