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"COME LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAYS THE LORD"

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The Oldest Church in the World

The New Testament Church

Established by Christ

Controlled by His will

"Upon this rock, I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18.) Jesus promised to build His church and said it would come with power in the lifetime of those he was speaking to (Mark 9:1.) That power came on the apostles - they preached the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. They told folks what to do to be saved and the Lord was adding daily to His church those who were being saved, according to Acts chapter 2. Jesus is the founder of the church and it is built on no other foundation (1 Cor. 3:11.) Any church established by any one else or at any other time is not what Jesus founded. How can it be?

The church Jesus built is in the world today. It exists anywhere people abandon human opinions about religion and submit entirely to the teaching of the New Testament. Where you find Christians worshipping and working in exact conformity to the word of God, you have found the Lord's church. It is not a hard concept. Why don't you "come and see" for yourself. We invite you to!

WELCOME

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

The Hot Dog Verses The Green Bean

July is national Hot Dog month. Hot Dogs are one of my favorite foods and I don't care what they are made of. They just taste good. Actually, hot dogs are not made of "floor sweepings" as many think. It has long been thought that hot dogs were made from what could be found on the meat packing floor, regardless of the part. Everything from pig's snouts to intestines were thought to be in hot dogs but this is not the case. Most recipes for hot dogs combine a tasty blend of choice meats, cereal filler such as bread, oatmeal, or flour, egg-whites, and various seasonings. Yet they are not the most nutritious food one can eat. They are high in sodium, nitrates, and fats. But I don't care what they are made of or how unhealthy they may be - - I like them.

Green beans on the other hand are supposed to be good for you. They are low in calories and loaded with enough nutrients to power the jolly green giant and put a smile on his face. They have vitamins A, C, and K along with fiber, potassium, iron, calcium, and many other minerals. They are good for maintaining healthy bones and a healthy heart. They promote colon health and are even said to help prevent colon cancer. They are said to help lower blood pressure and boost the immune system. They have many other health benefits and are one of the best foods a person could eat. Yet, I despise them. I will not eat them and would rather not even look at them. Give me a good ol' hot dog any day.

I suppose it is a typical reaction. I eat what I shouldn't and don't eat what I should. Paul said, *"For the good I would do, I do not do; but the evil I would not do, that I practice"* (Rom. 7:19.) Christians are always at war in themselves to do what is right. We always struggle. Funny how the simplest things can remind us of this principle.