

Dear J.J.

This is Scott Parker. I hope this finds you in good health. I was recently watching some of the preliminary programming for the Mayweather- Hatton fight (by the way Hatton got creamed), and thought about that night we spent in Missouri watching Lenox Lewis destroy Mike Tyson. That was a nice evening. Well, I thought I would look up and see if you were still in Georgia. Per your website, I found out you are still there.

Tricia and I have been through lots of changes over the past couple of years. As you may have heard from the boys at BVBID, I (really both Tricia and I) have come to see the scriptures far differently than they have in a few areas (the social gospel, institutionalism, the sponsoring church arrangement, et al). I have recently been marked and avoided by the East Alameda church of Christ, where I labored for almost 3 years. I have been labeled as a radical by former friends, as well as referred to by many derogatory monikers by those who prefer darkness to light. I have even been referred to as hateful and mean spirited by Bill Stewart; yet he refused to meet me on the polemic platform to publicly discuss the issues that now separate us.

The journey out of liberalism has been a rewarding, but a largely lonely one. There are many folks on the NI side of things who are just as sickening to me as are liberal folks. I really am beginning to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "few there be that find it."

Anyways, I was looking at your website a few days ago and I have some concerns over some of the things I saw thereon. I also am concerned about some of the comments you have made about Holy Ghost and His work. I would love the opportunity to discuss these matters with you (Galatians 6:1).

Now listen, I realize that you may be tempted to "bow up" at these words, so rest assured I am sending them in a spirit of gentleness. I seek only your good. Let's never forget this: there is the possibility you are wrong. Better men than both of us have been wrong about lots of things: consider Saul (Acts 26:9ff).

If you are really interested in study I will come down to Georgia on my dime and reason from the Scriptures with you. In addition to email, you may call me anytime. The number is below. Also, you may check out my website if you wish.

In the greatest cause of all time,

Scott