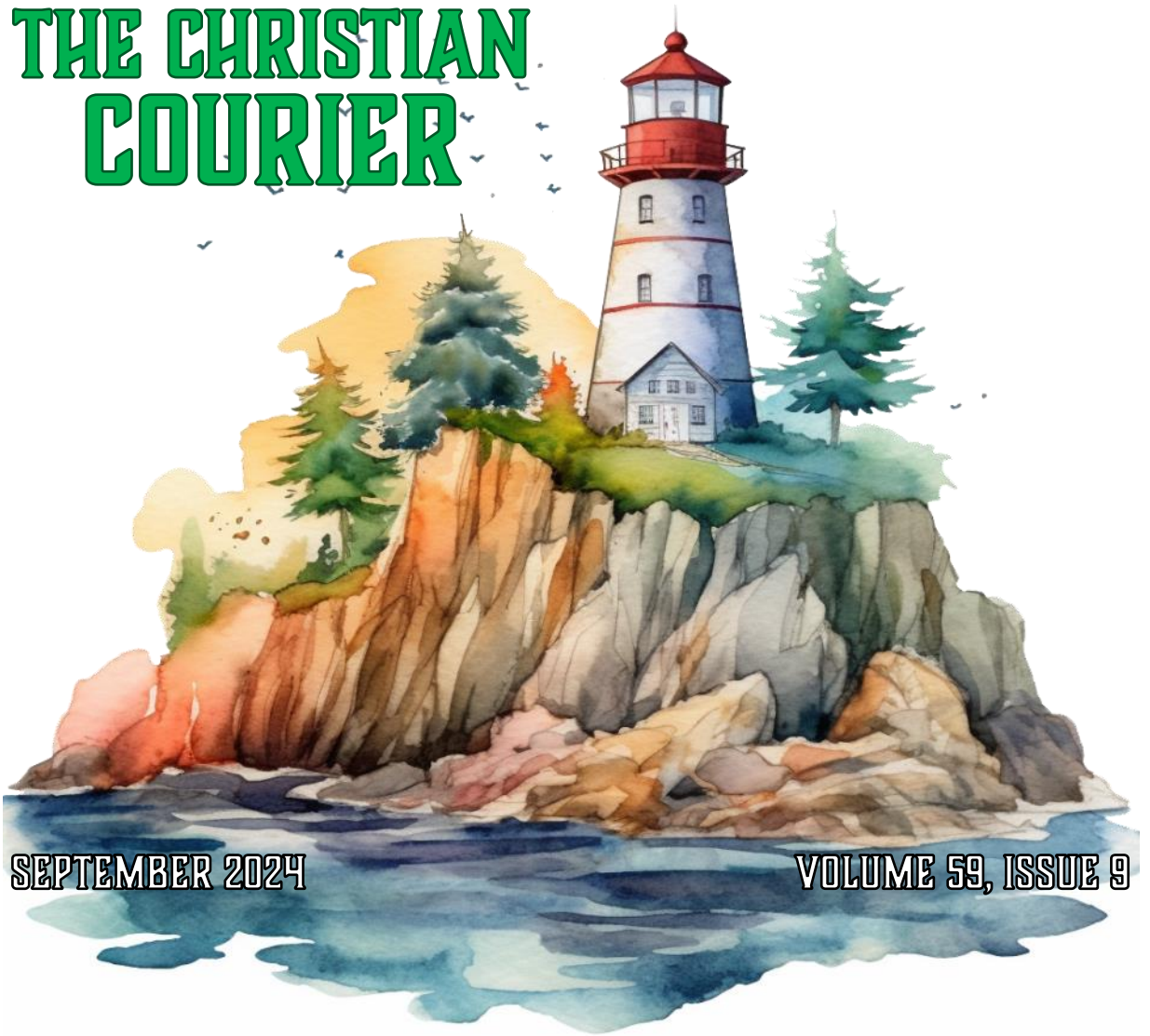
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The Many Joys of Worship

Bro. Terry Warford

In Psalms 122:1 David said, "**I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.**" We too should be grateful and glad to assemble with our loved ones to worship God. We should not look at worship as something we "have" to do. Our attitude should be that it is something we "get" to do!

In this article we wish to explore some of the many joys we experience when assembled together to worship the Lord. Though study of doctrine is also important, the focus of this article is attitude and counting the blessings available to us in worship.

Today, the house of God is not a beautiful tent or building. Rather we are the house of God and Jesus, as we read in Hebrews 3:6, "**But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.**" And in Matthew 18:20 Jesus said that when we assemble together, He is there with us, "**For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**" So the presence of God and Jesus is one joy available to us in worship.

Another great joy is fellowship with one another. Note the togetherness the apostle Paul described in multiple ways in Ephesians 2:19-22, "**Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**" Note we are "fellowcitizens", "of the household (or family) of God", "fitly framed together", "builded together" for a place for God to dwell.

We are always brothers and sisters, of the family of God, and have that fellowship in spirit if not in presence day by day. But assembled to worship we especially have that joy of fellowship. Hebrews 10:24-25, "**And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**"

The presence of God and Jesus, and the fellowship with one another, permeates every aspect of our worship.

Prayer is approaching the throne of God to talk with Him through Jesus, Hebrews 4:16, "**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**" And it is part of our worship as well. One leads the prayer in a common language, so that all can pray together. 1 Corinthians 14:15 says, "**What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.**"

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That leads us to singing. When we praise God in song, we express our thankfulness to Him, Psalms 100:1-2, "**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.**" While encouraged to sing often, we do so together in worship, as we read in Hebrews 2:12, "**Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.**" And we experience the presence of God as well as fellowship together when we praise Him, Psalms 22:3. "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."

Sharing God's Word through preaching is part of our worship, as seen throughout 1 Corinthians 14 and in Acts 20:7, "**And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.**" And when we take joy in the Word of God it helps us grow as Christians. Psalms 1:2-3 reads, "**But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**"

Remembering Jesus Christ's sacrifice in our communion service is a solemn expression of thanksgiving. It isn't a "rah rah" "aren't we having fun?" type of temporary pleasure. But it is fellowship together, 1 Corinthians 10:16, "**The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?**" And in John 6:56-57 we read that we do have the presence of Jesus when we partake, and that His presence builds us up, "**He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**"

So while a solemn part of our worship, communion does have the same elements that build a deep, lasting joy within us; especially as we remember how much God and Jesus love us which in turn leads us to love one another even more. 1 John 4:9-11, "**In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.**"

And love for one another is so important. Every day and when assembled on the first day of the week, it builds us up. 1 John 3:14, "**We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**"

Most of the elements of worship are available to us constantly as Christians, as is the presence of God and the fellowship with and love for one another. But they are part of worship as well, and bring us great joy – making worship a wonderful thing we "get" to do!

In Christian love,
Brother Terry Warford

Notes & Letters

Hello from Yuma!

Just checking in to let everyone know how we are doing here and hopefully to read letters sent from other congregations and to keep informed how you are all doing. We are all doing very well at this time.

Austin and Rose Bryant have moved to Texas and we really miss them being in our midst but hope and pray for their new life there in Texas.

Our meeting in March here is behind us and we are looking forward to next years meeting and have settled on March 9, 2025 through March 16th 2025 for our next meeting. We of course are hoping for a large turnout, we love the opportunity to see our brothers and sisters as often as we can. So if you can set aside these dates and be with us to help spread God's Word and have some wonderful fellowship and renewing and strengthening the Church. Again we would like to thank all of those that attended this past years meeting. We know the difficulty that we are all living in these days with the economy as bad as it is but hoping that things will change soon.

We send our love and prayers that all will be healthy both in body and in Spirit. My contact # is 928-503-3709.

With Christian love,
Denny and Susie Davis
and the Yuma congregation

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

We had a great meeting with Bro. Larry Woods. He brought shirts for all of us: Blood & Gold - The Blood of Christ is more important that Gold. Galatians 1:3-4

The Church has experienced sadness. We lost Ilene Thrush and Tom Core. They were great members.

Brother Tom Stratton is very ill at this time. A group of us went over to his house and sang songs for him. Please pray for Tom.

Kathy's Aunt Betty will have surgery on her neck and back some time in September. Keep John, Betty and family in your prayers. Kathy and I got to take 2 of our grandchildren to the camp meeting. Savana and Hannah had a great time.

We are leaving to go to Stilwell meeting on Sunday after church. All our kids are in school - some are in college. The future of our Church!

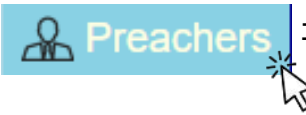
In Christian Love
Bro. Jim Lamb & family
Gleed Church of Christ, Yakima WA

(Sadly, Bro. Tom Stratton passed on to Heaven a few days later. Jim and Kathy Lamb attended our Labor Day Meeting and have returned home safely. -Ed)

1CupHistory.Church Website Tutorial

Our Church History website continues grow as more articles and lessons are sent in, converted and posted to the site. This is tutorial #2 which guides you to a different video, but using a different method. To find the video you're looking for, let's begin...

In this tutorial, we will guide you to the video sermon "Don't Rock The Boat" by Robert Fuson, Sr. that you may have heard about and want to watch. Here are the steps to find it by searching for him in the built-in list of preachers.

1. Open a web browser and go to our Church of Christ website, https://1CupHistory.Church. Click 

in the menu.



2. You know his name is Robert Fuson, Sr., so scroll to the **F** section, as they're sorted by last name. Then click his icon. Any and all documents authored by him will be displayed, grouped by Document Type.

3. Scroll down to the Video Sermons section and click the "Don't Rock The Boat" icon. The video will open from Youtube.com in a separate tab. Our contact information can be found in the description of all posted videos. Please enjoy the video!



(Our site works best on a PC. Although it works with mobile devices, it currently isn't optimized for them)

We have acquired **Bro. Ellis Foresman's** Study of Revelation and have reproduced it in book form. Please let us know if you'd like one. We will be happy to mail you one! It is also on **1CupHistory.Church**!

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The Apostle Phillip

Phillip the Apostle was one of the 12 main disciples of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Phillip is only mentioned a handful of times in the New Testament - seven times in the gospels and once in Acts. Four of those mentions are just lists of the apostles.



Phillip was one of the people who was closest to Jesus, and that he spent about three years living with him, witnessing his miracles, and hearing his teachings. One of the first things we learn about Phillip in the Gospel of John is that he comes from Bethsaida, a town by the Sea of Galilee, like Simon Peter and Andrew, (John 1:44). Like the Apostle Thomas, Phillip's only significant mentions (and they're still not that significant) come in the Gospel of John. He convinced Nathanael to join Jesus' disciples, helped Gentiles learn about Jesus' teachings, and distributed the miraculous bread and fish to the multitude that Jesus fed.

A word of caution when studying about Phillip is that there are more than one man named Phillip in the Bible. In fact he is believed to be one of four. He's often confused with Phillip the Evangelist, who plays a minor role in Acts. (The other two Phillips are both believed to be the sons of King Herod the Great.) One example of more than one man named Phillip is found in Acts 6:2-7. Here we find that the 12 apostles (all 12 including Phillip the apostle) chose men to serve tables and one of the men that they chose also had the name of Phillip. That definitely is a point to ponder and requires a deeper study into whom Phillip the Apostle actually was. 2 Timothy 2:15.

Presented by
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BROTHER G. EARL McCAY, DEPARTED LIFE
December 23, 1953, Springfield, Oregan

This makes our hearts sad to give such a Brother up, as Brother McCay. No one but the Church of Christ, can realize how bad he is needed. I have never met him, but his record shows for its self, of the many battles and hardships, Brother McCay has gone thru and never faltered. And we know how much his Dear Wife and family will miss him. And we, the Church of Christ everywhere, Pray that God will comfort the bereaved ones through this life. And that the life, Brother McCay lived here may be a guide to those left behind, that will lead them to that home prepared for those that love the Lord. And we pray that others may take up the work that Brother McCay has left off. This is our prayers. The Churches of Christ everywhere.

Now to the Younger Brethren let us admonish you. It is time for you to enter the Gospel field, in defense for the Word of God. If you haven't already now is the time don't wait. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few, and it won't be many more days until several more of us old Brethren will follow Brother McCay. I know several of us that is making our last stand. We are passing our last mile post. So enter the field now, don't wait. The fight will not get any easier.

News from Abroad

Getting to know Otto Alvarez and his wife Mariela

Since we have taken over the Courier, we have been blessed to re-establish communication with Otto and his wife. They do many great works for The Lord throughout the Americas. Here is their story...

I greet you cordially in the name of Christ hoping that when this letter arrived you may enjoying good health along with your family.

I inform that my wife and I born in Mexico and by cause of my work we met the city of Harlingen, TX. We obeyed the gospel 46 years ago in Mexico and after studying the scriptures during some years my wife and I decide to obey the commandment of preaching the gospel to all creatures.

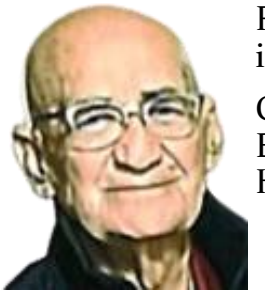
From that time the LORD help us and we are secure to establish some congregations in Mexico and Guatemala.

By reason of my work I travel to work with the company to the state of Texas and when I go into retirement of my work (my wife and me) we decide to occupy all our time in the work of the LORD and for that cause we continuous traveling to Mexico, Guatemala and Columbia to work with the brothers in those countries.

I occupy time to write books that help the brothers so that they know the scriptures well. The brothers use this material to get knowledge and after they use to help to the churches in the spiritual growth.

Several brothers preach and travel with us. I will send every month a report of the work that we make.

I send a picture of a new congregation that establish one month ago in San Benito, TX. Also sends picture of a group of people that w are studying in Mexico and we have the trust in The LORD that very soon convert to Christian. *(both pictures were featured in last month's Courier)*



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Please excuse that I have problems with English.

Your brother in Christ
Otto and Mariela Alvarez

Mexico Mission September Update

I greet you cordially in the name of Christ hoping that you enjoying good health; This is the desire of your brother in Christ Jesus.

I inform that during this month we had many activities with the brothers. I visit for second occasion with the church in Victoria City Mexico to encourage and to teach some points of the scriptures and this church continue firm in the faith.

Also visit some brothers in Valle Hermoso Mexico that they had retired of the congregation but good desire exists of some to back with the church in that city.

I comment that also finish printing 2 books with 42 studies for the preachers and evangelists in Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia so that they have enough material to preach in this churches and also to evangelize. This week I am sending this material to the preachers and evangelists.

I continue this work with the new congregation in San Benito, Texas. With this congregation we meet only on Sunday at 9 a.m. and later I travel to Matamoros (Mexico) to meet at 2 p.m. with the church in that city (The trip of between San Benito - Matamoros it is of one hour)

I send pictures of people baptized during this week in Matamoros Mexico during this days.

Your brother in Christ
Otto and Mariela Alvarez

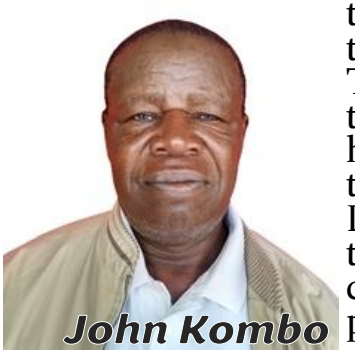




REMEMBERING OUR SENIOR SAINTS

There is a common expression that is used when referring to young people. We will often comment that our youth are "the church of tomorrow". This is a good expression emphasizing the importance of training our children today, for tomorrow they will be the leaders of the Lord's Church.

But just as that comment is true, it is equally true that the "Church of today" is still going strong because of our senior or old saints. The congregations we have today, everywhere in the world, would not be there in our communities had it not been for the dedication and hard work of those who are advanced in years.



It is our elder brothers and sisters who have trained generations to follow in the steps of the Lord. It is the older generation who stood firm through difficult years. It is the old generation who made great sacrifices, perhaps not even being able to see the fruit of their labors. These treasured saints have given of themselves for the use of Christ – and we are blessed, enjoying much from their hard effort in our communities.

We need to not forget about these brothers and sisters. We need to visit those in the nursing homes and those who are not able to be with us due to health reasons, etc.

They possess a lifetime of wisdom and knowledge from which we can learn. But not only can we benefit from being around them by way of knowledge and wisdom, but we will also be a source of great encouragement to them that they are appreciation for what they have done and that they are not forgotten. These senior saints, through the hand of God, have helped to stabilize the "church of tomorrow". Let us show our gratitude through our continued care for these wonderful people.

We should admire and appreciate the publishing of the Christian Courier Church of Christ in Stilwell OK. On the page Bulleting Board. "Those in need of our prayers" I appreciate the prayers help from brethren in US and others. God bless them.

Your brother in Christ.
John Kombo – Nakuru Kenya

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We had a good Church service this morning and we hope in the couples of hours you will be attending church worship, we wish you a happy worship.

We appreciate brother Paul and Jesse for their hard work of publishing the courier each month, all this is through God's providence.



Evangelism work and edification has been taking place. We evangelize those outside the church so that they may come to know the truth, but we edify those in the church so that they can grasp what is the intent of our Lord. We also continue to visit established congregations teaching and encouraging them on all five steps of the church service. Keeping in mind that some of these groups came from the denominations where the use of instrumental music is rampant and some used to clap hands during their worship.

On Sept 10-11 we had a good meeting about 25-30 people attended. There was two gentle men who came from Burundi they were able to attend our meeting. Isaac Ndayishimiye and Robert Shivangaye pulled brother Deus and I and they wanted to know us and what we teach and believe. They said that in their country there is a church that attends worship once a year. And we told them that it is not so, the Bible tells us to come together each first day of every week. We have been talking to them and others who were on the meeting about salvation until they left back home on Friday last week. Eight people promised to be baptized soon. When we think of why we are here, we come to know that God's purpose should be fulfilled. We are here to proclaim to the world of sin to turn to God. In the meeting one of the lessons that caught people's attention was from the I Cor. 1:18-21, (Fools For Christ). This made us to learn that most people from the denomination who attended don't read the Bible, instead they are just listen to what their leader or "pastor" is telling them.

The congregations here would like to thank you all for the efforts and donations you send this way for mission work. God's work is more valuable than anything a human being can own in this world. A human being is a precious vessel when he comes to know his purpose for being in the world. I believe that my being here is to proclaim God's ordinance to those who don't know him.

Thank you once more for your donations which makes us to go and proclaim His name. We would like thank God that through his help and power we got a Bike from Brother Gerald's hands. It helps us to broaden Christ's body but also quickens the visit to the Orphans. May God bless each and everyone that puts his hands in this work.

Brethren, pray for us as we do the same to you. Satan is not happy when he see people turning to God.

Your brother in Christ,
Sadat.

Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 1:17-20

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead

I believe here that John fainted, it says that he fell at his feet as dead. If you'll notice it was only after John saw him that this happened. The majesty of God and Christ are so great and so overwhelming that our human minds simply don't know how to react.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it,* I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not

Something that I've noticed through my years is that God always uses his right hand for the obedient and his left hand for the disobedient.

Apparently, it was because of John's fear of something new and something very powerful that he passed out. But this type of fear is not what God wants. God wants us to reverence him not to be afraid in a fearful manner of him.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

I am the first and the last:

Here again Jesus mentions to John that he is eternal. He is Alpha and Omega the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

***I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen**

Jesus refers to himself as “he that liveth” meaning that he was born of woman, “and was dead” or died a physical death and was buried in a grave, then he says “and behold, I'm alive forevermore” meaning he beat death, he conquered death, and in

the scriptures he offers us the chance to beat death also, by being in the final resurrection and becoming immortal like him.

1Co 15:55-57 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

and have the keys of hell and of death.

When Jesus is Speaking of having the keys here, he is telling us that he is the one with the power or the authority of hell and death. He is the one that can open the doors to both.

The word hell here means the realm of Hades. Hades is the place of disembodied spirits or where our spirits go after we die.

Hades is divided into a place of blessing (where Lazarus was in Luke 16) and a place of torment (where the rich man was in Luke 16). Hades also seems to be a temporary place where souls are kept as they await the final resurrection.

I believe Jesus wanted John to reveal to us, that he was the one that had the power over hades. So that there would be no fear of the persecutions that the early church would suffer or us today because we know that someday Jesus will unlock the door to Hades and take us home. I truly believe that is the reason that God revealed this book to us, is to give us the encouragement that heaven awaits.

Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Here again John is given the instructions to write down all that he sees; the past, the future, and the present.

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks

In the beginning of his explanation to the churches of what the stars and the candlesticks are, he begins by saying they are in his right hand. It's always his right hand where the obedient to him are located.

The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches:

Just like the symbolic language of Ezekiel, Daniel and Isaiah, so the language here in Revelation is symbolic. Jesus wants them to understand this and so he explains what the seven stars are and what the seven candlesticks represent or what they symbolize.

The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches. Isn't it a beautiful thought that we have angels watching over the church.

and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

It's amazing that Jesus uses a Candlestick to represent the seven churches, or the complete, whole church. Jesus told us in his ministry while he walked upon this earth that our light should be on top of a hill and should not be covered so that the whole world can see it, I believe that that's why he uses the candlesticks as a representation of the church here because we are the light of the world.

In Christian Love
Bro. Paul Warford

THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

By Alex Sadat

The Kingship of Christ is central to the gospel message. Jesus is the legitimate King of the Jews. Throughout His life, He is portrayed in the gospels as the King that's come to save the people.

From Bethlehem to Calvary, He is the rightful sovereign. Even at the cross, a sign was hung above Him in three languages. Recorded in the gospel account of John are these words: "And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews." (John 19:19-21).

Notice how Pilate ignored their pleas -- they had wanted the sign to declare Jesus had said this without a legitimate claim to the throne. Pilate did not grant them this, and placed the sign above the

man in which he had found no fault. Notice that when their supporters had a choice between Christ and Barabbas, when "Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?... (they declared) We have no king but Caesar." (John19:15).

This was treason against the King of prophesy; from their reasoning, if He was not the true Son of David, then He was not the rightful King and, therefore, their conscience would be soothed. There's just one very big problem -- Jesus was no false prophet and His claim to kingship is legitimate.

The promise God made to David that his line would reign forever was not dependent upon the goodness of David's dynasty. God promised David an eternal dynasty in 2 Samuel 7:16. He told David, "Thy throne shall be established for ever." In 1 Kings 9:7, Solomon received the same assurance: "I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel."

The scriptures plainly declare that Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, reigns eternally at the right hand of the Father! Hebrews 10:11-14 makes it clear that our Lord is ruling now and into the future. With the eternal throne established, the Davidic promise kept, and the authority of His kingship set apart from earthly rulers. Jesus is "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORD." (Revelation 19:16).

Throughout the Bible, the legitimacy of Christ's claim is key to our salvation. Paul tells of God's fulfilment of the promise of salvation through and in Christ: "The blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14). The legitimacy of Jesus, rightful heir of the house of David, supports his role as the Messiah King!

His followers are subjects of a single Kingdom. The law of Christ supersedes all others and its constitution is the spirit-breathed Word of God! Its territory is world-wide and all who rule on earth are accountable to Him. In 1 Corinthians 15:28, Paul tells us that all things are subject to our Lord!

No other ruler has ever received such rightful praise. Even the multitudes of Heaven declare of Him, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." (Revelation 5:12). It is no wonder that Scripture reveals of our Kings majesty: "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." (Revelation 5:1)

Gods anointed King is reigning now! Make sure you are in the Kingdom and not in the fire! (Rev. 20:15)

Congregation of the Month

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Thought for the Month

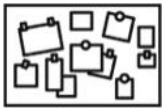
When trying new things for the first time, I for one tend to go all out and usually hurt myself or mess something up really good, mainly because I don't have the experience or expertise to do it properly and with correct form. This can apply to learning a new sport or hobby, lifting weights, learning auto mechanics or nursing. And yes, it even applies to our spiritual growth.

One common mistake we may make is biting off more than we can chew, or in this case, understand.

Wisdom comes through years of learning at a pace our brain, and soul, can keep up with. Jumping too far ahead into ideas because a particular Bible verse strikes us a certain way can be an invitation to disaster, because we may miss other scriptures that even-out, complete or further develop that thought or idea.

So take it easy, and take it slow enough that you really understand what you're reading and trying to apply to your life. Visit the Old Saints and let them mentor you. Let the scriptures be your constant companion, and a good concordance be your best friend. *****Tip! One thing that helped me was listening to a dramatized KJV Bible on digital audio while I was driving...***

Love and blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Bro. Deusi	Katoro, Africa	Malaria (and his family too)
Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cumming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues - Kidney trouble
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Passings

Thomas J. Stratton Jr	Yakima, WA (Gleed)	Aug 30, 2024

Gospel Meetings

Broken Bow Meeting	Broken Bow, OK	Nov 8-10, 2024
Yuma Gospel Meeting	Yuma, AZ	March 9-16, 2025



In Loving Memory

Ilene Marie Thrush

Ilene Marie Thrush was born April 22, 1935 in Stephan, South Dakota. She passed from this life on June 6, 2024 at the age of 89 Years old.

Ilene was a very nurturing individual. At the early age of ten years old she cared for her younger siblings while her mother worked. As a young woman she married and had a family of her own. She had three sons and one daughter.

Ilene was a baptized member of the Church of Christ for over twenty years. Ilene was a gentle soul. She spent many hours going into nursing facilities reading the Bible to residents.

Ilene faithfully attended ladies Bible study, and helped with church activities as she could. She also spent many hours cleaning the church building with her good friend Rita.

Ilene was preceded in death by her husband and two of her sons.

Ilene is certainly missed by her home congregation, Gleed Church of Christ.



In Loving Memory
Thomas J. Stratton Jr.

Born to Thomas J. Stratton Sr. and Gladys Stratton, August 19, 1933.

From an early age Thomas learned the meaning of hard work, working on the family ranch. At the age of 19, Thomas joined the Navy, during the Korean War. After returning home, Thomas was married to Mary Alice. They had Thomas J. Stratton III. Thomas III is known by Thomas J. Kindle.

Thomas and second wife Dixie had two boys, Lyle Lee and Doyle D. Thomas moved the family north to Alaska where he enjoyed hunting and fishing, plus just being outside. No matter how cold, he worked at a huge coal mine, operating huge equipment.

After retiring, Thomas and Dixie traveled around the USA, finally ending here in Yakima, WA.

Thomas was a long time member of the Gleed Church of Christ where he will be missed by all who knew him.

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