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Sin

The word "sin" is a small word, and yet it is a word of dire meaning and circumstances. John defines sin in John 3:4 as a trangression of the law, to there is no little sin or big sin. We mortals often look on some sins as being bigger than other sins. But with God it is just sin. If we curse, we sin, and this puts us under God's condemnation, until we repent and are forgiven. There are so many ways that we can and do sin that it becomes necessary for us to watch ourselves constantly. It is always easy to see the faults of others and neglect to see our own. We read in II Cor. 13:5 that we are to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith, prove our own selves. This means we are not told to examine the other fellow or prove the other fellow, but only ourselves. I know Jesus said that we would know the tree by its fruits (Matt. 7:16) but while we are knowing the other tree by its fruits, are we knowing ourselves by our fruits??

Are we proving ourselves by watching the other fellow? It is easy to become so busy watching the other fellow that we neglect to examine our own selves. Jesus gives us a good example of these things we have been considering in Matt. 7:3-5, "Why beholdest the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considereth not the beam that is in thine own eye or how will thou say unto thy brother let me pull out the mote out of thine eye and behold a beam is in thine own eye, thou hypocrite. First cast out the beam out of thine own eye and then shall thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." If the above scriptural rules were strictly followed, we would have far less confusion and division in the brotherhood and a better world to live in. James 1:15 tells us that sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Yes, sin is a transgression of God's law, no matter what form of transgression it may be. I see this to be the teaching of God's Word, that self comes first when the accounting begins. I must first cast the beam out of my own eye that I may see clearly to pull the mote out

of my brother's eye. But with myself, maybe with you also, it keeps me so busy casting the beam out of my own eye that there is no time left to pull the mote out of my brother's eye. W. E. Danels

Sister Ogletree, Elk City, Oklahoma--Will try to send in a little news from the church at 818 North Washington. All are well or at least able to be at church. Sorry to report that Bro. Melvin De Garmo fell where he was working and broke his left leg just below his knee and also received a gash in the flesh. But he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Bro. and Sis. Daniel Greenway have been at church in Elk City the two last Sundays. We would be glad if they would locate here. He gave the lesson yesterday on Faith. I enjoyed it very much. His mother and young sister were also at church. It was the first time she had heard him give a lesson. Hope they all keep coming. Bro. Garry Johnson is home from West Germany out of the service and has been at church the two last Sundays. He is a grandson of Bro. Bob Musgrave who a lot of the readers of the Courier knew.

Don Dabbs, Phoenix, Arizona--It has been a long time since we have written to the paper. Just laziness on our part. The church here is Phoenis is doing well. We have had several baptisms, but some of the members have had to move.

Bro. Abe Lobato moved to Tucson. He and his wife are meetingin their home there. Their address is 6242 East 26 Street. They meet at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Bro. Homer McFarland and family have moved to Delta, Colorado. They will meet with the church at Happy Hallow. Bro. and Sis. Clarence Quinn had to move. Bro. Quinn is in the Air Force. He was sent overseas to Thailand. We pray that God will be with him and bring him back to us. His wife, Sis. Madeline, moved to Eureka, California with her parents. If you know of a church near there let us know and we will contact her.

Our latest baptism was Bro. Johnny Shepherd. Previous to that, Sis. Claudia Shepherd, Johnny's mother and Sister Gertrude Lobato, Bro. Abe's wife, were baptized. Just before that, Bro, Bob Shepherd, Bro. Johnny's dad was also baptized. These are all faithful members and attend church regularly.

We are going to have a gospel meeting in August, if the Lord be willing. Bro. W. A. Nelson of Somerton, Ariz. will do the preaching as far as we can tell now. We don't know the date yet, as we don't want to interfere with the Delta meeting.

Everyone here invited those coming our way to stop and visit and worship with us. The church is on 75 Ave., just south of Grand Ave., which is Highway 70. The services start at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. (also 7:30 Wed. nights.)

Bro. Bob Shepherd lives in the house next to the church. His phone number is 937-8595. We are living at a new location--7420 W. Brown Street, Peoria, Ariz. Our phone number, however, is the same as is listed in the Phoenix telephone directory.(939-2901)

We write this in Christ's name and in Christian love. . . .

H. Orindorff, Yuma,Arizona--As Bro. Henry Dye is busy, I will try to give you the news from around Yuma.

Bro. Bud Wilkerson of Delta is in Yuma with his family. We appreciate having him and him family meet with us for the winter again.

The church 33 miles east of Yuma at Welton is still meeting thanks to Brother E. Hunt's time, effort, and help. Bro. Dye visited them this morning. (March 6)

The rainy weather has caused much hardship on them as there is only one bridge across the Gila River. One family must go about 50 miles to get to church, although they live about 5 miles from the church, but across the river. This is the second time the Gila River has run at this point that I can remember in 20 years.

Keep up the good work. We will never know how much effort you do put in the paper. Your Bro. in Christ

Bro. and Sis. Ray Bishop, Olney, Texas--Just received my Christian Courier, and I enjoyed reading it very much.

Bro. and Sis. Ken Baldwin visited with all the Church of Christ members of California Creek Church, which meets at New Castle, Texas. He preached over the weekend and left for Lorenzo on Monday. We were all very happy to have them stop and visit with us. Last report from Sister Vauldwin, they had reached their daughters in California and had put Bro. Ken in the hospital. Hope by the time this is printed that he is out, and able to be preaching again. We had visitors on Sunday while he was here from Seymour, Texas and as far as Loco, Okla. Anyone passing through New Castle, Texas, stop and worship and visit with us. We are few in number, but thankful we are at peace among ourselves.

Laura Willis, Carlsbad, New Mexico--We still enjoy the Christian Courier, and do hope the members will contribute more money and articles so that it may become a larger paper. Also a monthly paper. I sure don't want to see it stop coming.

We had Bro. and Sis. Baldwin in our midst as they were enroute back to California after their preaching tour. Also Bro. ad Sis. Allgood of Hobbs, N. Mex., spent a few days visiting church members here some three weeks ago. We enjoyed them and Bro. and Sis. Baldwin very much. Hope they can come back some time.

Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Baldwin, Brawley, California--We finally made it to California! As most of you know, we left Delta, Colorado on November 8, 1965, to visit as many congregations as we could and help out in any way. Out first stop was in Wichita, Kansas. I preached Sunday morning and Sunday evening for the congregation that meets at Valley Center, Kansas. Anyone going that way can contact Bro. Alvy Danils, 1402 Georgia, Wichita, Kansas for directions to the church. If you are going through Wichita plan to stop and worship with these wonderful Christian people.

Our next stop was Stillwell and Baron, Oklahoma. Here I held a week's meeting starting at Stillwell on Sunday, running through Wednesday night, then moving to Baron, from Thursday night through Sunday night. We had a very good meeting with much love and fellowship shown throughout the entire meeting, with good gospel singing and the presence of Bohanan Mt. Church to help. We were blessed with six obeying the gospel.--Trudy Brown, Rt. 2, Westville, Okla.--Sharon Clinton, Rt. 2, Westville, Okla.--Dena Spence, Gen., Del., Stillwell, Okla.--Jessica Walking Stick, Rt. 3, Stillwell, Okla.--Darrel Chastine, Rt. 3, Stillwell, Okla.--Glenda Cantrell, Rt. 1, Stillwell, Okla. All of these young folks plan on being at the Delta Camp Meeting, August 7-14, and many more from Stillwell, Baron, Bohanan Mt., and all the other churches where we stopped. So all you boys and girls that have been to the camp meetings can look forward to welcoming these folks. Bro. and Sis. Sammy Boen say there will be a whole wagon train coming from that part of the country, so everyone of you set your vacation right now for the Delta Camp Meeting.

We met with Bohanan Mt. one Lord's Day and spent the afternoon singing and listening to another group of good gospel singers.

Next we stopped Broken Bow, Okla. Here I preached for them with Phyllis Treat, Gen. Del., Broken Bow obeying the Gospel. Phyllis hopes to be able to attend the Camp Meeting. We met many Christians here, but not as many as we would have liked to have met. We are vary sorry, Bro. and Sis. Harry Queen, that we didn't get to meet and worship with you at Tiner, but, the Lord willing, we hope to in the future.

Our next stop was with Bro. and Sis. Curtis Teague and the Ringold, Texas congregation, where I held a short meeting with great love and cooperation from the congregation and other congregations that came to be with us at Ringold. Bro. and Sis. Earl Howe and family from Lorenzo, Texas, Bro. and Sis. Don Taylor and Bro. and Sis. Don Lewis, all from Loco, Okla. congregation, Bro. and Sis. Don Teague from Dallas, Texas, and Sister JoAnn Pollon, Box 657, Chickasha, Okla. were with us here and in later meetings.

At Loco, Okla., I held a short meeting with two being restored to the fold. This congregation also has wonderful fellowship and love from other congregations. Bro. and

Curtis Teague, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Pollon and family from Ringold attended each night, also Bro. and Sis. J. C. Williams and family and several others from the Valley View Congregation near Duncan, Okla. The attendance was great and much interest was shown. These three congregations are close and in fellowship with one another and plan to have a singing once a month alternating their time and places. Bro. and Sis. Frank Shirley and son from Oklahoma City, also attended the meeting at Loco.

We had the pleasure of visiting with Bro. and Sis. Frank Shirley and son in Oklahoma City and they took us to meet Bro. and Sis. J. V. Wood and Bro. and Sis. J. F. Burgess of the congregation in Oklahoma City. We spent the evening at Bro. and Sis. J. V. Wood's singing, and had a wonderful time with these good brethern, and look forward to going back and being with them again.

While in Elk City, Okla., we stayed in the home of Sis. Ogletree, many of you met her at Delta. I preached one night for the congregation there. The attendance was good , and we enjoyed meeting everyone. Bro. and Sis. Roy Francis, Bro. and Sis. Willie Farrar, Sis. Oletes Johnson and son Randy (Bro. Bob Musgroves daughter) and many others. Bro. and Sis. Arthur Farrar and son from the Colter Congregation near Elk City, attended the meeting. Also Bro. and Sis. Spurlin drove all the way from Reydon, Okla. around 50 miles away to be with us, which made us very happy. It was a cold, wintery night for them to be out, too. While in Elk City, we visited with Bro. and Sis. A. M. Rennels from the Colter Congregation. We also drove to Hammon, Okla., which is only 18 miles from Elk City, to visit with Bro. and Sis. J. S. L. Morse and invite them to Elk City for services the night I preached there. Sorry they didn't come to be with us.

Next we stopped at Mangum, Okla., to find Bro. and Sis. Henry Francis in Oklahoma City. So we visited Bro. and Sis. Clyde Waller in their home. Sorry we didn't get to meet the rest of the congregation there. Bro. and Sis. Waller's daughter and family (the Clarnece Marbles) from Amarillo, texas, were visiting while we were there. They would like to know if there is a church in or near Amarillo.

Then to Seymour, Texas, to visit with Bro. andSis. Tocdler Godwin and Stanley, and all the congregation, also Bro. and Sis. Howard Studer, parents of Sis. Goodwin, were in the hospital there. Both are home now in Lorenzo, Texas, and doing better. We spent the holidays with Bro. and Sis. Goodwin. We had a joyous time with them. All of Bro. and Sis. Studer's children and families were with us. Bro. and Sis. Earl Howe and family, Bro. and Sis. Jim Loftis and family from Lorenzo, Texas, Bro. and Sis. Jack White and family from Munday, Texas, Bro. and Sis. S. J. Wallace and family,

Bro. and Sis. Sammy Boen and sons from Stillwell congregations were all there. We sang gospel songs all afternoon on Christmas, and I held a short meeting while in Seymour. Bro. Sammy preached at Seymour, Sunday morning and brought a good lesson. He will make a good preacher soon, one we all will enjoy hearing. We had good attendance at the meeting with Bro. and Sis. Bishop, Bro. and Sis. Tate, Sis. Pounds, Sis. Wade Fike and children and others from California Creek Congregation helping out. The singing was great. We stayed a little longer than we had planned and hope we didn't wear out our welcome. I had to go in the hospital at Seymour, with another attack with my heart. I want to say thanks from the bottom of my heart to all the congregations that sent get-well cards, financial help to pay for my hospital bill and thanks to Bro. and Sis. Goodwin for all their help and all they did for us. Thanks, Toodler, for sitting up nights and days with me. Thanks to Bro. and Sis. Don Taylor who came to see about me, also Bro. and Sis. Howard Taylor and family for coming and helping out with the meeting at Seymour. They are from Loco, Okla., also Bro. and Sis. Jack White from Munday. Bro. Toodler had to go into the hospital about the time I came out and was confined a week. Toodler, we hope that you are still feeling fine.

From Seymour to New Castle, Texas. I held a few nights meeting for California Creek Congregation again with good cooperation from the other congregations. We had a lot of outside attandance and the crowd was large each night. Bro. Pounds had just got out of the hospital and was doing real well. We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. and Sis. Wade Fike and children, they half way promised to be at the Delta, along with others.

Now to Abeline, Texas, where we met Bro. and Sis. J. S. Wallace and Bro. and Sis. Jack Scott of the congregation there. I wasn't feeling too well so didn't get to hold them a meeting at that time, but the Lord willing, plan to do so at a later date. We also met Bro. and Sis. Jack White in Abeline. While there, he underwent eye surgery, so we stayed close to him until everything was going well for him.

Then to Lorenzo, Texas, where I held a short meeting. We visited with Bro. and Sis. Jim Loftis and family, Bro. and Sis. Howard Studer, Sis. Maude Scott, Bro. and Sis. Earl Howe, and family of Ralls, Texas. We had a good meeting with one restored.

On to Humble City, New Mexico, to meet Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Allgood and the congregation there. They are few in number but striving for the truth. There are three or four families meeting in their homes. We had a very nice visit with this young congregation. We studied the Bible together while I was there. Bro. Lloyd needs some sermon outlines to help him.

From there to Carlsbad, New Mexico, to meet Bro. and Sis. Clyde Couchman and the congregation. Sorry we missed Bro. Bruce; he was away working. Sis. Bruce had us all over to her house for supper and singing. It was another beautiful evening spent with Christian friends Again I was feeling

under the weather so we cut our time short and came on to Brawley, California, to our daughters, Bro. and Sis. Ted Drysdale and children. I preached at Somerton, Arizona the first Sunday I was here. The attendance was good, and it was so good to see and be with my sister and her husband, Bro. and Sis. W. A. Nelson and all the loved ones there. Somerton and Yuma, Arizona was our home congregations for many, many years before we moved to Delta, Colorado, nine years ago, so it's always a pleasure for us to meet with them. Somerton is starting a new church building.

Since then, I have been in the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California, and in and out of the hospital here in Brawley. While in the hospital in San Deigo, we had the pleasure of meeting with Bro. and Sis. J. D. Johnson and the congregation at Lakeside, California. The week before last, Bro. Johnson was hurt at work; his back was broken or crushed. He is wearing a brace and is at home now, so lets all send him get-well cards and pray for his recovery. J. D. Johnson, 11032 Fillbrook Drive, Lakeside, California.

Bro. and Sis. Claude Perigen from Bellflower, California, came to Brawley to visit me last week, also Bro. Ron Tibbs from Bellflower, Calif. visited me in San Diego, also Bro. and Sister W. A. Nalson from Somerton. It makes my heart rejoice to know and to have all the church members from far and near, sending me get-well cards, and letters. I want to thank Bro. and Sis. Al Bertis, Bro. and Sis. Howard Studer, Bro. and Sis. Earl Howe for their phone calls. There just aren't enought words to express how much we love all of you everywhere we have been and appreciate all each and everyone of you far and near have done for us. Thanks to Bro. and Sis. Howard McCay and the Yakima, Washington congregation for the phone call and everything. Also Bro. Roy Snoderly and his interest in us.

To sum it all up, we want to way thanks to each and every congregation and to each and everyone of you for helping to make our Gospel tour the most successful and joyous trip we have ever taken. The hospitality was the greatest ever, and it is just wonderful knowing all of you. See you all at the Delta Camp Meeting, August 7-14, 1966. God Bless and Keep you! P. S. Everywhere we went people are planning on attending our weeks camp meeting this year, so won't you come and be with us? Everyone is invited and welcome.

L. E. Arnett, Waterford, California--We here at Waterford are sending a little help for the paper. We are a small group and are hoping to grow in the future.

Don't know any news. Hope all are well with the church there. I want to invite anyone that can come to visit us and try to attend our meeting June 19-26

Elmer H. Hunt, Lakeside, California--I am writing this to tell the good news. Please publish it in the Courier. The Yakima Congregation has decided to send out a preacher and a younger brother with him at least for the summer to begin. They have asked me; and God willing, I hope to begin shortly.

As soon as the school term closes, Brother Jerry McCay is to begin work, too. He is to hold a week's meeting at Waterford, Calif. beginning June 19. From there, we two will perhaps to together.

This has been my long desire and prayer. God in His infinite grace is so good to me. I realize my responsibilities are great, and I pray for good results in the Lord's vineyard, all to the glory of God.

My address will be as now--P. O. Box 301, Lakeside, Calif. 92040. My telephone number is 714-443-6156.

My wife and I were in Somerton for worship Sunday, May 1. We were called back Monday for the funeral, Wednesday, of Bro. James Burton Lyons. Bro. Lyons was baptized Wednesday, went to the hospital Saturday, and passed on from this life Sunday. He had cancer of both lungs, and was off work only about one month.

Sis. Norma Lyons and he had lived in Somerton thirty years. At his death, he was just passed 56 years of age.

It has been a long time since I received my last paper. Is it being sent? Changing of addresses may have caused its not getting here, I suppose.

Yesterday we had good and profitable services. Bro. Dallas Mickey gave a fine lesson. For a beginner, he did very well. Eight members present.

Meeting Calandar: Yakima, Wash.--June 12-19 with J. D. Logan of Modesto, Calif.***Waterford, Calif.--June 19-26, Jerry McCay and Richard Johnston of Yakima, Washington.*** Delta, Colo.--August 7-14, Camp Meeting, many preachers from many places. Come and be with us in these meetings.

Bellflower, California--This past two months have been eventful for us here in many ways. We have had many visitors in our services both friends, loved ones, and strangers. There havebeen four baptized--Carl Taylor, Jerry Cook, Jay and Ojea Way and one resotred--Sis. Mary Cook. We are happy and so are they. Bro. and Sis. Baldwin visited one week with us here and Ken preached for us two services. We had all day services and singing that Sunday. Bill Taylor is home on leave. Glad to have him with us. Tom and Charlene Broadway and children have left our midst and are building a new home in Oregon near Grant's Pass. Bro. Dallas Mickey bid us farewell for he is being shipped to Viriginia. We have planned our meeting for August or September, but as of now, no date is firm. I had a long telephone call from Bro. Howard McCay in which we talked of many things. They are to be praised for their plans to put two men in the field to preach God's Word. We who sit and tremble because of opposition should be ashamed!