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IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

Summer is over and along with it most of our special activities. A great deal of good has been done and them that have had part should be very happy to have done so. Each accomplishment, each deed, each trial, each temptation overcome, should make us stronger and more able to meet moer challenges. And work we must while there is opportunity and time. There always remains a lot to be done and usually very few to carry on. Yet the work MUST continue. Jesus said, "If you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed." "The fields are white but the laborers are few." He said He wants us to be not lukewarm towards Him or He will spew us out of His mouth and after we have put our hand to the plow to do His work we are not to look back but to be as Paul and forget those things that are behind and reach forth to those things which are before to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on to PERFECTION not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. Then perhaps someday, if not now, we can say as Paul did in 2 Tim. 4:7-8, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me in that day----------

Christian Love,
Tom Broadway

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A careless word may kindle strife,
A cruel word may wreck a life,
A bitter word may hate instill,
A brutal word may smite and kill,
A gracious word may smooth the way,
A joyous word may light the way,
A timely word may lessen strss,
A loving word may heal and bless.

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Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble. Proverbs 21:23

The Brethern at Modesto are doing an excellent job in putting out the paper and it is too much to expect them to also do all the writing. There are many able Bible scholars among the Brotherhood who have never written to the paper, articles of exhortation. I have been very negligent in my writing realizing that there are so many brethern who can do much better than myself, but it has come to me that I am going to have to give account of myself to God. It will be because of my own works and not the neglect of others whether or not I get through the gate into the city.

Though my work be poor I still must do the best I can. Too often I'm afraid we are like those spoken of in 2Cor. 10:12-13.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves among themselves: But they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

Yes, God has given us a rule to go by and we must follow it. At the Judgement we will be asked to give account of the way we have spent our time and money. Are we profitable servants? Do we let our light shine in such a way that people KNOW we are Christians? Do we dress, talk and act as Christians should? Or are we of those whom God said honored Him with their lips but their hearts were far from Him. We know God looks into the hearts of men and so he will judge.

It has been said "The Road to Hell is Paved with Good Intentions". Let us not just intend to do. Let us do for the Lord.....

With Christian Love,
Howard McCay
Yakima, Washington

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THE MANNER OF BREAKING THE LOAF

"Aand as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body." Matt. 26:26

The scripture above is a simple declaration of fact. It is plainly written, and needs no embellishment to make it plainer. It would seem that the Church of Christ, having worshipped some ninteen hundred and thirty years in this manner, would not need more light to be able to see by. Unfortunately, some apparently have needed additional illumination, and searching abroad among the works and traditions

of a mankind steeped in falsehoods and error have promulgated an error of their own.

One would think, looking back over the past seventy-five years of the history of the Church, that we have had enough of innovations and departures from the truth. Sad to say, many preachers of the Church, formerly staunch defenders of the truth, have succumbed to the blandishments of the evil one, and have departed from the truth in the matter of breaking of the loaf in the Lord's Supper.

The doctrine is taught and generally practiced that breaking bread is an individual act to be performed by each assembled communicant in the assembly. This doctrine is not taught in the Word of God, nor was it taught by anyone in the Church of Christ over fifty years ago. There are those living today who remember the birth of this latest innovation, remember the particulars and some of the participants, and in fact some of which were present at the time of its public beginning. I have in my possession a letter from a now deceased Brother of no little reputation among the Brotherhood which names names, places, and dates of the beginning of this digression. He spoke with a good deal of authority; He was there.

However, we should always be ready to go to the "court of final appeal", the Word of God, for our proof in doctrine. 1 Thess. 5:21, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

"THIS DO--"

Following the example set by the Lord in the communion he gave a command. Recorded in Luke 22:19 "--this do in rememberance of me." I would like to state that this command was given to his disciples before his death setting forth an example for them to follow, each time Christians assembled to keep this feast. It was not a command to eat as I will show, but was a command for the servant at the table to follow whenever the feast is set.

At this point we should note that some object to this thought saying this would be putting ourselves in the place of Jesus. This is simply not logical. Is it wrong to follow the example of the "Author and Finisher of our faith"? (Heb. 12:2) Paul said, "Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ". (1 Cor. 11:1) Strange it is that those who object to "putting oneself in the place of Christ" still insist on having someone perform the duties at the table. If their premise is true, where is their authority for such? Quite obviously, their premise is not true.

THIS DO---NOT TO EAT

Please note the diagram on following page and I am sure you can see the truth on this matter;

Luke 22:19
"THIS DO"----------"IN REMEMBERANCE OF ME"

1 Cor. 11:24
"THIS DO"----------"IN REMEMBERANCE OF ME"

1 Cor. 11:25
"THIS DO ye(as oft as ye drink it)-"IN REMEMBERANCE OF ME"

It dosen't take much intelligence to see that "This do ye" does not refer to eating and drinking. Whatever is meant by "This do ye" was to be done every time Christians drink(partake). What does this expression mean then if it dosen't mean to eat and drink as so many insist? The only logical conclusion is that it refers to the acts to be performed by the servant at the Lord's Table as the Lord set the example----------.

WHAT CHRIST DID AT THE TABLE

Please take note of the following diagram:

When Christ set the example in the communion, he:	When we observe the communion, we must:
Took bread------1 Cor 11: 23	Take Bread--
Blessed (audibly)---------24	Give thanks (audibly)
Broke----------24	Break--
Gave to disciples-Matt 26:26	Give to disciples

There is nothing else we can do if we truly obey the command to "This do". How dare anyone to add anything to this which would despoil the harmony of the scriptures? But, sad to say, some have and many are following.

The practice engaged in by many today is as follows: The brother at the table takes bread, blesses (audibly) the bread, breaks off his portion, and then gives to the disciples. Immediately we can see how this spoils the harmony of the scriptures. THIS DEMANDS THAT THE SCRIPTURES SET FORTH WITHOUT QUESTION THAT CHRIST PARTOOK OF THE BREAD. If this cannot be proven the practice of so many today is based only on the ideas and theories of men. But we will come back to that shortly.

It is quite obvious to any unbiased observer of the scriptures that all four of these actions constitute the meaning of "This do". The question is not "should we do them?", but "how should we do them". Are they to be performed by the servant at the table, or can they be performed by each assembled communicant? I unhesitatingly assert these actions to be the duties of the servant at the table, THIS EXCLUDES INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE, SINCE ALL CANNOT SERVE AT THE TABLE. Notice: our sisters are forbidden by scrip-

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tures from publicly speaking in the church. Logically then, they could not express audible thanks. This action then is peculiar to him who serves at the table. Since this is so, then all the actions of Christ at the table are peculiar to one serving at the table of the Lord. IT FOLLOWS THEN THAT BREAKING OF BREAD IS PECULIAR TO THE SERVANT AT THE TABLE, AND NOT AN ACT TO BE INDIVIDUALLY PERFORMED BY EACH COMMUNICANT IN THE ASSEMBLY.

WHAT , THEN ARE THE ASSEMBLED COMMUNICANTS TO DO?

Christ commanded those present at the institution of his Supper to, "Take, Eat". The Lord stressed taking and eating to be of prime importance to all those assembled at his Supper. We note that he never once commanded them to take, break, and eat.

When I, as one who assembles, partake of the bread in the communion, I do so in obedience to the command of my Lord to "Take,Eat". (Matt 26: 26) When I serve at the table of the Lord, I follow the Lord's example. I take bread, bless, break, and give to the disciples in obedience to the command "this do". (Luke 22: 19) THUS WE SEE THE SERVANT AT THE TABLE HAS TWO COMMANDS TO FOLLOW: "THIS DO" AND "TAKE, EAT", WHEREAS THE ASSEMBLED COMMUNICANTS HAVE ONLY ONE; "TAKE, EAT".

MANY ARGUMENTS

Many are the arguments made to substantiate the error of individual bread breaking, but none more glarfingly in error than the doctrine that Jesus ate when he broke bread. THE VERY FACT THAT THE SCRIPTURES ARE SILENT ON THIS POINT SHOULD BE PROOF ENOUGH. However this is not enough for many, so let us notice some arguments made in attempt to proove this falsehood.

Psalms 41: 8 is cited as proof that Jesus ate of the Lord's Supper with Judas. "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." That this refers to Jesus eating with Judas is readily admitted. The question is, when was this prophesy fulfilled?

Notice that in Matthew 26: 21 and Mark 14: 18 Jesus spoke of his impending betrayal. The occasion was the Passover feast. This is recorded also in St Jno 13: 21, "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." Jesus here foretold his betrayal for the benefit of his followers, but they were unable to comprehend it, and began to question him concerning the

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identity of his betrayer.

Jesus next answers their questions. In Matt 26: 23 and Mark 14: 20 Jesus said, "It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish". This is also recorded in John 13: 26. John further records that Jesus gave the sop to Judas. (St John 13: 26)

John records that this was done in direct fulfillment of the prophesy in Psalms 41: 9. Notice St Jno 13: 18, "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me, hath lifted up his heel against me."

Notice the final act of Judas at the Passover Supper: St Jno 13: 30, "He (Judas) then having received the sop went IMMEDIATELY out: and it was night". All apostolic writers place these events during the Passover Feast, BUT BEFORE THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. How then, could Judas and Jesus eat of the Lord's Supper together when Judas had already gone out after receiving the sop? Lost, lost forever the only possible hiding place for this false doctrine. Any other so-called "proof" offered to the effect that Jesus ate of the supper is nothing more than FANCIFUL IMAGINATION, and does not merit consideration by serious seekers of truth.

"WE BREAK"

It is argued that the scriptures set forth individual breaking for disciples. One learned gentleman made the argument that Christ broke as an individual and partook. Was Christ then a disciple? And as such did he need to partake?

But do the scriptures teach individual breaking?? Let us see. It is contended by some that the expression "the bread which WE break" (1 Cor 10: 16) teaches individual breaking. But notice the parallel stated in the complete verse, "the cup of blessing which WE bless---the bread which WE break,---". We must insist that if "WE" teaches individual breaking, it also teaches individual blessing. But can this be done scripturally? Let us see.

The word translated BLESS (eulogio) is rendered by Dr Thayer on Pages 259-260, "to consecrate a thing with solemn prayers; to ask God's blessing on a thing, pray him to bless it to ones use, pronounce a consecratory blessing on:". Thayer further cites 1 Cor 10: 16 as an example of this meaning. Strong defines it "to speak well of". (Page 33) In order for one to "eulogio" (bless) the cup, one must "speak well of", pronounce a consecratory blessing on it, pray God to bless it to one's use, etc. This, our sisters are forbidden to do.

But, one says, do not all we give our consent to the blessing? Yes we do. But this hardly gives comfort to

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the advocates of individual breaking. It rather strengthens the opposite view. We ALL bless the cup when we consent to the blessing performed by the servant at the table. LIKEWISE, WE ALSO ALL BREAK THE BREAD WHEN WE CONSENT TO THE BREAKING DONE BY THE SERVANT AT THE TABLE. Where does one find individual breaking in this?

"THEY"BROKE BREAD

It is contended that in Acts 2: 42 "they" continued---in breaking of bread, thus each broke--individual breaking. Years ago, my English teacher told me that anything which prooves too much, prooves nothing. Such is the case here. If this teaches individual breaking, it also teaches individual praying. "They" also continued in "prayers". Since, the argument goes, each must break alike (equally), each must pray alike (equally). Where is there a Church of Christ which will permit this?

It is argued that Acts 20: 7 prooves individual breaking. "--upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread--". I ask, did they not also meet to preach the Gosple?? The same verse says, "Paul preached to them". This scripture does not teach individual breaking any more than it teaches individual preaching.

We could go on and on, but space and time will not permit us to do so. Suffice to state at this point that nowhere do the scriptures teach individual breaking of the bread in the communion, and neither do they teach that Jesus broke off a peice of the bread and ate when he was at the table. We could not, therefore, follow a practice such as this, as we have no such example in the scriptures to do so.

We can, however, urge those who have fallen into this error to repent and return to the truth. Our Saviour's body, the church, was not established upon the earth, only to be rent by every new doctrine that the mind of man can devise. My prayer is that someday, and I hope it is soon, those who have departed the truth and gone into this error will repent their ways and return to the true form of worship set forth in the word of God.

For the preservation of the true worship of God--

J D Logan,
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Stockton, California.

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THE RAISING OF OUR CHILDREN ACCORDING TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

Deut. 6: 5-6-7 The people of God, in olden times under the Jewish law were commanded to teach their children the rules of God and to do it continually, in the morning, sitting at home, going somewhere, and at night.

In Eph. 6: 1-2-3-4 Paul says that we are to bring our children up in the love, understanding, and knowledge of the Lord, that they may keep his will. He says we are not to provoke them to wrath, and he commands that the children are to obey and honor their parents.

1 Tim. 4: 11-12 These things command and teach. He says Timothy should be an example to the believers. If we are to control and teach our children and expect them to listen, we must set an example. 1 Tim 3: 4 Paul says a bishop must rule his house well, having his children in subjection. If he cannot, he cannot take care of the church.

1 Cor 11: 1-16 Hair is given for a covering to a woman and if she has it cut, she should have her head shaved or shorn because Paul says she puts her husband to shame, because he is obviously not the head of his house. Also, you Christian mothers who cut your little girls' hair, or have it cut when they are young and blameless, how can you possibly tell them later that it is wrong for them to have short hair?

When you parents tell your children there is a tooth fairy, Santa Claus, and Easter Bunny, and they find out it is not so and you tell them about God and Christ, will they ever be positive you are not lying again? Peter says we should be an example unto the believers. (Rom 2: 21) You that boast of keeping God's law and break it, dishonorest thy God. So, if we are hypocrites, the chances are very great our children will be also.

By Jack Morris, submitted by the Church at Yuma, Arisona.

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers in Christ:
The Church which meets at 16th Ave and I St had a good meeting with Bro Sammy Boen. Everyone was strengthened and encouraged and there was much good fellowship.
Bro and Sis Jack Morris and Cindy were here in August. He spoke on controlling the tongue. The next brother to

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THE MEETING-HOUSE AT STILWELL, OKLAHOMA.

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GRANTS PASS, OREGON

We have had a number of visitors thru here this summer and we have enjoyed having them worship with us and many visited in our homes. Some have gone out of their way to be with us and we appreciate their efforts and thoughtfulness.

Visitors are appreciated even more now that we are even less in number since the Mickeys moved to the Farmington, New Mexico area during June. The Wegleys just returned from a visit with the Mickeys and reported that they are settled and doing fine.

The Kellems plan to be gone for about two weeks to North Dakota near Minot. Bro and Sis Kellems grew up in that area and haven't been back for over forty years.

This has been a good year for fruit in this area--also fishing-salmon and steelhead.

At present we are all doing pretty well healthwise. We enjoy the paper very much.

Tom Broadway.

speak in services said; "We will hear no better than what we've heard this morning". Jack is certainly one of our best preachers. We enjoyed visiting with Brother and Sister J D Johnson and Sister Nina, from Lakeside, Calif.

Brother V E Staggs spoke in Yuma Sunday and also in Somerton Wed night. He took his text from II Peter Chap. 1. He defined charity as "a readiness to overlook faults, tolerance, leniency and Christian love.". He asked a very pertinent question: "If we were accused of being Christians, would there be enough evidence to convict us?" We were all proud of his efforts and hope he continues doing such good work.

Brother Orendorff went to Bellflower, California, and spoke for them one Sunday morning.

We are glad to have the Gene Edwards' and Kenneth Wilcher's families meeting with us again. They have to drive over 100 miles to be with us. Sister Ann Lytle always brings a carful. She has to drive over fifty miles and is certainly to be commended for her efforts. We are pleased to have a church building full of young people again.

Brother Kenneth Wilcher has been in the Riverside, Cal hospital several weeks. He has a very engaging family. They would appreciate your prayers and well wishes. He enjoys cheering cards. We have a good opportunity to do good.

Brother Harry Dye is slowly improving from a sick spell in his home.

Even good weather has come back to Yuma, so you all come meet with us, and visit us in our homes.

In Christian Love, The Church which meets at Yuma.

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SOMERTON, ARIZONA

Brethren:

Laura Ferguson was baptized at Somerton recently--everyone was happy over this.

Claude Allen Nelson, oldest son of W B and Verda Nelson returned home August 29th from Viet Nam. He will be home for 35 days and then report for the rest of his 6 Months service time near Tucson, Ariz. He is the oldest grandson of Bro and Sis W A Nelson. Needless to say, everyone at Somerton congregation was glad to see and have him home.

Bro W A Nelson returned home safely and wishes to express his thanks to all at the Grass Valley and Modesto Con-

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gregations for such a welcome at both places. Meeting so many he had heard of for years and the many he knew and had met before.

We have hot weather still in our area. Sister Nelson has been having quite a sick spell with sinus infection and under a doctor's care.

We were all sad to hear of the passing of Sister Armesa Smith of Aztec, New Mexico. Sister Smith and her husband lived in this area back in the late 20s and early 30s, and were very close friends of the Long family and the Nelson Family.

We had a fine crowd at services Sunday.

Brother W A Nelson, for the Somerton, Arizona Congregation.

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Brethren:

Reporting on our meeting at Furnish Canyon and our visit in Missouri with relations and friends. Also our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Goshen, Ark. and Baron, Oklahoma. We too went by the Delta Camp Meeting and enjoyed it very much.

We were at Furnish Canyon in a weeks meeting, enjoying every minute of it and the good visit with all there: thanks so very much for the fine hospitality shown us by all. Sorry Sis Forrest Francis was in the hospital the whole meeting. We visited her twice and hope it cheered her somewhat. We were there through two Lord's Days. Bro and Sis Horace Lackey drove over from Springfield, and Bro and Sis Clyde Couchman were there part time, from Carlsbad, New Mexico. August was a very busy month for us.

Monday morning we drove over to Crane, Mo. to see relations and friends, then on over to Baron, Oklahoma on Sat. Spent the night with Bro and Sis Earl Atchley, attended Sunday morning worship services at Baron, later that afternoon we went to Goshen, Ark., for evening services. I spoke at that service. We had our evening meal at Bro Paul Ferguson's. He happened to be away at a meeting, but we had a good visit with Maysel. Bro and Sis Atchley went with us. We saw the Paul Auslem family and Jerry Ferguson family who have both moved back there and many other friends. All in all, we had a wonderful summer, but were very glad to be home again with family and friends here. We were gone almost a month. In Christian love, Claude and Eunice Perigen.

NOTE: Since we received this article from Bro. Perigen, we have received word that he was addmitted to the Long Beach Community Hospital for Surgery. He was operated on the 17th. of Sept. Last report he was doing well.We pray for a very speedy recovery.

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HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS

Greetings from the Brethren at Bohannon Mts. Congregation

How is everyone out your way and how is the Church coming along? Doing well we hope.

Bro. Steve Laney and wife are in poor health, also myself.

The congregation here is gaining some in membership We plan to have a weeks meeting starting the first week in October. Speakers will be from different places, hoping in this way the cause will be strengthened in the Brotherhood and at the same time spread the Gospel of Christ. The speakers will be as follows, starting each evening at 7:30 P.M.: Oct. 5-A.M.-George Vanderpool-P.M.-Paul Auslem. Oct. 6- Luke Laney-7th.-Earl Atchley-8th. Norbie Vanderpool-9th.-Paul Auslem-10th.-George Vanderpool-11th.-Luke Laney-12th. & 13th. service being on a Sunday is open for incoming speakers.

We like the paper. Keep up the good work.

Your Brother in Christ,
George Vanderpool.

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CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

Dear Brethern,

I guess it is about time you heard from the Church here at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

We are meeting at my grandmothers, Mrs. Laura Willis at 108½ So. Walnut. Bro.& Sis. Couchman are still meeting here. As for me I was at Texas City, Texas, meeting with my folks Mr.& Mrs. Paul Bruce.

I am sorry we were not there, so Sis. J.W. Bedingfield could have had a place of worship. We would have loved to have had her meet with us.

The good Lord has really blessed us with rain which has really been needed in this part of the state.

The Church here would like to welcome any of the Brethern to come by and see us and help us out in the worship here.

In Christian Love,
Charles Bruce.

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HOPE YOU LIKE IT

We're attempting to run some pictures from time to time in succeeding issues. They will be of the meeting places of the various congregations and some of ourpreaching brethren. Send us a picture that we can run and we'll put it in. Be sure there's good contrast in shade.