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"JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT"

Is a judgment a fact or an opinion? I believe we sometimes misuse one for the other. For instance, lets use three apples for an illustration: one is good, one is good outside and rotten inside, the other is altogether rotten. Now the first and second would be good in our judgment, but we would be wrong on the second; we know the third one is no good, which is a fact.

Now if you know someone who is coninually doing wrong and you say he is no good, you are not judging him, you are describing him: On the other hand if you suppose he is doing wrong you are judging him.

Matt. 7:1, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." We know we are to be judged, so we can see this doesn't mean we can escape the judgment, but that we may not be judged with the same judgment we judge others.

John 7:24, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." Righteous judgment is God's judgment.

Gal. 6:1-2, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." We are not to talk about ones faults, but TRY to HELP HIM.

Phil. 4:8 Think on things of good report.

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Brethren, are we all too busy or somethings else hindering? The above article is one of two we got this month!

"GOD'S WILL"

Heb. 10:5 speaks of Christ, that when he cometh into the world, he said, "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared for me." and in verse 9, "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God, He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." (Will) The New Will.

(God) "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son," Heb. 1:2 And Jesus said in John 7:16-17,"... My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." So, the New Testament, (which is the doctrine of Christ),also spoken as the Gospel of Christ, is God's Will.

Jesus said, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life:..." (The Gospel of Christ is the Truth). He said in John 18:37,"...Every one that is of the Truth heareth my voice." (So unless we do according to the Gospel of Christ, we are not of the Truth: we are not obeying his voice). Jesus said,"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. Peter says in 1Pet. 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

We read in Romans 6:17-18, "But God be thanked,that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart,(that form of doctrine) which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteouness." And its included in (that form of doctrine), that a believer is baptized into Christ, into his death. Rom.6:3-4, "...Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:..." This form of doctirne, as we know, is the doctrine of Christ.

Apostle John tells us in 2John 1:9, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctine of Christ, hath not God....."(how can a person abide in the doctrine of Christ, unless he is buried with him in baptism, according to the doctrine?) Jesus said, Everyone that is of the Truth, heareth my voice." (they do according to the doctrine of Christ.)

We read in Acts the 8th chapter, how the eunuch obeyed from the heart,(that form of doctrine), that Philip delivered him, being then made free from sin, he went on his way rejoicing.

1Peter 3:22 tells us, that even the angels are subject unto Christ, (obey his voice), So should we not

rather be in subjection to Christ, and live? Jesus said, "...by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..."John 10:9. and he warns in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (So to receive not his word, is same as to reject Christ.)

It is written in the word of the Lord, "Buried with him in baptism,..."Col. 2:12. Jesus said, he that receiveth not my words, that this same word shall judge him in the Last Day. (So, Buried with him in Baptism, this will be required in the Last Judgment). "...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Romans14: 10-11.

Jesus said, "...My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." John 7:16. (This is God's Will that a believer is buried with Christ in baptism.). Jesus said, who shall be saved,"He that doeth the Will of my Father." We read in Matt. 7:23, how he says to them, "...depart from me, ye that work iniquity."(wrong doers), they did not escape, although they had been preaching Jesus Christ, and done many good works,(Jesus gave this as an example for us.)

We read in Genesis 22:17-18, why God blessed Abraham, "...because thou hast obeyed my voice." Jesus said unto his disciples in Matt. 28:19,"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Verse 20,"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen".(This is the voice of the Lord). In Heb.2:1-4, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; ..."

We read in Numbers the 14th chapter, how the people rebelled against the Lord, when they were to go and posess the land of Canaan. And the Lord said in Numbers 32:10-13, "...Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun; for they have <u>wholly</u> followed the Lord."

(And we notice from Matt. the 7th chapter, that this

will be the pattern in the Last Judgent also). Jesus said who shall be saved, "He that doeth the will of my Father." An in Mark 9:47-48, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."(This gives us an idea, how much we can neglect from doing God's will.) "If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out." and we read in Rev. 21:27, that there shall no evil enter into eternal life, nor anything that defileth...Jesus said in Luke 16:10, "...he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Only Caleb and Joshua shall enter,for they have wholly followed the Lord!

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, should we not rather be in subjection to him, than men? Peter said in Acts 5:29,"...We ought to obey God rather than men." When its not written in the will of God to baptize by sprinkling,(you know its not according to God's Will). Only Caleb and Joshua shall enter, for they have wholly followed the Lord.(So how shall we enter, if we don't wholly follow the Lord, if we neglect God's Will?) Paul says in 2 Cor.4:5, "For we(ministers of the New Testament),preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." In Gal.1:8, even if an angel from heaven, preaches unto you any other Gospel, than we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Paul says in Eph.4:5, there is one baptism, and in Rom. 6:4 that is a burial, and in Acts 8:38, that baptism requires a going down into the water,(deep enough, so the believer could be buried in baptism). Are we satisfied with what the Word of God has to say on the question, or would we rather take the doctrine of men? Jesus warns in Matt. 15:9, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the com mandments of men."

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isa. 55:8.Jesus said,'I am the Way' and in John 10:9, "...by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved...." Verse 1,"...He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (so even if an Angel from heaven, would say to baptize you in some other way, you know its not the Truth, because if its not, and its not, written in the doctine of Christ). We read in Acts the 19th chapter how they had to be re-baptized, in the name of the Lord Jesus, according to his Word, which is the Truth). We read in Rom. 2:2 that the Judgment of God is according to Truth.(So a believer must be baptized according to Truth, he must be saved according to Truth, or he will

be Condemned.) We read in 2 Thess2:12,"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 1Pet.1:25, says that, "But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." So the doctrine of Christ, (including baptism), is exactly the same today, when it was first delivered. "it endureth for ever." (H.Stolnake 1208 So.9th St. Yakima, Wash.) (We are dividing this fine article into two parts and will print the conclusion of it in the July issue, BE SURE TO WATCH FOR IT AND READ IT!

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CHURCH NEWS

KENTON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

The Church at Furnish Canyon is doing fairly well. Some sickness this winter, but everyone is able to go to services now.

We certainly do enjoy the Courier and appreciate all the effort that goes into it.

We have a meeting scheduled for July 23rd through July 30th with Brother Tom Broadway of Grants Pass, Oregon doing the speaking. If any one can be here to help us out we would enjoy having them. Or anytime anyone is passing thru stop by and visit and meet with us.

In Christian Love,
J.C. & Myrtle Whitley

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STILWELL,OKLAHOMA

Greetings:

Hope this finds everyone well. The Flu is about to subside around here. We had a fine Easter,the weather as it was up in the 70's, we had a picnic after worship. A good time was had by all.

We are having a meeting here at Stilwell to begin the 1st of August, with Brother Donald Dabbs of Bellflower California.

The Church at Akin, Oklahoma is doing well. Had 2 to come up for the prayers of the Church.

Yours in Christ Jesus with
Christian Love, Hayse Morris

(Ed.note: Bro. Morris stated the meeting date the 1st of Aug., but due to the 1st being on a Tues., any one desiring to attend should contact Bro. Morris to be sure of the date. We will print it again in the July issue of the Courier, and have to Correction .)

YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Friends in Christ:

Yuma has such good news we are anxious to share, so everyone can rejoice with us.

Brother Roger Bixler from Aztec, New Mexico, held our meeting in April as scheduled. We had good attendance all week and we say thanks to everyone from near and far. Three asked for prayers of the Church during the week and Sunday afternoon four young people made the noble confession and were baptized into Christ.The four were: Gary Wilcher, Karen Wilcher, Billy Martin and Tony Brister. We are always proud of all our young folks and especially these now.

Sister Childress had a cataract removed from her right eye. She is home now and able to attend Church. Brother and Sister Earnest Prinke have had their sons from out of town visiting with them. Brother and Sister W.M.Boling are hoping to get moved into a new home soon. Brother and Sister Jerry Orendorff and family visited relatives and friends in Yuma. They meet in Springfield, Oregon. Brother and Sister Harry Dye and family plan to go to Broken Bow the first week in June.

May 7th another precious Sister asked for prayers of the Church. She has a long drive to get to Church and we are glad to have her with us again.

Please remember us in your prayers as we always remember you all.

In Christian Love,
The Chruch that meets in Yuma,Ariz.
(1st. St. & 16th Ave.)

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Loved Ones:

Guess it is about time we got a few lines off for the paper.

The congregation here at Bellflower is doing well. We haven't had much illness, although Brother George Meadows has been ill for some time and is still not able to attend services.

We are happy to announce we have one new addition; Brother and Sister Taylor,(Bill & Debra), has a new baby girl named Robin Lee.(Congratualtions!)

The Jerry Perigens have moved and are now living in Huntington Beach, Calif. Their new address is:17392 Marken Lane, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647.

We have had several visitors in the past few weeks: Bro. Ken & Sis. Verlie Baldwin from Delta, Colorado;Bro. Gene & Sis. Pat McKinney and daughters, Barbara & Becky from Modesto,Calif.; Bro. George Meadows' Grand-daughter, Linda and her two children; Bro. Dick & Sis. Georgia

Taylor and daughter Renee from Lakeside, Calif.; Also Sisters Nina Johnson; Bea Barnes; Lou Rex; Minnie Willingham; Thelma Collins and Lula Way. Sister Way is visiting with us at the time of this writng, we are very happy that she has recovered from her illness. She meets with the congregation in Modesto.

Our meeting commences June 18th through June 25th. Brother Bill McCay of Yakima, Washington will be the speaker. We would like to invite each and everyone to come be with us. We welcome all and promise you good christian hospitality.

Come meet with us anytime. We meet each Lords Day at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Written in Christian Love,
to the Brotherhood.
The Church of Christ,
Bellflower, California

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

The Courier,

I wish to thank everyone that sacrificed their time to visit me, also the ones who sent cards, flowers, etc.-while I was ill. You will never know how comforting it is to have brothers and sisters of the same faith-also the family, unless you have been bedfast.

Christian Love,
Alice Weakley.

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The congregation here at Modesto is doing well as far as worship, but some of the older ones have been ill, or still are ill and we are made very sad at this writing also to report the passing of Brother Carter. Ours prayers are with Mrs. Carter and the rest of his family.

Sister Mae Johnson is not well at all at this time. She is unable to attend worship, only occasionally. On May 19th she celebrated her 88th birthday. Just a few days prior to her birthday, she and her sister, Jewel Cadwell received word of the passing of one of their loved ones, a nephew in Southern California. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family.

We were made very happy Sunday, May 14th to have a long time member of this congregation to come back and ask for the prayers of the Church after some time away. We are also very happy to have had some visitors and welcome them back at anytime.

During the two weeks of Junellth through the 25th the Logan family and some others will be in Washington

with Brother J.D. Logan in his meeting there, if it be the Lords Will.

During the summertime we have changed our evening worship time to a later time to accomadate the ones who drive 30 to 50 miles one way. Meeting times are each Lords Day at 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Everyone is very Welcome to come be with us at anytime.

The Church of Christ,
Corner of Glenn & Dallas St.
Modesto, California

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Late News: Modesto, We're very sorry to report that Sister Clemmie Baxley fell and hurt herself very badly May the 29th, she is in the hospital at this time.Also Sister Mae Johnson is not improving much, unable to attend the worship now.

OBITUARY: William E. Carter, dearly beloved husband of Viola N. Carter of Modesto, father of Paul Carter and Joyce Powers both of Oregon; brother of Esther Swift of Modesto, Mary Munby of Colorado, Lottie Davis of Arkansas, Maggie Burkeen of Oregon; also survived by 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. A native of Arkansas, aged 90 yrs. Brother Carter has been a member of the church for many years and attend the services at Glenn and Dallas in Modesto whenever he was able, which was most every Lords Day. He was laid to rest in the Lakewood Memorial Park near Modesto.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Ther's someone new at the home of Bro. Evart & Sis. Becky Forsman, in Lorenzo, Texas, as they have adopted Michelle Lee Forsman, who was born September 5, 1970.

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MEETING DATES

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON--June 11-June 17--Bro.J.D. Logan

PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON--June 18-25--Bro.J. D. Logan

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA--June 18-25--Bro.Bill McCay,Sr.

KENTON, OKLAHOMA--July 23-July30--Bro.Tom Broadway

STILWELL, OKLAHOMA--1st of August--Bro.Donald Dabbs
(We hope to have exact dates of this last meeting in next issue.)

ATTENTION:

We know there must be more than just these six meetings happening this summer. If you want bigger crowds this year than ever before, let the people know when and where to come. SEND THOSE DATES IN NOW!