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SMILE

A smile is something good to see,
It doesn't cost a cent.

A smile is something all your own,
It never can be lent.

A smile is welcome anywhere,
It does away with frowns.

A smile is good for everyone,
To ease the ups and downs.

Selected.....

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WATCH!
Mark 13:32-37

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man,no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son,but the Father.

Take ye heed, WATCH AND PRAY: for ye know not when the time is.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to EVERY MAN HIS WORK, and commanded the porter to WATCH.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Lest coming suddenly he find you SLEEPING and what I say to you I say to all, WATCH.

WORDS-
Job. 6:25-"How forcible are right WORDS!"

Prov.25:11-"A WORD fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Eph.4:29-"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of

your mouth."

1Pet.4:11-"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
WHY? Matt.12:37-"For by your WORDS thou shalt be justified, and by thy WORDS thou shalt be condemned."

ACTIONS-
1Cor.8:8-13(read)
Even if we see no wrong in something we may wish to do, we need to consider whether or not it would offend our brother. Jesus died for him also and we are responsible to see that our ACTIONS do not cause him to fall and be lost. See Romans 15:20-23.

THOUGHTS-
Mark 7:21-23-"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil THOUGHTS, adulteries, fornications, murders, ...All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."
1Cor. 13:5-(LOVE)"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, THINKETH no evil:"

TONGUE-
Prov.21:23-"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his TONGUE keepeth his soul from troubles."
Jas. 3:8-"the TONGUE can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."
So what are we to do with our TONGUE? BRIDLE IT!
Jas.1:26. Yet so much of the time we seem to use spurs on it rather than a bridle.

TEACHERS-
Yes WATCH the TEACHERS also!
2 Pet.2:1-"...there shall be false TEACHERS among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies..."(falsehoods).

Isa.8:20-"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

1Thess.5:12-"...know them which labour among you,..."

2 John 11-neither are we to encourage false TEACHERS!

CHARACTER-
1Tim. 3:15-We ought to know how to behave in the house of God, which is the church of the living God.

1Thess.2:10-12-"Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as ye know how we exhorted and com-

forted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

2Thess.3:7-"For yourselves know how you ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;"

COMPANY-
1Cor.15:33-"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

1Cor.5:9&11-"I wrote untoyou in an epistle not to company with fornicators:" "But now I have written unto you not to keep COMPANY, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

Phil.4:8-"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

A CHRISTIAN.

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Some folk are rarely ever on time anywhere, unless an entertainment, especially at Church.

Few Bibles go to Church. Sunday backaches are common. Children must be where there are other children during the services,even if it be an untrue worship.

We must take in all the movies and big dinner gatherings, even if Church goes dead.

We can't wait till the last Amen, to light up the pipe or cigarette. Some muct chew gum as the bread and wine are served.

They must support the beauty parlor, despite what bachelor Paul says in 1Cor.11 and 1Tim.2.

But when we die, we want the evangelist to purify us and to carry us to glory on snowy wings.

Selected.....

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ARE YOU LIVING RIGHT ?

Of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it is affirmed in 1Peter 2:22, that he did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. In Hebrews 4:15 says he was tempted as all others.

Christ accomplished his purpose, with pure and sinless behaviour. This was a high standard of conduct that all can achieve if we are sincere. The trouble with most is they don't read the Bible with the desire to understand, or they don't read it at all. In Matthew 6:21 it

says, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

There are many that go to worship regular, but their heart is some place else. It seems that the Church house is a cover up for sin for many. If the Church was as strong in the world as the world is in the Church, then God would have something working for him.

Remember, the scriptures say all things are manifest in his sight. Mark 4:22, "For there is nothing hid,which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret but that it should come abroad." Believers must do right, their sins are not excusable, but they are forgiveable!

Follow the commandemnts that cannot be shaken.Heb. 12:27, "And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." The meaning of remain is; what is left after destroying, that which was shaken. That which was heard from the beginning are the commandments. The commandments that were not shaken are in Exodus chapter 20 and the laws and ordinances that could not stand can be read in Exodus chapter 21, and this is all the Bible says that were nailed to the cross.

I want to bring this question before each reader and ask you to face the record, and truly seek a correct answer to Luke 16:5 that says,"How much owest thou unto my lord?" Lets all be truthful with ourselves and with God.

James 3:14 says, "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth." Eph.4:5 says there is only one gospel even as there is one faith. In Mark 1:15,"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

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IDOLS

Galatians 1:4 speaks of Christ,"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might beliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."

The scripture warns us in 1John.2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (the will of God says,)"Love not the world."

Jesus said in Mark 12:30,"And thou shall love the Lord thy God with all ty heart, and with all ty soul, and

with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:..." The scriptures tells us, that the Lord our God, is a jealous God,Nahum 1:2 & Isaiah 42:8,"...my glory will I not give to another," saith the Lord(So we must love God our heavenly Father with a pure heart, and not be spiritual adulterers.) James 4:4 says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresseses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God."

In our day the world is full of all kinds of doings and entertainments.(Jesus speaking of the Last Days,) Matt.24:12,"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Iniquity is so plentiful in our day, that there is not much time to think of God.)

We read in Judges 8:27, how that Gideons(Ephod), took their mind away from God. They were watching, and admiring that Ephod, instead of listening to the Law, when it was read.(an Ephod is something that the Priest wore during the service.) Likewise all these things of the world, take a persons mind away from God.

We read that Jesus was born in a manger, for there was no room in the inn and so it is today, there is no room in the hearts of the people for Jesus. They are choked with cares, and riches and pleasures of this life, as Jesus said in the parable of the sower in Luke 8:14.

We read in 2Cor.6:16,"for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them,and walk in them; and I will be their God; and they shall be my people." and in verse 14,"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" verse 17,"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." "Come out form among them,"(unbelievers.) In Eph.4:17,"that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the canity of their mind." Verses 22 & 24, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man,(old way of life), which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;" "And put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Col. 3:1-3,"If ye then be risen with Christ," "... set your affection on things above, not on things on earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

1Cor.10:7, we read that some of them were idolaters, "as it is written,The people sat deown to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." (They were lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,2Tim. 3:4.)

Col. 3:5 says,"and coveteousness which is idolatry." (So an idol is something that takes your heart away from God.) We read in Isa. 46:1, that idols "are a burden to the weary beast."

We read in Ezek.14:1-8, how some of the elders of Israel came to Ezekiel and sat before him,(they came to

enquire of the Lord, for Ezekiel was a Prophet.) And the Word of the Lord came to Ezekiel saying, "Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hear," "...should I be enquired of at all by them?" And the Lord said"...say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;" And the Lord said in verses 7 and 8, "For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart," "I will set my face against that man..." (and so it is today.)

James 1:7&8, speaks of a double-minded man, saying, "...let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." (So the Lord has set his face against that man.) James says, "Purify your hearts ye double-minded." (We are either spiritually or carnally minded before God) Rom.8:5-8 The double-minded man, he believes in God, but lives according to the flesh. He has idols in his heart.

We read in Gal.5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Rom. 8:1, "Therfore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."(So to walk in the flesh, is to be under condemnation.)

...The author of the Hebrews...

Paul advises Timothy in 2 Tim.2:2,"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." And we notice from the Hebrew letter ending, that it was written by Timothy. And we read in Heb.3:1,"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;" Now as we know, Paul is the only Minister of the New Testament, saying at times, Christ Jesus,instead of Jesus Christ.

We read of Pauls letters to the Romans, Cornithians, etc. Paul says in Rom.10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (So he surely directed a letter for the Hebres also.) The Hebrew letter is so well, worded out, put together, step by step, that we must accept, that it was done by revelation. That it was the work of an Apostle.

...The lust of the eyes...

We read in 1John 2:15-17, "Love not the world,neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God

abodeth for ever."

We read in 1 Pet.4:18,"And if the righteous scarely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (For instance), how much lust of the eye can we have and get to heaven?) Jesus said,"And if thine right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." Matt. 5:29.

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LIFES JOURNEY

The United States is called a nation on wheels.Most of us have made trips of different distances. Most of the time in making a trip we have had a place or places in mind that we wish to see or go to.

There is a reward of seeing some place of interest or some person we wish to see. We look forward to arriving at the place where our interest is. If we have just a short time to make the journey we will take the most direct route and we won't chance not having the time we need by taking side roads or listening to some one tell us there is another way, when we know the other person has never been there. The map we have was drawn by a person that has made the trip and the greatest of map-makers there ever was.

If our journey is of any length, we have to stop and take on fuel along the way. It helps on any journey to have others go with us, as they can help drive and help read the map as we go along.

Some times we might make a mistake and get on the wrong road, but I have always found in my journies that there has been a way back to the right road.

We are all making 'Lifes Journey'Lifes Journey'.We start it when we are born into this world. We decide where we wish to go, when we reach the age of accountability. We make up our minds then if we wish to receive the rewards of heaven or spend eternity in hell.

We have the best map there could be to show us the way to heaven. It was drawn by a person that has been there and knows the way. He tells us in his map that there is only one way to get there. We have lots of map-makers in the world today and in days past, that claim they have maps that show the way and it is a much easier way than the one drawn by the Great map-maker,the only one that has made the trip.

If you wished to be sure of receiving the reward at the end of 'Lifes Journey' whose map would you take?

We find Jesus saying, "I am the way, the tr[illegible]d

the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."There is only one way.

If our interest in the reward is great enough, I am sure we will take the route that we know goes straight to the place of the reward, or heaven.

We have to take on fuel and food as we make this journey. The words of Christ in the New Testament gives us the food for our bodies and the fuel to keep us going. If we are foolish enough to add something besides what we find in the "WORD" it would be the same as adding water to our gas tank. If we left something out, it would be as not putting gas in our tank, but something else instead.

We are told to take others with us on the 'Journey' to heaven, in so doing we help them and they help us.We are told by our Map-maker that where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be with them. Our Map-maker will go right with us as long as we follow his map.

If we should make a mistake and get on the wrong road, he won't be with us. As long as we have his map we can find a way of getting back on the right way."Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God;if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" Acts 8:22.

We don't know as to how long we have to make this journey. Shouldn't we start as soon as we realize the rewards at the end of the journey and shouldn't we do the best we can to stay on the one way, that will lead us to the reward and not take any chances along the way?

Written in Christian Love
Robert E. McCay

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-THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST-

The nature of the Kingdom of Christ was not understood by the Jews while Christ was with them on earth. The expected an earthly king such as ruled over them years before in the days of David and Solomon, which had been taken from them, for their disobedience, and worshipping of idols. And many today also are looking for Christ to come and set up his kingdom on earth, as the Jews of two thousand years ago.

In studying this dingdom from things spoken by the prophets, and their fulfillment mentioned by Christ himself and the apostles who were his witnesses of the things which he taught and did both in Jerusalem and in the land of the Jews, we are convinced that the Jews and the people of today do not realize the nature of his kingsom.

First we will notice some of the peculiarities of his kingdom in Jno.18:36, Jesus being tried before Pilate verse 33 Pilate asked him,"Art thou the King of the Jews? Verse 36-37,"...My kingdom is not of this world

if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight; that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but oow is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world..." Rom.14:17,"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Then again in Lu.17:20-21,"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God, cometh not with observation:Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Col.3:15,"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts." 1Tim.6:12,"Fight the good fight of faith..."Eph.6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,having done all to stand." Verses 11 & 12,"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, For we wrestle not against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

So we understand that Satan is our enemy, and we are to prepare ourselves to withstand him as we read in 1Pet.5:8-9, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith..." Using the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God mentioned in Eph.6:12-17 (A Spiritual Kingdom, A Spiritual King; God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him Must worship Him in Spirit and Truth--And this takes a Spiritual Birth to get into this Kingdom.) Jesus spoke to Nicodemas, Jno.3:5,"...Verily, verily,I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

-The Kingdom In Prophecy-

Genisus chapter 49 relates Joseph fore-telling the future of his twelve sons, came to Judah. Verse10,"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come;" Dan.2:44 Daniel fore-tells that the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom that 'shall never be destroyed;' and in the 7th.chap. verses 13-14,"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, and nations, and languages, should serve him:his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Isa.7:14,"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa.9:6,"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the goverment shall be upon his

shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." These prophesies spoken by Isaiah were fulfilled at the birth of Christ. Matthew, chapters 1 and 2. Also, Luke 1 and 2. Lu.1:33,"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (The wise men came from the east and enquired, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?)

Mk.1:14-15 records the beginning of Christ's ministry,"Now after that John(the Baptist)was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Lu.16:16,"The law and the prophets were until John:since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."Matt. 3:1-2,"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea saying, Repent ye:for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Christ began teaching the things concerning the kingdom, by the different parables which he taught, and the disciples asked him why speakest thou to them in parables?--He answered, Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom, but unto them it is not given. Matt.4:17 he began to preach, and to say,Repent:for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' After he had chosen the twelve and named them apostles, commanded them to preach that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, later chose seventy more with the same command. Mk.9:1, "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you,That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." Matt.16:28,"Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death,till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." Then just before he ascended, he appeared unto his disciples and said.'All power is given unto me in heaven and earth, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." Here we have the facts stated that the ingdom is at hand, that there are some here that shall not taste death, till the kingdom comes with power.Then Christ makes the statement, that all power is given him both in heaven and earth. Now let us examine some evidence of the kingdom being in existence:

Acts 2:36,Peter revealing to the Jews, that they had crucified the Son of God-"Therefore let all the house of Isareel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Also Acts5:30-31,"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour..." A prince is in high rank of authority. The apostles preach""

ed the things concerning the kingdom. Acts 8:12,"But when they believed Phillip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Paul in Acts 19:8,"And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning thekingdom of God." Acts17:7 Jason and others were accused of speaking against Caesar,"... saying that there is another king, one Jesus." Rev.1:9 John speaks of himself as being in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,..." Col.4:11,Paul mentions those who were fellow workers in the or unto the kingdom of God. 1Tim.1:17,"Now unto the King eternal,immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor, and glory for ever and ever. Amen." 1Tim.6:14-15 Paul charged Timothy,"That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;"Rev. 17:14 after mentioning Christs enemies,"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings:..."Rev.19:16,describing Christ in battle with his enemies, "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords." 1Thess.2:12, Paul admonishes, "That ye would walk worthy of God,who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." While Col.1:13,Giving all thanks unto the Father--"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,and hath translated us into THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON:" Heb.12:28,"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace,whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverance and godly fear."

(Due to the above article being quite lengthy, we are continuing it in the next issue. The brother which sent this in, is now deceased, but the article is worthy of printing. ED.)

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-NEWS-

Springfield,Oregon

The congregation which meets at 395 Centennial, in Springfield are as usual, so far only a few colds. Little Sandi Greenway who was injured at birth, had surgery in September, is in a cast, doing well, her younger sister is on medication, the two girls are the only children Bro.& Sis. Greenway have.

We are happy to have Sister Peavy meeting with us again. She has quite a distance to travel, as she lives in Salem.

The congregation at Springfield.

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MEETING DATE:Nov.5 thru12-Bro.Claude Perigen-Yakima,Wash.

Grants Pass, Oregon

We seem to be in pretty good health here in Grants Pass, Oregon area at present for which we are thankful. Mother Nature has donned her fall colors and the sprinkling of golden autumn leaves upon the ground dramatically reminds us that father time is moving along.

At this writing the Harry Wegleys are planning to go visit their youngest son, Mike and his wife, near to Farmington, New Mexico and from there to swing north to visit their other son and family, including a new grandson.

We were happy to have Dan and Alyce Ross of Yakima, Washington stop by for a visit the 1st of September. Also last Sunday of September, Bro.& Sis. Davenport worshiped with us. They are from the Farmington, N.Mex. area.

The Church at Grants Pass.

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Modesto, California

We are very happy to report that our congregation is somewhat improved since last writing. Several still are unable to attend services. Sisters Mae Johnson, Alice Weakley, Minnie Stephens, Adele Stark, Tommie Henderson, Dousia Arnett and Brother F.H.Logan have missed many services lately due to illness.

Sisters Adele Stark & Clemmie Baxley are both in "The Golden Years Convalscent Home" on Orangeburg St. in Modesto. Both are in their late 80's.

We recently had Bro. & Sis. Merle McKinney from Yakima, Washington visiting in our midst. Very happy to have them with us once again. Visitors are always welcome.

We were made very joyful at the baptism of a young lady, Jill Pioni, daughter of Sister June Pioni & granddaughter of Bro.& Sis. Bert Weakley.

Anyone passing through are invited to stop,worship and be with us in our homes. We meet each Lords'Day at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Glenn & Dallas Ave.

Church at Modesto.

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THINK!

Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible, for it condemns them and their work.

Good men or angels could not have written it for in saying it was from God, when it was their own invention, they would of been guilty of falsehood and could not have been good.

The only remaining Being who could have written it is God....