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UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, among some of the things he was concerned about, was their working together. He asked them to walk as Christians should and are expected to walk. "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, Endeavoring to the UNITY OF THE SPIRIT in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:1-3.

Much has been said and written on the subject of unity. Yet most of us stop too soon, for we leave off "of the Spirit." We can have unity and yet be far from having unity of the Spirit. When we take a close look at the way the apostle Paul gave this admonition, we see that unless we have unity of the Spirit as it is written, we do not have unity at all.

How are we to have unity of the Spirit? "With all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love." If we have the unity of the Spirit, we must have every one of the qualities. When we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, let us not lose sight of the fact that it must be in the bond of peace. To further understand the phrase "unity of the Spirit", see Jno. 6:63. Jesus here spoke these words; "It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." By these words of Christ, we see that we must have unity concerning the scriptures before we can have unity

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of the spirit. We can not have one without the other. Let us then measure ourselves by the word of God and see if we have grounds upon which we can base unity. I fear that many rekigious grcups throughout the world who are practicing many things that God does not require of them.

Is'nt enough to do only those things that are required of you? When we do just what God requires of us, then, and only then do we have unity of the spirit. As we look about us we see many practices that we can not find in the scriptures, yet God only intended for us to do his commands, no more and no less. If we will do God's will, then and only then can we have "UNITY OF THE SPIRIT," and we can work together as the Church of Christ should work together.

--W. E. DANIELS

Rt. 2, Stillwell, Oklahoma

The above article on UNITY is the first of a series on this subject which we will print during this year. We have received others and if you have one on this subject please send it in for us to EDIT and publish. -EDITOR.

We of the La Habra, Calif. congregation on Lord's Day Dec. 3I were delighted to have Bro. and Sister J. L. Jared and family from Larsen Airforce Base, Washington, worship with us at both morning and evening services. Bro. Jared preached for us at the morning worship. They were here on a short visit to attend a wedding of one of their relatives. We are always most happy to have them visit us and we invite them back any time.

We also enjoyed having Bro. and Sister Earl Broadway, of the Bellflower, Calif. church with us Lord's Day Jan. 7. Bro. Broadway gave us a good lesson at the morning worship.

Sister Clouse of the La Habra church was called to Modesto, Calif. Friday Jan. 5, on accoult of the serious illness of her father, Bro. J. G. Conder, and will stay and take care of him until his health improves. Bro. Conder is 8I and has not been in good health for some time. He is one of our old pioneer gospel preachers. We hope and pray that he will regain normal health.

C. R. DABBS, Rt. I, Box I9, Aztec, N. Mex., I2-28-6I-The church here is doing as well as can be expected. We are growing both in knowledge of the truth and slowly in number. We are sorry to report that the Navy has taken two of our faithful members. They are Duane Bixler and Junior Thomason, also one of our regular attenders, Earnest Greenway. Bro. Thomason is stationed in Alameda, Calif., and plans to attend as often as possible with the Modesto, congregation. Bro. Bixler and Earnest Greenway have been assigned to sea duty. We have services every Lord's Day morning at I0:30, and on Lord's Day evening and Wednesday evening at 7:30. We welcome any and all visitors. The church is located on Park Avenue and Hartman Drive, Aztec. We are sending a small amount now in hopes we can help more in I962.

WILLIE DOAN, Rt. 2, Box I29, Broken Bow, Okla., I2-29-6I---The church of Christ in Broken Bow at Idabel and Third Str., are doing nicely. I still teach in the morning service with Bro. Loyd Treat teaching in the night services.

The Church of Christ at the Morgan Rest Home is also doing nicely. There are three members at all times and two others who attend sometimes. They are all up in years. Two of them do not live in the home. I also teach on Friday night at the Broken Bow nursing home. There are no members here but they love to hear God's word taught to them. I will close with lots of love to all the brethren in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ERVIN G. LOWERY, 505 Smilax Ave., Eryte, Calif., Dec. I9, I96I---Just a few lines to let you know we enjoy reading the paper very much. As for the church here, there are a few faithful members holding out for the truth. Sister Lourana McClusky and Sister Ethel Bedingfield would like to have their paper sent to my address.

We wish you the best of luck with the paper and invite all of you to worship with us. Our place of worship is I06 West I5th Str., West Sacramento, California.

Yours in Christ.

Have the COURIER sent to a friend or some one you know.

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BRO. & SISTER HARRY B. DYE, 828 Oak Dr., Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 19, 1961---As we have been busy since returning home from Bellflower, and that writing letters is not my best stroke, I'm writing this late note of appreciation. to all those in Bellflower and La Habra, Calif. for warm hospitality and consideration, and to all the others both in California and Arizona that helped us in our first gospel meeting. We thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts. We meet for worship Sundays' at 10.45 A. M. and 6.30 P. M. at 16th. Ave., and First Str. in Yuma, Arizona. All visitors are welcome.

All are well here with the exception of Sister Lillian Splawn, who has just been released from the Hospital. She is much better now. We received the papers and enjoyed them very much as usual. We think of you up there often. Hope you keep up the good work. Yours in Christ.

F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, Calif., Dec. 4, 1961---Dear Brother in Christ: The work here at the Glen and Dallas Church in South Modesto, is moving along nicely. We have good attendance at our services, yet too many in the church today seem to think that if they attend the morning services once a week, that is sufficient and that they will be saved anyway. We have had visitors from other cities. On the fourth Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clifford G. Boling, of Sunnyvale, Calif. were visitors, also Bro. Gene Edmonds of Stockton, Calif. and Mr. Cleve, Mary and Jeff Lindley of Tracy, Calif. Sister Lottie Snowder of Modesto, Calif. broke a bone in her leg and has it in a cast. She is improving and we hope and pray that she will soon be able to meet with us again and to enjoy good health once again. As ever your brother in Christ.

We just received a donation from Sister Laura Willis, of 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mex. with a note wishing us "the best of wishes to you and the paper." Our best wishes for a happy year in 1962 to a faithful supporter of this paper for the cause of Christ. And I will add that if so many of you who are able to support this cause would give your support as so few do, then we could reach so many more people this coming year with the word of God. -R. L. S.

The following letter, which we print in part, we received the other day, which I know expresses the thoughts of many of our readers:

2901 E. 2nd. Str., Austin 2, Texas.
Dec. 27, 1961.

Dear Bro. Snoderly:

Your December Gospel News Courier came in due course of mail and I read it with interest as I always do, but was saddened to see the notices of several deaths. The first thing I did when it came was to look for any news that might be in it of Sister E. H. Cavin whose serious illness was announced in a former number. My wife and I have considered her and her late husband among our best friends. We had known them for about thirty years. It was saddening to read the announcement of her death. Then, there was the announcement of the death of a sister of Bro. Jack White. We have known the White family since 1933. While not so well acquainted with Bro. Felix Franklin, we were, of course sorry to learn of his death.

I have known many others whose names are in this issue. So aside from the many good articles on Bible subjects, it has a sentimental value because of so many acquaintances' names in it. Faithfully yours,

-J. D. Phillips.

To Bro. C. W. VanStavern of Lebanon, Mo., This is late but my home address is 529 W. Rose, La Habra, Calif.

P. L. Snoderly.

To Bro. F. F. Francis, of Kenton, Okla.--- Thanks for the support.

D I D W E ?

Did we make our calling and election sure? 2 Pet. I:I0. I Cor. I0:I2.

First, did we obey the gospel? If we didn't, Christ is going to be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The gospel to obey is this found in Mark, I6:I6, BELIEVE. We must REPENT of our sins, Luke I3:3; Acts.I0:43.

We must CONFESS our faith in Christ, Matt. I0:32; Acts 8:s7; Rom. I0:9-I0.

We must be BAPTIZED, Mark I6:I6; Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3:2I.

We must worship in spirit and truth. God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth, John 4:24.

If Christ did not tell us in his word to do a certain thing we had better not do it as we find in Rev.22:I8-I9

We can not add to or take away from God's LAW.

-Willie Doan.

TOM BROADWAY, 5208 Ademmoor, Lakewood, Calif., Sister Long of Somerton, Ariz. visited with us here the last two Sunday's of December. during her stay with relatives in the Los Angeles area.

We were glad to have Sister Weakley of Modesto, Calif. with us recently. We were made happy the week-end of January 7th byt two more additions to the church. Vern Broadway and his wife Francis answered the gospel call and were baptized Sunday night. We would like to thank the La Habra congregation for the use of their facilities and their kind assistance in the baptizing. Bro. and Sister Claude Perigen have been on a trip to the mid-west for the past three weeks. They stopped for a few hours in Lorenzo, Texas for a brief visit with the church there before going on to meet with the church at Stillwell, Oklahoma on Lord's Day December 31st.

After visiting with relatives in Crane, Mo. they

returned to Huntsville, Arkansas to worship with the church on Bohannan Mountain and visit with old friends there over the week-end of January 7th. The week-end of January 14 the are scheduled to return to Lorenzo, Texas where Bro. Perigen is to speak for the morning service before returning home. We have missed you, Claude and Eunice and are awaiting your return.

LOYD L. COLEMAN, 2230 Dam Road, San Pablo 3, Calif. The church here is struggling along but we are making some progress. There is some sickness among us. We hope that it will soon end. We all hope that you are all well. In love of the gospel.

LA HABRA, CALIF.--We enjoyed having Bro. and Sister Bill Wooten and daughter from Yakima, Washington attend the morning service here the 3rd. and 4th. Sundays in December. We were sorry the baby caught a cold while they were here.

Also we are glad to have Sister Arcy Peavey with us in our worship services the past several weeks. She is on an extended vivit here from Salem, Oregon, and is presently living in Anaheim. We hope she can locate here and be with us permanently.

E. N. POLLAN, Box 74, Terral, Okla., Dec. 31, 1961--We are all okay down here except for sore throats and colds. We had a nice little crowd at church this morning. The church here at Ringgold, Texas is getting along just fine. We have several new members meeting with us now. Bro. and Sister Stinson from Wichita Falls, Texas. Sister Hunley and her two daughters, Sister Ann and Sister Bonnie. Also Bro. and Sister Rollings from Randlett, Okla., and their daughter from Charley, Texas. So you see that we are gaining ground for which we are very thankful. Bro. Danny Teague and family from Grand Prairie, Texas were with us today. Bro. J. W. Bedingfield and family were with us last Lord's Day. They have moved to Palacious, Texas. We can never forget the wonderful hospitality and fellowship shown us at the 5th Sunday meeting, Oct. 29, at Lorenzo, Texas.

DOING
JAMES Ist. CHAPTER

I. THESE PRECEDE DOING.

1. Hearing. James 1:22.
2. Faith. Romans 10:17.

II. WHAT MUST WE DO?

1. The Word. James 1:22.
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   B. Confess. Phil. 2:11.
   C. Baptized. Acts 10:48.
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4. ALL THE COMMANDMENTS, Phil. 2:14.

III. HOW MUST WE DO THEM?

1. WILLING. I Cor. 9:17.
2. TO GOD'S GLORY. I Cor. 10:31.
3. IMPARTIAL. I Tim. 5:21.

(As preached by Bro. Harry B. Dye of Yuma, Ariz. at the Bellflower, Calif. Church of Christ, Ist. week Nov. 1961)

III. Cont.

4. WELL. I Pet. 2:15.
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3. TO BE BLESSED. James 1:25.
4. TO BE GOD'S CHILDREN. Phil. 2:14-15
5. TO GAIN THE TREE OF LIFE. Rev. 22:14.

