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OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH

Acts 6:7, "And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Mark 16:15-16, The great commission; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." To believe that statement is FAITH; but to obey that statement is obedient to the faith. Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins....." To believe that statement is faith, but to OBEY that statement, is obedient to the faith. Romans 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." To believe is faith, to OBEY is OBEDIENT to the faith.

Most every one will tell us the believe the gospel, and to believe the gospel, is faith; but oh how few are obedient to that faith, the gospel. Romans 1:16, the gospel is God's power to save the unbeliever, and faith comes by hearing the word of God Rom. 10:17. The gospel is God's word and MUST BE OBEYED. 2 Thess. 1:7-8, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall 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 Jesus Christ." Dear friends, have you OBEYED the gospel? I am sure you would say you believe the gospel;

and that is faith. Are you obedient to that faith?

Written in the spirit of meekness,
and love of the truth.

---W. E. Daniels

Rt. 2, Stillwell, Oklahoma.

BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT--John 3:5.

John 3:3; "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Jesys says, "BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT" The scriptures teach that we receive the spirit of adoption, Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5 that we might receive adoption of sons. Seventh verse; Gal. 4th chapter, Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Read Gal. 3:29. Then we are begotten by the Spirit. John 6.63, Christ said, "The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." I Cor. 4:15; "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." I Pet. I:3, 23; "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotton us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 23rd. verse; "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." James I:18; "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth." James 2:17, 26; "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." Verse 26; "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

BORN OF WATER. Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." We are baptized into Christ, Rom. 6:3 and Gal. 3:26-27; "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Read verses 4, 5, 6. Acts 2:47; Christ added to the church those that were being saved. What church did he add them to? There is only one body, Eph. 4:4;,Col. 3:15, which is the church, Col. I:18. Eph. I:22, And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be

the head over all things to the church, 23rd verse, Which is his body. When we are born into his family; Eph. 3:15, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Acts 4:12, There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Matt. 18:20, For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Phil. 2:9-11, Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should wank in newness of life. We are born of water and spirit and have become children of God, CHRISTIANS.

THE PERIGENS', BELLFLOWER, CALIF. CONGREGATION: There is not much news this month. We had Bro. & Sister K. M. Baldwin, of Delta, Colo. with us part of one day, mid week. They tell us they are moving to S. California and will be seeing us regularly on Sundays.' We are glad to have them with us. We were glad to have the John and James Hilton families with us last sunday. We received a letter from the Bill McCays of Yakima, Wash. congregation telling us of their plans to be with us here in Bellflower the first sunday of April. We have planned to have all day services at the church with dinner , and singing in the afternoon April Ist. They are wonderful singers from the least and youngest to the oldest. We have had a clean-up and paint job at the Bellflower church house. While the men painted the outside of the building, the women cleaned the inside and prepared the meals. All in all, we had a very nice day. We plan another day's work this coming Saturday. Bro. Meadows is still improving in health for which we are thankful.

THE BEVERS, Market Ave. Church of Christ, San Pablo, Calif., 3/26/1962---The congregation here is doing fairly well, but getting smaller all the time. Bro. Coleman has moved to Modesto so he can visit his wife (in the hospital) more often. Bro. Jim Cooper and wife have a new baby girl six weeks old and has been pretty sick with the flu. ---Yours in Christ.

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Awhile back as I stood at the counter of a store awaiting my turn to be waited on, I read this inscription hanging above the cash register; "A MULE CAN'T PULL WHILE HE KICKS, NOR CAN HE KICK WHILE HE PULLS." As my thoughts wandered here and there, it occurred to me, how true this saying, not only in the everyday walk and work of life, but more so in our Christian life, or should I say church work and Christian walk through life. If each of you will stop and read again this inscription, then think about how it applies to yourself, many of you as I myself, will find that we do an awful lot of kicking and no pulling. The last two or three months I, as the editor of your church newspaper, the "GOSPEL NEWS COURIER" have seen and heard far too much kicking about how things are done and how the paper is run.

It is your paper published by your support of news, articles and money. I have received very little of any of these three lately, only complaints second handed through some one esle. I know not the real reason for no one has written me their complaints. Yet others who are not responsible for my thinking or my actions, have been informed concerning this matter. This is not the Christian way of admonishing a brother if he has committed an error, or if he has sinned in the sight of God. Christ told his disciples of an unpardonable sin. He did not name it clearly but it seems that I have committed such a sin in the sight of many of the leaders of the churches over the land. If so, tell me about it so we can all quit kicking and start pulling together for the cause of Christ. Sometimes it appears that people would rather kick something to pieces than to pull in unity. Let us as Christian men and leaders of our home congregations, pull together for Christ and the furtherance of his cause THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. Next months

publication, May 1962, will be our 1st anniversary of publication of this, the "GOSPEL NEWS COURIER." LET US hear from each congregation with a news letter to be published so the churches and the world will know that we stand for the principles set forth in God's word and that we stand together united in brotherly love for the cause of Christ. Let us pull and work together.

--Your faithful servant and editor, R. L. Snoderly.

EVANGELIST, JAMES S. L. MORSE, Rt. 2, Hammon, Oklahoma. 3-27-62---Dear Bro. Snoderly: Quite some time ago I wrote you concerning the congregation which assemblies here (Church of Christ--McClure) and I stated what we do, vie described or stated each article of worship, which are FIVE (5) in number. When you published the said letter, one article of worship was omitted from the list, mentioning only 4. One brother wrote me and accused me of being inconsistant in my teaching, saying that part of the time I advocate 5 articles of worship, then he says I flip over and advocate only 4; which he trys to prove by the writeup in the COURIER. We trust that you will publish a brief statement in the COURIER to the effect that we always advocate 5 articles of worship, and please explain the omission to the brotherhood. At this writing our health is not good, both my wife and I are taking treatment at a local Clinic. My wife's Grandfather Bro. W. A. (Arthur) Stark passed away on March 20, 1962, near DeWitt, Ark. We attended his funeral. We will type the obituary on another page.

Recently we received the COURIER and once again, we enjoyed reading it. The sermon outline by Bro. Claude Perigen, we find it appealing and we believe it worthy of use anywhere. The article on unity by Bro. Ferguson we find commendable. Again we enjoy the church news from far and near. Bro. Snoderly if you believe the brotherhood would be interested in an article written on "Expediencies and Their Use," we'd be willing to write such an article; and we stand responsible for our article, likewise our statements contained in our letters. (We accept all articles for our consideration to be published for the edification of the church.--Editor) We sorrow to learn of the illness of our brothers and sisters in t Christ. We pray that each and everyone may receive the blessings of good health. The congregation here now

numbers only 3, since one fanily moved to Arkansas.

Your brother in Christ.

(In the letter Bro. Morse refers to he gave "Preaching" as one of the articles of worship, but due to a printers error, the word "Preaching" was omitted when the letter was published in the COURIER for which we express our regrets to Bro. Morse. We are sorry for the error but it was our mistake and was wholly unintentional.--Editor.)

WESLEY ARTHUR STARK

Bro. Stark was born July I9, I887 at English, Ark. and departed this life March 20, I962 near DeWitt, Arkansas.

He grew to manhood near Humphrey, Arkansas. He was united in marriage to Miss Velva Usery at Batesville, (Independance County), Ark., in the year I9II, Oct. 29. Bro. and Sister Stark lived in Ark., Okla., and Colo. Three children were born to this union. Two children preceded their parents in death. Bro Stark farmed, worked in the log woods making crossties and fence posts.

Sister Stark preceded her husband in death on Feb. I7, I9I7. About I943 Bro. Stark moved to near DeWitt, Ark. and remained there until his death. He was a member of the Church of Christ for about 50 years.

Survivors are: One daughter, Mrs. Claude A. Nelson of near DeWitt; two brothers; James A. Stark, Allen Stark; one half brother, Bill Wheeler. (Two sisters: Jenny Johnson, and Mary Turley preceded Bro. Stark in death). Nine Grand-children; I5 great-grand children; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted in Essex Funeral Chapel in DeWitt, Ark., and burrial in DeWitt Cemetery.

CLYDE L. COUCHMAN, 556 E. 8th., Springfield, Colorado. 3-I9-I962---Hope you are all well. We sure enjoyed meeting the brethren at La Habra and Bellflower, Calif. I wish we could have spent more thime there but it soon flew away. We enjoyed the singing and worship very much. We have had a very cold winter here but not too much snow like there was farther north. We had eight for worship Sunday the I8, so we are encouraged. Bro. Lackey is so much better with his foot. He has poor circulation. Bro. Noyes passed his 80th milestone the other day. He still drives the long distance from Sedan, N. Mex. for

worship. Enclosed is some help for the paper. We enjoy the articles and news very much. Please keep sending the newspapers to Kim, Colo. I hope and pray they will do much good. Bro. F. F. Francis had a very nice golden wedding anniversary and I am sure they enjoyed their many friends, the church members and relatives who attended. Give our greetings to Bro. Paul Ferguson and to all the brethren there in La Habra and in Bellflower, Calif.

In Christian love.

LAURA E. WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mexico. March 7, 1962---Dear Bro. Snoderly: I want to say that I enjoyed the Feb. issue of the Gospel News Courier as always, especially was I glad to see the article on the marriage tie by Bro. Isaac Ferguson. I think that this subject should be taught more than it is. There is too much divorce and remarriage going on today. Even our church members. If our preachers taught more publicly on the subject, maybe it would not be practiced so often in the church. Bro. Snoderly I believe I have an explanation to make to you. I did not discover it until the January issue of the paper, but Mrs. W. E. Willis and Laura E. Willis are the same person. I did get my mail at 305 S. Olive for several years then moved to my present address. W. E. was the initials of my husband. You probaly got the name and address from an old file somewhere. I am sorry I did not notice this sooner. I am enclosing a small donation for the paper. May God bless your efforts in publishing the little paper fro we need it. A letter from Sister Maud Scott of Lorenzo, Texas says she is leaving by train this coming Friday for Sacramento, Calif. to visit relatives in that vicinity. She is to be gone for some two weeks. Sister Mary Daniels of Stillwell, Okla. has been quite ill with a heart condition but was improving when I heard from her a few days ago.

--Sincerely Yours.

THE PAUL AUSLAM FAMILY, Rt. I, Hindsville, Ark. March 27, 1962---Just a few lines this morning. We were very thankful we wern't home when the tornado came through here. Some of us would have probaly been killed or hurt severely. Glass was thrown all over the house. Not much damage inside except for limbs of trees and the broken glass. It was good we were not here at home when it hit. We are thankful that the house was spared. Hope the church there is doing well. We always think of you folks in our prayers. We are happy of two new members here

who were baptized about a month ago. Bro. Ulyssess and Sister Jane Laney. We are sorry to report Bro. James Vanderpool is in the hospital at this time with rheumatic fever. Sister Jewel Laney has been home from the hospital about a week. She had pneumonia and Sister Jane Laney has had a heart condition. They are both improved at this time. We are thankful to see everyone out on Lord's Day. I want to extend a welcome for any vacationers that might want to come this way anytime. We would be more than glad to have any of you to spend your vacation with us here in the Ozark Hills. --Our love.

(The above letter in part was written to the La Habra, Calif. congregation and we have printed only the parts that would be of general interest to the churches. We were saddened to hear of Paul and June's bad luck but we are thankful no one was hurt in the tornado. Keep up the the good work of faith Paul and June. Let us know if we here can be of any help to you. Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ here in California).

LATE NEWS:-- Bro. Jimmy Herbert of the La Habra, Calif. congregation and serving in the U. S. Navy, was united in marriage to Mary Gonzales of San Diego, Calif. They were married Jan. 15th at the San Diego Naval Training Center in a Naval wedding. They are now residing in San Francisco, Calif. where Jimmy is stationed at Moffett Field with the Naval Air Corps.

Bro. F. H. Logan of Modesto spent most of March in the La Habra area worshipped with us several Lord's days here at La Habra and delivered two fine sermons while here. Sister Arcy Peavey who has been on an extended visit in Southern Calif. has returned to Salem, Oregon. We were glad to have Bro. Logan and Sister Peavey meet with us and we hope they can be with us again some time in the future. There has been some illness among the members during the past month, but most are back to normal health again. Bro. and Sister Dayton Clouse took a weeks hot mineral baths treatment at Desert Hot Springs; receiving much benefit therefrom. Their Daughter, and their daughter-inlaw both underwent surgery recently, but are back at home and doing fine we understand. Bro. Roy Snoderly is under the weather and is off from work, but hppes to be back at work again soon.

We sincerely hope that all who are ill may receive the blessings of good health again real soon.

THE LOVE OF GOD

May I ask you this question? What will the love of God in your lives do for your character? Your character shows unto others the kind of love that dwells within your heart. If you love God you will put no other gods before you. You will not worship idols, but you will worship God not only on the Lord's day, but every day of your life. You show God's love when you honor your father and mother, when you abhor evil, murder, adultery, lying, coveteousness, God is love and yours should be Godly love, I Jno. 4:8. God's love worketh patience. Love suffereth long and iskind, I Cor. 13:4. Godly love causes us to be slow to anger. Godly love is humble, is courteous, unselfish, sincere, and thinketh no evil, Rom. 13:10; I Cor. 13:5.

The greatness of God's love is shown in I Cor. 13 and his greatest commandment in Matt. 23:34-40. What is love? This is love, doing the will of God daily, I Jno. 5:3. John 14:21-24 shows who loves God,,and we are commanded to love in John 15:12-17. We prove our love, I John 4:20; I John 5:12.

Physical or human love is acquired by close association with others. God's love or Christian love is acquired in the same manner. Through close association with the word of God and promises and work of Christ, and I should say through the work we do for the cause of the Lord. I Jno. 4:19 tells why we love him. There is a cause so great and overwhelming that it gives us a reason and a hope in our love for God, John 12:32. Just as a magnet draws metal, Christ draws us to him and we are changed in our being by this love, 2 Cor. 3:18. What will God's love do? Rom. 13:10, it will fulfill the law and promises of God, Exo. 20:1-17; I Cor. 13. Love will drive away fear, I Jno. 4:18. You might ask, How long will God's love last? I Cor. 13:8-10; false prophets will fail and tongues will cease, also knowledge will fail and cease, but the love of God will remain forever. Love, faith and hope remain. Love--- the power that moves us to do good. Faith, John 14:1. Hope, Heb. 6:15-20. Love, I Cor. 13:13.

--Bill McCay
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Yakima, Washington

THE STEPS OF DEATH

I Sam. 20:3

MORTALITY,

DEATH OF THE FLESH

SEPARATION

Lk. 7:12
2 Sam. 12:22-23
Jno. 11:21-32
Rev. 2:10

APPOINTMENT

Heb. 9:27
Psa. 49:10
Eccl. 9:5

SHORT LIFE

Psa. 39:4-5
Jas. 4:14
Psa. 144:4
Heb. 13:14
Gen. 27:2
Jas. 1:10-11

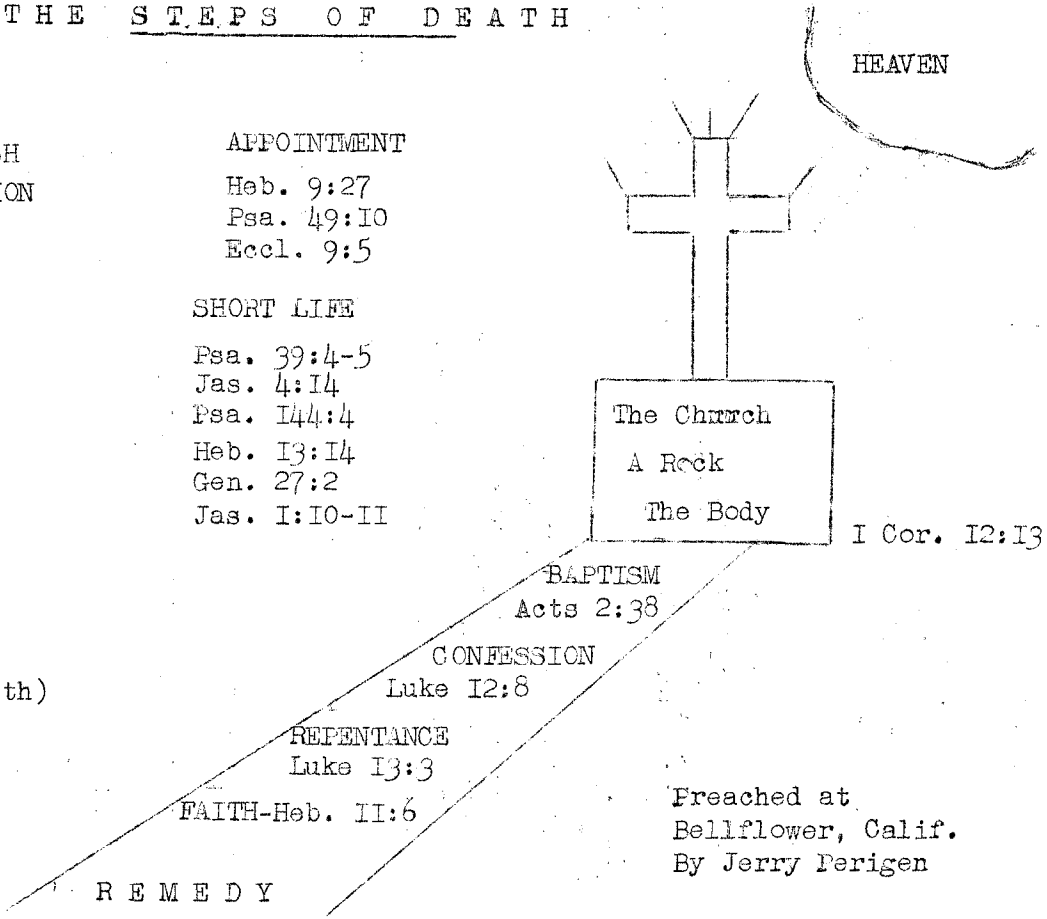
WISE MAN

MOTIVATIONS

Eph. 5:14-17
Rev. 14:13
Heb. 7:25
I Jno. 5:11-13

WICKED

Rev. 21:8 (2nd. Death)
Rev. 20:12-15



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