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SERVANT OF SIN, OR RIGHTEOUSNESS?
Rom. 6:16

"know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

Although you may think you are a free agent, you are mistaken, for in every aspect of the moral law and the law of the country, you are a slave or a servant. You are a servant unto that thing or things which control your thoughts and actions. We read every day in the papers of people who have become servants to dope, liquor, gambling, horse races and all other evils man has conceived in his mind. These are the things we think of as evil and of being in bondage to when we think of being a slave. If you choose this way of life you are then a servant of sin. Jesus spoke these words to those Jews who believed and followed him: "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," (John 8:34). By this we see that it isn't just great and evil sins that make us bondmen, but any and all sins.

Paul wrote of the two laws that control man's thoughts and actions in Rom. 7:23; "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." We see in this verse that we are constantly in danger of being enslaved by sin. But there is another law, a better law, the perfect law of liberty by which we can have life everlasting. You may be a sinner in the service of Satan, never knowing any other

way of life, or you may be a Christian in bondage to Satan or to God. "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are." But whatever your lot may be, you are still a servant, and if a servant, then why not a sefvant of righteousness? We, as men and women, should stop and take serious thought concerning this matter. As Christians, we are the servants of God, or as sinners we are servants of Satan and doomed to HELL and everlasting punishment. We as Christians have freedom to choose whom we will serve the same as any man, but if we have chosen to serve God, then let us not abuse our freedom by serving Satan. Peter wrote these words in I Pet. 2:16; "As free and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God." So many times we see those who profess God as their Saviour, and yet their actions in everyday living, and their words prove them to be servants of Satan/ --Roy L. Snoderly.

THE JIM LOFTIS FAMILY, Box 718, Lorenzo, Texas, June 3, 1962.---Dear Bro. Snoderly: We were surprised to receive your phone call the night of May 31st. I'm sorry we've been so neglectful about writing, but I always depend on mother and daddy to do most of the letter writing. As Jim told you over the phone, they were called to Munday, Texas two weeks ago tomorrow to stay with my sister's children, Sister Jack Scott. She was in the hospital but is doing very well now and came home Friday. Daddy called us this morning that mother had a pretty bad heart attack last night and had to have her moved to the hospital in an ambulance and put her under oxygen. He said he did not think it was too serious, maybe. My sister's family at Ralls went down there from church this morning and were going to call us back if everything wasn't alright. Bro. Earl Howe had an attack Monday morning at the shop and gave everyone a scare. It appeared to be a heart attack so they kept him in the hospital two days for examinations and found an inter ear infection and kidney infection. He was back on the job Thursday and was at church this morning.

Sister Bobby Loftis underwent surgery, major surgery April 11, and is getting along fine now. We went home with them from church today and had lunch with them.

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Sister Laura Willis is here in Lorenzo for a visit. We have had so much sickness we haven't got to be with her much yet, but we hope she will stay long enough for us to enjoy her company. It's real nice having her at church anyway. So far as we know, we are still going to try to sponsor a 5th. Sunday meeting in July, provided everyone is able to co-operate. Bro. Earl Howe was to ask daddy about it this afternoon and maybe I can give you more information about this before I mail this letter. We had a letter from the Perigens today. Sure glad to hear from out that way. We wish Bro. Perigen the greatest success in his meeting at Furnish Canyon.

We would love to attend some of the services if it is at all possible. I know the church at Bellflower certainly regret losing Tom and Charlene. Imogene and I figured the milage to Tucson this afternoon. It is about 650 miles from here. Sure wish they could come to the meeting in July. Ask Bro. Ferguson what happened to that fishing trip everyone planned for this summer up Bro. Francis way. Ha! Ha! We are looking forward to seeing you in July. Wish your family would come too. I'll sign off now and try to furnish you with the information on the meeting before mailing this. Write us some time.

MRS. O. A. LANNINGHAM, Wesley, Ark. June 8, 1962--- Dear Bro. Snoderly: We enjoy the little paper so much. The "Moments With God," sent in by Sister Wise was so helpful in our time of need when our burdens are heavy and our faith is weak. Our daughter Roberta, has been real sick, and also our son and husband have been sick.

Remember us when you pray. I grew up with Bro. Paul Ferguson and Sister Lucy Harrison. Etta June, Bro. Paul Auslam's wife, feels so much mine. God bless and keep all safely in his loving care. Yours in Christ.

SISTER LAURA WILLIS, Lorenzo, Texas. June 13, 1962.-- Bro. Snoderly: I still enjoy the Gospel News and hope it continues to be published for many years to come. I am visiting Sister Maude Scott and other members here. I surely am enjoying myself visiting with them. I have been blessed in having the wonderful privilege of visit-

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ing here every summer since the year 1953. Inclosed is a small contribution for the paper. Sincerely yours. (Sister Willis always remembers us with a letter and a donation for the paper each and every month. Can you say the same?)

BRO. J. H. LACKEY, Springfield, Colo., June 9, 1962. Dear Bro. Snoderly and all: We had some fine preaching from the 1st. of June through the 10th; Bro. Loyd Treat doing the preaching. One fine young lady was baptized.

We expect to attend the meeting at Furnish Canyon beginning July 8th. Our relatives from Denver and California visited us lately. Hope this finds the churches everywhere continuing in the faith and growing in grace.

May the grace of God abide with all.

SISTER DONALD B. SMITH, 327 McKinley, Shelton, Wash. Dear Bro. Snoderly: Just a few lines to let you know our new address. For two years I haven't been able to meet with Bro. McCay at Port Orchard, or have them meet at our place like we use to every other Sunday at our house. It is a 40 mile drive one way. My health is improving so I hope to be back with them soon. We bought a house in town and have rented our farm. I am enclosing a dollar for a years subscription. I would like to send more but it has been one doctor bill and hospital bill after another. If the Lord wills we will spend one week in Phoenix, Arizona visiting my brother Evan Daniels the last week of August. Yours in Christ.

BRO. WILLIE DOAN, Rt. 2, Box 129, Broken Bow, Okla.-

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--June 27, 1962.--Dear Bro. Snoderly: Here is a line or so. I was reading Bro. Peels letter in the last issue of the Courier how people wanted to read the little paper. It reminded me of the scripture in Mark 1:17 where Jesus said, "Come after me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Fish will not always bite the same kind of bait. It is sometimes so with the Gospel of Christ. We find Christ said in Mark 16:15-16, "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."

The time has come when most of the older folks can't come to church, but we can take the gospel to them in their homes, or in the rest homes where they live. I think we should visit with a lot of people each week and teach them the word of God. I think we would grow a lot stronger both in spirit and in number if we do this command. We are commanded to do just that in James 1:27. So let us all start working harder for the Lord. The church at Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Idabel and Third st. are doing fine. Bro. Claude Watson is in the hospital but will be back home soon. The church in the Morgan Rest Home is also holding firm and faithful. I still teach in the Broken Bow Nursing Home also. I will close for this time. Please find a little donation enclosed for the paper. Yours in Christ.

BRO. F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California, June 9, 1962.-- Dear Bro. Roy: Just a few lines concerning the church here at Modesto. Bro. and Sister Condor are still sick. Bro. Condor has been sick for a long time, but is slowly recovering. Bro. S. K. Terry has been down for a long time and is no better at present. Sister A. C. Stark has been seriously ill for some time but seems to be slowly recovering. The rest of us are about the same as usual. The church work here is moving along fien. We have visitors all along and good interest at all services. If any Brother or Sister is passing this way, they are cordially invited to come and worship with us. Our morning services are at 10.30 and evening services at 7:30. We have good singing at each

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service. My health is improving and I could do some preaching if any of the churches might need my services they can contact me at 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California. We are always glad to receive the Gospel News. We love to read the church news and the good articles that are in the paper. I am hoping that the size of the paper will soon be increased so as to permit printing larger articles on God's word.

Your brother in the faith.

We wish to bring to you these announcements of future meeting and meetings now in progress

Bro. Claude Perigen of 8748 E. Artesia Blvd., Bellflower, Calif., is now holding or has just completed a meeting with the church at Furnish Canyon, Colorado, starting July 8, and ending the 15th. From there he will journey to Missouri to visit with his mother. On his return trip he plans to stop in Lorenzo, Texas to be with the church some in their meeting which begins July 21st. with Bro. Paul Ferguson of 6392 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, California. This meeting will end July 26. and on the following day, the 27, at 7.30 P. M. a series of meetings will begin with guest speakers and there will be three services on Saturday the 28th. and three services Lord's Day the 29th., closing the meeting of these good folks at Lorenzo, Texas.

Leaving Lorenzo, Bro. Ferguson will go to New Castle, Texas to hold a meeting for the California Creek congregation beginning July 30, running through August 5th. This will be Bro. Paul's first meeting at New Castle, Texas and everyone is urged to attend and hear one of our ablest evangelists from the west coast. At the close of his meeting at New Castle, Bro. Ferguson plans to go Ringgold, Texas August 6th. holding a week's meeting for the church there, the East Side Church of Chri Christ ending August 12. After the completion of these meetings Bro. Ferguson will be available for other appointments throughout the mid-western and Eastern states. We urge those who are in need of an able and capable preacher to hold a meeting to call Bro. Ferguson. Let us not forget these meetings and attend if possible. Most of all, let everyone who can, attend the three day

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5th. Sunday meeting at Lorenzo, Texas. I will be there and am looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. Let us see you there. Roy L. Snoderly, Editor.

This month we would like to add to our list of faithful churches, a new band of Christians meeting in Hamilton, Ohio. These brethren have taken a firm stand for the truth as it is written in the scriptures. Thus saith the Lord, is the rule we must adhere to where God is concerned. We welcome you to our midst, and our prayers are for you that you may grow in strength and numbers. One of their leaders is Bro. Hayse Morris, 3250 Buell Road, Hamilton, Ohio. --Editor.

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, Church news. Meets at 431 West Ocean Avenue, La Habra.-- Church attendance has continued slim of late. Some members are gone on trips to other parts on vacation trips and to visit relatives and friends in other states. Sister Bernice Cavin was down San Diego way visiting a son and family, and Bro. and Sister Elmer Hunt, and Bro. Barleigh Hunt and family have been on an extended visit to reletives and friends in northern California and Oregon, but have arrived back home as we go to press. Sister Wyoma Cavin and family are on and extended visit to relatives and friends in Texas. Sister Roxie Adams has been under the doctors care for the past week or so. We all wish for her an early recovery back to her normal good health.

Most of La Habra members attended the all day services and singing at the Bellflower church June 10 All enjoyed the good fellowship and singing. The La Habra church on Lord's Day July 8 also had all day services with lunch at the church and singing in the afternoon. Bro. and Sister Kenneth Baldwin have moved to Southern California from Hemet. They were formerly from Delta, Colorado before moving to Hemet. The churches here welcome them to our midst. They are presently living in Bellflower.

What Saith the Lord, Cup or Cups? This is the title of a 53 page tract on the cup question. A review of M. S. Whitehead by Bro. J. S. Bedingfield. An excellent tract. Order free from the Gospel News Courier.

Don't Blame GOD!

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BODY (CHURCH) Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 1:22 I Cor. 12:25-27

SPIRIT Rom. 8:9, I Cor. 3:16, Eze. 36:27; Rom. 8:16.

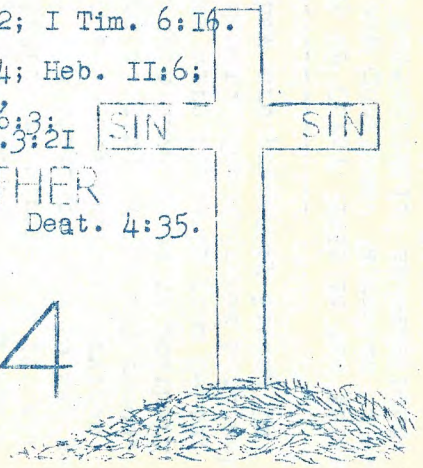
HOPE Rom. 8:24, Rom. 15:4; I Pet. 3:15.

LORD Rom. 10:12; I Tim. 6:16.

FAITH I Jno. 5:4; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 6:16,

BAPTISM Rom. 6:3; I Pet. 3:21

GOD THE FATHER Deut. 4:35.



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