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PROGRAM OF THE LORENZO, TEXAS MEETING AND THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

SERMON THEMES AND SPEAKERS

FRIDAY	7.30,	"SIN"
	--Paul Ferguson, Buena Park, California	
SATURDAY	10.00,	"ALERTING THE MEMBERSHIP"
	--J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Oklahoma	
SATURDAY	2.30,	"THE COMMUNION"
	--Paul Ferguson, Buena Park, California	
SATURDAY	7.30,	"KNOWLEDGE AND THE WILL OF GOD"
	--Roy Snoderly, La Habra, California	
SUNDAY	10.00,	"DECEPTION"
	--W. H. Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma	
SUNDAY	2.30,	"COMPUNCTIONS OF CONSCIENCE"
	--Jack White, Munday, Texas	
SUNDAY	7.30,	"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"
	--Roy Snoderly, La Habra, California	

This meeting at Lorenzo began July 21, ending the 29th with Bro. Paul Ferguson doing the preaching was a successful meeting with one baptism and three confessing faults. Everyone was very much edified and strengthened by the good preaching and the wonderful singing. We are making plans already for a meeting of this same nature for next summer, so watch for the announcements in coming issues. I enjoyed my trip to Texas very much and will remember all the good times and the fellowship with those good Christian brothers and sisters in their homes and their church services.

---Roy Snoderly, Editor,

UNITY OF THE SPIRIT. (No. 2)

In a previous article in our study of the unity of the Spirit, we learned that we must have unity of the word to have unity of the Spirit. We also learned that unity of the Spirit must be in the bond of peace. In this second article on unity of the Spirit, I would like for us to study the Scriptures in regards to some of the things which are essential to the keeping of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

First, we will notice a statement by Jesus when he was praying to the Father in regards to his disciples. "Neither pray I for these alone (disciples), but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 17:20-21). One might ask how were the Father and Son one, and that question is essential for us to know if we are one as Jesus prayed for. "For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (John 6:38). The Father and Son were one in will, or mind. They were of the same mind, and of the same judgment. They were one in mind and purpose. Question; Can we be thus minded? Certainly, or Jesus would have never prayed for it. If we will just cast away our own thoughts and fleshly lusts and set our minds to do the will of the Father in heaven, and we will then be one as Jesus prayed for and have the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Now suppose we come this side of the cross for further information. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (I Cor. 1:10). There it is folks, just as Jesus prayed for it in John 17:20-21. If each and everyone that has been baptized into the body of Jesus Christ; (Gal. 3:27), would incorporate into his everyday life I Corinthians 1:10, we would have the oneness Jesus prayed for, and the unity of the Spirit Paul admonished the Ephesian brethren to endeavor to keep. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?

But we have the mind of CHRIST. Emphasis mine. Christ had a mind to do the will of the Father, no more, no less. When we are thus minded, we will have the mind of Christ, and the oneness He prayed for and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Here are some of the things necessary to the unity of the Spirit. No. I: Cast away the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life, (I John 2:I6). No. 2: "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work," (James 3:I6). If we allow the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life to take over, then we have envying, strife and every evil work. We must free ourselves of envying and strife if we are to have unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Now in conclusion, I offer two more scriptures to help us maintain the unity of the Spirit. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts,""(Isaiah 55:8-9). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). If we can seek out and know the depth and full meaning of those last two scriptures, it will make it easier to keep the unity of the Spirit.

Written in the spirit of meekness and love of the truth. ---W. E. Daniels, Rt. 2, Stillwell, Okla.

Harry B. Dye, 828 Oak Drive, Yuma, Ariz., July 6-62* All seems well in Yuma. Sister Hughes has been sick since March. Kind letters would be appreciated I am sure, % J. E. Hughes, 380 8th. Ave., Apt. I, Yuma, Ariz. Nell Orendorff obeyed the gospel June 5. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Horace Orendorff of Yuma.

Bro. & Sister Claude Perigen writes from Springfield, Colo., July I7---Dear Bro. Roy: Closed the meeting in Furnish Canyon Sunday night. No one confessed their faith in Christ but I guess we had a good meeting. I sure got lots of good out of it. Sure is nice Christians there. We sure did learn to love them, they treated us so nice. I guess the meeting was a failure be-

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cause we are going to have to do over next year. We are now in Springfield, Colo. Started the meeting here last night. So few in number but very faithful. They sure are having a struggle here. We are to start the meeting in Stillwell, Okla. July 29 and run through Aug. 5. But that date has not been confirmed yet. Sure hope everything there is alright. Everyone seems to be very interested in the Gospel News Courier. Wish we could be at the 5th. Sunday meeting in Lorenzo, Texas. Tell them all hello for us. They didn't get up for our meeting.
Yours in Christ-- 8748 E. Artesia, Bellflower, Calif.

J. H. Lackey, Rt. I. Box 6, Springfield, Colo., July 3, 62---Dear Bro. Snoderly: I enjoy reading the news items and the gospel articles. I was mistaken about you being the one to hold the meeting at Furnish Canyon, about 40 miles S. W. of us. We intend to be there some if weather permits. We had four visitors from Texas at our services Sunday. --Yours in the one faith.

Sister Laura E. Willis, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. M. Juky 9.--Dear Bro. Snoderly: I just want to say I enjoyed the Courier as usual. I enjoyed my visit over at Lorenzo, Texas with Sister Maude Scott and other church members there and at Ralls also. I'm not sure if I can go back for the meeting last of this month. Am enclosing a small donation. ---Yours in Christ.

J. S. L. Morse, Rt. 2, Hammon, Okla., July 19--Dear Bro. Snoderly:- Please sand us one or two copies of "What Saith The Lord, Cup or Cups?" I'll say at this time, that the cup versus cups question needs to be

threshed out to the final finish. The same remarks fully applies to everything which causes division. The pages of PEACEMAKER are open to articles which will help eliminate division. Because PEACEMAKER is designed to promote peace, we must stipulate that all articles be written diplomatically as possible. Articles written in a rough and lambasting manner will land in the wastepaper basket. To this date (July I9, 62) no one has bothered to write us a Bible lesson to publish.

We are publishing a new paper suitable to hand or mail to outsiders, it's title is "EVANGELIST". The first issue (July) will soon be mailed. This we will do, the Lord willing and our health permitting.

--A brother in Christ.

Sister D. E. Hogue, 2643 E. 220th. Place, Long Beach, Calif., July 9.--Dear Bro. Snoderly: I have been getting the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER and enjoy it very much. I am sending $2.00. Would you please send it to Sister Ogletree, I0I7 W. 2nd. Str., Elk City, Okla. Also to pay for a yeat's subscription for myself as I always look forward to getting it. I hope you get the support you need to continue the good work as time goes on.

Church of Chriat, 43I W. Ocean Ave., La Habra, Calif. News, July 26,--Our crowds continue to be small of late. Bro. Paul Ferguson is in a meeting at Lorenzo, Texas and we were glad to hear of his safe arrival there. Bro. Roy Snoderly, the Courier editor, plans to attend the 5th. Sunday meeting at Lorenzo. They will be missed here at La Habra, but we know they will enjoy the fellowship and hospitality of the brethren in Texas. Sister Wyoma Cavin and family have returned from vacation in Texas. Bro. and Sister Elmer Hunt, Bro. & Sister Burleigh Hunt and daughters have returned from their trip north, visiting some of the members at Modesto, Calif,, and worshipped with the church there one Lord's Day. Also attended services in Eugene, Ore. and visited their sons and families in Eugene and Roseburg. Also visited Sister Mattie McCay who was in the hospital at Eugene with a broken ankle. Sister Betty Thompson and daughter Sue were at church Sunday. Betty is in the City of Hope Hospital awaiting heart surgery which is planned for August 3rd. We wish for her the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Sister Roxie Adams hasbeen ill for some time but is now able to attend church services although is far from being back to normal health.

O U R D E P A R T E D

Sister Sallie Texanna Staggs, 83, of Somerton, Arizona, departed this life July 20, and funeral services were held July 23 in the chapel of the Johnson Mortuary, Yuma, Ariz. Burial was in Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Yuma. Pallbearers were Bros. Don Long, Horace Orendorff, Harry Dye, Harold Smith, Harry Davis and Robert Morris.

Bro. Jack Morris of the Church of Christ who worship at Ist. Street and I6th. Ave., Yuma, preached the funeral sermon. Members of the Somerton Church of Christ conducting the song service were, Bro. and Sister W. A. Nelson, Bro. and Sister W. B. Nelson and Bro. and Sister Bud Davis. Sister Staggs was a member of the church of Christ 56 years.

She was born in Brown County, Texas, May 8, I879 and moved to the Yuma Valley 44 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, V. E. of Yuma, and Lamar, of Clovis, California; nine daughters, Mary Nugen of Nyssa, Ore., Mildred Noble of Somerton, Annie Weldon of Tucson, Ariz., Willie Hudson of El Monte, Calif., Jewel Jones of Yuma, Ariz., Lois Morris of Porterville, Calif., Emogene Smith of Winterhaven, Calif. Christine Compton and Bonnie Bevor, both of Santa Maria, Calif., a brother, Wesley Welty of Eden, Texas: 36 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

SISTER EDDIE WISE, 203I N. I2th Abilene, Texas. Dear Bro. Snoderly: The little church here in Abilene hasn't made any progress at all. Last week my mother and dad, Bro. and Sister S. J. Wallace went to Lorenzo, Texas. They took my brother and Sister up there to stay for the fifth Sunday meeting. This coming week-end Bro. and Sister Jack Scott, and Bro. and Sister Wayne Lightfoot are going to Lorenzo to attend the fifth Sunday meeting. The members here would like to extend an invitation to anyone that may be passing through to meet with us here at Abilene. We meet every Lord's Day at I0.00 A. M. at 375I Clinton. ---Yours in Christ.

Please send us the name and address of someone whom you would like for us to send the Courier.

CLYDE L. COUCHMAN, 556 E. 8th., Springfield, Colo. Dear Bro. Snoderly: Hope this finds all well. We are all well here. We had a wonderful meeting here starting July 16th thru the 22nd. We had one lady restored, so we are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith.

Bro. Claude Perigen did the preaching. We had wonderful co-operation between the two churches in both meetings. We sure enjoyed having the Perigens in our homes and also the Broadways, Earl, Zelma, and Bill. We sure enjoyed the fellowship with these brethren and the brethren from Furnish Canyon, Colo. Bro. Broadway brought a good lesson Sunday morning the 15th. The church here and at Furnish Canyon are about fifty miles apart so it is a long way for some to come visit. We also had visitors from Kim, Colo. Please stop sending me a single copy and the bundle also, as I can get a copy at church. Bro. Horace Lackey is our leader, so send the papers to him. I am sending some support for the paper. When out this way please come and worship with us. We meet at 10th. and Tipton Street in Springfield, Colorado. ---Your brother in Christ.

F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California, July 23.--Dear Bro. Snoderly: Just a few lines concerning the church here in Modesto, Calif. On June the 10th. we baptized a fine young woman, Sister Arlene Rollins of Modesto. We have been having some visitors all along. There is some sickness among us though yet. Bro. and Sister Conder are not yet able to attend church services, although Bro. Conder is improving fast at present. Sister Stark is slowly recovering from a long illness, also a lot of colds among us at present. My son J. D. Logan has just returned from, Broken Bow, Oklahoma where he held a meeting for the brethren there. While there he baptized one young lady and they hope that much good was accomplished otherwise.

---Your Bro. in Christ.

"What Saith the Lord? Cups or Cups?" is an able tract on the number of cups to be used in the communion.

"The Class Question" is an excellent tract on the Sunday School and women teacher question.

These are free tracts. Order them from the COURIER.

--THE PRECIOUS INVITATION--
(Matt. II:28-29) "Come unto me"

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Unto Rom. I0:I0.
Unto Acts II:I8.
Unto Rom. I0:I0
Eph. 2:I2-I3; 4:I7-I8; Col. I:20; Psa. 7:II.
Into Rom. 6:3. Gal. 3:27.

"Yoke" (Matt. II:29; Acts I5:I0)
"All," "Learn," "Come", Rev. 22:I7; Mtt. II:28-29; Jno. 6:44-45; Heb. II:6)
"Draw" (Acts 20:30; Jer. 3I:3)

WORLD

State of sin
Alien Sinners
Condemnation
Wrong Place

"Dead"
Eph. 2:I

Sin Separated Us
Isa. 59:I-4.
Matt. II:28.
The Way of Salvation
I Cor. I:30; I Jn. 5:II; I Jno. 5:I9; 2 Tim.2:I0

"Walk by faith" (2 Cor. 5:7)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

In Christ
Children of God
Forgiveness
Heb. 7:25
Heb. I2:22-24
Peace
Soul Rest
right Place
"Dead"(Col. 3:3)

Effect of sin:
I. Heart (Jer. I7:9)
2. Conscience(I Tim. 4:2)
3. Mind (Psa. (I0:4)
4. Separates us from God. (Isa. 59:I-4; Col.I:20; Eph. 4:I7-I9, 2:I3)
Jesus the way (Jn. I4:6)

Conditions of coming:
I. Faith (Heb. II:6)
2. Repentance (2 Pet. 3:9; Acts I7:30)
3. Confession(I Jn. 4:2)
4. Baptism (Gal. 3:27)
5. Effect (Heb. 5:8-9; 7:25)

"Ye shall NOT surely die" (Gen. 3:4)

"Ye see then that by works a man is justified and not by faith only" (James 2:24)

(Preached at La Habra, Calif. July 29, 62 by L. C. England)