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THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH

J. C. SPURLIN

(Continued from May issue)

Now for a further comparison the seed of man does possess the germ (spark) of life. The word of God does possess the spark of life Spiritually , John 6:63. It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing, "the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." Now since the Word of God comes to us in audible terms, and acting upon Peter's advice, our hearts become receptive upon being taught, and hear, and learn his teaching. John 6:44-45 "No man can come to me except the Father that sent me draw him, and I will raise him up the last day, as it is written in the prophets, they shall all be taught of God; every one therefore; that hath heard, and learned of the Father, cometh unto me."

Thus we are taught, hear, and learn, it produces faith, and the begetting has taken place. But says one, "How do you know?" Listen to James I:I8, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruit of his creatures." Bear in mind now, just because we have heard such facts that cause us to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, does NOT MEAN WE ARE BORN AGAIN, or have undergone the Spiritual birth. But, as the natural child must undergo a certain development, so also does the Spiritual child undergo a certain development. Therefore; the faith we have obtained in the hearing, learning, and believing the gospel which is God's power to save, Romans I:I6; thus we have the begetting and conception completed. Now one thing we wish to notice, that is; the natural child while in the embryo state, is inactive, while the spiritual child is active. Inasmuch as God opens ones heart((reasoning faculty) by teaching, see Acts I6:I4; we are prompted to repent of our sins, having learned through the gospel that God so loved the world that He gave His only

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NEWS, NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are encouraged by reports from brethren at a distance and from other states who are planning to attend the 5th. Sunday meeting at 431 West Ocean Avenue, La Habra, California. We are looking forward to a good meeting and a spiritual feast. As previously announced, the meeting starts Friday night June 21 with Bro. W. H. Francis of Mangum, Oklahoma doing the preaching 21 through Thursday 27. Friday night 28 through Lord's Day 30 the preaching is to be by guest speakers, with three services Saturday at 10.30, 2.30 and 7.30, and Lord's Day at 10.30, 2,30 and 7.30. Lunch will be served Saturday and on Lord's Day at both noon and evening.

For the benefit of visitors from a distance who may want to write or phone for advice and directions, we publish herewith the names of some of the members in this area as follows: Bro. Paul Ferguson, 514 West La Habra Avenue, La Habra, Calif. phone 69-16892; Bro. Dayton Clouse, 568 S. Williamson Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif., Phone PA 1-8943 Sister Wyoma Cavin, 6036 S. McNees Ave., Whittier, Calif., Phone OX 5-5255, Bro. Ray Shea, La Habra, Calif., Phone OW 7-0454; Bro. Elmer H. Hunt, 11311 Acacia, Garden Grove, Calif., Phone JE 4-1937, Bro. Roy Snoderly, Phone OW 7-1968. We will add that it might be well to bring along some blankets to help out with the bedding situation. We hope to see you at this meeting.

Brethren, don't forgdt the Delta, Colorado meeting August 4 through 18 with guest speakers doing the preaching during the entire meeting. of two weeks duration. The Delta brethren hope to get their new place of woeship completed in time for the meeting. Regarding your plans to attend this meeting, write Bro. James E. Wilkerson, Rt. I, Cedaredge, Colorado, or Bro. Kenneth M. Baldwin, P. O. Box 365, Delta, Colorado. The brethren are looking forward to a wonderful meeting there.

Bro. Erwin G. Lowery, 505 Smilax Avenue, Bryte, California, just recently underwent surgery for a ruptered Stomach uncer. We have no later information regarding his condition, but we sincerely hope his progress and recovery is satisfactory, and that he will soon be back to normal good health again.

The brethren and friends of Bro. John F. Treat will be sorry to learn of his death as reported on another page in in this issue of the Courier. by Bro. F. H. Logan.

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(NEWS, NOTES AND ANOUNCEMENTS Continued)

Funeral services were held May 16 for Henry W. Cannon, 64, of Yorba Linda, California, who was accidently killed in some mysterious way by the tractor he was driving.

Burial was in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Calif. He is survived by his wife and a son. The son, Vernon W. Cannon, 6033 S. McNees Ave., Whittier, is the son-in-law of Bro. and Sister Dayton Clouse of the La Habra congregation. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Bro. Paul Ferguson has requested us to announce that his mailing address is again changed. His latest and permanent mailing address is now 514 West La Habra Ave., La Habra, California. Please remember his new address and disregard his former mailing addresses. when writing him.

May 5 the La Habra church had all day services with lunch at noon and singing in the afternoon and preaching again at night. All seemed to enjoy the fellowship and the good singing. The attendance of some of the Bellflower members at the La Habra regular Friday night services has been a lot of help and is much appreciated. Attendance has been hindered some by Measles in the Bro. Ray Shea family but seems to be all cleared up by now.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: You did not print my last letter, so I will write another one, and if you get this in time, discard the other one. Sister Johnson hasn't got to come to church since Little Ann got burned, but she hopes to come soon, as she is doing better. Sister Scott was on the sick list last week but was at church yesterday. All the other members were there except me (Sister Studer). I broke my foot a week ago last Friday. It has pained me badly but I guess it's doing OK. As I am a Diabetic, the doctor predicts it is going to be a long time before it heals. I will be going home in a day or two, I hope. I would like to hear from any one who cares to write. We look forward to the coming of the little paper very impatiently and read every word of it. Hope to be able to send a donation soon. We sure would like to come to the 5th. Sunday meeting, but don't see much chance now. It may be we can get to the meeting in Delta, Colorado. We hope so. ---Yours in the One Faith,

HOWARD AND ARVIE STUDER.

Box 718, Lorenzo, Texas.

Bro. Studer's additional note to Sister Studer's letter.

I brought Sister Studer home yesterday, April 23, but it may be two or three months before she can walk. We would be glad to hear from any one who can find time to write to us in our time of staying home. We are close to the church here in Lprenzo at Fourth and Monroe. We meet at 10.00 A. M. and at 6 P. M. Lord's Days. Always glad to have any faithful to come and worship with us. ---Your Bro. and Sister in Christ.

HOWARD AND ARVIE STUDER.

Box 718, Lorenzo, Texas.

Dear Bro. Snoderly & all the Faithful there: We are glad that you folks decided to have a 5th. Sunday meeting. Glad to that you selected Bro. Francis to do the preaching. Hope you have a wonderful time during your protracted effort. We would like to be able to promise that we will be with you, but am not sure that we can make it. We have so many things on the agenda for the summer; we hardly know where we are going, or what we may do. We want to go to Delta so badly we are stumped in that instance. We want to visit our grandson at Boulder during Bro. Perigen's meeting, and to cap it all off, it looks now as if we are to have our fruit to harvest and dispose of in July and August. We so seldom make a fruit crop, it would be a shame to let it go to waste. However, we want to and mean to put the Lord's cause first. Still it is a question to borrow money to travel on while leaving a crop behind unattended. It is our desire to be able to work out something that will enable us to make some of the points of interest. We would like so very much to be with you folks for your 5th. Sunday meeting, and hear some good preaching and meet brethren we have never met. We were very happy to learn that you had selected Bro. Francis for your meeting. He will put a lot of power behind your 5th. Sunday meeting. I know you and all that attend will have a great time. I believe to, that the cause of our Lord will be advanced in your section of the country. Sure hope that the brethren will respond to their duty at Delta. We plan to help them some on their building, and go to the meeting if we can. I am writing Bro. Wilkerson tonight to that effect. We look forward to the Courier from time to time, and hope we can make it a great publication.

Enclosed is a small contribution for the paper.

---Your Brother in Christ, J. C. SPURLIN.

Reydon, Oklahoma. April 18, 1963.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: We just got the Courier this morning. I have read part of it. I enjoy reading the little paper so much. After we read it, I send it to one of my sons and family. I have Arthritis pretty bad in one of my shoulders. I live with my oldest son as I'm getting up in years. I am

sending a dollar, maybe that will help a little.
---A sister in Christ, MRS. MAY GOOD.
Box 143, Olney, Texas. April 8, 1863.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: We received our papers for May today, and we thank you for all the hours you put in that makes it possible. Our meeting closed today at 16th. Ave. and Ist. Street. A week of wonderful Gospel sermons. Bro. Hayse Morris of Hamilton, Ohio preached for us. Two restored to the faith Sunday the fifth, in Yuma, and two in Somerton. We want to thank Somerton and Tacna for their co-operation in making it a successful meeting. Sunday April 21, we had the pleasure of having Bro Morris preach at Lakeside, California, where two obeyed the gospel; William J. Shmit, and Georgianna Johnson. Our bad news is that Bro. and Sister Hughes are sick. Sister Hughes's health is very poor.

--From Yuma Church of Christ.
May 5, 1963. BY HARRY DYE.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: We are looking forward to having Bro. & Sister Perigen with us the first week in June. We would enjoy having any of the brethren that can visit us then, or any time. Just the same little bunch each Lord s Day. Enclosed, find a check to help with the paper. We all enjoy it. ----Sincerely, MYRTLE & J. C. WHITLEY.
Kenton, Oklahoma. May 3, 1963.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: I thought that I should write and let you know some of the plans from this area. As You probaly know, I am Bro. Howard McCay's daughter. I'm planning to marry Bro. Ellis Forsman on June 15, 1963. Ellis and I plan to come down to the meeting. Lord willing, we plan to arrive in your area the 21 or 22 of June. I was down there a few years ago with Bro. J. L. Jared and family, but we only werd able to meet the brethren at Bellflower because of a car accident we were in. Consequently the only ones we really know are Bro. and Sister Perigen, Bro. Jerry Perigen and Bro. and Sister Elmer Hunt who are old friends of the family.

We would like some advise and directions as to where you think we should go when we arrive. Everyone thought it would be best to write to you and let you knowwhat arrangements are being made for accomodations etc. If you can send me some information, I'll try to write a letter later and let you folks know for sure when we plan to arrive. If there's anything we should bring like blankets, etc. we would appreciate knowing. Also is

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there anything we can do to make your job easier? I am looking forward to hearing from you.

---Yours in Christ, LYNELL McCAY.

1023 S. 9th. Ave., Yakima, Washington. April 27, 1963.

In answer to Sister McCay's request and for the benefit of others who may want to know, we publish on page two the names and telephone numbers of some of the members in this area with the street address of most of them, whom you may contact by phone or by mail. --- Editor.

Mr. Roy Snoderly. Dear Brother in Christ: -- Just a few lines concerning the church work in and around Modesto, Calif.

BROTHER JOHN S. TREAT, 83, passed away April 26, 1963. He had been a member of the Church of Christ for many years. The father of Loyd Treat of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, one of our gospel preachers. Bro. Treat was laid to rest May Ist. in Lakewood Memorial Park near Modesto. I conducted the services at his funeral and tried to speak words of comfort to his relatives and friends.

SISTER ANABEL GREEN passed away April 28th. at the age of 43 years, and was laid to rest in the Lakewood Memorial Park, near Modesto, May Ist. Bro. J. D. Logan conducted the funeral services and spoke words of comfort and consolation to the relatives and many friends.

On May 5th., a young man, the son of Bro. Joe Green and Sister Anabel Green, was baptized into the Church of Christ here in Modesto. He is Freddy Green, a fine young man. May I2th. a sister came back to the church and confessed her faults. Other church work is moving along fine. Any one coming by this way are cordially invited to worship with us. Our Lord'S Day morning service is at I0.30, and evening service at 7.30. Bro. and Sister Condor are about as usual, coming to church most of the time. Also Sister Smith is home again from the hospital and doing very well. Sister Stark is about as usual but not able to attend church. I visited the church at Bryte, Calif. near Sacramento, and preached for them May 5th. If it's the Lord's will, I will go up to San Pablo, this comeing Lord's Day. If it's the Lord's will, I intend to be down at La Habra for the 5th. Sunday meeting. J. D. intends to be there if he can. ---Your brother in Christ, as ever,

F. H. LOGAN.

5II S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California. May I5, I963.

From Brother Perigen: -- We're looking forward to our meeting here in Bellflower, starting July 7 and to go on through the I4. Bro. J. D. Logan will do the preaching. We hope for large crowds, so everyone come who can do so. Bro. Dick Taylor has been home on leave and had to return to base, but plans to be with us as often as he can get home. Bro. and Sister Vern Broadway has a new baby son, named Brett Lee, born May 6. Congratulations to you both Our guest speakers this month is Bro. Roy Snoderly and Bro Paul Ferguson. Sister Ferguson and their grandaughter Janice Rae, came with Bro. Paul. We enjoyed having them all. My wife and I leave next week to spend a few days with mother, then on to our FURNISH CANYON meeting which starts June 2, running through the 9, with the Springfield, Colorado meeting following it. We are looking forward to being with our brethren and sisters in the Lord at both congregations. --Yours in Christ,

CLAUDE PERIGEN.

8748 E. Artesia Ave., Bellflower, California, May I5-63.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: -- I am taking this opportunity to let you know that some of us from Yakima plan to come to your meeting in La Habra, in June. My Brother Bill and his family, my daughter and her husband, my son and myself plan to come. There are a few of the other members which have expressed a desire to come, but I do not Know if they will be able to or not.

Has there been any plans made for an open discussion some afternoon or evening? Seems as if a meeting of this kind might be of great benefit to the church in getting closer harmony and co-operation among the congregations. It seems like the church is not growing as it should, or as the Lord intends for it to. This can only be due to a lack of effort on our part. I believe we can do a lot to further the cause of Christ by a closer working among the congregations. It is going to take a concentrated effort on all our fronts to fulfill the work of the Lord. If there is anything that we from Yakima can do to help in your meeting, we will be glad to do it. The church here is still striving to serve the Lord. A few have been sick this winter, but most are coming along fine.

------Yours in Christ, HOWARD McCAY.

Yakima, Washington. May I0, I963.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: -- I received the April issue of the Gospel News Courier and enjoyed its contents as I always do. I hope you and your family are well. I had the happy privilege of visiting in the homes of Bro. and

Sister Berkstresser and their daughter, Sister Birth of Midland, Texas for a few days in April. Then they were over here the following Lord's Day and worshipped with ua. We are always glad to have visitors. Enclosed is my little contribution to the Courier. May God bless you in the good work. I would like to be there for your fifth Sunday meeting, but it is most too far. ---Yours in Christ, MRS. LAURA E. WILLIS.

205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Bro. Roy: - Just a few lines to let you know how things are going here in Yakima. We have another wedding coming up, Bro. Gene McKinney and Sister Pat Everts are to be married Saturday May I6. I have had my vacation changed to the last week in June and the first week in July. Consequentlly we will be able to be at La Habra for the 5th. Sunday meetings, if the Lord wills. As far as I know my brother Howard and his son Jerry will be coming with us. We are looking forward to see you and all the rest of the brethren in the near future.

Hoping for a very successful meeting, --Yours in Christ,

BILL McCAY.

7I9 E. Viola, Yakima, Washington. May I6, I963.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: - The church in Broken Bow, is about as usual. Not many of us but the regular members are nearly always there on Sunday mornings. Our meeting starts July 6th. with Bro. Jack White of Monday, Texas doing the preaching. Enclosed is a check to help with the paper.

A Sister in Christ, MRS. R. C. CLEMENTS.

Broken Bow, Oklahoma. May II, I963.

WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN

Reason No. I.

We first learn in Gen. I, that God created man in His image and after His likeness. Then in chapter 3:I-7 Satan came in the form of a serpent and tempted Eve and beguiled her, so she ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge; so did Adam, and as a result, they were cast out of the garden.

Now, God has to induce man to turn back to him since he could not let man eat of the tree of life and live forever in his sinful state. But in chapter 6 we find that the sons of God took the daughters of men for wives as many as they would. Chapter 6:I-3 God said that his spirit would not always strive with man; "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Verses 5-8 man's wickedness was great and God decided to destroy man from off the face of the earth; but Noah found favor in God's sight. Chapters 7 and 8 tell us the story of the ARK

and the flood. Then in chapters I2 to I8 God selected Abram in Ur of the Chaldees, called him to go to a country he would tell him of, and promised him that his seed should posssess the Land of Canaan, chap. I5.

So reason Number I is because of God's love.

REASON NO.2: In chapter I6 Sarai bore Abram no child, so she gave him her handmaid to be his wife in her stead, which he took and made her his wife and she bore him his first son, Ishmael when he was 84 years old.

But that was not the heir. Chapter I7:I-22 when Abram was 99 years old God appeared to him and promised Isaac to be born the next year at the time of life. He also changed their names; his to Abraham and hers to Sarah. In verse 2I God said that he would establish his covenant in Isaac. In Chapter I8:I-33 God appeared to him under the Oak at Mamre and told him that he was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham pleaded for the righteous in those cities, because Lot was there. At that time God renewed his promise of Isaac and that in him would all nations of the earth be blessed.

Next in chapter 25:20-23 Isaac was 40 years old when he took Rebekah to wife and after she conceived; God told that two nations would come from her, and the elder would serve the younger. Then in chpater 37 Joseph was sold and in chapter 39 he was taken into Egypt and sold into slavery. Joseph was cast into prison, chapter 40. In chapter 4I Pharoah dreamed a dream which Joseph interpreted. Later he, Joseph, brought his family, father and mother, and brethren down. After 400 years God sent Moses and brought them out of Egypt. Deut. I8:I5, God promised a prophet like unto Moses whom they shoudl hear.

So reason No 2 is because of God's promises.

REASON NO. 3: - Now in Isaiah 2:I-5 God promised that his house would be established in the top of the mountains and his law would go forth from Jerusalem. In Isa. 42:I-4 his elect servant is described. Again in chapter 5I God pleads with his people. In chapter 53, more descriptions of his servant. Much more could be given here, but I will not, in order to conserve space.

In Jer. 3I:3I, he speaks of a new covenant, not like the one he made with Israel. Again, in Matt. 2:I-23 gives an account of Christ's birth; trip into Egypt; and return to Nazareth in fulfillment of two prophesies, Hosea II:I, "Out of Egypt have I called my son", and in Judges I3:5, "He shall be called a Nazarene".

In Luke I:5-80 we have the account of the birth of John the Baptist and of Christ. John I:I-5 tells of the word. Matt. 3:I3-I7 Jesus came to John the Baptist to be

baptized. Chap. 4:1-11 he was taken into the wilderness to be tempted 40 days and 40 nights. In chap. 5:1-12 we have the beatitudes. The balance of the chapter is given to instruction. These are in fulfillment of the promises made by the mouth of the prophets hundreds of years before. In John 2 he began his miracles which same confirmed the word and proved that he was from God. John 10:9-18 he is the door to the sheepfold. His sheep hear his voice and follow him; also he lays down his life for his sheep. After his crucifixion and resurrection he promised life everlasting to all who obey his commandments, Mat. 28:18-20; Mark 16: 15-16. So reason No. 3 is because God keeps his promises.

REASON NO. 4: - Revelation, chapters 1 to 3 the messages to the seven churches which are in Asia. Chapter 2:1-7 thought the church at Ephesus a strong church yet God found somewhat against it. Verses 8-11 Smyrna was without fault. Verses 12-17 Pergamos had the doctrine of the Nicolaitains which also God hates. Verses 18-29 had that woman Jezebel. (How many know who is Jezebel?) I Kings 21:1-29 these are some of the things she did. Wife of King Ahab, Israel's most wicked king. Chapter 3:1-6 Sardis; the church that was dead, thought it lived and had a name. Verses 7-13 Philadelphia which God commended very highly for its faithfulness. Verses 14-22, Laodicea the one he would not tolerate except it repent: was neither hot nor cold; what we call wishy-washy.

Now we go to chapter 20:12-15, the judgment was set and every one was judged out of those things which were written in the books. Chap. 21:1-9, a new heaven and a new earth. He that overcomes, God shall be his God and he shall be God's son. Chapter 22 finishes the thoughts I had in mind regarding this subject. ----In love of the Gospel of Christ submitted. ---A brother in Christ, LOYD L. COLEMAN.

2230 Palm Road, San Pablo 10, California.

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begotten Son that whosoever believe upon him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16, Paul in 2nd. Corinthians 7:10, "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation (moving toward) not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

Having reached this point of development the penitent believer is ready to confess that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God, Acts 8:37. Again in Matthew 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in Heaven." Now it doesn't say confess our sins, neither does it say relate a Christian experience, but confess Christ as being the Son of God. Of course no one

would want to go before the judgment bar of God and be denied of the Lord, and that is exactly what he says he will do if we deny him here. Now with these very things done as mentioned above, can one say he has been born again? Why, no, he has not been delivered from his sins, he is not a child of God until he is delivered, therefore is not recognized as a child of God, a member of the family of God until after the delivery is made. Now let us see what it takes to constitute a delivery. Go with us please to Col. I:I2-I4, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (worthy) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who, hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.." Careful now, let us use a little common sense. We know that two things equaling each other are equal to the same thing. So, lets take Peter's advice, and call up another witness (scripture); this time it is Peter himself. I Pet. 3:I8-2I, "For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us."

Now as Noah and his family was wafted (delivered) by water from the ante-diluvian world, and translated into the new world, so also, is the penitent believer delivered from his wicked state (power of darkness)and translated into the kingdom of God. Furthermore, to be in the kingdom of God, is to be in the family of God, (Kingdom of God) Some may say that is water salvation, pure and simple alright. Be as it may, the evidence certainly discloses the fact that God authorized, and operated with water in the salvation of Noah and family, and Peter says our salvation is a figure like Noah's, meaning of course that God used the same element (water) to save Noah as he does us. Moreover, Paul declares it (baptism) is an operation of God. Col. 2:I2 wherein he says, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein ye are also risen with him, through faith in the OPERATION OF GOD, who hath raised him from the dead".

BUT, says one: I yet believe we are saved before baptism. You do? Well if we are, we must be saved before we are born again, (delivered from sin). No, sinner friend,

since baptism is the last and consumating act of the spiritual birth, it therefore, takes baptism to bring about a covenant relationship with God. Then to, there is no newness of life short of baptism. Now if one is saved before baptism, it is obvious that he is not a new creature, because he is not in Christ. Listen to Paul, Romans 6:3-4, "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life." Now if salvation preceeds baptism, as some teach, the one is saved without being made a new creature. Hear Paul again, 2 Cor. 5:I7 "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things have passed away, (sins), behold all things are become new."

But what does it mean to be in Christ? Let Paul answer. Gal. 3:27 "For as many of us as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." Then if one must be in Christ in order to be a new creature,, one must be baptized in order to get into Christ. What think ye? Did Christ mean water baptism when he said "Except ye be born of water,and the Spirit ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

In conclusion, may I suggest that upon receipt of this little article, you read it, then go back and reread it, then get your Bible and compare it with the scriptures to see if the things offered is true. After making a thorough study of the lesson, DO NOT DESTROY, but file it away for future reference. The Lord willing, I hope to follow up with other articles, dealing with the truth of the Bible. For the Lord hath said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and the Truth shall make you FREE." John 8:32.

Your humble servant,

J. C. SPURLIN.
Reydon, Oklahoma.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Lord's Day:
Morning Worship 10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.

Every Friday night at 7:30 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to all our services.

431 West Ocean Avenue — La Habra, California

CB46 — Sunday June 30, 1963.

"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU"
Romans 16:16.

"Speak where the Bible speaks,
Be silent where it is silent."

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Our protracted and 5th. Sunday meeting which has been in progress sine Friday night June 21 will close tonight. A more complete report of the meeting will be found in the July issue of the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER which will be in the mail soon. Suffice to say here that the meeting has been a spiritual feast and of much spiritual benefit to the brethren.

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THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

1. Brethren, be not ashamed of it. (Rom. 1:16)
2. Obey it (I Pet. 4:17 2 Thess. 1:8-9)
3. Preach it (Mrk. 16:15-16). This will save the lost. (Rom. 1:16, edify the church (Rom. 14:19), destroy all barriers (Gal. 3:28), and set forth the best life to live

We must guard it (I Tim. 6:20), because some would pervert it (Gal. 1:7), and to us who are members of the church, the one body, it is a treasure (2 Cor. 4:7).

We must live worthily of it (Eph. 4:1). Phil. 1:27 I Cor. 9:12 Tit. 2:10. We must hold it fast (I Cor. 15:1-2), and with no compromise with error and the doctrines of men, but defend the gospel (Phil. 1:17). "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29). "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul." (Matt. 16:26).

A person who aims at nothing has a target he can t miss. Set an attainable goal. when you reach it, set another goal, higher. Many people flound on the ship of life because they never chart a course. Make money the by-product, not the goal. Drink at the fountain of knowledge, don t just gargle.

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You cannot decide when or where you will die, but you can decide how you will die.

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As long as there are people in the world, so long must we preach the gospel of Christ.

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God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

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You can tell the metal of a Christian, when he rubs against the world, The right kind will shine.

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The only difference between a buzzard and a gossiper is that the buzzard waits till the person is dead before it tears him apart.

It is all right for you girls to be fortune hunters, if you marry a man who s a fortune in himself. Marry kindness, ambition, courage, determination, diligence, intelligence, honesty, good manners, sympathy, integrity, enthusiasm, ---- and you have married a fortune. And remember, it takes two to make a marriage a success, but only one to make it a failure. 'Kissin don't last but good cookin do.'

When you are wrong don't hesitate to be a quitter.

No one is too bad to go to church services, neither is anyone too good to stay away.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH.

Isn t it strange that some women want to dress like a man smoke like a furnace swear like a sailot, drink like a sponge and occasionally wear little more clothes than a monkey, but still expect to be treated like a lady?

There isn t anything any more precious in God s sight than a viruos woman. Men might enjoy running around with the type of "lady" described above but they want to marry a real lady.

The devil is not far away when you are too busy to pray.

Life is an opportunity, a skill to be developed, a victory to be won. Every passing second is a grain of gold---won or lost.

The inspiration to better living must come from some higher source than ourselves. Attend every assembly of the church. Be there. Jesus has promised to be in our midst.

Read, and you will know, know, and you will love, love and you will serve, serve, and you will be happy.

Man's best friend, Jesus, has conquered man's worst enemy, death!

Recently a woman told me that my daughter, age 22, had more "character" than almost any person her age she had ever known. This thought brought a tear to my eye. This I had rather have heard than that she is the most beautiful, the best dancer, singer, writer, painter, athlete or anything else. To have a charcter becoming a Christian as the follower of Christ is the supreme compliment. For character is the only thing we earn on earth which we can take with us when we die. Reputation is what you're supposed to be, character is what you are. Reputation is what your obituary says. Character is what your angels say.

It is noble to train a child in the way he should go. Still better is to walk that way yourself.

You can't help it if you're ugly at 18. But if you're not beautiful at 80, it's your own fault. You can't help it if you were able neither to earn nor to inherit much in worldly goods. But character is a victory, not a gift. If you lack it, blame not your parents nor society, blame yourself.

Society advances mainly through those who're unafraid to be different. "The strongest man on earth is the man who stands most alone". Dare to be a Daniel. Dare to be a "square." Be a sovereign individual, not just a member of a mob. Be the "chicken" with the guts to say no to the crowd when the crowd's wrong.

Some people use their religion like a bus. They ride on it only when it is going their way.

Too many study their neighbor's faults more closely than their Bible.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Take two heaping cups of patience,
One heartful of love,
Two handsfuls of generosity,
A dash of laughter,
A headful of understanding,
Sprinkle generously with kindness,
Add plenty of faith and mix well,
Spread over a period of a lifetime,
And serve everybody you meet.

Furnished by,
MISS MELODY HUNT

There is two kinds of people; those who lift and those who lean. Some dedicate their own lives to lifting their own character and fortunes and in making the world a better place because they are in it. The leaners, on the other hand, are parasites who live off the achievements of others. Be a driver, not a hitchhiker.

INGRATITUDE

God gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16)
To heal my sin-sick soul (I Pet. 2:24)
Christ Jesus suffered "Thy will be done" (Heb. 5:8)
That I might be made whole, (Luke 5:31)
But all I do is idle along (Prov. 6:10)
Heedless that I must die (Heb. 9:27)
And then account for every wrong (Matt. 12:36)
In judgment by and by. (Eccl. 12:14)

Those who take a grim delight in being temperamental usually are more "temper" than "mental".

Infidelity never wrote a line that was comforting on a deathbed.

He who has little heart for the lost will have little heart for the Saviour.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Luke 6:38.

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