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CHANGE OF HEART

This is an important subject, discussed by thousands of religious people, understood by some, misunderstood by many. Most people believe that it is the physical heart that must be changed. I do not believe that God cares to change man's physical heart anymore than He does his lungs. It is the spiritual heart which he changes; the intellect; the mind.

Someone might ask, "What is the spiritual or scriptural heart; and truly that is a good question. Let us notice what is done, and we can tell just what it is.

I. It has the faculty of understanding. Prov. 2:2, "So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine HEART to understanding." Matt. I3:I5, "----- this peoples HEART is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed."

2. It can reason. Mark 2:8, "Why reason ye these things in your HEARTS?"

3. With the heart, man desires. Rom. I0:I, "Brethren, my HEARTS desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."

4. The heart thinks. Matt. 9:4, "Wherefore THINK ye evil in your HEARTS?"

5. With the heart, man believes. Rom. I0:I0, "For with the HEART man believeth---."

6. Man purposes with his heart. Acts II:23, "---- and exhorted them all, that with purpose of HEART they would cleave unto the Lord."

7. The heart condemns. I John 3:30, "For if our HEARTS condemn us, God is greater---------."

8. With the heart, man obeys. Rom. 6:I7, "But ye

have obeyed from the HEART that form of doctrine--------."

When we read and study the foregoing scriptures, we can plainly see that the physical heart cannot do the things ascribed to the heart in the Bible. It is the spiritual heart, or the mind of man, that is changed and causes man to live forever, not man's physical heart. Change the lobe of flesh in your breast, and you will die.

Note: The Word of God is the power that changes the heart, and it corrects the understanding, Psa. II9:I04. David said, "Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way."

It gives us faith, Rom. I0:I7. It secures obedience to divine commands, Pda. II9:II.

Submitted with love of the brethren, ----- F. H. LOGAN.

CONCERNING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER DEPARTMENT

Brethren: -- The editor and publisher of the Courier recently decided to run a column in the paper for the purpose of answering Gospel questions. I was asked if I would undertake the writing of this column, and I decided I would enjoy doing what I could do, with the help of others.

I would like to take this opportunity to state my purposes and aims in this undertaking clearly, that there should be no misunderstanding in the future.

I. I propose that questions asked should be BIBLE questions only.

2. No question will be ignored, unless it is obviously an attempt to ensnare, or clearly not a Bible question.

3. In undertaking this task, I do not wish to leave the impression that I have learned all there is to learn, or that I cannot make a mistake. I can; indeed I probaly shall make mistakes. This is because I am only human, and subject to error. If I err on any point, I ask only to be corrected in the spirit of brotherly love, and you shall have my thanks.

4. I shall probaly answer questions which touch on controversial questions from time to time. I alone am responsible for my answers, and they are not the answers of either the editor or publisher, who may agree, or disagree with them.

In conclusion, let me urge everyone who has a Bible question, to feel free to send to me, at my address. Employ the "golden rule" when you write; "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". If everyone will do this, we can have a good thing in this column. So, everybody---- get your questions ready, and "have at it". Your brother in Christ,--J. D. LOGAN.

300 Glenn Ave., Modesto, California. August 29, I963.

THAT DELTA MEETING.

ELMER H. HUNT, P. O. Box 3II, Garden Grove, California. --- It's history now, and it was enjoyed by many, and was correctly located. It was in the Happy Hollow Church of Christ, Cedar edge, Colorado, fifteen miles north easterly and beautiful 2000 feet or so higher than Delta.

The Happy Hollow Church of Christ of Cedaredge is now well on its way and work in Christ.

But starting at the beginning of our part, I and my wife Louise, left Garden Grove, California on July 22. We first stopped at Phoenix, Arizona for a goodly visit with Brother Donald Dabbs family and with Bro. Jack Morris. We then went on to Aztec, N. Mexico, where Bro. and Sister Roy Dabbs had all things ready for us. I preached each night from Wednesday to Sunday. One Sister, Lois Childers, came back into the fellowship there.

We arrived at (Delta) Cedaredge, Colorado, a week in advance of the camp meeting and helped in a few final finishes for their new building, and we did some personal work and advertising for the meeting. Those grand brothers and sisters had all been working hard.

There were at least nine congregations represented at the two weeks meeting. Shall try to name them. I know of these; Bro. and Sister Allen Nelson of Somerton, Ariz., Bro. and Sister J. C. Spurlin, of Reydon, Oklahoma; Bro. and Sister Claud Perigen, Bro. and Sister Jerry Perigen and family, Bro. and Sister Earl Broadway, Bro. Ronald Tibbs, Bro. Bill Taylor, nine of Bellflower, Calif.; Bro. and Sister Horace Orendorff and daughter, nell, of Yuma, Arizona; Bro. and Sister Roy Dabbs and seven others from Aztec, N. Mexico; Bro. and Sister Clyde Couchman of Springfield, Colorado; Bro. and Sister Curtis Teague and daughter, eleen, Bro. and Sister Danny Teague and family, all of Nocona, Texas; Ourselves of La Habra. I heard after we had left, that Bro. and Sister Howard Studer of Lorenzo, Texas were there. I fear I may have missed naming others; and there were outsiders and denominations present.

The Bro. Bud Wilkerson's home, and the Bro. Kenneth Baldwin's home, and the Bro. Baldwins childrens homes, all were open to overflowing for all, as well as were their hearts. I am sure I can express for everyone who attended, our heartfelt thankfulness for their hospitality. May God's richest blessings be with them for their bountiful work and efforts at Happy Hollow Church of Church of Christ to the glory of God.

W. A. NELSON, Rt. I, Box I4-BM, Somerton, Arizona.---

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G O S P E L N E W S C O U R I E R
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Am writing this to report our trip through parts of the mid-wes this summer just past. We visited Aztec, N. Mexico the first Sunday, and had a nice visit with the faithful there. Spent some time with the church at Cedaredge, Colorado in their meeting. We then went into Kansas to visit my wifes mother, and went by Elk City, Oklahoma and visited Bro. and Sister Ray Francis, then to Mangum, Oklahoma and visited W. H. and Bessie Francis, and on to Breckenridge, Texas. We spent Sunday at the California Creek Church of Christ and enjoyed meeting with the faithful there. Bro. Ed Tate and wife we had met a few years ago, but we were happy to meet the other members this time who meet there and have hopes that new members will be meeting with them now from near Breckenridge, Texas. We drove about 4500 miles on this trip and hope much good will come from it for the Masters work. The need is great. New places of worship are needed so badly. And also search should be made for those who want to go to the right place to worship, but do not know where those places are located or perhaps how close to them. THERE IS MUCH TO DO! There is work on every hand. I feel encouraged over the month I spent. Brethren, plan now to use your vacation time another year in the work and interest of the church.

Here is a list of the congregations represented at the Happy Hollow Church of Christ, Cedaredge, Colorado, and the number from each during the meeting there. Aztec, N. M. 9; Lorenzo, Texas; 4; Grand Prairie, Texas, 5; Ringgold, Texas, 3; Bellflower, California 8; La Habra, California 2; Somerton, Arizona 6; Yuma, Arizona 3; Reydon, Oklahoma 2; Springfield, Colorado 2.

I am also enclosing a list of names for you to enter on your mailing list to send them the Courier each month.

TO THE BRETHREN

Dear Christian Brethren: - The Stillwell Church of Christ has bought a half acre of ground on Highway 59 just out of Baron, about half way between Stillwell, and Westville, Oklahoma, and plan to build a church building there. The Stillwell church will help all they can on the building material. The labor will be donated by the members. There may be great opportunities there. Bro. Jim Brown, whom some of you know, and myself, will be the leaders there at the present.

Bro. Claude Perigen has met with us, and held us a meeting.

He knows our practice. Other steadfast brethren who know me personally, are Bros. Paul Ferguson, W. E. Daniels, and W. A. Nelson.

We believe and teach as the Bible directs, and will do all that is in our power to keep out innovations. We would appreciate and be so grateful for any donation whether it be be large or small, from any individual or as a group. You may send your donations to either Jim Brown or myself. Both of our addresses are, Rt. 2, Westville, Oklahoma. May the Lord bless and reward each of you for your efforts in the spreading the gospel. --- Yours in the "one faith,"

L. E. ATCHLEY.
Rt. 2, Westville, Oklahoma.

F. H. LOGAN, 5II S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California, Aug. 7, I963. - Just a short report on how the church at Modesto is progressing. Everything seems to be moving along fine. We have good attendance at our morning services, but somewhat lagging at our Sunday nights assemblies.

Last Lord's day, Bro. and Sister Buddy Davis, and daughter Elane, and son Dennis, and Sister Davis's mother, Mrs. Sarah Mincher worshiped with us, then went on their way to Pittsburg, California to visit relatives there. We appreciated having them with us. Any brethren passing this way are cordially invited to stop over and worship with us.

Our morning services are at I0.30, and our evening services are at 7.30 P. M.

When I returned home from La Habra, where I truly enjoyed the 5th Sunday meeting, and also the meeting at Bellflower. I truly enjoyed the fellowship and courtesy extended to me at both places. But when I reached home, I was made sad by the news that Bro. Emmett Stark had been burned to death in a car accident on July 4th. His wife Mary was also in the accident but was thrown from the car in the crash. She attempted to rescue her husband and was badly burned herself, but is recovering nicely. I tried to speak words of comfort to the relatives and friends.

Your Brother in Christ, as ever,

L. E. ATCHLEY, Rt. 2, Westville, Oklahoma, Aug. 23,63- Just received the August issue of the Gospel News Courier, and enjoyed it very much. My wife and I have been going to church at Stillwell since we moved here, which has been a little over two years. It's a 32 mile drive to church and back. There is two more falilies living near me who also attend church at Stillwell. We have found a piece of land on the main highway which the church at Stillwell bought, so we could establish a church there. This is a

good location for a church, as it is near a small town and on the highway with a good view. One of these families live about 300 yards from it, and the other family about a mile.. We live five miles from the location.

I think we may be able to do some good there in spreading the gospel, once we get a building up and get started. Several have expressed a desire to meet with us. Bro. Jim Brown has live ther a long time and knows lots of people. several have told him they would come if we located there. We plan to do all the work on the building ourselves so we will only have to buy the material. I'm enclosing a letter to the brethren. We would be glad if you will, and have the space, to include it in the next issue of the Courier.

The church at Stillwell has good attendance and a lot of interest. We have quite a number of young folks that attend regularly. We have hopes of baptizing several of them before long. Hope all is well with you, and may you continue to have the strength and courage to carry on with the paper as you have in the past, is my prayer for you.

Yours for the truth through Christ.

MELVIN LYTLE, 3137 Sanchez Str., San Bernardino, Calif.-- Just a few lines to let you know we received the paper. We certainly appreciate the time and work that you put into it which makes the paper possible. We would like to invite everyone to come and meet with us. We still meet at Brother Kenneth Wilcher's home. His wife was pretty sick for a while, but the worst is over. She is expected to recover very quickly now. Their home is at 7791 Ypislanthis Street, East Highland, California. That is also their mailing address, and is where we meet for worship. ----- From the Church of Christ in East Highland, California.

HARRY B. DYE, Yuma, Arizona, Aug. II, 1963,--- This letter is way late, but I hope it makes this issue of the paper, as Sister Wilcher has been sick. They have had in and out of the the hospital about three times. They need financial help from the faithful. Send it to Bro. Kenneth Wilcher, 7791 Ypsilanthis Str., East Highland, California, or % H. B. Dye, 828 Oak Drive, Yuma, Arizona. The church at Yuma is about the same. Orendorff family are in Colorado for the meeting. Bro. Hayse Morris and family are visiting the church at Lakeside, California for the week-end. Here is a check for the paper. ---- In Christian love.

LAURA WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mex., Aug. 5,63- I received the Courier and read it with the usual pleasure. I enjoyed Bro. Noyes article on growing in grace. I Would

like to see an article on why we do not wash feet as a chuch ordinance. I had the good pleasure of going to Lorenzo, Texas July I3 and visited with Sister Scott and all the mem bers who worship there. Then on the 20th, Bro. and Sister Studer and I went to Ringgold, Texas where my brother, W. E. Daniels was holding a week-end meeting. There were 4 congregations represented there beside the Ringgold church. It was a good meeting. I enclose my might to help with the Gospel News Courier. ----- Sincerely yours in Christ.

J. H. LACKEY, Rt. I, Box 6, Springfield, Colorado, 3I073.--We attended the meeting part of the time at Furnish Canyon, and every time at Springfield, Colo. Heard an excellent sermon by Claude Perigen each time. Did not have too much attendance as rains hindered some. We enjoy reading the reports from the faithful over the country. That was an excellent article on "The Spiritual Birth" by Bro. Spurlin. Also other articles. These articles and news items are an encouragement to continue in the faith, "grounded and settled, and be not mover away from the faith once delivered to the saints. You sent me two packages of the Courier this time. We here need only 5 or 6 copies.

We are expecting Bro. Loyd Treat to begin a meeting here at Springfield September Ist. We are hoping for a good attendance. In the last issue, the article by Bro. F. H. Logan on the four gospels belonging in the New Testament was fine. I was not aware that anyone had the opinion that they belonged in the Old Testament. Would have liked to have attended the Delta meeting, but could not.

MRS. R. C. CLEMENTS, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, Aug. 5, I963 --Received the Gospel News Courier and enjoyed reading it. We had a good meeting here in July but there were no additions to the church. Bro. Jack White gave good lessons, and we had good singing. Bro. and Sister Studer were here and helped with the singing. We had good crowds each night Enclosed is a check to help with the Courier.

A Sister in Christ.

AMOS R. BEAVER, I509-I5th St. San Pablo, California.-July I9, I963 - Everyone here in San Pablo seem to be doing real good. I am sending $3.00 for the month. Keep up the good work. The Beavers. Market Avenue Church of Christ.

Temptation can never come in such a form as to make it safe or profitable to yield.

In a world where death is, we have no time to hate.

J. A. HALL, Rt. Box 369, Martinsville, Va., July 29, 1963. - Just received the Courier, and contents noted. Christ's Witnesses, by Earl O. Noyes was wondefful. The Four Gospels by F. H. Logan fails to prove his point. The four gospels is a history of Christ's life, and some of our law given by the Spirit is recorded in them. But until the death of Christ, they were enacted under the law of Moses, and it would take a wizard to find our law in them, if we did not have the last 23 books from Acts 2, through Revelation (the law of the Spirit) to guide us. If you see Paul Ferguson, give him my love and best wishes. I hope his health is good.

Sincerely yours for the truth.

DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES.

I have received a call for help from Carlsbad, N. Mex. for a Christian brother and his wife to move to this area and labor in the Lord's vineyard. Bro. Paul Bruce, their leader there for many years, has moved to California to live and work. This leaves a church without a leader. There are three sisters, faithful, living in Carlsbad, who wish to remain there if at all possible. Any one who would be interested, or if you know of any one available, please write to Mrs. Laura E. Willis, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. mex., 88220, or contact me, P. O. Box 97, La Habra, California. --EDITOR.

Brethren:- I plan to be with the Church of Christ at Stillwell, Oklahoma in a gospel meeting the latter part of this coming October; running from the 20th through the 27th. We invite all that can come, to be with us in this meeting. --- Yours for the truth, -- PAUL FERGUSON.
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