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"LORD, ARE THERE FEW THAT BE SAVED?"

In Luke I3:23, this question was asked the Saviour after He had given the lesson illustrating the growth of the Kingdom, by the parables, showing the growth of the mustard seed, and the leaven hid in three measures of meal until all was leavened. Then one said unto Him, "Lord are there few that be saved? And He said unto them, 'Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.' In Matthew 22: I-I4 Jesus told them of a certain king who had made a marriage feat for his son, and invited many to the feast, but they made light of his servants, entreated them spitefully and slew them. He sent them out again, saying, "Go ye therefore unto the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So these servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." The king came in to see the guests, and found one who did not have on a wedding garment, he was cast out. "For many are called, but few are chosen," verse I4.

Another illustration we find in I Pet. 3:20. Speaking of those in Noah's day, "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah.....wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us." Now let us turn to Matt. I9:I6-25. The rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus reminded him to keep the commandments. He replied that he had kept these from his youth up, and inquired, "What lack I yet? Jesus answered, "If thou wilt be perfect, sell what thou hast and give it to the poor." The young man went away sorrowing, for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven." "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying Who then can be saved? Verse 25.

In the parable of the great supper, Luke I4, and the

parable of the sower and the seed in Mark 4, we find some more teaching by our Saviour shoving that the invitation is universal but few are saved. "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, that leads to life and few there be that find it", Matt. 7:14. From these references, we come to the conclusion, that there are few that be saved.

I John 2:15; "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him". Verse 16; "For all that is in the world, the lust of the FLESH, and the lust of the EYES, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world". All of these were set before Eve when Satan tempted her. The friut was pleasant to the eye, good for food, and desired to make one wise. They took and eat of it, and were cast out of the garden, and the sentence of death passed on all men.

In John 10:7 and 10:9 Jesus said; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved," John 14:6; "I am the way,,the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 8:12; "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He is the gate, the door, the way, the truth, the life, and the light. In John 10:1 Jesus tell us that he that climeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

The question of how do we get into Christ, the door, is plainly and clearly revealed in the New Testament; the requirements being faith, repentance, confession, and lastly, baptism for remission of sins. These requirements when met, puts a person into Christ, the door.

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate:.....Luke 13:24. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13-14. 2 Pet. 1:10; "Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure."

J. H. LACKEY.

HORACE R. ORENDORFF, 1850 14th Str. West, Yuma, Arizona.--Sept. 20, 1963. -- We certainly enjoyed the meeting at Cedaredge, Colorado, near Delta. We met old friends and many new ones. At this meeting we seemed to get acquainted better with a few of the brothers as we had time to talk and be together. Many of them fished a lot. I heve never seen so many fisherman as there were in Colorado. I counted 45 visitors and I'm sure I missed some. I think there were ten churches represented. I spent the Last Sunday in Phoenix and there were 28 people at church, 14 members that Sunday. The brethren have

rented a building at Olive and 67th Street north-west of Phoenix. It has been all newly painted and they plan a meeting October 6th through 13th. Bro. Harry Dye and his family spent the Labor Day holiday up there and we hope to get back soon and often. Several here at Yuma have been a little under the weather. Maybe everyone will be alright. soon.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By J. D. Logan, 300 Glenn Ave. Modesto, Calif

To our readers: - Please feel free to send in your Bible questions you may want to ask and thereby help us to make this department both interesting and edifying. Send your questions to Bro. J. D. Logan. We are sure he will give them prompt consideration.

SOWING TO THE FLESH AND SPIRIT

Gal. 6:7-8; "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

The above Scripture covers a scope of ground, much more than I will be able to bring out in this one little article. Let's notice the above Scripture. We can sow to the flesh and reap corruption; or we can sow to the Spirit and reap life everlasting. But we can't sow to both at the same time. We are either sowing to the flesh and not to the Spirit, or we are sowing to the Spirit and not to the flesh. As Jesus puts it in Matt. 6:24, no man can serve two masters. If we sow to the flesh, we become servants of the flesh and the flesh becomes our master. As Paul puts it in Rom. 6:16; "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey." Now, if we yield ourselves to obey the flesh, then we become servants of the flesh, and in so doing, we are sowing to the flesh and cannot be sowing to the Spirit. Let's read I John2:15-16; "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Note, if we yield ourselves to the lust of the flesh, then we become servants of the flesh, and the flesh becomes our master. Then we are sowing to the flesh, and

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our reward is corruption or condemnation. One might ask just how and when do we sow to the flesh. Answer; just turn back and read I John 2:I5-I6. Then we might put it this way. Say I drive I00 or I50 miles to some worldly amusement, and then can't drive I5 or 20 miles or less to church, I have truly and really sown to the flesh. I have let the lust of the eyes become my master; my reward, corruption. Paul tells us in Rom. 8:6, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." But some one may ask, when are we carnal minded? Well, let's take Mr. A. and Mr. B.,and then you can be the judge. Mr. A. takes in all the rodeos, ball games, races, and makes many trips to see pleasant scenery, very seldom goes to,church, very seldom reads the Bible, very seldom converses on a scriptural subject. Mr. B. goes to church, reads his Bible, enjoys a scriptural subject, cares nothing for rodeos, ball games, races. Has very little pleasure in scenery, has pleasure visiting with the brethren, visiting the sick, and keeping himself unspotted from the world, as in James I:27. Now folks, it ought not take a Solomon to determine which of Mr. A. and Mr. B. are carnal minded and which are spiritual minded; which one is sowing to the flesh and which one is sowing to the Spirit. As our scripture shows, we can't mock (deceive) God. God knows whether we are sowing to the flesh or to the Spirit. He knows if we are carnal minded, or spiritual minded.

One might ask; "Can't we have any pleasure at all? Yes, indeed we can. If we are what we ought to be, our pleasures will be in doing the things that please God. Having fellowship with the brethren conversing on the scriptures. Studying to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth. Then we will be sowing to the Spirit, will be spiritual minded. In conclusion, let us examine ourselves whether we are sowing to the flesh to reap corruption, or carnal minded and dead; or sowing to the Spirit to have life everlasting, or spiritual minded to have life and peace. Remember, we can't serve two masters, Matt. 6:24.

Written in love of the truth, and in the spirit of meekness.
Yours in Christ,
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J. H. LACKEY, Rt. I, Box 6, Springfield, Colorado 8I073.- Sept. I9, I963. - Meeting closed at Springfield September I5.

Bro. Loyd Treat doing the preaching. Had one restored and some fine sermons. Had Bro. and Sister K. M. Baldwin, and Bro. and Sister Hill from Delta, Colorado and Grand Junction, Colorado, and Bro. and Sister Howard Studer from Lorenzo, Texas; Bro. Ben Witt, Fairland, Okla., another from Lubbock, Texas; and Bro. and Sister Francis, and Bro. and Sister Whitley from Furnish Canyon, Colorado. We are encouraged to continue in the Faith once delivered to the saints.

LAURA E. WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mexico 88220. Oct. 2, 1963. - I received your nice letter, also the papers. Thank you so much. I surely do appreciate the fact that you are trying to help to get someone to come here to take up the church work. Bro. Studer said someone from Lorenzo, Texas would come over once in awhile and conduct services for us. I am hesitating about going to Aztec now until spring, and to, I feel for the others here, and do hope and pray someone will locate here to take up the work. Sister Whelan has children that need to be going to church, as does she. That is one reason why I am staying awhile longer to try to get help for them. I am praying and trusting that God will put it into the heart of someone to come here. And as we all know, we should not expect God to answer prayer immediately. Time doesn't count with him. So I am asking the prayers of all Christians every where. I would like to make a request that someone write on why we have the communion every Lord's Day. I was asked that question recently, and gave the best explanation I could, but the party who asked did not seem convinced. I am so glad to have the question and answer page in the Courier. I am enclosing my regular contribution to the Courier. - -Sincerely a Sister in Chfist.

F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Blvd., Modesto, Calif., Oct. 7, 1963.-- Just a short report concerning the church here at Modesto. Everything is moving along fine. We still have a number of sick folks in our congregation. Sister May Johnson fell a few days ago and fractured her hip and underwent surgery, and is still in the hospital, but is recovering nicely. Bro. and Sister Conder are doing fairly well. They were both at church yesterday. Bro. and Sister Stark are about as usual. He was at church yesterday, but Sister Stark hasn't been able to attend church for some time. Bro. and Sister Morris are not able to attend church services very much. Since my last report I baptized an elderly man into the body of Christ. He is 75 years old and his name is Bill Cremeen. He lives here near the church. Yesterday we had two new members with us, Sister Lottie P. Ford, of

620 Lassen Ave., here in Modesto, also Sister Francis Hollingsworth of the same address. They are planning to meet with us regularly here in Modesto. We have some visitors at almost every service. Bro. and Sister Weakly and Sister Jewel Cadwell are intending to start on their vacation to Oklahoma the 10th of this month. Also Bro. and Sister Ira Brown are leaving on their vacation. All brethren and sisters passing this way are cordially invited to stop over and worship with us at Glenn and Dallas Streets here in Modesto. Our morning services begin at 10:30 and our evening services begin at 6:-30. ----Your brother in Christ, as ever.

KENNETH WILCHER, 7791 Ypsilantha Str., East Highland, California. Sept. 27, 1963. - We received the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER this week. We want to thank Bro. Harry Dye of Yuma, for writing to the Courier for our benefit, and for all the help and financial aid he turned our way when we were in need of it this past summer. Also we want to thank the wonderful brothers and sisters that so generously and whole-heartedly helped us out. Thanks to God and to all of them. I am just fine now. We have so much to be thankful for. All we can say is, thank you, and may God bless you all. Please come and meet with us when you have the opportunity, or just drop by for a visit. We hold our morning service each Sunday at 10:-30. --- In Christian love.

AMOS S. BEVER, 1509 15th Str., San Pablo, Calif. Sept. 23, 1963. - Everyone here in San Pablo are just fine. Here is the check to help with expenses on the paper. -----
Market ave., Church of Christ, 1433 Market Avenue.

WILLIE DOAN, Rt. 2, Box 129, Broken Bow, Okla. Sept. 27, 1963. - I am sending you a little article this month. I have not been feeling very good this year. The church in Broken Bow on Park Drive is doing as well as can be expected. We have had a lot of visiting brethren passing through, to stop over fro church this year. Well I will close. With Christian love.

W. E. DANIELS, Rt. 2, Stilwell, Oklahoma. Oct. 5, 1963. - It has been some time since I wrote the paper, so I will send in a few lines, though some of it is kindly late. But first I'll say the church here is doing as well as could be expected in these perilous times. Have fair crowds at services, but most important of all, we are at peace among ourselves. The little congregation at Bohannan Mountain are doing nicely, and it appears to me that the leaders are doing a nice job. I was with them the 5th Sunday of September. Had a

nice crowd and all seemed to be in the proper spirit for the services. In July I was with the Church of Christ at Ringgold, Texas the I9 through the twentyfirst. We had some of as good services as I think I ever attended. Had several members from four other congregations. The outside interest was very light but the brethren showed wonderful interest. There was no visible results, although the church rejoiced very much. September 20 through 22, I was with the California Creek congregation west of New Castle, Texas. There we had I00 per cent membership attendance, but outside interest was very small. The little faithful few there are fighting hard for the cause, and anyone passing through that part will find a welcome to meet with those faithful brethren and sisters, and will find the services as a "thus saith the Lord." On our way home from the California Creek church, we came by Broken Bow, Oklahoma and spent a night and part of a day with Bro. and Sister Harrison Queen who worship with the Tiner congregation East of Broken Bow. They reported the Tiner congregation wel as could be expected, and were all of one mind, and at peace among themselves. Anyone passing through that way will find a hearty welcome to meet with those brethren and sisters, and will find the services as directed in God's holy word. ------ Yours in Christ.

CLAUD C. PERIGEN, 8748 E. Artesia Blvd., Bellflower, California. Oct. I8, I963. - Not much news from here. We have had some sickness. Sister Kellogg is improving very nicely after undergoing two major surgeries. Some of the young folks have been sick.. Bro. Bill Taylor and Bro. Vern Broadway's children, also Bro. Jery Perigen's children. The church is going along very well. Bro. and Sister Boling's have moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona. We attended the meeting at Phoenix some and on our way we stopped over at Somerton for Wednesday night services. We had a nice time at both places and met a lot of old friends. We would have liked to have spent more time, but needed to be home.

Brethren:- In the September issue of the Gospel News Courier, Bro. Earl Atchley announced that he and other brethren intend to build a church building and start a new congregation at BARON, OKLA. some few miles from the Stilwell congregation. They talked about this possibility when we were there in a Gospel Meeting last year. These brethren have a desire to grow. They are steadfast and there will be strong leaders to carry on the work, which we know is needful. They have lived in that community for years. Now brethren, I believe the opportunity is

before us that we have needed so long. We should get behind this effort. --- Written in Christian love.

JOHN D. USREY, 840 Bell Ave., Sacramento 38, California 95838. Phone 927 - 1261.- The Church of Christ that has been meeting in Bro. Lowery's home in Bryte, California, has now found a house in which to meet for worship, located at 836 Bell Avenue, Sacramento. It is located next door to us. We live at 840 Bell Avenue. Anyone coming by and wish to find us, all they have to do is call 927-1261, and we will tell them how to find us, or else come and get them. Everyone here is doing pretty good. Sister Bedingfield still has good days and bad days..

ELMER H. HUNT, P. O. Box 28, Corona, California. Oct. 21, 1963.- All may well rejoice. The new Church of Christ, Phoenix, Arizona is alive and growing. The meeting was a grand fellowship. Bro. Jack Morris and I alternated as speaker until Wednesday. Sister Shirley and youngest Bro. Morris returned to the fold. Bro. Hayse Morris, bro. Don Dabbs and I did some personal work and visiting. Sister Nelson of Somerton became very ill Lord's Day morning and Bro. Allen Nelson took her home that afternoon. Hope she is better by now. Speakers the latter part of the meeting were: Brothers Claud Perigen, Paul Ferguson, Roy Dabbs, Harry Dye and Kenneth Baldwin.

LA HABRA, California News. - Bro. and Sister Paul Ferguson, Bro. and Sister Dayton Clouse left Oct. 12 for about a two weeks stay in Okla. and Ark., stoppingover the last day of the Phoenix meeting. Bro. Ferguson holds a meeting at Stilwell, Oct. 20 through 27. We are glad to announce That Bro. Bill and Kathy Campbell are the proud parents of a baby girl, LETITIA DARICE, born October 18, weight 6 lbs. 9.0z. Congratulations, to you both.

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