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IS FAITH ALONE SUFFICIENT TO SAVE MANKIND? AS IT IS TAUGHT BY MANY TODAY?

This is an important question, because it embraces the whole human family; and their souls salvation depends upon the proper teaching concerning the Gospel of Christ, the New Testament Scriptures which perfectly and throughly furnishes us unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). It is a perfect law, (Jas. 1:25), and in it is revealed all things that pertain unto life and Godliness (2 pet. 1:2-3); yet in the face of all this God-given evidence, which perfectly and throughly furnishes us unto all good works, there are thousands of false teachers today teaching that man is saved by faith alone. We, the members of the Church of Christ, consider this to be false doctrine. Let us now investigate that perfect law of liberty (Jas. 1:25), and see what our Lord hath said on the subject.

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1. WE MUST HEAR AND LEARN OF GOD. In John 6:45, Jesus said, "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." Paul said, "Whosoever shall upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Then he reasoned, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom. 10:13-14). Without hearing and learning of God, they could not have faith in God (Rom. 10:17).

2. WE MUST BELIEVE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. In Heb. 11-6, Paul said, "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." However, this scripture does not sy that man is saved by faith only. When you teach that it does, you are contradicting the teaching of the apostle James (James 2:14). James said: "What

doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" ; and in verse 24 he said; "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

3. MAN MUST REPENT OF HIS SINS. Repentance is a change of mind, and it must be performed by the believer himself, and it is the third duty that he must perform, that he might be saved. Paul emphasized that very thought in Acts I7:30 when he said,"The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." And in Luke I3:3-5, Jesus said; "Except ye repent, ye shall all perish." And Jesus commanded the apostles to preach repentance and the remission of sins. Luke 24:47.

4. WE MUST CONFESS WITH THE MOUTH THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. Romans I0:9-I0. Here Paul said; "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation," and Jesus expressed the same thought in Matthew I0:32-33. These four acts bring us unto Christ, His body or church, but not into it, as the next act will explain.

5. WE MUST BE BAPTIZED (IMMERSED IN WATER). In Matthew 28:I8-20, Jesus commanded the apostles to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Also in Acts 2:38, Peter commanded the Jews to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. And in Romans 6:3-5 , Paul told the church at Rome, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." And in I Peter 3:2I, Peter said; "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." And when we have obeyed these five commandments, we have obeyed all the commandments of the gospel of Christ to alien sinners Thus we have obeyed the gospel to the saving of our souls from our past sins. Then in I Peter I:22-23, Peter said; "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of thebrethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

So in obeying these five commandments which I have discussed in this article, it proves that they must be performed by man. The Lord has made this clear in the above scriptures. When we have obeyed those commandments, we have had our sins remitted, Acts 2:38; or washed away, Acts 22:I6; and were baptized into Christ, (His body),Romans 6:I-5; and have purified

our souls in obeying the commandments of the gospel, I Pet. I:22-23. And the Apostle Paul writing to the church said in Romans 8:I-II; "There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." We walk after the Spirit by obeying the commandments of the word of the Spirit; the New Testament scriptures, John 6:63-68. With all this God-given evidence before us, how can a man take the position that we are saved by obeying only one of the 5 commandments, is beyond my reasoning.

Submitted in the spirit of love toward all mankind,

F. H. LOGAN,

5II S. Sunset Blvd., Modesto, California.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I know many of you would like to hear of what is being done in the spread of the gospel of Christ through the efforts put forth in answer to my plea for donations to send men into areas where there is a need of evangelistic work.

Bro. Paul Ferguson went to Texas City, Texas in response to the plea for help from some of the members there. As far as we know, nothing was accomplished there at that time. Since then we have not heard from them concerning this matter. We hope that his work there was not in vain.

While in Delta, Colorado with the church there during the August camp meeting, I discussed plans for the future of the work with all the leaders present at that time and all agreed that we must go ahead with this work regardless of failure and in the face of opposition. It was agreed at that time to help the church at Barron, Oklahoma finance their meeting which was held in October with Bro. Paul Auslam. I think that the reports received and printed elsewhere in this issue of the Courier, is sufficient evidence of success at Barron, Oklahoma.

We need men willing to go preach the gospel of Christ, but we must also be willing to support their efforts if there is to be any success in the work. So far we have received $387.00 from the churches over the country in addition to some private donations. To date, $257.00 has been spent in these two efforts, leaving a balance of $I30.00. There is a need for more money and there are other places where men are needed to hold meetings, and to help establish new congregations. Let every congregation get behind this effort. Let's not make promises as you did before when we were trying to keep a man in the field full time, but let's make every effort to do our part in this work to make it a success. Please do not forget that it also takes money to keep the paper coming each month to your door. I want to thank everyone for the effort they have made to keep this paper in the mail each month.

----- -ROY.

Those who think it permissible to tell white lies soon become color blind.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Bro. Abe Labato and Bro. Donald Dabbs of Phoenix, Arizna will begin a meeting December 27 through January 2 with the Church of Christ, corner of Park Ave. and Hartman Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. All are invited to attend

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PAUL AUSLAM & FAMILY, Route #I, Fayetteville, Ark. Oct 29, 1964.-- We are fine and hope all of you are enjoying good health. Well, our gospel meeting came to a close last Lord's day night at Barron, Oklahoma. I want to say thanks to all the brethren at that place for asking me to help them in their meeting. I enjoyed it tremendously. I only hope that they were as spiritually benefited as I. Every gospel meeting I attend, I grow stronger in the work of the Lord, and in persuading people and warning them that their souls are in jeopardy if they are not an obedient child of God. We are happy to report 2 confessions were made during the meeting, and angels in heaven rejoiced. I want to thank all the folks at Barron for asking my family and I into their homes. We enjoyed the day with Bro. and Sister Atchley, and also the dinner at the church the last Lord's day of the meeting, and the singing in the afternoon. We also want to thank others for their support and helping Barron in their meeting. Bro. and Sister Earl Broadway, of Bellflower, California were here last Lord's day, and visited the Bohannon Mountain church. We were so happy to have them in our home last Saturday night. We were glad to have Bro. Roy Snoderly visit in our home in August. We enjoyed the good lesson he gave at Bohannon Mountain Lord's day, and at Barron, Oklahome Lord's day night. We heard two good lessons from him.

Yours in Christian love.

SISTER VADA NELSON, 32I May Ave., Yuma, Arizona.. Somerton Arizona Church News.---Meets at Spring Street and Fourth Avenue. Bro. J. D. Johnson and daughter Nina of Lakeside, California visited in the Yuma and Somerton area with relatives and friends. Bro. Johnson gave the lesson for Wednesday night services October 7th. at Somerton. The good brothers and sisters of Yuma attends the Wednesday night services at Somerton. Sunday October II, Curt and Lurana McCluskey met with Somerton..Several years ago Sister McCluskey and their children lived in this area. They now reside in Sacramento, California. It was wonderful having them in our midst again. Bro. W. A. Nelson taught on water baptism and one was restored to the faith. Sister Juaita

Nelson was unable to attend services that day. Sister Ruth Duncan of Somerton has been in Bakersfield, California caring for her sister, Mrs. Katy Dearmore, who has been sriously ill, but seems to be improved at present. Bro. & Sister Konny Wilcher and their children of Yuma have moved to Texas, and and Bro. Gene Edwards family have moved to California. They will be missed very much by everyone here. Sunday October 25 there was one restored to the faith in Yuma. For these things we are thankful. The Somerton group were pleased to have visitors from Phoenix, Arizona October 25. Bro. Don Dabbs and his daughter Debbie, Bro. & Sister Fred Shirley and daughters Glenda and Sandra were visiting in the Yuma and Somerton area with friends. Bro. Dabbs gave a fine lesson entitled "What Shall We Do With Our Lord?" After services a sandwich lunch was enjoyed by several who could stay; then a good old-fashioned singing for the afternoon. The same visitors were at services Sunday night also. We did so much enjoy them and invite any who can, to come be with us.

R. H. PEEL, Crosbyton, Texas.-- It is with sadness I try to write of the death of Sister Garner, wife of E. M. Garner She was one of our long time members of the church here. at Crosbyton, Texas. She was 84 years of age and faithful until death. She passed from this life Saturday evening Oct. I7, I964. She will be missed very much by all here who knew her. She was laid to rest in the Crosbyton Cemetery. Bro. and Sister Garner were the parents of 9 children, six girls, 3 boys, all grown and gone from home except the oldest girl, Ruth. Sister Garner had suffered many years with Arthritis, yet she was always at church and a good example for the younger women. I think if anyone gets to Heaven, she has run the race faithfully. I know we will all miss her very much.

----- Yours in the blessed faith.

HAYSE MORRIS, Box 662, Buteer Route, Kingman, Arizona. - Oct. I5, I964. - After quite some time I will write you again, since I have just returned from a trip to Ohio and Kentucky for the summer. I am thankful to report the little congregation in Hamilton, Ohio are getting along fine, though they are few in number. They are meeting in Bro. Jess Roark's home at 2I00 Stalheber Road, Hamilton, Ohio. At present they are in need of help to get a place to meet in. Anyone desiring to help them, send it to Bro. Jess Roark, 2I00 Stalheheber Road, Hamilton Ohio. Bro. Jerry Jarvice and family are meeting with them; also my daughter and family Mr. & Mrs. William Rhodes. We have a small congregation started here in Kingman. We are meeting in my daughters home six miles East of Kingman, Arizona in the Buteer Subdivision. She is Mrs. Ralph Rhodes. We are small in number, only 8 of us at this time trying to get started in the worship of the Lord here in Kingman. Anyone passing through on 66 can find us six miles East of Kingman, in the Elmer Buteer Subdivision, Hayse Morris, or Ralph Rhodes. Everyone is more than welcome to come and worship with us. We have worship at I0.30

A. M. If anyone needs a meeting and want a preacher to come, I am available any time, write me. Hope everyone is well. Our prayers are for the church everywhere, and for the sick. Pray for us brethren. We need the prayers of the faithful that we may continue to press forward in the work of the Lord. ----Your Brother in Christ.

ALVEY DANIELS, 1402 Georgia, Wichita, Kans. 67216.- Have neglected writing you and letting you know how much we enjoy the paper and look forward to getting it each month. We are just a few young members here trying to carry on the Lord's work the best we can. We meet in Bro. R. E. Goldsmith's home for worship every Lord's day at 10:30 A. M. There are only five members, myself, two of my sisters and their husbands and their children of course. Anyone passing through here we would be very glad for them to worship with us. They wont hear able sermons like they are used to hearing, but we will do our best. Anyone passing through here who want to worship with us, call me at JA. 44440, or call R. E. Goldsmith at PL. 51947. or go West on highway 54 past the Airport Road to Ridge Road, turn right on Ridge Road & go on across the Arkansas River, continueing on for about 1/2 mile to first road on the left. Turn left and go to the first house on the right which is Bro. Goldsmith's residence. You will be welcome any time.

Could you put a sermon outline in the paper some time to help young members like myself. I find it hard to prepare a lesson and it would be a lot of help to receive assistance this way, not only for myself but other members also. Enclosed is $5.00 for the paper. Am looking forward to receiving the paper.

----Your brother in Christ.

KENNETH BALDWIN, P. O. Box 188, Delta, Colorado. -- We are finally having some winter weather with snow in the mountains, but we need the moisture. We are all well here at Happy Hollow. We have gained a new family in the persons of Sister Emma Honnicutt, her son Bro. Jack, age 16, and son Terry, age 5. We are very happy to have them, and Bro. Jack has been helping in the services. We are proud of him.

We have Sister Renshaw in the rest home here in Delta. She is doing pretty good. Her birthday is November 17, and will be 73 years young. Everyone wishing to write her or send a birthday card, her address is Fanny Renshaw, Resthaven Nursing Home, 311 Dodge, Delta, Colorado. She would really enjoy hearing from you. She enjoys reading the Courier very much. We agree with Bro. Spurlin, that there should be an article, at least one each month, and more if possible. Don't forget Delta's camp-meeting, August 1965; so start making your plans now to attend. Start putting your dimes, quarters,

and halves in your piggy bank, and by August you will have enough saved up to make the meeting. We are lookin for you, so don't disappoint us.

----- Yours in the faith.

L. F. (EARL) ATCHLEY, Rt. #2, Westville, Okla. Nov. II, 64. I've been wanting to write since our meeting closed. Had a wonderful meeting and lots of help from both the Stilwell, and Bohannon Mountain churches, which we appreciated very much. Not many outsiders attended but we had some wonderful preaching by Bro. Paul Auslam. All who attended were strengthened and given more courage to continue the good fight of faith, and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. A man and his wife confessed their wrongs Sunday for worshipping where they had cups and Sunday Schools. We are attending the Bohannan Mountain meeting all this week. Last night a lady from our community who had been attending the meeting, made the good confession and was baptized after the services. Bro. Jim Brown from our congregation here at Baron, has been giving some wonderful lessons. We thank you Bro. Snoderly, and all who sent money to help pay the expenses of the meeting. Bro. Spurlin of Reydon, Oklahoma also sent some money to help. It is wonderful thing for congregations to help send some one to places where congregations are not able to financially support a meeting. Having to make payments on our new building, we were not able financially to support a meeting without help from other places. This help we appreciated very much. Bro. Auslam told us he would hold our meeting without charge if we did not have the money. This offer we appreciated, but we all know that a person can't go hold meetings and support their family without pay for their services. Hope you, your family, and all congregations in Southern California are well. Thanks again, Bro. Roy, and may the Lord bless and help you in the wonderful work you are doing towards spreading the gospel. ---Yours in Christ.

F. H. LOGAN, 5II S. Sunset Blvd., Modesto, Calif. Oct. I7-I964. - The church here is about as usual except still a lot of sickness in our congregation. Bro. & Sister Conder are not able to attend church and he is critically ill. Sister Stark is still in the rest home, and Bro. Rollins is in the hospital.Both are critically ill. Sister Charlot Burdis underwent a Gall Bladder operation, and Sister Vivian Baker underwent surgery recently, but are back home and on the road to recovery. I had an Appendix operation last February and I haven't been able to gain back my strength like I should; so I've been trying to take it easy. I haven't been feeling very good and have been having a lot of trouble with my heart. I have Arthritis all over my body and it sure has been sore and painful, but some better at present. Bro. and Sister Clouse of La Habra congregation are here visiting her father, Bro. J. G. Conder, Who is critically ill. Bro. and Sister Ira Brown are visiting friends in Colorado. Our Lord's Day services are I0.30 A. M. and 6.30 P. M. We invite all comirg this way to worship with us.

---- - Yours in the one faith, with love.

NOTE.--As the Courier goes to press, we received a phone message that Bro. J. G. Conder passed away at I0.00 A.M. Thursday , November I9. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones left behind.

WILLIE LOAN, Rt. 2, Box I29, Broken Bow, Okla. Nov. 9-I964. - The church on N. Park Drive is building up some. Have baptized 3 people, two from the cups church and one has come back into the church. All this in past two months. I'm doing better in health. ---- Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

PAUL AUSLAM & FAMILY, Rt. #I, Fayetteville, Ark. Nov. I0-64. - Our weeks meeting at Bohannan Mountain closed Sunday night with four additions by baptism for which we are all thankful. Names of those baptized are, Hershell Vanderpool, Vorbie and Carol Vanderpool and Mrs. Robert Bowles. This last name is from Barren, Okla. where Bro. Jim Brown lives. He is a real good preacher and I wish all could hear him that haven't heard him. We were all spiritually lifted, and we think our meeting was a success. We are looking forward to the 5th. Sunday meeting at Broken Bow. All who can attend, their presence will be appreciated. Sorry to report the death of a dear Sister in Christ, Aunt Vadie Parks. Her funeral was Sunday evening. Was a member of the Church of Christ 62 years.

----Yours in Christ.

SAMMY BOEN, 5 North 28th. str., Van Buren, Ark. Oct. I9-64. - Am enclosing a check from the Stilwell church to help with the paper. Note my change of address as given above. Thanks for sending the papers I missed. We here are about as usual. The meeting at Baron is now in progress. Bro. & Sister Earl Broadway were there Saturday night and Sunday. Hope all are well out your way.

----- With Christian love.

ROY DABBS, Rt. I, Box I9, Aztec, N. Mex. Oct. 26-64. - The church here is about as usual. We were pleased to have Bro. & Sister Richardson with us Lord's day from Furnish Canyon. We are proud of our great-grand-daughter Roberta Sue, born Sept. I5 to Bro. & Sister Duane Bixler. Bro. Duane and Bro. Daniel Greenway are due back in the states soon, the Lord willingthey will be in San Diego, Nov. 24. We were in a car wreck 2½ months ago. None hurt seriously. Still don/t have a car. Our meeting here will start Dec. 27, and run through Jan. 2 with Bro. Abe Labboto and Bro. Donald Dabbs , both from Phoenix, Ariz. helping in the speaking. Anyone passing this way, please stop and be with us. ----- Yours in Christ.
Phone 334-6657.

KENNETH WILCHER, Nov. 3-64. - We have moved, Please change our address from Rt. 3, Box 98, Yuma, Ariz., to P. O. Box 689, Denver City, Texas 79323.

Bro. Paul Ferguson of La Habra, Calif. left Nov. I9 on a week or ten days business trip to Huntsville, Ark.

MRS. LAURA E WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mex. Nov. II-64.- The members here are all well so far as I know. Bro. Couchman's Sister, Mrs. Warren is in the hospital with a bad case of pneumonia, but seems to be improving. Sister Scott wrote that Bro. Curtis (Slim) McClusky had made confession of faults and was happily welcomed back into the fold of God, and many were made to rejoice at his return. ---Yours in Christ.

WE REGRET that for lack of space we were unable to print all material received for this month.