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CHURCH ACTIVITY

I HAVE BEEN AROUND IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA WITH SOME OF THE CHURCHES IN THESE PARTS AND THINK IT WORTH WHILE TO WRITE SOME AS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCHES IN GENERAL.
I HELD MY MEETING AT REYDON, OKLAHOMA WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE OF THE BRETHREN WHO WERE STRENGTHENED IN THEIR FIGHT FOR THE FAITH.
FROM HERE WE WENT TO GILLAND TEXAS, WHERE THERE WERE TWO BAPTISMS AND ONE RESTORED, AND GOOD RESULTS IN GENERAL. NEXT, WE WERE WITH THE BRETHREN, NEAR SEYMOUR TEXAS, KNOWN AS THE OGDEN CHURCH. HERE WE HAD A FINE MEETING WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE OF THE MEMBERS, WITH SOME WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS. MY NEXT MEETING WAS WITH THE FAITHFUL AT ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA, WHICH WAS A GOOD ONE.
THE CHURCHES IN GENERAL IN THESE PARTS ARE DOING FINE BUT WE NEED SOME GOOD GOSPEL PREACHERS IN THE FIELD; AND I THINK IT THE DUTY OF THE BRETHREN TO PICK OUT SOME GOOD GOSPEL PREACHER AND PUT HIM IN THE FIELD TO PREACH AND SUPPORT HIM; AND PUT OTHERS TO WORK AS THE CHURCHES NEEDS ALL THE PREACHING DONE THEY CAN GET TO HELP THEM TO CONTINUE STEADFAST.
I WILL BE IN A MEETING AT SOMERTON ARIZONA, BEGINNING NOV. 16; ANY ONE IN THOSE PARTS NEEDING A MEETING CAN CONTACT ME AT SEYMOUR TEXAS BEFORE THAT DATE, OR SOMERTON ARIZONA, DURING THE MEETING.
YOURS IN CHRIST, LLOYD TREAT, SEYMOUR TEXAS.

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S. OLIVE, CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD: - WE THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD FIND SOME LOYAL BROTHER OR BRETHREN, THROUGH YOUR PAPER, WHO WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO THIS COUNTRY, BUT HAVE HESITATED BECAUSE THERE IS NO LOYAL CHURCH HERE. WE WOULD LIKE SO MUCH TO HAVE A PLACE TO WORSHIP AND IF SOME ONE WHO COULD LEAD WOULD MOVE HERE, WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSIBLE TO COOPERATE IN STARTING A CHURCH.
THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF WORK HERE. THERE ARE THREE POTASH MINES WHICH EMPLOY A LARG NUMBER OF MEN, AND THERE IS FARMING, AND A GREAT DEAL OF BUILDING GOING ON. WAGES ARE REASONABLE HIGH. IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM THEM.

YOURS IN CHRIST, MR AND MRS PAUL R. BRUCE.

NOTE--. SOME GOOD LEADER WANTING TO MOVE --HERE IS A CHANCE.
SOME CHURCH OR CHURCHES WHICH WISHES TO DO SOME EVANGELISTIC WORK; HERE IS YOUR CHANCE. SOME CHURCH WHICH WISHES TO DO THIS PIECE OF WORK; SELECT YOUR EVANGELIST TO DO THE WORK AND I WILL GIVE TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS TO HELP ESTABLISH THE CAUSE AT CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO.
COME ON BRETHREN LETS BUILD AND NOT BE MERE BRUSH-WHACKERS. J.S.B.

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HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF PREACHING BRETHREN, WHO ARE NOW ACTIVE IN THE WORK; WHICH I CAN NOW CALL TO MIND.

LLOYD TREAT - - - - - - - - SEYMOUR TEXAS.
COY GARRISON - - - - 533 EAST CENTER STREET, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.
A.H.HOWELL - - - - -SOCORO NEW MEXICO.
W.H.FRANCIS - - - - - - -MANGUM OKLAHOMA. 423 WEST TYLER STREET.
J.C.SPURLIN - - - - - -REYDON OKLAHOMA.
W.A.NELSON - - - - - ROUTE 1, BOX 19 M, SOMERTON ARIZONA.
OSCAR MORSE - - - -ROUTE 1, BOX 13 M, SOMERTON ARIZONA.
PAUL FERGUSON - - - -ROUTE1, BOX 600 A, FULLERTON CALIFORNIA.
E.H.CAVIN. - - - 414 PERSING DRIVE, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA.
BROTHER CONDOR - - - - - - -I DO NOT KNOW BROTHER CONDOR'S ADDRESS; BUT HE CAN BE REACHED BY SENDING THE LETTER TO ;-J.I.BROWN, ROUTE 2, BOX 24 E, ESCALON CALIFORNIA.

THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS

"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD;AND IF CHILDREN;THEN HEIRS;HEIRS OF GOD,AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST-- -".ROM.8:16-17.

IN THE ABOVE QUOTATION WE SEE THE CHILDREN ARE HEIRS;HEIRS OF GOD,AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST.THE REAL THEME WE WISH TO DISCUSS IS THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT;HOWEVER IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO KNOW SOME THING ABOUT WHAT WE INHERIT AND HOW WE BECOME THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

THE QUESTION NATURALLY ARISES,WHAT DO WE INHERIT?

THINGS WHICH ARE INHERITED USUALLY INTEREST ALL PEOPLE.

IF WE GO TO GOD'S HOLY WORD TO FIND OUT WHAT WE DO INHERIT;THERE WILL BE NO MISTAKE;BUT IF WE ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION BY HUMAN WISDOM WE ARE SURE TO MAKE A MISTAKE.SEE PROV.14:12.

WE KNOW THAT THE INHERITANCE MUST BE OF GREAT VALUE,FOE WE INHERIT IT FROM THE GREATEST BEING IN THE UNIVERSE.AND FURTHERMORE WE ARE JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST,ROM.8:17.

WE ARE FELLOW HEIRS OF THE SAME BODY. 5 5 5 5 5 55 5 5 EPH.3:6.

WE ARE HEIRS OF THE PROMISE _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _HEB.6:17.

WE ARE HEIRS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - - - - -- - -- - - - -HEB.11:7.

WE ARE HEIRS OF THE GRACE OF LIFE - - - - -- - -- -2 PETER 3:7.

WE ARE HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM. - - -- - - - - - - - - JAMES 2:5.

WE ARE HEIRS OF SALVATION. - - - - - - - - - -- - - - HEB.1:14.

WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS TO INHERIT.WE IN THIS LIFE WORK AND SLAVE TO HAVE THE THINGS OF THIS LIFE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN; AND YET,THEY WILL DISAPEAR LIKE THE DEW OF THE MORNING.THEY ARE CORRUPTABLE,THEY ARE TEMPORAL,AND SOON ARE GONE.BUT HERE ARE THINGS REALLY WORTH WHILE GIVEN TO GOD'S CHILDREN.

THE APOSTLE PETER DESCRIBES THE THINGS WHICH THE CHRISTIAN INHERITS AS BEING."INCORRUPTABLE,UNDEEILED, AND FADETH NOT AWAY" AND THEY ARE "RESERVED FOR US IN HEAVEN,WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME".1 PET.1:3-5.

NO DEAR FRIEND,THIS INHERITANCE WILL NEVER,NEVER,PASS AWAY,BUT WE CAN ENJOY IT THROUGH OUT ETERNITY.

WHAT RATIONAL MAN OR WOMAN COULD PASS UP AN INHERITANCE LIKE THIS? YET SO MANY LOOSE THE CHANCE TO INHERIT THESE THINGS THROUGH CARELESNESS AND NEGLECT.INDIFERENT TO THE ONLY TRUE RICHES OF THE UNIVERSE.

TURN TO THE 21 AND 22 CHAPTERS OF REVELATIONS AND READ OF THAT WONDERFUL HOME PREPARED FOR GOD'S CHILDREN,AND SEE HOW THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD FADES INTO INSIGNIFICANCE ALONGSIDE OF THE SAINTS INHERITANCE.

DO YOU LIKE JOY,PEACE,BEAUTY,TOGATHER WITH ALL THE MOST WONDERFUL THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT IN THIS WORLD?WELL,HERE IT IS IN SUPER ABUNDANCE TO BE INHERITED BY GOD'S CHILDREN.

BUT THE QUESTION ARISES,HOW DO WE BECOME THE CHILDREN OF GOD?

ALL BIBLE STUDENTS WILL ANSWER ,BY BEING BORN AGAIN;AND THIS IS RIGHT. ST.JNO.3:3-7.

WE ALSO LEARN THAT -"POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD"-WAS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO RECIEVED JESUS-"EVEN TO THEM WHO BELIEVE ON HIS NAME".ST.JNO.1:11-13. AND WE SEE FROM THE 13 TH VERSE WE BORN OF GOD;BUT ONLY AFTER WE HAVE EXERCISED THE -"POWER TO BECOME THE CHILDREN OF GOD"-VESTED IN THOSE THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME. ST.JNO.1:11-12.

BUT THE NEXT QUESTION ARISE IS,HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

SINCE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION(ROM.1:16) WE APEAL TO IT TO SEE HOW TO EXERCISE "THE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD"-GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE ON HIS NAME.ST.JNO.1:11-13.

1 PETER 1:22 SHOWS "WE PURIFY OUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT--".BUT THE 23 VERSE SHOWS WHAT IS HAPENING WHILE WE ARE "PURIFYING OUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT"-;AND HERE ITC IS BROTHER,GET IT; "BEING BORN AGAIN---NOT BY CORRUPTABLE SEED BUT BY INCORRUPTABLE,BY THE WORD OF GOD-----".

HERE IS THE SPIRIT'S EVIDENCE.PAUL SAYS THE GOSPEL WAS REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT--1 COR,2:10:BY REVEALATION OF CHRIST,GAL.1:12;AND JESUS DID IT THROUGH THE SPIRIT.ST.JNO.14:16-17;16:7-15.

PETER SAYS;(1 PETER 1:12)-"THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED BY THE HOLY GHOST SENT DOWN FROM HEAVEN--".
IF YOUR SPIRIT CAN SAY;I HAVE PURIFIED MY SOUL IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT'1 PETER 1:22()--"BEING BORN AGAIN",NOT OF CORRUPTABLE SEED BUT BY INCORUPTABLE:BY THE WORD OF GOD ---" ; THEN,THE EVIDENCE OF THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS WITH YOUR SPIRIT THAT YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.
FOR,THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" SAYS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PURIFIED THEIR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT (1 PETER 1:22)-THEY ARE "BEING BORN AGAIN". YOUR SPIRIT SAYS I HAVE PURIFIED MY SOUL IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT--"BEING BORN AGAIN"--(1 PETER 1:22-23);HENCE, THE EVIDENCE OF BOTH SPIRITS SAYS YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD.OR AS PAUL PUTS IT;"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD".ROM.8:16.
REMEMBER BROTHER THE SCRIPTURE SAYS;"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH--- GET IT BROTHER WITH-NOT [illegible] TO--BUT WITH OUR SPIRIT".ROM.8:16

THE POPULAR IDEA WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT THE "SPIRIT ITSELF"ENTERS THE HEART OF MAN AND CHASES OUT ALL DEVILS AND CLEANS IT UP IN GENERAL, WITHOUT ANY ACTION WHATEVER ON THE SINNERS PART,AND SPEAKS PEACE TO HIS SOUL.BUT DOES THE BIBLE SAY THIS? NAY,VERILY.
THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" TELLS US (ST.JNO.1:11-12)THAT THOSE WHO BELIEVE ON JESUS NAME ARE -"GIVEN POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD".
"THE SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS,THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION.ROM.1:16.
"THE SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS(1 PETER 1:22-23);CONCERNING THOSE WHO HAVE PURIFIED THEIR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT"THEY ARE--"BEING BORN AGAIN".YOUR SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS--I HAVE PURIFIED MY SOUL IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT--HENCE;HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN.
THE EVIDENCES AGREES -WITH GET IT BROTHER- WITH EACH OTHER
BUT WHAT DO WE DO TO "OBEY THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT--BEING BORN AGAIN? 1 PETER 1:22-23.
OR WHAT DO WE DO TO EXERCISE THE GOD GIVEN "POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD"?ST.JNO.1:11-13.
PAUL TELLS US,2 COR 5:17;"WHEREFORE,IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATURE--".
ALL ADMITS IN THIS CASE,A "NEW CREATURE" WOULD BE ONE RECENTLY BORN.
HENCE,IF WE CAN FIND OUT HOW ONE GETS "INTO CHRIST",WE WILL KNOW HOW THE BIRTH IS CONSUMATED.
PAUL SAYS;"WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST" - - - - - ROM.6:3.
AGAIN, PAUL SAYS; "WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST" --- GAL.3:27.
HENCE,BAPTISM BEING THE ACT BY WHICH WE ENTER CHRIST;BAPTISM WOULD BE THE ACT IN WHICH THE BIRTH IS CONSUMATED;FOR PAUL STATES POSITIVELY, "IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATURE"--.2 COR.5:17.
BUT SAYS ONE DO YOU MEAN BAPTISM ONLY? NO,NOT BAPTISM ONLY,NOR ANYTHING ELSE ONLY;BUT BAPTISM TOGATHER WITH ITS PREREQUSITES;FAITH,REPENTANCE, AND CONFESSION.
FOR THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS;"WITHOUR FAITH IT IS IMPOSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD"--.HEB.11:6. THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS--"GOD COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT".ACTS 17:30.THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS- WE MUST CONFESS.ROM.10:10;MATTH.10:32;ACTS 8:26-40.
THEN,WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST--ROM.6:3; GAL.3:27;WHERE WE ARE "NEW CREATURES"--2 COR.5:17. OUR SPIRITS SAYS WE HAVE DONE ALL THESE THINGS
HENCE,"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.ROM.8:16;AND IF CHILDREN HEIRS;HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST.ROM.8:17.
AGAIN,"THE SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS JESUS PLACED SALVATION AFTER BAPTISM MARK 16:15-16.THE "SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS THROUGH PETER;ACTS 2:38; REMISSION OF SINS IS AFTER BAPTISM. "THE SPIRIT ITSELF" BEARS WITNESS THROUGH PAUL,ACTS 22:16;AT BAPTISM HIS SINS WERE WASHED AWAY."THE SPIRIT ITSELF"BEARS WITNESS THROUGH PAUL,EPH.5:25-26; THAT THE CHURCH IS SANCTIFIED AND CLEANSED WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD.I KNOW OF NO OTHER "WASHING OF WATER "THAT IS BY THE WORD,BUT BAPTISM :DO YOU?

HENCE,BAPTISM WITH ITS PREREQUSITES:FAITH(HEB.11:6);REPENTANCE (ACTS 17:30);UPON A CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN CHRIST(ACTS 8:26-40); OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN (ACTS 2:38; 22:16);"SOULS PURIFIED IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT" 1 PETER 1:22--"BEING BORN AGAIN",1 PET.1:23 THIS IS THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT.OUR SPIRITS SAYS ,OR BEARS WITNESS, WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THESE REQUIREMENTS.HENCE ,THE CHILDREN OF GOD. ROM.8:16.HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST.ROM.8:17.

AGAIN,PAUL SAYS;(GAL.3:26),"YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST"JESUS".AND IN THE 27 TH VERSE,THE NEXT BREATH; HE TELLS US HOW WE BECAME THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH. "FOR"--GET IT BROTHER,"FOR"-- HE IS GOING TO TELL YOU THE "HOW"."FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST"(GAL.3:27).AND TO THIS AGREES 2 COR. 5:17;"IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATURE".NEWLY BORN.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ROM.10:17.

BUT WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD SAY,REPENT;ACTS 17:30.HENCE REPENTANCE IS AN ACT OF FAITH.SO ALSO ,CONFESSION IS AN ACT OF FAITH (ROM.10:17);FOR WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD SAY CONFESS;MATTH.10:32;ROM.10:10; ACTS 8;26-40 HENCE BAPTISM;INWHICH WE ENTER CHRIST(ROM.6:3; GAL.3:27);TOGATHER WITH ITS PREREQUSITES;FAITH (HEB 11:6),REPENTANCE (ACTS 17:30);CONFESSION (ROM.10:10);MAKES US CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH--.GAL.3:26-27.

THIS IS THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT.

OUR SPIRITS SAYS WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THESE REQUIREMENTS.HENCE, "THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRITS THAT WEC ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD".ROM.8:16.AND "IF CHILDREN THEN HEIRS;HEIRS OF GOD,AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST" ROM.8:17.

THE SPIRIT QUICKENS - - - - - - - - -- - - - - - - - ---ST.JNO.6:63.

THE WORDS JESUS SPOKEX IS SPIRIT AND LIFE. - - - - - ST.JNO.6:63.

THEN WHEN THE SPIRIT (THE WORD 6:63),WE ARE QUICKENED,"BEGOTTEN OF HIS OWN WILL BY THE WORD OF TRUTH (JAS.1:18); WE MOVE IN REPENTANCE AND CON-FESSION.AND SINCE WE ARE "BORN OF THE WORD OF GOD"(1 PETER 1:23): AND SINCE BAPTISM IS A PART OF THE WORD OF GOD;BAPTISM IS THE ELEMENT OF THE WORD THROUGH THE DELIVERY IS EFFECTED OR CONSUMATED,AS WE HAVE PROVEN SO MANY TIMES.

HENCE HOW INESCAPEABLE IS THE WORDS OF OUR LORD IN ST.JNO.3:3-7. BEGOTTEN BY THE WORD(JAS.1:18);WHICH IS THE SPIRIT ST.JNO.6:63;WE MOVE IN IN REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION;AND SINCE WE ARE BORN OF HIS WORD(1 PET. 1:23);AND BAPTISM BEING A PART OF THAT WORD;BAPTISM IS THE ELEMENT THR THROUGH WHICH THE DELIVERY IS EFFECTED.

THIS IS THE WITNESS AS WE HAVE SHOWN SO MANY TIMES OF THE SPIRIT, OUR SPIRITS SAYS WE HAVE OBEYED THEM ALL. HENCE,"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRITS THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD." ROM.8:16. AND IF CHILDREN THEN HEIRS;HEIRS OF GOD,AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST".ROM.8:17.

AND THUS,YOU HAVE AVAILED YOURSELF OF THAT WHICH WAS GIVEN UNTO YOU; "POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD;EVEN UNTO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME".ST,JNO.1:11-13.

FRIENDS,HAVE YOU AVAILED YOURSELVES OF THIS "POWER TO BECOME THE CHILD-DREN OF GOD"?ST.JNO.1:11-13. THEN,IF YOU HAVE NOT,DO IT AND HAVE THAT WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT WITH YOUR SPIRIT. ROM.8:16-17.

MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER BLESS US ALL IN OBTAINING THAT GREAT INHERITANCE RESERVED FOR GOD'S CHILDREN,IS MY PRAYER,

YOURS IN CHRIST

J.S.BEDINGFIELD.