Logans

IT IS WRITTEN

_ CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

DEC. 26, 1947. DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD:-
I AM RECIEVING EVERYONE OF "IT IS WRITTEN. I THINK YOU ARE DOING A FINE WORK. I APPRECIATE YOU LISTING THE CONGREGATIONS AS YOU KNOW THEM.
I AM READY TO SEE THAT THE EFFORT AT CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO IS SUPPORTED. I THINK WE SHOULD SUPPORT ONE CHURCH AT A TIME, THAT WE EVERY ONEMAY HAVE PART IN THE WORK. I BELIEVE THAT THE CAUSE THERE CAN BE SUPPORTED.
IT WILL TAKE THE COOPERATION OF EACH AND EVERY CONGREGATION.
I WOULD COMMEND BROTHER LLOYD TREAT OR BROTHERA.H.HOWELL AS THE PREACHER TO HELP THE BRETHREN THERE.
THERE MAY BE OTHERS JUST AS EFFICIENT, IF SO, ANY BROTHER THAT THE CHURCH DECIDES TO SEND THERE.
MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU IN YOUR WORK FOR GOOD.
I REMAIN YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST

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LORENZO, TEXAS.
JOHN, WE WANT TO PUT TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS, OUT OF OUR TREASURE, WITH YOUR TWENTY FIVE TO HELP OUT IN THE MEETING AT CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO. CLAUD AND I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AND BY OUR PRESRNCE HELP ALL WE CAN" SIGNED,

MRS C.E.SCOTT.

THIS LITTLE CHURCH AT LORENZO IS COMPOSED OF MR AND MRS C.E.SCOTT, MR AND MRS JACK SCOTT, AND BROTHER ROBERT PEEL OF FLOYDADA TEXAS, WHO IS THEIR LEADER. THEY MEET IN THE HOME OF C.E.SCOTT.

J.S.B.

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GILLAND, TEXAS. STAR ROUTE. JAN 3$, 1948.
DEAR BRETHREN EVERYWHERE:-
I WISH TO SAY, THAT BROTHER BEDINGFIELDHAS SET ASIDE THIS PAGE FOR EACH CHURCH TO PUT A LITTLE ARTICLE IN, SO WE CAN GET BETTER AQUAINTED AND GET TOGATHER AND SUPPORT THE GOSPEL.
SO LETS ALL WRITE TO IT AND GO TO WORK AS BRETHREN. I WILL GIVE TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS ON THE MEETING AT CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO; OR I WILL GO AND HOLD THE MEETING EITHER.
THE CHURCH HERE WILL HELP SOME AND I AM SURE BROTHER AND SISTER BRUCE WILL DO ALL THEY CAN. COME ON AND LETS START TO WORK TOGATHER.

YOUR'S IN CHRIST,
EVANG, LLOYD TREAT.

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COULD WE ASK ANYTHING BETTER? HERE WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF MONY SUBSCRIBED AND AN ACTIVE YOUNG EVANGLIST OFFERING HIS SERVICES.
BRETHREN LETS SEE THAT THIS MEETING IS SUPPORTED, AND LETS JUST LET THIS BE THE BEGINNING WHEN WE REALLY BEGIN TO EVANGELIZE IN EARNEST.
I KNOW THE GOOD BRETHREN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE READY AND WILLING TO HELP ALL THEY CAN TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO LOST AND DIEING MEN.
THE FACT IS WE, ALL OF US SHOULD TRY AND SUPPORT SOME GOOD FAITHFUL AFTER WE HAVE HAD THE MEETING, TO STAY THERE TILL THE CHURCH IS ON FEET. ALL OF US TOGATHER, IT WONT HURT ANY OF US.
MAY GOD BLESS US ALL TO WAKE UP TO OUR DUTY IS OUR PRAYER.

J.S.B.

RELIGION.

THIS IS A WORD WE HEAR AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER WORD I GOD'S WORD.USUALLY WE HEAR PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE "GETTING RELIGION".WHILE THIS TERM IS NOT FOUND IN GOD'S WORD,YET YOU HEAR IT MORE THAN ANY OTHER TERM TOUCHING MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.
JAS.1:27,SAY ;"PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS,TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION,AND KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD". IN THIS STATEMENT FROM INSPIRATION WE SEE RELIGION IS SOMETHING WE "DO",AND NOT SOMETHING WE "GET".
THE FIRST PART OF THIS VERSE SHOWS WHAT WE MUST DO FOR THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS,THE UNFORTUNATE.THE LAST STATEMENT IS CHARACTER BUILDING, "KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD".
HENCE, WE SEE RELIGION IS NOT SOMETHING GOD POURS INTO US LIKE POURING WATER INTO A JUG;BUT A DUTY TO PERFORM TO MAN AND TO GOD.
AGAIN IN JAS.1:26;WE SEE A "VAIN RELIGION",WHERE A MAN FAILS TO BRIDLE HIS TONGUE AND DECIEVES HIS OWN HEART. THIS KIND OF RELIGION NO GOOD PEOPLE WANT,AND THE WAY TO PREVENT OUR RELIGION FROM BEING VAIN IS BY BRIDELING OUR TONGUES AND NOT DECIEVING OURSELVES;AND BY "VISITING THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION,AND KEEPING OURSELVES UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD".JAS.1:26-27.
HENCE WE SEE RELIGION IS NOT SOMETHING POURED OUT ON US;NOR SOMETHING WE ARE FILLED UP TO THE RUNNING OVERBY OUR GOD;BUT SOMETHING WE "DO" "VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION AND KEEP HTMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD".JAS.1:26-27.
YES,WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THESE THINGS,YOU WILL FEEL GOOD,BUT THIS "GOOD FEELING"IS NOT YOUR RELIGION BUT IS A RESULT OF IT.
YOU DO THOSE GOOD DEEDS GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU TO DO AND YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT.YOU COULD BE DECIEVED ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS.JACOB SURELY THOUGHT AND FELT LIKE JOSEPH WAS DEAD AFTER HIS OLDER SONS HAD DECIEVED HIM; BUT THAT DID NOT MAKE IT TRUE.
I ALSO HEAR ABOUT TWO OTHER DIVISIONS OF RELIGION AMONG THE PEOPLE. THEY DESIGNATE ONE AS "HEAD RELIGION"AND THE OTHER AS "HEART RELIGION". AND THE GENERAL CONCEPTION OF "HEAD RELIGION",IS THAT IT IS NOT VERY DESIREABLE,THE FACT IS IT IS USUALLY SPOKEN OF SLIGHTLY.
WHILE HEART RELIGION SEEMS TO BE THE "SIMON PURE"SORT THAT ALL WANT. USUALLY WHEN ONE GETS A LITTLE EXCITED IN TRYING TO TELL YOU ABOUT " HEART RELIGION",HE BEATS ON HIS BREAST AS THOUGH THAT LOBE OF FLESH.THAT PUMPS BLOOD THROUGH OUT HIS BODY,IS WHERE HE HAS HIS "HEART RELIGION".

I WISH TO FIRST TO NOTICE WHAT IS TERMED "HEAD RELIGION";AND WHICH IS IN SUCH BAD REPUTE AMONG SO MANY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE.
THE CHURCH IS CALLED A BODY;EPH 1:22-23; COL 1:18.THIS BODY,THE CHURCH, HAS MEMBERS,1 COR. 12:18 AND 27.THERE IS AN ENALOGY DRAWN BETWEEN THE HUMAN BODY AND THIS BODY,THE CHURCH;1 COR 12:-SEE ESPECIALLY VERSES 14 TO 31.HERE WE SEE "FOOT","HANDS","EYES",ETC,SPOKEN OF AS BEING MEMBERS OF THE BODY,THE CHURCH.BUT IT IS SAID "CHRIST IS HEAD",EPH.1:22-23; EPH.4:15.
EPH.4:15 SHOWS WE GROW UP INTO CHRIST,WHICH IS "HEAD" IN ALL THINGS-- "FROM WHOM"(CHRIST THAT HEAD)"THE WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED TOGATHER AND COMPACTED BY THAT WHICH EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH,ACCORDING TO THE EFFECTUAL WORKING OF THE MASURE OF EVERY PART,MAKETH INCREASE OF THE BODY UNTO THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE" EPH.4:15-16.SEE ALSO COL.2:3-10.
SINCE ALL OUR GROTH "RELIGIOUSLY" COMES FROM CHRIST,AND HE IS THE "HEAD"; THEN,"HEAD RELIGION"IS CHRIST RELIGION ;FOR IT EMINATES FROM HIM. .
AND SINCE IN THE ANALOGY OF THE HUMAN BODY,CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS BODY THE CHURCH;OUR INDIVIDUAL HEADS ON OUR BODIES MUST BE OF A GREAT IMPORTANCE.OR WAS CHRIST COMPARED TO AN INSIGNIFICANT PART WHEN HE WAS CALLED "THE HEAD"?SHAME ON ANY ONE TO SPEAK SO DISPARAGINGLY OF CHRIST.
THE CHURCH IS COMPARED TO OUR BODIES 1 COR.12:14-31.CHRIST IS HEAD OF THAT BODY THE CHURCH;EPH.1:22-23; 4:15-16;COL.1:18.GOD IS HEAD OF CHRIST 1 COR.11:3. "IN CHRIST IS HID ALL THE TREASURE OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE COL.2:3-10.HENCE WE CAN SEE HOW FITING IT WAS FOR JESUS TO BE HEAD IN THIS ANALOGY;SINCE OUR SPIRIT,MIND OPORATES THROUGH A MEDIUM CALLED THE BRAIN LOCATED IN THE HEAD,AND IS THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.
YES,LIKE OUR HEADS TO OUR BODIES,JESUS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH,AND IS THE SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE TO THAT CHURCH.

WHAT A WONDERFUL PICTURE?AND YET,SOME PEOPLE SPEAK SCATHINGLY OF OUR "HEADS"WHEN SPEAKING OF RELIGION,WHEN JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH HIS BODY,AND THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR ACTS OF RELIGION;JUST AS OUR SPIRITS, MINDS,WHICH OPERATES THROUGH OUR BRAIN LOCATED IN OUR "HEADS"IS THE SOURCE OF OUR WILL TO DO THOSE "RELIGIOUS" ACTS. YES,"PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER"(JAS.1:27)

IS IN FACT WHAT MEN STYLE "HEAD RELIGION".IT ORIGINATES WITH THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH,JESUS CHRIST;AND THE IDEA OF "DOING" IT ORIGINATES IN OUR HEADS,WHERE OUR BRAIN IS,THE MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH OUR SPIRIT THINKS.

ON THE OTHER HAND,THE LOBE OF FLESH IN OUR BREAST WHICH PUMPS BLOOD THROUGHOUT OUR BODIES IS "FLESH";IF WE WALK AFTER THE FLESH,WE SHALL DIE"ROM.8:13.

OUR OBEDIENCE IS AN INTELIGENT OBEDIENCE;SY.JNO.6:44-45-FIRST"TAUGHT" THE APOSTLES WERE COMMANDED TO GO "TEACH"-MATTH.28:19-20;MARK.16:15-16; THE INTELIGENCE OF MAN WAS APPEALED TOO. WE MUST "BELIEVE" AN ACT OF INTELIGENCE,IF YOU PLEASE.

MOST PEOPLE CLAIM WE DO THAT ACT WITH OUR MINDS,OPERATING THROUGH OUR BRAIN LOCATED IN OUR HEADS .NO WONDER JESUS THROUGH THE SPIRIT CALLS HIMSELF THE "HEAD";IT IS THE SEAT OF THE INTELIGENCE.SEE,COL.2:3-7.

BUT SAYS ONE,BROTHER BEDINGFIELD,I KNOW IT IS A HEART ACTION,FOR I FELT IT RIGHT HERE IN MY BREAST.

TO BE SURE,AT ANYTIME YOUR MIND IS DISTURBED TO ANY CONCIDERABLE EXTENT,YOU HAVE A SENSATION IN THE FLESHY HEART--AND WHY?

YOUR SPIRIT WHICH OPORATES YOUR BODY OPERATES YOUR HEART,LUNGS,DIGESTIVE SYSTEM,-IN SHORT EVERY FUNCTIONAL ORGAN IN YOUR BODY.SO THERE MUST BE A VERY DELICATE CONECTION BETWEEN THESE ORGANS AND THE SPIRIT,WITHOUT WHICH THE BODY IS DEAD.(JAS.2:26.).

WE HAVE IN OUR BODIES WHAT IS CALLED THE SYMPATHETIC NERVE SYSTEM;AND BY THIS ALL OUR VITAL ORGANS OF OUR BODIES ARE TIED TOGATHER,SO THAT EXCESIVE PAIN OR SICKNESS OF ONE OF THESE MEMBERS EFFECTS THE OTHERS. THIS IS MORE NOTICEABLE IN SOME OF OUR MEMBERS THAN OTHERS,AND THE FLESHY HEART SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SENSITIVE.

YOU MAY BE HORRIFIED OR OVERJOYED AND CATCH YOUR BREATH QUICKLY.WERE YIUR LUNGS THINKING? EMMOTION OF ANY KIND USUALLY CAUSES A SENSATION IN OUR HEART.

THIS IS ONLY THAT SYMPATHETIC NERVE SYSTEM WHICH IS IN OUR BODIES,AND WHICH THE APOSTLE PAUL RECOGNIZED WHEN HE DREW THE ANALOGY BETWEEN OUR BODIES AN "THE BODY WHICH IS THE CHURCH(EPH.1:22-23). NOTE THE FOLLOWING ANALOGY. THE BODY IS "TEMPERED" TOGATHER--1 COR.12:24. MORE ABUNDANT HONOR IS GIVEN TO THOSE MEMBERS WHICH"LACKED"-1 COR.12:24, NO SCISM IS IN THE BODY--1 COR.12:25. "MEMBERS HAVE THE SAME CARE ONE FOR ANOTHER"-1 COR.12:25. "IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS ALL MEMBERS SUFFER WITH IT" 1 COR.12:26. "IF ONE MEMBER REJOICES,ALL MEMBERS REJOICES WITH IT" 1 COR.12:26.

AND THUS WE SEE THE APOSTLE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THAT SYMPATHETIC NERVE SYSTEM WHICH IS IN OUR BODIES TO TEACH A LESSON THAT EXISTS IN THE SPIRITUAL BODY THE CHURCH. YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT PLAINER BROTHER.

WHEN WE SPEAK DISPARAGINGLY OF WHAT WE MIGHT TERM "HEAD RELIGION";WE SPEAK DISPARAGINGLY OF OUR OWN "HEADS",WITHOUT WHICH WE COULD NOT INTELIGENTLY OBEY ANY COMMAND;AND TO CAP IT ALL OFF WE SPEAK DISPARAGINGLY OF CHRIST WHICH IS "HEAD"OF THE CHURCH ;"AND IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE TREASURE OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE"COL.2:3-10.

HENCE WE SEE BIBLE "RELIGION","PURE AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD"JAS.1:27; ORIGINATED WITH THE "HEAD". GOD IS THE HEAD OF CHRIST,1 COR.11:3; CHRIST IS THE "HEAD" OF THE CHURCH,EPH.1:22-23;4:15-16;COL.1:18. THE WILL TO ACT UPON THOSE PRINCIPLES DELIVERED TO US BY OUR "HEAD" CHRIST,ORIGINATES IN OUR "HEADS".HENCE,FROM THIS STANDPOINT THE ONLY "RELIGION" ACCEPTABLE TO GOD COULD BE CLASSED AS "HEAD RELIGION".

THE SO CALLED "HEART RELIGION" IS THE SAME THING;FOT THE BIBLE HEART IS SPOKEN OF AS BEING "IN THE SPIRIT" ROM.2:29 AND THIS COULD NOT BE THE FLESHLY HEART.FOR,FIRST,IT IS NOT IN THE SPIRIT,AND BESIDES IT IS A PART OF THE LETTE",THE FLESH.NOTE ROM.2:29 CLOSELY AND YOU WILL SEE CIRCUMCISION UNDER THE LAW WAS IN THE FLESH.PAUL HERE CALLS IT "IN THE LETTER". PAUL PLAINLY SHOWS HERE"CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART "IS "IN THE SPIRIT", AND NOR OF THE "LETTER".HENCE NOT THE FLESHLY HEARTOUR BLOOD PUMP.

THIS FACT, THAT THE BIBLE HEART IS NOT THE FLESH HEART IN THE BREA
OR HERAT "OF THE LETTER"--BUT "IN THE SPIRIT".ROM.2:29.
THIS IS ABUNDANTLY SHOWN FROM THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES.
WE THINK WITH O UR HEARTS-MATTH.9:4. DO YOU THINK WITH THAT LOBE OF
FLESH BELOW YOUR COLLAR;OR ARE YOUR THOUGHTS "OF THE HEART IN THE S
ROM.2:29.WE "PURPOSE"(PLAN) IN OUR HEARTS -2 COR.9:7.IS THIS "PURPOS
ING DONE WITH YOUR BLOOD PUMP;OR IS IT "OF THE HEART IN THE SPIRIT?
ROM.2:29."THE HEART UNDERSTANDS KNOWLEDGE"IS.32:4DONT YOU REALIZE THAT
THE HEART HERE IS THE MIND, THE SPIRIT;OR THAT THIS "KNOWLEDGE"IS, AS
PAUL SAYS;"OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT"? THE HEART KNOWETH-PROV.14:10.
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT "KNOWLEDGE"IS"OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT"-ROM.2:29.
WE BELIEVE WITH THE HEART--ROM.10:10.BROTHER, DO YOU WEIGH EVIDENCE WITH
YOUR BLOOD PUMP BELOW YOUR NECK;OR IS IT DONE WITH THE MIND, SPIRIT;THAT
IS,"OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT"- ?ROM.2:29. WE DOUBT IN OUR HEARTS----
MARK 11:23.BROTHER, WHERE IS THIS MENTAL ACT PERFORMED?IF ALL MENTAL ACTS
ARE PERFORMED WITH THE HEART OF FLESH;WHAT IS YOUR HEAD FOR;A HAT RACK?
SINCE CHRIST IS "HEAD OF THE CHURCH"(COL 1:18);WOULD HE BE OF ANY MORE
IMPORTANCE TO THE SPIRITUAL BODY THAN YOUR "HEAD"IS TO YOUR BODY?

MY BIBLE SHOWS HE-(CHRIST)IS THE "HEAD OF THE CHURCH" COL.1:18;THE
SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE CL.2:3.WOULDN'T THAT BE PROOF YOUR
"HEAD"FUNCTIONED LIKEWISE OVER YOUR BODY? SOME OF OUR MODERN SOLOMONS
SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE WHEN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS WRITTEN, AND TOLD PAUL
AND CHRIST, ALL OF THESEMENTAL ACTS OCCURED BELOW THE NECK;SO THAT IN
THOSE ANALOGIES JESUS COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FITTING PLACE BELOW THE
NECK, INSTEAD OF BEING LIKENED TOO OUR INSIGNIFICANT HEADS.
MANS HEART DEVISETH HIS WAY-PROV.16:9. THE SCRIBES "REASONED IN THEIR
HEARTS"MARK 2:6.PAUL "DESIRED " WITH HIS HEART--ROM.10:1. WE PRESUME
WITH THE HEART--ESTH.7:5. WE LOVE WITH THE HEART--MATTH.22:37.WE DES-
PISE "IN OUR HEARTS"2 SAM.6:16. ARE ALL OF THESE MENTAL ACTS PERFORMED
IN THE LOBE OF FLESH NAMED HEART;OR ARE THEY "OF THE HEART, IN THE
SPIRIT"--?ROM.2:29.

THE HEART AND MIND ARE THE SAME FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:-
IN HEB.8:10;GOD SAYS, "I WILL PUT MY LAWSIN THEIR MINDS";WHILE IN HEB.
10:16 HE SAYS,"I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR HEARTS".
AGAIN, IN HEB.8:10;GOD SAYS,HE WILL WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS;WHILE IN
HEB. 10:16 GOD SAYS,HE WILL WRITE THEM IN THEIR MINDS.. HENCE , THE
MIND OF THE BIBLE AND THE HEART OF THE BIBLE ARE ONE AND THE SAME THING;
FOR INSPIRATION MAKES NO MISTAKES.
WE SERVE WITH THE SPIRIT---ROM.1:9. WE SERVE WITH THE MIND--ROM.7:25.
WE OBEY RROM THE HEART--ROM.6:17.HENCE, THOSE FACULTIES ARE THE SAME.
THE HEART LIVES FOREVER--PSALMS 22:26.WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS HEART IS THE
SPIRIT.THE HEART OF FLESH, OUR BLOOD PUMP, IS PART OF THE BODY.
THE BODY (INCLUDINGOUR HEART OF FLESH),"WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD"
JAS.2:26. HENCE,"YOUR HEARTS SHALL LIVE FOREVER"--PS.22:26, WAS SPOKEN
"OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT"-ROM.2:29;FOR OUR SPIRITS ARE ETERNAL.

HENCE WE SEE WHAT IS TERMED "HEAD RELIGION" IS ALSO WHAT IS TERMED
"HEART RELIGION";AND IT IS ALSO "OLD TIME RELIGION";FOR WE SEE IT IS AS
OLD AS THE NEWX TESTAMENT.
MAY GOD BLESS US ALL IN ATTAINING TOO THAT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WORD, THAT
WE ALL MIGHT BE ONE IN MIND, SPIRIT;WHICH IS EQUIVILENT TO BEING OF ONE
HEART.

YOURS IN CHRIST

J.S.BEDINGFIELD.