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CAVE JUNCTION OREGON, MARCH 15, 1948.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

LOS ANGELES, 22, CALIFORNIA, FEB 9, 1948.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD;-- - - - - - -RECIEVED YOUR LETTER OF RECENT DATE. I AM VERY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. I WILL GIVE $25.00 TO HELP ESTABLISH THE CHURCH AT CARLSBAD, N.MEXICO.----------YOURS IN CHRIST

STANLEY NIEMCZYK.

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GILLAND TEXAS, FEB.#',")%(.2.7-47

I WOULD SUGGEST AS YOU DO, THAT WE SEND THE MONEY FOR THE MEETING AT CARLSBAD N.MEX. TO BROTHER AND SISTER PAUL R. BRUCE, 305 S.OLIVE, CARLSBAD N.MEXICO. LETS GET IT TOGATHER AND THEN GET STARTED ON THE MEETING; AND START COLLECTING FOR MISSION WORK TO GO ON THROUGH THE SUMMER. YOURS IN CHRIST,

LLOYD TREAT.

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HILLSBORO TEXAS, FEBRUARY 2, 1948. --DEAR BRO.BEDINGFIELD;- HOW ARE YOU? WE ARE JUST FINE. I AM SENDING YOU A CHECK FOR $25.00 FROM THE ARNETT CHURCH OF CHRIST NEAR HILLSBORO. I AM HOPING THIS WILL HELP SOME ON THE CARLSBAD EFFORT. WRITE TO ME ABOUT THE PLANS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. YOURS FOR THE TRUTH IN CHRIST

COY GARRISON.

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BROTHER BEN F.ROLLINS OF SAN JOAQUIN, CALIF. UNDER DATE FEB.29, 1948. "HERE IS WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE CHURCH SITUATION DOWN AT CARLSBAD N.M. I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH THERE; IF IT WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH AND BY THE GOOD WORD OF GOD, WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS, FROM THE TEACHING OF GOD'S ETERNAL TRUTH, AND SEND A GOOD LOYAL MINISTER TO DO THE PREACHING, AND NOT JUST ONE THAT SAYS HE IS LOYAL, LET IT FIRST BE PROVEN, THEN GO AHEAD!-- ---- - --

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BROTHER C.A.WALLER OF MANGUM OKLAHOMA, WRITES UNDER DATE, FEB.7, 1948. "---I HAVE RECIEVED A LETTER FROM BROTHER BRUCE AND HE STATES, THAT HE BELIEVES THE MIDDLE OF MAY OR ANY TIME IN JUNE WOULD BE BEST FOR THE MEETING. HE ALSO SAYS THEY WILL NEED A SONG LEADER, AND I BELIEVE MAYBE WE MIGHT WORK BROTHER HOWELL IN THAT POSITION AS HE KNOWS BRO.FRANCIS AND ALSO WOULD BE A LOT OF HELP IN CANVASING AND WORKING AMONG THE PEOPLE GENERALLY. BROTHER FRANCIS TO MY KNOWLEDGE IS THE MOST CAPABLE MAN OF THE FIELD. AND I HAVE UTMOST CONFIDENCE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ANY DOCTRINE WITH WHICH HE MIGHT COME IN CONTACT. BROTHER FRANCIS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME".

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BROTHER W.R.FARRAR OF CARTER OKLAHOMA, WRITES UNDER DATE OF FEB.3, 1948; "I LIKE THE IDEA OF DEVOTING A PAGE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH. I BELIEVE IT WILL CREATE MORE INTEREST AMONG THE BRETHREN IN HELPING TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE SALVATION OF SOULS IN A LOST AND DYING WORLD. IT IS ALREADY BEARING FRUITS IN THE INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN THE CARLSBAD MEETING. I AGREE WITH BROTHER COY GARRISON THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT ONE CHURCH AT A TIME, THAT IT WILL TAKE THE COOPERATION OF ALL; NOT ONLY IN FINANCES BUT IN LABORERS. IT APPEARS TO ME TO BE THE JOB OF MORE THAN ONE MAN TO SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT A MISSION MEETING AND EXPECT ANY RESULTS. WE ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, FOR THE REASON ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL MEMBERS, SISTER WILLIS, IS THE MOTHER OF SISTER PAUL R. BRUCE. I HAVE LEARNED THROUGH SISTER WILLIS THAT BROTHER BEN F.ROLLINS IS SEEKING TO LOCATE AT CARLSBAD.

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BROTHER F.H.STRINGHAM OF CHICO CALIF. WRITES UNDER DATE, FEB.27, 1948; THAT HIS HEALTH IS IMPROVED TO THE EXTENT HE IS NOW ABLE TO ENTER THE EVANGELISTIC FIELD AGAIN. FROM MY CORRESPONDANCE WITH BROTHER STRINGHAM, I BELIEVE HE IS A STRONG ABLE MAN. HE IS ANXIOUS TO BE BUSY AGAIN. J.S.B.

THE WORK AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE WORK AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE THINGS OF VAST IMPORTANCE IN OUR SOULS SALVATION, YET BADLY MISUNDERSTOOD BY MANY. AS TO THE DIFFERENT MASURES OR GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WE REFER YOU TO ST. JNO. 3:34; WHERE IT IS STATED OF JESUS, "FOR GOD GIVETH NOT THE SPIRIT BY MASURE UNTO HIM". NO ONE ELSE RECIEVES THE SPIRIT WWITHOUT MASURE", AS JESUS DID. IF THEY DID, ALL THE POWER AND WORKING OF WONDERS TOGATHER WITH THE SAME INSPIRATION WOULD BE RECIEVED BY THEM. THIS WE KNOW DOES NOT OBTAIN, FOR THEN WE WOULD NOT EVEN NEED OUR BIBLES, BECAUSE WE WOULD BE INSPIRED AS JESUS WASAND DO ALL THE WONDERS WHICH HE DID.

THIS JESUS, WHO RECIEVED THE SPIRIT WITHOUT MASURE, WAS TO HAVE THE POWER TO BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY GHOST, MATTH. 3:11. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT OBTAIN WITH THOSE WHO CLAIM THE HOLY GHOST WITHOUT MASURE TO DAY.

ALL WILL ADMIT THIS WAS RESTRICTED; FOR OTHERWISE, ALL MEN AND WOMEN BOTH JUST AND WICKED, WOULD BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST. THEN DEAR FRIEND, LETS APPEAL TO THE INFALABLE WORD OF GOD WHICH MAKES NO MISTAKES.

BY READING THRO THE 13 TH AND 14 TH CHAPTERS OF ST. JNO. IT CAN BE SEEN THAT JESUS WAS IN COMPANY WITH HIS TWELVE APOSTLES AND GAVE THEM SOME PROMISES, OF WHICH ONE WAS, "ANOTHER COMFORTER", "THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WHOM THE WORLD COULD NOT RECIEVE". ST. JNO. 14:15-16.

THE SPIRIT WAS TO "TEACH THEM ALL THINGS" AND TO "BRING ALL THINGS TO THEIR REMEMBRANCE WHICH HE HAD TAUGHT THEM". ST JNO. 14:26.

SINCE THE WORLD COULD NOT RECIEVE THIS COMFORTER, IT DOES NOT ACT IMMEDIATLY ON THE SINNERS HEART TO CONVERT HIM.

NEITHER DO ALL CHRISTIANS RECIEVE THIS MASURE OR GIFT OF THE SPIRIT, FOR IF THEY DID THEY WOULD BE INSPIRED AS PER THE PROMISE OF ST. JNO. 14:26.

WE LEARN FROM ST. JNO. 16:13, THE SPIRIT WAS TO GUIDE THEM INTO ALL TRUTH.

WE WILL NOTE ITS REPROVING POWER (VERSES 7-11) LATER ON.

NOTE LUKE 24:33; JESUS' APOSTLES WERE GATHERED TOGATHER.

LUKE 24:36, JESUS HIMSELF APPEARS IN THEIR MIDST. LUKE 24:37-48, TELLS OF THEIR TERROR AND INFORMATION IMPARTED TO THEM. NOW, NOTICE THE 49 TH VERSE "BEHOLD I SEND THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER UPON YOU"--. UPON WHO? THE ELEVEN APOSTLES MENTIONED IN THE 33 RD VERSE. BUT THEY WERE TO WAIT AT JERUSELAM TIL THEY WERE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH. VERSE 49.

ACTS 1:2-4 VERIFIES THE ABOVE STATE MENTS, THAT THE APOSTLES WERE THE ONES COMMANDED TO WAIT AT JERUSELAM, AND THE ONES TO WHOM THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER WAS TO BE GIVEN. THE FIFTH VERSE SHOWS THAT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST WAS THAT PROMISE. READ IT FRIEND, AND REREAD IT, AND YOU WILL HIS "APOSTLES" WERE THE ONES HE WAS ASSEMBLED WITH AND WERE THE ONES HE WAS ADDRESSING WHEN HE TOLD THEM THAT THEY SHOULD BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST NOT MANY DAYS LATER.

NOW READ THE REST OF ACTS 1:- AND YOU WILL SEE THAT MATTHIAS WAS CHOSEN TO TAKE JUDAS PLACE AND "WAS NUMBERED WITH THE ELEVEN APOSTLES. VERSE 26.

NOW, READ ACTS 2:- "AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL TOGATHER IN ONE PLACE" ACTS 2:1. THEY WHO? "THEY" THE APOSTLES. SEE ACTS 1:26. "AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND FROM HEAVEN AS OF A RUSHING MIGHTY WIND, AND IT FILLED ALL THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SETTING. AND THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM CLOVEN TOUNGUES AS OF FIRE, AND IT SAT UPON EACH OF THEM. AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE". ACTS 2:1-4.

WHO WERE THE "THEY" AND THE "THEM" WHO WERE BEING INSPIRED? SEE THE RECORD BROTHER--THE APOSTLES. ACTS 1:26. AND IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER DOUBT SEE VERSE 14. "BUT PETER STANDING UP WITH THE ELEVEN"--. HOW MANY WERE PETER STANDING UP WITH? SEE THE RECORD BROTHER; "THE ELEVEN". ACTS 1:14.

IT SAT UPON EACHOF THEM VERSE THREE. THEY ALL SPAKE AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE--. VERSE 4. THESE "THEYS" AND "THEMS" REFERS TO THE APOSTLES ACTS 1:26; AS NO ONE ELSE WERE NAMED. PETER STOOD UP WITH THE ELEVEN WHEN HE SPOKE. ACTS 2:14. COULD ANYTHING BE PLAINER?

BUT SAYS ONE DID NOT CORNELIUS IN ACTS 10:- RECIEVE THE SAME GIFT? TO BE SURE, AND GOD SHOWS WHY. NOTE, ACTS 10:45- 46; AND YOU WILL SEE THE BAPTIZING OF CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSE, AND THE ASTONISHMENT OF THOSE JEWS AT THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY GHOST U PON THE GENTILES. THEN WE SEE PETERS QUESTION TO THOSE JEWS WHO WERE SO ASTOUNDED AT WHAT THEY SAW.

THEN IN VERSE 47;"CAN ANY MAN FORBID WATER THAT THESE SHOULD NOT BE BAPTIZED WHO HAVE RECIEVED THE HOLY GHOST AS WELL AS WE"?A WITNESS IF YOU PLEASE,THAT GOD HAD ACCEPTED THE GENTILES.MORE EVIDENCE? HERE IT IS SEE CHAPTER 11.THE JEWS AT JERUSELAM CALLED PAUL IN QUESTION FOR HIS ACTION HERE.AND THEY HAD TO ALSO BE CONVINCED THAT THE GENTILES WERE ACCEPTABLE WITH GOD.NOTICE PETERS ANSWER TO THEM AND HIS STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE GENTILES RECEPTOON OF THE HOLY GHOST;VERSES 15-16. THEN IN THE 17 TH VERSE HE PUTS IT SQUARELY UP TO THOSE JEWS--"FOR AS MUCH GOD GAVE GAVE TO THEM THE LIKE GOFT AS HE DID UNTO US,WHO BELIEVED ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST;WHAT WAS I THAT I COULD WITHSTAND GOD"?ACTS 11:17. NOT ONLY WAS THIS CONVINCING EVIDENCE TO PETER AND TO THOSE JEWS WI WITH HIM WHEN HE PREACHED TO CORNELIUS;BUT WAS AN EQUEL "WITNESS" TO T THOSE AT JERUSELAM.HEAR THEM;--"WHEN THEY HEARD THESE THINGS,THEY HELD THEIR PEACE,AND GLORIFIED GOD, SAYING,THEN HATH GOD ALSO TO THE GENTILES GRANTED REPENTANCE UNTO LIFE".ACTS 11:18.

PETER IN HIS REHERSAL OF THE CONVERSION OF THE GENTILES,CALLED IT "BEARING WITNESS"."AND GOD,WHICH KNOWETH THE HEARTS,BEAR THEM WITNESS GIVING THE HOLY GHOST,EVEN AS HE DID UNTO US". ACTS 15:8.ISN'T IT PLAIN? OTHERS RECIEVED THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AS IN ACTS 8:14-17.YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS "GIFT" OR "MASURE" WAS GIVEN BY THE LAYING ON OF THE HANDS OF THE APOSTLES.

BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER "GIFT" OR "MASURE"OF THE SPIRIT WHICH CAME BY OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL.SEE ACTS 2:38-39.PETER SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THIS "GIFT"COMES UPON ALL GOD CALLS--THAT IS,WHO "REPENT AND ARE BAPTIZED F FOR THE REMISSION OF THEIR SINS. ACTS 2:38.

ACTS 5:32 SHOWS THE SAME;THAT GOD GIVES HIS SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM. YES,TO THE SONS OF GOD--"AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS---"GAL.4:6.HENCE,THE INEVITABLE CONCLUSION,ALL SONS RECIEVE THIS GIFT OF THE SPIRIT.

IT IS RECIEVED THROUGH FAITH--GAL.3:2;3:14. HENCE,ALL THE FAITHFUL RECIEVE THIS GIFT.BUT NOTICE THIS IS NOT A BAPTISM--BUT THE GIFT ALL OBEDIENT,THE SONS,RECIEVE AS SHOWN ABOVE.

NOW BACK TO THE APOSTLES TO GET THE FULL LESSON.NOTICE IN ST.JNO.16:8; IN GIVING THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT TO THE APOSTLES,THEY WERE TOLD; HE WOULD "REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN,AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,AND OF JUDGMENT". 2 SAM.23:2;"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SPAKE BY ME AND HIS WORD WAS IN MY TONGUE".NOTICE IN ALL AGES THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROPHETS.HEB.1:1. AND THEY WERE "HOLY MEN" 2 PETER 1:21. THE SPIRIT IN AGES PAST DID NOT FORCE ITSELF INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN AND FORCABLE SCOOP OUT ALL OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL;BUT ON THE CONTRARY,MOVED ON THESE HOLY MEN OF OLD AND TAUGHT THEM WHAT TO TEACH THE PEOPLE. AS PROOF OF THIS SEE ALL THE PROPHETS OF OLD.

NEITHER DID THE SPIRIT ENTER PERSONALLY INTO THE HEARTS OF THE SINNERS ON PENTECOST--(FOR THE WORLD CANNOT RECIEVE THE SPIRIT ST.JNO.14:17); BUT ON THE CONTRARY INSPIRED THE APOSTLES AS TO WHAT TO TELL THE PEOPLE. SEE ACTS #;-. HENCE THE IDEA THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT ENTERS PERSONALLY INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL SINNERS AND CHASES OUT ALL DEVILS AND CASTS OUT ALL OBJECTIONABLR MATERIAL;IS ERRONIOUS.

PAUL WAS STRUCK DOWN ON THE ROAD TO DEMASCUS;BUT DID THE SPIRIT PERSONALLY ENTER,HIS HEART AND CAST OUT ALL OBJECTIONABLE MATERIAL? NAY, VERILY;BUT HE WAS SENT TO DEMASCUS.ACTS 9:6;ACTS 22:10. A MAN WAS SENT TO INSTRUCT HIM. ACTS 9:10-18;22:12-16..YOU WILL NOTICE THE SPIRIT THROUGH ANANIAS TOLD HIM TO "ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED AND WASH AWAY HIS SINS CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD".ACTS 22:16.

CORNELIUS WAS TOLD SOMETHING TO "DO"- ACTS 10:6;ACTS 10:48. "HEAR WORDS OF PETER--ACTS 10:22.HE SHALL"SPEAK UNTO THEE"ACTS 10:32."HEAR WORDS"OF PETER--ACTS 10:22. "THINGS COMMANDED"--ACTS 10:33.AND WHAT WAS COMMANDED? READ IT YOURSELF BROTHER,"BE BAPTIZED" ACTS 10:48.

SURE HE WAS BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST;BUT AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN IT WAS FOR A WITNESS;AND NOT TO CLEAN HIM UP.

THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED BY THE HOLY GHOST SENT DOWN FROM HEAVEN--BUT BY INSPIRED MEN--1 PETER 1:12.

GOD REVEALED THE GOSPEL TO THE APOSTLES-- 1 COR.2:9-13;JUST AS HE HAD PROMISED THEM--ST.JNO.14:15-17 AND 26; ST.JNO.16:7-15. IN ACTS 8:26-40 THE ANGEL TOLD PHILLIP TO"GO" ACTS 8:26.VERSES 27-28 SHOWS THE EUNUCH ON THE ROAD. VERSE 29 THE "SPIRIT"SAID TO PHILLIP,"GO NEAR AND JOIN THYSELF TO THE CHARRIOT".YOU WILL NOTICE THE SPIRIT WAS OPERATING,BUT THROUGH PHILLIP,AND NOT PERSONALLY ON THE EUNUCH'S HEART. VERSES 30-40 SHOWS PHILLIPS SERMON--,THE EUNUCH BAPTIZED,AND GOING ON HIS WAY REJOICING.HENCE ,WE SEE THE SPIRIT DID,AND DOES REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN, AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,AND OF JUDGMENT--JUST AS GOD PROMISED IN ST.JNO.16:8;BUT HE DID IT BY INSPIRING THE APOSTLES AS HE PROMISED. ACTS 1:1-5.BUT MANY DELUDED PEOPLE GO ABOUT TELLING OF MIRACLES AS WONDERFUL AS ANY DID BY THE APOSTLES AND CLAMM SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY FOR IT. THEY SHOULD READ 2 THES 2:-.

USUALLY MARK 16:17-18 IS CITED TO PROVE THAT THEY HAVE A PROMISE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO WORK ALL MANNER OF SIGNS AND WONDERS THAT WE FIND DONE BY THE APOSTLES. A CLOSE STUDY OF THIS CHAPTER TOGATHER WITH OTHER SCRIPTURES WILL SHOW THEIR ERROR.

YOU WILL NOTICE IN MARK:16:9-14 SHOWS SOME OF THE "APOSTLES"WERE NOT BELIEVING. YOU WILL NOTICE THE 14 TH VERSE SHOWS THIS BEYOND A DOUBT. IN THE 15 TH AND 16 TH VERSES HE GAVE WHAT IS STYLED THE GREAT COMMISSION.IN THE 17 TH VERSE HE TELLS THEM THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE"--NO IF ANY OF THE ELEVEN STAYED IN THEIR CONDITION OF UNBELIEF AS WAS DESCRIBED IN VERSER 9-14; THE SIGS WOULD NOT FOLLOW THEM:ONLY "THEM THAT BELIEVE".THE 19 VERSE SHOWS JESUS'ASCENTION,AND SEATED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND--.THE 20 TH VERSE SHOWS WHAT "THEY"(THE APOSTLES) DID--,AND THE PROMISE OF "SIGNS"FOLLOWING WAS FULFILLED. "THEY WENT FORTH,AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE"(PAST TENSE IF YOU PLEASE) "THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM;CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING". MARK 16:20.HEB.2:3,SHOWS THE WORD WAS CONFIRMED"(PAST TENSE) "UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM" HEB.2:3.GET IT BROTHER THE CONFIRMATION WAS DONE BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM,AND NOT BY US 1900 YEARS AFTER.

HEB.2:4 SHOWS GOD BORE THEM "WITNESS""BOTH WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS AND DIVERS MIRACLES AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.HENCE THE WORD WAS CONFIRMED,GOD BORE "WITNESS" TO IT WITH ALL THESE WONDERS--SO WE SEE THAT IS COMPLETED.PAUL SHOWS IN 2 COR 12:12 THAT THESE "SIGNS" WERE "SIGNS" OF AN APOSTLE.ARE YOU AN APOSTLE?WHERE IS YOUR FAITH MY FRIEND? HERE IS MY PROOF ON THAT MY DEAR SIR.

"AND THOU HAST TRIED THEM THAT SAY THAT THEY ARE APOSTLES AND ARE NOT, AND HAST FOUND THEM LIARS".REV.2:2. HENCE WE SEE THERE WAS A CRUCEL TEST BY WHICH ONE COULD TELL AN APOSTLE FROM AN IMPOSTER,LIAR.

NOW,WHAT IS THAT TEST?LET GOD'S HOLY WORD ANSWER AND ALL WILL BE WELL. IN 2 COR.12:12; PAUL GIVES THAT TEST. HE SHOWS THOSE CORINTHIAN BRETHREN JUST HOW THEY COULD KNOW OF A CERTAINTY THAT HE WAS AN APOSTLE. HEAR HIM; "--TRUELY THE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE WERE WROUGHT AMONG YOU IN ALL PATIENCE".WHAT WERE THEY PAUL WE WANT TO KNOW?HEAR HIM--"IN SIGNS AND WONDERS AND MIGHTY DEEDS # COR.12:12.SEE ALSO MARK 16:17-18. PAUL EMPHATICALLY PLACES THESE "SIGNS# AS "SIGNS" OF AN APOSTLE IN 2 COR.12:12;WHLE JESUS TALKING TO THE APOSTLES WHO WERE AT THAT TIME SOMEWHAT IN UNBELIEF:"THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE". MK.16:19-20;SHOWS THOSE APOSTLES DID GO PREACH AND GOD VERIFIED HIS PROMISE TO THEM.THAT IS, THESE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE.

ANY ONE CAN SEE THAT THESE "SIGNS"WERE TESTS BY WHICH PEOPLE COULD TELL A TRUE APOSTLE FROM AN IMPOSTER.PAUL CALLS ATTENTION TO THESE MIGHTY "SIGNS"WROUGHT BY HIM IN ROM.15:19.GOD DID VERIFY HIS PROMISE TO HIS APOSTLES IN MARK 16:17-18;FOR IN ACTS 5:11 WE HAVE," AND BY THE HANDS OF THE APOSTLES WERE WROUGHT MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS" BY WHO WERE THESE SIGNS WROUGHT?GET IT BROTHER---"THE APOSTLES. SEE ALSO VERSES 13-16;SAME CHAPTER.AGAIN,ACTS 19:11;"AND GOD WROUGHT SPECIAL MIRACLES BY THE HANDS OF PAUL".

SO WE SEE EVERYTIME SPECIAL SIGNS AND WONDERS WERE DONE THEY WERE DONE BY AN APOSTLE FOR THEY WERE THE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE(2 COR.12:12) BY AN IMPOSTER COULD AND WERE EXPOSED.RE V.2:2.

WHY WILL ANY ONE KID THEMSELVES INTO BELIEVING THAT THEY CAN WORK THE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE?
SINCE THE OFFICE OF AN APOSTLE IS NOT ONE THAT IS HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION BUT CEASED TO BE AS FAR AS LIVING MEN IS CONCERNED WHEN THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS APPOINTED DIED;THEIR SIGNS ALSO WOULD NESCESSARILY CEASE.BUT HERE IS POSITIVE PROOF THAT THEY CEASED.

PROPHECIES SHALL FAIL-- 1 COR;13:8. "TONGUES SHAL CEASE"1 COR.13:8.
"WHETHER THERE BE KNOWLEDGE IT SHALL VANISH AWAY"- - - - - -1 COR 13:8.
"WE KNOW IN PART WE PROPHESY IN PART" - - - - - - - - - - -1 COR.13:9.
THIS WAS THE REVEALING AGE;THEY ONLY SPOKE THE PART REVEALED.
BUT WHEN WERE THESE "PARTS" ,PROPHECIES,TONGUES,AND KNOWLEDGE TO CEASE?
GET IT,HERE IS PAULS ANSWER;"BUT WHEN THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME,THEN THAT WHICH IS IN PART SHALL BE DONE AWAY"1 COR.13:10.
AGAIN,IN COMPARING THE TWO EREAS OF THE CHRISTIAN AGE,HE SAYS;"
"--NOW I KNOW IN PART"--YES,THEY KNEW ONLY AS IT WAS REVEALED,"BUT THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS I AM KNOWN". YES WHEN GOD'S PERFECT PLAN,HIS WILL, WAS REVEALED,PEOPLE COULD KNOW EVEN AS THEY WERE KNOWN.SEE 1 CO3:13:12.
THE PERFECT WILL IS HERE;SEE ROM.12:2; JAS.1:25.
WE STAND PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD"---COL.4:12.
WE ARE PERFECT,THROUGHLY FURNISHED BY IT- - - - - - - - - -2 TIM.3:16-17.
BUT WE HAVE ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS-.2 PET.1:3.
WE MUST NOT TRANSGRESS--BUT ABIDE IN IT - - - - - - - - - - - 2 JNO.9.
YOU CAN SEE AT A GLANCE ,DEAR FRIEND, THAT ;"THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME:NOT THE PERFECT AGE,NO,BUT THE "PERFECT" WHICH WAS UNDER CONCIDERATION.THEY ONLY KNEW IN PART-1 COR.1 COR 13:9 AND 12;BUT WHEN THAT WHICH IS "PERFECT"IS COME THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS I AM KNOWN-.
HENCE PERFECT KNOWLEDGE TO TAKE PLACE OF THAT "PART" KNOWLEDGE WAS THE PERFECT WHICH WAS UNDER CONCIDERATION. AND WE GET THIS FROM THE PERFECT WILL OD GOD--THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

"AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH,HOPE CHARITY,THESE THREE;BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY"1 COR.13:13.
THESE "SIGNS" OF AN APOSTLE HAVE CEASED.2 COR.12:12; MARK 16:17-18.
SEE ALSO 1 COR.13:8-13.
YES,THE APOSTLES,IN PERSON,ARE GONE;THOSE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE HAVE CEASED.
THE APOSTLES SPEAK TO US TODAY THROUGH THE WRITTEN WORD WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED THEM TO WRITE:AND THOSE SIGNS,WONDERS , ARE OPERATIVE THROUGH THAT SAME WRITTEN WORD.
LET NO ONE DECIEVE YOU;ANYONE WHO HAS THE HOLY GHOST,IN THE SAME GIFT, AS THE APOSTLES,WOULD BE INSPIRED AS THEY WERE AND WOULD NOT NEED A BIBLE AS THE REST OF US MORTALS DO.

WHEN YOU SEE SOME ONE PERFORMING "LIEING WONDERS" TURN AND READ 2 THES 2:8-9.THEN READ THE 10 TH TO THE 12 TH VERSES AND THANK GOD YOU HAVE A "LOVE FOR THE TRUTH" AND HAVE ESCAPED THIS SELF IMPOSED DECEPTION.

MAY GOD BLESS US ALL IN ATTAINING TOO,AND MAINTAINING THAT UNITY FOR WHICH JESUS PRAYED,IS MY PRAYER.

YOURS IN CHRIST

J.S.BEDINGFIELD.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES CONT. ---I JUST SENT MONEY ORDER TO BRO.PAUL BRUCE FOR $50.00. $25.00 WAS SENT TO ME FOR THE CHURCH AT ARNETT TEXAS BY BROTHER COY GARRISON;AND THE OTHER 25.00 IS SENT BY ME.
BOTH ARE FOR THE MEETING AT CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO. SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS MEETING DIRECT TO BRO AND SISTER PAUL R.BRUCE,AND IT WILL SAVE DELAY. WE ARE PRINTING,THIS ISSUE,450 COPIES OF "IT IS WRITTEN" YES,IT IS GROWING. YOURS FOR THE WHOLE TRUTH,

J.S.B.