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CAVE JUNCTION OREGON, NOV. 15, 1948.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

NEW CASTLE TEXAS, OCT. 29, 1948.

MR J.S.BEDINGFIELD;- HOPE YOU ARE O.K. WE ARE BOTH UNDER DOCTORS TREATMENT ALL OF THE TIME. I CAN'T SEE TO READ HARDLY ANY. DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN READ THIS. WELL, I AM SENDING YOU ANOTHER LITTLE CHECK; MAYBE YOU ARE NEEDING IT BY THIS TIME. THE PAPER SEEMS TO BE GROWING. WIFE AND I STILL HAVE OUR WORSHIP AT HOME. I HOPE YOU KEEP PUSHING ALONG.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST, J.Y.MORGAN.

NOTE.-- MOST ALL OF THE OLDER MEMBERS HAVE HEARD OF, OR KNOWW THAT GRA GRAND OLD SOLDIER AND HIS FAITHFUL WIFE. ANY ONE WHO CAN WOULD DO WELL TO DROP IN AND WORSHIP WITH THESE FAITHFUL SOLDIERS OF OUR LORD. BRETHREN, SCATTER SUNSHINE WHILE YOU CAN. BROTHERLY, J.S.B.

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LOS ANGELES 22 CALIFORNIA OCT. 18--48.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD;-

RECIEVED YOUR LETTER OF OCT. 2, 1948. WE ARE ALL WELL BUT WORKING MUCH HARDER AS I HAD TO TAKE MY MEAT MARKET MARKET BACK WHICH I HAD LEASED OUT; SO IT KEEPS ME VERY BUSY AND LONG HOURS. EVERY ONE IN THE CHURCH IS WELL. WE ARE HAVING SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH AGAIN, AND TRYING TO INDUCE THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINGING. AS TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE BREAD BREAKING; WE HAVE NOT ARRANGED IT YET. INCLOSING CHECK FOR THE GOOD WORK YOU ARE DOING IN CHRIST. SISTER HOLDEN HAS GIVEN ME THESE ADDRESSES WHICH SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE "IT IS WRITTEN". MRS ELSIE HOLDEN, REPLEY OKLAHOMA. MR. VADA PARKER, WESLEY ARKANSAS. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST

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BROTHER LLOYD TREAT OF GILLILAND TEXAS, WRITES; "YOU MAY SAY, WE HERE AT GILLILAND ARE STILL DOING FINE. I WENT TO GRAHAM TEXAS AND MET WITH BROTHER DAN KEEL AND FAMILY WHO MEET IN THEIR HOME; AND ALSO I MET BRO. ROLLINS OF DEVOL OKLAHOMA. HE PREACHES FOR A SMALL GROUP THAT MEETS AT DEVOL. I ALSO AM SENDING YOU THE ADDRESS OF ANOTHER CHURCH AT PEARSON OKLAHOMA. ADDRESS J.N.SAUNDERS, PEARSON OKLAHOMA. YOURS IN CHRIST

LLOYD TREAT. GILLILAND TEXAS.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER W.E.DANIELS OF OZONE ARKANSAS; STATES THAT A FEW IN THEIR LOCALITY HAVE BEGUN TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND THE NOTIONS AND OPPINIONS OF MEN. HE ALSO STATES THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING BROTHER LLOYD TREAT TO LOCATE WITH THEM SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I AM EXPECTING TO SEE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN THESE TWO MEN BOTH ARE PUSHING WITH TH MIGHT OF GOD'S WORD.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER AND SISTER C.E.SCOTT OF LORENZO TEXAS; STATES, OUR LITTLE BUNCK ALSO THINKS WE SHOULD SUBPORT A MAN IN THE FIELD. LETS HEAR FROM OTHER CHURCHES ON THE MATTER,

C.E.SCOTT AND WIFE, FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WORSHIPING IN THEIR HOUSE, AT LORENZO TEXAS.

AND LET ME ADD; WHY CANT WE SUPPORT TWO OR MORE MEN IN THE FIELD? YEARS ARE FLETING ON, SOULS ARE PEROSHING WITHOUT CHRIST OR HOPE IN THE WORLD. CAN WE STAND IDLY BY AND SEE THEM DIE AND THINK WE WILL WEAR A CROWN? THINK IT OVER- - - -- J.S.B.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER AND SISTER L.E.ATCHLEY, STATES THAT THEY HAVE LOCATED AT CARLSBAD N.M. AND THAT THEM AND BROTHER AND SISTER BRUCE TOGATHER WITH OTHERS X ARE MEETING REGULARLY IN THE CARPENTERS HALL AT CARLSBAD N.M.

"CHURCH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED.

CARTER OKLA.OCT.29,1948.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD;- WILL SEND YOU OUR CONTRIBUTION TO HELP WITH "IT IS WRITTEN".I AM GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE PAPER IS GROWING. AND AM GLAD TO KNOW OF OTHER CONGREGATIONS WHO ARE HOLDING ON TO THE TRUTH. THE CHURCH AT ELK CITY IS HOLDING ITS OWN WITH FAIRLY REGULAR ATTENDANCE,WITH GOOD INTEREST IN THE WORK. WE ARE REJOICING OVER THE PROSPECTS OF A FAITHFUL CONGREGATION AT CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO. THEY REPORT FINDING FOUR MORE MEMBERS TO WORSHIP WITH THEM WITH THE POSIBILITIES OF MORE.WE CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE CHURCH THERE WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS AS LONG AS BROTHER EARL ATCHLEY IS THEIR LEADER. HE AND HIS WIFE ARE NATIVES OF ELK CITY AND HAVE ALWAYS FOLLOWED AFTER THE TRUTH MAY GOD GRANT YOU HEALTH AND STRENGTH TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. YOURS IN CHRIST, W.R.FARRAR.

DUE TO THINGS BEYOND OUR CONTROL WE ARE LATE THIS MONTH--J.S.B.

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"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH".

"WATCH YE,STAND FAST IN THE FAITH,QUIT YOU LIKE MEN,BE STRONG".1 COR. 16:13.LAST MONTH WE HAD AS OUR THEME "WATCH YE";THIS MONTH WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT THOUGHT;"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"--.IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT STAND FAST IN THE FAITH",WE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BY THE WORD,"FAITH"PAUL EXPRESSES IT PERFECTLY IN HEB.11:1;"NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN". SUB--UNDER;STANCE-- TO STAND;HENCE THAT WHICH STANDS UNDER THE THINGS HOPED FOR,THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.AS EVERY ONE KNOWS WITHOUT ANY ARGUEMENT WOULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN THE COMMANDS TO BE OBEYED IN ORDER TO HAVE A HOPE FOR "THE THINGS HOPED FOR",TOGATHER WITH THE DISCRIPTION OF THOSE WONDERFUL THINGS "NOT SEEN"WITH THE ASSURANCE OF ATTAINING TO IT,SEE MATTH.7:21;REV.22:14;HEB.5:9;21 AND 22 CHAPT.REV. THIS COMES BY "HEARING THE WORD OF GOD" AS STATED IN JNO.20:30-31;ROM. 10:17.AND SINCE "THIS IS THE WORD,WHICH BY THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED UNTO YOU,1 PETER 1:25.THE BELIEF OF EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THE GOSPEL TOGATHER WITHA FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE TO THE SAME;WOULD BE "FAITH" AS REVEALED IN GOD'S WORD.SEE ALSO JAS.2:21-23.IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE ABRAHAM'S FAITH. HENCE THE "NEW TESTAMENT"IS CALLED "THE FAITH","THE LAW OF FAITH"(ROM. 3:27);FOR IT CONTAINS THE THINGS TO BE BELIEVED AND FAITHFULLY OBEYED, TOGATHER WITH THE "THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN". TO MERELY "BELIEVE THAT GOD IS",IS NOT ENOUGH.WE MUST ALSO BELIEVE " THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM".SEE HEB.11:6; WHERE THIS THOUGHT IS EXACTLY AND EXPRESSLY STATED.

DEVILS BELIEVE THAT GOD "IS"(JAS.2:19);IF THAT WAS THE FAITH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT,THE DEVILS WOULD BE SAFE.HENCE WE SEE JAS.SHOWS THE DIFFERENCE IN JAS.2:21-23.AS PAUL DID IN HEB.11:6.

THERE ARE SEVERAL SERIOUS MISTAKES MADE BY MANY PEOPLE.MANY CALL A MERE "BELIEF",BASED ON HUMAN TRADITION,EXPERIANCE,OR HUMAN WISDOM, "FAITH" THAT IS MEANT IN THE BIBLE.BUT FRIENDS,THIS IS A FATAL MISTAKE;DONT NEVER FORGET,BIBLE FAITH,WHICH IS SAVING FAITH,"COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD"ROM.10:17.SEE JNO.20:30-31.BROTHER,LET THIS REMAIN WITH YOU;JUST BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE A THINGREGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF EVIDENCE THAT PRODUCED IT;IS NOT A SAVING FAITH.THAT FAITH IS PRODUCED ONLY BY THE WORD OF GOD.ROM.10:17;JNO.20:30-31.

THIS FOLLOWING AFTER OUR IMAGINATIONS IS CONDEMNED ALL THROUGH GOD'S HOLY WORD.GEN.6:5;8:21;SHOWS THAT MANS IMAGINATION GOT HIM INTO TROUBLE,AND WAS ONE OF THE PRIME CAUSES FOR HIS DISTRUCTION AT THE FLOOD.JER 23:16-17;SHOWS MANS IMAGINATION WAS STILL GETTING HIM INTO TROUBLE. 2 COR.10:3-6 SHOWS THAT WE ARE TO CAST DOWN OURX "IMAGINATIONS",TOGATHER WITH EVERY THING THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. FRIEND,DO NOT MISTAKE AN OPINION,THE CREATURE OF YOUR IMAGINATION FOR FAITH. DONT NEVER FORGET "FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD".ROM.10:17; JNO.20:30-31.

TAKE GOD'S HOLY WORD;READ IT,MEDITATE UPON IT,BELIEVE EVERY STATEMENT GOD HAS MADE IN IT,FAITHFULLY OBEY EVERY COMMANDMENT ADDRESSED TO US IN THIS AGE;AND YOU WILL BE STANDING FAST IN THE FAITH--1 COR.16:13.

ANOTHER COMMON FORM OF ERROR IS TO MISTAKE PRESUMPTIVE EVIDENCE FOR THE WORD OF GOD.YOU NO DOUBT HAVE HEARD SOME ONE SAY SOMETHING ABOUT "READING BETWEEN THE LINES",OR INFERING,REACHING A CONCLUSION BASED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

FRIEND,DID YOU KNOW THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF THE ABOVE SYSTEM OF REACHING A CONCLUSION WAS A PRESUMPTION?

TAKE THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS FROM THE "ENCYCLOPAEDIC DICTIONARY" BY ROBERT HUNTER AND CHARLES MORSE.

PRESUME---B--INTRANSITIVE:TO INFEROR ASSUME ON PROBABLE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS BUT WITHOUT DIRECT OR POSITIVE EVIDENCE.

PRESUMPTION ----ORDINARY LANGUAGE-DEF.1. ASSUMPTION OR SUPPOSITION OF THE TRUTH OR EXISTANCE OF A THING BASED ON PROBABLE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS;BUT NOT ON DIRECT OR POSITIVE PROOF OR EVIDENCE.

2-- A GROUND OR REASON FOR PRESUMING;AN ARGUEMENT;STRONG BUT NOT DEMONSTRATIVE;STRONG PROBABILITY.

PRESUMPTIVE. --DEF.2.--BASED ON PRESUMPTION OR PROBABILITY;PROBABLE; GROUNDED ON PROBABLE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS,THOUGH NOT DIRECTLY OR POSITIVELY PROVEN;PROVING CIRCUMSTANTIALLY NOT DIRECTLY.

WEBSTERS INTERNAT.DICT. SECCOND EDITION.

PRESUME--DEF.4.--TO TAKE OR SUPPOSE TO BE TRUE,OR ENTITLE TO BELIEF, WITHOUT EXAMINATION OR PROOF,OR ON THE STRENGTH OF PROBABILITY; TO TAKE FOR GRANTED;TO INFER; SUPPOSE;ASSUME.

ELEMENTS OF LOGIC BY LEVI HEDGE LLD. PAGE 95,SECTION 125. "BELIEF,GROUNDED ON CIRCUMSTANTIEL EVIDENCE,X IS USUALLY DENOMINATED PRESUMPTION".

SUMMING UP THE ABOVE;WE CAN SEE THAT TO INFER A THING ON POSIBLE OR PROBABLE GROUNDS,OR ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IS PRESUMPTION.

THEN ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE DEFINITIONS IF A THING IS NOT PROVEN BY DIRECT OR POSITIVE EVIDENCE,IT IS A PRESUMPTION.

WE ALL KNOW FOR A THING TO BE DIRECTLY OR POSITIVLY PROVEN IT MUST BE DIRECTLY OR POSITIVELY STATED.

EVEN THOUGH A THING MAY LOOK REASONABLE,OR PROBABLE;THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT MAY SEEM TO JUSTIFY IT:DONT FORGET THIS;YOU STILL HAVE ONLY A PRESUMPTION.THERE MUST BE DIRECT OR POSITIVE PROOF OR EVIDENCE,OR ELSE YOU HAVE A PRESUMPTION:AND TO HAVE DIRECT OR POSITIVE PROOF OR EVIDENCE,IT MUST BE DIRECTLY OR POSITIVELY STATED.

WHY SHOULD WE TRIFLE AWAY OUR ETERNAL WELFARE FOR A PRESUMPTION?

NO WONDER THE PROPHET SAID;"THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO A MAN BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH" PROV.14:12.

WHEN A THING "SEEMETH RIGHT TO A MAN" ,IT LOOKS PROBABLE,IT LOOKS REASONABLE TO HIM;THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT SEEMS TO HIM TO JUSTIFY IT:BUT STILL IT IS A PRESUMPTION.

IN DEUT.18:20;WE HAVE THIS LANGUAGE;"BUT THE PROPHET,WHICH SHALL PRESUME TOX SPEAK A X WORD IN MY NAME,WHICH I HAVE NOT COMMANDED HIM TO SPEAK, OR THAT SHALL SPEAK IN THE NAME OF OTHER GODS,EVEN THAT PROPHET SHALL DIE".

FROM THE ABOVE SCRIPTURE WE LEARNTHAT AT ANY TIME WE CLAIM AUTHORITY (SPEAK IN HIS NAME) "A WORD"WHICH HE HAS NOT COMMANDED US TO SPEAK";WE HAVE PRESUMED IT AND THE RESULT WILL BE DEATH;

"BUT THE SOUL THAT DOETH OUGHT PRESUMPTEOUSLY,WHETHER HE BE BORN IN THE LAND,OR A STRANGER;YHE SAME REPROACHETH THE LORD;AND THAT SOUL SHALL BE CUT OFF FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE".NUMB.15:30.

BROTHER WEIGH YOUR ACTS AND TEACHINGS AND BE SURE YOU DO NOT "DO OUGHT PRESUMPTEOUSLY".PS.19:13;SAYS;"KEEP BACK THY SERVANT ALSO FROM PRESUMPTEOUS SINS;LET THEM NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER ME;THEN SHALLIBE UPRIGHT, AND INNOCENT FROM THE GREAT TRANSGRESSION".READ 2 PETER 2 ND CHAPTER AND SEE THOSE CHARECTARS DESCRIBED THERE AND.THEIR AWFUL DENUNCIATION AND FINAL DISTRUCTION;AND NOTICE IN THE 10 VERSE HE SAYS"PRESUMPTEOUS THEY ARE SELF WILLED"--.MY BROTHER OR MY FRIEND AS THE CASE MAY BE;BE SURE YOU DO NOT FALL FOR A PRESUMPTION.

OUR LESSON WE ARE EXAMINING SAYS,"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH". YOU ARE NOT STANDING IN THE FAITH WHEN YOU ARE STANDING IN PRESUMPTIONS REGARDLESS AS TO HOW STRONGLY YOU BELIEVE IT;FOR "FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD" ROM.10:17;AND DIRECT STATEMENTS OF THINGS YOU PRESUME CANNOT BE FOUND IN GOD'S WORD. ONE THING WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET;GOD KNEW WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY,HE KNEW HOW TO SAY IT,AND SAID IT. HE DID NOT LEAVE ESSENTIAL THINGS HID UNDER A FOG OF GRAMATICAL OR LOGICAL DEDUCTIONS DISCOVERABLE ONLY BY THE SCHOLLARLY AND SUPER WISE. THESE LOGICAL DEDUCTIONS ARE THE WISDOM OF MEN,AND NOT THE WISDOM OF GOD. PAULS PREACHING WAS NOT IN THE WISDOM OF MEN,1 COR.2:4.THE REASON FOR THIS WAS "THAT THEIR FAITH SHOULD NOT STAND IN THE WISDOM OF MEN BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD"1 COR:2:5.THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD AND THE PRINCES OF THIS WORLD IS COMING TO NAUGHT--1 COR.2:6. TO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE WISDOM OF MEN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WOULD BE OF NON EFFECT--1 COR.1:17. GOD WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE AND BRING TO NAUGHT THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT--1 COR.1:19. GOD HAS MADE FOOLISH THE WISDOM OF THE WISE-1 COR.1:20. GOD'S THOUGHTS ARE NOT OUR THOUGHTS NEITHER ARE OUR WAYS GOD'S WAYS-ISIAH 55:8.GOD'S WAYS AND THOUGHTS ARE AS MUCH HIGHER AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH,ABOVE OUR WAYS AND THOUGHTS. WHY SHOULD ANYONE REPROACH GOD(NUM.15:30)BY PRESUMING,INFERING,SOMEGOD NEVER SAID?THE TIME HAS COME BROTHER,WHEN WE MUST TAKE A FIRM STAND ON A THUS SAITH THE LORD.AS PAUL SAID,1 COR.16:13"STAND FAST IN THE FAITH".WE ARE TO "OBSERVE ALL THINGS COMMANDED THE APOSTLES'MATTH 28:20. NO ROOM TO PRESUME,INFER,SOMETHING HERE,THOSE WHO DO THE WILL OF THE LORD ENTER THE KINGDOM-MATTH 7:21;NOT THE THINGS WE PRESUME,INFER,ABOUT THE WILL OF THE LORD.THOSE WHO DO THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THAT WONDERFUL CITY- ;THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE--REV.22:14.NOTE-THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS;NOT WHAT WE PRESUME,INFER,ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD,MAY ENJOY THESE BLESSINGS. WHEN WE ARE DOING HIS COMMANDMENTS WE ARE STANDING FAST IN THE FAITH.

BY THE WORD OF GOD WE ARE GIVEN ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS.BUT NO WHERE DOES IT SAY THE THINGS WE "INFER"GIVES US THESE THINGS. See 2Pet 1:3.

THE WORD OF GOD MAKES US PERFEFT THROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS. WE NEED NO MORE;NOT EVEN THE PRESUMPTIONS,INFERENCES,THAT WE MAY BE THE AUTHOR OF;REGARDLESS AS TO HOW WONDERFULLY WISE WE MIGHT THINK WE ARE.SEE 2 TIM.3:16-17 FOR ABOVE.

IF WE REMAIN PERFECTLY AND COMPLETELY FURNISHED BY THE SCRIPTURES GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD;WE ARE "STANDING FAST IN THE FAITH"-1 COR 16:13. WE ARE TO STAND PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD-COL.4:12.

BLESS YOU,NOT THE THINGS THAT LOOKS "REASONABLE" OR PROBABLE",OR THAT WHICH WE INFER,ASSUME,OR OTHERWISE PERSUME ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD. WHEN YOU ARE STANDING PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD;YOU ARE STANDING FAST IN THE FAITH";FOR "FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD"ROM.10:17.

O! HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE,AND ESPECIALLY THE CHURCH OF GOD;WHO CLAIMS TO SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND ARE SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT;TO "STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"?(1 COR.16:13).
WHY WILL WE AFTER SUCH PRETENTEOUS CLAIMS RESORT TO THE WISDOM OF MEN WHEN IT IS SO STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY GOD'S HOLY WORD ?
DOES YOUR FAITH STAND IN THE WISDOM OF MEN OR IN THE POWER OF GOD? 1 COR 2:5?IF YOUR FAITH STANDS IN THE WISDOM OF MEN,AND YOU ARE STANDING IN YOUR FAITH:ARE YOU NOT STANDING IN THE WISDOM OF MEN?
MAY GOD BLESS US ALL TO "STAND FAST IN THE FAITH" IS OUR PRAYER.

YOURS IN CHRIST,

J.S.BEDINGFIELD.