IT IS WRITTEN

PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

EDITORS

COY GARRISON ..... 533 S. Center St., Grand Prairie, Texas
L. E. ATCHLEY ..... 625 Happy Valley, Carlsbad, New Mexico

OCTOBER, 1950

IS IT TRUE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?

Why will people parley and doubt? Suppose he wasn't the Christ, would we be any worse off? Suppose it were all a fake and a fraud, would we be better citizens or worse? Just suppose that we find out that there is no hereafter, what then? If that should be the fact, would we be any happier or would we be more miserable? There is no doubt but what we would be more miserable. Sin would be unbearable, heathenism would rage in our land, to the sorrow of everyone. But we are not of those who desire such conditions but a civilized world, and civilization has come from the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and of course this knowledge comes from being in his church. We should all appreciate it because Christ built it, and he just built one. What do we need with any more churches? The one that Christ built will hold the entire world. Suppose there was just one big church, wouldn't this be a fine place to live if all were a member of this one church? Certainly no one could deny it. There would be no transgression if all were living in the church that the Bible speaks of. There just couldn't be any sin in all of us being united in one big body. This would stop all the fussing and back biting, then we could give God all the glory. We would love each other, and there would be no cisms in the church. What do we want with any more so called churches? Christ doesn't want them. The only one that wants them is the Devil. Man is not so foolish as to desire them when put to the real test. But some would say, How are we going to make this come true as to have one church? There is a way, and that is God's way, and we can read of this way if we will study the New Testament. It would be impossible to be wrong if the way of Christ is the truth. Christ has not given us a way that we can't follow. He requries you and me and every man and woman to come to him in the same way. There is just one road to travel, and we all must travel it alike. There are no short cuts and no detours. There is no one to hold our hand and guide us but Christ. He has given us the New Testament to guide us, each and every one alike. There are no special privileges given to any of us. We are

just worms in his sight. There is no use for man to try to change his way. The plan is fixed. You must accept his plan. God is not going to accept yours. You had just as well make up your mind to obey God and forget the idea that God will accept yours. All the big guns can fire at the Gospel, but they can't penetrate one word of the Law of our Lord. Big preachers can explode from the pulpit, and over the radio. It will never get any higher than the head of the man that is talking. Brethern, we had just as well submit to what God has said or quit the whole thing. God is displeased with the way the church is divided. Yes, I hear them howl from Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Paris, Texas, Dallas, Texas, California, and Alabama, Oklahoma and from almost all parts of the world. They are making one charge after another of the sects, never one time trying to correct themselves. There is just as much digression among the Churches of Christ, as there is among other churches. May God have pity on those big preachers that just can't see their own faults. I will give them two passages of Scripture. II Tim. 3-16 and Coll. 3:17. If they will harmonize the church that they are affiliated with, it will give them something to be proud of as long as they live. I accept only one little CHURCH OF CHRIST.

R. C. CLEMENT, Broken Bow, Okla.

CHRISTIAN

There is so much said on being a Christian on every hand that we wonder why people use the term Christian, and still don't comply with the word. Now let us notice in Acts 11:26 "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Now again in Acts 26:28, when Paul was reasoning with Agrippa, he made this statement: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Now in I Pet. 4:16 he said: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." Now we want to notice what it takes to be a disciple that is called a Christian. Now notice in St. Jno. 6:66, There was a group of disciples that went back and walked no more with Jesus. Verse 68, "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Now we know that the ones that went back were not Christians, for a Christian is a follower of Christ. See Jno. 20:27. I Pet. 2:21. Now a follower of Christ is one that keeps all the commandments of God. See Jas. 2:10. He is one that neither adds to or takes from God's commandments. Rev. 22:18,19. He is one that keeps the commandments that he may have a right to the tree of life, and enter into the holy city. Rev. 22:14,17. He is one that has washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 3:18—7:14. A Christian is one that will visit the widows and fatherless in their afflictions and keep himself or herself unspotted from the world. Jas. 1:27. A Christian is one that will fear the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 3:19. He is one that puts on the whole armour of God. Eph. 6:11. He is one that will not forsake the assembly. Heb. 10:25. But will exhort one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching. He is one that will not worship idols. Acts 17:28,30. He is one that will hold fast the profession of his faith. Heb. 10:23.

He is one that will count it joy when he falls into temptations. James 1:2. He is one that will love his brother. I Jno. 4:19,20. He is one that will keep the ordinances as Paul delivered them. I Cor. 11:1. He is one that is temperate in all things. I Cor. 9:25. He is one that lives by faith and does not draw back. Heb. 10:38. He is one that will not partake of fornication, adultry, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; for those shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Gal. 5:19,21. He is one that will keep his body, and bring it under subjection. I Cor. 9:27. He is one that will give according as he has been prospered. I Cor. 16:1,2. He is one that will watch and stand fast in the faith, and will quit like men, and be strong. I Cor. 16:13. He is one that will awake to righteousness and sin not. I Cor. 15:34. He is one that will not receive the Grace of God in vain. II Cor. 6:1. He is one that will purge himself from the filth of the fresh. II Cor. 7:1. Now let us hold the profession of our Faith without wavering, and not be a double-minded man or woman.

Written in Christian Love for all men. Your brother in Christ,

LLOYD TREAT, Clarksville, Ark.

FROM THE FIELD:

Just returned from Broken Bow, Okla. Preached a few nights covering one Lord's day. The crowd was small but good attention. No visible results, except the Church was somewhat strengthened. I found Bro. and Sister R. C. Clements fighting for the truth with all their might, and we owe them our congratulation for their unceasing efforts to hold the Church there on Bible principles. Any one passing that way will find the services strictly in harmony with the word of God.

Yours in Christ, W. E. DANIELS, Ozone, Ark.

I would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to the following, who have sent in to the support of *IT IS WRITTEN,* since the last paper was printed: Elmer H. Hunt, Bard, Calif.; Horace Orendorff, Yuma, Ariz.; R. C. Clements, Broken Bow, Okla.; The Church at LaHabra, Calif.; The Church at Somerton, Ariz.; R. H. Peel, Floydada, Tex. L. E. A.

Carter, Okla., Sept. 18, 1950

DEAR BRO. EARL AND READERS OF *"IT IS WRITTEN:"*

Received the papers a few days back. Enjoyed Bro. Daniel's and Bro. Stringham's articles very much in their fight against unscriptural ways and practices.

The Church at Elk City had a very enjoyable meeting with Bro. W. A. Nelson doing the preaching. Altho we had no additions to the Church, I am sure all were benefitted by the plain, scriptural lessons presented at each service. Our visits and association with Bro. and Sister Nelson was wonderful, and we are elated over meet-

ing such fine folks. Our recommendation goes out to the Brethren for Bro. Nelson and the Church at Somerton, Ariz. We at Elk City are trying to accomplish more by meeting Sunday nights for another song and teaching service. "Let us labor, lest any man should fall of unbelief." Heb. 4:11.

Yours in Christ, W. R. FARRAR, Carter, Okla., Rt. 2

Bro. J. W. Beddingfield previously reported through *IT IS WRITTEN*, a place of worship at 663 Coors Road, Albuquerque, New Mex., extending a welcome to anyone passing that way. I regret to have found them in error, on the communion, not following the example the Lord set forth in Matt.26:26, in that they call on one in the audience to bless the bread and the cup. When I called on Bro. J. W. Beddingfield Sept. 5th, 1950 at his home, he told me he would meet with a plurality of cups, or a bottle, as they had used on the Lord's table the night of Aug. 13th, 1950.

W. A. NELSON, Rt. I M, 17½ St., Somerton, Ariz.

Word comes tonight from Colter, Okla., that Bro. I. A. Peterson of the Colter congregation is ill in an Oklahoma City hospital. Certainly those who know this beloved brother are praying for him to recover from his ailment. May the Lord bless him in his recovery. COY GARRISON

FROM BRO. WILLIE FARRAR of the Elk City Congregation:

The Church at Elk City, Okla., lost another of its aged members on the 19th of September. Bro. Noah Atchley, nearing 85 years of age, was a cousin of Bro. Earl Atchley's father, and was a faithful follower of Christ during the latter years of his life. He had been bedfast for about a year. He leaves behind his faithful wife, two daughters and three sons. Also one son and five daughters by a previous marriage remain, besides several grandchildren and other relatives and friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. H. Francis of Mangum, Okla., and assisted in singing by members of the congregation. Would like to say that it was my privilege to have known Bro. Atchley and was certainly a pleasure to have known him. Surely the Lord is the righteous judge and some day the reward will be given to all those who die in the Lord. C. G.

Just as we were about to go to press we received a letter from Bro. Elmo Brown of Modesto, Calif., which was appreciated very much.

DEAR BRO. ATCHLEY:

Enclosed is a check for $27.64 for *IT IS WRITTEN* from The Church of Christ, Glenn Ave. and Dallas St., Modesto, Calif. This was last Sunday's contribution, which was set aside specifically for the paper, so you can see the people are interested in your work.

Yours in Christ, ELMO BROWN