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The Seed

Please read the parable of the Sower in Luke 8:4-15. The lesson taught there is that the seed of the Kingdom, is the ward of God. Since this is true, every good fruit in the Kingdom comes from this seed. The wrong seed is sure to produce the wrong fruit. Faith is necessary for salvation, and comes hearing the word of God. When the true seed, the word of God, lads into good, and honest hearts, it will always produce Faith Of the right kind. On the other hand, if our religious belief, or action is formed or directed by the teaching of men, apart from or in addition to the Bible, we are receiving the wrong seed intro• our hearts, and the iwrong fruits are sure, and that will be the results. Only the word of God can produce true Faith and Romans 14:23, says whatsoever is nt,t of faith is sin. The only seed that God plants is his own word. And Jesus said, every plant which my heavenly Father hath not plan-Led, shall be rooted up. Matt 15:13 Any fruit that is the result of some seed other than the word of God, cannot stand before God. It might stand before men, but not God. How sadly the world needs to know this, when so many are being guided by the creeds of men.

Use Of The Word

Borned again by the word. 1 Pet. 11:23. Borned again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible seed, By the word of God, which liveth, and abides forever. James 1:18. of his own will begat he us by the word of Truth, that We should be a kind of first fruits, f his creation. Cleansed by the word, Ephe. 5:6. That he might sanctify it, and cleanse it by the washing of water by the word.

Saved by the word, 1 Tim. 4:16. Take •heed to thy self, and the doct•rine, continue in them, for in doing this, thou shall save thyself. And them that hear the. James 1:21, Therefore lay aside all filthines,, and superfluity of naughiness and receive, with meekness, the engrafted word, which is able to save your soul.

Growing by the word. 1 Pet. 2:2. As the new born babes desire the sincere milk Of the word. That ye may grow thereby.

Sanctified by the word. Jno. 17:14. Sanctify them by thy word. Thy word is truth. 1 Tim. 4:5. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Enlightened by the word. Psalms 119:105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pathway.

Kept by the word. Rev. 3:10. Be-

cause thou has kept the word of my patience. I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world. To try them that dwell upon the earth.!Psalms 17:4. Concerning the works of Men by the word of thy lips, 1 have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

By a Friend

Obey

Rom. 16-17-18, But God be thanked ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye become the servants :0T, righteousness. Now, let us notice the points in the above scripture.

First: They were Sinners. Second: They obeyed that Perm of doctrine. Third: Being then (past tense) made free from sin. Fourth: Become servants of righteousness.

That's plain, isn't it? The became free from Sin or made free from Sin, when or after they obeyed. They became servants of righteousness, when or after they obeyed. New, Folks could anyone justly imagine he was made free from Sin without, or before, obeying? Could it be possible for one to become servants of righteousness without or before obeying?

But, one might ask, what is the form of doctrine that we must obey td be free from sin?

Well, it might help us if we see what the word form means. One of Webster's definitions of form is, mold or pattern. Another is, likeness. Another is, mold to a particular pattern. The question might arise, what is the form of doctrine that I can obey. Well, here it is: 2 Cor. 1 through 4. Moreover, Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you which also ye have received and wherein ye stand by which ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain, for I delivered unto you first of all that which I also recetved.

How that Christ died for our sins according to the seriptures, and that he 'was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according. to the scriptures.

folks, there is a doctrine. Sand r'aul said we could be saved by it. Now, we can't dte, be buried, and raise the third day, tut we can obey a form of that doctrine. We can obey someqhing of its in,.-ness, or something that would ue a pattern of it. Well, I believe, this will help us. itom. 6:3-4-5. Know ye not that so many of us were baptized into J esus Cnrist, were baptized into his death, ritesfore, we are baptized nvi h him, uy baptism,- into death. That, ike as :Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Fanner, even so we also should walk in newnes, of life. For, if we have been planed togather in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurection. There iL is, a likeness. We can't die, be buried and raise the third day, which is the doctrine, hut we can obey a likeness.

But as the book is open we will read on, Col. 2, 12,13. Buried with Him in bapti,,ia Wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the o.peration 01 God, who has raised Him from the dead. And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of y'eur flesh hath he quickened together with him forgiven you all trespasses. But, iwe were made free from sin, or forgiven all trespasses when we obey from heart that form of doctrine. Well we will read again, 1 Pet. 1, 22.

Seeing ye have purified your slouls in obeying the truth, those that have pure souls are free from sin. Those that have pure souls are forgiven all trespasses. But, people were made free from sin when they obeyed from the" heart the form of doctrine. They had pure souls when they obeyed the truth. But, one might ask the question that Filet did, Jno. 18,38, What is Truth? S. Jno. 17, 17, Thy word is truth, then those Peter was speaking of, purefied their souls in obeying the word lof God. But, the word of God also said they were made free from sin when they obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine. So it stands thus to have pure souls, to be free from sin, to have forgiveness of all trespasses, one must obey God's word. But God's word commands us to be baptised, Act 10, 48. lGormands are to be obeyed. else we would not receive thelbles"-sing stated on the condition of the "command: As in Act 2,38. Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission cf sins. We could not "expect to receive remission of our sins if we did not they the command repent and be baptised in the name (Authority) of Jesus Christ. Regardless of what a cornmand is, it must be "obeyed.

Want a little proof?

_Alright, here it is: 2 Thes. 1:7-8. And to you, who are troubled, rest with us, when the the Lord Jesus Ethan be revealed from heaven with his mighty Angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, if we don't obey, Jesus is going to take vengeance on us just as sure as we fail to obey. There is not a command in all the Bible, that we can disobey, without coming under God's condemnation. Neither, can we obey his commands by doing something he has not commanded us to do, and obedience doesn't stop when we become a child •of God. We must continue, faithful, unto death. Rev. 2:10. And to be faithful is to obey. God required the Isrealites to obey, Duet. 11:26-27, Behold, I set before you this daY a blessing and a curse. A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day. 28 V. And a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God.

There it is folks, a blessing if we disobey. Which will we do? Rom. 6:16. Kim* ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, His servant Ye are to whom ye obey, whether *of* sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness. Hence, it takes "obedience to be righteous. We read again Heb. 5:8-9. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the thing he suffered, and being made perfect he became the other of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him. Now, Folks, there is no getting around it, we must obey when we do just what God has (commanded us to do, and do it like he commanded us to do it. We can't obey by trying to do what he has commanded us, but do it some other way. For example, God said, buried with "him, (Christ) in baptism. We" can't do that by sprinkling or pouring water on a convert. God said baptized for nemissicn of sins. We can't obey that by contending we are baptized because God, for Christ's sake has already forgiven our sins. It is unmistakable, we roust obey and we can only obey by, or when we do just what v'e can read in God's word. No more or less.

Yours in Christ
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The Sale Side

What is it? There was, and always will be, tiwo sides to anything. There is a right side, and a wrong side to religion. One way you worship God. The other way, or ways is to worship Satan. Yet Satans ways all sum up to Sin. An.d in that way, or• ways, you go about it, it all sums up to just plain sin, and is of the Devil. Jno 14:6. Christ said he was the Way. .;eri. 32:38. Gods people must have on•e heart, and one way, which is Cbrisit. And all other ways in not of Christ. This way is a holy way. Isa. 35:8. The unclean cannot pass over it, bit ,niany good. pepple think they are. Matt. 7:21. But twill be lottied to depart. Matt 7:23 So what is this way which is Christ? First let us look at Jno. 14:23. We find here that love is the main starting point. Jno 3:16. And if you have this, and this love must be for him,you will keep ,Aozds. And 'when you keep his 'words you will be of one mind, or beart.. There will not be two ways of worship. 1 Cor. 1:10. There will be only lone name. Acts 11:26. Rom. 10:10 Acts 2:18. And' when you come to God, there is still one way. 2 Peter 1:5-11. Col 3:14. And that brings us back to Jno 14:23. Now to have this perfect love you must do as James 1:25 directs. And continue therein by the instructions of Tim. 3:16, And keep unspotted from all worldly things. James 1:27. And have no love for them I. Jno 2:15. For if you do love them, then the love of God is not in you. You must not use the circumcision of the flesh to !worship God, but, you must have the circumcision of the heart. Ram. 2:28-29. And that takes place when you obey from the heart that form of doctrine delivered you. Rom. 6:3, 17 and 18. And keep his words Jno 14:23, Heb. 5:8-9, 10:24-25. (Putting on the whole armor of God. That you may be able to stand. Ephe. 6:10. And be steadfast, unmovable. 1 Cor. 15:57-59. Always abounding in the works of the Ephe. 6:13-21. For ye shall reap what you sow. Gal. 6:7-2. For God bates si:: things, and th.i seventh abomination to God, is a man that sowes discord among the Brethren and the Church. F'sr if you presume to speak a word in my name I have not written, you may sow discord. And if you do, you shall die. So let us ever strive, to keep the unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, which is love. Col. 3:14. Yours for the one Way.

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THE DRUNKARD
(23 Psalms)

King Alchohol is my Shepard
I shall always want.
He maketh me to lie down in gutters.
He destroyeth my soul.
He leadeth me into path of wickedness.
For the effects sake.
Ye, though I walk through the valley of poverty, and I have delirem tremers,
I will stick to drink.
For thou art with me.

Thou prepareth an empty table.
Before me -in the presence 'of my family.
Thou anointeth my head with hellishness.
My cup of wrath runneth over.
Surely destruction and misery followeth me.
All the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the place of the damnible forever

I will not listen to the cries of poverity..

I love my drink so well.

I love the gambling houses, I t:t.ave them most.

I love the beer joints and dives, and women.

And especially those that lead fast lives.

I like to dance and jitter.

.[can't like to think of religion. because that is out of line.

1 hope someday when I am carried away, and laid beneath the sod.

That my wine and children will not weep for me.

For II know that the sins I have committed

Will only be charged to me.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending February 17, 1955

Balance brought forward	$28.75
Oscar Miller	7.50
Church of Christ ,Somerton, Arizona	10.00
Church of Christ Bellflower (Los Angeles) .. -	5.00
Church of Christ Stillwell, Oklahoma	5.00
Earl Broadway 399 May Avenue, Yuma, Arizona	2.00
TOTAL	$58.75

Expenses:		
Paper	$35.00	
Stamps	8.00	
Return Postage Marker	2.00	
TOTAL		$45.00
Balance Feb. 17, 1955		$13.75

Thanks

Brethren, I certainly do want to thank each, and every one of you for the nice letters, and contributions, and interest you have shown in the last few months. A man that won't work for the Lord, and claiming to be his servant, is to be pitied. I am not saying this through malice or to hurt anyones feelings, but to cause those that are not taking any part nor helping to carry on the work, to begin doing their part. It makes things hard on just a few, to ioa.-rry on. Although it seems that those that are doing their part are not weakening. But, I know that there are others that should help in the cause, that are not. Seems that thhey are just crawled off in some dark corner, and waiting for summer to come. And then they will come out of their hole. It reminds me of what I heard an old preacher say long ago about the .greur hog. He compared some preachers to him, said that the ground hog would den up all winter, until spring came, and then he would come out and if he saw his shadow, back he would go. And so it seems with some preachers. They want to know that spring is here, and fryers are ready to pick, and that the good sisters have them all picked, and ready. Then they crawl out and P.ommence advertising. Brethren, just such as that won't get it. There is not one preacher of the Gospel, that can't write at least once in awhile .You don't know how encouraging just a .port letter would be to many of us. To go into (IT IS WRITTEN) that would show to all the Brethren, that you are pushing, and not pulling back. But I can't see why any man doesn't have more time to write at this time of the year, than any other time. I am sure that is correct. So I will close with those few thoughts, those that are .s.leey headed will wake up and come alive to his duty as a Christian.

Are You A Christian?

If you are not, then you are lost. Why not obey the Gospel and be saved? By believing Heb. 11;6, By repenting Luke 13;3, By confessing Matt. 10;32-33, Rom. 10;9-10, and being baptised Mark 1G; 15-16, Acts 2; 38, Acts 22;16, and 1 Peter 3;21. This is the ordy way the Bible tealches a person can be saved. So why take a chance. We don't expect to pass through this world but once.

DON'T

Deend upon newspapers or magazines, however how ably edited, for your religious knowledge, ncr even upon the best books of uninspired men, but go at once to the source of divine authority and learn of God concering his will. He who in time past spake to the Fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son. Make the New Testament, then, The Book of Christ, a special study. Let the Lord teach you directly in the word of his truth, and you can rtzt fail to grow in grace and the knowledge provided you heed the council. Be ye doers of the word, and not healers only. There is no other way of following Christ than by keeping the testimony of the Apostles concering him. It is here that we Lind absolute authority, and eternal life. How do we know that we love the Lord of eternal glory? Not by the extent of our enjoyment in religious service, but by our fidelity of his sayings, He himself has given us the test. The divine touchstone, by which we can distinguish every false ferver from the genuine affection which he seeks to inspire in the hearts of all who hear the gospel. He that !bath my commandments and keep them, HE IT IS THAT LOVE ME. ,Posessions and use— These are the proofs of our favor with God and our oneness with His beloved son. For the Savior immediately adds, he that loves me shall be loved by my father and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

SOME ONE HAS SAID

Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up.

STRAIT TO THE POINT

A man has got to loose more than money, to be broke.

Bad habits are •like bad eggs, you know they are, bad when you drop them.

A good man may be down, but never out.

A lot of people have ability, but lack of staybility.

A still tongue many times indicate a wise head and a active mind.

You can wear the name, no one on earth Ican prevent you from that. But, God is not going to be well pleased with such service. You've got to yield to God's will, or the Devil's, one or the other. You cannot serve •two masters at the same time. Christ is just as particular about the church as you are about your wife. Christ will become jealous ovetr the Church, when the, church takes off after some man's doctrine. As you would if your wife shGuld take off after some other man. The only difference is you would take your shotgun, and try to kill such a man. But, Christ is not going to do that. He will take care of that at the judgment.

Now when the Church of Christ was set up on Pentacost, there was not one in existence, not one. No history of such a thing. But what do we _have today? Some claim that there are over 800 in existence. Where did they come from? History would have an awful time telling. Did God have anything (being established? No. What were they built fcr? For

the praises of men and money, Take the, money 'from them, and down goes their so called churches. Or, take his salary and watch him go. I have never seen it fail. I've been in this world over seventy-two years, and have the first time to see it fail. Yes there are some big churches in this part of the world, that charge Tithes. Even have money laid up in the treasury and loans it to their members and only charge them 10 per cent intertse. Friends it would be well if these folks would read Ezekiel 22;12. I find that the Apostle Paul gave the order that upon the first day of the week, let every one of you layby in store as the Lord has prospered you. 1 Cor. 16;2. Then if they do that they must have Hebrews, to farm, Levites to raise stock. And they must have Priests, the farmers must pay a tenth to the Levites iof what they grow out of the ground. The Levites must pay a tenth, of what stook they raise to the Priest, Gal. 5;4 tells us that whosoever is justified by the law, is fallen from grace. And this is just a sample of what so called churches are doing today. 'Going back under the old law for their justification, but Gods law tells us that such men are fallen from grace. And Gal 5;3 tells us that such men are indebted to do the whole law.

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Conscience

Conscience is a moral- sense, which determines right or wrong, We find Paul earnestly beholding the council, said men and brethren I have lived in all good conscience before God, until this day. Acts 23:1. Let us put it this way. If we preach a false doctrine, one sense of understanding tells us it is wrong. What kind of a conscience should we have? We find that Paul tells us follows and herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscienice void of offence toward God, and men. Acts 24:16. Again the writer in HO. 13:18. And pray for us we trust that we have a good conscience, willing to live honestly. They had a feeling in their minds that they were honest in all things.

How does God regard a good conscience? 1 Pet. 2:19. For this thanks worthy, if a man for conscience toward God, endureth grief, suffer wrongfully, Far instance in Dan. 1:18. we find where Daniels conscience told him not to defile himself with the King's meat, and drink of his wine. Next we find instances 'cf guilt. 1 Sam. 24:5. And it came to pass, afterward, that his heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

How does a guilty conscience act?

Let us read Prov. 28:1. The wicked fleeth when no man pursueth, but, the righteous are bold as a lion,

}kW does a guilty (conscience affect us?

Let us read Matt, 22:11. Friend how cometlh thou in hither, not having on the wedding garment? And he was speechless.

How does a dead conscience act? Let us read E.phe. 4:17-19. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other gentiles walked in the vanity of their minds. Having .heir understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their hearts. Who being past feeling, have given themselves over to lustful wantcn, or exciting lust or lasciviousness,

Flow does our conscience befcome dead?

Read 1 Tim. 4:2. Speaking lies

in hypocracy, having their mind men. or conscience seared with a hot iron, (hardened) or indifferenp. So, let all cf us strive to have a good conscience before God and

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Troubled Brotherhoods

Brethren, I wonder what the Lord thinks as he looks down upon the world today.

He prayed for unity, and as we look around us all we see is strife division and discord. Even in the Church of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us in 11. Tim. 2:23. Foolish and unlearned questions avoid knowing that they do gender strifes.Also read verse 24:26. Paul also tells us in 1 Cor. 2:2. For I am determined not to kmotw anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Brethren, if we would spend our time and devote our efforts to teaching the Plan of Salvation, what people must do to be saved', and how we live in this life, we Wouldn't have time to look around for something to squabble over.

have heard questions raised from, who were the wives of Cain and Seth? —to— Where is Heaven and Hell?

What difference does it make? I know there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. It doesn't matter to me where Heaven is. I want to live so I'll go there. Neither do I care Where Hell is, I just want to, know how I can avoid it at the day of judgment.

So much of the division and strife in the Brotherhood comes from things which have nothing to do with our soul's salvation. when we allow these to arise, taking pat in them, ,how dwelleth the love of Christ in us? Can the God of Peace dwell in our heart,; when we are at variance with our brother?

Of course if a division comes concerning the work and worship of the church, or how we should live, then all we can do is uphold 'Poe teachings of the New Tetsanken against one and all, hewing to the line and letting the Chips fal /where they may. For if we waver from the plan of salvation to follow the precepts and commandments of men, we will not only lose our own souls but the souls of those who follow us.

But these other questions, and' they are many, let us avoid, lest we become entangled by them to the destruction of our souls. Written in love of Christian spirit.

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A Worker and A Shirker

When ylou find a man that won't work, you have found a man that will shirk. That kind oif a man won' do to trust. He is not, dependable. You can't depend on that kind df a man. When you see a man at church today and gone fishing next Lord's day, that's a good sign that he had rather go fishing than to church. When you see a man contending for one thing today and for something else tomorrow, that's a sign he is uns_abled or just playing both sides. When you see a man join ing this [church and that church and then another, you know then and there he is a turncoat, and

isn't a faithful member. And when those kind get in the church, they are a drawback instead of help. May God help us to watch and pray and stand 'firm for the truth

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Just received a nice letter from Brother Earl Broadway, Yuma, Ariz. with a nice contribution in it, and six new names for the paper. Some in Illinois, Ark, and Ariz. Brethren if all the churches would work as. Brother Broadway has been the devil would be worried.

The church at Broken Bow, Okla. is tworking together with all their might, in perfect peace and harmony, doing our very best to keep the word of God in front of us for our guide and support. We have a few preaaers and churches that seemingly have gone to sleep. And some that seem are waiting for something to growl about. Probabley holding some envy against some other Brother. But Brother what are you doing? You had better watch out, you may have a beam in your eye, and when you let some other Brother keep you from doing your duty. You are in just as bad a shape as your Brother is. You had better watch your steps. You are told just what to do in case some Brother offends you. YOU, yourself are commanded to. go to him yourself, you and him, and if he won't hear you, then take two or three with You, and if he won't hear them then tell it to the church. And if he won't hear the church, let him be as and Heretic or a Publican, and unless you do this you are a transgresser yourself. Luke 17;3. And if you see a Brother sin, you go to him and if you converteth him from and error of his way, you may know that you have saved a soul from Hell, and bid a multitude of sin. James 5; 19-20.

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Another nice letter from. Brother Frank Brown at Stillwater, Okla, and he says, Eniclosed find $5.00 from the church here for the paper, "Itis Written". The church enjoys the paper very much and are looking forward to it every month. Yours in Christ, Stillwater, Okla.

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7D YOU KNOW THAT?

You are welcome to any, ail of our services of the Church of Christ?

2 We welcome questions concerning what we believe, teach and practice, and why we do it.

3. We Shall ibe happy to provide transporati.on if you are without it and would like to 'aitend eur services Call Kimberly 2-0313 ,or Metcalf 03091.

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Getting Mad and Quitting the Church

And old colored preacher said to his audience: "Some folkes think dat dey huts de church when dey gits mad and quit, but dey is wrong 'bout dat. It never hurt de tree fo de old dried up apples to fall of. (selected) Now Brethren and friends, these are fadts many times the Church is better off without some so called Christians than they are with them in the church. When you find some Brother claiming to be a Christian and all the time finding faults with others, in the church and all the time threating to quit, he is not going to quit, he has already quit. Such men will eventually tear the church up, as I have warned the church about such men I warn you again. You had better watch, I am speaking this from experience. Just as sure as you have one ic,f those kind in the

church you had better keep him on the seat.

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Well Brother Daniels and Brother Treat are both back at home. The Brethren and Sisters are all cujoying having them back with the church. They're open for places to preach. They would be glad to answer calls anywhere to preach the gospel, if it's possible for them to make the trip. And I will say to one and all, they will do their best to stay with what you can read in the New Testament, and not the sayings of some man made theory. May the Lord Bles.3 you.

R.C.C.

Why I Write This

I write 'this because I feel that Gods children need encouragement. I write this because I want to be doing something for the Lord. I write this, Brethren, because God requires us to keep working. I write this because I feel sure, and certain, we are not working enough. I write this because some are not working for the Lord as they should. I write this because God needs more workers in the muse for Gad. I write this because there are more workers needed in the vinyard of God. I write this because I can see the need of more workers in God's vineyard. I write this because the Workers of God are compassing both land and sea. I write this because evil men and seducers, are waxing worse, and worse. I write this because idle brethren are failing to do their duty for God, :I write this because God requires each and every one of us to do his best. I write this because I can see the fulfillment of all the prophecies. I write this because I can see the downfall of the Church of Christ.

Brethren, what can we see? We can see idleness en almost every side. We can see Brethren drifting afar from the shores of Safety, not even paying any 'attention to Where they are going. Not caring where they will land. Not caring for any one but themselves. The world is on the downward go. Men, wives and children going down, down, down. Every evil imaginable ig practiced by our boys, girls, men and women, Crimes of every kind are being committed, 'every day. And yet, the Churches sit idly by, and not even trying to teach the word of God. In many places, even to our preachers of the Church of 'Christ, many of them are not even out 'in the field for the lord.

What',s the cry?

'Can't go without pay. I am not called to go, only once in awhile. How was it just a few years ago? Our old preachers could go for miles and carry the Gospel. And today the majority of the preachers can't ego out of town, without the pay of several dollars? I recall a case of an old preacher when I was a .dhild. He came to our place twice a month. And every Saturday, before he preached that night on his appointn•ent, you could see that old preacher coming down the road'. He most always drove an 'old mule to a two-wheeled cart. Came about twenty-five miles. This old preacher, preached at this place for about six or seven years. His pay in all that 'he received was five gallons of sorghum molasses. Some will say, "How did 'he do that?" I'll tell you. He worked for a living at least five days out of the Week. And 'his interest was in the saving of souls, not in money, not in the praises of men. And I will say today, if the preaching Brethren would do as God has

commanded them to do, they would be .better provided for than they are. God is not going to let any Gospel preacher down, that 'obey him. The trouble is, that they are not interesteki in then alvatio-n of souls, as they should be. They love the praise' of men more than God. And many times their God is the almighty dollar.

Brethren, there is never a Lord's day passes that the 'Church in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, would fail to welcome a Gospel preacher and do all we could to help him along. And I doubt if there is a Ire-al Church of Christ, anywhere, that would not be glad to see some. Faithful Gospel preacher come in at the door, and feed him, and care for him. We have had an old preacher to preach all over this county f,,r years. Walked for twelve or fifteen miles to preach. He is, now eighty ,some odd years old, never starved, nevev failed to go far and near. Has preached here in this church house nigh unto forty years, now almost blind but, is Eying good today. Never had more than one thousand dollars worth at any time, sinlce I formed his acquaintance. Now to the preaching brethren. I want to say, start out, get busy in the work of the Lord. Don't ,slack, go from church to church, just as long as you sit idle, fust that long souls are going to be lost, that you might have saved. May the Lord bless each and every one of you is my prayers for you.

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Twinkle, Y winkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is set,
And the grass with dew is wet,
Then you show your little light,
!winkle, bwinkle all the night.
(Author unknown)

I wish that I was young again,
So that I could teach the same,
That God gave the Apostles from above,
In truth and love, It would be grand,
To teach on earth to fallen man,
0 how sweet to me for me to know,
That I had did all while here below,
That God re ,aired at my hands.
R. C. C.

There is no telling how old this piece of poetry may be. I doubt if any one knows. But, there is a great lesson in it. How truthful it is, and 'how pure its words ring out. And it is said, and (claimed to be one of the hest worded pieces of poetry that has ever been composed. Yet, we have the word of God. That God guided the Apostles to write by the pen of inspiration, and pronounced it to be a perfect law. But man has undertaken to change its truthfulness many times. But, as this little piece of poetry stands today, it has never proven faulty. It still remains to be true. Man can not disprove one word, and it will be standing when all that man can do. Time and smart men cannot disprove the truthfulness of God's word. Man has undertaken it from every angle that man can hatch up, but, what's the drawback? The flail mind of man is just a grain of sand with God. It is not able to compete with the Great God of the universe. This little pebble, MAN, is just •nothing, to be compared with God. They have failed,

and always will. Yet, our great men, so to speak, will write great things about what some frail man has done. Never try to prove that the Gcd of Heaven, and Earth, is more superior than such men. Never give the God that made and caused such men to be on this earth, the first touch of honor. Not even one time mention the God that feeds them, and clothes them, and the one God that sends all the blessings to them of this life.

When .we look back over the pages of time, and see how little that the human race has appreciated God, amd Christ. What can we expect our future to be when we stand idly and see every precept and command of God and Christ troden under feet of man? And man set up something of his own invention, and telling us time has changed and man is so much smarter now than when the Bible was made. And the things that were given to man 1900 years ago are out of date. And the words that were spoken at that time did not mean what they do now.

Friends, these are sad affairs, yet, today, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, still means the same as it did most two thousand years ago. And at the same time, man lean tell his wife to shut her mouth today. That's what it meant two-thousand years ago. Christ said let the woman keep silent in the churches. But, according to man, such (language as that today, does-n't mean anything. Christ said, there is one body, Man tells us :hat, that lwas not what Christ meant. You can have many bodies.

Chri:t said, that man must be born of Rater and the spirit to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Man says not so. You can go to Heaven without being baptised.

Christ said to try the spirits. Man tells us no use to try them, one spirit is as good as another.

Peter tells us, you are baptised for the remission of your sins. Alan tell us that God will forgive our sins, if we pray for it. Man tells us there are many faiths, and many baptisms, and many Lords. But, Christ said there is one faith, one Lord, one baptism.

Man tells us to join the church of your choice. Christ said there -s salvation in none other (His Body) the church.

Man calls himself, Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, Assembly of God, and many other names they are called by. But Christ said that His disciples would be called by a new name, and they were first called Christians at Antioc. And the scriptures tell us that there is no other name given in Heaven nor among men whereby we must be saved.

And so it goes. Man against God. God has told us what to do to be saved, but, man comes along and says not so.

R. C. C.