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BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

Electric light is measured in wattage. If Christian light(Matt. 5:14) was measured in the same way, how many watts would you have?

"Watt" is technically defined as a rate of work.The more work accomplished the higher the wattage.

Backtracking one more step, before a light can produce any wattage, there must be a cause of that result, namely energy. For a lightbulb, the energy is electricity. For a Christian, the energy is a spiritual drive which motivates our fleshly bodies. This Christian energy can be electrifying if it is strong enough.(But never fear, you won't be electrocuted.)

It then takes energy to do work. The increase in work causes an increase in wattage. An increase in wattage causes an increase in light. With all these factors considered, How many watts is your light?

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JUDGEMENT IS EXACT

We read in Heb. 1:2 that God,"in these last days has spoken unto us by his Son." and Jesus said in Jno.7:16, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me."(so the gospel of Christ, which is the New Testament is Gods Will)

The Bible tells us that there is One Faith. Eph.4:5, and in Rom.10:17,"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." In verse 16,"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?" (so to have faith its the gos-

pel of Christ that we must hear and obey.)

We read in Mk. 9:7, when Jesus was transfigured on the Holy Mount, and how there came a voice out of the cloud saying,"This is my beloved Son:hear him." Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Jno. 1:17. And Jesus said in Jno. 8:31-32,"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Peter saying unto them in 1Pet.1:22 on,"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." and in verse 25, that,"this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."(so the gospel of Christ is the Truth.) And we read in 2Thess.2:12, "that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.") Jesus said unto the Samaritan woman in Jno.4:23,"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." Verse 24,"God is a Spirit:and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."(verse 23,"For the Father seeketh such to worship him." So that one faith including the worship must be according to the Gospel of Christ.) 2Jno.9 says,"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

We read in Isaiah 28:17, how God foretold saying, "Judgement also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet:"(We know how the brick-layers lay to the line, and the builders to the plummet; so they get the building exact.) The Judgement is laid to the line.....the Last Judgement will be so EXACT. We read in 1Pet. 4:18, "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" And Jesus said in Mk. 9:47-48,"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."(thats how exact the Last Judgement will be, Jesus said, "And if thine eye offend thee pluck it out.) God said,"I will lay righteousness to the plummet."(the righteousness of God is revealed unto us, in the gospel, Rom.1:17, unto us who are here below on earth.) It corrresponds with the righteousness of above, with the righteousness of heaven; its to the plummet.

Jesus speaking of our Daily Needs, said in Matt. 6:33,"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (The Churches that are in Christ, they as a whole are spoken as a kingdom.) Col. 1:13, speaks of God our Father, "Who hath delivered us,(christians) from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." And in 1Cor. 15:24,"Then cometh the end,when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God,.."

Paul in Romans1:16 said,"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ:for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also the Greek."(V.17,) "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed,..." Jesus said in Matt. 5:6,"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteouness:for they shall be filled.

We read in Acts 17:30-31,But now God "commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

Jesus says in Matt.25:46,"These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." So our righteousness will be examined the Last Day...Jeus said in Matt.5:20,"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."(IN NO CASE...) In Matt.23:3, that the Pharisees they say, but they do not. and in verse 28, that outwardly they appear righteous unto men, but within they are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

In Luke 18:9 Jesus spoke a parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others;(so if we despise others are we righteous?)

In Rom.1:18,"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;" 1Jno. 5:17 says, "All unrighteousness is sin:" and in 1Cor.6:9,"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?"

In Phil.3:5 on Paul mentions of his background according to the flesh, saying in verses 7-10,"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ... "....for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteouness, which

is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellow ship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death:"

Christ said in Rev.2:10,"...be thou faithful unto death,and I will give thee a crown of life." Paul says in Phil.3:13,"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,"(V.14),"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (he was always abounding in the work of the Lord.) A Crown of Life, that is the prize Paul was after; and he knew that he had to have the righteouness which is of God by faith; as he said in Phil. 3:9.And as Jesus said that we should do when he was speaking of our Daily Needs, saying, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteouness, and all these things shall be added unto you."(His Righteouness.)

Paul says in Rom. 10:1-3,"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God,but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteouness, and going about to establish their own righteouness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteouness of God."

And Verses 4,5 7 6,"For Christ is the end of the law for righteouness to every one that beliveth. For Moses describeth the righteouness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteouness which is of faith speaketh on this wise," saying in Verse 9,"That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God had raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved."

Verse 10 explains,"For with the heart man believeth unto righteouness;(he believes the word, the Truth,) and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."(For with the heart man believeth unto righteouness.)

"Even the righteouness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God had set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteouness:

that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

It says in Rom.10:10,"And with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. And we notice form Acts 8:37, that this confession unto salvation was made at the time of baptism.

We read that Philip was preaching Jesus to the eunuch as they went, and doubtless that Jesus had commanded his disciples to teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,(for when they came to a certain water), the eunuch said,"See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. and he answered,(he confessed with his mouth),and said,I believe thatJesus Christ is the Son of God."(V.38)"...and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."(V.39)"And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." (this is a New Testament pattern for baptism). "So speak ye, and so do,as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:12.

In Rom.5:1-2,"Therefore being justified by faith,we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Eph. 4:7 says,"But unto everyone of us is given Grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (that is to them who are Justified by Faith.Rom.5:2)... It says in Rom.5:21,"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteouness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Grace reigns through righteousness). SO WE SEE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AS JESUS SAID.

We must be righteous before we have access by faith through Jesus Christ into this Grace..1Pet.3:12 says,"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:" But when Jesus said to the workers of iniquity in Matt.7:23,"...I never knew you:"(so he had given them no Grace),although they said, "Lord,Lord, we have prophesied in thy name,(Preaching Jesus Christ), and done many wonderful works."

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The following may be of some benifit to someone, it expresses the editor and staffs' feelings,concerning the paper many times.

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems uphill,
When the funds are low and debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit.....
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow.....
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out.....
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.....
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

ANONYMOUS

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IMMODESTY

Phil. 3:18,"(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:"(Verse 19),Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) You Christian women! Do you glory in your shame? Are the admiring glances and stolen peeps of men worth the short period of glory while you are on earth, as compared to the eternal hell prepare for such who "Glory in their Shame"?

Rev.3:18,"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

It is no shame to be a woman. Desire for a woman is normal in a man and he is authorized by God to have a woman, or wife, and the wife, a husband. Outside of this relationship, however, his emotions toward other woman are restricted to narrow confines as regards lust.Matt.5:28,

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

1Cor.8:10,"For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;" Yes, women, weak brethren are emboldened to lust by your unthinking patriotism to an idol. That idol is 1Jno.2:16, "the pride of life." You need "eyesalve, that thou mayest see." We have the eyesalve. Let's use it....."But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1Jno.2:27.

Brethren, Job was a man such as we are. But listen to him. "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? (2) For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheirtance of the Almighty from on high?(3)Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?(4) Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

The cost of a little"looking" is high! Temptation is not sin, but yielding is!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this sin of exposure has consumed many and will consume many more. Must we be of the number who have bowed to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life? Are we become as those described by Paul in Romans 1:32?

"Who, knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Our hearts prayer and desire should be to "fear God and keep his commandments." I sincerely pray this letter will find a few earnest hearts and that they in turn may find God, and eventually, the salvation of their souls.

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HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR A MEETING? THERE ARE MANY SPEAKERS WAITING FOR A CALL TO COME AND SPEAK FOR YOUR CONGREGATION ANYONE DESIRING NAMES OF ONES AVAILABLE, CONTACT THIS PAPER AND WE WILL SEND YOU NAMES AND ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS, IF POSSIBLE. WHEN DATE IS SET: LET US KNOW.....

STRIVE TO LABOR EARNESTLY

Luke 13:24,"Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many,I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able."

Everyone must work hard in the vineyard of the Lord if we expect to reach heaven. It is not just for an appointed few to work, and the rest to go to heaven,"on flowery beds of ease." For the church to grow each member has to work at something; none of us can sit down, expect the church to accomplish it's purpose. We are ALL members of the body.

Eph. 4:16,"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Some joints supply more than others, but each of us must strive to the best of our ability. If the church is not growing, it is because some, or all, are not striving, and if we are not striving:What chace do we have of heaven?

Each of us as individuals should strive harder this year than last. Each congregation should strive harder this year. Let all of us budget our efforts to a better use for Christ.

Did we fail to have a Gospel Meeting last year? Lets have one this year. Did we have one last year? How about two this year? Did we plan our meeting such a short time in advance that no one could come because of previous plans, or didn't know about it till after it had happened? Some members have to apply for vacation time early and have to guess and hope that their vacation will fall at a time when some one is planning a meeting so they can attend. Most of us would like to attend a gospel meeting somewhere during our vacation but it is hard if we don't know of them in time.

Are we striving to plan our meetings early and getting word to the Courier? Brethren, lets be up and about the Lords business and let us do it in a business like manner.

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EDITORS NOTE: If you want a meeting and don't know of an available speaker, contact the Courier and we have name and phone numbers, of a number of available capable speakers. PLAN NOW.....

MEETING DATES

BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA	Charlie Burt	June 1-June8
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON	Jerry Perigen	June 22-June 29
PORT ORCHARD,WASHINGTON	Al Way	June 30-July 6

DELTA, COLORADO CAMP MEETING Aug. 3rd.
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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA congregation has tenative plans for their meeting March23rd through March 30th.The speaker will be announced in the next issue, possibly in this issue later on.

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SCRIPTURES

What are the characteristics of the scriptures? They are Holy: 2Tim.3:15,"And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures,..." Rom.1:2,"(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy Scriptures.)" Also, they cannot be broken:Jno.10:35,"If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came,and the Scripture cannot be broken."

It is inspired: 2Tim.3:16,"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." They are foreseeing:Gal. 3:8, "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."

Then, they are patient: Rom.15:4,"For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

Next, what can be done with them? They can be known: Timothy knew them: 2Tim.3:15,"And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures,..." They can and should be searched: Acts 17:11,"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they recieved the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

They can be taught or expounded: Luke 24:27,"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning

himself." They should be read: Matt.21:42,"...Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner:..."

In Luke we are told they can be fulfilled: Luke 4:21, "...This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."

We find in Jno. 2:22 that the disciples believed the Scriptures and we must do likewise. But first they must be understood as we find in Luke 24:45,"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures."

They can be opened, Jesus opened them to the Apostles in Luke 24:32,"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Some things that can be done with them, but we should not, is to wrest them: 2Pet.3:16,"...Which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." We should be as Apollos and become mighty in the Scriptures:Acts 18:24, then some of us as Philip did in Acts 8:35 should preach the Scriptures.

We can do these things with them, but what can they do for us?

They can make us wise:2Tim.3:15,"And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

They can comfort us in time of need: Rom.15:4,"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

They bear witness to us of Christ:Jno.5:39,"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Also the Scriptures can keep us right, teach us, reprove us, make us complete, and completely furnish us unto all good works. 2Tim.3:16-17,"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteounness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

We read in the Scriptures,'Faith without works is dead' So let us be working. Written in Love,Robert E. McCay

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CHURCH NEWS

NOTE: Sorry some news is late getting in the paper, but if we don't recieve word by mail or phone, we don't put it in. Please let us know as soon as any event happens.

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LORENZO,TEXAS

Dear Brethren in Christ:

We have some news from here at Lorenzo congregation to impart to you.

We had Brother Jack White up here to hold a meeting beginning Thursday night, Nov.28th(Thanksgiming Day), through Sunday night Dec. 1st. He is a very good speaker and is a very sincere Christian. We all felt edified and were sorry the meeting was so short.

We heard from the small congregation at Reydon recently. Brother Spurlin's Grandson Larry Spurlin and wife have been staying with them for a year or two. A great lift to Brother and Sister Spurlin I'm sure. Brother Spurlin is presently in the Memorial Hospital in Midwest City,Oklahoma. He has just gotten out of intensive care, and is reported to be recovering from a kidney ailment.

The congregation here at Lorenzo wishes to extend an invitation to anyone to come and worship with us when you are in this area.

We all enjoy the Courier very much, and find it to be very refreshing and a means of furthering our knowledge of God, our Lord, and His Children spread abroad today.

This has been a very short note, and quite overdue, and we hope to do better in the future.

All are healthy here and we continually pray for the well-being, physically as well as spiritually, for all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo Congregation.

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YAKIMA,WASHINGTON

CONGRATUALTAIONS!

Jimmy and Kathy Lamb were married November,1974.

GET WELL!

We just heard that Sister Terry Lamb was in a bad automobile accident, but no broken bones: Badly bruised and shaken very severely.

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Recieved word by phone Jan.20,1975 the following:

DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Brother Jack Renick,passed away November 23,1974

Brother Tony Brister's Father passed away and services were held Dec.21,1974.

CONGRATUALTIONS!

Allen Lytle and Sandy Weaver were married Jan.1,1975

Vernie Davis was baptized recently at Yuma.

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MODESTO,CALIFORNIA

Brethren:

We at the Modesto congregation are doing fairly well, considering the cold, dampness of winter fog is upon us, bringing the usual colds and viruses. Many being ill for some time now.

Brother Bert Weakley is gaining slowly after his surgery in November. He is able to worship with us once again.

We are making plans for our Spring meeting. Do pray many will plan to come be with us. Our homes are open to all. You may call these numbers for further information or a place to stay: Modesto; Al Burtis:1-209-523-6387--Stockton; J.D.Logan:1-209-464-4961--Brentwood;1-415-634-3194--These are members meeting regularly at Modesto but living in many different areas. Remember March 23rd to March 30th with Brother Richard Johnston, Yakima,Washington congregation speaking. COME BE WITH US!

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ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

Happy New Year to all. We are doing very well. Our attendance at church is about the same each Lord's Day. Although there are only a few of us, they are present unless sickness or something makes it impossible to be there.

The church at Colter is also doing O.K. I go out there each 4th Sunday and bring a lesson.Bro.Alvie Rennels does the teaching the rest of the time.

We have some sad news to report. Bro.John C.Spurlin of Reydon,Okla. passed away on Jan.1,1975. He was 84 yrs. of age. Brother Spurlin has been sick for some time. Had two operations in the last few months. Bro.Bill Goldtrap of Lugart congregation and I spoke at his funeral,which was at Reydon.Then he was laid to rest in Independence. Bro. Earl Howe & others from Ralls,Tex. & Bro.Howard Taylor from Loco,Okla. conducted the song service.

Brother Spurlin was as most of you know a good Bible scholar and did not shun to declare all that he had learned through his study of God's Word. We have lost a long time soldier, but our loss is gain.Phil.1:21,For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.He will be missed by many. Nora & I will certainly miss him as we visited in their home quite often.Bro.Larry Spurlin,grandson of Bro. Spurlin will try to keep the church alive and working. There will be only he & his wife at present.Brethren pray for them and if at any time you can come,be with them and help them, I know it will be appreciated.Your Brother in Christ Brother Earl Atchley 921 W. 2nd. St. Elk City,Okla. 73644