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PA AND MA DID IT

One day I read a pamphlet
Concerning Pa and Ma,
And many child delinquents
Who followed Ma and Pa.

A picture in a tavern
Should make a Christian sigh:
Pa and Ma were drinking
While their little child stood nigh.

In this age of Child Delinquents,
Who are to be blamed?
Answer: Parents, or their children,
Whom they have not trained?

Are not erring parents
Guilty of their crimes,
When they set a bad example
In their little offspring's minds?

See those growing children
Going to the show,
While Pa and Ma get ready,
And to the tavern go.

There are many criminal children,
And their parents do not know,
Their children often imitate
Fake heroes of the show.

To the voice of dance halls
See those children go,
While Pa and Ma are sitting
In a picture show.

Oh, the youthful millions
Smoke a cigarette, like Pa,
And many others follow
The example of their Ma.

This age of child delinquents
Will be with us all the time,
While parents fail to do their duty,
To train their children's mind.

Oh, Parents, now start training
Your children the right way;
Then for their wrongs you'll not be guilty
In the Judgement Day.

(Author Unknown, but from clippings in our files. Reprinted in hopes it will benifit someone in some way.)

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE ESSENTIAL
(Continued from April issue, by Brother Homer Bryant)

6. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ONE'S INFLUENCE

One who is a Christian is more respected or is respected above the non christian. Because Christ wields his tremendous power and influence in his followers. The non christian really dosn't care about his influence. He just scatters his bad influence around just like the wind scatters the leaves. Christians are concerned about their influence, because of being interested in promoting Christ and him crucified.

The followers of Christ should realize the importance of their influence. To his disciples, Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:13-16.

It is often argued that church attendance is not esstential and th t all a person must do is "live up to the Bible". I must admit that I have never heard any child of God say this, but in the same light, how can we, being the children of God, contend with this attitude, when we forsake the assembling of ourselves together on the first day of the week. No one can be faithful to God, and be a good christian, when we fail to attend the worship.

7. THEREFORE, GOING TO CHURCH IS PREEMINENTLY ESSENTIAL TO GOING TO HEAVEN.

If we really are the children of God and believe his

teachings, then there is no choice in the matter. The only choice we have is to obey God or not to obey Him. But if we choose to be followers of God, then we MUST LIVE up to HIS TEACHINGS. Just like when you go to work for a man he expects you to follow his policies, and if you don't , he will probably let you go.

Another example is, in Bible, it talks about working in vineyards. We could go out and be hired to work in a vineyard, but instead of working in the owners vineyard, we would go over and work in the next vineyard, could we expect the other man to pay us, when the first man did the hiring? I use this example because, when I was young I worked in vineyards, and there was a man that got mixed up and got in the wrong vineyard, and worked there about a half of a day, and the man who hired him told him, he was in the wrong vineyard: well, he expected pay for that half day work, and of course the man who hired him told him that he would have to go to the man that owned the other vineyard to get his pay. Will we have to go to someone else to get our pay?

Christ has laid down the terms whereby we must abide, and lay aside our own wishes and ideas, or we must go without our pay. For he will not pay us if we obey someone else. We must surrender our lives just as did Christ when he surrendered to the cross. We must lay aside our ways, which are heavy weights, and pick up our cross and follow him. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

In order to become a christian, you must hear and believe the Gospel of Christ, repent of your past sins, confess with the mouth that Jesus is the Son of God, and be baptized into Christ, to become a new creature, for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38.

Man cannot stipulate his own terms but must submit to the terms of the Lord. And this is not a hard thing. This is not an unbearable task. After becoming a child of God, being born again, we cannot forget the worship. We can't take it lightly. We must be determined to obey SCRIPTURALLY in all things.

What about week day meetings? YES, if there is a congregation that can and do meet mid-week, then it is our duty to attend them too.

The Lord has not set a time and place for ALL services, just on the first day of the week. Then should we just forget the rest of the Week? What about the person who has questions for you, say, at work, or maybe the lady down the street, or your barber, or the grocery

store clerk? When you bring the Word of God to them, isn't that a form of worship to God? Isn't that loving your neighbour as yourself. You go to church to learn more about the teachings of God? So why shouldn't those who ask be taught also?

So whether it be on the first day of the week, or on Wednesday nights, or on the street corner, let us worship the Living God in every way, Scriptually, that we are supposed to do. Is the mid-week work good? Is the teaching of the Word of God good? Yes, anytime, anywhere. "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates to be ready unto Every Good Work." Titus 3:1.

If our brother or sister is in need, we are to help them, too. Maybe it may mean that we have to help them out of our own pocket, but that should not be a great sacrifice for the child of God. If a brother or sister needs SPIRITUAL help, that too should be rendered any time the need arises.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt.6:19-21.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end". Heb. 5:10 11.

What more can I say. God will not forget us or our labour of love, so how can we turn down that love, by NOT ATTENDING the worship and by NOT LIVING in that wonderful promise that God has given us?

The invitation to enter his body is open anytime.

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WE THE STAFF OF THE CHRISTIAN COURIER, wish to THANK each and every one, who have sent in support in any way, either by articles, letters, money, and phone calls. Without that support this little periodical could not be published. We pray it will help some along the way. Please continue to send in the articles and news. Articles that will uplift and build are needed. This paper goes out to over 600, let's increase the number if at all possible. Your help is needed.

THE COMMANDMENTS
Psalms 119:172

The commandments have been written about so many times and talked about; but seems like no one has really put them down, so people could read and learn them. So I will try to set forth what I believe to be the more needful for us to study, at this time. All of Gods' commandments are righteousness.Psa.119:172. So, can't, in one article, cover them all, but will give some that I believe is neglected.

In Jno. 14:15,Jesus said,"If ye love me, keep my commandments." Jno. 15:17,"These things I command you, that ye love one another." This I am sure, needs a lot of improvement, for James in 2:8 said,"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self, ye do well." But how does one love? Jas. 2:15-17 tells how to love:"If a brother or sister be naked,(church member) and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, depart in peace,be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them NOT those things which are needful to the body; what doeth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." 1Jno.3:1 ,"But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (Love is God's commandment.)1Jno.3:18, love is not to be done in WORD and TONGUE but in DEED and TRUTH.

How many times have we seen a member of the church, get sick, go to the hospital, and when they come out, owing a bill, have offered to help them? How many times have we helped them pay their bills, at home while in the hospital? Remember love is in deed and truth.1Jno. 3:18. Faith is by works,Jas. 2:24. Some will say, Jesus never commanded us to do that. Read Matt.25:31-46. Jesus said, I was hungry, naked, sick and in prison: Who was? Jesus said,"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethern,"(Who? Brethern, Church Members), "ye have done it unto me."

Jesus said Jno.14:23,"...If a man love me, he WILL keep my words: and my Father will love him,...". Do we really keep his commands? or are we trying to fool our selves, by searing our minds with, I CAN'T; I DON'T HAVE, or I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MINE FIRST. Matt. 6:33,Again Jesus said,"But seek ye first the kingdom of God."(the church,which are our brethren),"and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".(us).Have you read Rom.12:1-2, that we are commanded to make this body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.Only one way God will accept that, do what he said. Heb.5:8-9.

We are no better than Christ: Do we lay by in store,upon the first day of the week enough to do what he has required of us? In 1Cor. 16:1-2 it is ordered that we do as it is commanded. 1Cor.14:37,again Jesus commands it. Mark 8:34,"...Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."Did Jesus feed the hungry? Mark 8:2-9 said he did. Are we like the hypocrites? Mark 7:6-9. Do we reject the commandments of God, for our traditions?

Ask ourselves, how many times have we did without a television set, in order to help pay a brother's doctor bill? Have we drove the old car, another year, in order to help out a brother in need? Do we sacrifice ANYTHING at all, to help? Or is our debts so big, we don't have enough money to go around and live? If so, WHAT caused our debts? Us or God?

God is no respector of persons. Acts 10:34 and will not accept our excuses. Luk. 9:23,"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." It is a daily sacrifice: not just a little on the first day of the week. Rom. 12:2, we must sacrifice, in order to prove what is good and acceptable unto God. Are we like the man in Luke 10:59? Do we want to take care of ourselves FIRST, our personal life first? If so, we ought to look again into the perfect law of liberty.Jas. 1"25.

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IT IS TIME TO LOOK AT TIME.

Time is one of the few words we use for which we have no definite meaning. We know of time,but we don't know where it came from, we can't touch it, we can't see it; we can only see the effect of it. Time only has a meaning to each individual. My thought of time is no doubt different than your thought. But who is to say one of us is wrong? Life is a constant race against time. Why? Because time limits each of us; we only have a certain amount of it in which we can perform our duties here on earth. When all things are considered, everything is time.

How does man and a Christian make use of the most precious commodity over which he has no control? Listed, are a few ideas, I ask you to think of more.

1. We waste other peopl's time. Exo. 21:19

2. The Lord will deliver the poor in time of trouble. Psa. 41:1.

3. Man's time is short. Psa. 89:47.

4. There is a time for everything. Eccl. 3:1-8.

5. Giving of one's time is an act of love. Ezek.16:8.

6. Time of temptation. Lu. 8:13.

7. Spend idle time.Acts 17:21.

8. Help in time of need. Heb. 4:16.

9. The devil has a short time. Rev. 12:12.

10. No longer live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men. 1Pet. 4:2.

11. It takes time to learn of Christ.

12. It takes time to study the Bible, and to be a good Christian.

13. Time after time God is patient with man.

14. Study is never a waste of time.

15. The time is fulfilled, the kingdom is at hand.Mk.1:15

16. It is high time to awake--salvation is nearer. Rom. 13:11.

17. Mark 13:33, Take ye heed, watch and pray:for ye know not when the time is.

Who is sure of the time? By the way, "What time is it?"

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The following article was written a number of years ago by the editor's Dad, Brother F.H. Logan and was found among his papers a short time ago. We feel there is much to be gained by this article. As he titled it, Some things to think about. Many articles by brethren now deceased are of great value and worthy of being published, if edifying and uplifting to the Church. Editor..

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Matt.7:21,"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." In this verse of scripture the Lord hath made it very clear that we cannot get into heaven just by calling him Lord, Lord. But that we must do or obey his will. I am sure that we all know that his will is the Gospel of Christ, contained in the New Testament Scriptures. How many of us consider this as seriously as we should? Have we studied and learned all the things that he said for us to do in the New Testament Scriptures, and are we truly living up to what he hath said to do?

But again, Luke6:46, here Christ said;"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" The Lord has here made it very plain that there is no use to say unto him Lord, Lord, unless we intend to do the things that he said, in the New Testament Scriptures, for we will not inherit Eternal Life Unless we do his will.

Let us carefully notice what he said concerning love. 1Pet. 1:22,"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:" Here Peter said for us to love one another with a PURE HEART FERVENTLY. I am sure that all of us know that a pure heart would contain no HATRED, or STRIFE, or ENVY, and if we allow these things to enter our hearts and to remain, we will be as the one John spoke of in 1Jno. 4:20-21. He said;"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" This commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God, loveth his brother also.

The Apostle Paul said in 1Cor. 13:4-8 that love never fails. Let us read it and study it carefully:

(1) Charity or Love is longsuffering,could we bear with our Brethren for a long period of time, IF they were evilly treating us, without Hatred or Evil entering our hearts?

(2) Love is kind, then if we really love in our hearts, we would always be kind to our Brethren, regardless of what they might say or do to us.

(3) Love envieth not, then if we really have the true love of God; one for another as we should, we will not envy our Brethren, if they are better preachers,or singers or church workers than ourselves.

(4) Love is not puffed up. Neither whould we be puffed up one against another.

(5) Love is not easily provoked. If we have the true love in our hearts one for another as he has commanded us we will NOT be easily provoked.

(6) Love thinketh no Evil. If we have love one for another as we should, we will NOT think evil of our Brethren.

(7)Love rejoiceth not in iniquity,(EVIL), then we should not rejoice in evil of any kind. BUT should always rejoice in the truth.

(8) Love beareth all things. If we have the love of God in our hearts, one for another we WILL BEAR with our Brethren, regardless of what they may say or do to us.

(9) Love endureth all things. If we have the true love one for another as we should have, we will endure ALL things. LOVE NEVER FAILETH. If we fail to to these things above mentioned, we become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal, or as NOTHING.

There is another of Jesus' sayings, or commandments, that I want to give some attention to in connection with the above scriptures; they are vital to our Christian lives.

Mark 11:25, Jesus said; "When ye stand Praying,Forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your tespasses." Do we ALWAYS think of this command when we are making our prayers, and supplications unto God. And DO we always FORGIVE all our Brethren ALL their trespasses: If not, our Heavenly Father WILL NOT FORGIVE US our trespasses. Matt. 6:14-15.

Some of our Brehren may have said and done many things unto us in the past, that seem hard to bear, but we MUST FORGIVE THEM, even if they turn and evily treat you again. Matt. 18:21-22. Peter came to him and said, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus said unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." See lu.17:3-4, here Jesus said;"If thy brother trespass against thee, Rebuke him; and if he repent, Forgive him."(DOWE ALWAYS DO AS HE HERE SAID?) "And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I Repent; Thou shalt Forgive him."

We cannot live a Christian life and hold any hardness against any Brother, if we don't forgive our brethre we surely do not love our brethren, and if we do not love our brethren then we hate them, we cannot love them and hate them at the same time; ye cannot serve two master at the same time, namely LOVE AND HATRED. Matt. 6:24.

If we hate our Brethren, we become MURDERERS, and we know that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in

him. 1Jno. 3:15, and in verse 18, he said;"let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in DEED and in TRUTH,"

Brethren, I have diligently studied these above Scriptures, and many other of His Commandments with them, I have thoroughly made up my mind to serve and obey our Lord's commands and I want the Brotherhood to thoroughly understand, that I have truly forgave all my Brethren who have said and done things against me, that was wrong Scripturally, regardless of who it was, or what they said or done: as for my part it is finished and done for ever. I further want it understood, that if any Brother or Sister feels that I have done them wrong in any way, I truly ask their forgiveness, and I pray that they will,and that the Heavenly Father will forgive me also. And I have done all I can. Brother what about you?

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ISN'T IT AMAZING HOW IT WORKS

The SWORD OF THE SPIRIT-THE WAY OF LIFE-THE TRUTH THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL! That's right! GOD'S HOLY WORD! The guiding light, the religious "MACHINERY" that our Lord established two thousand years ago, and it is still working smoothly today in the hearts of those with a "LOVE OF THE TRUTH!

Isn't it amazing how a person's life of misery and despair can be re directed and uplifted to a life of joy, peace, happiness, and confidence by the GOSPEL? By obeying the TRUTH one becomes a useful citizen in the FAMILY OF GOD and receives all the benefits and blessings promised in HIS WORD.

Isn't it amazing how the WORD attends to a specific need of one person and is so perfect in design, no matter the person, no matter the problem, no matter the time, no matter the geographic location, that by the same WORD anyone and everyone may be helped providing they will let it be their guiding light in life?(JESUS DIED FOR YOU).

Isn't it amazing what the faithful children of God have to look forward to enjoy? (Rev. 21). "God shall wipe away ALL tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.....He that overcomes shall inherit ALL things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." ISN'T THAT AMAZING? IN Christian Love. Tom Broadway,724 Rogue River [illegible] Oregon 97526

BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD

We read in 1 Cor. 15:12, that there were some in the Corinthian Church, who did not believe in Resurrection. Paul reasons that if there be no resurrection, then is Christ not risen and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain; ye are yet in your sins, and then, they that are fallen asleep in Christ, are perished.

In Verse 19,"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."(that if there be no resurrection, no hope of eternal life, then a Christian suffers in vain, that he is of all men most miserable). that if there be no ressurrection, then lets enjoy this life, "let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die." verse 32.

Here we read of being baptized for the dead. In verse 29, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" Peter said in Acts 2:38,"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. And in Rom.6:7,"For he that is dead is freed from sin." We are buried with him by baptism into death.

Now if I offer myself to be baptized for someone who died in his sins, is it possible that he could be saved by my baptism?(Note Galations 3:26 & 27).In that case we could save our relations, that have died in their sins, by being baptized for their sakes. Then that rich man that died in his sins, and was in torments in hell, as we read in Luke 16th chapter, could be delived by us, by us being baptized for his sake. BUT Abraham said, "Son, there is a great gulf fixed, so none from hence, can come unto you, neither can they come to us from thence."

God said,"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4. And Jesus said, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Lu.13:3. "But without faith it is impossible to please him,(God),..."Heb.11:6. Jesus said in Mk.16:16,"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;"(So he must believe, and he must be baptized for the remission of sins). So in conclusion we see to be baptized for the sins of others, does not agree with the teachings of Christ.

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SPRINGFIELD,OREGON

My Beloved Brethren in Christ,

We at Springfield are O.K. except for my wife, Connie, who was in the hospital, she has a spasmatic colon, but is home now without an operation and is doing better; I wish to thank my brothers who have remembered us in our time of need, those who visited Connie, those who sent cards & the brethren who meet Bellfower,Cal., in Bro. Dabbs house,who without being asked & without asking any questions, out of the goodness of their hearts, their love for God & their love for us sent money to us in which time we had need of, & also Sis,Harris of Springfield who did the very same thing & the church at Baron,Okla.for their rememberance & prayers.May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you richly. It is wonderful to enjoy the love & mercy of our God & the love & mercy of one another.

We also have a meeting date set for Aug.17th & we are very happy to have Bro. Don Dabbs to hold this meeting for us, so anyone passing through Eugene about this time or returning from the Delta Camp Meeting you are more than welcome to stop & visit with us.

In Love of Christ,Jim Bryant.

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CHICO,CALIF.

Dear Christian Brethren,

We have enjoyed the visitors that we have had and invite others to come & worship with us & visit with us in our homes.

Our Gospel Meeting is being scheduled for June8-15th,with Bro.Howard McCay doing the speaking.I am sure he will bring a series of good lessons,Anyone who can attend will be most appreciated & welcome. Our homes are open and available for those wishing to come worship & visit with us for all or part. We will have singing & dinner both Sundays.

We meet at East 10th & Laburnum Ave.Chico,Sundays 10 A.M. & 7:30P.M.; Meeting 7:30 each evening. The following people may be contacted if you need assistance: Clif Brockman,Nelson342-6832;C.M.Brockman,Chico,345-1730;Levi Bentz,Chico,345 0 42, In Christian Love,Clif Brockman.

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Port Orchard,Wa. June29-July 6, Al Way, Bellflower,Cal.
Stilwell,Okla. July 20-27, Howard McCay,Yakima, Wash.
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Furnish Canyon, Colo.Aug. 10-17,Claud Perigen,Bellflower.
Springfield,Oregon,Aug. 17-24, Donald Dabbs,Bellflower.

PLAN NOW....SUMMER WILL SOON BE HERE AND GONE.....