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ONE THING NEEDFUL

Jesus, engrave it on my heart,
That thou the one thing needful art:
I could from all things parted be,
But never, never, Lord from thee.

Needful art thou to make me live;
Needful art thou all grace to give;
Needful to guide me lest I stray;
Needful to help me every day.

Needful is thy most precious blood;
Needful is thy correcting rod;
Needful is thy indulgent care;
Needful thy all-prevailing prayer.

Needful thy presence, dearest Lord,
True peace and comfort to afford;
Needful thy promise to impart
Fresh life and vigor to my heart.

Needful art thy to be my stay
Through all life's dark and stormy way;
Nor less in death thou'lt needful be,
When I yield up my soul to thee.

Then shall my soul, with joy supreme,
Dwell on the dear, delightful theme;
Glory and praise be ever his,
The one thing needful Jesus is.

(A song from the songbook used by my great-great-great grandmother when she was a young girl around 1840. I found it has some wonderful thoughts in the verses.

Verses were not set to music in the book. Brother Tom Broadway, Grants Pass, Oregon.)

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WRITTEN WITH LOVE FOR THE TRUTH.

2 Cor. 12:20

Paul says, "For I fear lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, enveyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:"

It seems we still have this fault among some of the Churches of Christ. If We Believe one verse of the Bible, Why Not Believe it ALL? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the WORD OF GOD....

1 Cor. 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of PREACHING to save them that believe."

Can't we believe the Apostles preaching or should we listen to SOME MENS denial of it? Who are we to withstand God?

A BELIEVER.....

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STOP WORRYING

(Reprinted from a phamphlet distributed by a golf promoter.) These certainly should be considered the world's most successful men. At least they found the secret of making money. Now, some 40 years later, where are these men? Let's see.

1. The president of the largest steel company---- died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company------ is now insane
3. The president of the New York Stock Exchange - was released from Sing Sing Prison.
4. The member of the President's Cabinet ------ - was pardoned and released to die at home.
5. The greatest wheat speculator---------- died abroad, insolvent.
6. The greatest bear of Wall Street---------- died a suicide.
7. The head of the world's greatest monoply, the Match King died suicide.
8. The president of the Bank of Inernational Settlement, shot himself.

CONCLUSION: Stop Worrying about business.....

Luke 12:29-31

RISEN WITH CHRIST

We read in 1Cor. 15:4, that Christ rose again the 3rd day according to the scriptures. Then in Col.3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,-----"

There is only one way to be risen with Christ; it has to be according to the scriptures. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation(work) of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;" Col. 2:12-13.

So a believer must be buried with him, by baptism into death, before he is risen with him, according to the scriptures.

These verses above tell us, that God hath forgiven you all tespasses,(When did that happen?) When you being dead in your sins. Rom. 6:7 says, "For he that is dead is freed from sin." (Verse 3) "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:" (and how are we dead with Christ?)"Buried with him by baptism into death:"Rom. 6:4.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ does not teach to baptize by sprinkling, because baptism is a burial. It is NOT written, therefore, its NOT according to scriptures.

We read in Num. 20th chapter, how Moses said unto the people, "Ye rebels; must WE fetch you water out of this rock?"(WE), Moses did NOT give the glory to God, and because of this, we read in verse 12, that Moses & Aaron could not enter into the promised land. We read in Isa. 42:8, "...my glory will I not give to another," saith the Lord, NOT even to Moses.

So the baptism must be according to the doctrine of Christ, and not according to traditions of men,for, "my glory will I not give to another." saith the Lord.

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Many thanks to all who have supported this little paper in any way. Without your articles, news, money and letters we could not carry on this work. Keep up the GOOD WORK. Thanks!

"WHICH CHURCH SHALL I JOIN?"

All up and down this troubled land,
Confusion reigns today,
As honest folks on every hand,
In doubt are heard to say:
"I do not know which church to join,
There are so very many"
To whom we offer this advice---
You never should join any.

You cannot join the Church of Christ,
No man can vote you in;
The Lord, himself, will add you,
When he saves you from your sins,
Then take no chances neighbor;
Thos race but once you'll run.
A church you'd join must be of man,
And not the proper one.

Beware a church you cannot find
Within the sacred pages;
Be safe, dear sinner, rest your soul
Upon the Rock of Ages.
Be added to His blood-bought Church,
And drink salvation' cup;
For every plant God planteth not
It shall be rooted up.

No mourner's bench on pentecost
The inspired Peter fitted,
But said, "Repent and be baptized,
That your sins may be remitted."
The Lord, who saved and added those
Who did, that day, His will,
Will do the same for you dear friend,
For He is adding still.

Let not false teachers lead you wrong,
Nor close your eyes in stumber;
When Jesus said He'd build His Church,
'Twas not the plural number.
No choice of churches neighbor,
You'll find beneath the sun;
Though men may have ten thousand,
Our Saviour has but ONE.

Author Unknown.

(This poem was sent in by someone in the Yakima, Wash. area.)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST CAMP MEETING
AUGUST 3-10,1975

Make your plans now to attend the Happy Hollow Church of Christ family camp meeting, Cedaredge,Colorado.

We have rented the Assembly of God camp again this year, North of Cedaredge. There are plenty of dormitories, bring your own covers and pillows. The nights may be cool, so bring warm, sweaters or coats.

Campers, Camp Trailers, Tents are welcome.

There will be a fee of $1.00 per person per day staying at or on the camp grounds. MEALS EXTRA, unless you are camping and doing your own cooking.

There is a brand new kitchen and dining room. Dormitory made out of the old kitchen and dining room. Tabernacle finished. It should be very convenient and exciting. A place of warm fellowship and spiritual food. Many of you have asked to have the camp meeting this year and we need your support, to continue each year.

PLAN YOUR VACATION NOW TO ATTEND!

For more information contact:

Bud Wilkerson Phone (303-856-3709)
Route 1
Cedaredge, Co. 81413

Ken Baldwin Phone (303-874-4581)
P.O. Box 188
Delta, Co. 81416

OBSERVE THESE RULES FOR A BETTER CAMP.

1. Keep grounds clean.

2. No smoking.

3. All children must be in services except when with an adult.

4. Speed limit------ 10 miles per hour without exception.

5. Please give due consideration to others on the grounds We are doing our best to make your stay pleasant.

6. No loud talking after 11:00 p.m. each evening.

7. No loitering on the grounds or in cars during services or after 11:00 p.m.

8. Cooperate with those authorized to direct traffic and police the grounds.

9. Distribution of literature on the camp grounds is prohibited except by permission of the camp meeting committee.

10. No shorts allowed.

11. $1.00- a day per person-plus meals.

Thank you for obeying these rules.

CAMP MANAGER

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14 Billion spent on alcohol
9 Billion spent on Tobacco
2 Billion spent on Pets
2 Million on children in reformatories.

Which has piority in your budget?
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PORT ORCHARD,WASHINGTON

Brethren:

Am sorry I haven't gotten around to writing before this; just lazy. Ellen and I had a wonderful trip in March. We took a full two weeks and visited with our Brother and Sister in the Churches at Chico, & Modesto. Some at Bellflower. Stopped and saw Brother & Sister Elmer Hunt. Stayed a couple of days with Wes & Roby Orendorff at Encinata.

On to Yuma and got to see all of them there. Then on to Lorenzo, Texas and saw the ones there we had met before and they had a lunch for us so we could meet the ones we hadn't seen before. Back to Yuma for the next weekend. Then to Parker,Ariz., where we stayed overnight and had a nice visit with Harry Dye and his wife.

Stopped and heard Brother Richard Johnston one night of his meeting at Modesto, and spent the night with Brother & Sister J.D. Logan in Stockton. Then on home stopping over-night with my brother Roy at Eugne, Ore., also seeing my sister Annalee at Cresswell.

Altogether we had a wonderful trip and got to meet some nice people we hadn't seen before, besides the ones we had met before.

Ellen won't be able to take any more time off this year, but I think now, I will take off the last of July and go to Lorenzo and spend a little time & be back in Colorado for at least part of the Camp Meeting at Delta.

Love to All,
Robert & Ellen McCoy
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SACRAMENTO,CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;
Everyone here is able to attend Church each Sunday.

On Easter Sunday our daughter-in-law, Debbie, was baptized by our son, Lloyd. This morning,April 27th, a young lady, Geneva Jett, made her confession and was baptized this afternoon.

We are small in number, but are growing in size and in knowledge.

We meet at 840 Bell Ave., Sacramento. My phone number,Area code 916-929-6938, Services are at 10:00 A.M. each Sunday. All visitors are welcomed.

We sure enjoy the paper.

Yours for the truth,
Brother & Sister Usrey
Sacramento,California.

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters;
Howdy, from us Texans down here! I am Brother Ron Berry from Aztec congregation. My wife and I just moved here to Humble, Texas last November to help this small congregation that is in the truth of the Word of God.

It is small, but now just lately we have two new children of God. Their names are Tom and Janet Neal. Also their mother, brother, and sister come regularly.

We have twelve people here and we are holding services in our living room. Many, many times we have

visitors and my living room seems to get smaller. That sure feels good.

There are small lots for sale at reasonable prices, but over our head. We have about $700.00 to spend. I know that's not very much at todays prices but that is all we have. I am able to build a small tabernacle to meet in. I'm not an expert carpenter, but I am willing.

The problem is that we are too poor to get a building and a lot to set it on. We are begging for help with all our love. If only one dollar can be spared, we would appreciate it very, very much. Also, the collection is for the help of the Church, Rom.15:26; Acts 11: 29-30, and we do need help.

I hope you can all understand what I am trying to say.

With All Our Love, The Humble, Texas congregation, Church of Christ. Signed, Ron Berry, 316 Statti, Humble, Texas 77338.

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LAKESIDE, CALIFORNIA

The week's meeting at Lakeside Church closed tonight, May 25, 1975. Brother Rex Mickey did the speaking. He and Sister Mickey came over for the week from near Aztec, New Mexico. It was his first attenpt at giving a weeks series of lesson, and he did very well. He is a fluent speaker and the sermons were appreciated by all. There were no visible results, but the results - for good in the hears of the hearers will be uplifting for quite sometine.

They visited for the week with their son Dallas' family, and with the brethren from day to day. And welcomed from time to time through the week were visitors from Parker, Arizona, Yuma, Ariz. and Bellflower, Cal. Each Sunday there was a dinner at the park.
Brother and Sister Mickey went home by way of Yuma.

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DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE? WHY NOT?

DO YOU HAVE NEWS PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE? WHY NOT?

DID YOU SEND THE RESULT OF YOUR MEETING? DID YOU ANNOUNCE YOUR MEETING IN THIS PAPER? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Brethren:

We remain about the same. Some visitors for which we were very thankful to have. Invite them back and any one else at anytime, also invite any to visit in our homes whenever possible.

There still remains some illness in our midst, but most are improved or improving. Sister Elizabeth Stark is back with us after surgery and doing well. We are happy to report that Sister Way's grand-daughter, Debbie White is some better but still very ill. Not so good news is, Sister Mae Johnson isn't doing very well, she is in her 90's. her daughter Oleta had a bad fall last week, but is a little better now.

Brother J.D.Logan & neice Sandi traveled to Chico, California, Sunday June 8th and attended the opening of their Gospel Meeting, with Brother Howard McCay doing the speaking. We pray it will be a good meeting and the others that remain to be held this year will do well also.

Remember we meet each Lord's Day at 10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M. at the corner of Glenn & Dallas Streets, Modesto. Come Be With Us.....

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MEETING DATES....

June 22-29- Yakima, Wash. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower.
July 6-13- Gardendale, Tex. Ken Baldwin, Delta, Colo.
July 13-20- Bellflower, Cal. Clifton Brockman, Chico, Cal.
June 29-July 6- Port Orchard, Wash. Al Way, Bellflower, Cal.
July 20-27 Stilwell, Okla. Howard McCay, Yakima, Wash.
Delta Camp Meeting, August 3-10- Delta, Colorado
Aug. 10-17- Furnish Canyon, Colo. Claud Perigen, Bellflower
Aug. 17-24- Springfield, Ore. Donald Dabbs, Bellflower.

PLAN NOW.....SUMMER IS UPON US AND WILL SOON BE GONE

ATTEND ALL YOU CAN.....PLAN YOUR FALL MEETING

Tell everyone about your meeting before it happens...

Tell everyone about your meeting after it happens....

Speakers are available for the rest of the year and next year will be upon us before we know it so plan at your next business meeting to have a meeting soon..

The Man The Birds Fed.

The Bible tells of a prophet named Elijah who lived long ago. Elijah was a faithful servant of God, and it was God who gave him the power to tell about things that would happen in the future. The king of the land was a very bad man named Ahab. Ahab didn't love God, and he was the kind of a king that would not obey God. One day, Elijah made a prophecy that made Ahab angry.

Elijah said, "There will be no rain or dew to fall on this land until I say that it will." He said that this drought would last for years. Ahab, the king, was very angry with Elijah for making this prophecy, and he knew that no rain would cause the food in the fields to die.

God said, "Elijah, leave Ahab, Go and hide by the brook Cherith. You can drink water out of the brook, and I am sending ravens to feed you there." God arranged for Elijah to have food and water.

Ravens are large black birds something like the crows we see in most of this country, and itwas these large birds that came to Elijah and fed him. The Bible say that these large birds, ravens, brought Elijah bread and meat each morning and each evening by the brook Cherith.

We can learn from that that Elijah was a man who believed God, and he trusted in Gods' words. He would have said, "God, how are you going to make the birds bring food every morning and evening?" Or, "God I don't like that idea think of some other way to send me food." But Elijah knew that God's was was best. Elijah knew that if he would trust in God, and obey his words, God would take care of him. Elijah obeyed, and God did take care of him.

Isn't this a good lesson for boys and girls? You know, the apostle Peter once said that if we trust in the Lord and obey him, we can cast all our cares on Him, for he cares for us. That's just what Elijah did. And that same God, powerful enough that even birds obey Him, is ready and willing to care for us. Let us then, like Elijah, listen to the words of God as found in the Bible, and obey them.

By being good boys and girls, by reading Bible stories each day, by obeying our Mothers and Fathers and helping them as we can, and by praying each day, we can be trusting in the Lord and doing his will. Re-

member that God loves little children and He will care for us just like the man whom the birds fed.
1 Kings 17:1-6...
(Editors Note: We do not know who sent this in and we are sorry to say this got misplaced in our files and it is late in being printed but maybe this is a good time for this is the end of our issue for this time. We would lkie to fill this paper, but seems as everyone has gone on vacation..... We do hope they are all attending Gospel Meetings and that is the reason we don't have any artiles or news, other than the ones we have printed in this issue. Some of these are getting old news, hoping that we would recieve enough mail to fill an issue. After printing this we are going on vacation for two weeks, when we return we hope our mail box will be full and running over, if this should happen we would print news first then articles. But , well we will just pray. Editor.)

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PROVERBS 12

A wise son heareth his fathers instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

A man shall eat good by the fruit of his nouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the but the poor heareth not rebuke.

The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but

he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

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PROVERBS 20: 1

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

ECCLESOASTES 7:1

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death thatn the day of one's birth.