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ANYONE

Anyone can come to God
With a trustful heart,
Anyone can say a prayer,
His desires impart;
Anyone can ask in faith
And believing, find
God will listen, God will hear.
God is just and kind.

Anyone can enter in
To the secret place
Of his inner chamber; there
At the throne of grace
He can shut out every thought
Of discord and grief,
Know the presence of the Lord,
Find a true relief.

Anyone, whoever will,
None are barred or banned,
Sinful, wretched though he be,
God will understand.
God, whose name is Love, will lift,
Cleanse, forgive, renew;
Anyone who asks in faith
Proves and finds it true.

Author Annyonous.

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LATE NOTICE

We grieve to report the passing yesterday evening, of our beloved brother Bert Werkley of Modesto, Calif.

As space here does not permit, we will report full particulars next issue.

THE COMMANDMENTS. Continued.
John 14:15

(It has been sometime, a month or two, since I wrote on this subject, so will continue on the same subject.)

In Jno.14:15 Jesus said,"If you love me, keep my commandments." Those words in Matt. 7:21-22 doeth the will of my Father. So Brethren, be, "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." 1Cor. 15:58, the work of the Lord is: Matt. 25:31-46-feed the hungrey, visit the sick, clothe the naked, those of the church. 1Jno.3:17-18, so states that we are to do this, not only are we to do this because God commanded it,but we are to do it because we love them: Verse 14 because this is how; "We know that we have passed from death to life,..."

So what are we to do with what the Lord provides for us? Matt. 6:25-34- Are we to buy the things that we want or just what we need? Let us see what James has to say. James 1:14-17, we are tempted when we are drawn away of our own lust and enticed. Are we to spend what he gives us and more on ourselves?

Let us see Phil.2:4, God commands us to look not on our own things, but also on things of others. Also in 2Cor. 9:13,"...they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and to ALL men."

God commanded also 1Jno. 3:17 if we have this world's good and seeth his brother have need, shutteth up his bowels of compassion for him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 3:18 we are not to love in word and tongue but in deed & truth. Verse 19,"And hereby we know we are of the truth,"(How do we know?) by what we do for our brothers.

But if I make $100 a week and it takes $60 a week for my needs, then what am I to do with the other $40? Most of us spend it on boats, campers, trailers, autos, T.V.'s and a lot of other things we don't need. So when some brother gets sick, we don't have anythings to give him, we can't help him bear his burdens,for we have done like the prodigal son, we squandered it on our pleasures.

If we fail to keep God's commandments,1Jno.3:18,and offend and become guilty,Jas.2:10 or transgress. Paul said if while we seek to be justified by Christ we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ the minister of Sin, God forbid. So James 1:17 he that knows to do good. (keep commandments) and does not to him it is sin. There is a difference between needs and wants. Let us all take

heed. Gal. 6:7-8 God is not mocked.

In Christian Love,
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THE CHURCH

CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO IT

1. He Built it:

Matt.16:18,"And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2. He is It's Foundation:

Isa. 28:16,"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation: He that believeth shall not make haste."
1Peter 2:6,"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, Precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."
1Cor. 3:11,"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."
Eph. 2:19-22,"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.
And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone.
In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.
In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

3. He is the Head Over it:

Col. 1:18,"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."
Eph. 5:23,"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body."

4. He Purchased it with His own Blood:

Acts 20:28,"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

5. It is His Body:

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH CALLED?

"The churches of Christ" Rom.16:16; "The Churches of Christ salute you":

1. The Church of God:
1Cor. 1:2,"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth,to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours."

2. Church of the Firstborn:
Heb.12:23,"To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven."

3. The Kingdom of God:
Mk.1:14-15,"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, the time is fulfilled,and the kingdom of God is at hand:repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

4. The Kingdom of Heaven:
Matt.3:1-2,"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea. And saying,Repent ye:for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Heb.12:28,"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear."

WHEN AND WHERE WAS IT ESTABLISHED?

Dan.2:44,"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people,but it shall break in peices,and consume all these kingdoms and shall stand forever."

YET TO COME:
Matt.16:18-19,"And I say also unto thee,that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

Mk.9:1,"With Power", "Verily I say unto you,that there be some of them that stand here,which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power."

AFTER THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST.

Dan. 7:13-14,"I saw in the night visions, and,behold, one like the son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom."
Luke 19:12,"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return."
St.Jno.14:1-4,"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."
Acts 1;9,"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."
Acts 1:4,"And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me."

POWER came on the day of Pentecost(Acts 2nd Chapter)

When Christ received the kingdom he gave it to the Apostles. Luke 22:29-30.

At "Jerusalem." Isa.2:2,"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Acts 1:4.
Acts 2:47,"The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
Col. 1:13,"Who hath translated us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of his dear son."

WHY WAS IT ESTABLISHED?

Col. 2:14,"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances

that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Eph. 2:13-18,"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.For he is our peace, who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the emity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:And came and preached peace to you which were afar off and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Heb.10:9-10,"Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Eph..3:10,"To the intent that now unto the principalities in power in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

1Tim. 3:14-15,"These things write I unto thee,hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long,that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God,which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

HOW DO WE BECOME MEMBERS OF THAT CHURCH?

FAITH

Heb. 11:6,"For without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him."

REPENTANCE

Acts 17:30,"And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

CONFESSION

Rom. 10:8-10,"The word is nigh thee even in thy mouth, that is, the word of faith which we preach,that if thou should confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

BAPTISM

Rom. 6:3,"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.:

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERS CALLED?

Acts 11:26,"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

2 Cor. 6:14-18,"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath Light with darkness.And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
And what agreement hath God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.
Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."
Heb. 2:10-12,"For it became him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."
Heb. 11:14-16--------Heb. 4:11.

In Christian Love,
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A LIFE IN THE DAY OF.....

I couldn't face the truth, so I lied.

I couldn't face the people, so I'd hide.

I couldn't face the outcome, so I denied.

I couldn't face lying, hiding, and denying,
so I died.
(written by a student at a nearby high school)

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"Hatred stirreth up strifes:but love coverth all sins."
Pro.10:12

ARE WE HANGING BY A THREAD

An Indian fable tells of a high government official who fell out of favor with his king and was imprisoned in a tower. One moonlit night the prisoner saw his wife far below. She was smearing honey on the antennae of a beetle. After fastening a silken thread to its body, she pointed the insect upward toward the tower window.

Tempted by the smell of honey, the beetle kept crawling up the wall. Finally the prisoner caught it, removed the silken thread, and set the insect free. Pulling on the thread he found that it grew heavier. Attached to it was a length of sewing cotton and to that a heavy string, which itself was attached to a strong rope by which he escaped.

How close to life this fable really is. We are imprisoned by the king of this earth, namely Satan. Few people ever find the way of escape. The only ones who do are called Christians, named after the Christ, who was the first to escape death and the power of Satan. Those who follow after Christ are guaranteed that they too shall escape death and Satan's grasp over them.

How do we escape our imprisonment? Like the prisoner receiving a silken thread first, then a string, then a rope, we also begin with a weak attempt and few tools and gradually grow in strength and methods. As 1Peter 2:2 tells us, "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby", gives us an indication that we must start with something easy to understand and then go on to something with more substance to it, until we understand completely God's will. (II Tim. 3:16,17, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.)

There is yet another similarity to the Indian fable. As we begin working in the Lord's vineyard, we are given very few, if any responsibilities. As we become stronger in faith and prove ourselves in deed, we assume and are given more responsibilities.

One caution here is to always begin with the small and gradually get larger. If we do not increase gradually what will happen? The weight or burden of the next will be too heavy for the first and it will break. (the rope will be too heavy for the thread). The caution for us is that we should not expect others coming into the

body of Christ to do more or learn more than they are ready to do or learn. (Don't bite off more than you can chew). If they are forced to do something they are not ready for, or have no background for, they may break, and be hanging by a thread.

Submitted in Christian Love,
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"CHECKING ON ONE'S SELF"

Do you ever stop and study?
and kind of check upon yourself?
Are you actually circulating,
or are you still upon the shelf?

Can you see where you are going,
tell if you're a sheep or a goat?
Perhaps you're disillusioned?
Maybe you've simply missed the boat?

Our SAVIOUR while here on this earth,
said we MUST DO AND NOT JUST TRY,
And that we must cast out the beam
that's always present in our eye.

Then we'll see our own short comings,
learn to love all of our neighbors,
We'll be alert, not just awake,
there's no rest while at this labor.

Do we obey all HIS commands?
believe what the disciples heard?
Or have we chosen other ways
and are deaf to HIS spoken word?

Christ said that in the judgement day
Christians who couldn't pass HIS test
Would be put in that lake of fire
which is the second death.

Brother Bert O. Weakley.

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BIRTHS

CONGRATULATIONS! Unto Don & Patricia Foundation was born a baby girl. August 10,1975, weighing in at 8lbs. 9 oz. 21 inches long. She was named Kimberly Suzanne. They have two other girls,Christina and Caryn and a son, Eric. Patricia is the daughter of Bro.& Sis.J.D. Logan and brother of Lloyd Logan all of Stockton,Cal.

OBITUARIES

DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

WILLIAM EDGAR DANIELS

Born Oct. 12, 1888 Died Sept. 1, 1975

Brother Daniels passed from this life Sept. 1, 1975 at Lamar, Arkansas, and was buried Spet. 3, 1975 at Oark, Arkansas. For the pas few years Bro. Daniels resided at Lamar, formerly a resident of Ozone, Ark. Brother Daniels leaves four daughters: Matilda Hunt of Martinez California; Mary Smith of Shelton, Washington; Virginia Casey of of Lamar, Arkansas; Flora Goldsmith of Lamar, Arkansas; six sons: Tom Daniels of Mossy Rock, Washington; Evan Daniels of Phoenix, Arizona; Marvin Daniels of Clarksville, Arkansas; Edward Daniels of Sacramento, California; Melvin Daniels of Springdale, Arkansas; Alvey Daniels of Wichita, Kansas: One Step-Daughter, Ruby Looney of Truth or Consequences New Mexico: Twenty Grandchildren: Sixten Great-grandchilren.
Services were conducted by Sammy Boen and pallbearers were his grandchildren and the Morris family sang.

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ELZA JESS LOVELAND

Born March 31, 1904 Died July 31, 1975

Brother Loveland passed from this life July 31, 1975 at Yakima, Washington, and was buried Aug. 5, 1975, 11:00 A.M. Brother Jerry McCay, officiated. Brother Loveland leaves four daughters: Veda McCay; Eva Roby; Jean and Belva (sorry we don't have their last names), and one step-daughter Vesta Bascomb; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Interment was at West Hills Memorial Park. Vocalists; Mike McCay; Bill McCay, Sr.; Bill McCay, Jr.; & Richard Johnston. Bearers were: Rodger Lamb; Glenn Loveland; Russell Prine; Steve Vinsant; James Franklin; & Johnny McKinney.

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MAE O. JOHNSON

Born May 19, 1884 Died August 18, 1975

Sister Johnson passed from this life August 18, 1975 at Modesto, California, where she had been a resident since 1946. She attended the Church of Christ at Glen and Dallas Streets. Sister Johnson had been a member of the church for 75 years. Sister Johnson was born May 19, 1884 in Brown County Texas. Survivors are a daughter, Oleta Meadows of Modesto, California; a sister

Jewell Cadwell also of Modesto; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren. Services were held in Modesto by Brother Dean Guyer.

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VOLNEY HOWARD ROBERSON

Passed from this life September 6, 1975 in Modesto,Cal. while on a trip to visit his brother and sister. Bro. Roberson was a native of Oklahoma, aged 80 years. He was the husband of Nancy Roberson of San Bernardino, California; father of Howard Roberson of San Bernardino, California; brother of Alice Weakley of Modesto, Calif. and Winston Roberson of Jacksonville,Oregon. Services were held in San Bernardino and interment in Montecito Cemtery.

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PAUL FERGUSON

Brother Ferguson passed from this life about Sept. 1st in Arkansas after heart surgery and then suffered a stroke, paralizing him. Any other information we hope to receive by the next printing. Brother Ferguson was a loyal minister of the Church of Christ for many years. He will surely be missed by many throughout the Brotherhood.

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear Brethren,

The Stilwell Church had a wonderful meeting this year. Brother Howard McCay gave a series of lessons we all enjoyed. We were also blessed to have his family, Nell, Sister Mack, Lynell Forsman and children,with us. We had very good attendance. The Baron Congregation gave their full support. Two young men were baptized. They were Mark Taylor, son of Bro.& Sis. Don Taylor, Ft.Cobb, Okla., and my son Keith.

We have lost two faithful preachers in our vicinty. Brother Paul Ferguson and Brother W.E. Daniels died one day apart. They were both laid to rest Sept.3,1975.Our sympathy and prayers go to their families.

With Christian Love,
Sammy Boen
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Brethren,

We here at Yakima have been generally in good health. We have had the usual amount of colds and flu but nothing serious.

Sister Evelyn Lamb is nearly fully recovered following surgery this summer.

We were very fortunate to have Bro.Jerry Perigen and family with us in June to hold a series of meetings. Bro. Perigen brought several fine lessons from God's Word and through his guidance we had three new members added to the body of Christ. Doug Lamb and Tom Roby are now taking an active part in the worship service here. Mark Perigen, from the Bellflower congregation was also baptized into Christ's body.

Following our meeting, several of us attended the meeting at the Glenwood congregation. Bro.Al Way and family were there for that series of meetings.Bro.Way's daughter Tammy was baptized towards the end of the Glenwood meeting. Both meetings had very good attendance and I'm sure all who attended went away grateful they could be there.As usual the meetings reaped a reward for God and for all who attended.Thanks to all the visitors who are too numerous to mention and we would invite any who could to come and meet with us at any time.

We have also had a few additions to local families since last report: Bro. & Sis. Jim Lamb now have a new son and Bro. & Sis. Larry Fulkerson have a new daughter. I don't have the dates and weights available but all are healthy and doing fine, thanks be to the Lord.

We have already started making plans for a meeting next summer and possibly this fall. When dates and final plans are available we will forward them to the Courier, so those who possibly can will attend.

May the Good Lord bless and be with each of you.

In Christian Love,
Mike McCoy for the Yakima
Congregation.

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Brethren,

The Delta Camp Meeting this year was one of the best yet, we recommend all congregations consider sending at least someone to represent them, especially the young.

Brethren, another great opportunity to do good work: The congregation that meets at 75th and Grand Ave. Peoria, Ariz.(Phoenix)has started their new church building. We hear Bro. & Sis. John Shepard gave the land, and the walls of the building are going up. What excuse will we give the Lord, if we don't help?

Now concerning the church at 1413 3rd St. Parker, Ariz. We meet at 10:30 A.M. Lord's Day, all are invited. If you visit London Bridge at Hovasu City on your vacation, remember, it's only 40 miles south on Hwy 95 to Parker; Call 669-2060.

Christian Love,
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Chico,Calif. planning a Thanksgiving meeting Nov.27-30. Guest speakers. Room for campers Rented a hall for dinner. More details next issue.....