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Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the day of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

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2 Timothy 2:1-4

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

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HAVE WE HEARD FROM YOU LATELY? IF NOT, WHY NOT? ILLNESS?

VOCABULARY

Agony:(anguish)

Occurs only in Luke 22:44, And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." This speaking of Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. The word is derived from the Greek agon, "contest," "struggle," and depicts severe conflict and pain. Luke tells us that Christ's agony was such that "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

Counsellor:

One who gives counsel; a member of the Sanhedrin. Mark 15:43," Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counselor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came,and went in boldly to Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. Luke 23:50,"And,behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was a good man, and a just:

Drusilla:

Youngest daughter of Herod Agrippa I. At the age of 14 she married Azizus, king of Emesa, but left him for Felix, procurator of Judea. They had one son, Agrippa, who died in an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. When Paul unsparingly preached before Felix and Drusilla of righteousness, temperance, and judgment, Felix trembled. Acts 24:24-25,"And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concering the faith in Christ.And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season,I will call for thee.

Gnash:

In the Old Testament the expression"to gnash with the teeth" represents for the most part rage, anger,or hatred(Job 16:9; Psa. 35:16; 37:12; 112:10). In the New Testament it expresses disappointment rather than anger (Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28).

(All of the above definations are from the New Compact Bible Dictionary,Zondervan Publishing House,Grand Rapids Michigan).

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Galations 6:1-4.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault,ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something,when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."

"IS CHRIST DIVIDED?"

We read in Mark 16:14-16, how Jesus "appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." And we notice in Rom. 3:26, that God is a "justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

In Heb. 11:6, "But 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 them that diligently seek him."

Paul saying in Rom. 10:1-3, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God 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 righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteouness of God."

In Rom. 3:22, "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:" and saying in verse 26, that God is "the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." "Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification." Rom.4:25.

Continuning on in Rom. 5:1, "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,..."(for GRACE and TRUTH came by Jesus Christ. Jno. 1:17). He said in Jno. 8:31-32, "If ye continue in my word, "then" are ye my diciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Jesus says in Jno. 4:23-24, "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. God is a SPIRIT: and they that worship him MUST worship him in SPIRIT and TRUTH:" (so the worship MUST be according to TRUTH, for the Father seeketh such to worship him).

Jesus said in Jno. 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." And in Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gather-

ed together in my name,"(according to his word in SPIRIT and in TRUTH), "there am I in the midst of them."

Apostle John speaks of Christ as the Word, saying in Jno. 1:1 on, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Verse 4,"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." Verses 11-12,"He came unto his own, and his own received him not, But as many as received him, to them gave he POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"(that believe on his word). and in verse 14,"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." It said in Verse 10,"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

Jesus said in Jno. 3:16 on,"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him, is not condemned: but he that believeth not is conemned already,because he had not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God."(because he had not believed on his word, the gospel).

Col. 1:10-18 speaks of God our Heavenly Father,"Who hath delivered us",(Christians),"from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"(Verse 14 on we read of his Son)"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (verse 15),"Who is the Image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" (verse 16)"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven,and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or deminions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him."

(verse 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."

We read in Verse 13, that God "hath translated us," (Christians), "into the kingdom of his dear Son."(as we know, the word of God speaks of KINGDOM and CHURCH as SAME relationship). When we study Col. 1:13-23,where it speaks of KINGDOM and CHURCH it refers to the same people. In Matt. 16:18-19, when Jesus spoke of the church, he also referred to the kingdom.

In Acts 2nd chapter we read of the church being established. And in verse 47,that the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

After this we read in Col. 1:13, that God " hath delivered us"(Christians),"from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" And in Luke 22nd chapter, Jesus set the Lord's table inthe kingdom. Then in 1Cor. 11th chapter, Paul by inspiration set the Lord's table in the church(the witnesses have over-looked these facts).

Christ is the HEAD of the church, and he is the Saviour of the body. Eph.5:23.(The church is his body. Eph. 1:22-23).

Col. 2:9, saying of Christ,"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the HEAD of all principality and power: For it pleased the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell. Col. 1:19.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain..." Psa. 127:1. We read in Col. 1:16,"...that all things were created BY HIM and FOR HIM." And Jesus said "I will build my Church."(so there MUST be a CHURCH OF CHRIST). Jesus said in Matt. 18:20,"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,(according to his word, in SPIRIT and TRUTH),"there am I in the midst of them."(thats HIS CHURCH).

Again as the CHURCH is HIS BODY, Eph. 1:22-23.How can his body the Church of Christ being COMPLETE IN HIM, whom dwelleth ALL fulness of Godhead bodily be a denomination, as some say?

Paul saying in 1Cor. 1:13, "IS CHRIST DIVIDED?"And in Eph. 4-5,"there is ONE body, ONE Spirit, ONE Lord, and ONE faith, and ONE baptism,(so we have ONE Lord,and he is the HEAD of that ONE BODY, the CHURCH).IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

ONE FAITH: We read in 1Cor. 1:10-13, how one saith, "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ."(and so it is today. One is of Wesley, one of Mary Baker Eddy, Rodger Williams, John Calvin,etc.)

Paul asks in 1Cor. 1:13,"Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the NAME OF PAUL?" (the question might not be out of place in our day). Jesus said in Matt. 24:24,"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew GREAT SIGNS and WONDERS; insomuch that, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, they shall deceive the very elect." (GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS....)

In Matt. 7:22-23, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done

many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."(so they had laboured in Vain).

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." (These false Christs, they have been also building churches; they are founders of these other so called faiths. Jesus said in Luke 21:8, Go ye not after them, that the time draweth near. And the False Prophets, they are preaching the doctrine of these False Christs.

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"THE DEBT YOU OWE"

Do you ever think of the sacrifice
Your Lord and Saviour made?
Do you think of the suffering and the shame
when with HIS life HE paid?

HE gave HIS life for every sinner,
that takes in you and me.
What? Can't you see this sacrifice
that HE made on calvary?

HE was a man like you and I,
made in the very same fashion...
HE hadn't a home or a stopping place
and for forty days HE fasted.

Can't you see how hungry HE was
when HE was tempted by the devil,
Although hungrier than we'll ever be,
HE didn't fall from HIS level.

HE healed the sick, lame and the blind,
HE even raised the dead.
HE wouldn't take praise for this work of HIS,
But gave it to GOD instead.

Although HE was the GREATEST man,
and GOD'S begotten SON.
HE always answered the people
"BY THE WILL OF MY FATHER IT'S DONE."

Bert O. Weakley

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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;Ecc.3:1-3

HOW TO COPE WITH PEOPLE WHO GET ON YOUR NERVES

Most of us have to deal with people who drive us up the wall-ademanding husband, a nagging wife, a grouchy boss-and since many of these people just can't be avoided, you must learn how to get along with them.

1. Try to genuinely understand, rather than change, behavior that drives you to distraction. It does little good to tell people:"Don't nag" or "Stop being a grouch." Instead, ask yourself why they're behaving that way.
2. Concentrate on the things you really like about individuals you find difficult, and compliment them on those things. Honestly praise their good points, and help them realize they're better than they think they are by encouraging them to do things they don't think they can do. Let people know it when you feel they look good or do a good job.
3. Adopt a long-term view of difficult relationships. Individuals who get on your nerves won't lose their irritating ways overnight. So you must decide to adopt the attitude that you'll gradually manage to work out your difficulties over a long period of time.
4. Develop an attitude of "firm kindness." "Firm kindness" means to be kind to people who upset you, while setting definite limits on just how far they can push you. This way, you can show sympathy for them and still stand up for your own rights.
5. Overcome your own tendencies to feel victimized. People who get on your nerves are more apt to be angry with themselves and the world than with you. By overcoming your tendencies to feel as if you're their target, you'll take much of the pain out of your confrontations.
6. Encourage the offending individuals to widen their fields of interest. Many difficult people deliberately curtail their activities because they fear rejection from new acquanintances-yet a wider sphere of activity is exactly what they need.

(THE ABOVE IS A REPRINT FROM AN ARTICLE BY ONE OF OUR NATIONS TOP PSYCHOTHERAPISTS, DR. ALBERT ELLIS)

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ASHAME

Webster's defination of ashame: Abashed,confused,mortified, confounded, humiliated.
Hestitating to perform an action, because of the shame or mortification connected with it, reluctant.

A few days ago I was asked the question,"If the Bible teaches that it is ashame for a woman to speak, a shame for men to wear long hair, why do we teach

against the women and not the men?" As we read the 11th chapter of 1Cor. we can see the point.

1 Tim. 2:11, "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection."

1 Cor. 14:34, "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

There are two of the scriptures telling the women to keep silent in the church. Everyone in the brotherhood that I have ever talked with agrees with women keeping silent in church, but what about the hair?

1 Cor. 11:4, "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head."

a Christian then this verse alone should be enough to tell us that it is a shame for a man to wear long hair. The question asked me is: what is long hair and short?

1 Cor. 11:14-15, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given for a covering."

If we would take these two verses and go by them there would be no question, When a man's hair gets down on his shirt collar and begins to curl back up,it is getting shameful then. We do have brethren in this condition, preaching the gospel. We do have women with short hair.

Verse 7 of 1 Cor.11, tells us that a man is the image and glory of God. If we look afar off or even see a shadow of two people and can not tell which is a woman and which is a man, how can we as men be in the glory or likness of God?

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BIRTH

On September 28,1975 Bryan Paul Arnold was born at 12:15 P.M. unto Sister Shelia Arnold and husband Grant. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. He was also welcomed by a brother, Jason and his Grand-parents Mr. & Mrs. Arnold of Hughson,Cal. and Grand-parents Bro.& Sis.Dean Guyer, also of Hughson. Congratulations!

OBITUARY

Bert Oran Weakley was born April 18, 1899, in Camanche Oklahoma, the son of Albert B. and Idalia Weakley. He came to California in 1936, and has been a resident of the Modesto area for 29 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Glenn and Dallas Street,

Brother Weakley passed away September 20,1975,in Modesto, at the age of 76 years, 5 months and 2 days. He is survived by his wife: Alice; 5 children: Bro. Don Weakley, and Sis. Carolyn Oakden, both of Modesto; Albert Weakley, of Galt, California; Sis. June Paioni, of Salida, California; Gail Dowdy, of South Lake Tahoe; He was the brother of Clair Weakley, of Farmerville,La.; and Lois Wilson, Lucille Roberson, and Erma Bristo, all of Camanche, Oklahoma. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 2 children: the late Bill Weakley, of Los Angeles, and the late Dorothy Coleman, of Duncan, Oklahoma.

Services September 24, 1975, 10:00 A.M. Sala Brothers Funeral Chapel. Brother J.D. Logan, officiated. Bearers were: Brother Dean Guyer, Brother Al Burtis, Brother Dalton Stark, Brother Kenneth Perry, Brother Ira Brown, and Mike Oakden; Honorary Bearers were:Brother Gene McKinney, Brother Lawrence Arnett, and John Langley. Interment: Lakewood Memorial Park.

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CHURCH NEWS

STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

Just a little slow about writing, seems like I put it off until the last minute, then something else comes along and I just don't write.

We had a very good meeting with Bro. Howard McCay, from Washington as the guest speaker. Two came forward for the prayers of the church: Sister Bertha Workman and Sister Lucille Lundmark of Maryland.Two came forward for baptism:Keith Bowen, son of Bro. Sammy Boen, Fort Smith, Ark. and Mark Taylor, son of Bro. Don Taylor, of Fort Cobb, Okla.

Visitors during the meeting were, Wayne Orendorff, from Calif., Bro. McCay's daughter from Wash., Sis.Doris Berry, from Aztec, N.Mex., Bro. Edwin Crowell, Doug Ferguson and family all from Broken Bow,Okla. Had a house full every night of the meeting which we are very thankful to the Lord for.

With Christian Love,
Bro. Gerald Buckner.

GOSHEN,ARKANSAS

Dear Brethren:
Just a few lines this Lord's Day to let you know that we are all doing fine here in Goshen.

Brother Mike Vanderpool had an accident on his motorcycle a couple of Sundays ago. Bro. Mike broke two small bones in his back, and has two pretty bad deep cuts in his arm, but he is doing fine now. He will be out of work for at least another month.

Our hearts are heavy with the passing of Brother Paul Ferguson. He died August 31, 1975 at Sparks Memorial Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He will be missed by many Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and by many, many, friends. He was a very capable preacher and a devoted Christian; one that would always stand up for the truth no matter whose toes he stepped on. He died in peace loving the Lord.

In Christian Love,
Ray Shea,Goshen Church of Christ.

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:
I will write the news here again. We here at Broken Bow are still trying to carry on as commanded and we are blessed with the unity of the spirit and at peace with God.

We have some sickness among the brethren here and need the prayers of all the faithful for us here.

Well we have had another to obey God since I wrote the last news. A friend of mine for many years, now a brother beloved. He lives at Burkburnett, Texas and has been meeting with the church at Ringo, Texas. The church at Randlett,Oklahoma is switching their services to the morning and he will be meeting there most of the time. So all you brethren going in or around Burkburnett, or Vernon,Texas or southwest Oklahoma, stop over and help them out. They need your help. Just contact Brother Leroy Mullens,P.O.Box 572,Burkburnett,Texas 76354, or Otto Elliott, Randlett, Oklahoma. They are starting a meeting on the 26th of October with my son-in-law doing the preaching. All is urged to attend and help out,also they need a leader to move there, if anyone is interested, let us know and we will help find a job for him there.

Brother Wilson of Antlers has been back in the hospital again but is out now so keep praying for him. He has also converted another over there. He is doing a

good work; so remember him and if you are in or around Antlers look him up. He meets in his home.

The Church at Broken Bow,Okla.
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CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

The Church at Chico, California, is holding a meeting for the long Thanksgiving weekend, November 27th through the 30th. Two or three services a day will be held, and we are anticipating many guest speakers(so speakers come prepared).

We have arranged for a hall with plenty of parking space for trailers and campers, dining and kitchen facilities, and also room to put down sleeping bags.Our homes will also be open. Water is available on the grounds, but there are no electrical hook ups.

At least a midday meal will be provided each day at the hall. A Thanksgiving Dinner will be served Thursday late afternoon. Services will begin at 7:30 P.M. Evening services thereafter will be at 7:00 P.M.

This will be an opportunity for Christian fellowship in singing, preaching, and visiting with the different brethren, so do plan to be with us for this weekend of worship and spiritual upbuilding.

We would appreciate your letting us know approximately how many to expect from your congregation and when you would be able to arrive.

The hall is easily accessible from the Freeway. It is the Odd Fellows Hall, Garner Lane, located just north of Chico. At the north end of the 99 Freeway turn east on Garner Lane and go to the 4th building on the left.

For further information contact Clif Brockman,Box 66, Nelson, California, Zip 95958, Phone: 342-6832;C.M. Brockman, 345-1730; or Levi Bentz, 3425-0.42.

We invite you to come and help make the "Mini Delta at Chico" this Thanksgiving weekend a success!

In Christian Love,
The Chico,Congregation.

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ARE YOU PLANING A MEETING? BE SURE WE KNOW IT VERY EARLY.

"MY DESIRE IN LIFE"

I care not for the thrills pleasure brings
Like love and joy of worldly things,
I do not crave a mass of wealth
I only pray for life and health,
That I may in my meager way
Serve my Saviour, day after day.

I care not for the things that shine
or for the things that most men pine,
I only pray that by His will
that I may work and serve him still.

I care not for the things of life
A shining crown or worldly heights.
I just pray as Gods men of old
to serve Him with body and soul.

This universe is full of creeds
of man's desires and worldly greed.
But what are these compared to this?
A home in God's eternal bliss.

So I'll go on from day to day
Serving my Lord and in His way,
Looking not for Glittering crowns
or seeking names of world renown.

Just serve Him with all my heart
so that when I this life depart,
People can say without question
that I lived and died a Christian.

Then when the day of Judgement comes
when all are gathered at His throne,
To hear his praise for all good men
and hear the doom for those in sin.

I'll be with that righteous band
which He will place on His right hand.
Then will come true His blessed words
"Enter, enjoy. Rest with the Lord".

So I'll go on in my humble way
serving my Lord and in His way,
And praying as I onward go
that you too, may be one of those.

Bert O. Weakley

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These poems of Brother Weakleys were sent in a short time before his passing, by his loving wife Alice.