FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,

THE CHRISTIAN COURIER

AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

May 1976

Young people take time to love. How long has it been since you have put your arms around your mother or father and said, "I love you just for being my mother or father?" You should you know!

If it has been a long time since you have, do it now while you still have them around, because some day you may not have them.

You big old boys tell mama you love her, then look and see if you don't see big tears of joy in her eyes. I ask you, doesn't she deserve this much love? Remember there was a time when you couldn't even feed yourself; but you were fed. You couldn't get a drink of water, but you watered. You couldn't even dress yourself, but you were dressed.

When you were sick, who sat up with you until all hours of the night? When you cried, who cried with you?

The Bible says a good woman is 'priceless'. She can't be bought. Take time to tell her how glad and happy you are that she's your mother. Tell her you're thankful for all the glad and happy times you shared with one another. For things she had done to make you glad and proud that she is your mother.

We have some of the grandest old mothers at Broken Bow. They are so loveable they make you proud to be alive. My family and I attended Sunday morning services at Tiner this past Sunday. We met some of the grandest people in the world. We haven't been able to visit any other Churches up to now, but God willing we want to visit other congregations this summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "hello" to Marsha White, and to let her know we are still praying for her as well as for her folks, Brother and Sister Jack White. This has been a trying time for them. May God bless their big hearts.

If any of you get a chance, drop by and visit us at Broken Bow. You are always welcome. Remember me in your prayers also. I am still very weak in body.

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The Purpose of Prayer

In the 9th chapter of Daniel, we find that prayer is for the purpose of confessing our sins and the sins of our people. In I John 5:16 we are told to pray for our people to ask forgiveness for their sins and ours. In Daniel 9:2-19 and in Matt. 6:9-13 prayer is to glorify God, to call on His Name, to give honor to Him as our Father, and to humble or submit ourselves to his will (thy will be done). Prayer is to ask for our daily bread (to realize our living comes from Him). To ask Him to forgive us as we forgive others. Prayer is for unity, oneness of mind and speech (I Cor. 1:10, Eph. 4:4 and Luke 22:32). We are asked to not let our faith fail; we must pray in faith (James 1:5-6). We are to pray that His will be done. Prayer is for those in prison (Acts 12:5). Jesus said "visit me in prison." (Matt. 25:43) Prayer is for salvation (Rom. 10:1 and 12:12). It is also a part of our service to God. Prayer is to help keep temptations away (I Cor 7:5). Prayer is also for helping one another, for without prayer for each other we cannot all get to heaven (II Cor. 1:11, 9:14). We give thanks to God for the liberal gifts we receive from one another in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer is one way we watch for one another (Eph. 6:18). Prayer is to request of God help for all the saints (Phil. 1:4). We are to pray for our salvation (Phil. 1:19). We make our desires known to God for everything we need (Phil. 4:6). Our food is sanctified through prayer (I Tim. 4:5). We are commanded to pray for the sick and for each other (James 5:15-16). If we neglect prayer for another we commit sin (James 4:17). If we commit sin, our reward is recorded in Rom. 6:23.

To the brethren in love,
Lloyd Treat

THE GOSPEL IMAGES

Phil. 3:18-19 "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Whose end is destruction; whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."

Nakedness is shameful in either sex and to glory in it is as clearly stated above, an invitation to destruction. Ex. 32:25 "And when Moses saw that the people were naked; for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies." Rev. 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy of me gold, tried in the fire, that thou mayest be right; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear."

Nakedness unquestionably exists in the eyes of our God, and is

a shame when allowed to appear. To glory in such an evident and manifest shame and to take pleasure in those who do such things is condemning before God. Rom. 1:32, Matt. 5:28, 18:7. The above three scriptures inform us that not only offenders, but those who take pleasure in the offensive act will be punished with destruction.

Isa. 47:1-3 "Take the millstone and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the river." I Cor. 10:11 tells Christians the old incident recorded in the scriptures are for our admonition. Babylon in this case was humbled before God. Shamed by the exposing of her nakedness (a comparison). Today, this identical woman is seen in many women, but the woman of today glories in her shameful state of nakedness. She actually employs her shame as a commodity to procure glory.

Heb. 3:13 "But exhort one another daily while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." I Tim. 2:9 commands that women confessing godliness be shamefaced and sober and adorned with good words, rather than glorious apparel.

I Peter 3:1-6 holds Sarah as the pattern to be followed by wives (manifestly women) professing godliness. Where is Sarah? Look hard and still you will seldom find her in a modern woman under 40.

The opening scripture in this lesson was Phil. 3:18, where Paul exhorted Christian brethren in no uncertain terms. "Be followers of me." We know Paul's conversation, good works, and acceptance with God. Let us mark those who walk as Christ and use them as patterns.

John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." These sins are manifest and easily recognized by each of us if we open our eyes.

I Peter 1:14 "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be you holy in all manner of conversation." When we shape our every move and thought to carry us toward a given goal, we become the slaves of the object we seek to obtain or in this case, the station we seek to fill in life. What is the station? Popularity, admiration?

Do we cause such emotions as envy, hate, desire, strife, jealousies, contentions? If our conversations or lives reflect such turmoil, manifestly our goal is wrong and our reward sure. Heb. 10:30 "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth to me, I will recompense, saith the Lord."

Psalms 1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

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The test of our love to God is the love we have for one another.

Minced Oaths

Mince: To cut or chop into very small pieces; to speak or walk with affected elegance.

A few years ago the preacher where I was going to church prayed a beautiful prayer. After service, my family and I went home with him. After lunch we were talking about prayer. His wife said, "If I could pray like you can, I wouldn't mind praying aloud." His wife went on to say, "Gosh, what a prayer!" In expressing our appreciation of a prayer, such an exclamation seems okay. A further thought will lead anyone to the conclusion that 'Gosh' is not the kind of word a Christian would use on any occasion. Yet, some do. Some Christian people are in the habit of using expressions which the dictionary terms 'minced oaths'. Let us find our what such words mean.

Using the Websters Dictionary, the definition for 'gee' is "a form of Jesus used in minced oaths." The definition of two other commonly used words are: 'golly' "a euphemism for God, in minced oaths", 'gosh' (interjection--corruption of God) "a substitute for God used in minced oaths." Darn, darned, and darnation are euphemisms for damn, damned, and damnation. Persons who utter 'goshdarned' quite freely would be shocked to realize the real meaning of the expression.

Oath: "Confirmation of the truth by naming something sacred, especially God; a statement or promise confirmed by an appeal to God; a blasphemous use of the name of God. What is required by the third commandment? The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, attributes, words and works. For surely 'goddness, mercy, and graciousness' are attributes of God. Using minced oaths is contrary to the Spirit of New Testament teaching. Matt. 5:34,35 "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne; Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King." Matt. 5:37 "But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." The statement, "Whatsoever is more than these," suggests use of an exclamation. Exclamation is defined as, "Something added merely as a filling; a word, letter not necessary to the sense, but there to fill a vacancy." In the book of James, the writer says almost the exact same words that Christ said, but he adds this warning: James 5:12 "...lest ye fall into condemnation." Condemnation recalls our Lord's declaration in Matt. 12:36,37 "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." If we try to say these words 'slip' through our lips, we need to heed the Holy Spirit's warning in James 1:26 "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

In Christian Love,
Farrell Wilson
Antlers, Okla.

HOW TO GIVE A LESSON

A. Look up all the scriptures on the topic, limiting them to the subject.
B. Check pronunciation in a dictionary. Practice proper pronunciation.
C. Note punctuation. Practice reading in phrases.
D. When practicing, look at your mouth in a mirror. Practice speaking clearly, exaggerating lip movement.
E. Practice speaking in the empty building on Saturday. Learn where the edges of the speaker's platform are. Put the lesson on the board and check the numbers. Record a practice lesson if possible.
F. On Sunday, dress up for the occasion--your best comfortable clothes.
G. Act proud to be in front of the congregation; show enthusiasm.
H. It is all right to hold on to the sides of the stand. Move only enough to emphasize a point. Keep a finger on the place when you pause and look up or comment.
I. Make it plain what you are reading and what is a comment.
J. Have the invitation ready.
K. Let the song leader lead the singing. Hold your songbook, but look at the people.

Submitted by the Yuma Congregation

"Now a word from our sponsor..." sometimes the 'word' gets to be quite long. We all have heard this on the TV and radio. The devil only used one word to get Adam and Eve thrown out of the Garden of Eden into the cold cruel world. Just the little word 'not'. Moses only used one word to keep himself from the promised land. Just the little word 'we'. When someone prays for five minutes we can say the same thing. Say we agree with all he said with just one word: 'amen'. Just one word means we are thankful for all the things he asked for during the five minutes. Just one word! We can keep ourselves out of a lot of trouble and sorrow by saying one word. When wordly people suggest things we know are wrong, we can say "no". That is all it takes.

"Please" may not be in the Bible, but it is a Christian word in every sense. Our saying"please" shows we care about others feelings. We are showing our Christ-like inner self when we are polite and use words like "thanks" to other people on this rough old earth. There are very few times we can be rude and use what are called four-letter words and still have people of the world regard us as Christians. Other Christians lose respect for us when we use even one word.

Submitted by the Yuma Congregation

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. "
Prov. 25:25

Dear Brethren,

We receive the paper and have enjoyed it. I am writing about our Gospel meeting. It will start June 13 and continue through June 20. Our speaker

will be Brother Lloyd Treat of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. We heard Bro. Treat a few times and have enjoyed him very much. We hope we can get the community of Gardendale, Texas, out to hear him. If any of the west coast people are coming by this way then, we would enjoy them very much. Gardendale is about 12 miles north of Odessa, Texas, by way of 385. North to 158 turn right. Come about 2 miles to a blue store. Turn right on Zinnia for one block to Lily. It is a small block building. Brother Barker lives across the street. Phone 915-366-2019. We live 12 miles southwest of Stanton, Texas. Our phone number is 915-458-3335. Everyone please come!

Yours in Christ,
N.E. & Alice Bergstrom
Gardendale, Texas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Much has happened here at Glenwood lately. The same families from Tacoma, Wa. are meeting regularly now. They are: Carl and Ada Hopper, sons Cecil and Ernest and daughter Ellen; Jonathan and Joanie Elias and their baby daughter Rachel; Terry and Pam DeLaney and their son Jason; Ray and Winda West; Sista VazQuez; Jim Dawson; Wande Staggs; Fred and Lilly VazQuez and their daughter Lisa.

On March 21, 1976, Randy Orendorff, son of Jerry and Jeanie Orendorff was baptized into his new birth with Christ.

On March 21 Pam DeLaney gave premature birth to Jennifer Jean DeLaney, but the daughter departed this life some 37 hours later. Brother Carl Hopper conducted funeral services March 25 before family and friends of the parents.

Kep and Wayne Orendorff went to Southern California for spring vacation between March 19 and 28 to visit their parents and the congregation at Bellflower and Lakeside. Fine weather accompanied them along the way. Also about that time Sister Ellen McCay was called to Los Angeles area to work for about 35 days. Robert McCay from Port Orchard, Wa., Bro. Wesley Orendorff and family from Encinitas, Calif. and Seattle, Wa., and Bro. and Sister Baldwin from Cedaredge, Colo. met with the others at Bellflower. Brother Ken Baldwin presented a fine lesson for all.

A few from here managed to get over to the meeting at Yakima during April 4-11. We all enjoyed the association with the brethren, the fine weather, and the sermons Bro. Sammy Boen from Ft. Smith, Ark. had prepared.

Do remember to keep us in mind when you pray, as we always remember all of you. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Written in Christian Love,
From the Church of Christ at
Glenwood, Washington

"Follow after the things which make for peace and the things wherewith one may edify another." Rom. 14:19

Dear Brethren,

Several members of the Yuma congregation attended the Delta camp meeting in August, 1975. Everyone reported it was very successful. We had good singing, spirited preaching, and warm fellowship. Some improvements have been made at the camp grounds and more are planned. The finest improvement we could have would be twice as many people. Do plan your next summer vacation to include the Delta camp meeting.

The best place for a winter vacation is the Yuma area. The new building is finished enough to hold services. Services are not being held at the 1st St. and 16th Ave. building, nor in Somerton, Ariz. Both buildings have been sold and we are holding services Sunday morning at 10:30, Sunday evening at 7:00, and Wednesday at 8:00. All in the new building at 2884 Ave. B. That is State Highway #95 South towards Old Mexico. We would love to have you visit on your way to any place or come spend the winter with us.

Everyone here is well as can be expected. We still have the precious people coming 50 or 60 miles every Sunday. Most of the regular members are very regular and several new ones attend. We have lost two sisters this past week: Jewel Jones and Norma Lyons. (See Obituary for details).

In Christian Love,
The Church in Yuma

Dear Brethren,

We have been able for the past few months to again meet with the congregation at Broken Bow on the Lord's day. We have enjoyed the fellowship of the Christian people there and also enjoyed the Tiner congregation. Some of them meet with us on Sunday night. Brother Wayne Queen has given some good lessons. Remember them in your prayers. I also would like to ask your prayers for Sister Parks, Brother and Sister Claude Watson, and Brother and Sister George Stubbs, who are the oldest members of the Broken Bow congregation. They are great warriors that would be hard to replace. They have had a lot of sickness this winter. Brother Floyd Camp, who has suffered back trouble for some time; a special remembrance of him and his family. All of God's warriors need their health so they can perform their duties for God to full capacity. I ask, "what would we do without our older and more experienced members?" One sister came up to me and said, "It seems I'm no good for anything." She is getting along in years. When she said this, I thought to myself, "What would we do without people like you?" Give this some thought.

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Dear Brethren:

Thank you for your labour of love in producing the Courier. The congregation here in San Pablo enjoy every word of it.

Everyone, thus far,has been able to attend services, and we are grateful to God for that.

We pray for those who are holding meetings and encourage everyone who can to attend, and try to get the younger ones to become interested in studying the word of God. For they will have to carry on when the older ones pass on.

Brother Coleman met with us last Lord's day, and he makes the journey every month to help out here. We thank the Lord for Brother Coleman and for all the brethren. Let us pray for one another, and love one another, as Jesus has instructed us.

May God bless each one of you wherever you may be.

San Pablo Congregation

Dear Brethren,

The congregation here at Bellflower sends their love to all. At this writing, most are well. We have had some colds and the flu, but for the most part, our health has been good.

We have been blessed with many visitors these past weeks from all over the country. They have come from Texas, Colorado, Washington, Indiana, and from several congregations here in California. I am sure I would miss some names if I tried to list them all so I will list the guest speakers. Very good lessons were given by Brothers Ken Baldwin, J.L. Jared, and Robert McCay.

Visitors are always welcome. Please come and be with us any time. The address is 9914 Arkansas Ave., Bellflower, California. Sunday morning services are at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

With Christian love,
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hopefully this letter will find all well in the Church. As for the church here at Cedaredge, we are all doing well.

We here at the Happy Hollow Church of Christ are looking forward to a good camp meeting this summer. We sincerely hope that all who attend will learn more about the scriptures and also his or her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's try to make this year's camp meeting as successful as last year's. So load up your cars with friends and relatives, leave your cares and problems at home, and enjoy the fellowship that can be yours at the camp meeting this year. You'll be glad you did.

I must close for now, and if it's the Lord's Will I'll see you at the camp meeting, July 11-18.

In Christian love,
Lloyd A. Allgood
Cedaredge, Colo.

Dear Brethren,

A few lines from the Church at Pleasant View. We are all doing fairly well. A lot of the children have mumps and colds, but we thank the Lord nothing serious. We have started our monthly singing again, the second Sunday afternoon of each month. One month it will be at Baron and next month at Pleasant View.

We enjoy the paper very much.

Brotherly love,
Bro. Gerald Buckner

Brethren,

Hope this finds all in good health. We here at Yakima have had little sickness since last month.

We had a very productive meeting April 4-11 with Brother Sammy Boen. He brought us several fine lessons on "The Glorious Church", Negligence, Forgiveness, Marriage, What After Baptism, Christ, Lord's Guarantee, and Death, Reserection, Judgement. Kathy Lamb was baptized into Christ's Body and Bro. Michael Boen asked for the church's prayers for strength and guidance. We had good attendance,over 45 people each service.

We had several visitors the entire week for which we are thankful. Brother and Sister Al Burtis from Modesto, Calif. met with us the first weekend. Their daughter Kay was with them, as was Bro. Dennis Bentz, Sister Connie (Burtis) Williams and her husband Ken Williams. Bro. and Sister Ellis Forsman from the Glenwood congregation, Bro. Wayne Orendorff also of Glenwood, and Bro. and Sister Jim Bryant of the Springfield congregation also visited with us throughout the week. We are thankful also for the others who visited us either in body or in thought.

We are anticipating all the other meetings this summer and several are making plans to attend one or more of these meetings.

Will close now with an invitation to any who are in our area to come and meet with us.

May the good Lord bless and be with you all.

In Christian Love,
Mike McCay
Yakima, Washington

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth:

To Brother Rodger and Sister Sharon Lamb of Yakima, the Lord presented a healthy boy, Justin Dean Lamb. Justin was born April 16, at 2:37 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 3½ ounces, at a length of 21 inches.

Marriage announcement:

Sister Charlotte Wisehart, Yakima congregation, and Brother mike Brockman, formerly of Chico, plan to be joined in marriage on June 26.

OBITUARIES

Lucy Harrison--

We are saddened by the passing of Sister Lucy Harrison of Huntsville Nursing Home on February 8, 1976. She was a member of the Church for over 60 years; a truly fine Christian lady. Services were held February 13 at Huntsville Chaple, Huntsville, Arkansas. Brothers Melvin and Marvin Daniels officiated. She was laid to rest in Bohannan Mountain Cemetery.

Martha Jewel Jones--

Martha was born June 20, 1906 in Blanket, Texas. She passed from this life February 10, 1976 in Yuma, Arizona. She is survived by her husband Ralph Jones, two brothers: Dutch staggs of Yuma and Lamar Staggs of Wichita, Texas, six sisters: Mildred Noble of Somerton, Emma Jean Smith of Wellton, Lois Morris of Kingman, Willie Hudson of Yucaipa, California, and Christina Compton and Bonnie DeVour of Santa Maria, California, as well as a host of friends. She had been a very reliable member of the Church of Christ for over 55 years. She was laid to rest on February 12, 1976. Brother Horace Orendorff officiated.

Norma Jean Lyons--

Sister Norma Jean Lyons was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on Dec. 27, 1913. She passed from this life on Feb. 18, 1976, in Yuma, Ariz. Sister Lyons is survived by a son, James E. Lyons of Cottonwood, Arizona; a brother, D.B. Rather of Somerton; and a sister, Lavella Herndon of Houston, Texas. Brother Horace Orendorff officiated.

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Editor's note: Beneficial articles are dependent upon accurate quotation of the scriptures. We have discovered that many have misquoted certain verses. We are certain that this is unintentional. However, we cannot conscientiously print these errors. Therefore, a great deal of time is spent looking up scriptures and checking their accuracy, which should be unnecessary. Many times an entire point is destroyed because a scripture is misquoted. Let us remember the words of Paul in I Cor. 9:27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

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MEETINGS

Yuma, Arizona-May 9-15 with Brother Earl Atchley

Broken Bow, Okla.-June 6-13 with Brother Earl Atchley

Gardendale, Texas-June 13-20 with Brother Lloyd Treat

Bellflower, Calif.-June 27-July 4 with Brother Richard Johnston

Port Orchard, Wash.-July 4-11 with Brother Harry Dye

Cedaredge, Colo.-July 11-18-camp meeting with various guest speakers

Lorenzo, Texas-July 18-24 with Brother Claud Perigen

Furnish Canyon-July 18-24 with Brother Jerry Perigen

Waterford, Calif.-Aug. 29-Sept. 4-camp meeting with various guest speakers, there are cooking facilities and parking for campers and trailers available so please come join us.

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How many of the following can you answer? Circle the answer and then check the scripture.

1. The specific warning of punishment by hell fire is first encountered in the Bible when Jesus warns that one should not (Matt. 5:22)
   a. say, "Thou fool"
   b. look at a woman lustfully
   c. say more than simply "yes" or "no"
   d. refuse him who would borrow
2. "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee," said Jesus, immediately following his admonition against (Matt. 5:27-29)
   a. committing adultery in one's heart
   b. the old saying, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"
   c. swearing at all
   d. growing angry at one's brother
3. You are doing no more than do publicans (tax farmers, or alternatively, tax collectors), observed Jesus, if you (Matt. 5:46)
   a. salute only your superiors
   b. love those who love you
   c. lend only to those who lend to you
   d. give only to beggars
4. Jesus gave the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father which art in heaven..."), in the Matt. 6 version, as a counterexample against prayers that were too (Matt. 6:7-13)
   a. wordy
   b. concise
   c. prosy
   d. archaic
5. "No man can serve two masters," said Jesus, because (Matt. 6:24)
   a. if one master loves him the other will hate him
   b. no two masters can cooperate
   c. no day is long enough for double service
   d. he will love one master and hate or despise the other
6. Jesus called Matthew to be a disciple from a (Matt. 9:9)
   a. money-changing temple
   b. fishing boat
   c. receipt of custom (tax office)
   d. army post

7. Jesus' exclamation, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel," was elicited by the words of the (Matt. 8:5-10)
   a. leper
   b. centurion
   c. men possessed of demons
   d. mother-in-law of Peter

8. "Let the dead bury their dead," said Jesus, upon (Matt. 8:21-22)
   a. leaving the leper colony after curing those still living
   b. entering Capernaum
   c. hearing a disciple's request for leave to bury his father
   d. learning that the Pharisees refused to hear Him

9. The twelve apostles included (Matt. 10:2-4)
   a. two brothers
   b. two sets of two brothers
   c. three brothers
   d. three sets of two brothers

10. In Matthew 10, Jesus instructed the spostles to go among the (Matt. 10:5-6)
   a. Gentiles
   b. Samaritans
   c. Israelites
   d. Egyptians

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OTHERS

I gave my life in full surrender
For Jesus' love so sweet and tender,
That I might know Heaven's splendor,
I'm thinking now of others.

Help me in all I do and say
To live for Thee from day to day,
And when I kneel, dear Lord, to pray,
Help me to think of others.

Help me, dear Lord, to drop all sham,
Teach me to love my fellow man,
And do whatever mortals can
In service, Lord, for others.

So when the host of sin I sight,
May I, dear Lord, forget my fright
And in thy strength, stand for the right
And if need be, die for others.

Christ died on the cross of Calvary
That we from sin and shame be free.
He paved the way to eternity,
And commanded us to bring others.

by James F. Cooper