FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,
AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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## CONTENTMENT

Do we know and understand what the word contentment means? In I Tim. 6:6 it says "But godliness with contentment is great gain." I Tim. 6:8 states "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

Now does this mean to move from house to house every two or three months because you don't like the way it's made? Does it mean to stop and thank the Lord for what we have and not want anything greater? In Luke 3:14 we find "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."

Are we truly content on this earth? Do we go around saying "I'm going to buy that and I don't care what it costs." Or do we say "The Lord willing I may have that in the future?" I ask you brothers and sisters, are we truly satisfied with what we have or do we always want something else?

In Phil. 4:11 it says "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Heb. 13:5, "...be content with such things as ye have." Psalms 37:16, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked." Read also Gen. 28:20 and Prov. 15:16.

Study yourselves as you are commanded the next time you think you need something. Please, stop and look! Are we contented with such things as we have.

With Christian Love,
Bro. Dan Treat
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

"IT'S OK SON"

When Jonny was six, his father paid a traffic patrolman $5.00 to tear up a ticket. "It's OK son, everybody does it.?

When he was eight his uncle explained how to beat the income tax. "It's alright kid, everybody does it."

When he was nine his mother bribed an usher to give them a good seat at the theater. "It's alright Son, everybody does it."

When he was twelve he broke his glasses. His aunt explained to the insurance company that they were stolen and collected $37.00. "It's alright, everybody does it."

When he was fifteen his football coach showed him how to foul an opponent without being caught. "It's alright kid, everybody does it."

When he was sixteen he worked at the market where the manager showed him how to put the overripe tomatoes on the bottom of the basket and the nice ones on top. "But everybody does it."

When he was eighteen he and a friend applied for a college scholarship. His grades were poor but his football was good. Johnny got the scholarship. "But everybody does it."

When he was nineteen he bought the answers to an exam. He was caught and sent home. His parents, relatives, friends and teachers were mortified. They could not stand a kid who cheats.

Submitted by Richard Johnston

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All of us at Broken Bow are doing fair. We had a wonderful meeting with Bro. Earl Atchley. There were two baptisms, Jay and Lawanda Durham. God bless them both. We are all very happy for them. We had lots of visitors from all around. Bro. and Sis. Leroy Mullens from Randelette; Sis. Wilma Buckner and two of her children from Stillwell; Sis. Ola Spence and four of her grand-children from Westville, Oklahoma; Bro. and Sis. Charlie Burt and family from Knox City, Texas and visitors from the Tiner congregation. We thank the Lord for all He has blessed us with during our meeting. Anyone passing through Broken Bow please stop and visit with us. May God bless you all.

Love to the brethren,
Bro. Dan Treat for the
Church at Broken Bow

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are happy to say that we are getting along fine. We've learned some new things and strengthened some old thoughts in our studies from God's word. Thursday nights we have been meeting at the home of a member to go over the Old Testament in a detailed perspective. Wednesday evenings the women are meeting in homes for discussion.

Bro. Errol Forsman and family have been with us since mid-June. Errol had to return to work in Lorenzo, Texas but the rest were able to stay. They are planning to go with us to the camp meeting in Colorado. Also Donna Taylor from Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma and Amy Howe from Ralls, Texas have been visiting. We thoroughly have enjoyed them.

Sunday, June 27, Rene Dawson, Wife of Jim Dawson, was baptized. We are exceedingly happy over this new member in God's family.

The week of July 4-11 we had our meeting with Bro Horace Orendorff from Yuma, Arizona. Others present were Jean Orendorff, Robert and Joyce Morris from Yuma; Ken Harper and family from Grass Valley, California and several families from the Yakima congregation. Some of the topics of the well prepared sermons were "The Value of the Soul," "Do We Have Enough?" "Charity," "Bear Witness," and "Remember."

About 15 from here will be able to attend the camp meeting at Delta. We hope to see some of you there. We ask that your prayers be with us in our journeys, and may God's grace be given to you freely as you walk in faith.

Written in Christian Love,
Bro. Wayne Orendorff
for the Church at
Glenwood, Wash.

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To all the Brethren,

We here with the Bellflower congregation are fine and send our love and prayers. We are saddened by the passing of our dear Bro. Taylor. We will miss Olan tremendously. He has been one of our faithful leaders and teachers from the very beginning of the Church here at Bellflower. Our love goes out to his family.

We have just ended our weeks meeting with Bro. Richard Johnston of the Yakima, Wash. congregation. We had good attendance from our own and a great many visitors to hear Richard's good sermons. We were all edified and uplifted. Those who came to visit we appreciate greatly for they made our meeting a success. We had visitors from Yuma, La Habra, Modesto, Chico, San Diego and Yakima. We thank you from greatful hearts.

Our prayers go with all of you.

Bro. Roy Snoderly
for the Church at
Bellflower, Calif.

Dear Brethren,

We of the Yakima congregation send our love to all our brethren in Christ. We have been very fortunate in that the Lord has blessed us with good health. Many of our members have been able to attend meetings which other congregations have held. It is very uplifting to visit with others who are striving to do the will of the Lord.

On June 26 Bro. Mike Brockman of Novato, Calif. and Sis. Charlotte Wisehart of Gilchrist, Ore. were married. Bro. Howard McCay of Yakima officiated. We should all rejoice when two Christians become husband and wife because we then have another family striving to do the will of the Lord.

We have decided that next year, Lord willing, we would like to have a camp-type meeting here in Yakima. We have the necessary facilities to accomodate anyone that might wish to attend. We realize that it is expensive to traval- especially if we travel many miles; so we will provide all the food and lodging for our visitors. We will have guest speakers. Any brethren able to attend and wishing to speak please let us know as soon as possible. We can then announce the speakers. Please try to make plans to be with us for some good Christian fellowship and excellent speaking. We have tentatively planned the meeting to last a week and a half from June 25 to July 6. Any are welcome for any part or all of it.

Hope this finds all of you in good health. We must all strive to do our best for the Lord.

In Christian Love,
Richard Johnston
for the congregation at
Yakima, Wash.

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Brethren,

The 1976 Delta Camp Meeting was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were so many speakers that it was decided to let those speak who had never spoken there before or a long time ago. The younger speakers were Mark Taylor of Hugo, Okla., Howard Loftis Lorenzo, Texas, Wayne Orendorff of Port Orchard, Wash. and Kelly McCay of Yakima, Wash. The Brethren who spoke at the Sunday and evening services were Duane Bixler, Aztec, New Mexico; Bob Farley, Yakima, Wash.; Charlie Burt, Knox City, Texas; Don Taylor, Hugo, Okla; Mike Brockman, Chico, Calif; Carl Hopper, Port Orchard, Wash.; Wade Brackett, Aztec, New Mexico; Chuck Jared of Chesterton, Indiana; Ellis Forsman from Port Orchard, Wash.; and Jerry Perigen from Bellflower, Calif. Most of those present expressed their intentions of being back next year if possible. During the many services, 17 Brothers and Sisters came forward to ask for prayers of the church and during the meeting three precious souls were added to the Lord's Church by baptism. Joseph (Kep) Orendorff of Port Orchard, Mike Fulkerson of Aztec, New Mexico and Ann Hill of Montrose, Colorado. We are very thankful for these and all

those present for each of us benefitted very much. These camp meetings are very beneficial in promoting love and good fellowship among the congregations. The next ones we know of will be at Waterford, Calif. Aug. 29-Sept.5 then at Chico, Calif, Nov. 25-28 with probably 3 speakers per day. If you can possibly make these meetings I'm sure you'll say you were glad to be there. Lord willing I intend to be at both and I hope to see you there.

Howard McCay
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Christian friends,

We at the Lorenzo congregation have recently concluded a gospel meeting, held by Brother Claude Perigen. The effort he and his wife made in coming out here was greatly appreciated by all. During the meeting several brothers and sisters came forward asking for the prayers of the church. We were also blessed with the addition of Kimberly Forsman into Christ's body, through baptism. We praise God not only for these blessings but for the spiritual uplifting which we all received.

We had several visitors from other congregations. These included Bro. and Sister N.E. Bergstrom of the Gardendale congregation; Bro. and Sister Howard Taylor and Becky and Evart Forsman all from the Loco congregation; Bros. Chuck and Bill Jared from Chesterton, Ind.; Bro. and Sister Charles Burt and family; Bro. and Sister Willie Howe and son; Bro. and Sister Jack White and family and Bro. and Sister Toodler Boodwin all from Seymour. We were also priviledged to have Brother Wayne Orendorff of the Glenwood, Wa. congregation visiting with us for the week helping in the church services and giving Christian encouragement to all he met.

We are happy to say that we are all in good health, with the exception of Bro. Robert Peel and Sister Maude Scott who are occasionally hindered from attending services.

Visitors are always welcome!

We extend our love and prayers,
The church at Lorenzo, Texas

Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Port Orchard, Wa. congregation for their hospitality and love shown my wife and I at their meeting. Thanks, also, for all that attended, both far and near, and their interest that was shown, and your prayers, and the song they made from my closing lesson on "Good Measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over".

The church at Yuma is sad at the passing of Brother Allen Nelson, who has spent his life's work in the church at Somerton and Yuma. He has guided many of us younger members through the years.

We were glad at the baptizing of Brother and Sister Morgan, Aug. 1 at Yuma. Sister Morgan is a sister of Brother Robert Morris.

Brother Mike Wilcher and family are now meeting with us at Yuma. They were in Parker with Brother Harry Dye.

Good wishes & Christian Love,
R. Horace Orendorff
Yuma congregation

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The congregation here at Bellflower sends its love. Our crowds have been small the last few Sundays, but we were blessed with visitors from different congregations. Bro. Dick Taylor brought a lesson for us one Sunday as did Bro J.D. Logan.

We are happy to report that Bro. Jerry Perigen baptized their daughter Laurie during the meeting at Furnish Canyon. The Jerry Perigen family also attended the camp meeting at Cedaredge before starting the meeting at Furnish Canyon.

Bro. Claude and Sis. Eunice Perigen have returned home from their trip to Lorenzo, Texas where Claude held a weeks meeting.

In Christian Love,
Dayton Clouse for the
Bellflower congregation

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I want to thank all our Christian friends, relatives and kind neighbors for all their telephone calls, cards and beautiful flowers and food brought to the house at the passing of Bro. Olan Taylor.

The house is quite empty now, the vacancy at the table, these things we must endure.

Olan was always ready to lend a hand. He passed to his reward quietly and with no suffering. The curtain has fallen when we must say goodbye.

In Christian Love,
Burdette, Donald, Dick,
and Bill Taylor

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"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thess. 4:14, 18

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Rev. 14:13

## OBITUARIES

Olan A. Taylor

Bro. Taylor was born August 14, 1902 in Oklahoma. He passed away June 17, 1976 at home in Pico Rivera, California. Memorial services were held at the Memorial Chapel, Rose Hills Cemetery, Monday June 21 with Bro. Tom Broadway officiating. Interment was at Rose Hills cemetery, Whittier Calif.

Bro. Taylor is survived by his wife Burdette, sons Donald, Dick and Bill, and many friends.

George Edward Cavin

Bro. Cavin was born Oct. 14, 1911 at Lohn, Texas. Passed from this life May 27, 1976 at Beverly Manor Convalescent hospital, Whittier, Ca. He is survived by his wife, Wyoma, daughter Myra and three grand children.

Bro. Cavin was baptized into Christ on April 29, 1971. He was laid to rest May 29, 1976, at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Ca. Bros. Isaac Ferguson and J.D. Logan officiated.

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## BAPTISMS

Jill Herbert--Glendale, Arizona
Kep Orendorff--Port Orchard, Wa.
Mike Fulkerson--Aztec, New Mex.
Ann Hill--Montrose, Colorado
Kimberly Forsman--Lorenzo, Tex.

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## MEETINGS

Springfield, Ore.-Aug. 22-29 with Bro. Bill McCay Jr. of Yakima, Wa.

Waterford, Calif.-Aug. 29-Sept. 5 camp meeting with guest speakers

Chico, Calif.-Nov. 25-28 camp meeting with guest speakers

Aztec, New Mexico-Sept. 12-19 with Bros. Lloyd Algood and Abe Labato

## 1977 MEETINGS

Yakima, Wa.-June 25-July 6 camp meeting with guest speakers

Delta, Colo.-July 18-July 25 camp meeting with guest speakers

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

1. Christ sent me, said Paul (I Corinthians 1:17)
   a. to baptize and preach the gospel
   b. not to baptize but to preach the gospel
   c. to baptize and not to preach the gospel
   d. not to baptize and not to preach the gospel

2. What you build, on the foundation I said (said Paul), will be tested, on the day, by (I Cor. 3:10-15)
   a. fire
   b. water
   c. locusts
   d. ice

3. Paul declared that he did not judge himself, because (I Cor. 4:3-4)
   a. he was not aware of anything against him
   b. he was an evangelist, not to be judged
   c. brethren judge each other, not themselves
   d. it is the Lord who judges

4. If you accept an unbeliever's invitation to a feast, said Paul,
   a. eat whatever is set before you (I Cor. 10:27)
   b. eat only what the Hebraic law allows
   c. attend the dinner, but eat nothing
   d. admit your mistake, and revoke your acceptance

5. Paul (I Cor. 15:8)
   a. never saw Jesus
   b. did see Jesus
   c. saw Jesus in a dream
   d. man or may not have seen Jesus; he does not tell us

6. "At the last trump," wrote Paul, "the dead shall be raised (I Cor. 15:52)
   a. incorruptible"
   b. corruptible"
   c. some incorruptible, some corruptible"
   d. neither corruptible nor incorruptible"

7. To this day, when Moses is read by Israelites, wrote Paul, a veil is
   a. removed from their heart (I Cor. 3:15)
   b. upon their heart
   c. made translucent
   d. thickened

8. We must all appear, according to Paul, in 2 Cor. 5, before the judgment seat of (II Cor. 5:10)
   a. God
   b. Christ
   c. the Holy Ghost
   d. the Trinity