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

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What Is The Church That Christ Built Like?

Jesus did not come into the world to establish an earthly government. There is no reference or indication to the Church as if it were 'a new society'--meaning a society or organization that operates as a world government, with all of the powers of both a worldly and Church body. It has no worldly power or earthly functions whatsoever. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36) His kingdom's boundaries are that of truth and righteousness, purity and holiness.

Christ's Church is described by human terms in order to convey some concept of its devine nature. Sometimes it is described as God's building, (Eph. 2:19--20, I Peter 2:5). Sometimes it is looked upon as Christ's body. Paul said, "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular (I Cor. 12:27). The Church also is pictured as a kingdom. Sometimes it is spoken of as 'kingdom of God' (Matt. 6:33). The kingdom of heaven (Matt. 3:2, 7:21). The kingdom of his Son (Col. 1:13). This divine establishment is entered by a new birth, of water and the Spirit (John 3:5). It is not possible to enter it in any other way. However, before anyone is born again of water and of the Spirit, it is necessary to believe in Jesus Chirst as the only begotten son of God, to turn your back upon all past sins, to publically accept or acknowledge the name of Christ. You become a proper subject for a burial in water in order to receive remission of sins (Rom. 6:3-4, Acts 2:38). One is born again or as the term is sometimes used, 'born anew' or born from above. All these terms mean conversion.

The blessings of the Church are of a Spiritual nature. You may never attend Church services at all, yet if you are an honest and upright man in all of your dealings, you may enjoy the same material blessings that the most devout Christian enjoys. But you cannot know the peace of God, which passeth all understanding (Phil. 4:7). Paul declared that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3). To be in Christ is to be in His spiritual body, which is his Church. In it, therefore, we enjoy every spirityal blessing (that the

honest and upright man outside the Church does not enjoy--ed.) There are no spiritual blessings outside the Church.

Paul declared that all of the promises of God are in Christ Jesus (I Cor. 1:20) In Christ we have salvation (2 Tim. 2:10). In him we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of sin (Eph. 1:7). The Church is made up of men and women (Rom. 12:5, I Cor. 12:27) but not just any and every kind. All who are in the kingdom have been born again (John 3:3,5). They have been called out from the world. This is the meaning of the term 'Church'; they have become 'new creatures' in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). All can say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me (Gal.2:20).

Being a spiritual institution, the Church of our Lord was not founded for the flesh, but rather for the spirit. Of man, that part that lives forever. The Church will not pass away with the death of our bodies; it was built to stand forever. The gates of hell cannot destroy it (Matt. 16:18). Its purpose is to prepare man to dwell with God forever.

All civic organizations, all of the lodges of men, and all human institutions of every kind were founded for the natural man, that part of man that will finally die and return to the earth from where it came. But the Church of the Lord, being a heavenly institution, was set up for the spirit, the soul of man, that part that never dies. Human institutions may comfort us during our life on earth, but beyond the grave they cannot go. They were not built to stand forever. They must all pass away with time. But the Church built by our Lord can and will take our souls into the everlasting kingdom of God, to dwell with him forever and ever.

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Spiritual Pride of Life

We all extend heartful greetings to all brothers and sisters in Christ; your work for God is well worth commending. Much thanks be to the Lord for working in the hearts of those who write to and read from the Courier.

This particular article should bring out some thought-provoking items dealing with the pride of life in a spiritual sense, and how the workman of God can use humility to avoid the problems put between people even in the church through pride.

I John 2:16 says, "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." We will be dealing with the spiritual pride that may arise among members. It was decided among a few brethren that this would be a subject well worth writing about, after it was acknowledged that this spiritual pride was starting to show itself

in our attitudes toward other members of Christ's Body.

Shall we take a look at a few things that have happened in the past because of pride. These examples along with a few more scriptures should give the reader a good insight on what God thinks about the proud:

Here are four examples of downfall because of pride, or a pridefull state of mind all in the O.T.--Naaman (II Kings 5), Uzziah (II Chron 26), Haman (Esther 7), Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4). In these examples, one can easily see how God dealt with these situations. They all suffered a downfall. Here are a few more scriptures that should indicate God's view of pride: Prov. 16:5 "Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: through hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished." Also, in verses 18 and 19: "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Prov. 11:2 "When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom." James 4:6 "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

Pride, in the spiritual state, often hinders the work of an individual, or the church as a whole, and often it becomes difficult to detect because of its subtle qualities. In the area of teaching or preaching the word of God, the one doing the proclaiming should take heed toward the state of mind that may even openly reveal itself in word, action, or thought. If, in speaking to a saint or sinner, the speaker exercises a self-exalted state of mind, he is easily apt to speak to the listener as someone less valuable, someone to be put under his foot, or someone to receive less respect than himself. On the other hand, if a speaker were to exhort a listener with a humble state of mind, his actions would have a tendancy to show love and consideration toward that hearer, for he would have put himself in the position of a servant for the sake of Christ, who humbled himself in taking on the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7). Eventhough Jesus Christ is the son of God, he saw to it the need to act in a humble way of a servant, and this manner pleased God in a complete way, as suggested in verse nine. So, it won"t do any good for someone to share what knowledge they have obtained through years of study if they can't relate it in an edifying way through love. I Cor. 8 indicates that charity is to be preferred before knowledge.

James 3:13--18 may echo what has been said in the previous paragraph. Verse 17 lists qualities of the wisdom of God: "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy, and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocracy." Now verses 15 and 16 tell of earthly wisdom: "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish." "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." The 13th verse tells the wise how to present endued knowledge: "...let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

In speaking to a person in an exhortaion, admonition, or correction, it should come about through love toward edification (I Cor. 14:12). One of the characteristics of love is that it is not puffed up. (I Cor. 13:4).

Here is another thought on how a child of God needs to deal with the faith given to him through grace. Rom. 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

This scripture indicates that we should not overtest our faith with items that we know we are not strong enough to handle yet, but stell not to be apathetic about putting to use our measure of faith. Remember, the Christian must use that faith to serve, to proclaim the word of God boldly to a dark world, whether in the words spoken, or in the silent conversation of the good works that glorify God.

Another problem evolving from types of pride is a well-known problem called prejudice. Prejudice is an opinion formed before the facts are known. Many people grow up in this world hating someone for some reason they don't understand; they haven't submitted themselves to the facts, or what has been given in truth. Often what has happened then, is that some foolish or unproven idea has taken part in making up their mind before all the given information had a chance to be received--true or not. In psychology, this building up of information upon a basis of knowledge can have 'multiplying effect', that is, a person can use whatever bits of information he wants to further prove his opinion whether it is true or not. Whenever the opinion (true or not) is proven, that is further convincing to the subject that his opinion is worth sticking to and this situation is easily self-perpetuating. This could have been one of the reasons that Christ spoke in parables: Matt. 13:10-15 (To break down prejudices between the listeners and him. One way in which prejudice exists is when a person picks only certain pieces of information, then selects one to prove his opinion. In a negative way, a person could pick out the 'least valuable' qualities in a person, and be completely blind to the good works, and by magnifying the bad, it could be concluded in his opinion that that particular person was not very valuable. Also, sometimes we tend to measure how well a person does a task by the number and magnitude of mistakes he or she makes. This can build up barriers between people, when they begin to measure one another by their faults, and fail to recognize the good points that God is so happy for. This activity can occur not only with the one proclaiming the word, but the one chosen to do the song leading, the one vocalizing a prayer, or any everyday task that someone may do. This type of prejudice works in a subtle way and the word of God can help to detect this if taken heed to. Sometimes prejudice can dictate a person's message during church services. A person's frame of mind, whether humble or proud, at the time he speaks, will determine the tone of intention in the speaker and cause his work to be either constructive or destructive, depending on his attitude. With humility, he can be constructive; with pride, he can be destructive. It is not then unreasonable to imagine that the listener will also develop his prejudice towards the speaker. Fortunately, it is possible to undo with humility what was done with pride through unintention.

I Cor. 10:12-18 claims that we should not compare ourselves with any man who seems to be of fine quality, with our neighbor, or a group of people, but measure ourselves with the rule which God gave to us, and nothing else. At this point, Paul had been asked about his authority in being an Apostle. Many had shown signs of a prejudiced mind in verses 10 and 11. So Paul had to boast, and he says that that this is foolishness that he has to boast of his past labors for God (II Cor. 11:16 and 12:11). Even still, he said the boasting was done in an edifying way (10:8). Perhaps we can understand how strife was brought about because the people had already made up their minds that Paul was not commended among them, and that forced him to do something he would rather not have done.

The Bible tells us to "...consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24) and to bear the infirmities of the weak (Rom. 15:1), but not to amplify them beyond proportion to elevate our own pride.

In finding ways to avoid spiritual pride working within a Christian, the main instrument is humility. With humility, we can tear down barriers that pride has built up, and notice that pride is directily opposed. The parable of the Pharisee and the publican in Luke 18:9--14 tells us that one who exalts himself will be avased, while the one that humbles himself will be exalted. When God's people exercise this humility before Him and between fellow Christians, the church is exalted, for this is an activity that God admires.

Phil. 2:5-11 tells of the humility of Christ, and that our mind should be such like his (verse 5). Verses 5--8 explains that Christ lived as a servant, not as a king, but a servant of man so much so that he was obediant unto death, even a death on a cross. Further verses in that chapter indicate that he was exalted for that. I Cor. 1:19 tells us that Paul was a servant so that more people could come into the kingdom, and he became a servant of all. Also, II Cor. 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

I Cor. 4:9-16 speaks of the Apostles' position in this world; made spectacles to the world, fools for Christ's sake, despised, hungered, thirsty, naked, hard working, reviled, persecuted, and being made filth of the world. These Apostles must certainly have possessed a unique quality of humility to yield themselves as these type of servants--much like that of Christ's. In verse 16 of that 4th chapter, he instructs the people to follow him in this manner, so that there could be more fathers like followers in the faith. Servants. This seems to be what our attitude should be in living this life. We are not masters in attitude, but servants, and there are many people in this world to serve. Phil. 2:3 may give us more insight, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Verse 4, "Look not every man upon his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

How may we humble ourselves? Matt. 18:4 says, "Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." With these scriptural descriptions of humility in mind, we can better see the type of follower that is most pleasing to God.

Pride and humility are at enmity with each other, as are the flesh and the Spirit. If spiritual pride is within the church, that body will fall (Matt. 12:25) "...every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand." Conversely, "The wicked are overthrown, and are not; but the house of the righteous shall stand." (Prov. 12:7).

The four writers of this article were very much concerned with spiritual purity within the church, and we sincerely hope that this article will broaden the perspective of the reader. There is a great need for humility to be exercised throughout the church. We have read what happened to those who became proud and high-minded of themselves, and what happened to those who became humble and gained favor and exaltation in the sight of God. James 5:15-16 has further thoughts on this subject. Verse 15 tells of a raising up by a prayer of faith, and verse 16 instructs us to confess our faults to one another, and pray for one another, This humility should be admired and not ridiculed, as the world may ridicule it. Humility is something that God has always admired and rewarded. So we, as His children, will not hurt anyone in admiring and encouraging it also.

Written in the meekness of Christian
Love through the correlated efforts of:
Bro. Charles Burt, Lorenzo, Texas; Bro. Kelly McCay, Yakima, Wa.;
Bro. Greg Staley, Port Angeles, Wa.; Bro. Wayne Orendorff, Seattle, Wa.

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

Dear Brethren,

We want to express our appreciation and thanks to everyone who thought of us during our time of need. We received many cards and phone calls, letters and flowers. We are very thankful for all the prayers. I am doing fine now and hope to be back to work by next month.

In Christian Love,
Bro. Gene McKinney
and family

To the Brethren in Christ,

The Church that meets in Yuma is about back to normal as people are about finished with their vacations. We have all visited so many wonderful friends this year. Soon the weather will cool off, allowing more visitors to come to Yuma.

Sister Sally Holmes has been unable to attend lately, but nearly everyone else still comes to Sunday services from the Roll-Tana area. That is a long distance and we are proud of all who make that much effort with small babies in the summer. Bro. and Sister Melvin

Lytle are due back any day now. Bro. and Sister Robert Morris are back from Phoenix and say they will be home for awhile now. Bro. Wesley Orendorff from Encinitas, Calif., was here one Wednesday evening.

Our sympathies are extended to Bro. and Sister Harold Smith as his mother passed away August 5th.

In Christian Love,
R. Horace Orendorff
Yuma, Arizona

Dear Brethren,

I will write the news from Broken Bow and give account of the meetings we have held this summer. First, I say that the Church here is doing alright at present. We baptized two here with Bro. Atchley in the meeting and sure enjoyed having them. The wife and I held the meeting at Barren. We had a lot to come up for prayers. Then we came home and stayed here four nights in our meeting, then went to Gardendale, Texas, and had a good meeting with the Church there. Then to Hamilton, Texas, where we visited my brother and the Church ther where ? meets. Then we went to New Castle, Texas, and had a good meeting with Bro. Ed Tate of the Church there. Then to Randlett where we had four services. One was baptized, and prayers were given. We had a lot of visitors from other churches of which we were thankful. The ones that came to Randlett were: Bro. Charley Burt and family, Bro. Errol Forsman and family, and Bro. Earl Howe's daughter from Lorenzo, Texas; Bro. Jack White and family from Munday, Texas, Bro. Doug Ferguson and family, Bro. Farrel Wilson and part of his family from Broken Bow, Bro. Ed Tate and wife, Bro. Bishop and wife from New Castle, Texas, Bro. Willie Howe and wife and his sister from the Church at Ringo, Texas, Bro. Jackie McDonald and family at Barkburnett, Texas. We had a wonderful time and a lot of good fellowship. Bro. Bergstrom and his wife came to New Castle, Texas, from Stanton to be with us there; also, Bro. Polan and his family, Bro. Willie Howe and his wife, and the Church at Randlett, Okla. were there.

So, altogether we had a wonderful time with good results. I hope I haven't missed anyone; if so, please forgive.

I am not able to work anyjore; the doctor shut me down. I have arthritis and spurs in my neck, shoulders, knees, and feet, so I can't work. So I will hold any meetings I can for the brethren. So help me along and work for the Lord. I need all of your prayers, so pray for me. Also, Bro. Claude Watson is in the hospital for an operation; pray for him.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Lloyd Treat
Broken Bow

To all brothers and sisters in the faith,

The congregation here at Glenwood extends multiple greetings to all. We all are exceedingly grateful for God's way in protecting us this summer as we traveled. All here are in fine shape at this moment, and the Lord has seen to it that we have been strengthened in our spiritual state of being

We all received edification one way or another in having those that

could take off time this summer sharing some of the things that had happened at various gospel meetings. There are some people we met with at the meetings whose efforts have helped to glorify God even now, and it is possible that they do not know their association has aided the spiritual growth of members here to this day. With this concept in mind, let us encourage one another to continue in this uplifting, that our Lord may be magnified within the Church as well as to the world. His message has proven again to be wonderful, and the people who exercise His words in their lives are well worth recommending.

We have witnessed positive persistance in faith in the lives of some of the members of Christ's Body. One example is a group of young people assembling here from Port Angeles, Washington (nearly 100 miles away). To see this faith put to action does marvelous things for those of us who have journeys of much shorter distances to be where the Church has called an assembly. We expect that this item will bring out even more appreciation for those who are driven in such a way towards greater love in Christ's Church.

Labor Day weekend we were blessed by God's presence in the lives of some visitors. Families from the Yakima congregation included Brothers and Sisters Bill and Veda McCay, Bob and Wilma Farley, and Dan and Alyce Ross. Visiting from the Springfield, Oregon congregation were Brother and Sister Jim and Connie Bryant. Jim presented some thoughts on unity of the Church--individually ans as the Body.

These have been some of the main happenings here in the past few weeks. We hope that these items have helped to produce a stronger Christian bond between us. We ask a favor of all of the congregations within the scope of the Courier to write and tell us how you all are. If we can't see you, we hope at least we can be blessed by hearing words of encouragement from you. Let us work together to help perpetuate the purpose of the Courier in passing on words of comfort to one another. May God bless you in similar efforts.

Written in the love of Christ for the sake of Christ,

The Church of Christ at Glenwood, Washington

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo congregation are in good health and striving harder to do the Lord' work. We are trying to get together at least one night during the week to study the Bible and one night to sing songs of praise to the Lord.

During the past month or so members of the congregation here have travelled to attend services at other congregations in the area. Various members visited with the congregations at Ringo, Texas, Newcastle, Tx, Randlett, Ok., Loco, Ok., and Gardendale, Tx.

Brother Earl Howe held a weekend meeting August 20-22 at Loco, Ok. Attendance there was very good; they had many visitors from area congregations. Praise the Lord for those who are so spiritually hungry for God's word and Christian fellowship that they travel many miles to find

it! We pray that everyone who was there gained as much as those of us from here who were able to attend.

We rejoice over the return of Dan Johnson into the service of the Lord. He is now meeting with us. Brother and Sister Charles Burt and family have moved to Lorenzo and are attending services here. Sister Marsha White, daughter of Jack and Reba White, is now living with the Earl Howe family and going to services here. Brother Lee Reeves, son of Barbara and Bill Reeves of the Aztec, N.M. congregation is meeting with us while he is attending Lubbock Christian College. These additions to the fellowship have greatly strengthened us spiritually!

We open our hearts to you in love, feeling our love grow as we learn to share it with others.

the Lorenzo congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this letter finds all well in the church. As for us here at Cedaredge, we are all doing well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the brothers and sisters and everyone who helped make the camp meeting such a success this year. If it were not for the cooperation from the different congregations and brothers and sisters who came to the camp meeting and then help when they get here, the camp meeting would just not be possible. So, again, thank you from the depths of our hearts.

Also, we would like to announce that Bro. Roy 'Skip' Berry and Sister Pamela Wilkerson were joined in holy matrimony on July 17, 1976, during the camp meeting. And also that three souls were added to the church during the meeting this year, along with several who asked for the prayers of the brethren. For this we are thankful and praise God.

Next year the camp meeting is scheduled for July 18-25, so please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend the 1977 camp meeting. It is truly a wonderful and enjoyable experience.

Well, I must close for now. So, may the God of peace bless each and everyone of you.

Yours in Christ,
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Greetings to the brotherhood from the Church at Bellflower,

As another summer has come and gone, so has another chapter of our life on wings of swiftness fled!

Truly many congregations were involved in special activities in addition to their regular services, as reported previously in this paper, and perhaps many other GOOD WORKS have been done that have not been reported yet. Our compliments to all of you!

A congregation needs a plan to work, then work the plan. But what can we do you may ask. Perhaps you could begin to plan a meeting for next year, or a week-end meeting, or a monthly singing practice on a Sunday

afternoon (with a nearby congregation if possible), or a picnic or lunch where all can attend and visit, or study/read the Bible with someone in their home, or all of the above and perhaps much more.

We have certainly enjoyed the visitors during the past month and invite you back. A number of us have attended meetings where possible and are already planning to attend others, Lord willing.

Except for brief periods, we have experienced reasonably good health and we are deeply thankful to God for all of life's blessings.

Our prayers for your well-being in the faith are strong and from the heart.

In Christian Love,
Tom Broadway, for the congregation
at Bellflower, California

Note: Tom, Charlene, and Lynn Broadway, for our many friends, our new address is: 24001 Muirlands Blvd., #40
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ALSO: although I'm not asking for meetings (I like to just go and listen to others) I try to keep my time free all summer to hold meetings, also the last half of Dec. (I teach school) So, if you feel I can be of help, just let me know.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I am writing a short letter for the Church at Grants Pass in regards to our location. We are looking for another place to rent, so anyone planning to meet with us when passing through, would be encouraged to call first. My phone number is 862-2421 (Murphy). My address is 234 Woodside, Grants Pass, Oregon, 97526.

Bro. Harry Lee Thompson is back again, able to attend services after undergoing surgery. Sister Mable Bumgardner lost a son, Don Bumgardner, in a tractor accident on his ranch near Modesto, Calif. He was also a brother to Marie Henny who worships with us.

We have a new family starting to meet with us now, for which we are thankful.

All of us enjoy the paper. It is encouraging to see more of the younger ones taking part. Keep up the good work.

With Christian Love,
Bro. Harry Wegley

Brethren,

Nell and I have just returned from a very enjoyable trip. We were able to visit the brethren at Springfield, Ore. for two nights of their gospel meeting. We then went on to Waterford, Calif. for the camp meeting there. We had a good time visiting with the brethren from other congregations. We heard some good gospel lessons and the fellowship was great. The speakers were: Brothers Homer Bryant of San Pablo, Dean Guyer of Modesto, J.D. Logan of Modesto, Greg Staley of Port Orchard, Wa., Horace Orendorff of Yuma, Tom Broadway of Bellflower, Calif., Al Way of

Bellflower, and myself.

I feel this type of meeting is very beneficial to the brotherhood and brings us closer together. The brethren at Waterford are already planning another camp meeting there for June 12, 1977. I hope to see you there.

Bro. Howard McCay
Yakima, Wa.

Many congregations have not been heard from for some time. Is there no news in your midst? Is there no information you would like to pass on to others? Let us here from you in the next issue.---the Editors

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The Uncomparable One

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a man born contrary to the laws of nature. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education. In infancy he startled a king. In childhood he puzzled doctors. In manhood he ruled the course of nature. He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for his services. He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about him. He never wrote a song, and yet he has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined. He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students. He never marshaled an army, and no leader ever had more volunteers. He never practiced psychology, yet he has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near. Once each week the whells of commerce cease their turning and multitudes pay homage and respect to him. The names of the past proud statesmen, scientists, philosophers and theologians have come and gone, but the name of this man abounds more and more. Though nineteen hundred years have passed since his crucification, yet he still lives. Herod could not destroy him, and his grave could not hold him. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Author unknown

Motives

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man." Evil thoughts cause evil deeds.

We see many things that some people do to hinder the good efforts of others. The scriptures teach us, there will be some that oppose,, exalt themselves, and some will glory in the flesh, etc. These truths we should try to understand, and we must believe them.

The first question, then, is 'What causes some to oppose almost everything? Is it fear, envy, status? God only knows their motives. What ever it is, you can be sure it isn't Christian virtue.

Realizing these terrible things exist, we must not grow weak, faint, or beocme afraid. Remember Peter? He walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and begining to sink, he cried, saying, "Lord, save me." Jesus said, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

We must also never doubt, but have faith, (may I say positive faith?) that we continue our Christian walk, teaching, writing, or whatever we can do to help the cause. Always rembering WHY we say and do the things we do or don't do.

Bro. Harry Dye, 1967

OBITUARY

W. A. (Allen) Nelson

Bro. Nelson was born January 3, 1903 in Berwyn, Oklahoma. His family moved to Weatherford, Texas in 1908. Bro. Nelson moved to Somerton, Arizona on September 7, 1927, where he was baptized in 1931 during a meeting by Bro. Bob Musgraves.

Bro. Nelson passed from this life on July 14, 1976 at University Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Sister Juanita Nelson, a son, Bro. W.B. Nelson, a daughter, Sister Mary Smith, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren, all of Yuma. Bro. Nelson is survived also by four sisters: Inez Blair and Isabell Plotner of Oklahoma City, Nora Roberts of Odessa, Texas, and Uella Correl of Plains, Kansas.

Bro. Nelson lived for Christ to his last breath and is sorely missed by his many friends. Bro. Tom Broadway conducted the graveside service in Yuma, Arizona.

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1977 Meetings

Waterford, Calif.--June 12--Guest speakers

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

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

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28