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

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THE CHURCH

Is it necessary to be a member of a church to have the divine promise of going to heaven? If it is necessary which church is the right one?

In the second chapter of Acts we have a record where three thousand who were baptized were added to the church. Verse 47 "*And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*" This one verse proves that those that should be saved were added to the church. Then if those that should be saved were added to the church those that were not added to the church should not be saved. It proves that the divine recorder considered church membership necessary to a promise of salvation.

Which church is the one to which the Lord added the saved? It had to be in existence at that time or the Lord could not have added the three thousand to it. Then any church that came into existence hundreds of years after that time could not be the right one. But says some one, "Are not all the churches right?" I am writing this article for those who profess to believe that the Bible is God's word. Then to the Bible we must turn to find if more than one church is taught therein. Turn to Eph. 4:4 "*There is one Body and one spirit.*" Eph. 1:22,23 "*And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*" I Cor. 12:27 "*Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*" These three references teach One Body; that body (church) of Christ.

In Matt. 16:18 the Saviour said, *"Upon this rock I will build my church* It is Christ's church; the one he purchased with his blood. See Acts 20:28. Is it right to call it by any other name than the one used in the book? Acts 4:12 *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

Excerp from STOP! LOOK! REASON!
by G. E. McCay
(to be continued)

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

The church which meets in Yuma, Arizona is still growing. Willard McLear was baptized in November and he and Sister Nora Prinke were married and moved to San Pablo, California. They report they have really enjoyed meeting with the saints in the church there.

Eva and John Givens were baptized. They used to attend when the church met at Somerton. We are so glad they are meeting with us now. Sister Joyce Morris is able to be with us again. We are all praying she will gain strength and good health again. Bro. and sister Davis from Somerton have been under the weather but are mending now. Bro. Harry Dye, who now lives in Parker, is home after quite a rough time in the hospital at Yuma. Lord willing, Bro. H. Orendorff will hold a meeting July 3 to 10 at Baron, Oklahoma.

Bro. Horace Orendorff
Yuma, Arizona

Greetings from Bellflower Congregation,

Everything is fine here except for the usual colds in winter time.

Some of us attended the Chico meeting, which was very uplifting, spiritually speaking. It was very nice to see so many trying so hard to do right.

We thank all visitors we have had here since the last paper and invite one and all to come again and be with us.

We had wonderful news that eight new members were added to the church at the Yuma congregation. We know everyone will be happy to hear about the Good News.

In Christian Love from
Bellflower Congregation,
Bro. Claud Perigen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the richness of God's blessings refresh all of you and strengthen you. We all have cause to be thankful.

The church here is doing well. We have had no great illnesses associated with this time of year; we have had an easy winter this year thus far. It has beer convenient for us to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ these past few weeks by study and discussion among ourselves.

We had visitors over Christmas holiday. They were Wes Orendorf, Robby, and son Karl from Encinitas, California.

We seemed to have arranged a meeting date for this summer here. We are counting on June 12-19. The speaker will be Brother Sammy Boen, from Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Let us express our hope that we would like to see anyone who can be here for the meeting. We think we can benefit from your presence and glorify God.

As we all move into this new year, let us uphold the name of our Lord and be recipients of His grace.

Written in the love of Christ,
from the church at Glenwood, Wa.

Greetings to all the Brethren wherever you may meet,

I am writing in regards to the Baron Church of Christ. The church here is doing very well. We are having good attendance on Sunday morning services, however, some have been absent because of sickness. Bro. Hayse Morris has been quite ill and spent quite a while in the hospital, but he is home now and we had him in services today. We are very glad to have him back with us.

We would like to announce our Gospel Meeting which will begin next July 3rd and will end the following Sunday night, July 10th. Brother Horace Orendorff, from Yuma, Arizona, will be doing the preaching. We would like to invite all who can to make plans to attend this meeting. The Baron Church is located in Adair Co., Oklahoma, about eight miles north of Stilwell and about seven miles south of Westville, on highway 59. Adair County is a beautiful area at that time of year, with many lakes and streams. It is the ideal place for vacations. You can enjoy your vacation and also hear the Gospel preached. The brethren would gladly welcome you into their homes if you need a place to stay, or if anyone has a camper or mobile home, there will be plenty of space to park.

Psalms 133:1 says, *"Behold: How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

May God bless each and every one,
is our prayer.
James F. Brown

Nine maps have been sent to the Courier. All have been printed and are sitting in stacks waiting to be sent to you. The reason they have not been sent is due to the high postal rates. We are in the process of applying for a bulk mail rate, which would reduce the rate to two cents per map. This is a substantial savings. If it becomes apparent that the bulk rate will be delayed too far into the future, we will attempt to send the maps to you by conventional mail. Keep the maps coming in, and sooner or later we will get them to you.

--The Editors

BAPTISMS

Yuma, Arizona: Willard MCLear; Eva and John Givens

MEETINGS

Camp Meetings: Waterford, California--June 12-19--Guest speakers
Yakima, Washington--June 25-July 6--Guest speakers
Delta, Colorado--July 18-25--Guest speakers

Meetings: Port Orchard, Washington--June 12-19--Sammy Boen
Baron, Oklahoma--July 3-10--Horace Orendorff
Lorenzo, Texas--Aug. 21-28--Kelly McCay and Greg Staley

BIRTHS

Joshua James Jared- Born to Perry and Kristen Jared of Yakima on Jan. 14.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The delay in receiving the COURIER the past several months has been due to problems with the typewriter. This has led to the recent purchase of a new typewriter. Details will be included with the financial statement for 1976. The only reason for lateness in the future will be a lack of news and articles. PLEASE WRITE.