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

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GOING INTO PERFECTION

To start this short study out we will begin with II Pet. 1:5-11. *"And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience and to patience godliness ; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barron nor unfruitful in the knowledge or our Lord Jesus Christ. But; he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

We know that we need have no fear, because in Phil. 4:19 it says, *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

In Matt. 6:25-33 we are told to take no thought or worry about, what we shall eat, drink, or be clothed with, "...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

If we need help we must not be afraid to ask for it, Heb. 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I will close now with one last verse, Matt. 16:24, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.""

In Christian Love of the Brethren,
Errol Forsman

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.....NOW

There are many things we need to think about and plan when we start to build. First, we start at the beginning.....REPENT. In Matt. 4:17 "...Jesus began to preach...Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In Gal. 2:18, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." When we start to build a new life in Christ we can not go back to the things before.

Next, we have to have plans or blueprints. Eph. 2:21 "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord."

We all know that wisdom is very definitely needed when building. In Prov. 9:1 "Wisdon hath builded her house....."

The foundation has to be solid, Eph. 2:20 "...And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

For what future must we build for? In Luke 12:16-21, we can read how a certain rich man worked for this life, but it didn"t get him a very good reward, did it?

We can read in I Tim 6:18-19 that we are to be rich in this world. Not with material wealth but "rich in good works."

To build yourselves up and to edify each other (Jude 20 and I Thess. 5:11) are two other items that we can not over look.

For a building to stand against trials and tribulations we nust have a strong defense. Eph. 6:10-17 plainly states that we must be strong in the Lord and to"put on the whole armour of God."

We must work together in unity, Eph. 4:13, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;...."

Closing with this thought, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1

Sometimes we start to study verses from the Bible and as we study and try to learn, we realize that we don"t know some of the meanings of the words that we are reading. Most of us have a little bit of an idea of what the words mean.

Here is a short list of words that we can all learn and increase our vocabulary. The words are found in II Peter 1:5-7.

"And besides this, giving all diligence (haste), *add to your faith* (put in trust, believing), *virtue* (uprightness), *and to virtue knowledge* (enlightenment), *and to knowledge temperance* (self-control), *and to temperance patience* (to bear up under, endure); *and to patience godliness* (to exercise piety, to worship); *and to godliness brotherly kindness* (love of the brotherhood); *and to brotherly kindness charity* (love, generosity, kindly concern)."

II Pet. 1:8 *"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

In Christian Love,
Charlie and Kathy Burt
Lorenzo, Texas

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

Just a note to remind everyone of our meeting to be held by Brother Howard McCay from Yakima, Washington, starting July 2, through the following Sunday. This particular week was chosen by the brothern here in the hope that the holiday falling during this time (4th of July) might enable some to come who wouldn't ordinarily have enough time off work to attend. We all look forward to seeing as many of our Christian friends as possible during the busy summer months at various meetings held across the country. We are strengthened and uplifted by these infrequent meetings and by the Christian association with fellow laborers in the Lord"s vineyard. We all must work with the world in our jobs but we need the spiritual buoyancy of getting together with our brothers and sisters in Christ who share the same goals and objectives in life, building on that firm foundation which is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The congregation at Bellflower extends the invitation to all to come and hear Brother McCay. He is a very capable and knowledgeable speaker. We are small in number and need the help and support of any who can worship with us at any time, but particularly hope to see many visitors for this weeks meetings.

For those that don't know, the address of the church building is 9914 Arkansas Street, Bellflower, California. Sunday morning services start at 10:30, Sunday evening at 6:00, and customarily at 7:30 during the week of our meeting. Phone numbers: (213) 866-0656 Claud Perigen; (714) 842-1633-Al Way; (714) 842-1251 Jerry Perigen.

We hope to see a lot of our friends and acquaintances and some we have yet to meet. Our homes and are hearts are open to all.

Jerry Perigen
Bellflower congregation.

Dear Brethren,

Just a word of news from the Randlett, Oklahoma congregation. We just finished the first weekend meeting of the month, March 5th. We had a very good turn out, thanks be to God. We had visitors from the following congrgations: Broken Bow,Okla.-Lugret,Okla-Loco,Okla.-Seymour,Texas-Lorenzo,Texas-and New Castle,Texas. We also had visitors from Burkhurnett, Texas and Ashland, Kansas.

We surely enjoyed the fine Christian fellowship and the most wonderful singing and lessons. It sure is spiritually uplifting for such a small congregation. Our heart-felt thanks go out to all who took part and time to join us. all who have not been to one of these weekend meetings have surely missed some wonderful fellowship of God's people.

We are sorry to report the passing of Brother Jack White of Munday, Texas. He died on March 1st. All from Randlett are well at the present time.

For the Church at Randlett, Oklahoma,
Brother Leroy Mullens

Dear Christian Friends,

We are having good visiting weather in Yuma now. Anyone that remembers how hot it gets had better hurry. Brother and Sister Steve Nelson and their girls, Stepanie and Melissa, have moved to their new home in the Yuma Valley. Sister Virgie Childress is able to attend services after a broken hip and wrist kept her down for several months. Brother and Sister Tony Brister are here for a while from Colorado. Grandpa and Grandma Lytle are enjoying the extra love they are getting from Jackie Elaine. Brother and Sister Jerry Orendorff and children, Debbie Julie and Randy, were here for Christmas. Grandma and Grandpa enjoyed hearing Randy, who for the first time, gave a lesson here. Brother and Sister Mike Wilcher were here for a few days before their youngest

daughter Melinda Jean was born. Grandpa and Grandma Boling got to spoil Caleb, Grandpa and Grandma Dye got to spoil Cassandra Jo for a few days before they all settled down.

We really appreciate the effort everyone makes to get to church here. We have had several visitors. We lost a precious family when Brother and Sister Larry Ethridge moved away. Sure hope they keep in touch.

The Church that meets in Yuma

Dear Brethren:

We wish to announce our Gospel meeting here at Gardendale. It will be June 11 through June 18, and our speaker will be Bro. Elmer H. Hunt, of La Harbra, Calif. We wish to invite all that can come. There are places for those who wish to bring campers or trailers.

So load up the kin folk, and Grandma and Grandpa and you all come.

Please note the Blue Store on the corner of Hiway 158 (Zinnia is now a Countryboy Restaurent, we are one block south of 158.

Yours in Christ,
The Brethren at Gardendale Church of Christ
N.E. Bergstrom

The Courier,

Dear brethen in Christ we would like to recieve the paper. Wejust learned recently the address. 3 copies will be enough. Please send

one copy to our son Clyed Lynell Couchman
3419 Purdue St.
Hyattsville, Maeyland 20783

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hope all are in fine health and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

All here are in fine spirits and concerned about all the other children of God through out the land.

Oletta and Steve Spurlin are the proud parents of an 8lb. 6½oz. baby boy, Justin Lee.

All of us here at the Lorenzo congregation are very pleased at the fact that Sisters Reba and Ellen White are in the process of making their living quarters here for a spell. They are still recouperating from the death of Reba's husband, Jack White of Munday, Texas. Prayers for them would be very much appreciated.

Will close for now since I'm out of time and news. Please remember us in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are as well as can be expected. We are 71 and 74 years of age and March 7th we will be married 49 years. The Lord has blessed us very well.

We will be looking forward to having you in June. Our meeting in Stanton, Texas starts June 11 and goes through June 18. Lords Day services June 11 will be 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. June 18 will be 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. through the weeknights 7:30 p.m. Dinner at the church each Lords Day.

If anyone is passing that way please stop and attend some or all of the meeting. The number to call is 458-3335.

Submitted by Brother Hunt
From Brother Bergstrom
Stanton, Texas

BIRTHS

Brother Bobby and Sister Teri Lamb of the Yakima congregation are the proud parents of a baby boy, born April 26. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. They named him Brandon Nicholas.

Brother Dennis and Sister Kay Bentz of the Chico congregation are the proud parents of a son, born June 10. He weighed 7lbs. 2 oz. and is named Ryan Scott.

Brother Steve and Sister Oletta Spurlin of the Lorenzo congregation are t proud parents of an 8 lb. 6½oz. baby boy, named Justin Lee.

OBITUARIES

Brother Nate Lytle, 15 year old son of Brother and Sister Elvin and Ann Lytle died in a motorcycle accident May 13. Funeral services were May 16. He was a member of the Yuma congregation. We deeply regret the passing of this loved one, but know that while we cannot bring him back, we can go to him.

Brother Jack White passed from this life March 1, 1978 at the age of 63. Survivors include his wife, Reba, two daughters, Reba Ellen White, of Munday, and Mrs. Marsha Kittley of Haskell, Texas; a son, Jacky Wayne of Abilene, Texas; a brother, Truman of Knox City, Texas; and a sister, Mrs. Rhonda Davis of Spade, Texas. Brother White was a member of the Ogden Church of Christ in Seymour. We regret to hear of his passing.

We are also greived to report the death of Sister Rachelle Wall, in February 1978. She was born in Yuma, Arizona, May 11, 1956. Survivors include her parents Jim and Barbara Huddy, of Yuma; her grandparents Brother Dony and Sister Mary Long of Summerton, Arizona; a son Patrick, and a daughter Tiana Faaleilei; two sisters, Debbie Williams, and Jamie Creek; and a brother Rocky Huddy; all of Yuma. Brother Claude Perigen came from the Bellflower, Calif. congregation to hold the services in Yuma. Sister Rachelle and Sister Debbie were baptized in July, 1977, in Yuma. Everyone in the Yuma congregation misses and greives for our loss.

MEETINGS

Gardendale. Texas - June 11-18 - Elmer H. Hunt

Chesterton, Indiana- June 11- 18 - Claude Perigen

Goshen, Arkansas - June 11 - 18 - Stanley Goodwin

Waterford, California - June 11 - 18 - Ken Harper

Bellflower, California July 2-9 Howard McCay

Lugert, Oklahoma July 8 -16 - Camp meeting with guest speakers

Lorenzo, Texas - July 23 - 30 - Jerry McCay

Port Orchard, Washington - August 20 - 27 - J. D. Logan

Yakima, Washington November 19 - 26 - Al Way

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PHILIPPIANS 1:2-

2. Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

4. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good woek in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: