FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,

AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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Following is the conclusion of the article written by Bro. Elmer Hunt. It was started in the August issue and continued in the Sept. issue.

CHRIST had already said that He would build His Church upon the fact Peter stated in Mat. 16:16 as they were talking. Then in the verse 19 Jesus said "Kingdom". Peter had revealed that "Thou art the CHRIST, the Son of the living God". In verse 20: " Then charged he (the CHRIST) his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ". But on that Pentecost Peter certainly told everyone. "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, AND ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". Verse 41: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day THERE WERE ADDED unto them about three thousand souls". Just as IS. 2:2-3 said. GOD ADDED THEM. In verse 47 of Acts 2: "And the Lord added to the CHURCH daily such as should be saved".) Christ's Church was there then. Was it His KINGDOM? In Col. 1:12-13 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,--to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ----"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON: IN WHOM we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins". "For He is Lord of lords, and King of kings"...

"And He is the head of the (His) body, the Church". His Kingdom. In His body is His spirit; those in Christ have guidance and comfort of his holy spirit. He will never leave us if we remain alive by the gift of the Holy Spirit. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: (Rev. 20:6 and read all of it) "on such THE SECOND DEATH HATH NO POWER,(Verse 14 + 21: v. 8+2: v.10-11 and let's read on-20:v.6)"but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Verse 5, "But the (rest of the dead"(READ Rev. 18: BABYLON (CONFUSION & WHORE,17 v.5) IS FALLEN)--DEAD. THE WORD OF GOD PREVAILED. Ro. 6:3-11, Christ's death, burial, resurrection. He redeemed US if we had part there in; read again verses 3 & 5, ETC.

REVELATION 19 and 20: SEE 10:1,2 and 7-9 and 15-16 and in Rev. 20:5-"BUT THE REST OF THE DEAD (unredeemed??) lived not again until the thousand years were finished". Man can repent yet; be born into HIM---BELIEVE, CONFESS IF YOU BELIEVE IN HIM, REPENT and BE BAPTIZED--------. 1 Cor. 15:16-23-"If in this life ONLY we have hope in CHRIST --".

"THEN COMETH THE END, when HE shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;--, (vs.24 then 25)"FOR HE MUST REIGN, till HE hath put all enemies under his feet (26) THE LAST ENEMY that shall be destroyed is DEATH". Verse 28,"AND when all things shall be subdued UNTO HIM, then shall the SON ALSO HIMSELF BE SUBJECT unto HIM THAT PUT all things under him, that GOD may be all in all".

Faithful until death,
Elmer H. Hunt

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In this life, you never get something for nothing. The dollar bills that each of us have, (even though it seems like we don't get to have them very long--), have a certain amount of responsibility with them. If we take money, without the responsibility of spending it wisely, then we are like the man who wanted to follow Christ and be a desciple, but not enough to part from his money.

The apostle Paul said, (1Tim. 6:10) "For the love of money is the root of all evil:" . We must realize that the love of money can, and does deceive each and every one of us. I am the first to admit that money has snared and entrapped me. I also know that no matter how much people make, they spend it, and they always want more. Paul says, "And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content, (1 Tim.6:8) So I ask myself, how can I justify or feel good about always working for more, when the work of the Lord goes undone?

Did you realize that Christ was not rich? He didn't even have a place to lay his head! (Matt 8:20). I mentioned that to bring out a point. Do you think that he didn't know how to make a lot of money? Certainly not. Apparently, he thought other things were more important.

The church today is not in need of financial help. Yes, we can use money for those who occasionally need help, and for the spreading of the gospel, but while we're so busy getting the money together, who's doing the spreading? The harvest is ready. We do not need any more time spent gathering money, we need laborers to bring in the fruits. Let our storehouses (that is; our churches) be full and overflowing. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:" (Jn. 4:36).

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"HONESTY"

1. God required it of Isreal.

ye shall do, no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the Lord. Lev. 19:35-37

2. Right in its nature.

A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight. Prov. 11:1

3. Should be invariable.

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Rom. 12:17

Yes, God has always required man to be honest. Honest in our dealings with each other, and honest with our dealings with the world.

Can we be dishonest with each other, and then say we are honest with God? Many times we go out of our way to be honest with each other, and then cheat God. How? By taking all he has to offer, and giving back only part of what he asks! We cheat him out of our time, out of our money, and out of our love.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the

flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Rom. 13:13-14

We need to be making provision for our soul. Christ said he would take care of our fleshly needs. Yes! We must be honest with all mankind, but much more than that, let us be honest with God through Jesus Christ.

With Love,
Bro. Al Way

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently I was blessed in being able to attend the meeting held at San Pablo, where many of our brothers and sisters were discussing the Courier. Through their discussion I received a new insight about our paper.

I have been belssed many times throughout my Christian life, and I find one of my greatest blessings is my brothers and sisters in Christ, who I rely on heavily. I have also been blessed by being in a congregation which is reasonably large and quite active.

The reason I bring this out is that although I have always looked upon the Courier as a means of receiving news and for some spiritual uplifting, the brothers and sisters at the San Pablo meeting put forth a new image of our paper. They told about brothers and sisters in Christ not as fortuate as myself in that they do not have a great number of members of Christ's body with them to help them through life's ups and downs.

They brought to my attention that some of our fellow Christians rely upon this paper as almost the sole link with the Christian world for news and spiritual uplifting.

It is the endeavor of the Courier staff to do our best to put the paper out monthly. But brethren, this leaves a long time between issues without contact with fellow Christians.

Therefore I hope with your help to fill this empty space in their lives. I propose that we start a pen pal club, for all ages, but especially for the older ones who can no longer travel because of health or for other reasons cannot fellowship as often as needed.

Is there any of us who couldn't take a few minutes to write a letter to help a fellow Christian in need? Or on the other hand, is there any that wouldn't enjoy receiving news from a fellow Christian from time to time.

If you feel this is a worthwhile undertaking, please let us know. All we need is your name and address. Your age would be helpful, but is not essential.

Please write soon if you know someone that could use a friend, or if you would be willing to be a friend.

Sincerely yours in Christian Love,
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Dear Loved Cnes;

Well another month has come and gone. We here at Bellflower are blessed in God's rich love.

Our health has been good, and God has supplied us the needful things of this life. What more can we expect?

We've had one guest speaker this month, Bro. Jerry Brockman of Chico, Ca. Thank you Jerry for your efforts.

Bro. Claud and Sister Eunice have been on vacation most of September, and are home now. They were well overdue for a good rest, but it's sure good to have them home again.

There are some churches we may never get to visit, so lets please keep in touch through the Courier, it's our one way of reaching out and touching each others lives.

We love you. We miss you.

In Christian Love,
Bellflower Church of Christ

Dear Brothers in Christ;

We at Waterford were happy to receive the Aug. and Sept. issue of the paper. We missed the paper very much during its absence.

The congregation at Waterford is not growing in numbers but I am sure we are growing in grace and knowledge. We did have Bro. And Sis. Holmes move back into our area and she is attending services with us now. We are thankful for that. Bro. Holmes has had a series of strokes and is confined to a wheel chair and is unable to attend church services.

My wife and I were able to attend the Labor Day meeting at San Pablo where we were greeted with much hospitality and friendliness. Bro. Johnston preached four sermons, it was Sat. and Sun. only. There was good attendance and good lessons plus singing Sun. afternoon.

I would like to ask the churches everywhere to remember us in their prayers.

With Christian love,
L. E. Arnett

News from Yakima

It has been some time since we have written the news from here.

We at Yakima have been blessed this past summer with many visitors from several states. Our hearts were gladened and strengthened by this association.

The members from here who were privileged to attend the camp meetings in Oklahoma and California and other meetings, returned with very favorable reactions to the love and fellowship shared there.

We are also pleased to announce the baptism of Ricky Stopp of Portland, oregon.

Please try to send news from all of the congregations to the Courier as often as possible. News of happenings in the family of Christ, whether happy or sad, awaken memories of those loved ones we long to see and draw us even closer together.

In Christian Love,
Jerry McCay

EVERYONE WELCOME!

The congregation in Chico has asked us to welcome everyone to their meeting, which will be held Nov. 22-25. The format for the meeting will be the same as in the past. There will be guest speakers.

The Odd-Fellows Hall and grounds have been obtained for use during the meeting, so there is room for all.

These meeting are very uplifting for all who can attend.

If you would like more information, please contact:

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EDITORS NOTES

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our current bank account is approximately $400, but we will soon be purchasing more supplies which are quite expensive. While we are not asking for contributions at this time, they are always appreciated. In one of the next few issues we will try to give a summary of expenditures.

MEETINGS 1979

DATE	HOST	LOCATION	SPEAKERS
Nov. 22-25	Chico, Calif.	Chico, Calif.	Camp
Nov. 22-25	Cederedge, Colo.	Cederedge, Colo.	Camp

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June 15-22	Yakima, Wa.	Yakima, Wa.	Camp
June 22-29	Cederedge, Colo.	Big Spruce	Camp

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ
TREES OF THE BIBLE

1. What tree did God tell Adam not to eat of? (Gen. 2:17)_____

2. After Adam and Eve sinned, what tree in the garden did God want them to be away from? (Gen. 3:22)_____

3. Noah built the ark of what kind of wood? (Gen. 6:14)_____

4. Noah sent a dove out of the ark. What kind of leaf did it bring back? (Gen. 8:11)_____

5. What kind of trees are famous from Lebanon? (Judges 9:15)_____

6. When Elijah was discouraged, he sat under what kind of tree? (1 Kings 19:4)_____

7. The white head of an aged man was likened to what kind of tree by Solomon? (Eccl. 12:5)_____

8. Amos the Prophet was a dresser of what kind of trees? (Amos 7:14)
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9. Jesus cursed a tree because it had no fruit. What kind of tree? (Mark 11:12)_____

BIELE QUIZZES
FOR EVERYONE

1. Where was Jesus baptized? (Matthew 3:13-17)_____

2. What event followed His baptism? (Matthew 4:1-11)_____

3. Who were the first two disciples called by Jesus? (Matthew 4:18-20)
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4. Where did Jesus preach His longest recorded sermon? (Matthew 5-7)
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5. Why was John put into prison, later to be beheaded? (Matthew 14:1-12)
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6. In the transfiguration scene, what two great prophets who had been dead for hundreds of years appeared to talk with Jesus? (Matthew 17:1-8)_____

7. What did Jesus teach concerning riches? (Matthew 19:23,24)
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8. When Jesus was crucified, what inscription was posted over the head of the cross? (Matthew 27:37)_____

9. Jesus could have stayed in Capernaum and healed people indefinitely. Why did He go to other places? (Luke 4:42,43)_____
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10. When the seventy returned, thrilled at the power Jesus had given them, what did He say they really should rejoice over? (Luke 10:20)
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11. When the Pharisee and the publican went to the temple to pray, why was the publican's prayer accepted? (Luke 18:9-14)_____
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12. Who offered his own new tomb for Jesus' burial? (Luke 23:50-53)____