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

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THE FRUIT OF FAITH

In II Peter 1:5-11 we find we are to "....*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.*" And if we abound in these (that is if we have a bountiful supply of these things in our life) "...*they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (it means we go on knowing the things of God). Our faith <u>will</u> increase with knowledge and knowledge <u>will</u> increase as we grow.

In I Peter 2:2 Peter tells us that we are, when baptized, new born babes. And we should desire to know what the commands of God are, so we can learn to keep them. Because <u>all</u> things become new in our new life.

Romans 6:1-6 We put off the old things we once did to get farther away from that kind of life. Instead, we have ..."*love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.*" (Galations 5:22) And we start bearing "*one another's burdens.*" (Galations 6:2). To prove we are new creatures, a different people. We will be very careful, and dilligent to see we are different for we cannot do the things we would like to do (Galations 5:17); for we are a changed people, or we should be. Then we can bring forth the fruit of rightousness. The fruit of rightousness is doing what Christ commanded by the apostles.

Here are some of the things they commanded. Titus 3:14 "*And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful*".

Titus 3:8 "...*And these things...affirm constantly* (always keep telling) *that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works....*"

And some good works are.....Romans 15:26 "It pleased them of Macedonia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints"... In verse 28 Paul called this fruit--yes fruit of righteousness.

In Phil. 4:16-19: Paul said to them that they had "sent once and again unto my necessity..." "I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

And in Col. 10 "...being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." And finally Heb 13: 15&16 "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Sincerely yours in Christ

Brother Lloyd Treat

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR PAPER?

Could you answer the following questions?
Who publishes the Courier?
Where is it published?
Who finances It?
How many Couriers are published and where do they go?
Who can write articles and letters to the Courier?

Hopefully in the next few paragraphs I will be able to answer these questions to your satisfaction. I strongly believe this is your paper and that you have every right to expect your staff to keep you as well informed as possible.

The Courier is published by brothers and sisters in Christ who, as individuals, feel the time and effort they put forth is worthwhile to accomplish the Courier"s publication.

At the present time the Courier is being published by the brothers and sisters who attend the Yakima, Washington congregation. I would like to put forth at this time that all material published in the Courier is not necessarily held to the views of the Elders or members of this congregation. It is published by individuals, not by the congregation.

Who finances the Courier? It is financed through donations only. Hopefully the time will never come when the word ofGod has a price put

on it. All money received goes toward the Courier publication. No wages, salaries, etc.

How many Couriers are published and where do they go? At the present time we are printing approximately 600 papers that are mailed through out the United States, hopefully to everyone that wishes to receive one. We mail single issues as well as large packets. We prefer larger quantities whenever possible because the price of mailing per copy goes down considerably.

Who can write to the Courier? Anyone can write to us, and we would always love to hear from you. But it is the belief of some of our brethren that only men can have published articles. I Timothy 2:12 "*But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*" So, as far as general articles in the Courier I will not knowingly publish an article written by a woman. However, I feel there could be exceptions made, even to this. In Titus 2:3-5: "*The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers at good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*" Therefore, sisters, I feel if an article was written by one of you that was addressed to the young women and fell into this category, I would be obligated to print it.

It is also my opinion at this time that news letters do not fall into the category of teaching or usurping authority over men. I will therefore accept and print news letters from the sisters, unless the brethren can show me where this stand is wrong.

The Courier staff is always at your service. We will try to publish a paper as close to the first of the month as possible. But the actual publication time will usually be determined by whether or not we have enough letters and articles to publish, for lack of response is usually the big hold up.

I will close with one thought. In the newspaper world there is a saying, "No news is Good News." Meaning that there is no bad news to report. But to us, no news is bad news, for it means that either we are do-nothing Christians or that we are too lazy to report it.

Written in Christian love,

Robert Farley

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

To the Courier;

The church here is small, but we keep meeting and we are thankful for being able to meet. We have some sickness among the members but that is the way life is. I am not any better and my hand hurts when I try to write; so I don't write very often but will try this writing and hope it can be read. So all pray for us here, we need your prayers,

The church at Broken Bow, Ok.

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We at San Pablo wish to express our thanks to all of you who attended our meeting. Richard Johnston brought some very good lessons.

We certainly enjoyed visiting and worshipping with you and invite you back whenever you can come our way.

May our Father continue to bless you with His love, strength and guidance.

In Christian Love,
San Pablo Congregation

Dear Brethren;

Summer is almost over in Yuma; not quite 100 degrees today.

Sister Nelson is doing almost the same. Brother Ralph Jones is confined at home also. Brother John Givvens has been in the hospital twice and is still there.

The rest of us are doing fine.

Yours in Christ,
R. Horace Orendorff

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Time, so much and yet so little. Just when we think we have some, it slips through our fingers and is gone forever. Use it wisely, you won't see it ever again.

Another month has gone. God be thanked for our health and happiness.

If Christ had returned last month, how many of us would have been ready? If Christ comes next month, how many of us will be called?

We live as though we are going to live forever---here.

We should live so we can live forever----there.

No news this month from Bellflower. We are doing well.

Stop by and see us when you can.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Chico meeting Thanksgiving. Until then, God bless you, and keep you in His Son's dear love. (A place we can always be, if we just Do)

In Christian love,
Bellflower church of Christ

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again the congregation at Chico, California, is planning a Thanksgiving Meeting. There will be four days of spiritual upbuilding, singing, and fellowship with other Christians from throughout the brotherhood.

We have acquired the same accommodations as we have had in the past. It will be held at the Odd Fellows Building on the north edge of town. There is plenty of parking space and room for sleeping bags at the hall.

The meeting will start with a Thanksgiving Dinner at 3: P.M., Thursday, November 22nd, followed by the first service at 7:30 that night. The remaining three days will be filled with two or three services a day with guest speakers singing, trips, and a lot of good Christian fellowship.

As before, there will be no charge. Meals will be provided. So pack, get everyone together, and come join us for a weekend of Christian fellowhip in beautiful Chico, California.

Those who attended the San Pablo Labor Day Meeting will surely agree it was an enjoyable weekend of Christian fellowship.

We were saddened by the death of Sister Clara Alta Mahan, a long time member. She was born in Trimble, Illinois, November 20, 1892, and passed away September 8, 1979.

We rejoice in the baptism of Martin Brockman.

Hope to see you Thanksgiving.

In Christian Love,
From Chico Congregation

Brethren & Sisters in Christ;

The congregation here at Gardendale is doing fine, all well. We had our first of the month meeting Oct. 6th & 7th, and many blessings were shared. We had two baptized, Jeff Kreiger and Robert Biddy. Robert is from Odessa, Texas and Jeff is from the Carlsbad, New Mexico congregation. We are always happy to have visitors from the other congregations to come and worship with us.

In Christian Love,
The Gardendale Congregation

P.A. Steven is home now for four months and he is doing great. The Lord has certainly blessed us and Steve during our trying time. Thank you all for remembering Steve and us in your prayers.

Brethren;

Our brother, Ken Baldwin is sick, as you noticed in the news. And I am sure he could use some help. It doesn't take much from each one to make a lot. For if a church has 35 members and they each one would give one dollar per month, that would be 35 dollars a month to help someone that is sick. From just one church! And who would miss just one dollar?

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Lloyd Treat

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We have had quite a number of our members ill at times this last month. Our prayers are for their speedy recovery. Although we are sometimes forgetful and do not always tell them. They are always missed and their absence reminds us of the importance of each and every one.

We have had a number of fellowship gatherings to work on the church building, to eat together or just to enjoy each other's company. Any excuse for Christians to get together is a good one. This might be a good time to tell all who might not know that the first Sunday of each month we try to have fellowship all day long. If you are in the area we would love to have you share this with us.

In Christian Love,
Jerry McCay
Yakima congregation

BAPTISMS

Debbie Orendorff	Sept. 9	Port Orchard, Wn.
Martin Brockman	Oct.	Chico, Calif.
Jeff Kreiger	Oct. 7	Carlsbad, New Mexico
Robert Biddy	Oct. 7	Odessa, Texas
Paul Forsman	Nov. 4	Port Orchard, Wn.
Tom Lider	Nov. 4	Port Orchard, Wn.
Lori Forsman	Nov. 11	Port Orchard, Wn.

DEATHS

Sister Clara Alta Mahan — Born Nov. 20, 1892 in Trimble, Illinois
Died Sept. 8, 1979 in Chico, Calif.

1980 MEETINGS

DATE	HOST	LOCATION	SPEAKERS
June 22-29	Cederedge, Colo.	Big Spruce	Camp
June 15-22	Yakima, Wash.	Yakima, Wash.	Camp
June 29-July 6	Bellflower, Calif.	Bellflower, Calif.	Bill McCay,Sr.

The following people were at one time receiving the Courier, but for reasons unknown their last issues were returned to us. If you can furnish us with a current address, please re pond as soon as possible.

J. R. Kellems

Mrs. Shoemake

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Aastrom

Dennis Brown

Larry Couchman

Oliver Pumphrey

John Shepherd

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ

BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

1. What two birds did Noah send out from the ark after the flood? _____Genesis 7:7 _____8:6-13

2. Which king brought Peacocks into the land of Isreal? _____IKings 10:2

3. Elijah was fed by what kind of birds while he was hiding from Ahab? _____I Kings 17:6.

4. What bird did Jesus use to illustrate God's care of his people? _____Matt. 10:29

5. The Israelites might use what two birds as sacrifices? _____Luke 2:24 _____

6. What bird is brought to mind when remembering Peter's denial of Christ?_____Luke 22:34

TREES OF THE BIBLE

10. What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb when he wanted to see Jesus? _____Luke 19:4

11. What tree is planted in the midst of the paradise of God? _____Rev. 2:7