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

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BEAM IN OWN EYE
MATTHEW 7:1-5

Here Jesus is giving instructions on our judgement of others and not first considering ourselves to see if others can see anything wrong with us. For if we teach I John 2:15-16, that the LUST of the flesh, eyes and pride of Life, is of world and say we can't partake of those things, and yet others see in us new homes and cars, furniture, clothes and boats, new fishing equipment, and are always going to some kind of worldly entertainment, will they not say "look at you". When we try to teach them what John said in I John 2:15-16, so the beam in our eye is our own Lust for the things of life here in this world, but Jesus said Matthew 6:19 "Lay not up treasures upon earth; for in Matthew 6:21 He said "where your treasure is there will be your heart also." In Matthew 6:24, "no man can serve two masters," which is, 'Earthly things' and God! For he will love one and hate the other; as I John said: we cannot love God and hate our brother. For covetiousness is also a beam, Matthew 6:32-33. We cannot seek the church first and the things of the world at the same time. In Luke 12:15, 'a man's life consist not in the abundance of the things we posses,' and we are warned here to take heed and beware of coveteousness. In Matthew 4:4 'man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God: (our wants which are lusts)

James 2:1-3 causes us to try to pull the mote out of our brother's eye and can't see our beam or the things our brother sees in us. James said ye lust and have not, ye ask and receive not, because ye want to consume it on your own lust. (That is) use it for ourselves and not for God: and because of this we are tempted, James 1:14 When we are drawn away of our own lust and enticed and when lust is conceived (which is set in our minds) it then brings forth sin or causes us to do the things we have desired: and we die, James 1:15. From the love of God: which is to love our brother as I John 5:1-9 commands. James 2:15-16 said, if a brother or sister be in need and we say be warm, clothed and filled, and we don't give them their needs, because we have spent what God gave us for him on ourselves. Our beam in our eye (or wants) has been too great, so we don't have any left for our brother; and we transgress God's law--I John 3:4 and we die, James 2:15-16. James 2:21, so we can't be justified before God by faith, for we don't have any works to go with our faith' Abraham did and we don't. James 2:8; we are to fulfil the royal law according to scriptures; to love thy neighbor as self. In James 4:11, to speak evil of our brethren and to judge our brethren is to speak evil of God's law and be a judge of his law=-yet we just can't keep from telling how bad our brother is and how we can't fellowship him because he just doesn't believe like we do; so he is wrong. And we can't fellowship wrong. The question is How do we know that we are not the one that is wrong? No, our own beam won't let us think we are wrong, so we become a judge and not a doer of the law. So we have bitter envy and strife in our hearts, James 3:14, and can't see because the beam is so large in our own eyes. So we get angry at our brother because he won't yeild to us and we quit having fellowship with him and he quits the church. We sin because, James 1:19&20, "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God"

We can't say to our brother with the mote "you can't get angry." while we have a beam and can get angry. I John 1:7 "If we walk in Light, as he was in the light we have fellowship; James 1:19&20 "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to wrath and slow to speak". and James 1:22 "to be doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving our ownselves". James also said in James 2:12 "So speak and do as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty, and do not have respect of persons". Also in James 2:9-10 "for if we do, we commit

sins and are convinced by the law as sinners, for whosoever keeps the whole law and yet breaks one of the commands is guilty of sin. James 2:17 says "Faith if it hath not works is dead".

Paul told Titus, Titus 3:1-9, that we are to do every good work if we expect to have eternal life. This was what was wrong with God's people under the old law.

Ezekiel 33:32 "And, lo thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not" In Hebrew the third chapter, God sware in his wrath that they would not be saved because they believed not, and they were not. So a promise is left us of being saved if we listen and obey.

In love to and for all
Bro. Lloyd Treat

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

A New Year, and always the hope of better things to come.

The Bohonna Mt. congregations near Huntsville, Ark. are all doing ok. Some winter time flu and such.

We are really very small in number now, so many have dropped out or passed away. Anyone passing through, please feel welcome to come visit us. Visitors are always such a pleasure in a small congregation.

We have no new members to report, but we would like to announce the birth of our baby boy born Dec. 19, 1979. His name is Mark Tyrell Daniels. This is our little miricle from the Lord. We were married twenty-six years before he was sent to us. What a blessing.

Bro. & Sis. Melvin Daniels
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Dear Brethren,

We of the Gardendale congregation are doing pretty well with the exception of several of us having the flu, but hopefully we're all on the mend now.

Remember us here at Gardendale in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
The L. C. Barkers

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have been enjoying a lot of warm sunshine recently. Everyone is looking forward to our meeting over the Labor Day weekend, here at San Pablo. Al Way will be speaking. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship of all of you who attended last year. We hope to see you again and also those of you who couldn't make it last year.

God Bless you always,
San Pablo congregation

Dear Brethren,

We at Bellflower have had a comparatively quiet month. Most of us have been blessed with good health, outside of the normal colds and flu.

Sister Clause has been out of town and Brother and Sister Jerry Perigen and Brother and Sister Claud Perigen made a trip to Yuma, Arizona to attend Sister Juanita Nelson's funeral. We were sad to hear of her passing but happy to know she had been a member of the church for fifty years, attending the Somerton and Yuma congregation.

We are looking forward to our meeting and hope to see a lot of our Christian friends.

In Christian love,
The Bellflower congregation

We had the privilege of visiting with Bro. Roy and Sis. Mattie McCay and the congregation at Springfield, Ore. After services we had dinner at the church and good fellowship. Bro. Roy's granddaughter Sis. Debbie Manning, her husband James and 3 day old son, David James were in attendance. The baby was born Feb. 28th, weighed 8lb. 4oz. Good luck and God bless you all.

The church there has four new members, Sis. Edna Martin, Janet Parham, Justin Limley, Judy Jacabson. They moved to the Eugene area from the bay area of Calif. They came asking for prayers and reinstatement with the church. We're always happy to hear of those who still wish to serve the Lord.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Anna Lee Roberts have moved to their new house on the coast at Dune City, just South of Florence. They've been building it the past 2 years, they drive into Springfield for church. Bro. Dale is doing pretty well, health wise, he has treatments regularly for the cancer. Let's remember him in our prayers.

We in Yakima are doing fine. Plan a birthday celebration for Sis. Phebe McCay March 22nd, who will be 92 years young. Having showers for the new baby crop that's coming on, and making plans for our spring camp meet. We're always busy. Hope the gas doesn't get too out of hand and you can all make it here come June.

If you are planning to attend our camp meeting we would like to hear from you, telling us when you expect to arrive so that we will have some idea how many people we should plan on accomodating. We would also like to hear from you brethren who would like to participate in the church services (ie: preaching, leading songs, etc.)

In Christian Love,
Bro. & Sis. Bill McCay, Sr.

BIG SPRUCE CAMP MEETING
June 22 to 29 1980
Cederedge, Colo.

Everyone is invited to spend a week of Christian fellowship, gospel singing & preaching.

Rooms for couples or families, Dorms for boys and girls, all with good beds, each room is ground level, no stairs to climb or overhead noise. Bring bedding or sleeping bags & pillows & flashlights.

3. Nights are cool, bring jackets or sweaters, No Shorts Please!
4. Hookups for campers & motorhomes.
5. Bath house with hot showers & a place to bathe the little ones.
6. A nursery and fenced playground for the little ones.
7. Kitchen and dining room with a fireplace & lots of room.
8. The little chapel among the spruce trees has a fireplace, cement floors, P.A. system for better hearing.
9. Located under a big spruce tree in one of the near by creeks that trickle by the Camp is a beautiful place that has been made into a place to baptize.
10. All of this is FREE. We do not plan to charge for anything. (All we need is you.)
11. The Big Spruce church camp is located 5 miles from the Happy Hollow church of Christ.
12. Take hiway 92--east from Delta, go 5 miles to junction 65--to Grande Mesa. Turn left onto 65, go to Cederedge, go straight through Cederedge on 65 toward Grand Mesa, from Cederedge go 3½ miles to 2494 on the right, follow the signs, the camp is off of the road a little ways. Road to camp is paved.
13. Last year Glendale, Ariz. church of Christ helped to sponsor the camp meeting.
14. We need a sponsor for this year. Please!
15. Big Spruce Camp meeting will be annual, it will be the last week of June each year.
16. Please help to make it successful by participating! Plan your vacation now!
17. The camp will be ready to check into June 21, Sat. & check out time is 30th on Monday.
18. Kids the Ole dinner bell is there too for you to ring. For any information please write or call.
19. Bro. Bud Wilderson's
Rt. 2 1605 2125 Br.
Cederedge, Colo. 81413
ph: 303-856-3703

Bro. Ron Herbert's
Rt. 1 Box 51
Austin, Colo. 81410
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Bro. Ken Baldwin, Box 138 Delta, Colo. 81416 Ph: 874-4531

In Christian Love,
Happy Hollow church of Christ

20. Phone at the Big Spruce camp is 303-856-3741 if you need to leave a phone number where you can be reached.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We of the church of Christ in Yakima, would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our camp meeting this summer. The date of this meeting is June 15-22.

We will be having guest speakers during our meeting.

For those of you coming to the meeting with your own beds (motorhomes, campers, tents, etc.) we will make sure that you have a place to set them up. If you need a place to sleep when you get here, we will be more than happy to share our homes with you.

We plan on providing all meals for any that come our way. Our homes will also be open for laundry and showers.

If it is possible for you to tell us ahead of time that you plan on coming we would appreciate it. This will help us in our preparations. On the other hand if your decision is spur of the moment, please don't hesitate, come anyway.

If you would like to speak or be included in the services in some other way please let us know.

We hope to see many of you this summer, so we can all be built up by Christian fellowship and God's word.

We hope this finds you all well. Our prayers are with you.

In Christian love,
Richard Johnston
for church of Christ, Yakima, Wash.

FAITH? WORKS? or LOVE?

Faith without works is _____. James 2:17
Faith without love is_____. I Cor. 13:2
Works without faith_____. Heb. 11:6
Works without love profiteth_____. I Cor. 13:3
Love without works_____. James 2:16
Love without faith_____. Heb. 11:6
What is the proper combination? Gal. 5:6 .....but FAITH WHICH WORKETH BY LOVE.

1980 MEETINGS

DATE	HOST	SPEAKERS
March 30-April 6	Modesto, Calif	Al Way - Kelly McCay
~~June 15-22~~	Yakima, Wash.	Camp
June 22-29	Cederedge, Colo.	Camp.
June 29-July 6	Bellflower, Calif.	Bill McCay, Sr.
July 13-20	Chesterton, Ind.	Tom Broadway
Aug. 3-10	Port Orchard, Wash.	Robert Farley
Labor Day Weekend	San Pablo, Calif.	Al WAy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We feel we owe you an explanation on why the Courier is late and why we chose to publish one issue for two months.

Until a few days before the Courier was typed, we didn't have enough material to publish an issue.

We will try to publish the paper as close to the first of the month as possible, if the material comes in. We published this issue for March and April trying to get material ahead.

If we could receive the articles and letters by the middle of the month it would help us to meet our goal of getting the paper out by the first part of the next month.

Yours in Christian Love,

The Courier Staff