FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,

AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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"BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN UNTO MEN"

(Matthew 12:31=Hebrews 6:4-6)

A

Neither in this world Neither in the one to come

The Holy Ghost is God's spirit or will, yet is referred to by different names. Proof of this is found in John 14:16, is called "the comforter", in verse 17 "the Spirit of Truth", in verse 26 "the comforter which is the Holy Ghost". Jesus says in John 6:63 "*the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are Life*".

B

The results of misunderstanding

Those who pray for the Holy Ghost to fall on them, do not believe Jesus sent the Holy Ghost like He said He would in John 14:16, and that He would abide with us forever. If one prays for the Holy Ghost

he's admitting he does not have it. Since the Holy Ghost is also the Spirit of truth, he does not have this either, and is the same as a self confessed prevaricator, by his own actions. All one has to do to correct this error is notice John 14:23 "*If a man love me he will keep my words, and my Father will love him and we will come unto him...*"

C

"When repentance is impossible"
Hebrews 6:4-6

Before one can commited the sin against the Holy Ghost from which there is no forgiveness they have to: No. 1: once been enlightened; No. 2 tasted of the Heavenly gift; No. 3 been partakers of the Holy Ghost; No. 4 tasted of the good word of God and the powers of the world to come. If after all this, one should fall away, and deliberately speak against the word of God there is no more room for repentance. Even a new born babe in Christ, has not attained to that high of a position in the Church, yet leaders or preachers have, and those who for selfish reasons left God's word, how many of them have <u>you ever seen come back</u>? Paul writes in Hebrews 6:8-11 and seems to give a strong clue as to why some fell away such as in verse 8 "*That which beareth thorns and briars, is rejected whose end is to be burned,*" verse 9 "*We are persuaded better things of you, that accompany salvation,* verse 10 *God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love which ye have showed toward His name*" (LIKE AN APPEAL FOR SOME NOT TO DESPAIR) verse 11"*Everyone of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.*" May we all remember <u>to never say</u> that scripture doesn't mean what it says. May we all humbly follow <u>His word</u>.

In Christian Charity,

Bro. Harry Wegley

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

One of the things the Church needs today is renewed interest and dedication. It is so easy to put off and let someone else do the work that we become slothful in our duty. There are so many worldly attractions that draw our interest away from our Lord and Savior. We should all be concerned about this problem. King Solomon gave us some good advice when he said in Prov 20:4, *"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing."* We are told in Ezra 7:23, *"Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven."* Remember we are only pleasing satan when we become spiritually lazy or indifferent.

We recently enjoyed a week's meeting with Bro. Tom Broadway doing the preaching. Two were baptized, Dawn and Jamie Ferrell, and two came forward asking for the prayers of the Church.

We were very glad to have Bro. Larry Brockman from the Chico congregation here for part of the meeting.

We welcome anyone traveling the midwest to visit and worship with us.

For the Church of Christ
Chesterton, Indiana
Charles Jared

Dear Christian Friends,

The church that meets at Yuma, Arizona is still going strong. Brother Ralph Jones and Sister Virgie Childress are unable to attend because of poor health. Everyone else attends most of the time.

Some people seem to be having trouble finding our building. If you look for State 95 south toward Old Mexico, the road turns at the lights off of 16th street, then go south through lights on 24th street and the church is on the left about 28th. This is still on State 95. The church is off the pavement, about half a block. We hope everybody will visit us, Sunday morning and night, and Wednesday evening at 8:00. (In the winter time, that is.)

In Christian Love
The church at Yuma

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We thank all the members for attending the meeting. Our apologies for not having better directions. Thanks for all the support from the other congregations. We didn't have many visible results but inwardly all who attended were strengthened.

we're very happy to have the Powless family from Port Angeles now in Port Orchard. Pat and Don Foundation and family are now up this way from California. We are happy to have them worshiping with us.

Sister Jean Orendorff from Yuma is up visiting her son Jerry and family.

In Christian love,
The church of Christ
Port Orchard, Wash.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A great big thank you to each and every one of you that attended the Big Spruce Camp meeting at Cedaredge, Colo. this year. It was a great success because of all of you faithful brothers and sisters that made an effort to come and help with the camp meeting. Thanks to the congregations that sent money to make it possible to have the camp meeting. It was a great rewarding camp meeting. Several baptized and several restored. Lots of good gospel sermons from our young brothers The singing was great and the christian fellowship among the young and old was beautiful. Thanks to our sisters for all of their help in the kitchen, also to the young folks for all their help in the kitchen, dining room and everywhere. You young folks are wonderful and we appreciate you. Thanks to our brothers that helped with the dishes, mopping and yard cleanup and everything. Just a big, big thank you to all of you. We appreciate all of you.

1981 Big Spruce Camp meeting will be June 27th to July 5th. Be sure to make plans now for next June 27th to July 5th, 1981.

All of us here at Happy Hollow church of Christ, Cedaredge, Colo. send our love. God bless and keep you all in His loving care 'til we meet again.

Happy Hollow church of Christ
Box 188
Delta, Colo. 81416

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Aug. 16, 1980

We here at the Glenwood Church of Christ finished our meeting last Sunday.

Bob Farley did a wonderful job and we were all helped by the lessons he brought. There were a couple that asked for the prayers of the Church.

We thank the ones that came from other congregations to help us and I am sure they also received help from the lessons they heard. The Church at Yakima was mostly here at one time or another.

Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon there were about eighty two here.

The Lord was good to us in giving us good weather through the meeting. We enjoyed our brothers and sisters each day they were here.

As Paul did in the 16th chapter of Romans we would like to send greetings to all that are in Christ Jesus. I can't name them all, but we still have love for all.

Ellen and I hope to get over to the meeting in Yakima during the Thanksgiving week.

Love to all
Robert McCay
For the Glenwood church

1930 MEETINGS

DATE	HOST	SPEAKERS
Nov. 22-29	Yakima, Wash.	Claud Perigen

1931 MEETINGS

June 27-July 5	Cederedge, Colo.	Camp

BAPTISMS

Dawn Ferrell Chesterton, Ind.

Jamie Ferrell Chesterton, Ind.

A RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN

1 large grassy field
6 children
3 small dogs
a narrow strip of brook with pebbles
a deep blue sky

Mix the children with the dogs and empty into the field, stirring continuously. Sprinkle the field with the deep blue sky, and bake it in a hot sun.

When the children are well browned they may be removed. They will be found right for setting away to cool in a bath tub.

Store them overnight with a Bible story and a warm bed.

All the ingredients are not always available, but God's love is always avaliable.

"Train up a child in way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

LIVING THINGS

Fill in the blanks.

1. "He would have given thee living_____."
   (John 4:10)

2. "Man became a living _____."
   (Genesis 2:7)

3. "I am the living _____which came down from heaven."
   (John 6:51)

4. "Every living _____that I have made will I destroy."
   (Genesis 7:4)

5. "Divide the living _____in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."
   (1Kings 3:25)

"COMPLAIN"

A noted preacher had a special black book labeled "Complaints of Members Against One Another."

When one of his congregation told him about the faults of another, he would say, "Here is my complaint book. I will write down what you say, and you can sign it. And when I have time I will take up the matter officiantly, concerning this brother." The sight of the opened book and the ready pen had it's effect. "Oh, no, I couldn't sign anything like that", they would say.

In 40 years this preacher never got any one to write a line in it.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who was David's third son? (II Samuel 3:2,3)
2. How many left-handed men were expert at slinging stones? (Judges 20:16)
3. What was Amos before he was a prophet? (Amos 1:1)
4. Who was the first man of whom we know to set up a tombstone? (Genesis 35:20)
5. Who was the brother of Moses? (Exodus 6:20)
6. How many days did the great flood last? (Genesis 8:3)
7. In what city was Paul born? (Acts 9:11)
8. Where were the Christians first given this name? Acts 11:26)
9. Where was Solomon's temple built? (II Chronicles 3:1)
10. How many virgins were there in the story of the wedding feast? (Matthew 25:1)
11. Where was Jesus born? (Matthew 2;1)
12. Whom did Jesus bring back to life? (John 11:43)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Courier is on the road once again. After the meeting in Yakima the week of November 22-29, 1980 the Courier will be moving to Bellflower, Calif. in the capable hands of Brother Al Way and Brother Jerry Perigen and the brethren at the Bellflower congregation.