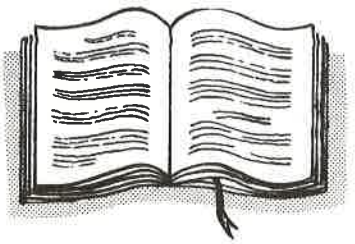
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HIS BODY AND BLOOD

We read in John 6:53-58; "Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.." Was this hard to understand when Jesus spoke these words? Yes, for when His diciples heard Jesus say this, "many of his disciples said, this is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ___[John 6;60] (NIV) In fact it was so hard many of his disciples forsook Him. [John 6:66] "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said of the bread: "This is my body," and of the cup; "This is my blood of the New Testament." [Matt 26:26 & 28]

Apparently this remains "a hard teaching" for many refuse to "accept it" as written so they ADD the word 'represents'. They say, the bread represents His body and the cup represents His blood.

When we worship God in spirit and in truth, as John says we must for "God is a Spirit", it is no longer "a hard teaching" and we can readily "accept it."

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LOOSENING OF SATAN

[Rev 20:3]

Here in Rev 20:1, we see Satan bound for 1000 years, then in verse 3, he must be loosed for a little season. (verse 4) We see thrones and judgement given to some people, then those that were beheaded for for witness of Jesus, a great group of people was to worship the beast

or his image, or receive his mark or number. But our study is on the turning loose of Satan, so we can judge for ouselves. Some ask; 'is Satan bound? If so why so much sin?' Well, let us see where Satan was cast down to. [Rev 12:9] Satan was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him; So, where you find Satan you will find sin. We know that this is his kingdom and sin abounds. But where did Jesus sew his seed? The seed of the Kingdom? [Luke 8:11] We'll let Jesus tell us where he sowed his seed. [Matt 13:38] The field is the world and the reapers are the angels: So we see that the seed of the children of the Kingdom and were sowed or planted in the world.
But [James 1:27] said we were to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. [John 18:36] Jesus said his Kingdom was not of this world, so if not of this world, then we can't partake of the things of the world. [Rom 12:1-2] So if Satan was bound it would be out of the Kingdom. The church. Since we the chruch are planted here in this world as a light of the world, we can't be a light and at the same time be part of the darkness (world) or worldly minded. [Rom 8:7-8] For we are dead. [Rom 14;23] So how is Satan loosed a little season? Let us look at our examples. [Samuel 7:3-5] Here the children of God was serving ASHTA-ROTH and BAALIM, strong gods like the world around them. They were doing just like other people. But they were to be a peculilar people. Different from all the others and so are we. [1 Peter 2:9] But they had turned Satan loose among them by the things they were doing.
[1 Sam 12:9-12] Samuel would not sin against God in that he did not cease to pray for them. So we see in [Jer 8:11- - 9:24 - - 18:15] They had forgotten the Lord and burned incense to vanity and caused the people to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths. To walk in paths in a way not cast up. Which is; walk in ways not ordered by the Lord. Well today, what about us? What are we doing? Are we not doing the same thing? [Rom 10: 17] Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. [11 Cor 5:7] We walk by faith or by hearing God's Word. [Rom 14:23] If it is not His Word it is sin, and death by sin. [1 Cor 3:16] Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you. If any defile the temple of God him shall God destroy. How do we defile the temple? (BY SIN) [1 John 3:4] [11 Cor 6:16] What agreement has the temple God with idols? For ye are the temple of God as God hath said; I will dwell in them and walk in them and will be their God and they will be My Children. (v 17-18) Wherefore come ye out from among them (the worldly people) and be ye seperate sayeth the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you: What is the thing we are not to touch? [Luke 8:14] Cares, riches and pleasures of this life; which is doing like other people. [Rom 12:1-2] [Eph 4:17-21] [Eph 5:7] Be not therefore partakers with them. Do not dress, or go to the same places and do the same things they do. [Rom 2:1-3] Look around you, see what they

do. They wear things that pertain to man. [Duet 24:1-5] God said not to, even if they go nearly naked and are wrapped up in pleasures, they fornicate. [1 Cor 6:7-10] If not in the flesh, they do so in spirit. [Matt 15:8-9] and Isaiah said that they have gone into captivity, in 5:13, because they have no knowledge. [Isa 5:8] Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth. They have become so much like the people around them that you can't tell the difference in them. Oh how can we be a light to them if we are like them? How can we say let me show you the way, when we are doing the same thing? [Rom 2:3] Jesus said first cast out the beam out of our own eye. Get ourselves in line first. How can we tell our children not to show their nakedness when we show them ours? [Gal 6: 7-8] Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever you sow that you shall reap. We send our children to school and they teach them how to have sex and be safe and then we try to tell them that it is wrong before marriage. Who are they going to listen to if we don't teach them right from wrong at an early age? Them or us?

Yes we turn Satan loose by what we do and he is rampant now in one thing or another, and sometimes in what we do because of the lack of Godly fear. How long that little season will be before the Lord calls time no longer? I don't know. But I pray to God for you all, to help us know and see what we are doing before it is to late for us.

Yours for the love of the truth.

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THE BODY OF CHRIST, A SPIRITUAL HAVEN

In the days of the apostles, congregations were established across the land. Congregations were composed of believers who came together for the purpose of worship and to fellowship with others who were also set apart from the world. The congregation was a spiritual haven, a place to retreat from the stormy life of worldliness. Those who were the shepherd or guide of the congregation were men of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. They knew right from wrong and were persistent at teaching the congregation members the precepts of Christ and the Apostles.

One of the corruptions cited by historians in tracing the Body of Christ, is that of political forces. Someone was voted in as the head of the entire body. Other officers were chosen to command geographigal areas affected by the church. Doctrine, changed at whim, was handed down to the members. The name of this political force became the Catholic Church.

Another corruption of Christ's Body was revealed in the Corinthian letter. Immoriality from the world had crept into the congregation and the members were allowing it. Paul heard about it and chastised them for it. The problem resolved. What would be the outcome have been had Paul not stepped in and given leadership to this spiritually young congregation?

Both corruptions deal with leadership. The first was leadership from the wrong place and the second was total lack of leadership. Leaders were selected in Apostolic times [Acts 14;22-23] and guidelines established for future ones [Timothy and Titus]. The job was entructed to men. Read 1 Tim 3 and visualize what sort of man this is to be. Whether seen by his fellow man in the world or by his brethren in the Church, he must be a prime example of spirituality and not worldliness. [James 3:1] Warns we should not all be masters (leader/teacher role). Leaders and teachers know right from wrong and are judged if they do not uphold it.

Leadership is local only. It is not appropriate for any man to directly affect another congregation through leadership and it would be shameful for a congregation to allow it.

How does leadership work? Let's think of the song leader. He announces the next song. He begins the song by establishing the first note and the pace. The audience joins in, doing their best to follow along accurately. As long as everyone follows the leader, the song sounds very good. That is because everyone does the same thing. Now what happens if everyone decides to sing the song in his own way? It would be complete chaos. That is why we watch and listen to the leader, follow his lead, and continue to get feedback from our senses to make certain we are in unison.

Have you ever noticed that the audience sings a little slower than the leader, no matter what the speed? The leader must be strong in order to carry the other singers to the end of the song at the same pace or they will get slower and slower. Spiritual leaders are the same. They must set the pace and set the standard. The members of the congregation will follow (some with plugs in their ears or to their own tune), but usually a little behind, with a little less effort. If the leader is not strong in spirit, knowledge, and understanding, he will be dragged down by the heavy feet of apathy. The leader (s) must push on to the end to succeed. That is why it is so important that a leader's principles be as close to the intent of the scriptures as possible, taking the high road whenever given the opportunity because the tendecy of followers is to take the low road whenever possible. When the leaders end up taking the low road, the congregation is in deep trouble. Leadership, when taken seriously, is not a fun place to be. It is a serious and sometimes difficult job. Always, decisions

must be made in the interest of the good of the entire congregation, not personal gain or prestige. Members may be unhappy with one or more leaders occasionally because they don't agree with a decision made. It takes extra effort, but someone must lead for the good of the congregation.

But what have we in the Body of Christ today? Has corruption been allowed to creep in? Have conggregations become political and social groups rather than spiritual groups in a morrally starved world? Who are your leaders? Does each possess the qualities necessary to keep each member on the straight and narrow through instruction, conversation and example? Think of your congregation while answering these questions:

1. Is there a hierarhcy in your congregation based upon family family ties (royalty) rather than a joint responsibility of member based on Scripture?
2. Do your leaders make continual growth in the knowledge of understanding of the Scriptures and teach you from the meat of the Word rather than continnually milk?
3. Are lessons usally based on wide, sweeping generalities of love, mercy, and peace as our denominational friends preach, or do they often deal with specific sins, habits, virtues, and remedies as Christ and his Apostles taught?
4. When you ask advice from a leader, does he take genuine interest in your problem or does he tell you it's your problem, do what you think best?
5. Does your leader use information learned in confidence against you when it suits his purpose?
6. Do your leaders try to intimidate you so they can remain in 'power' or do they use reasoning from scriptures to influence you to trust in their decisions?
7. If a stranger or a brother from elsewhere should stop to worship with you and the leadership is aware that that man's character or his actions are in question, do the leaders have the courage to make a stand against his participation in the worship services? Or is the main concern one of hurting his feelings or making his relatives angry (politics)?
8. Is your leader currently one who was in the church many years, left the church in favor of the world, wallowing in the mire, and then returned to take over his position as a steward of God? Are you led by a man like this? Please read [2 Peter 2:12-22] and [Hebrews 6:1-6]. There is question whether such a person can even commune again with God; but to lead His children????
9. Could your leader(s) be nick-named Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence? Has the lust of popularity and prestige clouded his ability to reason and carefully regard God's Word?

10. Do your leaders allow others of unsound doctrine to take control of the services, meetings, councils, or decision making processes? Do they allow bullying techiques from other brethren?

These are just ten measures of leadership. There are many more. Let us think seriously on these matters. We were left with the responsibility or guiding the souls of mankind to heaven. Let's not shrink from our responsibility.

Everyone has the right to worship in a congregation with sound leadership. I can find no reference in scripture which suggests that God's intention was for some men and women to be destined to worship in a congregation with corrupt leaders. There are several alternatives to this problem;

A. A man is a leader only because he has followers. No followers no leader.

B. Worship somewher else. There are some who whold try to convince you that it is unchristian or you are splitting the church if you decide to worship elsewhere. It is neither.

The truth is, restrictions such as these would come only from a demominational headquarters. However, the Church of Christ is neither denominational, nor has a headquarters. If your conscience leads you to worship without the influence or corruption, then you have that right. It has its difficulties, but it is an alternative. A political observer said many years ago; 'The people of a country have the sort of governmental leadership they deserve.' Could the same be said about the members of the Body of Christ and its leaders?

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A GLORIOUS CHURCH

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." [Eph 5:25-27] In this text of Scripture is described a wonderful institution, which the apostle describes as a "glorious church". And so it is. There are three outstanding points in this scriptrue, we shall notice seperately.

FIRST: Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it. That love that God [John 3:16] and Jesus had for the church, staggers our power of thought. The price paid was stupendous; "And gave Himself

for it, which He hath purchased with His own blood." [Acts 20:28]. What a value Christ place on the church. No one who beholds what divine love was shown, and the awful price paid, could be respectful to God and Christ and speak a disrespectful word of the church.

A father or mother might forget their children under extreme circumstances, but our loving Heavenly Father and His Son never forgot us when we were lost and steeped in sin.

SECOND: The church was to be sanctified and cleansed. Whatever it means to be "sactified and cleansed" we shall see later. But it was to done "with" the washing of water "by the Word". We can see at a glance that this "washing of water by the Word" is the point where the "sanctification and cleansing" takes place. So it is important to know exactly what the Holy Spirit through Paul meant when he said "with washing of water by the Word."

THIRD: But in all of this, Jesus had a definate purpose, and that purpose is expressed in the next verse. "That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

There must be something abnormal about men and women who do not love and respect an institution like that. God, the architech of the universe, Jesus our loving Saviour, loved it with supreme love; and placed a stupendous value on it....the death of our Lord. How dare we disrespect it, or value it less! Could we be respectful to the architech of the church, yes, and its' builder, and call it a "non-essential?

No, indeed, God and Jesus would not have loved "nothing" so much. Neither would Jesus have paid such an awful price for "nothing", a "non-essential". We know what it means to be, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." We also know what it means to be "Holy and without blemish". Such dazzling beauty of character is not hid from our vision. This is the church in its finest state. When they step off the shores of time and are ushered into eternity to dwell in that home that Jesus has gone to prepare for them.

Since the church is to be "sanctitifed and cleansed" with an act called, "the washing of water by the Word", we might ask the question, cleansed from what? How? "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Her it is plainly stated the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanses us from all sin, but let us not over look the condition upon which this cleansing is done. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light:" Then we have the blessed assurance that "the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." [1 John 1:7]

What is the light we must walk in? [Psalms 119:105] "Thy Word is light." So we see to walk in the light is to walk in His Word, or to walk in the Light of His Word; which are one and the same thing. So when we walk in, or according to God's Word, the Blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sins. What is sanctification and how is it accomplished? [Exod 19:23] We see Sinai "sanctified" by placing bounds about it. So here it means to "set apart". [Isaiah 8:13] "Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself....." This could not mean for the people of God holy, for He is already holy. But since this instance the "sanctifying" is something for the people to do. It could mean for them to set the Lord of hosts apart in their hearts ABOVE everything else. THis is borne out by [1 Peter 3:15] "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts."

Speaking concering the priesthood, [Exod 13:2] "That thou set apart unto the Lord all that openeth the matrix." So we see that sanctify and set apart are used interchangeably in these two verses. Then to sanctify, is to set apart. With reference to us: to be set apart to a holy calling. How are we sanctified or set apart, and cleansed with the washing of "water by the Word"? We will make no guesses, but lets see what the Bible says. We are not left to guess at just what is meant by the Word in New Testament times. Peter tells us; "This word which by the Gospel is preached unto you." [1 Peter 1:25] But where is water in sufficient quanity to be called a washing found in the Gospel? Baptism! Baptism is described as a burial; [Rom 6:3-6]. [Col 2:12] Baptism is in water [Acts 8:36]. So baptism must be the washing of water by the Word. Jesus said; "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Of course a saved person would be cleansed from sin. Also when he is saved he is sanctified or set apart. Paul tells us [11 Tim 2:21]; "If a man therefore purge himself from these He shall be a vessel unto honor, SANCTIFIED, and meet for the Master's use, prepared for every good work." So when a person believeth and is baptized, saved: he has purged himself from his sins and is sanctified and meet for the Master's use. Notice it was with the last act commanded, Baptism, that the sanctification and cleansing took place. The only thing in the Word that is washing of water by the Word.

Again [Acts 2:38], on the day of pentecost Peter told the people; "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." Here again it is by baptism, the wahsing of water by the Word.." that the people were cleansed from their sins. In verse 41 he says: "Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thoussand souls." Note "added unto them". In other words "set apart with them" or "sanctified." So we again see that "with the washing of the water by the Word," people are sanctified and cleansed.

In [Acts 22:16] Paul was told; "Arise and be baptized and wash

away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Here too in baptism (the washing of water by the Wore) Paul was saved, cleansed, sanctified.

This glorious church, Paul tells us in [2 Cor 11:2] is a "chaste virgin" presented unto Christ. But remember it is by this washing of water by the Word we are sanctified and cleansed, that He might present it unto Himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; But that it might be holy and without blemish. [Eph 5:25,27]

Hence before the washing of water by the Word, Baptism, they were unsanctified, unwashed, unclean, unholy, spotted, wrinkled, blemished. A lot of preachers want the Lord to have this kind of bride. For they want the Lord to accept people before they are sanctifed and cleansed with the washing of the water by the Word. But the Lord Himself commanded baptism. [Matt 28:18-20] Let us obey our Lord as He has directed that we may "with the washing of the water by the Word", have all these blemishes removed. Not by baptism alone. But with baptism preceeded by faith; [Heb 11:6]; Repentance: [Acts 17:30]; confession; [Acts 8:36-37]; [Romans 10_17].

Do you want to be part of this glorious church? Let us then remember God wants everything He has commanded. We have no right to add to or take from God's Word; [Rev 22:18-19]; "For I testify to every man who hears the prophesy of this Book, If any man shall add to these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. IF any man shall take away from the Words of the Book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the thing that are written in this Book." Let us make sure of our inheritance by obeying the Lord in all His commandments. Then all will be well with us in that great day.

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ARE WE CONDEMNING OURSELVES?

[Rom 14:22]

Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. We see how we can condemn ourselves not just by what we do and say, but also by what we don't do or say. THe church has been badly hurt in the past, because brethren, like the provential ostrich, has buried their heads in the sand and refused to see what was going on. Not taking a firm stand agains error and allowing sin to come into the church of the Lord. In 1835-45, the church in the United States

numbered around 145,000 loyal members and was growing fast. In 1869 instrumental music came in and took a large toll. In 1880 the Sunday School and Women Teachers came and took a great number more. About 1910, individual cups were introduced and many more faithful were drawn away. In 1930 the Non bread-breaking came along and many more were drawn away. So we can see what has happened because people allowed themselves to be deceived or just set idly by and allowed innovations to come into the church. If the membership as a whole had stood up and "Fought the good fight of faith," these things could not have happenned, but they allowed them to happen, seemingly not wanting to cause friction. Now in 1986 it is inovations in our personal lives which are drawing many of the remaining few away from the Lord. The question is; 'are we going to sit by with our heads in the sand and allow it without speaking out against these things of the world and so condemn ourselves, rather than speak out possibly offending or hurting a brother or sister who think thay have a liberty to do as they wish? Many times in the Bible we are warned of the constant battle between Christ and the Devil for our souls: "The flesh waring aginst the Spirit, but the decision to be Spiritual or Carnal lies within ourselves. [Rom 8:5-6] "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally (worldly) minded is death, but to be Spiritually minded is life and peace. [James 4:4] "Ye adulterers and adultereses know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God. But the brethren cry 'it is our liberty. All things are lawful so we can do what we want just let us alone and don't judge us.' So do we back off? Do we allow these things to go on in our midst and in so doing, condemn ourselves? Or do we take a stand against worldliness? Of course the big problem is that all the people do not have the same definition for worldiness. It would seem to me that if it is not of faith it would be of the world, and visa versa. Some time back, Brother Treat asked brethren to define worldiness and to date I haven't seen an answer.

Is it because our views do not agree with God? [Gal 5:19-21] Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these. Adultry, witchcraft, fornication, uncleaness, lasciviousness, idolotry, hatred, varience emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkeness, revelings and such like, (these last two cover a number of sins) But these shall NOT inhereit the Kingdom of God." [Mark 9:21] Adds, "evil thoughts, thefts, covetousness, deceit, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness." [Eph 5:3] "filthyness, foolish talking. [Eph 4:31] Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, malice. [Eph 5:11] Have no fellowship with the unfaithful works of darkness. But rather reprove them. QUESTION: Do we reprove them or do we allow them and thus condemn ourselves? Space does not permit the definations of all these and other words but it would behoove us to look these words up and see what they mean. We might be surprised to see all the worldliness we are allowing.

A number of articles have been written on some of these with much opposition from some who seem not to be satisfied to just be christians but want to be worldly christians and such are not found in the Bible. Christians, Yes. Worldly, Yes. But Worldly Christians? NO! Bro. Paul tells us in [Rom 14:23] "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Brethren, let us not condemn ourselves by those things which we allow. Let us strengthen the church instead of tearing it apart by upholding or allowing worldliness.

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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"

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DELTA, COLORADO

The Big Spruce camp meeting is approaching very fast. We would like to remind everyone that it starts Sunday, July the 5th, and ends Sunday July 12th, 1987. Saturday night the 4th, will be get aquainted time for all the new arrivals and for others to renew old aquaintances. The rooms will be ready to check into saturday afternoon, and R.V. hookups also. Check-in time will be announced later. We do not get possesion of the camp until late Saturday, but there is plenty of parking at the church for R.V.'s, and plenty of sleeping room in various homes, (bring sleeping bags) for those who come in early on Friday.

Start making your plans now to be at the meeting. We welcome you! There will be round-table discussions on any Bible subject requested.

These requests will be discussed each day in the dining-room, and will be for everyone. Men, women, young and old. The young brethren will also have their services. There will be services each night, and there will be many good sermons from those who do not teach worldliness, and who do not add or take away from God's Word. [2 Tim 2:15] There will be time set aside for fellowship in sight seeing, games, hay rides, fishing, etc... All new-comers, children, and all who wish to take part in all activities, you are more than welcome to do so. The week will be spent studying God's Word, praying together, playing together, and getting to know one another better. At this writeing, we hear of 12 congregations that plan to be represented, Lord willing. Let us hear from you in advance and send in the contributions also, to help with the expenses. Remember, there is no charge for coming to this meeting. It is free to everyone. It is held each year and is supported by contributions. The meeting will end July 12th, with the evening services. Checkout time is Monday, July 13th. Plan to say until Monday, or even longer if you wish. You are welcome. Lord willing our congregation at Delta (Cedaredge) Colorado will be in charge this year.

May God bless you all till we meet again.

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P.S. Nights are cool - dress accordingly - NO SHORTS PLEASE!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

LORENZO, TX	April 17 - 19	Henry Oliver
LORENZO, TX.	May 16 -17	Roger Walkingstick
LORENZO, TX.	June 21 -28	Ken Harper
BARON-STILWELL	June 14 - 21	Richard Johnston
[at Baron June 14-17 and at Stilwell June 18-21		
GOSHEN, ARK.	May 31 - June 7	Howard Taylor
CEDAREDGE, CO.	July 4 - 13	CAMP
WATERFORD, CA.	April 12 - 19	Rex Mickey
YAKIMA, WA.	May 1 - 3	Greg Stacy
PORT ORCHARD, WA.	June 28 - July 5	Harry Dye
YAKIMA, WA.	July 12 - 19	Harry Dye

BIRTHS

JEREMY D. HOUCHIN, born to Carol and David Houchin of Longmont, Co. on Feb.14, 1987. The proud grandparents are J.L.and Eunice Jared of Salem, Oregon. Our congratulations go out to the Mama and Daddy, and to the grandparents too. May God bless this little one and may he grow up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Editors note: The mailman must have gotten lost this month. Any News?