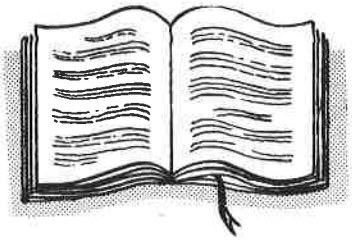
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ROMANS 15: 4-6

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for out learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Jesus Christ: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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JAMES REMEINDS US TO PRAY!

JAMES 5:13-20

"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall rais him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him. Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

"CONFIDENT"

By using this word for a title, I would like to point our thoughts to what this means to us as chrisians. This word, according to Webster, is 'having full belief, trusting, relying, fully assured trusting without suspicion; EXAMPLE: [Prov 14:16] "A wise man fearth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident."

In this study we want to impress the fact on our mind, that we, as members of the Body of Christ are fully assured that we are doing the will of God: That we have a hope, and that we are assured that we are ready to meet God. Whether young or old, having confidence that we are right. Let us look at some things that were written aforetime and see just how sure we are. [Eccl 11: 9-10] "Rejoice O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement. (12) Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh, for childhood and youth are vanity." Here the young are warned that God will bring them into judgement for youth is vanity. (12-1) They are commanded to remember their creator in the days of their youth, while the evil days come not. Now look at [Duet 32: 16-18] Here is a generation of younger people who provoked him (GOD) to jealousy with strange gods whom they knew not. "...that came newely up, whom you fathers feard not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee." (verse 28) "For they are a nation void of councel, neither is there understanding in them." So we see those people of God were confident in what they doing but it did not please God, as we read on through the writtings of Joshua and First and Second Kings, and in Psalms. [Jeremiah 2:13] "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountian of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (v 14) They were all spoiled. So we read on and see that in all things they were confident although they did not follow or please God. [Jer 23_31] "Behold I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. [Jer 25:7] "Yet ye have not harkened unto me, saith the Lord; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt."

They had, as we have seen, showed new gods; Let the world come up with something new, or different, and people took to it. Well, what has that got to do with us? First this happened to them and is written that we will not fall after the same example. [1 Cor 10:11] [Heb 3:8-19] and 4:11. We are commanded [1 Cor 10:12] to take heed lest we fall." Are we sure we please God.? Take heed to what? [1 Tim 4:16] Take heed to ourself: then to the doctrine and continue in them. Why? [1 Tim 3:5] For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how can he rule the church. If he can not be a young man lest being lifted up with pride, he falls into reproach and the snare of Satan. (verse 10) He must first be proven. Well, let us look at some of the churches that was so confident that they were OK with God. [Gal 3:1-5] Look and see what God thought of them. They were foolish and disobedient and was trying to serve God under another way: [1 Cor 11: 1-22] Here again they were confident that they please God, but they were rebuked for their unbelief. Also the church at Ephesus. [Rev 2:1-5] They had left their first love and would be lost if they did not repent and get back to their fist love. (What is our first love?) Think! This is a very little thing, but great in the sight of God. [Rev 2:8-10] These had some that were teachers of Satan and were to overcome also the church at Pergamos. They had the doctrine of Balaam. (What is this doctrine?) Do you know that they did not please God? Another church Thyatira, who suffered a woman to seduce his servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. And Sardis whose works were not perfect before God. [Rev 3:4-18] They were luke warm and did not please God, although they were confident and felt that they were alright with God. How about us. Are we sure and does God find fault with us? Does the world set the example of how we dress, live and places to go, and we follow? Or as God said: [Duet 33] do we follow NEW gods because everyone else is doing it? Does Paul stand in doubt of us? [Gal 4:20] THINK!

In love of the truth of the church.
Lloyd Treat

STUDY (continued)

To continue the line of study we have been following in past issues, I propose to take words or thoughts at random from the scriptures and investigate to determine the accurate meaning; the purpose of which is to attain a better understanding of God's Word.

[Acts 20:28] Contained in this scripture is the thought that is troublesome to many. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood:" I believe that all christians understand the meaning of the thought, but the construction of the wording creates some difficulties, which some, attempting to teach unscriptural doctrine will seize upon and decieve some. It bears looking into. The expression "his own blood" leaves the impression that it was God's blood (Jehovah, the Father) that was shed. We know that it is through the blood of Jesus Christ that we have redemption, [Eph 1:5-7; 2:13; Col 1:14,20] How can it be said then that "his own blood" (God's, Jehovah) was shed? Permit me to digress briefly to explain how this is used to prove an unscriptural doctrine. There are some in the denominational world who teach that there is only one person in the Godhead. Sometimes they are referred to as "Oneness-holiness" advocates. They maintain this scripture proves that Jesus Christ and God (Jehovah) are in reality one person. The original text reads: "Feed the church of God, which he aquired by the blood of his own---." It is obvious that this is an elliptical sentance, that is, "ommisviously understood--" (but not stated) We must supply the ellipsus. Whose blood was shed? Christ's! What is the relationship of Christ to God? HIS SON! The meaning is obvious. "..which he acquired by the blood of his own (Son, Lamb, Sacrifice.)

This scripture does not, then, teach that God and Christ are "one person" for we know this is not right. [Heb 1:1-9] It does teach; exactly what it was intended to teach; that is is the blood of (Jehovah) God's own Son which He used to purchase the church of Christ. We can see how the 'doctrines and commandments of men.' will all "perish with the using".

The Word of the Lord is a "mother-lode" of knowledge. To remove the ore you must dig deeply. Yours for the truth, J.D. Logan, Stockton, Ca.

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PROVERBS 25:25

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country"

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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We have quite a bit of good news to report from Baron this time. I hope I don't forget anything.

We mentioned in our last letter that we hoped for more baptisms soon. God has blessed us in that area. Since we last wrote, three more have joined the Good Shepherds fold. They are Sister Penny Gardenhire, wife of Brother Bobby. Sister Debie Wilson, wife of Brother Eugene. Brother L.D. Wilson, Brother Eugene's brother. We also had several brothers and sisters ask for the prayers of the church, including Brother Eugene and his Mom and Dad, Brother Darrel and Sister Reba Wilson, and Sister Sue Wilson.

Our fall, weekend meeting will be the first weekend in October. (10/2 through 10/4) Brother Roger Walkingstick of the Oklahoma City congregation will do the speaking. We are very excited. We appreciate our recent visitor, Brother Walter Spirlin was here in July with a daughter, and a daughter-in-law and several grandchildren. We only wish that they could have stayed longer. Brother Bob Eldridge and his lovely family were here a couple of Sunday nights ago. Though we couldn't talk him into giving us a lesson, we did unjoy their visit.

This past Sunday morning we had two sets of visitors. Brother Paul Andrews was here with his Mom and Dad, Brother Buen (?) and Sister Marge Andrews. Also Brother Lloyd and Sister Susie Treat were here. Although Sister Susie isn't completly recovered from surgery and a long illness, it was so good to see her up and well enough to travel. Brother Treat gave us an excellent lesson entitled "Do not be like other people." It is an important thought. This past Sunday was also the singing at Baron, which we enjoyed. Visitors included members of the Goshen, Ark., Stilwell and Broken Bow, Ok. congregations.

Sister Bonnie Gardenhire had a baby boy this past month. We rejoice with her, but do ask for your prayers for mother and baby. Sister Bonnie is the wife of Bro. Bobby, who passed away recently. We miss Brother Earl Atchley very much. Brother Earl of the Elk City congregation, passed away a short time ago. Brother Earl was so close for so many years that our family knew him as a PAL and Sister Nora as MOM. Please pray for her. A special thanks to Brother Howard Taylor

for his words of comfort at the funeral. We invite all to our meeting in October and welcome visitors any time.

In Christian love, for the congregation at Baron, Ok.
Brother Terry Warford

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LOCO, OKLAHOMA

As usual, it has been too long since we have written to the paper. My wife, Teresa and daughter, Kristal and I have had a pretty full and rewarding summer. As has already been reported in the August issue, we got to meet and renew acquaintances with brothers and siters at Furnish Canyon when I held their meeting in June. We saw some beautiful country and had some wonderful fellowship there. Howard and Leola Taylor came the last weekend and brought our daughter, Traci and Son-in-law, Tony Normile. When we returned home, Traci and Tony came with us, but Kristal continued on to California with Howard and Leola. After less than four days at home, Teresa and I headed to Bellflower for their meeting. Howard, Leola and Kristal met us there and Howard and I took turns speaking that week. As usual we were made to feel very welcome and loved. We had some fantastic fellowship there visiting with loved ones from several congregations.

Howard, Leola and I came home from Bellflower but Teresa and Kristal continued on to the camp meeting at Cedaredge. Traci and Tony met them there. Everyone reports the biggest camp ever.

Since returning home, we still have wonderful news to report. Brother Tom Broadway and wife, Charlene, came to hold out meeting. Brother Tom brought us some very uplifting and admonishing lessons, Danese Williams was baptized. Besides the Broadways' from Oregon, we had visitors from the congregations at Lorenzo, Tx.; Ringgold, Tx.; Newcastle, Tx.; and Randlett, Ok.. Thanks to all of you that came to support Brother Tomand our congregation at Loco. It is so wonderful to see and be with so many christians.

All in all, I believe my family has had a very profitable and uplifting summer. Let us all keep studying and growing in our Lord.

Audley Barnes, for the Loco congregation.

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PROVERBS 3:1-2] "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."

SALEM, OREGON

A THANK YOU NOTE:

I want to thank Brother and Sister Jared and my loved ones for their cards, letters and for their love and prayers, while I was in the hospital, and also when I came home. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

(P.S.) I have been home 2 Sundays now.

I love you.

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CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: (And Courier Editor)

We received the Christian Courier yesterday and we really like the new formant. We appreciate the good articles each month. Enclosed is a check to help out in publishing, etc...of the Courier.

In Christian love, Randolph and Olive Kellems

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ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing to report on the happings of the North Washington congregation of Elk City, Ok.. As some may have heard, Brother Earl Atchley, whom so many knew and loved so much, passed from this life on July 27th, 1987 after a short hospital confinment. He is missed very much by the church here at Elk City. Sister Nora Atchley is getting along pretty well. She is living at their home now and seems to be getting along real well in spite of her poor eye sight. We all do all we can to look in on her from time to time.

Also my mother, Sister Audrey Farrar fell and broke her hip the last of June, 1987 and had to spend a week in the hospital. But is getting over it very well. Since my father, Brother W.R. Farrar has to have someone with him all the time to help him and care for him, they are in the Rest Home at Sayre, Ok. She is getting along so good now, that we hope to see them back home real soon.

This leaves our attendance small but we are still carring on the worship each Lord's Day as we are commmanded by the Lord. Brother Jackie Warford and his wife from Stilwell, Ok. was with us on Sunday Sept. 6 and gave us a very good lesson. He was on vacation from his

job and came through to visit Sister Atchley over the week end. We all enjoyed seeing them and visiting with them. Also we want to invite anyone of the Brothers and Sisters in Christ to drop by and visit any time the opportunity arises when you are in the area. You can contact myself or Brother Glenn Jones.

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Even though we are small in number, we are continuing to carry on the Lord's services as always as long as the Lord is willing and with us.

Yours in Christ
Bro. Roy Farrar

P.S. All the members wish to make a donation to help keep the printing and distribution of the Christian Courier going. We dearly love to hear from the other congregations around the country.

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TO THE SISTERS
(and to some of the brothers who cook)

We have all heard of "Friendship Quilts". They are treasured over the years, and it is always a joy to read the names of loved ones who have signed the quilt.

We are hoping to receive preferred recipes from the sisters. These recipes would form a booklet for each of us to treasure as our "friendship quilt" or "friendship recipe book". Just think how nice it is to be reminded of a sister (or brother) when we use these recipes.

We have received recipes from some of the sisters and would like to hear from more. You may send your recipes to Jan Walkingstick. But Hurry, the collection ends Oct. 31. (Due date changed, due to late arrival of notice last issue) If you would like to receive a collection of the recipes, drop us a line. When they are compiled, they will be mailed to you binder-ready. You will pay only for the cost of printing and shipping.

Remember, we also will use recipes from brothers.

Thank You
In Christian Love

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LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dearest Brethren in Christ:

We at the La Habra Church of Christ, for the most, are doing well, praise be to God. There is some bad news and some very good news among us. We believe the prayers of all the churches are very much needed for Sister Ina Nunnally. Her health is failing very rapidly. Brother Hugh Nunnally's health is also failing, so please pray for him also.

We do have good news to share with everyone. Our beloved sister in Christ, who is my wife's sister, Clara Weber was restored to the faith after approximately 26 years. In addition, our beloved Brother J.B. Nunnally was also restored to the faith after a long period of time away from the faith. Sister Christine Serrano should be Mrs. Mike Burkhart by the time you read this letter. She and Brother Mike will be married on Sept. 19, 1987. Mike is a fine young brother in Christ and is very eager to learn and do his part in the Lord's Church.

My health hasn't been to good for a while now, but in a way this is a blessing, because we have had some quest speakers talk in my place. Their names are noted: Brother Jerry Brockman, Brother Mark Perigen, and Brother Jerry Perigen, all from the Bellflower congregation. We are going to try very hard to visit the brethren at Bellflower in the future. They have certainaly come through for us at La Habra in our time of need. I believe that our fellowship with the brethren is a very important part of our life as a christian. If we neglect it or any other part of true religion, I'm afraid we are in danger of losing our reward in heaven. It is past time that we should examine ourselves as to whether or not we are doing what is required of us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It seems that the easy things that we should be doing are the things we are falling short of. Please pray for us at La Habra and all the churches of Christ, that we all come together in the unity of the faith. The final hour is rapidly approaching.

If the Christian Courier needs financial assistance, please mention it in the next issue. We don't know unless you tell us.

Sincerely yours for the La Habra Church of Christ

Marion Serrano

BAPTISMS:

Sister Penny Gardenhire	Baron, Oklahoma
Sister Debbie Wilson	Baron, Oklahoma
Brother L.D. Wilson	Baron, Oklahoma
Sister Danese Williams	Loco, Oklahoma

BIRTHS:

To sister Bonnie Gardenhire of Baron, Oklahoma, A BOY.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: [James 5:15] "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shll raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

There are many that need the prayers of the church. So let us not forget and offer prayers for the following.

Sister Susie Treat - for full recovery.

Sister Nora Atchley - for her eyes and for strength and comfort due to the loss of Brother Earl.

Sister Audrey Farrar - for a speedy recovery from a broken hip.

Brother W.R. Farrar - for better health.

Sister Ina Nunnally and Brother Hugh Nunnally - for better health in general, and strength in the Lord.

Brother Marion Serrano - for better health.

Cathy Cooper, the grandaughter of Brother and Sister Jack and Mable Cooper of San Pablo. Cathy is diabetic, and is having a bad time of it. She has had a recent operation on her eye, and now needs a kidney transplant. She has to go for 5 hours each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for treatment in a kidney machine. She needs the prayers of each and everyone, now. We need to keep on praying every opportunity we have, for all our beloved friends, neighbors and especially those of the Household of Faith.

Sister Lula Way - for speedy recovery.

LEST WE FORGET: Let us remember those who came to the church for prayers that were mentioned in the letters. We know that they need our prayers too. Because you and I have been there before too, haven't we?
I pray that I have not left anyone out, so when we pray let us remember those whom we have not mentioned. Editor

MY DESIRE IN LIFE!

I care not for the thrills pleasure brings, like love and joy of worldly things, I do not crave a mass of wealth, I only pray for life and health,

That I may in my meager way, serve my Saviour day after day. I care not for the things that shine or for the things that most men pine, I only pray that by HIS

Will that I may work and serve HIM still. I care not for the things of life A shining crown or worldly heights. I just pray as God's men of old to serve HIM with

body and soul. This universe is full of creeds of men's desires and worldly greed. But what are these compared to this? A home in God's eternal bliss.

So I'll go on from day to day, serving my LORD and in HIS way, looking not for glittering crowns or seeking names of world renown. Just serve HIM with all my heart

so that when I this life depart, people can say without question that I lived and died a CHRISTIAN.

Then when the day of judgement comes, when all are gathered at HIS throne, To hear HIS praise for all good men and hear the doom for those in sin. I"ll be with

that righteous band which HE will place in HIS right hand. Then will come true HIS blessed Words "Enter, enjoy. Rest with the LORD." So I"ll go on in my humble way,

serving my LORD and in HIS way, and praying as I onward go, that you too, may be one of those.

The Late Bert O. Weakley.

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[1 John 1: 5 -10]

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

[Chapter 2: 1 - 3]

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitition for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

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