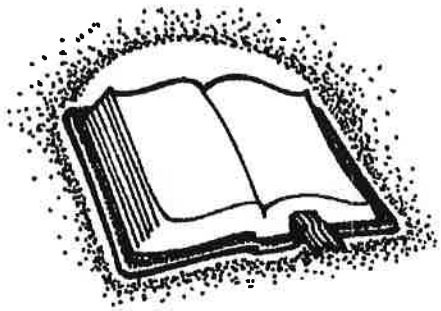
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UNWORTHY - DISHONORABLE

When I was young and listened to the word of the Lord being preached, something happened inside of me, and it felt so good. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I grew up studying the word of God, listening to it being preached and being discussed. After reading Acts 5:36, *"Before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves; who was slain and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought* (37) *After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: He also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.* (38) *And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel of this work be of men, it will come to nought.* (39) *But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."* We can take the word of God, delivered by the apostles to be the divine word of God. Acts 2:1, *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* (2) *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.* (3) *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* (4) *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance."*



Gamaliel was a doctor of the law and of the Pharisee sect, commanded them to back off the apostles after the day of Pentecost (Acts 5:34). The word of God is still the only way to life everlasting with Christ. Heb. 10:9, *"Then said he, lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.* (10) *By the which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all."*

The translation I grew up with was the King James translation. I have the same faith in the King James version as I did when I first accepted Christ as my Savior. I have heard people say parts of the King James version are wrong and should be done away with. Others say we shouldn't use the King James version at all. When I hear such statements: I hurt within my soul all the way back to when I first accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe God had his hand in the translation of the King James version as he did when he wrote the law on tables of stone. Ex. 24:12, *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written: that thou mayest teach them."* I must say at this point and time in my life; if I started to have doubts and questions concerning the translation I have so strongly believe in, I would not want to believe in the translation enough to depend on it for the salvation of my soul. Did we depend on the King James version to direct us toward a life with Christ forever when we first believed? Did we not believe the King James version translation was what the comforter told the apostles how to live, how to worship the heavenly Father, live with our brethren and the worldly people, the correct way of worship -- then why do we have doubts now? If I had doubts now, I would question whether I was a saved person, quit and start all over with something completely new. How can we believe Christ suffered and died upon the cross for our sins, and then let errors be placed in his word to cause us to go to hell. If we say this about the translated word of the King James version, this is what we are saying about Christ.

We express ourselves by our tongue and sometimes we really go overboard. We not only use our tongue to accept Christ, for without the tongue our mouth could not utter words such as Rom. 10:10, *"With the mouth confession is*

made unto salvation." Not only can our tongue cause our mouth to utter words to save us, but can also cause our mouth to utter words to destroy us. James 3:8, *"The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.* (9) *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God* (10) *Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be."* We must be very careful of I, for I am the one who maketh my tongue to bless God or to curse him. When I speak against his word, I not only irreverence God, but put myself to shame and it is known as blasphemy. I pray I never think myself to be educated to such a height that I can not humble myself before the Lord God and ask him to direct me as when I first believed.

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WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP

I JOHN 1:7

I John 1:7. *"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another..."* This is a plain statement and gives no reason for not having fellowship if we are in the Light: which is Christ, John 1:5-9. If we don't fellowship it follows that someone is not in the light.

Webster: The word "fellowship" is partnership, joint interest; it is also communion, intimate familiarity, association of persons on equal and friendly terms; (such as Eph. 5:11 - *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness..."*); company, a state of being together.

So we see that in order to be in Christ the Light, we must have partnership of joint interest, association of persons on equal and friendly terms. Or in our terms as well as Biblical terms we must have association with one another and enjoy being together *"Praising God, and having favour with all the people..."*, Acts 2:47. And it said having favour with all the people, not just a few. If we cut ourselves out of this then we are not in the light, I John 1:7. For we are members of the one body (which is Christ), I Cor. 12:3 through the chapter. Also Rom. 12:4-16.

I Cor. 12:21 - One cannot say to another "I have no need of you." For all members are needful. So where does division come in? I Cor. 12:22 - Those members we think are wrong are needful.

II Cor. 5:19-20. *"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* I Cor. 1:10. *"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

Brethren, how can we be members of the same body and will not fellowship with one another, which is to associate and worship with each other? How can we say we are members of the same body and not have the same care one for the other, I Cor.12:25? *"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it..."* I Cor. 12:26. But how can we suffer if we are so separated that we won't meet one with another? How do we *"...let all things be done unto edifying"*, I Cor. 14:26, and fail to fellowship together, which is to meet together? How do we *"Let brotherly love continue."*, Heb. 13:1, if we will not show our love one to another by worshipping together?

OIL-CAN CHRISTIANS

Perhaps you have heard the story about an eccentric man with a can of oil. He couldn't bear to hear a squeak or a rub, so he would stop to put a drop of oil on every squeaky hinge, door, gate, or latch that he passed.

This is a good illustration of what our lives as Christians should be like. Since we are ambassadors for Christ, one of our tasks is to serve as "lubrication for rusty hinges" — to take the love of Christ to those who are trapped in sin and caught in the webs of pessimism and despair.

This ministry is more than a responsibility; it's a genuine privilege that should make every Christian proud of his special calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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What if there are tares among us? Let them grow together, Matt. 13:24-30, and in the end God will gather them out. Or do we think that if we meet together that their sins will defile us? It will not. Read Rev. 3:1-6, Rev. 2:20-25 and Rev. 2:12-14.

Let us not be guilty of casting a stumblingblock before people by not meeting together and fellowshipping one another, I John 1:7-8. II John 8-10. As Diotrephes, who wanted to have the preeminence among them, (or as we say to be the boss) and would not receive the brethren. In Jude 8-13, 16, we see that those kind were spots in our feasts of charity, and no where did Jude say to disfellowship them. But in verses 18-19 we are told that *"...there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lust. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit."*

We are told in Matt. 24:12-13. *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."* Don't let iniquity , Ezek. 18:30, be our ruin. For we will be judged as workers of iniquity and transgressors of the law. Matt. 7:23, James 2:10, I John 1:7-8. For if we offend (which is break the law) in one place we are guilty of it all. For Rom. 2:1 said. *"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."* Rom. 2:21-23, Eccl. 7:20. Rom. 3:23. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*. *"...for sin is the transgression of the law."*, I John 3:4.

Brethren, let us quit this disfellowshipping one another and transgressing the law. Do not let sin be our ruin.

Praying for unity, Eph. 4:1-5. Yours for the saving of the soul.

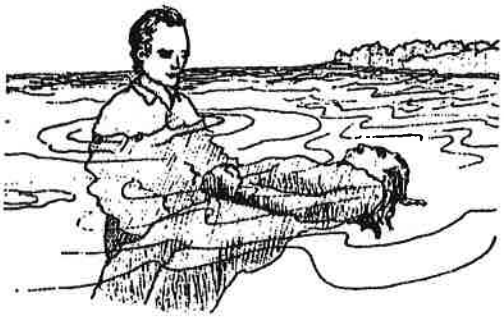
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Baptism Column No. 6

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

In Joel 2:28-32 the prophet foretells of a time when God would pour out his Spirit on all flesh, and show wonders in the heavens and in the earth. And the passage comes to this conclusion in verse 32. *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered..."*

In Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost the apostles were baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, (verses 1-4), and were accused of being drunk, (verses 5-15). Peter refuted this accusation by explaining that the occasion was the fulfilling of Joel's prophecy, with verse 21 repeating the thought in question from Joel 2:32. And with that he began a powerful sermon that resulted in 3,000 souls being saved and added to them in one day.



The Apostle Paul focused on the word "whosoever" in Rom. 10:12-13 to show that both Jews and Gentiles could be saved. *"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

So the question before us today is. What does one do to call on the name of the Lord?

Many apparently believe that calling on the name of the Lord must involve of necessity something verbal, because they use Rom. 10:13 to try to justify a sinner "praying through" for salvation.

But you and I know that calling is not always verbal. When we go to visit someone, for example, we are said to be calling on them. And it is not the visiting, it is the going to see them.

So it is with calling on the name of the Lord. It is not verbal, as in prayer. The Bible reveals baptism to be the way we call on the name of the Lord. (By God's grace, and with the preceding steps, of course.)

Let's go back to the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Peter began his sermon with Joel's prophecy, verses 16-20, and **promise**, verse 21. *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* And we see the instruction this promise led to in verses 37-39. *"Now when they heard this,* (that the man they had crucified is the Christ), *they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?* (Notice, they did not say, "Men and brethren, what shall we say?") *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the **promise** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as*

the Lord our God shall call." Verse 41. *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."*

We will close with the conversion of Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) as it shows most clearly and most emphatically that we call upon the name of the Lord by baptism.

Saul was a persecutor of the church who was on his way to Damascus for this purpose when he was blinded by a great light, and Jesus spoke to him, Acts 9:1-5. Verse 6. *"And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."* The Lord sent Ananias to teach Saul even though He knew Saul was praying, verses 10-11. Neither his prayer nor his personal conversation with Jesus saved Saul from his sins. But we read what Ananias taught him in Acts 22:16. *"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*

Yours for the growth of His kingdom,
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SHEEP AND LAMBS

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray
From the ninety-nine in the fold.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long
And fervently hope and pray?
Because there is a danger; if they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go astray, it will not be long
'Til the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the sheep are lost, what a terrible cost
Some lambs will have to pay.

— Author unknown

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE?

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs." (John 21:15).

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN OUR KINSMEN?

If we do, we will not let them keep us from obeying the gospel. We will be willing to leave the religion they have accepted if it is proven wrong. We will not let them keep us from attending the services of the Lord's church. Remember, Jesus said, *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."* (Matt. 10:37).

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN MONEY?

If we do, we will not make the heaping of riches the chief object of our living. We will give liberally of our means to the Lord (2 Cor. 8:1-5). Remember, the Lord said, *"For the love of money is the root of all evil."* (1 Tim. 6:10).

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN PLEASURE?

If we do, we will not engage in that which is forbidden, that which will hurt our influence for Christ. Remember, Paul, in speaking of perilous times, said men shall be *"lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."* (2 Tim. 3:1-4).

DO WE LOVE THE LORD MORE THAN THE PRAISE OF MEN?

If we do, we will be willing to stand for the Lord and the right, though we must stand alone. (2 Tim. 4:16-17). The Pharisees *"...did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."* (John 12:42-43).

The Lord should be the supreme object of our affection (Matt. 22:37). May we learn to sing, and mean it, "More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!"

- Wendell Winkler



FOR GOD, OR MAMMON?
The move of the old world into the new.

Jesus taught plainly the impossibility of trying to serve two masters, saying *"...either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON.**"* (Matt 6:24). In a wave of excitement over finding a new world (and a potential gold mine), this eternal truth was neglected. God had raised up a great navigator in Christopher Columbus, calling him to find that great land to the west, but he stepped out of that calling when he demanded Ferdinand and Isabella make him governor of all the lands he discovered. A navigator he was. A governor he was not.

Upon landing in the islands in what is now the Bahamas, the relationships with the natives was pleasant, but soon they turned sour. The Spainards, having recieved gold trinkets as gifts from the natives, were convinced that finding Solomon's gold mines was just around the corner. With Columbus' tried faith having proven the Atlantic was crossible, hoards of oportunists moved in to get their piece of the "wealth". They began putting the natives to work mining gold, then quotas were imposed, leading to forced slavery, revolt and bloodshed. Immorality with the native women and its diseases was rampant, too; conditions that Columbus' governorship didn't stop. Columbus eventually did find some gold on his 4th voyage, in the Amazon River area, but not in the large amounts he was hoping to find to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem with. In the 60 years following his discovery of 1492, Spain skirmished continually for gold and control, and well over 300,000 native Americans died in the hostilities. Arrogant Spain failed to come into the mainstream of what God had planned for the new world. God prevented a significant "gold rush" from happening in America until 300 years later (in California).

How, at this time, was God shining light from this new continent into the world? God was sending others from Spain; monks and vowed priests, called Jesuits, founding missions (like San Diego, Carmel, San Francisco), schools, townships with markets to develop trade as they moved inland from the Gulf of Mexico to the west. When Spain's leadership realized what it took to pacify the indians and extend their frontiers, they saw that one friar could do peaceably what 1000 soldiers did by force. They set up a colonization called encomienda, in which overlords were allotted so many hundreds of acres, with whatever indians were on them, with authorization to administer to their salvation and "religious instruction". But encomiendas actually were little more than slave camps.

One priest, however, must have made the policymakers regret ever promoting the encomienda system: Bartolome de Las Casas, who had kept records for Colombus on his 3rd voyage. He had become disgusted with the corrupt system and wrote a journal entitled *"Historia de las Indias"*, in 1552, which uncovered the awful truth of what was happening. The encomienda system was abolished as a result of the stir in Europe the journal created; Bartolome was villified by everyone in Spain except his brothers in the faith; but his willingness to take up his cross for Jesus brought new life for much of the remaining Indian population.

The total commitment required of the Spanish Jesuits to serving Christ caught the appeal of many deeply converted Frenchmen, among whom (I will highlight) were, 1) Jacques Marquette, and 2) Jean de Brebeuf.

Jacques Marquette, at age 17, became enthralled thru reading reports of the Jesuits in America in a yearly French publication called "The Relations". He took the 12 years of study required to be ordained, and was commissioned to the Sault Saint Marie area of northern Michigan. With exceptional linguistic ability, and a tremendous enthusiasm about discovering the vistas of God's creation, this great early explorer traveled deeper into America, via the Mississippi River and its branches. He is legendary still among those old indian tribes (most prominately the Illinois Indians), for his zealous service and influence among them.

Jean de Brebeuf was a Jesuit that served the Huron Indians for 19 years, battling Satan for the souls of men. One struggle was with the medicine men, who said of the body of Christ in the Eucharist that he had been "concealing a corpse in his house" which was infecting the country. Unlike the romantic stories of the New World portrayed by English poets and artists who never crossed the Atlantic, the tribes of

most of native America were in a dawn-to-dusk struggle for dominance, and the savagery of those peoples was typical of any nation void of The Word of God.

In 1640, Brebeuf was given a vision that prepared him for martyrdom, which came 9 years later at the hands of the Iroquois. A war party had taken him captive while he was with the Hurons, and in a mockery of baptism, they poured boiling water over his naked body. Intoxicated with the pleasure of hearing the screams of their victims, they were angered as he kept silent. They then tied a collar of red-hot hatchets around his neck; then, a belt of birchbark, filled with pitch and resin, set aflame. Repeatedly, he disappointed them with his silence. Brebeuf spoke finally, not in anguish, but in encouragement to his fellow captives. Enraged, the Iroquois cut off his lips and tongue and rammed a hot iron down his throat. They then cut strips of flesh from his arms and legs and devoured them before his eyes. As he was dying, the indians sensed he was gaining a victory (he must have had his eyes on Calvary), and in an attempt to gain the spirit power that had given him the great courage, they cut out his heart and ate it, and drank his blood. Only the devil would *"steal, kill, and destroy"* (John 10:10) with devices as this.

Many are the reasons why God calls some Christians to make that supreme sacrifice. It shows substance to faith. It strengthens the entire body of Christ. It makes an unbeliever unable to gaze upon a cross or a burning-stake without asking questions that begin with how, why, or where? Although God knows them all, this one we can know for sure: that to lay down one's life for someone else out of genuine love is the act that most closely resembles what Jesus did at Calvary, and the Devil trembles that there are still men and women willing to do it.

The church, and our nation needs to know what has happened when men have pursued material things instead of God's purposes, and the limits to which men and women were pressed to achieve His purposes on this continent. You may not have peace with the religious traditions of these people and their countries, but you are still a benefactor of the virtues God honored in them and used as a heritage for us. Who will step forward in our time?

As incredible of an effort that individuals from Spain and France provided to America, those countries did not frame the godly foundation of our governments and institutions. God used Puritans from England to lay them. Next month, "THE VOYAGE OF THE MAYFLOWER".

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ANSWER

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I Pet 3:21: *"baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the ANSWER of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*

This passage is used frequently by our denominational friends to "prove" that salvation precedes baptism: hence, baptism is not essential to salvation. The contention goes something like this. Baptism is the ANSWER of a good conscience. But you must have a good conscience before it can answer anything. If a "good conscience" is indicative of salvation, it follows that salvation comes first and baptism second.

Sounds good, huh? Only if you don't look further!

Note the definition cited at the beginning: "earnest seeking, craving, intense desire."

The Revised Standard Version, an excellent translation, puts it this way. *"Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience."*

The Living Bible further clarifies this for our eyes. *"In baptism we show that we have been saved from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; (not because our bodies are washed clean by the water, but because in being baptized we are turning to God and ASKING HIM TO CLEANSE OUR HEARTS FROM SIN.)"* (Emph mine)

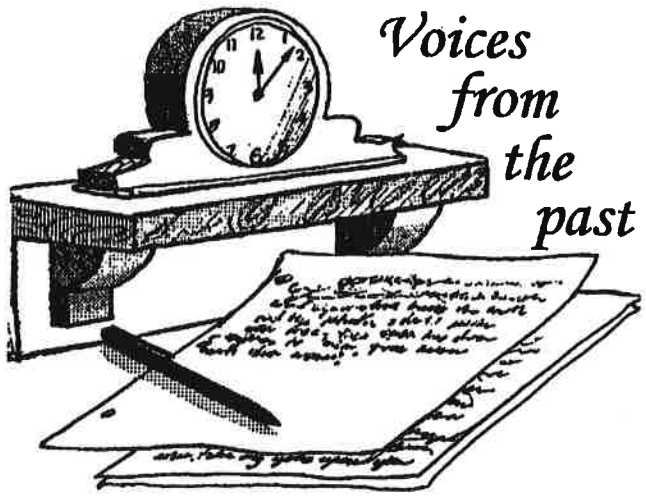
The truth is visible to those who wish to see! We are convinced by the Word of God that we are sinners in need of salvation. Our consciences are "pricked", Acts 2:37 and we are persuaded to be baptized, knowing that in this act we are turning to God and asking Him to cleanse our hearts from sin, that this is an appeal to God for salvation.

Surely, this bears no resemblance to "non-essential"! Thus the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ illuminates another dark corner of falsehood!

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SACRIFICE

"Sacrifice" is a small word, but it has a lot of meaning if we think of it in connection with our soul's salvation. I fear that there are a good many of us who do not grasp the full meaning of it. There are several definitions given in Webster's dictionary. I'll give only one: "To give up for the sake of something; as, to sacrifice health for pleasure." I believe that I can give a definition that would apply to the Christian people of today. We should sacrifice the pleasures of this world for the pleasures of serving the Lord and living a Christian life. I fear that most of us are not doing that. We seem to like the worldly pleasures too much to make that sacrifice.



The greatest sacrifice that we have any record of was the one made by our Lord Jesus Christ when he gave up his life on the cross for the sins of the world. Another great sacrifice was that of Abraham when he obeyed God and took his son into the mountain to offer him for a burnt offering (Gen. 23:1-18). We see that Abraham believed in God to extent that he was willing to sacrifice his only son in order that he might obey God. Then because of his faith and willingness to obey God, his son's life was spared. How many of us would be willing to make a sacrifice like that if we were called to do so? I wonder if there would not be far and few.

Now, to us. Since we have learned that Christ made that sacrifice for our sins, we must do a little sacrificing in order that our sins be forgiven. We must have faith or believe (Heb. 11:1,6; Rom. 10:17). We must repent (Acts. 17:30-31; Luke 13:3). We must confess Christ as our Saviour (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10). We must be baptized (Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38). When we have made the sacrifice of the worldly things and obeyed these commands this puts us in Christ where salvation is. Can we stop there? Will that be enough to save us? No. We must continue sacrificing the pleasures of this world in order to live a Christian life.

We should make a great sacrifice in our feelings, removing all hatred from our hearts and develop more love instead. Hear John: *"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John. 4:20).* Again: *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."* (I John. 4:7). Hear Jesus: *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"* (Matt. 6:24). Which one are we serving, God or mammon? Do we love God? Then let us show it by our service to him, by our sacrifice of the worldly things.

Love is one of the greatest things in a Christian life. We may at times let our feelings get the upper hand and say things we shouldn't, things which we are sorry of too late. If we would think first and then talk, there would no doubt be many things that would never be said. Hear the testimony of James: *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God"* (Jas. 1:19). Many times we go at this backward. We are swift to get angry and swift to speak our mind while in that angry state. Brethren and friends, let's try to develop that Christian love for God, for our brethren and for all man kind.

Another sacrifice that we should make is that of our finances. Are we making a sacrifice in giving of our means? We may say, "Oh yes, I give a dollar every Lord's day," or five dollars as the case may be. Are we really making a sacrifice in giving that much? Let us read of a poor widow's sacrifice in Mark 12:41-44. Here many who were rich cast much into the treasury, but this poor widow only cast in two mites which was a farthing. This was a very little according to Webster. A farthing in Great Britain is 1/4 penny or about a half cent in our money. No, this was not much for her to put into the treasury, yet Jesus said this poor widow had cast in more than all the rest. Why? Because that was all that she had. I'm sure none of us today would make that great sacrifice of our means.

Our sacrifice should be in our every day living. We should make a great effort to live as Christ and the apostles lived. Christ was a perfect Saviour. Paul admonishes us to follow him, as he followed Christ (I Cor. 11:1). In doing this we would have a great influence with the worldly people as well as our brethren in Christ. We would also be obeying another of the commands written in this great book, the Bible. Hear Paul: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies*

of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). Paul says that this is a reasonable service. Then why not live our lives in a way that we know will be acceptable unto God in the last day.

Another sacrifice which we should make, and surely not the least, is to be sure that we are at the house of the Lord each Lord's Day, and not stay home one time and entertain company, then go fishing or hunting another, then "go to church" the next and think this will be acceptable unto God. God has made a promise of a heavenly home to all who live in obedience to his word. When we stay away from his house on the Lord's Day we are disobeying him, therefore, we cannot expect a reward for what little we do. Suppose we were told that we would be rewarded one-hundred dollars if we would be in town a certain day and at a certain hour. Would we be there? Would we be on time? I'm sure we would be there and have some time to spare. Otherwise, we would know that we would not receive the reward. Let us think, isn't the reward which our Saviour has promised us worth much more to us than those made by man?

Brethren and friends, I have only given a few of our Christian sacrifices. In fact, our whole life as a Christian should be one of sacrifice. We should not only be willing but anxious to sacrifice all worldly things, all of man's teachings for the word of God and the pleasures of living a life for Christ, preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord and the great judgment, where each of us must give account for the things which we have done while here on earth whether they be good or bad (Rom. 14: 10-12; II Cor. 5:10).

Friends, have you made that sacrifice to get into Christ, where salvation is? If not, won't you do it now? Brethren, are you making all the sacrifices that you should in order that you may be accepted by the Saviour when he comes to judge the world? Let us all press forward, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2; read Heb. 5:9, also).

L. E. Atchley

Reprinted from *It Is Written*, November, 1955

WHY WERE THE LAODICEANS LUKEWARM?

Among the seven churches of Asia (Asia Minor, present day Turkey region) the church of the Laodiceans is famous for being the lukewarm church. It is profitable for us to study their actions, so we can avoid being lukewarm ourselves.



We read of Christ's judgment of their works in Rev. 3:14-16, *"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."*

This is a pitfall we want to avoid, as Jesus warns us in Mt. 12:30, *"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."*

The beautiful thing about the teaching of Jesus is that He not only told the church of the Laodiceans **what** their problem was; He also told them the **cause** of the problem and the **solution** for it.

This we wish to study today.

So, what was the cause of their problem? Why were they lukewarm? As we return to the third chapter of Revelations we will see that Jesus reveals them to be a materialistic people; and that their materialism caused them to be lukewarm.

Rev. 3:17, *"**Because** thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"*.

This is a huge warning to us. As their materialism caused them to be lukewarm, it can us as well. I Tim. 6:5 warns us against *"supposing that gain is godliness"*. Verses 6-8 stress the value of contentment. Then in verses 9-10 we read, *"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* This was the state of the Laodiceans, and if we're not careful, can be our state as well.

We may think to ourselves, "I don't have to worry about that because I'm not rich." But notice, Paul did not write this to those already rich, but to *"they that will be rich"*, verse 9. If that's our goal in life, or if money is what we think about most, we have a problem, no matter what our current financial status.

A point to emphasize is that Jesus said they didn't even know that they had this problem.

But Jesus not only exposed their problem and the cause, he also revealed a solution to it. Let's go back to Rev. 3, and go to verses 18 and 19, *"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment,*

that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and annoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

In studying Christ's solution, we can search the scriptures and see that each of the elements equates to the commandments and word of God.

Tried gold - Psa. 19:9-10 - judgments of the Lord. (Also persecution - I Pet. 1:6-7)

White raiment - Rev. 19:7-8 - righteousness - Psa 119:172 - all His commandments.

Eyesalve - Psa. 19:8 - commandment of the Lord.

Likewise, to overcome materialism and the lukewarmness it causes, we need to dig into God's word instead. Psa.119:9-11, *"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."*

Notice that as hard as Jesus rebuked the Laodiceans, He did it because He loved them. He did it so that they would be zealous and repent, not give up.

It's the same with us. When we find ourselves in error we don't have to stay there. We have the opportunity to change, to repent. Don't ever give up. Sin is only a temporary situation, if we repent, and come back to Jesus. Prov. 24:16, *"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief."*

Rev. 3:20-22, *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*

Yours in His service,
Bro. Terry Warford
22023 29th Avenue South
Des Moines, WA 98198

Precious Memories

Prov. 10:7 *"The memory of the just is blessed..."*

It Is Written, June 1954

•The June 1954 issue of It Is Written contained all articles.

Gospel News Courier, June 1964

•Bro. George Vanderpool writes of a visit by Bro. Earl and Sis. Nora Atchley, with Bro. Earl preaching. *"I have known him for years, but what I did not know, was that he could preach as he did Lord's day."*

•Bro. Ken Baldwin writes of work continuing on the lawn and sidewalks for the Delta, CO congregation's new building.

The Christian Courier, June 1974

•Announcement of one more new Christian, John Bauer, as well as his engagement to Carol Lamb.

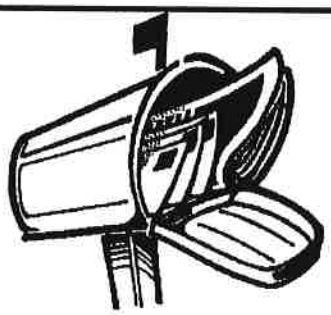
•Wedding of Bro. Carl Jordan, Jr. and Cynthia Bryant announced.

•(June 1984 was when the Courier was being transferred from the Bellflower congregation to Bro. Homer Bryant.)

A FEW OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE

First, it is a mystery why people have made a mystery of the Bible. Second, it is a mystery why people can't understand the Bible. Third, it is a mystery that people will claim that the Bible is the will of God, and at the same time, will claim that you can inherit his blessings without obeying his will. Fourth, it is a mystery that people will say that Christ built one church, and one only, and then say that one church is as good as the other. Fifth, it is a mystery that the Bible tells us that baptism saves us and then people will say you can be saved without it. Sixth, it is a mystery that Peter said that we must repent and be baptized for the remission of our sins, and then preachers will tell us that we can be saved without baptism. Seventh, it is a mystery that the Bible reads one way to one person and differently to another. ... It is a mystery that people will live in a world, and tell us that if we violate its laws we will be punished for it, and at the same time tell us that it makes no difference about God's Laws.

- excerpted from *"It Is Written"* June 1954



Cards and Letters

BARON, OK

Greetings to all,

The church here at Baron is doing fair. Some are not well, we would ask your prayers for them! Remember our gospel meeting June 5-12. All are welcome to come and fellowship with us.

You are doing a good job with the paper and we look forward to receiving it each month.

Our love and prayers to the faithful where ever they may be.

For the Baron Congregation

BROKEN BOW, OK

I have hurt my back and can't travel for quite a while. We are trying to get a new church building. All donations will be appreciated.

Bro. Lloyd Treat

SAN PABLO, CA

Dear church of Christ members:

I am Kathy Hull, Jack and Mable Cooper's granddaughter. I was pretty sick with diabetes, and I still am. I just wanted to thank each and everyone of you so much for your prayers and thoughts while I was in the hospital. I will have to go to the hospital 3 or 4 times a week for dialysis treatments. Please keep praying for me and my family and Grandpa and Grandma.

We send our love and appreciation to you and our thanks to God for helping me.

Katherine Hull
San Pablo, CA

COLORADO CAMP MEETING

July 2-10

Have you made your plans yet to attend the Gospel Camp Meeting? Time is running out, only a few more weeks until July 2-10. You will hear a lot of good speakers, singing and have good old fashioned fellowship with all.

Please write or call if you need a room, dorm, or R.V. space and we will reserve one for you. The phone number to call is 303- 856-7481, this is Verlie's number.

REMEMBER

1. All clothing for men, women and children must be to the knee or below.
2. Use King James Version in the services.
3. Bring own sleeping bags, personal things, warm clothing at night and etc.
4. Big Spruce Church Camp phone number is 303-856-3741.
5. Dress appropriately for all church services. (women no pants please)
6. Do not hand out literature without our approval.

Everyone is invited and welcome. Please do plan to come be with us. Everything is free to all that come.

"Donations are appreciated" from congregations, to help us with the camp rent, groceries and utilities.

Drive carefully.

May God bless you all
Our love and prayers
The Happy Hollow Congregation
Cedaredge, Colo. 81413
P.O. Box 663 or 712
Phone numbers: (303):
856-7481-Verlie
856-3875-Eddie
856-3703-Mae
856-6274-Keith

HINDSVILLE, AR

Dear brethren,

I have a couple of questions I would like to be answered, because I don't know the answers to them. I go to the church of Christ. The reason I am asking is because I was in my science class and my teacher was talking about Sir Isaac Newton. He was always thinking about science, but I could not get my mind off of something I did not know the answer to.

A little while back you put a piece of work in your book. It said "we lust after evil things". My book says that there in only one God. But so many others say there are a lot of gods. Athena, the goddess of the earth, Zeus, the god of the sky, Poseiden, the god of the sea. I don't believe in any of these gods; but I like to read about them. I only believe in Jesus, the son of God.

It is like the dying man's prayer, we are heaven bound only if we read and believe the right book. I would like to help read to people and help them understand that Christ is the one to believe in. But when they ask questions that I can't answer because I have not done my homework on it, that makes me mad. Here are some questions I would like to have a ready answer to when I am asked.

1. Do we believe in the right thing?
2. Who is right?
3. People have different books and they read them. We all say we have the right religion; but which one is right?
4. Who wrote the Bible?
5. When was it written in English?
6. Do we know who is right?
7. Is what we read and believe true?
8. Are the stories true? How can we prove them?
9. Are there twelve disciples?
10. When were all the kinds of Bibles made?
11. Were some of them made up?

Written in love,
Eva Whiteley
Rt. 2 Box 227
Hindsville, AR 72738

Editor's Note - We would like to encourage anyone who will, to help this young woman find the answers to her questions.

LAYTON, UT

LOST

Please help me find my very dear friend. Her name is Pam Vandenburg. She is living in Oklahoma, somewhere.

I remember when Pam and her family, then Pam Lewis, moved to Yakima. I met her when I was meeting at the Autanum church of Christ. We became the best of friends. We have some very funny and wonderful memories, although it didn't last long enough.

Her family moved without any warning to me. I thought I had lost my best friend, forever. A few years later Pam was at a camp meeting, I believe it was at Cedaredge, CO. Paula Edmondson, then McCay, was also at that meeting. She got Pam's address for me and we've kept in touch with each other for 15 years.

We've shared each others pain, joy and worries through letters. I believe that she is still my very dear friend. I spoke to her over the phone just before my family and I moved to England, U.K. Since then we've lost contact with each other. I wrote to everyone I could think of to get her address, only I had no response.

Then another dear friend of mine, David McCay, saw Pam last summer. He got her address for me, only during my move to Utah, I some how lost it. So I'm asking now in a very public way for help, to find my dear friend.

I am planning to attend the meeting my father, John McKinney is holding in Oklahoma, this summer. I'd really like to see her while I'm there. I can't wait to meet her family and for her to meet mine.

Pam, if you are reading this, I love and miss hearing from you!

My address is:
Felica Geho
1333 Laytona Drive
Layton, UT 84041-2006

P.S. My family and I are now stationed at Hill A.F.B., Utah. We are very happy and looking forward to our trip to see you and your family and everyone there in Oklahoma, Lord willing, we'll see all of you soon. God bless,
Love always,
Felica Geho

P.S. Anyone is welcome to write to us at the previous address. We'd be delighted to hear from any of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

(Since receiving this letter, our detective has been on the case and has come up with the following address:)

Pam Vandenberg (Sam)
Box 837, Velma OK 73091

MODESTO, CA

Dear brethren,

I have most of the past issues of the church papers and am quite busy. I see no reason to mail the church issues, since you probably will have the same issues. Let me know later which ones you didn't get and I will go through the issues I have. I started worshiping at the Dallas St. church in Modesto in about 1955 and have no publications before that.

I am Dennis McKinzie's mother, he had hernia surgery two weeks ago and is doing well, except that he is very weak. Please remember him in your prayers.

Mary McKinzie

NEWCASTLE, TX

Dear Christian friends,

Hope all are well, and continuing steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and prayers. Acts 2:42.

We would like prayers for Brother Horace and Sister Lydia Pounds. They have not been able to attend church since October of 93. He fell and broke four ribs, and was in the hospital, then had other complications and has been in a nursing home for two months. Sister Lydia has had surgery, but is at home now. He is ninety and she is eighty-seven.

My mother-in-law, Sister Ray Bishop, fell and broke her hip in December of 91, and has been in a nursing home all this time. She is ninety-eight. The rest of our members are able to meet each Lord's day.

We enjoy the Courier very much, and are thankful for the good job the staff is doing. Keep up the good work.

The Newcastle church is planning a weekend meeting, June 24th, 25th and 26th with Brother Bob Eldridge from the Baron, Okla. congregation doing the speaking. We welcome our brothers and families to worship with us anytime you are coming this way. We meet at 10:30 each Sunday.

Christian Love,
Ed and Frances Tate
Newcastle, Texas
Church of Christ

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Dear Christian Friends,

Just a note to let you know our news form the Oklahoma City area.

We recently lost two of our longtime members. Sister Bessie Burgess died March 30, 1994, at the age of 90 years, and Sister Leetress Wood died December 14, 1993, at the age of 89 years. Although I attended church with them for over 37 years, I never realized how very much they had in common. Sister Burgess was born Feb. 1, 1904, married Jesse Burgess Jan. 24, 1924, was baptized at the age of 24 years and raised four boys and two girls. Sister Wood was born July 8, 1904, married Virgle Wood on Aug. 13, 1922, was baptized at the age of 24 or 25 years and raised four boys. Both women survived the death of a child and their husband. They were unwaivering in their faith and were always there for church services on Sunday morning until the past year, when their health did not permit them to attend. We greatly miss their presence.

Sister Cleo Faught, who has experienced bad health this past year, recently fell and is now recuperating in a nursing home, so her presence is also missed.

Our number in Oklahoma City is small, so we are always excited to get visitors. We enjoyed a visit by Richard and Monica Johnston from the Yakima, WA area this past month. They were visiting with Darrell and Jessica Chastain and their daughter Shelley from Stillwell, OK. We would like to say how very much we appreciate everyone from Stillwell and all the support they have given us in the past years. They are all very dear to us.

Enclosed is our check for the Christian Courier. We very much enjoy reading the articles and news from everyone, and will try to do a better job of conveying our news in the future.

In Christian love,
Gail Schanual
For the Oklahoma City Church of Christ

PAYSON, AZ

Brother Jack and Sister Doris Morris met with us April 24th, and asked for prayers. We are all rejoicing of their decision in returning to church.

Just a reminder — there will be no services held here on June 12th, 1994 (only), since we will all be in Seattle.

From the Payson congregation.

SEA-TAC, WA

To our beloved Brothers and Sisters,

We here in Seattle are excited about having our 1st annual week-long meeting. Brother JD Logan of Stockton, CA and Brother Robert Davis of Yuma, AZ have agreed to split the week of July 31st to August 6th 1994. We don't know where we will hold services yet but we have plenty of room for RV's and campers as well as in our homes.

JD retired in May 1994 and plans to be in WA through some of the summer, anyway. He related to us that Brother John Usrey is now able to return to work for which we are thankful. Brother Gene McKinney is still having severe back problems and tests.

Our Brother Howard and Sister Nell McCay took the train to the cancer clinic in Tiajuana the end of April. Upon their return, we rejoiced that his cancer is vastly improved. It was 3 years ago when a bone scan revealed at least 8 cancerous hot spots in the bones. Now there are none! He attributes that to God's love and your prayers.

We enjoyed having Eric and Lori Harper from Sacramento, CA twice. We spent part of a week with Errol and Earlene Forsman, also Evart, Becky and Kami Forsman when they were here for the funeral of Maggie Forsman.

For Mother's Day, our young people and fathers prepared a nice lunch with menus, flowers, candles, and music for the enjoyment of our mothers and grandmothers. They were also treated to the washing of the dishes. What a treat. Afterwards we went to a nursing home and gave each lady a card and pot pouri pocket that the young people had prepared. What an uplifting day.

Nikki Foss has a new sister, Abagail, born April 26, that she is really enjoying.

Our love and prayers to all of you,
Sea-Tac Brothers and Sisters

SELAH, WA

Greetings from the Selah Congregation,

The brethren in Selah are still meeting each Sunday for the Lord's service and also having two Bible studies a week. We have been taking different subjects and doing in-depth studies on them.

Everyone here is doing fine and is in a reasonable portion of health. John and Betty McKinney are busy getting ready for the meeting John will be holding in Baron, OK.

Christina Koszty (Farley) and her family are anxiously looking forward to moving into their new home next month.

We invite any who are in the area to come worship or study with us at any time.

Robert Farley
For the Selah Congregation



Pen Pals

It has been suggested that there are many congregations who only have a few young people. Perhaps they would enjoy writing to young people in other places, as a source of Christian friendship and encouragement.

The following guys and gals from Seattle have said they would enjoy this and would write back:

Gabe Orendorff	**Guy**	**15**
Shaya Orendorff	**Gal**	**13**
David Orendorff	**Guy**	**10**
Hanna Orendorff	**Gal**	**6**
14628 181st Ave SE		
Renton, WA 98059		
Mark Staley	**Guy**	**11**
Scott Staley	**Guy**	**11**
11635 Glendale Way S		
Seattle, WA 98168		
Leah Shepherd	**Gal**	**5**
11036-B 16th Ave SW		
Seattle, WA 98146		
Nikki Foss	**Gal**	**10**
12020 3rd Ave SW		
Seattle, WA 98146		

Here's a partial list to start writing to and if you would be interested in this activity, send your name, address and age to the Courier. If you want to send a letter also, we would be happy to print it as well. We will continue this column each month as long as we have names and addresses coming in.

Congratulations Grads

It has come to our attention that there are several May and June graduates. There are undoubtedly many others that we are not aware of and this is for each of them as well. We want to send a special salute to any who are graduating after having been away from school for a period of time or who had



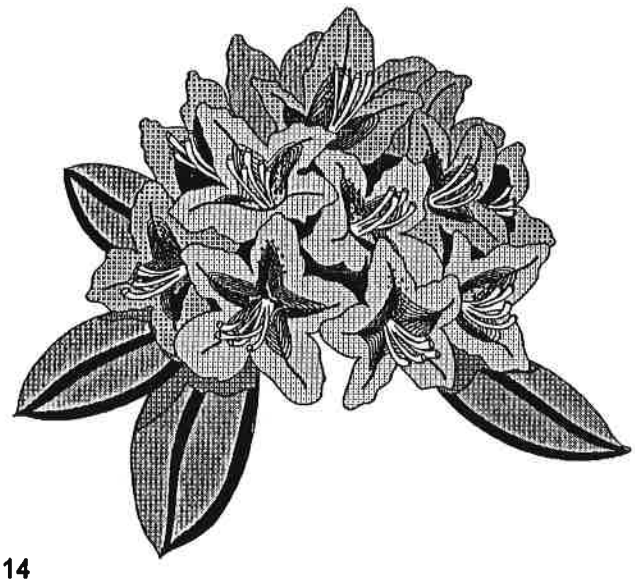
families. The graduates include Cory Hatter, Tara Ross, Damien Staley, Chris Forsman, Brandon Howe, Jason Burt, Jim Lamb, Justin Lamb, Sarah Sauve, Robin Taylor, Lynn Iver, Bob Lamb, and Matthew Shepherd.

In Loving Memory

Flora Belle Taylor

On April 17,1994, our beloved Flora Belle Taylor, age 83, departed this life to be with her Lord. Belle (as she preferred to be called) was born September 18. 1910 at Hooker, OK. In 1930, she married Eulon Taylor of California. They moved to Sunnyside, WA in 1942 and made their home there until now. They had two sons, John and Robert (who died in 1984), 6 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Brother Eulon and Sister Belle owned and operated, first a dairy and later a cleaning service. They were faithful members of the church first in Sunnyside and later in Yakima, when the group moved. They, with Sister Eva Nichols (Eulon's sister) traveled the 35 or so miles each Lord's day to meet with their brothers and sisters as long as they were physically able. Even after Eulon's death in 1985, Belle and Eva still drove together many more years.

Many of you also have wonderful memories of Belle as she traveled to many meetings. She was always cheerful and smiling and next to her Lord, she greatly loved her own and her Christian family. She was laid to rest April 22, 1994, in Sunnyside.



Maggie Ellen Forsman

On May 9, 1994, our beloved Maggie Ellen Forsman, age 88, passed from this life at her home in Olalla, WA.

Maggie was born Nov. 15, 1905 in Meadville, Missouri. Her family moved to Washington in 1916. In 1922, she married John Forsman after picking strawberries in his field. For the next 72 years, until now, that same property was home. John and Maggie raised two daughters, Ellen McCay and Edith Craft and eight sons, Einar, Ernst, Edwin, Elvin, Ellis, Elmer, Evart and Errol. They, along with 39 grandchildren, at least 50 great-grandchildren as well as two brothers and two sisters survive her.

Maggie was very proud of her large family, always remembering names,birth dates, etc., even of the grand-kids.

After John's passing in 1967, Maggie traveled extensively, visiting her children and her Christian brothers and sisters. She loved to visit both in homes and at meetings, often giving crotcheted (or knitted) gifts.

At her Celebration of Life service on May 18, 1994, many wonderful memories were shared with family, friends and loved ones. There was much laughter amidst the tears, for she was a unique, special lady, and to recall her life brought much joy to our hearts.

Both of these sisters fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith, and have gone to claim their crown of life in heaven as Paul promised.

While we mourn the loss of these our sisters, we rejoice for their reward and we're thankful the Lord shared their lives with us.

BULLETIN BOARD

Gospel Meetings

June 5-12	Baron, OK	John McKinney
June 19-26	Pleasant View, OK	Robert & Brandon Lamb
June 24-26	Newcastle, TX	Bob Eldridge
July 2-10	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting
July 3-10	Waterford, CA	Roger Walkingstick
July 3-10	Bellflower, CA	Ellis Forsman & Eric Harper
July 17-24	Valley View, OK	Jerry Perigen
July 25-31	Lorenzo, TX	Jerry Perigen
July 31-Aug. 7	Seattle, WA	J. D. Logan & Robert Davis
August 7-14	Yakima, WA	Skip Berry & Guest Speakers
August 7-14	Comanche, OK	Al Way





Baptisms

Shelly Chastain	Stilwell, OK	April 16, 1994

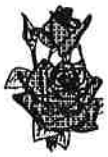
Prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:15)

J. D. Johnson	Aztec, N.M.	heart condition
A few people	Baron, OK	sick
Lloyd Treat	Broken Bow, OK	back problems
Paul Bruce	Carlsbad, N.M.	nursing home
Dennis McKinzie	Ceres, CA	hernia surgery
Eva Whiteley	Hindsville, AR	to know & share the gospel
Sister Ray Bishop	Newcastle, TX	nursing home
Horace & Lydia Pounds	Newcastle, TX	broken ribs & surgery
Cleo Faught	Oklahoma City, OK	in nursing home after falling
Jack Cooper	San Pablo, CA	back problems
Melody Glynnell	San Pablo, CA	lung cancer
Kathy Hull	Sacramento, CA	condition same, diabetic, but improved
Paul Lucas	Waterford, CA	brain surgery
Don Weakley	Waterford, CA	cancer of lungs
Al Jones	Yuma, AZ	in hospital



Deaths

Maggie Ellen Forsman	Glenwood, WA	May 9, 1994
Bessie Burgess	Oklahoma City, OK	Mar 30, 1994
Leetress Wood	Oklahoma City, OK	Dec 14, 1993
Aylene Caviness	Stilwell, OK	Apr 22, 1994



WORD SEARCH: JUNE

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U	A	E	C	G	J	U	B	I	M	D	R	E	A	S	R	L	V
S	B	O	E	W	K	M	N	D	R	F	C	B	E	L	T	E	A
R	E	W	S	N	A	G	N	I	S	R	U	C	E	P	C	C	J

Hidden words may be found across, down, up, backwards, or diagonal.

WORD LIST

ABRAHAM	CONFESSION	JOSEPH	PROPHECY
AMBASSADOR	CONSCIENCE	JUDGMENT	RECONCILE
ANANIAS	CURSING	LAMBS	SACRIFICE
ANSWER	DAMASCUS	MAMMON	SALVATION
BAPTISM	DISHONORABLE	MINORITY	SAMSON
BLESSING	ELIJAH	MYSTERIES	SERVICE
BROTHER	FELLOWSHIP	PENTECOST	SHEEP
COMFORTER	GIDEON	PHAROAH	UNWORTHY