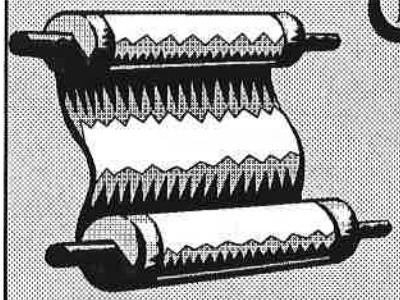


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## Words

Recently, there have been several articles written in various publications concerning the use of different translations of God's Word. I enjoyed reading them all and saw some points which I felt were appropriate. I felt that, in some cases, there was a little too much emotion, and too little objectivity. However, that might be said of many writings; and on the whole, I think there was good in them all. The following are some thoughts that came to mind after reading my brethren's viewpoints on the matter.

Words are tools of understanding. They express ideas conveying coherent thoughts to our minds.

God's truth has been delivered to man by way of words. It is by way of words that we gain a proper understanding of His will toward us. His commands, examples, etc. are expressed to us by way of words.

### Language is Plastic

All languages are, to a certain extent, pliable, plastic (moldable). English is probably the most changeable language in existence. What is, in many cases, the present meaning of a certain word, or group of words, is not necessarily the meaning of one, two, or more generations past. A good illustration of this is the collection of Shakespeare's writings. Written over three centuries ago, much of it is unintelligible to a modern reader. The language is English, but it is not clear what many passages mean.

We know the meaning of words in common usage today. We have dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc. to consult when in doubt. We attempt to use the right word or phrase to correctly express our thoughts to others. This is important in all aspects of life, inasmuch as the improper use of a single word can alter the entire thought.

Anyone who attempts to write a treatise or commentary on any subject either knows, or will soon discover, the consequences of the improper use of a word or phrase. Thus, often we are forced to write a "revision" of our article, explaining our original thought, citing authorities as to meanings, etc.

### God's Word most Important

Certainly, it should be apparent to all that it is important for us all to correctly understand the words, expressions, etc. of the Holy Scriptures.

Since language is constantly changing, but God never changes (Mal. 3:6; *"... faith ... was once delivered unto the saints."* — Jude :3), it is imperative that we constantly study God's Word that we can more correctly deliver the Word in terms that are understandable to modern men.

Some words from older translations are difficult, if not sometimes impossible, to understand by way of modern language. I submit the following, gleaned at random from the Old and New Testaments, together with the proper meanings in our modern language. One can easily see that the meanings are not the same.

One point to consider before we begin: many good lexicons, word books, etc. have been compiled from which we can extract the true meanings of these words. They can be gotten simply at your local Bible book store. I make no apologies for using these. Good, authoritative lexicons such as Thayer, Strong, Young, Vine, etc. I lean on substantially. They can help immensely.

The following are listed in no special order.

### Leasing

Psalms 4:2, *"O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah."* As used today, leasing means renting, as a house or apartment (more recently, a vehicle). Of course, this is not the meaning here. The usage here is archaic, and means "lying" (Young, pg. 595). God is upbraiding mankind for lying.

## Libertines

Acts 6:9, "Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines ...." In light of the modern usage of the word "libertine", are we to believe that, in Jerusalem, there was a synagogue (house of worship) devoted solely to "dissolute, licentious, immoral" people? That is the modern meaning. However, the archaic (and thus Biblical) meaning is "freedmen". These were Jews from the "Diaspora" (exile) who had been freed to return to the homeland. Thus, *"... synagogue of the Freedmen"* (R.S.V.) ("Freedmen", Young, pg. 601).

## List(eth)

John 3:8, *"The wind bloweth where it listeth ...."* In modern speech "list" means variously "catalogue, inventory, register, index, etc." I we used these definitions, this scripture would be reduced to nonsense. However, the archaic (and thus Biblical) meaning makes perfect sense. *"... where it pleases ..."* (R.S.V.) ("to will, wish", Young, p. 610).

## Moderation

Phil. 4:5, *"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."* Often, we use Biblical expressions to prove something they do not teach. This is a classic example. We have read that we must be "moderate" in eating and drinking, and the above scripture is cited to prove this thought. Although I am convinced the thought is altogether proper (we are warned of gluttony, etc.), this scripture has nothing to do with this idea.

The meaning is "gentle, gracious, kind, forbearing. As a noun, see Acts 24:4 — "clemency"; also 2 Cor. 10:1 — "gentleness" (of Christ). As a verb, see 1 Tim. 3:3 — "patient"; also 1 Pet. 2:18 — "gentle". This also can be rendered "good nature". ("yieldiness, pliability", Young, pg. 666). Thus, *"Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do."* (Living Bible). *"Let your gentleness be evident to all."* (N.I.V).

## Prevent

1 Thess. 4:15, *"... we which are alive ... shall not prevent them which are asleep."* The Apostle is not referring to the ability of anyone to avert the resurrection of others, although the modern usage of this word seems to lead one in this direction. Simply put, *"... we which are alive and remain ... will not precede those who have already passed through death."*

Note Psalms 119:147: *"I prevented the dawning ...."* means *"I rise before dawn ..."*. Verse 148: *"Mine eyes prevent the night watches ..."* means *"My eyes are awake before the watches of the night ..."*. Matt. 17:25: *"... Jesus prevented him* (Peter*) ..."* means *"Jesus was first to speak ..."* (N.I.V.) ("to precede, come before, anticipate, put before", Young, pg. 772).

## Prefer

John 1:30, *"This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me."* John the Baptist was merely pointing out the superior rank of Jesus to himself. (*"ranks before me"*, R.S.V.). Rom. 12:10, *"... in honour preferring one another;"* Paul seems to be saying that we should each consider others to outrank ourselves. ("to lead before", Young, pg. 769).

In a succeeding article I propose to list several others which I feel will be beneficial to all the brethren in their studies of God's Word.

May we all never cease to probe the depths of God's will, and continue to be a *"city set on a hill"* shedding light abroad for others.

Submitted in humility and love of the brethren.

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# Why Are Some Ashamed?

*"As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."* (Rom. 9:33-10:4).

But if any teach things that cannot be proven by the Gospel of Christ, then he is as the Jews were, trying to establish his righteousness instead of accepting the righteousness of God (the Gospel of Christ). A man will only do this through ignorance, a desire for preeminence, or he is ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* (Rom. 1:16-17). *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* (Heb. 11:6). *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (Rom. 10:17).

*"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Luke 6:46). I am sure that none wish to be a wolf in sheep's clothing, nor as one who built his

house on the sand, but without strict adherence to the doctrine of Christ, we do not conform to the will of God.

*"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."* (John 6:40). *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* (John 6:63).

See how precious the Gospel of Christ is? It has the power to give eternal life to all who continue therein.

*"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."* (John 6:67-69). *"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."* (1 John 2:3-5).

I hope that all who teach, whether publicly or privately will study the Word and teach only what is written and proven without prejudice, for each of us that teaches is subject to rebuke.

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My Dear Brethren,

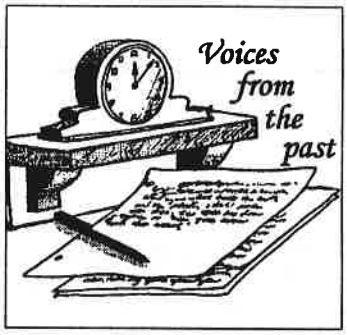
I am sorry I haven't written for some time. My job forced me to be away from home most of the time.

We here at Tulelake are okay, and here is a little money for expenses.

Jim Bryant

# Christian Liberty

There have been volumes written on the above subject, chiefly by those who were holding to something they could not read in God's Holy Word. I believe when our brethren realize that our Christian liberties are controlled by law laid down in the New Testament, the sooner a death blow can be dealt to the forces or error. Paul says, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* (2 Tim. 2:15). There are several ways the word of truth can be divided, but the division below is the one in which I am interested in this article.




First: There are "things" commanded. Example: Matt.28:19-20.

Second: There are "things" forbidden. Example: 1 John 2:15-16.

Third: There are "things" neither commanded, nor forbidden; in these things we have liberty, **provided** they meet certain scriptural requisites, and **provided** they cause no one to stumble, or to offend, or is made weak; and if they do, we must leave them off.

The first and second divisions no one denies they exist, and they must be obeyed. The third, all agree that it exists, but many refuse to recognize that only those "things" which meet the scriptural requisites are allowable; and refuse to leave them off, even if they do cause someone to stumble, or is offended, or is made weak. The scriptural requisites are:

First: *"All things are lawful."* (1 Cor. 6:12; 1 Cor. 10:23).

Second: *"All things are* ***not expedient.****"* (1 Cor. 6:12; 1 Cor. 10:23).

Third: *"All things* ***edify not.****"* (1 Cor. 10:23).

Fourth: "Our attitude **must be** *"I will not be brought under the power of any."* (1 Cor. 6:12).

All will agree that these *"All things wherein we have liberty"* must be *"lawful;"* yet many try to dodge this responsibility. The big fight comes on the next two requisites, viz: *"not expedient,"* and *"edify not;"* also our attitude, *"I will not be brought under the power of any."* You cannot "expediate" the word of God, for it is perfect (Psalms 19:7; James 1:25; Rom. 12:2). There is no other edifying element but the Word of God, because it is perfect (see above scriptures). Hence, we can see at a glance the wisdom of expressions, *"not expedient,"* and *"edify not."* Neither can we use any other institution than the church (Eph. 3:21), and the individual (Eph. 4:16). Many will argue against the requisite *"not expedient"* because they want to style some things *"expedient;"* but they shy away when you ask them, do them compare their so-called expedients with the Bible *"expedients?"* listed in John 16:7; 18:14; and 11:50. They do not like the requisite, *"edify not,"* for they have institutions by which they edify. We all realize we can "expediate" ourselves by having a more comfortable seat or method of travel; but to expediate the Word of God? Never. But suppose we leave off these two: *"not expedient"* and *"edify not."* Then if we use any other edifying element that the Word of God, we are obligated to show that it conforms to number one requisite *"lawful."* That is, it does not contradict a command or something forbidden. We must also show we are not trying to glorify God through any other institution than the church (Eph. 3:21).

Lastly our attitude (number four), *"I will not be brought under the power of any,"* must be respected. *"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing*

*whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."* (Rom. 14:21; see also verses 22-23). *"Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:"* (1 Cor. 10:32; also read the entire chapters of Rom. 14, 1 Cor. 8, and 1 Cor. 10).

It cannot be successfully deemed from the above scriptures that we must *"... not be brought under the power of any."* (1 Cor. 6:12); but must leave off any or all of these liberties if they cause anyone to stumble, or is offended, or is made weak (Rom. 14:21). If we fail to obey the above injunction we will come under the condemnation of 1 Cor. 8:12: *"But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ."* The advocates of error will (when met by the above) claim a law: "That the command to do a thing carries with it the incidentals, methods, and arrangements necessary to do the thing." But when called on to give a scripture to back this claim, they fail miserably. The truth is, our liberty to use incidentals, methods, or arrangements comes under the law, *"of all things"* wherein we have liberty as taught in Rom. 14, 1 Cor. 8, and 1 Cor. 10. Seven times in two small verses it is called, *"all things"* (see 1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23); and I believe it includes *"all things"* of liberty.

God sacrificed (gave up) His Son for us. Our whole life is a sacrifice. We must give up those things in the world that were in yonders world dear to us. We must sacrifice one another in going and preaching, in helping the poor, in supporting the Gospel, and many other things too numerous to mention. Then why, oh why, will our brethren refuse to sacrifice their liberties, where they have liberties, for the brethren? Paul gave up the right to eat and drink the things of others, which the scriptures clearly taught he had a right to (1 Cor. 9:17). He did this that he abuse not his power in the Gospel (verse 19); that by all means he might save some (verse 22); and that He did it for the Gospel's sake (verse 23). Hence, we can see that all incidentals, methods, and arrangements not given in the Bible as an example or command, come under this law of *"all things"* wherein we have liberty as taught in 1 Cor. 6:12; 8; 10; and Rom. 14). The rest must be read in God's book.

May God bless us all to be satisfied with (and conform our lives to) His Holy Word is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,
J. S. Bedingfield
(reprinted from *It Is Written*, Nov., 1956)

# Precious Memories

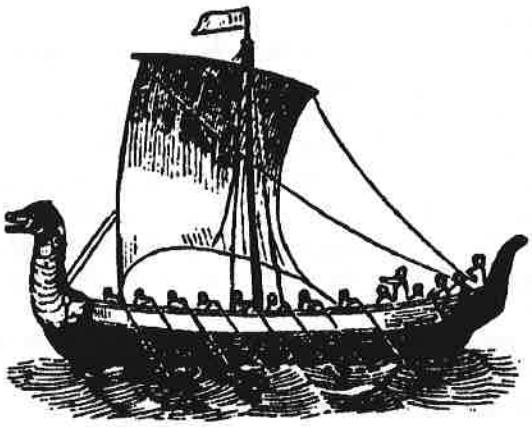
*It Is Written*, November, 1956. Bro. W. E. Daniels, Tiner, OK, invited other to stop by and worship with them. Sister Maude Scott, Crosbyton, TX, wrote that the church at Lorenzo recently purchased a lot and moved a building on it for worship services. Bro. Earl Howe gave the first lesson. Report from Yuma, AZ, said Bro. L. C. England of Whittier, CA, had baptized a young man and his wife at Yuma. Report from Somerton, AZ, that Sister Staggs had returned after several weeks absence; and that Sister Bessie Dye had been ill. Report from Springdale, AR, that Bro. Earl Atchley was recovering from an operation. Report from Lorenzo, TX, that Bro. Claude Scott was much improved. Bro. Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, reported that they had many visitors at a meeting in Seymour, TX. with Bro. W. H. Francis. J. W. Bedingfield, Carlsbad, NM, reported on the meeting at Aztec, NM, where one was baptized. Bro. Lloyd Treat wrote that one was baptized at Tiner, OK. Report from Yuma, AZ, that brother Elmer Hunt would hold their meeting during the Thanksgiving holiday.

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1976.** Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, reports that Sister Freeman had a short stay in the hospital; that his eldest son, Mike Bryant, and his wife, Lisa, had just moved there from Modesto, CA; that Bro. and Sister Mike Brockman were back with them; and that his son Anthony Bryant (9) was baptized Sept. 12th. Bro. L. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, reported on their meeting. The visiting speakers were: Brothers Howard McCay, Homer Bryant, J. D. Logan, Dean Guyer, Al Way, Horace Orendorff, Tom Broadway, and Greg Staley. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, reported on their meeting time and place. Bro. Earl Atchley, Elk City, OK, reported on their meeting time and place. Also announced was the engagement of Bro. Dennis Bentz and Sister Kay Burtis to be married at Modesto on December 18th.

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1986.** Bro. Randolph Kellems, Rosemead, CA, wrote that he appreciated getting *The Courier*. Bro. Terry Warford, Baron, OK, reported that his mother, Sister Darlene Warford, was recovering from a mild heart attack, and that Sister Emma Leatherwood received some burns from being hit by lightning. Report from Oklahoma City, OK, that they had some visitors; that they were happy to hear of Bro. Roger and Sister Janice Sauve's new baby girl, Jillian; and that they were happy to have Sister Donna Taylor meeting with them now. Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported that his wife was doing a lot better, but still under doctor's care. Bro. Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA, announced the marriage of their youngest daughter, Barbara, to Rick Carter on October 4th. Bro. J. D. Logan, Stockton, CA, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting.

# The Travels of Paul: Fourth Journey

## Conspiracy






Paul was encouraged by the words he received from our Lord while imprisoned in Jerusalem. The Jews, however, were getting more incensed; Paul had once again escaped their grasp. Their hatred of Paul grew more every day. More than forty of them the next day bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would never eat nor drink until they had killed him (Acts 23:12-13).

These men had formed a plan to kill Paul, then told the chief priests and elders of their vow and conspiracy, but they needed the assistance of the council to pull it off (vs. 14-15). Their plan was for the council to have the Roman chief captain (Claudius) bring Paul back to them for more discussion, and then they would kill him on the way.

This plot might have succeeded had it not been for the Lord's intervention. It is unlikely that it was just a coincidence that Paul's nephew, a very young lad (vs. 19), happened to be standing nearby and hear this conversation (vs. 16). He went to the castle and told Paul what was planned. Hearing this, Paul called for one of the centurions, and asked to have the boy taken to the chief captain to tell him something (vs. 17).

When this was done Claudius took the lad by the hand and asked him privately, *"What is that thou hast to tell me?"* (vs. 18-19). After the boy told of the whole plot to kill Paul, the chief captain instructed him not to tell this to anyone, then let him go (vs. 20-22).

Seeing further discussion with the Jews was fruitless, Claudius decided to get Paul out of harm's way (and out of his hair) by sending him by night to Felix, the governor (vs. 23-24). To make sure that Paul was well guarded, he ordered two centurions to deliver him to Caesarea (about 65 miles) with the assistance of 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen with extra horses for Paul. This was no match for the forty conspirators, even if they saw the movement.

Claudius wrote a letter of explanation to be delivered to Governor Felix (vs. 25-26). As done by many politicians, he distorted the truth somewhat (vs. 27-30). He claimed to rescue Paul from being slain by the Jews *"Having learned that he was a Roman..."* This implies that the rescue was made to prevent harm to a Roman citizen, whereas Claudias not know that at the time. In fact, he did not know it until he had Paul illegally bound (left off the letter entirely).

They got as far as Antipatris before they stopped for the night.(vs. 31). There must have been no threatening pursuit by the Jews, for the footmen returned to Jerusalem in the morning (vs. 31-33), leaving the horsemen to travel the remaining 26 miles to Caesarea with Paul. Upon arrival, Paul and the letter were delivered to Governor Felix.

After Felix read the letter, he asked Paul of what province he was from (vs. 34). Upon hearing that he was of Cilicia, he said he would hear the case when his accusers arrived. Meanwhile, he would be kept in Herod's palace (vs. 35).

Next: Defense Before Felix
Written in love of the truth.
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# Cards and Letters



## Aloha, OR

I would like to thank all those who responded to the letter about J. L. & Eunice's 50th anniversary. They enjoyed all of the cards and letters with memories.

Everyone at Aloha is doing fine.

We've all had a busy summer. Eunice had surgery in July. Thank you for everyone's prayers.

I was able to go to church in Chesterton, IN, in August. I was happy to see that my cousin Bonnie is doing better.

We were happy to have Tom & Charlene meet with us in September. Tom gave a wonderful lesson.

We also enjoyed getting to see Lynell this month.

Doris Jared
Aloha, OR

## Deer Park, TX

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to thank you for placing Pearl's name on the list requesting prayers. Although her name appeared only a short time, I am sure that many precious prayers were offered. For this we are all grateful.

God answered our prayers in His own way, and also Pearl's own way. When she realized that her condition was terminal, she told us that God would choose the time to call her away, and that she was ready for that call. She did not ask for her days to be prolonged in her state of disability, neither did she ask for those days to be shortened to avoid suffering. She only asked for a peaceful crossing at God's chosen time.

That prayer was answered. She passed quietly and peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones, as she had requested. She was conscious, and recognized us until her last breath. She did not give up on life, but she accepted death gracefully and beautifully, with her heart filled with love for all. We thank all of you so much for your love and your prayers.

J. W. Bedingfield & Family

## Baron, OK

Greetings to all from the Baron Congregation:

The Lord is certainly painting a beautiful picture here in Oklahoma. The timber is just wonderful to look at.

The church here is doing fairly well. We do have some good news to report: our grandson, Nathan McReynolds, was baptized the latter part of September (25th). He is Don and Sheila's son. He is 14 years old. We rejoiced, and I'm sure the angels in heaven are, also.

We also had a new addition to the great grand population: Eddie and Angela Martin have a 2-month old son, born August 19th. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. His name is Jackie Dylan Martin. He is Felix and Beverly Rossi's grandson.

The church had a wiener roast and homemade ice cream on Thursday night, October 3rd. Everyone had a good time, and enjoyed the good fellowship.

We have been getting a lot of rain, and the weather here is gradually getting cooler. Looks like winter will be coming soon, but as the Bible says, as long as time lasts, *"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."* (Gen. 8:22).

Thanks to the brethren who are responsible for putting out the paper, we can read about other congregations and advertise our meetings, and that really helps.

This is about all the news that I can think of at this time.

We extend our love and prayers.

The Baron Church of Christ

## Bohanna Mt., AR

Greetings from Bohanna Mt.,

We are happy to report that we have a new brother in Christ — Bro. Steve Laney of Huntsville, AR, being baptized the last week of September. I'm sure his family and friends are happy for Steve. We all welcome him into God's family.

Also, we are so happy to welcome Bro. Marvin Daniels and his wife, Jean, back after they lived away from here several years. Welcome home Marvin & Jean. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Marvin give the lesson three Sundays ago.

The Fall weather is just about perfect now, and God has painted the mountain and valleys with the beautiful hues of color that no artist could ever catch with his brush.

With love from the Bohanna Mt. congregation

## San Pablo, CA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all. We send our love to the brotherhood everywhere. We also send our prayers, especially for those who are sick. We all need to remember not to lose hope in our Lord, the only one who can heal us, physically and spiritually.

On the last Lord's Day of September, our beloved friend, and now our Sister in Christ, Carmen Kaylor, was baptized into the body of Christ. We welcome Sister Carmen with open arms and with open hearts. Also, we want to thank Sister Kathy Maddox for being Sister Carmen's mentor. She led her to the Lord with the love and kindness that all of us should do. But we know who we all should thank — the heavenly Father for His Holy Word, whereby we all have come to the knowledge and wisdom of His Word, and our Saviour Jesus Christ for His sacrifice on the cross.

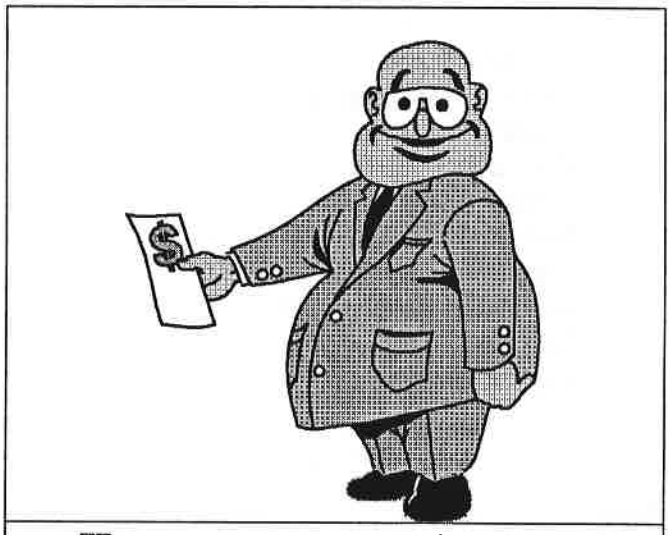
Not much more news to report except for a few colds, but no flu has been reported.

We want to pray for Sister Eunice Bruce of Carlsbad, NM. We don't pretend to know why these things happen, but we certainly can go to our heavenly Father on her behalf. We pray for her healing, and that she will be back to normal health real soon. There are still many of whom we don't know about their condition that need our prayers, also. Let us not forget them; especially those that need spiritual healing.

Proverbs 15:8, *"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight."*

In Christian love,

San Pablo, CA, congregation



**Have you ever noticed the depths to which some people will descend to reach the heights?**

## Selah, WA

Dear Brethren,

It has been awhile in writing. We get busy in our lives, and time gets away from us.

Most everyone here at Selah are fine. Many are still bothered with allergies. Sister Virgie Hamett lost her father after a long illness.

Bro. Gene McKinney had rotator cuff surgery in September. He is doing well, and in therapy.

We had a nice visit with Bro. & Sister Terry Warford. Bro. Terry brought us a fine sermon. It's always nice to hear the young men speak.

Anyone passing our way, please stop by. We meet at the Selah Civic Center in Selah, WA.

Written in Christian love,

Selah congregation

## Sea-Tac, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been blessed with recent visits from Brother and Sister Matthew Shepherd and family, from Vancouver, WA. It's always a joy to have them with us.

Brother Terry Warford, and his wife Suzie, had been away to Yakima,WA; Aloha, OR; and Springfield, OR, on occasion. We miss them when they are gone.

On a sad note, Brother Garold Morris' cancer has appeared to spread from his prostate to other parts of his body. His last visit to the doctor showed signs of it in his bladder, and hot spots in his pelvic, rib cage, and left shoulder areas. The doctors plan on starting hormone treatment soon.

Brother Howard McCay went to Mexico recently for his cancer checkup, and returned with the news that they have increased his medication, and that they want him to return in three months.

Brother Ellis Forsman had a couple growths removed from his colon last month, but the tests showed that they were benign.

We received information by phone that Brother J. D. Logan, of Stockton, CA, had a blockage in the artery that goes to the brain. He had to undergo surgery to have it stripped, and is now recovering.

Our prayers go out for all of these people, as well as others in the brotherhood who are having physical and spiritual ailments.

May the love of the Lord be with you all.

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Meetings

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| Nov. 24-Dec. 1, 1996 | Citrus City, AZ | Rex Mickey |
| June 28-July 6, 1997 | Delta, CO | Camp meeting |
| July 6-13, 1997 | Yakima, WA | Roger Walkingstick |

## Births

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|---|---|---|
| Jackie Dylan Martin<br>son of Eddie & Angela Martin | Baron, OK | Aug. 19, 1996; 7 lbs., 6oz. |

## Baptisms

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| Nathan McReynolds | Baron, OK | September 25, 1996 |
| Steve Laney | Huntsville, AR | September, 1996 |
| Carmen Kaylor | San Pablo, CA | September 29, 1996 |

## Prayer of Faith for those in need

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| Erelene Chessman | Bellflower, CA | Fighting cancer |
| Nelvin Daniels | Bohanna, Mt., AR | Heart surgery |
| Eunice Bruce | Carlsbad, NM | Broken hip & arm |
| Dixie Fauch | Cedaredge, CO | Major surgery recovery |
| Letha Ferguson | Goshen, AR | Fighting cancer |
| Earl Howe | Lorenzo, TX | Heart surgery recovery |
| Luke Carpenter | Sacramento, CA | Cystic Fibrosis |
| Jessica Carpenter | Sacramento, CA | Cystic Fibrosis |
| Howard McCay | Sea-Tac, WA | Fighting cancer |
| Garold Morris | Sea-Tac, WA | Fighting cancer |
| J. D. Logan | Stockton, CA | Surgeryto strip artery |
| Dean Guyer | Waterford, CA | Surgery to remove spleen |
| Dorothy Williams | Yuma, AZ | Surgery |
| Zelma Broadway | Yuma, AZ | In a rest home |

## Passings

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| Pearl Bedingfield | Deer Park, TX | October 3, 1996 |