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Call On The Name Of The Lord

Acts 2:21, "*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

Much has been said concerning this scripture and many opinions have been given. Many and numerous are the doctrines advanced, purporting to be the truth. Most concise down to one thought however: that this merely means to *call out aloud* the name of Jesus. Nothing could be farther from the truth.



To *call* in this context means to *invoke* the name of the Lord. To *invoke* means "to call on God for blessing, help, inspiration, support, etc." Obviously, more is involved here than to merely cry aloud the name of Jesus.

The same principle is involved when we "call in the name of the law (civil)." If we *invoke* the law, we do so by *complying* with the law. None in his right mind would *invoke* the name of the law without *complying* with the terms of the law.

When Men First Began To "Call On The Name Of The Lord"

At the birth of Enos, son of Seth, grandson of Adam, we are told, "*...then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.*" (Gen. 4:26).

The Hebrew word used here is *qara* and is defined, "cry unto, preach, proclaim(ation), pronounce, publish". The meaning is apparent: men began to invoke the Lord, and to proclaim his name abroad.

Other uses of this expression are contained in Psa. 105:1, "*...call upon his name: make known his deeds...*". Isa. 12:4, "*Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings...*". Also, see Joel 2:32, Zeph. 3:9.

This brings us back to our text and leads us to that which logically follows: what is the result of *calling on the name of the Lord?*

In Rom. 10:13, we are told, Jew or Gentile, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

In I Cor. 1:2, we read, "*...to the church of God, ...to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus*, (make holy, purify, consecrate), *called to be saints* (Christians, holy), *with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...*".

Since *calling on the name of the Lord* results in salvation and entry into Christ's body results in salvation and entry into Christ's body, it follows that whatsoever the scriptures reveal to be necessary to salvation constitutes *calling on the name of the Lord.*

Things By Which We Are Saved — God's Part

- John 3:17, "*...God sent (Christ) into the world...that the world through him might be saved.*"
- Titus 3:5, "*...according to his mercy he* (God) *saved us...*".
- Acts 15:11, "*...through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved...*".
- Acts 4:12, "*...there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*"
- Rom. 5:10, "*...being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*"

God has made provisions for mankind to achieve salvation. This is his part of his plan. Mankind didn't deserve it; neither had mankind earned it by any works they had done. Paul expressed God's part in the plan of salvation very well in Eph. 2:8-9, "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*"

Things By Which We Are Saved — Man's Part

Jesus, the focus of God's grace, from the beginning, taught that man has to comply with the terms of God's grace, the gospel. John 14:15, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*" No one could say it better. It is by our obedience to the commandments of Christ and his apostles that we demonstrate our love for him.

This, then, is man's part in God's plan of salvation:

- Rom. 10:9, "*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*"
- Heb. 11:6, "*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.*"
- Matt. 9:13, "*...I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*"
- II Pet. 3:9, "*...(God is) not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"
- Luke 12:8, "*Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:*".
- Rom. 10:10, "*...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*"
- I Pet. 3:21, "*The like figure whereunto even 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:*".

- Mark 16:16, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;...*".

Summary

All these are, as the gospel writers have indicated, things by which we are saved. I do not suggest that this is the whole duty of man: indeed it is really only the beginning, the "first principles", (Heb. 6:1).

Salvation is a condition of completeness, as we read in Rev. 2:26, "*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*".

Not one act of obedience by itself will achieve salvation but only in conjunction with all other acts of obedience.

WE CONCLUDE, THEREFORE, THAT "*CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD*" CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY FOLLOWING AND OBEYING ALL OF COMMANDS OF OUR LORD AND HIS APOSTLES.

In love of the truth,
Your brother in Christ,
JD Logan

To Cut or Not To Cut

Study of I Corintians 11:1-16

In the first verse, Paul starts off by a command, "*be ye*" (YE being the Christians at Corinth and also to us). Then Paul mentions in the 16th verse the Churches of God (of which we are), "*Be ye followers of me even as I am of Christ,*".

In Matt 7:21 "*Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*" (He that DOETH God's will).

What will be the outcome if we don't do his will? Matt. 7:22, "*Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name have done many wonderful works?*" These are people pleading with Jesus on Judgment day. Now these people claim to be Christians by their works in Christ name, but Christ cast them aside in verse 23, "*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity*".

What kept them from God? Remember in verse 21? Doeth my will; keeping the ordinances which are laws. These are the ones Christ will remember on that last day, so it should behoove us to keep these ordinances when we learn and study God's word delivered to us by Paul.

I've found the definition of the word *iniquity* in the Expository Dictionary of the New Testament Words by W.E. Vine.

Greek word: *Anomia (a'vopi'a),* literal, lawless or wickedness or unrighteousness.

The word lawless and unrighteous are the key words that put these people away from Christ and into wickedness which Christ and God do not except in Christian works. Therefore by not keeping these ordinances, which are laws, we find ourselves in danger of being "*cast away*". "Lawless" are ones that keep not the laws.

In Vine's dictionary the word *ordinance* as found in 1 Cor. 11:2, "*That we are commanded to keep*" it translates as *Tradition.* Now I would like to look at II Thess. 2:15 "*Therefore brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught. Whether by word or our epistle.*"

This is a commandment by Paul to the followers of Christ **Hold fast= Keep,** to put into practice in your everyday lives, this is to ***KEEP.***

I Cor. 11:3, "*But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ: and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.*"

I Cor. 11:4, "*Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered dishonoreth his head*".

Now I would like to emphasize the word dishonoreth. What does this mean to God? In Vine's it means:

Noun: Disparagement, reproach, shame, vile.

Adjective: Despise

Verb: Shameful

What does he mean having his head covered and in the 5th verse the woman uncovered dishonoreth her head: What we need to know now, what is it that would make us so unpleasing to our God. We need to know what it is. The answer is found in I Cor. 11:15, "*But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*"

So what covers the physical head is hair. To God, it reflects acknowledgement of man or woman and your place in authority.

I Cor. 11:4, "*Praying to God...*, for a Christian man or woman, being able to communicate with God is so necessary for us. When we pray, our prayers are passed on to God by our Savior Jesus Christ because we are a part of his body; he hears us. If he is insulted or ashamed of us by our appearance, is our prayers heard by God?

In verse 5, I would like to mention that the words "man and woman" is used, not "husband and wife" because this is between God and man and God and woman each separate Beings before God. If the woman is uncovered in her praying and prophesying, which is advocating Christ in our everyday lives, she dishonored her head which is man. This is a bad thing to do if you want to pray to God, for He is the one that is to be reckoned with in our efforts to live the kind of life acceptable to Him.

Now as the 5th verse continues, a statement is made: "*...for that is even all one as if she were shaven.*" Shaven is the hair cut smooth with the scalp of her physical head.

6th continues on, "*For if the woman be not covered, Let her be shorn. <u>but</u> if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.*" The question here "IF" it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

In the 15th verse the word *Long* is mentioned. Long is pleasing to God and *long* is a glory to her. *Long* is the opposite of being shorn. *Shorn* is to cut. To cut your hair is the same as if you are shaven. Both are what make the woman uncovered in God's eyes. Not to cut the hair is to have long hair, and this is a glory to her; for she then is a glory to man and shows God you are acknowledging the authority of your head, which is man.

Back in the 14th verse, "*Doth not even nature itself teach you it is a shame unto him?*" The phrase "*it is a shame*" is a statement of fact and a fordrawn conclusion. This is stating a fact. So man is not to take on the appearance of a woman, which is to have long hair. Man in order to be pleasing and not shaming Christ by looking like a woman has to have his hair shorn or cut.

Verse 7, "*For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, for as much as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.*"

Verse 7-12 is acknowledging that men and women are both creatures of God. For his pleasure he created us. This is His will, why should we as Christians not want to look by outward appearance the way He (God) wants us to look. These are the ordinances that He has given to us, as was told to the churches; keep these. These are the Ordinances:

1. Godhead: Man is over the woman, Christ is over man, and God is over Christ. This is one ordinance.

2. The hair of your head, being what covers your head. By cutting or not cutting it whichever applies to you. If you are a man, or if you are a woman, these are ordinances and it is to be kept and adhered to.

Verse 16 is confusing because of the Old English terminology used in translating. I would like to use the New International Children's Bible to better understand this verse and not to mislead you in the wrong thought.

I Cor. 11:16, "*Some people may still want to argue about this. But I would add that neither we (we are the apostles) nor the churches of God accept any other practice.*"

A contentious person with God: Titus 3:9, "*But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions, and strivings about the law, for they are unprofitable and* ***vain.***"

Here is what the **scholars** had to say about I Cor, 11: 4-7:

V.4, Every man who prays or prophesies with long hair dishonors his head

V. 5, And every woman who prays or prophesies with no covering of hair on her head dishonors her head — She is just like one of the "*shorn women*".

V.6, If a woman has no covering, let her be for now with short hair, but since it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair shorn or shaved, she should grow it again.

V.7, "*A man ought not to have long hair*" For man is the image of God, and his glory. Doing his "will" is an honor for man and for woman! And a command. Jesus said if you love me keep my commandments.

I hope this letter will help Christian men and women better understand this passage. With love for all who may read this letter,

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Gospel Meetings

I just got back to Seattle a couple of days ago after attending the meeting at Yakima. I am very excited, and want to take a few lines, and encourage all congregations to have a gospel meeting in the coming year. It used to be that the schedule page of the Courier and the Fruits of the Spirit was packed with meetings. The last few years have been very few.

Let me remind you of a few reasons why meetings are so beneficial and so important. This will be nothing new, but simply a gentle prodding.

First of all, meetings are scriptural, or to be more precise, a way to fulfill scripture, and thus please the Lord. The early church assembled far more often than just the first day of the week. If we are trying to be the New Testament church, so should we. Look to Acts 2:46. "*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*". They met daily, both in the Jewish temple and privately in their own homes. Whose instruction were they following in doing so?



Beaver's Bend Camp Meeting 2005

Look back up to verse 42, "*And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*" In meeting and fellowshipping often, they were doing as Christ's apostles directed them. The apostles, in turn, got their instructions, from Jesus Christ, Acts 1:1-3. Gospel meetings by themselves do not completely fulfill this example. They are simply a step in the right direction, meeting together daily over a weekend, or a full week (or two).

There are 5 parts to the worship service: communion, giving, preaching, singing and prayer. These are found to be what the early church did in examples in the book of Acts, and instruction in the writings of Paul, especially in the book of First Corinthians. Of these, communion – Acts 20:7, and giving – I Cor. 16:1-2, are specifically to be done on the first day of the week. None of the rest have any restriction time-wise. We are to do them when assembled on the first day of the week, but we can also do them more often!

We find an example of preaching every day, Acts 5:42, "*And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*" And we find that singing and prayer should be constant parts of our lives. Heb. 13:15, "*By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*" Col. 4:2, "*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*".

Gospel meetings are not a command, and it would be asserting much more authority than I have or want to demand them. But they are a great way to begin to follow the example of the early church, and in fact we should do much more. Heb. 3:13, "*But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*"

Secondly, meetings are fun, uplifting, and edifying. Even as a kid, I always looked forward to them, and enjoyed them completely. Remember, they are full of much more than excellent preaching, but also singing, praying, and all kinds of fellowship.

We need that fellowship to enrich our lives and to be pleasing to God, I John 1:7, "*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.*" Brothers and sisters, this verse is clear. If we are

not fellowshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ we are not walking in the light. If we walk in the light, we have fellowship. Meetings are one more opportunity for that fellowship.

Meetings are blessings to the young. Growing up, we kids knew we were having a meeting in the summer, and also occasionally got to attend others. We could count on our parents and the leaders of the congregation providing that edification for us. We were excited about them, and loved them. Yes, a few did leave the church when they grew up anyway, but a lot more have left the church recently as meetings have become scarcer.

Meetings are a lot of hard work. This is a good thing, a positive thing. There is nothing bad about having to do some work for the Lord. It teaches us and our kids about the value of work. We are going to be judged according to our works (Rev. 20:12). We are going to be rewarded according to our works (Rev. 22:12). Works are necessary to keep our faith alive (James 2:26). So isn't it important to have some good works? Meetings give us that chance, and besides most of that work is done with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and most of it is fun, or can be with the right attitude. Gal. 6:9-10, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*"

It is true that not all congregations have ideal facilities for meetings. Ours, for example, doesn't have kitchen or restroom facilities, other than in the elder's own house and apartments. But consider this. I have a car, but it's not a Cadillac. It doesn't have power steering or cruise control. It's not fancy, but it gets me back and forth to worship and work reliably. Do we want the Lord to consider us fancy or consider us reliable? When I was a kid, the building where our congregation assembled had no running water, had no kitchen facilities, and had outhouses, until 1977. We still had a meeting every year! We couldn't have food on the premises every night. But we did what we could. We would have lunches either outside at our building or at a local park on Sunday afternoons. Through the week we would have services and fellowship. If we are waiting for things to be ideal we will never do anything. Do we really want to try to stand in judgment and tell the Lord we were not rich enough to serve Him? James 2:5, "*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*"

We may consider our congregation to be too small to have a meeting. Do it anyway. If you have a meeting, you will not be alone. People from other congregations will come and support you, and you will have new excitement. Our congregations will continue to get smaller unless we do something.

There is a great feeling of good things happening in the churches of Christ right now. We should all want to be part of that. Again, meetings are not an end to themselves. They are not the only thing we should do. But they are one thing we can do to please the Lord, and edify each other and our kids.

I really hope this article has had a positive tone. It is my desire to encourage, and not accuse. This is about what we can do from now on, not what we may or may not have done in the past. Would you please have some sort of gospel meeting in the coming year?

With all my love,

Brother Terry Warford
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Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

Greetings to all!

Well, camp is over for another year and what a camp it was! Three baptisms and many responded to the invitation for prayers of the church! Jonathan Harper, son of Eric & Lori Harper, Jacob Cross and Stephen Baker. We had a total of 137 people coming and going with 71 youths! We have been so very encouraged and uplifted!

The children and adults alike were kept busy with activities. The youth made crafts for a local nursing home and then sang songs for them. Rock climbing, paddle boating, miniature golf, jet skiing, horseback riding, and trips were some of the activities that kept us busy!

The meals were great! Thanks to the talented and much appreciated cooks in the kitchen.

Our speakers were Eric Harper, Kurt Harper, Ellis Forsman, Jerry McCay, Gene McKinney, Chris Carter, Greg Allgood, Matt Matlock, and Dennis Davis. Our young men's services were conducted by very talented young men and our speakers in that service were Jesse Phipps and Robert Fuson, Jr. Thanks so much to all of our speakers. Your lessons were much appreciated and very helpful in our struggles as Christians.

We had a new someone at church Sunday, Mary (sorry, didn't get your last name!) but, she is Casey Dover's sister. She was there with her baby girl. We are so happy to have her with us!

Our Fall meeting is November 10,11,12, 2006. We hope to have a speaker lined up soon! We are still reeling from camp! Please come and be with us if you can possibly be here. We want to have you with us to encourage us and we hope to encourage you!

Bro. Edwin Crowell needs your prayers. He is having kidney and heart problems. Sis. Brenda Treat also needs your prayers for health problems.

We are trying to have youth activities at least once a month. Hopefully, it will get going and we can do more! Come and be with us if you can, all are welcome —the 4th Saturday of every month. Church dinner is the last Sunday of every month. The ladies get together for crafts, tea, and talk the second Monday of every month. YOU are ALWAYS WELCOME!!!!!!

Hope to see you soon!

We love you all,

Church of Christ

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* If you send it to our physical address the post office will give it to the Church of Christ down the road (cups church).

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Just an important note we forgot to mention! Angela Boling has created the following:

http://uk.msnusers.com/Beaver Bend Church of ChristCamp/whatsnew.msnw (*Editor's Note: We could not get this website to work)

Pictures and info and a great way to post comments! Thanks so much Angela! We LOVE you!

Broken Bow (Costilow St.) Church of Christ

Hope to see you next year!

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I am sorry to keep sending multiple messages. Maybe I will get it all together one day! I also want to thank Lorenzo Church of Christ, Payson Arizona Church of Christ, Old Burwell Church of Christ, Sea-Tac Church of Christ, and any others I am forgetting to mention for your generous donations. Also, thanks to the MANY individuals and families who donated so generously. We appreciate all of you and it took all to make it the success it was. THANK YOU!

We are happy to announce the following were baptized after the Beaver's Bend Camp Meeting: Will Bunn, Tammy Bunn &, Amber Bunn.

Broken Bow (Costilow St.) Church of Christ

Gleed, WA

Hello to all,

Jason and Katie Christianson had a beautiful baby girl on May 27th, Hannah Louise Christianson. She is a happy and healthy baby. Todd and Tracie Mouritsen are expecting their second child soon. Christopher will have a little sister. We are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of baby girl Mouritsen.

Justin & Fay Lamb got married in Hawaii July, 2006. Rodger and Sharon Lamb hosted a reception for the newlyweds at their house on August 4th, 2006. It was a lot of fun. We wish them many years of happiness.

Joe and Debbie Wilkerson were baptized February 12th, 2006. Debbie had a long battle with cancer (a brain tumor) that took her back to her maker on May 15th, 2006. A memorial service was held for her at Rimrock on June 10th. Joe just recently suffered from a heart attack and had to have a stint put in. His heart vessel was 100 percent blocked, and as soon as he can recover from that surgery he has to go in and have another stint put in on the other side. That side of his heart is 75 percent blocked. Joe Wilkerson's daughter, Frances was also baptized on May 21st, 2006 Please remember to keep Joe and Frances in your prayers.

Sam Geho is going in for surgery on August 14th, 2006, to have reconstructive surgery done on his nose due to an earlier accident. He will be having his nose re-broken and his sinuses reconstructed . This will be an in and out procedure, if everything goes well.

The Gleed Church of Christ 2nd Annual Vacation Bible School was a great success, and was a lot of fun. VBS was held July 24th -28th 2006. This year we studied "Putting on the full armor of God". The kids had memory verses, study time, & arts and crafts. They made a shield, helmet, breastplate and swords. The kids did a play regarding Ephesians 6:11-18. There were an awards ceremony and BBQ on Sunday evening July 30th. We are already planning for Vacation Bible School next year July 23rd - 27th, 2007. Please be sure to put it on your calendar. There are three classrooms: Pre-school age, Middle school age, and teens.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Pat McKinney returned home safely from their travels. Uncle Gene held a meeting in Lorenzo, TX. We are happy that they made it back safely.

Bro. Jerry McCay held a meeting in Yakima and some of the members from the Gleed Church were able to attend. It was sure good to see Jerry again. Sunday evenings we were blessed to have so many people that attended the Yakima meeting come to night services at Gleed.

Rich and Melissa Lamb have moved from Olympia back to Yakima. We are so happy to have them and their son Benjamin back.

Doug and Terri Lamb's two oldest children, Hollie and Kameron came forward and were

baptized Sunday, August 13th, 2006. What a wonderful day! Uncle Jim Lamb baptized them both.

The Gleed Church of Christ Youth Group worked hard and earned enough money to go to a four-day Christian retreat called Creations. It was up at the Gorge in Washington. They all had a great time and met a lot of different people from all over the world. The Youth Group is planning to do a lot of fund raisers to earn enough money to go to The Beaver's Bend Camp Meeting in Broken Bow, OK, next year. If you are interested in going and would like to travel together, please contact Felica Geho at 1-(509) 972-2202. We would like to get a caravan together.

Please remember these people in your prayers: Bob Farley is still having a lot of pain; Grandma Ola McKinney is weak and has some bad days; Aunt Pat McKinney is recovering from pneumonia; Sam Geho is recovering from surgery; and Joe Wilkerson is recovering from heart attack and surgery.

Written in Christian Love,

Threasa King (ThreasaEMT@Aol.com)

Goshen, AR

Greetings,

We at Goshen for the most part are doing okay. We do have some with on-going health problems. Sis. Christy Burkhart has to use a wheelchair because of her back. She really needs your prayers.

We do have good news: Bro. Mark's friend, Aaron Brown started coming to church with Mark several weeks ago. Three weeks ago he became a Christian. We are not only happy for him, but very pleased to have him with us. These young brothers and sisters are the future of Christ's church. Older Christians need to give them all the support they can.

Bro. Gene Barrett dropped in two weeks ago and spoke for us. I know everyone really enjoyed hearing Gene. He made some very good points on "Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone".

Not a lot happening, so will say, "Take care and God bless."

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Goshen, AR

Fellow Christians,

I'm writing to you from the Church at Goshen Arkansas. We've had some wonderful news: another lamb has been added to the house of the Lord — Hailee Ferguson, our niece/daughter, (since she has been with us since she was 2 years old). We call her daughter and she is now our sister in Christ. She was baptized on 7-12-06. We are sure that God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the angels in Heaven are rejoicing!

We are so proud of her for having the courage to proclaim Christ as her Lord and Savior. We hope all are doing well and we are in constant prayer for all.

Your Brother & sister In Christ,
From Goshen Arkansas
Pamela & Subir Sen

Lexington, OK

Dear brothers and sisters,

Sorry it has been so long since I wrote. Hope this letter finds you all in good health.

We here at Lexington have been busy trying to figure out where to set a church building. I think we have decided to set it on the land where we live. It is a nice and growing area. We are located around 7 miles east of Purcell and Lexington, OK, and about 13 miles west of Asher, OK, on Hwy 39. Now, all we need to do is get started on our building. So we are coming to our brothers and sisters and asking for any financial assistance we can get in this endeavor. It would be greatly appreciated. If interested, you may contact me at 1-405-527-6014, or send to 17151 Hunter Hill Rd., Lexington, OK.

I also have more news. My son, Johannes Mickel Morris, was baptized into the body of Christ on June 25th. I had the privilege of baptizing him. It is so wonderful to see how eager he is to serve the lord and to help with the service. If everyone could have that much enthusiasm this would be a lot better world. He is also looking forward to the camp meeting at Beaver's Bend this year, so we are going to try to make it there the last weekend. Well, I guess that's all for now; will try harder to keep in touch.

With all our love from Lexington, OK
Russell M. Morris, Jr.

Pleasant View, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It finally rained and our burn bans have been lifted! Sis. Retha Morris has had to have surgery for cancer on her forehead and ear, but she is getting along well. She has to return to have surgery on her nose on June 20th. Please keep her in your prayers. She and Bro. George just got back from visiting family in New Mexico.

We are very blessed to announce three new members into the church: Jacob Fuson (my grandson), Courtney Moncravie, and Reka Dale.

We are continuing to have Bible study every other Wednesday night at 6:00. It is very uplifting to see and hear the questions that are being discussed and the input from the youth. As always, we invite anyone and everyone to come and worship with us.

In brotherly love,
Church of Christ (Pleasant View)
Gerald Buckner

Ringgold, TX

The Ringgold congregation asks all to pray for Aundrea Pollan, wife to Raymond Pollan. She has breast cancer and she had a mastectomy on June 9th. She is receiving treatment at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, TX. Aundrea is having a difficult time, and we ask everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. We surely give God the glory in the name of His Son, and ask that His will be done in all things on earth as in heaven.

In Christ,
Larry Pollan
Ringgold, TX

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been a busy time since we last put out an issue of *The Courier*. Here is some of what's been going on.

Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Forsman went on a six-week trip, taking in the Lorenzo, TX, meeting and the Beaver's Bend Camp Meeting at Broken Bow. They took Amarissa Orendorff

with them, and picked up several grandkids along the way.

While they were gone we had the support of other local congregations to help us in our services. Bro. Greg and Sis. Peggy Stacy from the Glenwood congregation were here July 2nd. Bro. Greg gave an excellent lesson on being a Salesman for Christ. Bro. Bill McCay, Jr. from Yakima was here July 9th with his wife Cinde. Bro. Bill gave a wonderful lesson based on the old song, "Give the World a Smile". Bro. Richard and Sis. Monica Johnston were here from Yakima July 16th. Bro. Richard gave a very edifying lesson on Anger.

Sis. Nell McCay fell and cracked some ribs. She was in a lot of pain for a couple of weeks, but is slowly getting better and smiling more each day. Bro. Mike Boroff's cancer is worse, and spreading to bones. He and Sis. Jeanne haven't been well enough to make it to services for several weeks, and we miss them. Sis. Jeannean McSwane seems to be doing a little better, and has a little freer mobility. Sis. Odessa Honorable is in severe arthritic pain. They all can use your prayers.

Teri Sue and Kaylena Warford were in Selah for a couple of weeks, as Suzie had jury duty to attend to.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman, Sis. Nell McCay, and Bro. Terry & Sis. Suzie Warford & family were fortunate to attend the Yakima meeting held by Bro. Jerry McCay. It was very uplifting and a good time was had by all.

Sis. Hanna Orendorff left to go to college in Memphis, TN. She graduated from high school in June. Bro. David Orendorff is leaving September 4th to continue his studies in the Los Angeles, CA, area. He graduated from the University of Washington in June, also. Both will be sorely missed by those who love them.

Lord, willing, the Sea-Tac congregation plans to have a weekend meeting this fall on November 10-12 with Bro. Bill McCay, Jr. All are welcome.

We thank all congregations for your continuing support.

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation.

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Greetings with hope and prayers for all that are ill. We have had some illness in our congregation. Sis. Verda Nelson spent several days in the hospital undergoing numerous tests. It seems the tests were aimed at possible heart-related problems. She is home now and doing much better. Bro. Harry Booth was ill for about a week with stomach complication. He too is feeling much better.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, their son, daughter-in-law, and two grand-children were with the latter part of June. Bro. Jerry brought us our lesson for Sunday worship. Those who know Jerry and have heard him speak know him to be a worthy speaker. His lesson was good and we all enjoyed it very much.

The first Sunday of August, Bro. Sonny Boling was with us and spoke on "Teaching and Admonishing One Another in Psalms and Hymns". His lesson was enjoyed by all.

It is hotter than blue blazes down here — up to 114°. It may be age, but it sure seems hot. The extreme temperatures only last about three months. I think of, and compare, undesirable circumstances to John16:21 of when a woman is in travail. After delivery of her child she soon forgets the anguish. It is that way with this unbearable heat — as soon as the summer breaks, people forget their miseries of summer.

Bro. Dennis & Sis. Susie Davis are away for the summer. I think they plan to attend the meetings at Lorenzo, TX and Beaver's Bend, OK. We sure miss them while they are away.

This is about all the news I can think of at this time. Take good care and remember what Paul said to the Galatians in Gal. 6:9, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*"

In Christian love,
The church in Yuma, AZ

Late Notice

We received a call this morning (August 31st) informing us of the passing of Sis. Frances Tate. Frances was the wife of Bro. Ed Tate. Although I did not know the Tates personally, I have known of them through the papers and others who have known them for many years. They have been held in high esteem by those who were acquainted with them.

Sis. Tate passed away August 31st. Services are scheduled for Sept 2nd. She will be missed by the many who knew her.

J D Logan

Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, September, 1956.** * Bro. Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, wrote that they had purchased a corner lot and planned to move a building on it in the fall for worship services. * Bro. Roy Dabbs, Aztec, NM, announced the baptism of his daughter, Betty Thompson.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1966.** * Bro. George Morris, Kingman, AZ, announced two more families were now meeting with them: Bro. Bill Rhodes, wife, & children and Bro. Hayse Morris, wife, and children. * Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, wrote that they have added a baptistery to their building.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1976.** * Bro. Charles Jared, Chesterton, IL, reported that his wife, Carolyn, needed recent surgery. * The Chico, CA, congregation announced a Thanksgiving weekend meeting with guest speakers. * Bro. Bob Eldridge, Stilwell, OK, announced two baptisms: Bill Ross and his wife Barbara.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1986.** * Bro. Billy Richardson, Furnish Canyon, Kenton, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Tom Broadway. * The Cedaredge, CO, congregation reported on the Delta Camp Meeting. * Bro. Gerald Buckner, Pleasantview, OK, announced two baptisms: Sue Buckner and Tonia Rhodes. * Bro. Howard McCay, Selah, WA, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1996.** * The San Pablo, CA, congregation reported that Bro. Homer Bryant's brother had passed away. * The Lorenzo, TX, congregation announced the marriage of Bro. Matthew Matlock and Sis. Kimberly Forsman. They also sadly reported the passing of Bro. Errol Forsman and that Bro. Earl Howe had been admitted to the hospital with chest pains and had undergone heart surgery.

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Call On The Name Of The Lord

Acts 2:21, "*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

Much has been said concerning this scripture and many opinions have been given. Many and numerous are the doctrines advanced, purporting to be the truth. Most concise down to one thought however: that this merely means to *call out aloud* the name of Jesus. Nothing could be farther from the truth.



To *call* in this context means to *invoke* the name of the Lord. To *invoke* means "to call on God for blessing, help, inspiration, support, etc." Obviously, more is involved here than to merely cry aloud the name of Jesus.

The same principle is involved when we "call in the name of the law (civil)." If we *invoke* the law, we do so by *complying* with the law. None in his right mind would *invoke* the name of the law without *complying* with the terms of the law.

When Men First Began To "Call On The Name Of The Lord"

At the birth of Enos, son of Seth, grandson of Adam, we are told, "*...then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.*" (Gen. 4:26).

The Hebrew word used here is *qara* and is defined, "cry unto, preach, proclaim(ation), pronounce, publish". The meaning is apparent: men began to invoke the Lord, and to proclaim his name abroad.

Other uses of this expression are contained in Psa. 105:1, "*...call upon his name: make known his deeds...*". Isa. 12:4, "*Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings...*". Also, see Joel 2:32, Zeph. 3:9.