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SURVIVING A SHIPWRECK

Part 2 of 3 — Bro. Terry Warford

In the last issue of the Courier, we began the comparison of surviving a shipwreck with surviving the storms of life that threaten to shipwreck our faith. We began by looking at how Paul and his companions were trapped in winter storms in the 27th chapter of Acts. In this issue we will begin comparing how they survived with principles we can use to fortify our faith in the storms we face.

So we come to the first of the principles in the story that can help us in the storms we face. Acts 27:16-17. "*And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat: Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.*" The sailors used the tools available to them.

Similarly, we must recognize that God gives us certain tools and resources in His Word that we can use. The armor of God in Ephesians 6, the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, His and Christ's presence if we obey them per John 14:23, and many other resources as well. Study them and apply them to our lives, 2 Timothy 3:16-17. "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for*

correction, for instruction in right-eousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Next we see that as the storm got worse they lightened the load in the ship. Acts 27:18-19. "*And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.*"

We too are encouraged to give up certain things to lighten our load. Hebrews 12:1 commands us to give up sins that we easily fall into. "*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*". And in 1 Peter 5:6-7, we see to give up pride and worry. "*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*"

As the story continues, Paul told them they should have listened to him. But now he advised them to not be afraid, but be of good cheer, Acts 27:22-26. "*And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.*"

Likewise we need to set aside our fears, doubts and worries. 2 Timothy 1:7, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*" Be of good cheer instead, Philippians 4:4. "*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.*"

Next we see them measuring their depth. Acts 27:27-28 says. "*But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country; And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.*" Sounding is a technique of measuring the depth of ground underneath a ship, to gauge how close the ship is to running into the seabed or rocks as it gets closer to shore.

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In a similar way, we need to be aware of our surroundings. We live in the world, and can let its temptations wreck our faith if we aren't aware and on guard. 1 John 2:15-17 warns us. "*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*"

Next we see them anchoring the ship to try to weather the storm until morning, Acts 27:29. "*Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.*"

Hebrews 6:19 tells us the hope we have in Jesus Christ is our anchor in the storms we face in life. "*Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*"

The next part of the story shows how Paul kept them all together, so they all could be saved. Acts 27:30-32. "*And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.*"

We too need each other. We strengthen each other, encourage each other, and are in this journey together. So we MUST live our Christian lives in love one for another. In John 13:34-35 Jesus said. "*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*"

And we must also share God's Word with those who are currently lost, offering His love and salvation to them. 2 Timothy 2:24-26 tells us: "*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*"

(concluded next month…)



Bro. Terry Warford
Glenwood congregation
Port Orchard, WA

Notes & Letters

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a while since I have submitted a letter to the Courier. Well, we of the Yuma congregation are all doing very well as of now. It has been since in our 2024 March meeting that I have messaged a letter. It is now close to our 2025 March meeting but I would like to give a short "late" report on the last meeting. We had a wonderful meeting; it was enjoyed by everyone, I believe. There was a lot of good preaching at every service. I know that there was a lot of good will from all the fellowship and working together. We also had a lot of good singing most every night after services. We want to thank each and everyone of you that came and helped out with the preaching and the singing and showing your love one for another. I do believe that the Lord was pleased with our work in the worship and praise for Him by all that came from far and near to help out in this our work of the Lord. We give Him thanks for the safe journey to and from here for those that travelled to be with us. We would like to thank and name each and everyone that attended but I'm sure that someone would be left out by my poor memory; so a general but heartfelt thank you to all.

A new year is upon us, let us pray for better times. As I mentioned before that we at Yuma are generally in good health, but our brothers and sisters at the Citrus City congregation have been having health problems and prayers for them would be appropriate now. We here gather each Wednesday for bible study and get together a little early to put together blessing bags with incidental items of food, health bars, dental brushes, knitted hats etc and they are passed out to those living on the streets here. Hard to believe but it does get cold here in the desert; the baggies are greatly appreciated by those that receive them, not much but some help for those that are without. Joe and Teressa Davis take them out to regulars that they know of and say that they are received with smiles and gratitude, usually everyone takes a few just to be prepared in case we see someone in need.

I mentioned that we are getting close to our 2025 meeting that will start on the 9th of March and end on the 16th of March 2025. Some have already made plans to be here and we are hoping to see many more here to be with us on those dates. If you can make plans to be with us, then if possible give us a phone call. I have even learned how to text and send messages so that's an option as well. If you don't have a number to call then mine is available. 928-503-3709. Feel free to call and let me know and I will pass it on to others. We know that it is an expense and a distance from any direction to get here but gather with us if possible.

In Christian Love
Denny and Susie Davis,
for the Yuma Congregation

Greetings to every member of the Church of Christ. We are blessed to complete 2024 and with faith in God and anticipation, we pray and wait for the blessings of 2025. We must remember the words in James 4:15 "*For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*"

Even as we all have plans and thoughts for the new year we need to remember life can change very quickly. Sometimes in ways we expect and plan for and sometimes we don't. In all things we give glory to God in Jesus's name. We are blessed to be in good health and pray for everyone to prosper and do well, especially in Spirit. We always invite everyone to gather with us in Church and to stay with us in our home.

In Christ to all
Larry and Maxine Pollan
Ringgold, Texas

Prayers are requested for Mike Schell of the Montrose, CO congregation. He has been diagnosed with cancer in both lungs, and his left lung must be drained of fluid daily. Please include Mike and the Schell families in your prayers. Thank you...

Youth Pen-Pal Program

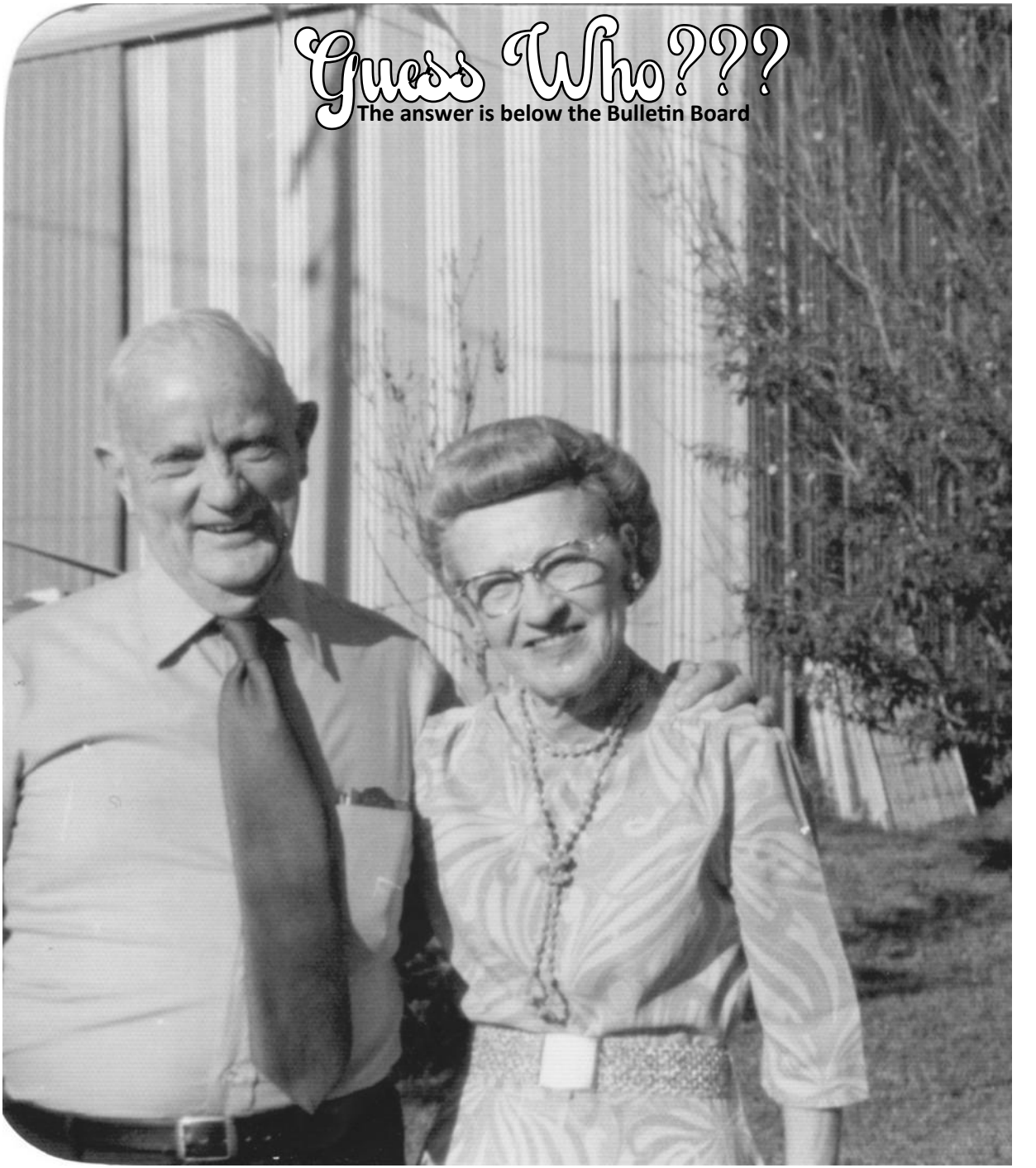
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been brought to our attention that it would be great if our youth could communicate with each other more often than they get a chance to at meetings and such. Our plan is to let our youth know that they are not alone in aspiring to live a Christian life. We want them to build the relationships that will foster a strong foundation for the future of all of our congregations. However, we do not want to use social media for our platform because many of our youth do not have it. Scan the QR code that will lead to a google form that can be answered and submitted. Once the forms are collected, we will make a spreadsheet of the information and mail it out to the participants. The youth will be grouped by ages. We ask that an adult from each congregation to help in the process of getting permission from the parents & sign the youth up.

Robert & Christina Fuson

Guess Who???

The answer is below the Bulletin Board



Know who this beautiful couple is ???

Milk of the Word

James the Lesser

In our study of the apostles, we will learn about James. There was already another James (James, son of Zebedee) among the twelve apostles. James son of Zebedee was sometimes called "James the Greater" so this James was called the lesser or younger.



He was one of the twelve apostles and a close companion of Jesus Christ. Even though he was known as "the Lesser," James played an important role in spreading Christianity throughout the world.

James, (son of Alphaeus) is only mentioned four times in the Bible, each time in connection with his mother. (Mark 15:40) refers to "Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses", while (Mark 16:1) and (Matthew 27:56) refer to "Mary the mother of James".

While we don't know any significant specifics about James' relationship with Christ or the other disciples, we do know that James wasn't as prominent as the other 12. But even though we don't hear much about who James was or what he did, that doesn't mean he didn't do amazing things for Christ. After all, each disciple was chosen specifically by Jesus. James, the son of Alphaeus was selected by the Son of God to learn from Him, minister with Him, and represent Him to the world.

The Robert & Christina Fuson Family

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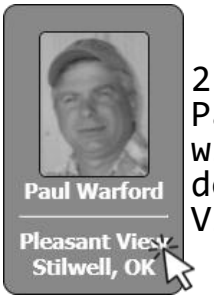
1CupHistory.Church Website Tutorial

Our Church History website now features Youtube playlists. This is tutorial #4 which guides you this time to a playlist of all Bro. Paul Warford's Revelation Study video lessons. Let's begin...

In this tutorial, we will guide you to the video playlist "All Revelation Study Videos" by Paul Warford. Here are the steps to find it by searching for him in the list of Topics.

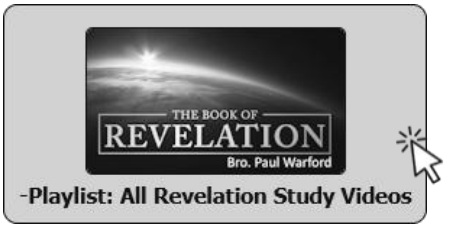
1. Open a web browser and go to our Church of Christ website, https://1CupHistory.Church. Click 

in the menu.



2. Scroll down to the -W- section and click on Paul Warford. All of his sermons and articles will be listed in alphabetical order, grouped by document type. The Revelation study will be in Video Sermons.

3. Click the Revelation Playlist icon. The first video* in the series will popup in a new browser tab and start playing. The other study videos in the playlist will all be listed to the right of the video.*



*Due to camera failure, we are missing 3 videos in this series. They will be added as soon as we can get them re-recorded.

A few months ago, we extended the deadline for submissions from the 20th of the month to the 25th. Unfortunately, this hasn't worked very well for us and is throwing off our mailing dates. So beginning with February's issue, we are returning the deadline to the 20th. Articles and letters that arrive after the 20th will be held and included in the next months issue. We will try to finish editing by close of business on the 21st, and have printing and mailing finished by the end of the 23rd or 24th, as before. We appreciate your understanding... –Ed

Christian Courier
and other Church of Christ newsletters...

We're thrilled to share that we've completed scanning of the issues of our church newsletters we have access to: *It Is Written*, *Gospel News Courier*, and *Christian Courier*. You may now access them all online in the publications area at our history site, 1CupHistory.Church/Publications.asp

However, we are still missing several issues. Please take a quick look at the **Missing Issues list** below and consider letting us know if you have any of them at ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com. This list is also available on our website in a more visual format. Thx...

Missing Issues

It Is Written

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Gospel News Courier

1960: All Issues *???
1961: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May

Christian Courier

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1998: Jan, May, Aug, Oct, Dec

*??? Were any printed?

News from Abroad

I comment that during November and December make works with the churches in Mexico (Rio Verde, Pachuca, San Jose and San Benito) taking advantage that during those dates the brothers have more time to dedicate to the work in the churches.

In Rio Verde some brothers of the church in Matamoros visit the church to share and collaborate in the work of evangelization. Several peoples attend to listen to the gospel and the brothers have many encourage to continue preaching.

In the church in Pachuca, we had 3 baptisms and the church continue be encourage.

In the church in San Jose we have the problem that the church is 3 families that live in the field and they read very little. For this reason they stopped to meet as church but we achieve to return to meet and we will send every Sunday a brother that preaches and celebrate the Supper of the Lord.

In the new church in San Benito, the brothers continue encourage and they continue making evangelization work and the church continue in growth.

In the church in Matamoros we continue to study with the some brothers and to prepare in the predication.

Many thanks for this valuable participation in the work of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ
Otto & Mariela Alvarez

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(pictures on back)

TANZANIA UPDATE

Brothers and Sisters,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus. This is to inform you that we have been doing good work of evangelism and that most people have been responding. As we go around in the villages people are able to sit and listen to us. We pray that through these efforts God may bring good harvest.

There is two couples James and Witness and their children who are willing to change but they still need more teachings. We hope and pray that through them after their baptism, their relatives will also follow their footsteps of being Christian.



We appreciate the good work you are doing in funding us to go out and reach the people. This is to say that we plant, you watered, but God gives the increase. This is to say that when you donate for us to go and save souls it means you water what we do. Just an interpretation of what Paul talked in 1 Cor. 3: 6 - 8. We have a great work and we are doing effort in reaching out to people. Prayers are the best tool because we believe that God prepare the heart of a sinner so that when they hear the gospel, they should not harden their hearts.

On behalf of brother David one of the Orphans, we need much prayers. He got fire accident last Sunday morning and since then his mind has not recovered. This situation still disturbs him and I'm talking to him now and then so that he can come to his senses. After it happened I decided to take him to my home and now I'm staying with him as we are waiting any means to rejoin him with his mother who is staying somewhere as well.

We shall be having a two days gospel meeting starting from April 10 -11.

Pray for us with this great work of the kingdom as we pray for you. And may God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,
Sadat

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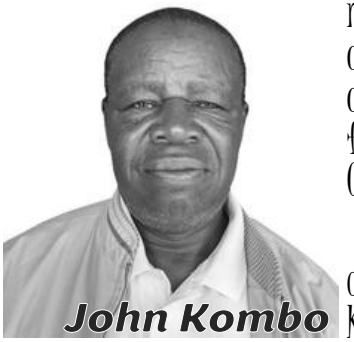
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KENYA UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

On Thursday 16th Jan, 2025, I had an opportunity to discuss about the orphanage and the evangelism work with Brother Laban and other church leaders when we met during the burial ceremony at Batere.

After burial ceremony we visited Sister Florence's home at a place called Ebushibungo. I had met a group of people who had converted to "One Cup" Church of Christ before when I visited the home of Sister Florence and preached to them. They are ready to start the Church of Christ congregation. Sister Florence's brother Joshua Amakobe accepted to donate his piece of land to construct church building for worship. I gave them some Bibles which I had carried from Nakuru.


John Kombo

The coming of Brother Ellis and Brother Gerald has made a great impact as far as evangelism is concerned. Brother Ellis taught us on the importance of the Lords Table and how it conducted; the same teaching has already been shared to other congregations of the Church of Christ and much impact has been experienced. There is impact realized in distribution of the Bibles, this is a great success through Brother Gerald's donations of the Bibles over the years. We have had Evangelism Meetings, weekly cell group meetings/ fellowship and impact is so overwhelming. The turnout of converts to the Church of Christ is felt in each and every congregation here in Kenya. We say a big thank you to all those who have contributed significantly to the realization of all these achievements. We have converted congregations from those who formerly used many cups to "One Cup" number of congregations.

The establishment of the orphanage at Matundu in Kakamega is part of the achievements. The orphans and windows at Matunda are very gratefully and appreciative for the good work done at Matundu in Kakamega. Brother Gerald with his team has done a good job seeing the establishment of a home to the homeless. May our good Lord bless you all. Let us continue praying for the growth of the Church of Christ in Africa and other parts of the world.

God bless you, your family and the church.
Your Brother in Christ,
John Kombo



Thought for the Month

All to Jesus, I surrender.
All to Him I freely give.
...I surrender all.

What exactly does it mean to surrender? And what exactly are we surrendering? These questions have intrigued me personally in my journey to draw closer to Him.

When a soldier in a battle-field surrenders, he lays down his arms, steps back away from them and holds his hands up, often with a white flag in his hand, giving in to the will of the captor, usually to avoid certain death or tyrannical rulers and governments.

The 'arms' generally relates to the part of us we use to fight, or resist, with: our ego. Few people ever find true peace and reconciliation with Him without this giving up of our inner selves.

'Stepping back' can often relate to our giving up our right to fight back and becoming willing to abide within His will for us, instead of our own.

The 'raising of our hands' in surrender should be our gesture to Him that we are willing to step aside and allow Him to work in our lives as we grow and develop as a Christian, progressively letting go of the ego and its negative effect in our lives.

The 'white flag' we hold in our hand is our confirmation to the world that we follow Him, and have put our earthly ways behind us. What a beautiful sight this must be for Him and His Father!

'Certain death'? Hell; an eternity of punishment, banished from the presence and glory of God, the source of our life. The 'tyrannical ruler'? Satan, of course, who uses our weaknesses against us at every opportunity. That's why it's so important to surrender, as these weaknesses & temptations can be surrendered to Him as well. We are not strong enough to fight alone! Everything may be laid at His feet freeing us to walk with Him stronger & unburdened.

Love & blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford

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CHRISTIAN STANDARD

CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 4, 1919

Positive Ordinances of Gospel Institution

By Thomas Campbell

DEARLY beloved brethren, why should we deem it a thing incredible that the Church of Christ, in this highly favored country, should resume that original unity, peace and purity which belong to its constitution, and constitute its glory? Or, is there anything that can be justly deemed necessary for this desirable purpose, both to conform to the model and adopt the practice of the primitive Church, expressly exhibited in the New Testament? Whatever alterations this might produce in any or in all of the Churches, should, we think, neither be deemed inadmissible nor ineligible. Surely such alterations would be every way for the better, and not for the worse, unless we should suppose the divinely inspired rule to be faulty, or defective. Were we, then, in our Church constitution and managements, to exhibit a complete conformity to the apostolic Church, would we not be, in that respect, as perfect as Christ intended we should be? And should not this suffice us?

It is, to us, a pleasing consideration that all the Churches of Christ which mutually acknowledge each other as such, are not only agreed in the great doctrines of faith and holiness, but are also materially agreed as to the positive ordinances of the Gospel institution; so that our differences, at most, are about the things in which the kingdom of God does not consist; that is, about matters of private opinion or human invention. What a pity that the kingdom of God should be divided about such things! Who, then, would not be the first among us to give up human inventions in the worship of God, and to cease from imposing his private opinions upon his brethren, that our breaches might *thus* be healed? Who would not willingly conform to the original pattern laid down in the New Testament, for *this* happy purpose?

. . . . . .

Nothing ought to be inculcated upon Christians as articles of faith, nor required of them as terms of communion, but what is expressly taught and enjoined upon them in the Word of God. Nor ought anything be admitted, as of divine obligation, in their Church constitution and managements, but what is expressly enjoined by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles upon the New Testament Church, either in expressed terms or by approved precedent.

Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 1:17-20

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 2:6 ***But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.***

Although I only use Church of Christ commentators in explaining the scriptures themselves, I want to use some facts here from Adam Clarke who was a Methodist preacher on what the Nicolaitans were. Adam Clarke was born in 1762.

These were, as is commonly supposed, a sect of the Gnostics, who taught the most impure doctrines, and followed the most impure practices. They are also supposed to have derived their origin from Nicolas, one of the seven deacons mentioned Act 6:5. The Nicolaitanes taught the community of wives, that adultery and fornication were things indifferent, that eating meats offered to idols was quite lawful; and mixed several pagan rites with the Christian ceremonies. Augustine, Irenaeus, Clemens Alexandrinus, and Tertullian, have spoken largely concerning them.

So it's no wonder that Christ and the church both hated the deeds that the Nicolaitans did. It was sinful and unlawful, in the eyes of Christians and of God, to commit the practices that they did. Whenever we come across people like this we must remember what it said in

2Ti 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men,* apt to teach, patient,
2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Rev 2:7 ***He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.***

He that hath an ear let him hear

This phrase is what we call an idiom. What is an idiom one might ask. Here is a quick definition I found on the internet.

An idiom is a phrase that, when taken as a whole, has a meaning you wouldn't be able to deduce from the meanings of the individual words. It's essentially the verbal equivalent of using the wrong math formula but still getting the correct answer.
The phrase "kill two birds with one stone" is an example of an idiom. Fluent and native English speakers understand that this doesn't refer to harming birds or using stones, but that someone is completing two tasks at once.

In this case Christ is telling people "if you want to know the truth then listen."

what the Spirit saith unto the churches

A couple of things catch my attention here. The first is that this is for the churches not just for the church in Ephesus but for all the churches for all times. We also understand from this passage that is the "spirit" that is revealing this. It's very important that we understand that the promise of eternal life comes from God the father through the spirit written down and given to man and that's what Jesus is saying here "I have the words of eternal life, listen to me."

To him that overcometh

All through the book of revelations this is the phrase that is used. It is truly the theme of revelations.
The people of the 1st century were to endure horrible persecutions and so the theme for them would be stand fast against all odds because Christ will come back and take us home someday.
For us today the thought is to remain free from sin to overcome so that we can come over. John T Hinds says in a general sense it would mean a continued victory over sinful things until one's life is ended.

will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

What greater words of encouragement could we as humans ever get. This is most definitely a promise of the joys of heaven. The phrase to eat of the tree of life takes us back to the garden, to Adam and Eve and the promise that God would take care of them. He would provide all their nourishment. Comparatively today he is telling us that everything will be taken care of, everything we need, he will provide. The phrase "the midst of the paradise of God" gives us the promise of an eternal hope that we will be in an eternal resting place so peaceful and so wonderful and in the presence of God almighty.

See the Tutorial on pg 8 that shows how to watch the entire series!

We have acquired Bro. Ellis Foresman's Study of Revelation and have reproduced it in book form. Besides the full sized Large Print original, we now print and mail smaller Booklet Sized editions. Please let us know if you'd like one. We will be happy to mail you one! Both editions are also on https://1CupHistory.Church as PDF's and Word Doc's!

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When It's COLD Outside!

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SNOWBALLS
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CHRISTMAS
NEWYEARS
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Foolish and Unlearned Questions

2Ti 2:23 *But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.*

Ever since I was a child I had a curiosity of why David, when he fought Goliath, picked up five stones from the brook but only used one (1 Sam 17:40). With God's help David only needed one stone to kill Goliath so why did he pick up the other four.

I came across something on Facebook, which is a terrible source of information, that explained that there were five major cities of the Philistines. Each one had a champion, and they were Goliaths brothers. I thought finally I had the answer that I've been seeking for all these years. So, I started digging into the scriptures and I found out that there were five major cities.

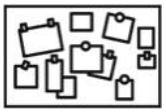
1 Sam 6:17 *And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.* I have not found a place in scripture that says that each city had its own champion but in 1Sam 17:51 It says the Philistines had a champion, Goliath, but not each city.

Does this make the theory of a stone for a city incorrect? Not necessarily, but since the scriptures do not say with a book, chapter, and verse, then it makes it an **UNLEARNED** question. The Bible tells us to stay away from unlearned questions or to avoid them. Does this mean we cannot be curious about things like this, I don't think that's what the Bible is saying. I believe what it is teaching, is for us not to teach for doctrine things that the Bible does not say. The end of John the 20th chapter explains to us that not all things are revealed in scripture, but that salvation is revealed in scripture so that we won't lack concerning it.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Paul Warford



P.S. – If you know **by scripture** why David picked up five stones, please let me know.



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer treatments / Surgery
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Mike Schell	Montrose, CO	Cancer in both lungs
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cumming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues - Kidney trouble
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Gospel Meetings

Yuma Gospel Meeting	Yuma, AZ	March 9-16, 2025	Guest Speakers
Family Camp Meeting	Cedaredge, CO	July 12-20, 2025	Guest Speakers

Births & Passings

Ellanoir Bryant	Yakima, WA	Born - January 10, 2025
Charlotte Burtis	Modesto, CA	Passed - January 18, 2025
Melvin Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Passed—January 22, 2025



Fundraiser for Shiloh Boling

Scan this QR Code with your phone camera to see how you can help with his medical expenses while he recovers from cancer surgery and treatments. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Guess Who??? Answer: Elmer & Louise Hunt

Mexico, Central & South America Ministries







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Ellanoir



Born 1/10/25 to Landon & Kylie Bryant