LITTLE Love LETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It has been a long long time since I have written to every one of you, in the "L.L.L.". To give it accurately(I looked it up) Dec.1,'75.

I have wanted to write for quite some time so here I start on December 7 to try to be done and get it to you on or about the First of Jan. I wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR all of 1978. "Unto Him(God) be glory in the Church by CHRIST JESUS throughout all ages-", Eph. 3:14-21.

IN MARCH, 1974, page 3 of Little Love Letter, I broached the "GREAT" necessity of preserving all of the good writers' writings, of our deceased Brothers, that will soon be lost unless some concerted effort---. Thus it did begin. Then on June 1, 1974 I quoted again the same. But many of you may still have those copies.

Many began to react wholeheartedly to the incentive. So in the first part of July that year, when my dear Louise and I got back from our last trip to Oregon,-I began the tedious piece of work. It grew and grew tremendously. Here,to express my heart's deepest love to God; I am very thankful in deed that our merciful, Heavenly Father did grant His Grace to us and permitted that we could do all that we did.

First and Last, and Evermore: "Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus-".

THOSE IN CHRIST

The ones in Christ's Church, all of you, are wonderful. You encouraged my confidence all the way, and supported it all; even when I felt I could not meet the rising problems. And I do thank you fully now, and will always.

At present, I am finishing up on distributing the last book number 4; and it took me, for I am not a typist, fully 3½ years, almost four. I never could have enough copies to go around and kept making fewer and fewer. Had to curtail heavily somewhere. But, thanks to everyone,--they are all paid for. And I have enough left, even a little more than to pay this L. L. L..

BUT I'M HURTING

PLEASE HELP ME. Not financially, no. You've done that from your hearts already. God bless. But will all please loan the books around unto every one who will care to read them.

They can never replace or take the place of God's Word, The Bible, The Gospel of Christ. But we ever pray that much good may come of them, to help many to realize the people of today have gone far afoul of The Holy Word of God.

I can think of no other alternative choice to fill the shortage of copies of the 4 books, except if there could be a Second Edition. That would cost hundreds of dollars. Every thing to say it mildly, costs so much more than at first. Extra Editions: concertedly, AND WORLD ISSUE.???

However, I must say that no atheist, agnostic, nor any other person can convince me that the gates of hell did ever prevail against the Church of Christ--dark ages, nor these days. I know that God's children in Christ's Body, The Church live and do. They helped me. I never could have done those 4 books alone. And it is amazing, the tedious work and long research of the Word of God in many of those writings of my Brothers while they were alive. They now are at rest; "and their works do follow them". Happy? We do and cry.

REPORT: Contributions for 4 books; from 7 or 8 Congregations ($25. to $1200.); from 164 or more, individual or families (smaller and to $2230.00) and total given=$5807.92; bal. 4 bks. = $205.50.

THE FIRST RESURRECTION
(J. H. LACKEY)

Revelation 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall riegn with him a thousand years." The second death, Revelation 20:14, Priests reign with him. 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

WHAT SACRIFICES DO WE OFFER? Romans 12: 1-2, "I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

When we go through the likeness of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, according to Romans 6:3-6, we are raised to walk a new life. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Colossians 2:12, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." According to the above scriptures, we have buried the sinful man, and arisen to walk a new life, a spiritual resur-

rection to a spiritual life.

We read in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now we read in Ephesians 2:1, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Verse 5, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." How do we get into Christ? For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 6:11-12, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reigh in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Galatians 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

A CHANGE. Colossians 3:12-17, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another-".