LITTLE LETTER

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ABOMINATIONS

"BABYLON -, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS of the earth". "And the woman was arrayed - and decked - and drunken -". AND she had "a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:-".(Rev.17)

"THE WHOLE WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS". "we wrestle - against spiritual wickedness in high places". BABYLON,(That word means "confusion"), the mother of harlots and all her prostitute-polluted daughters,calling themselves the Church the Bride, and so arrayed, bedecked, drunken - SO MUCH SO "having their conscience seared as with a hot iron"that it seduces the whole religious world. Many believe their lies.

"NOW WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind,or be troubled".(2Thes2) "Grace"=favored. Church,"Bride adorned for her husband". "GRACE be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:to whom be glory for EVER and EVER". Presented "as a chaste virgin to Christ".

"HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAYER"

THIS IS LLL #45, BEGINNING OF 6TH YEAR; missed a few. God knows the trials and tears that have beset us in our concern of trying to keep out of controversial subjects;my heart's desire and prayer to God is to "Preach the Word". The trial is to keep the turbulent turmoil out. "For the time will come-". - - It has come, is already long with us; so much so that "sound doctrine"IS not endured-evenUNKNOWN. It would seem that a record, one by one,in LLL,plus QUOTES FROM GOD'S WORD, would be worth having to "stir up your pure minds-" AND showing the whole world our faith & stedfastness

SUNDAY SCHOOLS & CLASSES

A UNIVERSAL TENDENCY IN MAN APPARENTLY IS to always do or have something differently than God gave or commanded. No marvel that someone may fail (Maybe it is the devil, "seeking whom he may devour") in the ensuing controversy & the confusion—in disbelief. Some today dare to say, "The BIBLE IS LIKE A FIDDLE, play any kind of tune on it". But a fact is that, "Keep fingers off of the key-board (The WORD OF GOD) and it will always give the same sound". His Word is Truth.

"BUT THE HOUR COMETH, AND NOW IS, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him"! "IF ye love me, KEEP-" Likewise the Jews of Israel kept the Law and the Prophets: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them". Long ago we in Christ's Church learned that if someone so seeks and searches and sees something new; and sticks a foot, or a toe, in a door of deviation, and twists, twitches and twirls in that controversy long enough, (one leads to 2) it will separate, & split, & splinter the toe, & foot, & bones, & door, & the whole body, & the building—CHURCH.

"PREACH THE WORD"

SUNDAY SCHOOLS OR CLASSES, (CALL'M WHAT U MAY), cannot be supported by the Bible, Old Testament or New Testament, because there is not one command or example in all the WORD for dividing an assembly into classes, groups, to teach God's word. (AND one leads to 2="Women Teachers"). On&ON=SPLIT. BUT we do read (Deut.31:12-13): "GATHER THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, THAT they may hear, and THAT they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe" (=TAKE HEED) "to do all the words of the law: And THAT their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it". No modern-man changes??? And Please, notice the children that had not known anything were to be gathered together with the men and women. AND that is a command, in the old testament, for gathering the people of all ages together. NO SABBATH SCHOOLS OR CLASSES.

NOW, FOR AN EXAMPLE, HOW THEY OBEYED (Neh.8:1-3): "And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel". (See p.3 for vs.2-3)

(Neh.8:1-3 continued)
"And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all THE PEOPLE WERE ATTENTIVE unto the book of the law". SO we gave here an example and a command in the old testament for them.(Also:"And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit-". SO all the teaching there was preached from the pulpit.). Ones of Israel, named and numerically numbered,who were "assembled" CAME FIRST out of Babylon. COULD all this be shadow? TYPE?

THE LAW WAS FULFILLED IN CHRIST, AND THE NEW COVENANT was sealed by Christ's blood,on the cross. We live underN.T.

ASSEMBLY OF DISCIPLES

THERE WAS NOT A WORD OF ALL that Moses commanded, which JOSHUA read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers- ".

NOW LET'S SEE NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS(1st, in Heb.10:25); "NOT forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is"; WHERE is FAITH, chapter & verse,DIVIDE? NOW LET'S(1 Cor.11:17-18):"Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, THAT ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions - ". V.20, "When ye come together therefore into one place -". I Cor.14:23:"IF therefore the whole church be come together into one place—".(v.34). Acts 20:7,"AND upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to breakBREAD, PAUL PREACHED UNTO THEM,-"(Command and example, both — BUT there is not one command or example for dividing church assembly into sunday schools,or classes, or call'm whats.). "So then faith cometh by hearing,and hearing by the word of God". "Therefore, my beloved brethren,be ye stedfast,unmoveable,always abounding in the work ofTHE LORD";- FAITH,ALIVE.

TOO LATE TO BE SCRIPTURAL

INTER.REF.WORKS,VOL.7:"SUNDAY SCHOOLS WERE FIRST ORGANIZED in England, Robert Raikes".- -IN vol.6,p.2365: "Raikes, (raks),Robert,the founder of Sunday schools,born in Glouester,England,Sep.14,1735".- -From Am.Ref.Lib.vol.6:"The origin of these schools is due to Robert Raikes of Gloucester, England. "The first Sunday school in America was opened in Philadelphia, in 1790". SO ALL its history is too late by many years to be in "WORD OF FAITH"!"IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN"!

WE HEAR HERE & THERE

We heard that recently in Berryville, Ark. we have two new Sisters in Christ- the daughter of Butch & Brenda Evans and her girl friend. May God bless & ever keep them.

A letter from Sister Juanita and Brother Allen Nelson of Yuma reports her mother passed away on July 31. She was 87 years old and lived back east - I think in Kansas - and the funeral was on Friday, Aug. 3. Bro. & Sis. Nelson are both sick, and did not go back. But from Yuma at least 3 drove to the funeral: Bro. Bill Nelson and his wife Verda Mae and his sister Mary Smith. Never heard if Juanita's brother, our Bro. Kenneth Baldwin of Delta, got to go.

Besides Juanita of Yuma and Kenneth of Delta, there are 4 sons living in Kansas: Orville, Avanelle, Dosca, and Gerald. Also there are: 17 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

A letter from Sister Arcy Peavy of Salem is that Sis. Harris of Cottage Grove was not at Springfield Services on Sunday, Aug. 5 as her husband had a bad spell and they had to have the Doctor with him. We haven't heard since then. Seems that otherwise the Springfield Congregation is O. K.

But a letter from Bro. & Sis. Bert Weakley of Modesto dated Aug.5: "Fern & J.D."(In the meeting at Springfield, Oreg.) "made their long trip but the week after they got home a drunk man ran into them and ruined their car. Think they came to church in their son's car today". Bro. Bert & Sis. Alice are up but neither one feel well.

A letter of Aug. 13 came from Bro. & Sis. Olan Taylor of Pico Riviera. (Thank you very much, Bro. Olan, for the extra envelope and the gift for the paper). Brother Don Dabbs & Sis.Ruth were at Bellflower Sunday and he preached. (Their new son-8/18).(Bro.SteveELDRIDGE of 29PALMS visited Bellflower.MEETING large at first,but sickness made it sma'. Sis. Myrtie Lee did have her surgery. From Wash.visitors included:Bro.Bill McCAY,Jr.&family & his bro.&sis.(Kelley & Terry)& Bro.Jared's daughter,&the Richard Johnsons, &Bro.W. Orendorff.(The Orendorff family are now moved to ENCINITAS). Bro.McCLUSKEY was ill with heart condition, but is home now. Aug.18 Bro.Chester Kellemses came by awhile. They have been to Mont.and are leaving on Oreg. trip tomorrow--Aug. 19.

We've been at Lakeside several Sundays. Bro.& Sis.J.D. Johnson & Nina are visiting in Okla. Bro. Bill Taylor is driving truck in L.A. Bro. Dallas Mickey was home today(19) from submarine service. Also present today were Br. Wesley and Bro. Wayne and Carl Orendorff. Bro. Wes. and son Wayne helped in the services. Wayne is slated to talk next Sunday.