LITTLE LETTER

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WHAT CHOICE DOES MAN HAVE?

HI! YEP? BY GOD'S GRACE LET'S GET GOING. L.L.L. & we can never come to you unless we get this made up. And all of it must be according to God's Word; and as His will may be. "FOR PRECEPT MUST BE UPON PRECEPT, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

"THEREFORE THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste"-(Quoted in RO.9 and Ro.10-"shall not be ashamed") "Judgement also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet:". So Isaiah prophesied of Christ,the foundation.

"GOD,-HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things," (Heb. 1: 1 + 2).

"THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO GIVE the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.- HOW shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;- -". (Heb. 2: 1, 3 etc.). HOW GREAT GOD IS.

OUR CHOICE IS TO OBEY

"BEHOLD, TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

"O FOOLISH GALATIANS, WHO HATH BEWITCHED YOU, that ye should not obey the truth,-"? "Ye did run well; who did hinder-("drive you back")that ye should not obey the truth?"

JOSHUA (24:14-15):"NOW THEREFORE FEAR THE LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth:- -"AND if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve;- but as for me and my house,we will serve the Lord." "For, though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh- bringing into captivity-to the obedience of CHRIST-".

"AS MANY AS OBEYED HIM"

MAN'S CHOICE IN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, all argument to the contrary notwithstanding, is not by the will of God. IT is by man's hypocritical desire,decision,direction,and decree. "Idolatry,witchcraft,hatred,variance,-" "DOCTRINES OF MEN." Anything and EVERYTHING not found in the Gospel, the WORD,(As it is written)should not be used as RELIGION. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." "-for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."(Ro.10:17 and Ro.14:23).

"THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH: FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM." "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." "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." But all in Christ by the WORD. CALLED BY GOSPEL.

"FOR IN CHRIST JESUS I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU through the GOSPEL." "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for IT is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth;- "FOR THEREIN is the righteousness of God revealedfrom faith to faith: as it is written,The just shall live by faith"

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD-thattheMAN of God may be perfect,THROUGHLY furnished untoallGOODworks." "ACCORDING AS HIS DIVINE POWER hath given unto us all things that PERTAIN unto life and godliness,-" "OBEDIENCE OF FAITH".

BUT MODERN TEACHING DIFFERS

MANY MODERN-DAY MEN think and teach Holy Ghost baptism. SUDDENLY SAVED in the corn field, or at mourners' bench. SAW the light-then voted on to join church. All before baptism; and recently I was told that Christ did not mean waterBAPTISM to Nicodemus. That person also said there are three BAPTISMS.

"LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."("of unbelief"). AND THE APOSTLE PAUL before this quote(Eph.4:5&5:6)had written "THERE IS-ONE BAPTISM-" O-N-E. IS GOD A RESPECTER OF PERSONS? Certainly not.(Acts 10:34-35) GENTILES are included in GOD'S plan of salvation as were JEWS. THE APOSTLES received the HOLY GHOST then as GENTILES LATER. PETER, then at Pentecost, preached the GOSPEL-also to Gentiles. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, AND ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. FOR the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to-even as many as the Lord our God shall call." CALLED BY GOSPEL? BEGOTTEN? IS IN CHRIST, HIS SPIRIT? "THE HOLY GHOST,WHOM GOD HATH GIVEN TO THEM THAT OBEY HIM."

SOME SILLY SYLLOGISMS

EXAMPLE,ONE OF THE TWO FIRST BROTHERS: CAIN raised cane thinking(maybe)God would also have respect to his offering. ABEL was able to see by the eye of faith and offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. CAIN SLEW ABEL, why? He was of that wicked one;his own works were evil,and his brother's righteous. CHOICE?Maybe he thought,"It makes no DIF".

"MAKE THEE AN ARK OF GOPHER WOOD." "By faith, Noah, - - being wary, prepared-" the ark. BUT what if he, or the Mrs.or the boys, chose OTHERWISE?Cedar has a better smell. Or maple or mahogany is harder-is better USE-when WE do arrive. GOPHER? WE won't go fer that. Two gophers'll gnaw a hole in IT in less than 40 days, and we will all be lost. CHOICES?

ABIHU'S ABOUT TO ABIDE BY THE RULES,MAYBE. NADAB dabs in politics: Now come, Abi, they'll all vote for that, it's new, different, "STRANGE". BUT it cost them their lives-LOST.

ON & ON - NO END?

COULD ABRAHAM HAVE CHOSEN not to offer Isaac and still have pleased God?OR to have faith IMPUTED for righteousness?

DID A LITTLE MAID START NAAMAN THE LEPER toward Elisha, man of God? "But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I THOUGHT-". His servants: "IF the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" "HOW MUCH RATHER THEN,when he saith to thee,WASH,&BE CLEAN?" THERE'S one who changed his choosing,(repentance?) and did as he was told to do by the man of God, and he"WAS CLEANSED".

JONAH "ROSE UP TO FLEE-from the presence of the LORD-". "Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to SWALLOW UP Jonah." IN THERE there is no choice. Jonah prayed:-"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. Salvation is of the Lord." "AND the Lord spake unto the fish-"(you can read it). "OUT of the belly of hell cried I,and THOU heardest my voice." "SO JONAH arose and went-according to the word of the Lord." "SO the people of Nineveh believed God,-" "They repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here." CHRIST, the Master, also said: "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, AND shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; - -".

CAN WE CHOOSE CREEDS? CAN we choose churches when CHRIST died for one? CAN we choose our own way of worship vs GOD'S? CAN we choose to say BAPTISM is "just for recognition"? "THERE IS ONE BAPTISM", "WATER", "IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS", "BURIED WITH HIM", "RISEN WITHHIM". THERE IS NO WORD for baptizing to join a church, Or for a recognition. Every one of you believe,repent,be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. NO OTHER! GIFT? "THE HOLY GHOST,WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN to them that obeyHIM. "AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY-"THOSE BEING SAVED.

RECENT REPORTS

MOSTLY MYSELF & MINE-WE WERE THERE. (Imustmakethislastpage)
JUNE 18-25, THE MEETING AT BELLFLOWER BEGAN BIG, there were quite a few visitors from other congregations and of others interested and invited to come and hear the Gospel as it is. All congregations had the worship and communion at home then filled the house at Bellflower for the afternoon and evening. BROTHER BILL McCAY OF YAKIMA, WASHINGTON preached all week. Many couldn't attend all, including us from Oceanside, but it was especially big numbers each Sunday for all-day gatherings. Could make this last page full-sermons, dinners, singing, etc. Bro. Bill began beautifully that A. M. on subject of FAITH, & concluded with 1 Timothy 4:10. Please read from v.6 to 11etc. Another good sermon we heard, WHAT MANNER OF PERSON: attentive, obedient, holy, helpful, praying, peaceful, loving, faithful. That's only mentioning a few attributes, and a few sermons. WE got to hear the alpha & omega, but heard of others of8days.

JULY 2, WE ATTENDED SERVICES AT LAKESIDE, and visitors were there from Aztec and Bro.& Sister Dallas Mickey wereBACK from their vacation. SO there was a good sized congregation. Brother Ron. Berry preached on the subject of BASICS, and though he is only 17 years old he was very good on giving it. JULY 9, I SPOKE AT BELLFLOWER on the subject of "What Choice Does Man Have?" There was quite a large group visiting from Plainview, Texas. We heard too that Brother England has much pain and is not so well. His son, Brother James B. Harmon is soon to be on a vacation and will visit him, from Tyler, Tex. From Bellflower we went to visit our son, Burleigh and family, in Fullerton. That evening we heard Bro. Way at Bellflower.

JULY 16, WE WERE AGAIN IN LAKESIDE. Brother and Sister Dodson and family, including the newly-married couple Mr. & Mrs. Mike Eckman, were there from Santa Fe Springs (Bellflower). My sermon reviewed the one of July 9 and asked "How Do You Judge Yourself?" This based on Acts 13:46 "judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life". We should choose now to live in Christ, and not wait for "The judgment". NO CHOICE THERE.

JULY I, OUR GRANDDAUGHTER AND 2 GREAT GRANDS came up from Lakeside and waited for their daddy, Bob Cook, to come via boat from San Diego. Took them all day by motor and sail.

JULY 4, WE VISITED IN FALLBROOK AND ANZA. Floyd & Isobella Rail in Fallbrook. Floyd hired me 2 different times, 1936&1946, at Murrieta School. In Anza, Helen & Silas Smith. We hadn't seen Helen (Wakeland) since 1920, after we were married; till7/4.

JULY 14, NICE PERSONAL LETTER came from the Harris'. Sister Harris sent support and many compliments of July LLL, loans it out to others. Thank you very much. Big, big help. LLL is ours to all of you. Wish could write the 100s, inPERSON.