LITTLE LETTER

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"CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."

"CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: and he is the saviour of the body." God, the Father of glory,- "hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." "Therefore - - the church is subject unto Christ,-" "And he is the head of the body, the church:" "-even as Christ also loved the church,& gave himself for it;

"THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT with the washing of water by the word,-" Christ to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." "Christ - hath loved us, and hath given himself for us-" "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, - to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. A'-men." "Know ye not, that so many of us as are baptized into Jesus Christ are baptized into his death?" "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." "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." "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections (mind)on things above, not on things on the earth."

"THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, (OVER)

"of his flesh, and of his bones.- -"joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Today's English Version gives it: "There is a great truth revealed in this scripture, and I understand it applies to Christ and the church." "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom:-" "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom."(Mat.25:1) "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."(V.6)

"MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB"

"LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." ("the righteous deeds of God'sPEOPLE") "Then the angel said to me: 'Write this: Happy are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.' ". "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." - - "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God:-"(A full description of the heavenly Jerusalem.)

"ALLEGORY"? FIGURATIVE?TWO COVENANTS (TESTAMENTS:(Gal.4:22) "-mount Sinai - Jerusalem which now is" the old,IN BONDAGE. "But the heavenly Jerusalem is free,and she is our mother." "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free." (See Isaiah 2, prophecy concerning Mt.Zion and Jerusalem.) (Then see Acts 2:38+41+47) "-added to the church".

"BUT YE ARE COME UNTO MOUNT SION, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,-"("testament").

"THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become NEW! New born babes. In Christ-his body-the church-his kingdom. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." MAY GOD SO GRANT!

"HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I MAKE a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write (fwd.)

UPON him the name of my God, AND the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: AND I will write upon him my new name."(Rev.3:12)

(BACK TO REV.21)"the holy city, new Jerusalem,-prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife." "-that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God:" (19 or 20 "ANDS" continuing description.END 27) "AND THERE SHALL IN NO WISE ENTER INTO IT-:-but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." IN CHRIST,CHURCH,BODY.

MANY MAGNIFICENT ATRIBUTES for the bride in splendid and becoming apparel and body are given in the New Covenant and in prophecy: "concerning Christ and the church". (Songs ofSOLOMN)

"FOR I AM JEALOUS OVER YOU just as God is; for you are like a pure virgin whom I have promised in marriage to one man only, who is Christ." "- what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness-?" "IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above,-" "Pray without ceasing."(unintermittingly). "O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked:" "-call ye upon him while he is near:"(Isa.55).

HITHER AND THITHER

(LOCATION OF CHURCHES COULD BE COLLECTED & COMPILED, as necessity shows in this article, and as many ask. Brother Orendorff telephoned me concerning churches and addresses, & I sent him, best I could. After their return he telephoned & I asked him to write an article about it all. HERE IT IS.)

For years, Bro. Horace Orendorff has wanted to go to Dennison, Texas, where he was born. He had not been back since 1927. This year seemed most promising, so we left Yuma, Ariz. the evening of Sep. 5th, visited relations in southern Ariz. and spread out a road map of Texas. Consulting a list of addresses, all the towns were circled where members of the Church might be living. The first stop was Midlands, Texas to visit a few moments. We got directions to Stanton but several wrong turns, 17 snakes in the road(real,or the road?E.H.), and a magnificent thunderstorm later we arrived at Big Spring.Could not find two nieces so we headed north and attended church at Lorenzo, Sunday 10th. We found we followed Bro. Wesley Orendorff from Seattle two weeks. Everyone quoted his lesson. After services Sunday night, we went to Munday. On the 11th, we visited Olney, Seymour and Newcastle brethren and sisters.

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ON TO FORT WORTH TO VISIT COUSINS; Wednesday all day was spent exploring the town of Dennison and reliving old times with the man who now lives in the house where Horace wasborn. He turned out to be an old friend of the family,in fact Grandpa J. L. Broad had married him and his wife in 1912. A brief visit next in Broken Bow, Okla. and we dashed north of Springfield, Mo. to see members of the family recently moved from the far east coast. Friday we left and looked for Bohanon Mt. church most of the day. We surely nominate it for the most spectacular setting of any we found. We camped at Goshen Fri. night and looked all day Saturday for people who had "just moved", Westville to Stilwell and back. Sunday morning we met with Pleasant View church and Sunday night, Barron. Monday, a little backtracking, then west on the freeway through central Oklahoma to Carter and south a little more to Mangum. Then into the setting sun to Clovis,New Mexico to see an aunt who is 94 years young;saw also some cousins. Then south in New Mex.& down into Carlsbad Caverns to admire more of God's handiwork. All too short, visits with brethren in the Phoenix,Ariz.area, and on home in Yuma, Friday, 22nd. We really enjoyed visiting with all the people we could find; always felt brethren need to study together more. We started the trip without any surety we would find any brethren at all, and the road looked so distant. We thank everyone we met for the Christian fellowship and hospitality. Lord willing, we hope we can come back and see others before another 40 years. Visit us,if out this way. (Also a list, "nucleus-start", of 16 church locationsWASSENT. Needs all the others everywhere. So,GOD'S GRACE, LLL&I'll TRY)

EVERYONE,PLEASE HELP;send locations ofchurches,so VISITORS can find. EACH of you don't wait-duplicatesOK. I am enclosing stamp-envelope to some. Y not all donate wee bit for a list??

OTHER REPORTS:-I THANK THE MANY for LLL bountiful gifts.--Oct.8, Grand "All DAY" at La Habra. Bro.Dodson talked at Bellflower;then many came to L.H.&Bro.Paul Ferguson gave 2 talks.-Oct.15, Many at Lakeside & Bro.Dye of Yuma talked. PM VISITORS INC.the John Nichols of Wash.&the Gene Edwardses of Ventura.-Bro.Couchman now in Amarillo,Tex.wishes addresses ones near.-Sis.Novella Collins moving to Yuma as husband goes overseas.-Sister Gladys(Stewart)Rutledge is in intensiveCARE;bad HEART.-Bro.J.H.Logan has been in poor health,and in bed a lot.- Sis. Nelson,Somerton,missed Services Sun. as she's in bed much. She gets good use of adjustable hosp.bed,gift of Grass Valley love. - Little Sandi Greenway,Eugene,has braces now.-Sister Arcy Peavy's brotherPerry Markham is in Santiam Hosp.near Salem.-TROUBLES MANYon&on. LET'S ALL PRAY.GOD GIVE CARE,GRACE,LOVE.

ADDENDUM # I - I MUST TELL YOU. YAKIMA CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AND CONTINUES DAILY TO AND INCLUDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12. BROTHER CLAUD PERIGEN FROM BELLFLOWER IS TO GIVE THE SERIES OF SERMONS. DO NOT FAIL TO BE THERE IF YOU CAN POSSIBLY ATTEND-EVEN I DAY. AS GOD MAY WILL - "UNTO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL AGES, WORLD WITHOUT END.AMEN." ADDENDUM # 2 - MORE GOOD NEWS. SISTER GLADYS RUTLEDGE IS NOW OUT OF INTENSIVE CARE AT KAISER HOSPITAL IN LA MESA.