LITTLE LETTER

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REPENT YE, AND BELIEVE
Mark 1:15

Now as Christ says here, "repent ye, and believe the gospel", the word repent designates a change; for if they believe the gospel, it is something that they hadn't done before, or else he would not have said, (repent ye, and believe the gospel). For if they had believed the gospel, there should be no reason for them to repent, for they would have already believed the gospel.

Now you see that if one believes the gospel he is a changed man. For it is not possible that he could be the same as he was before he believed the gospel. So as one believes the gospel, there would have to come about a change in him, because if there was no change in him, he would still be just like he was before; and that is, needing to "repent ye, and believe the gospel".

But there are many things in God's word, which we need daily, to repent and believe. For as we repent and believe them, we are changed. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor.3:18).

And the Spirit of the Lord is what the apostles preached, 2 Cor. 3: 6-17, as they would have been foolish to preach anything else. So then we are changed into this same image that they preached, as we believe it. And that same image is Christ. For he had just said in previous verse, (2 Cor.3:17) "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (cont. page 2)

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(Eph.2:8) "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:". So God changes us, by the faith He delivered unto the saints, as he tells us in Jude 3, but it is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

But the Lord is longsuffering, (2 Pet.3:9) wanting all of us to do his work, which is repentance. If we do it it's meet (good enough) for repentance, (Acts 26:20) which we do by belief. (St. John 6:29). "And this will we do,if God will permit." (Heb.6:3). So keep up the good work,Brethren.

"To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen . (ROM.16:27).

This Article, page 1 and above, presented byBro.Dodson,Bellflower.

YOU DID IT, YOU DID IT!

That is our deep thinking; if we hit on a thing that everyone likes they will respond wonderfully. And that is so, and altogether better, if the thing is in the name of Christ, according to the will of God, and by His Word.

Now here is to happily thank all of you for that big complaisance. This regarding help for the "Compilation of Congregations of the Church of Christ". So many gave very bountifully, and helped in getting all the research together.

All is now beginning to look as if we'll make it, and I deeply thank all those who have helped. May God bless all.

Only God in Heaven knows which are right, how many are missed, how many mistakes I've made. He surely also has a helping hand therein. "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. A-men"

We hope to have the list ready for printing with this LLL and in the same envelope to mail by Dec.1. Then all of my brethren can visit all others during the Dec.Sch.holiday. At least it is a "first"- a nucleus for later ones later.

The congregations have been compiled, and their many locations explained, with considerable difficulty, and with much care, and will be found as near the descriptions sent in as research and their understanding would admit. Hope is that all will retain their copy, you may need it some time.

Only God knows. Christ said:"I am the good shepherd:" "and the sheep hear his voice:and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out."

SOME NEWS ITEMS
(Taken mostly from short notes)
(As reports were made for the church listings)

Bro. & Sis. W.H.Francis; I had wondered a long time as to what had become of that Gospel Preacher. "We are still in Mangum but somewhat older than when we last saw you. As you know, one doesn't feel much better as age creeps up." "We only have, as you know, a few who worship at the Lugert Church of Christ, but they are very faithful. I haven't held any meetings for some time as there are younger, more active brethren available."

Indian Springs Church of Christ:(Grass Valley). Here's an idea. They list the Church meeting on a church page in a little local paper and as a community service the paper featured a church each week. That church could write anything they wanted under a picture of the church house.(TRY?) Their turn, they tried, "OUR PLEA for UNITY". Got one call, the man said they were definitely coming out. But three weeks later and"so far they haven't made it! "It seems like if 'the two witnesses' aren't dead in the streets', they nearly are".

Chico Church:(The Brockmans of Cottonwood). "Also I sent the letter announcing your fiftieth wedding anniversaryto Max Langpaap, who is a brother-in-law."(Thank you, Bro. Brockman, and for your dear letter. We wondered that maybe we knew you years ago. Hadn't heard of them for years. To you of all LLL recipients, Bro. Langpaap tied the knot for <u>us</u> almost 53 years ago. Then was missionary in Hawaii.) "He lives in Porterville, lost his wife June 20,1968. He lives alone, but a daughter lives in Porterville, who keeps close watch of him, he is 85."

Bro. England, of La Habra Church, wrote: "I am still not doing so well but thankful I am doing as well as I am as I can still hobble about and sorty wait on myself. Bro. Olan Taylor comes over almost every day to see me and help me. He is a "friend in deed" if there ever was one. He has surely been good to me."

Bro. Wes Orendorff, of Renton,Wash: "After my retirement in a year or two we plan to move to Encinitas, Calif. where we have already bought a house."(GOODY! 15 mi.HUNTS)

Bro.& Sis. Butch Evans expect to move into their new home soon,God willing. The address to be Rt.4,Berryville, Ark. At present they attend Church in Goshen, 70 miles.

The Bro. Elza Lovelands, Yakima, are up & fairly able. When they wrote, they "just got back from Church. We went

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to see two old people who are pretty sick with the flu, but think they are improving now. Hope so; hope, if it be God's will, they soon will be able to come to Church."

NOT MINE TO QUESTION

It is not mine to question
God's way of life for me;
It is but mine to follow,
Each day more faithfully.
Though rough may be my pathway,
So rugged and so steep,
When trusting Him completely
The Lord my soul will keep.

It is not mine to question,
When days are dark and drear,
And I can find no reason
For shadows that appear;
Still far above each storm cloud,
I'll find a rainbow there,
And just above the rainbow
Is God with love to share.

It is not mine to question
My Lord from day to day,
But clasp His hand more tightly,
Then trust Him and obey.
Some day God's Books will open,
With answers all made plain;
No more I'll need to question
When God has called my name.

GOD'S BOOK

Let's all read the BIBLE through
In nineteen hundred seventy-two! (73?)
It will take a little time;
But for anything Divine - We must sacrifice.

Just three chapters every day - -
Perhaps before you kneel to pray;
Or one at morning, two at night,
You will find the day goes right-And your soul fed.

'Twas by this WORD whole worlds were made,
And through our God so wondrous named;
This word with His name is placed
And nothing e'er can erase - and nothing added.

This top poem was presented for Little Love Letter almost 2 years ago. This bottom one was more recent. AND I do not know who are the authors. This time I am really busy on LLL and "Compilation of Congregations". Very good poems and they come handy at present. MAY GOD BLESS ALL.