# LITTLE love LETTER

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## MAY GOD FORGIVE

ON FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH, as I begin typing this, August 1971 is showing its fast and furious fusing of its summer days into the summer gone. Vacation days are over, with the enormous expenses, and the quarrels (maybe) on what to wear--or moreso not to wear. Fun & all "that little stuff" must go; get yourself back into the Church's Christian duty.

"SEPTEMBER MORN."IS HERE-by the time you receive and read this. That's the first day (the birth) of the fall months.(That is if you didn't fall before.) That's the time schools begin--more frustrations and quarrels on what to wear--or moreso not to wear.

"MAY GOD FORGIVE":"Let us off this time";FORGET. "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Yes, the time is far spent, AGAIN. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."The night is farspent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. "Let us walk decently,--" (Acts I3:II-I3). Yes,that quotation is in the N.T.the NEW COVENANT.

## WITH RESERVE,WE BEGIN

LITTLE LOVE LETTER AND WE never went on a trip. Cost too much; we just politely took an intermission from employment-never said a word; just dropped out. Hesitatingly we begin,again-hesitatingly for several reasons. We have always dropped, in summers; & each time the thoughts hold us back if perhaps we should not begin again; financially and responsibly. Ever: Everything for everybody is expensive. If we go on, we can use your money, news, and articles,(RESERVDLY

RESPONSIBLY?

RESPONSIBILITY IS A BIG WORD. And Little Love Letter aims not for little love but intrinsically it is for BIG LOVE. AS we continue, we keep seeing the thought that we are responsibly compelled to go into controversial(?)subjects-whether we so wish or not.

However, for three years, we have put forth lot of desire to avoid all controversy,debate, strife;SO much of it among the brethren-it should be otherwise. If we have BIG LOVE for Brother (OR Sister)IN CHRIST are we not required to warn them of pitfalls?

FOR EXAMPLE

CHRIST LOVED THE APOSTLE JOHN-He loves all HIS. That Apostle,in his Gospel record (Jn.14:15)cuoted Christ:"If ye love me, keep my commandments." Again John(I Jn.5:2 et):"By this we know that we love the children of God,when we love God,and keep His commandments.""LET love be without hypocrisy"UNFEIGNED?

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT we read:"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? (Gen.4:9, etc.) "Again the word of the Lord"-to Ezekiel:(Ez.33:1-19 and Ez.34:1-6. Read also I Jn.3:11-14, plus 15). That V.11: COMMANDMENT-from the beginning; but is in the Gospel also(NEW COVENANT,N.T.(Jn.13:34-35;I Jn.2)

IS IT THAT HEREIN LIE THE CRUXES? Cain was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. "AndWHEREFORE slew he him? BECAUSE his own works were evil,and his brother's righteous." In Heb.11:4,"By faith-" Too,in Jn.8:46 Christ: "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Or;"Which of you convicts me of sin?" "-yet without sin" HE was killed. "AND because I tell you the truth ye believe me not." "AND if I say-truth-whyNOTBELIEVE" Judas Iscariot betrayed Christ with a KISS, and he "fell headlong". In Greek that expression could carry a particular meaning-import: PRENES GINOMAI-OR KATAKRIMA-OR KATAKRINO:"to be or to become damned,condemned, to come to condemnation" Judas, when he saw that Christ was condemned, tried to retract it all-AND then hanged himself-AND fell headlong. CONDEMNED.

CHRIST AT ONE TIME WAS LED--that He might be cast down HEADLONG. CONDEMNED? It didn't happen then. However, He was later crucified. AND they who did it were afterward convinced (convicted?)and REPENTED.

Do CHURCH MEMBERS sver sin-headforemost? PELL-MELL-in utter confusion? Controversy, debate, strife, ALL cause many to fall from grace-be lost ETERNALLY?

"MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

HERE'S A PARAGRAPH FROM L.L.L.back in early '69 which goes to show my thoughts then. I just now did some reviewing of old copies, and as I've said now (p.2#2)"We have put forth a lot of desire to avoid-". QUOTE: "NOW, I COULD WRITE ON the controversial and dissentious problems of the present period. BUT? BUT now days what BIBLE subject is not questioned by many? AND how can any of it(?)be given in this periodical, or anywhere, and I still be faithful to keep that little"LOVE" in the middle,at the top.Title. Could be love; the reason to write on such; also several letters to me do evince a dire need for it. IN ALL FAITH & LOVE,HOWEVER,let's go on as is"UNQUO. COULD BE,HERE,NOW,THE CRUX of it all;LACK OFLUV. SO:"IN ALL FAITH & LOVE;HOWEVER: let's go on as is."

THAT "WE" -TITLE- IS PLURAL

"WHAT SHALL WE DO?". There are so very very many good "edifying" subjects to keep all of us tops high and above "that little stuff". God will provide. Didn't HE provide himself a lamb for Isaac? Didn't God give HIS only begotten SON the propitiation for our sins? "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness-". THAT excludes our doing all things that do not BELONG.

SO HERE IS FOR YOU AND ME

I'VE PUT IT IN WRITING SEVERAL TIMES. Why not write: newsly, financially, responsibly? Why,SURELY, concur(acquiesce)to over-much copy to both the two contemporary papers. Even some re-copy does no HURT. IT is a big hard job for either of us-THE CHRISTIAN COURIER and LITTLE LOVE LETTER-to have enough copy. MORE AND MORE is needed to "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on Eternal Life,-" IS IT BECAUSE the devil is very busy now-a-days-always? The world is rampant-unrestrained. LIFT UP HANGING HANDS-&-FEEBLE KNEES. LET'S,(you & me)"-lay hold on ETERNAL LIFE". WRITE IT YOURSELF, BROTHER. Do your Sunday BEST. CERTAINLY, IT'S HARD-with sacrifice,responsibility. Let's not leave it to the women-avoid or evade duty. DUTY'S not the precise word, really;you are'nt duty-bound to us. BUT the responsibility rests on all the shoulders of the SOLDIERS. "What shall we do?" Would that include printing papers and everything as therein needed? All the good,possible. IN HIS NAME.

## LLL'S FINANCIAL REPORT

(Many many thanks to all our helpers)

| 1970-1971 | Received | Expended |
|---|---|---|
| Sept.1 | $20.15 | $31.90 |
| Oct.1 | 2.60 | 32.93 |
| Nov.1 | 25.12 | 32.19 |
| Dec.1 | 1.00 | 33.77 |
| Jan.1 | 1.00 | 36.20 |
| Feb.1 | 2.60 | 29.43 |
| Mar.1 | 1.00 | 31.01 |
| Apr.1 | 26.00 | 30.57 |
| May 1 | 00.00 | 29.97 |
| June 1 | 26.50 | 37.26 |
| TOTALS REC. | $105.97 | SPENT. $325.23 |

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## MUCH NEWS IS OLD, NOW

YES, SINCE THE JUNE L.L.L. many events-much of "old lace, and cabbage, and such"- have incidentally occurred;it would be practicably impossible to give. Here's hoping I can give some of recent interest.

A LETTER FROM BROTHER J. L. JARED: they are in Indiana now and he is back in the telephone work in Lafayette. They live on the Tippecanoe River where is a place to fish right in their back yard.Address? Sure: "R.1,Box 73, Battle Ground, Ind. 47920."

BROTHER PAUL LUCAS' FAMILY in Fremont, Calif. are now at 34107 Whitehead Lane.Glad to hear from'm.

"IT'S A BOUNCING BOY" for Duane & Sue Bixler. HE arrived at the Bro. Bixlers July 17-Mr.R.D.Bixler,II.

BROTHER DON DABBS & FAMILY are back in Bellflower. Bro. Don preached at Aztec, New Mex. Aug.1-Aug.8; they report a big audience, some sitting on the floor. Bro. Dabbs also held the meeting at the Waterford, Calif. Church in July. Brother Ronnie Berry(Don's nephew)came from Aztec with the Dabbs'. Although only 16, Ron. preached a good sermon Aug.15.

THE BELLFLOWER MEETING began August 22 with a large audience and with Brother Broadway preaching 2 very good Sermons and with a big basket dinner and with an afternoon singing festival and with larger evening crowd-all seats were squeezed into full use. "UNTO HIM 'be glory in the church by Christ Jesus-". So the good meeting went through the filled week. Visitors were from at least 15 cities,8 congregations, 4 states. There was much joyous visiting;especially by those who had not been together for long time.

GLAD I WAITED TILL ALL WAS OVER to finish. BUT "Sep.Morn." will be dressed in fall colors;IMPOSSED.