LITTLE LOVE LETTER

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ACHIEVE-EFFECT-ACCOMPLISH

OSTENTATIOUSLY PRETENTIOUS those three titular words above, if you and I cannot fully effect them. Conspicuously they use valuable space up there, and could be portentious and prodigious, if we so will.

Positive effectual work in a positive Christian life; many things to do, as we go through the short scene of action of an enthusiastic, but faithful, body in Christ our Master. Yes,ever faithful to HIS word, commands, leadership. "The head of Christ is God". "The head of every man is Christ". "Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body". "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 fullness of him that filleth all in all". PLANS? HIS Will,and Testament. His definite plans and goals for your life and mine; AS we know it is completely necessary to have a set of plans for a "house" or "building" as WE IN HIM.

FAMILY? Yes."WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the HUSBAND is the head of the wife,-" "Therefore-so let the wives be(subject?)to their own husbands in every thing." "Husbands, love your wives," "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right."

IT'S ART:ACCOMPLISHMENT,ACHIEVEMENT,ATTITUDES, and these we try on our canvas, perhaps at times, & with energy, enthusiastically.THIS O.K.& SHOULD BE. But each one adds on subject to our leader-in ORDER. GOD OVER ALL. The Word is powerful. Led by TheSPIRIT we can change habits,skills,arts-toLIVE & LOVE INHIM.

NEGATIVE VS POSITIVE

VERY APPARENTLY,HOWEVER, MANY DRAG, or are so drawn, onto the stage of action in Christ, as if in mortal fear, or some just drift through, sleepily. Maybe "dead while they live" and don't know it;LACK OF FAITH? "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion,(deception)that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not THE TRUTH, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

MODERNISMS, LOOSE MORALS, SINS get us all "mixed up" even involved. Many of us die at an early age, but are actually buried bodily at a much older span. We contribute to failure; we get in a rusty rut; a plain bored; lack excitement. "NEGATIVE THINKING".

OR DO WE NOT HAVE DEFINITE GOALS, or desires or plans for our lives? Why flounder in condemnation?

THERE IS A WAY OUT-IN CHRIST. Christ said to a doubting Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life:-" Surely all may believe that,to some extent. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword,-and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

POSITIVE THINKING CAN CHANGE our thinking from negative thinking. Positive thinking can alter our lives. "What doth hinder?" Let nothing hinder us in living faithful lives in Christ,MASTER,LEADER,LIFE. Our challenge,too,is to get others enthused(fervent) to reach out,forge ahead,live "faithful unto death".

"WHAT DOTH HINDER?" Nothing will hinder in death. Many of us may die by sin in earlier life; matter of factly, "in Adam all die". But at an older age a burial. Appointed once; soon or late no hindrance. God be thanked that He is longsuffering, that all may come to repentance. Each energetic entity must come to LIFE. Each cell alive in the body,POSITIVE. Not negative or in somnolency;making all the body "suffer",in sickness-ready to die in condemnation. "BUT GOD BE THANKED,that ye were the SERVANTSofSIN -but ye have obeyed FROM THE HEART-made free from sin-became SERVANTS of RIGHTEOUSNESS" BODY ALIVE.??

CHRIST CHURCH
GROWING

AUTHENTIC HISTORY VERIFIES NEW TESTAMENT, gives convincing proof of the existence of the CHURCH OF CHRIST from the Day of Pentecost after Christ had ascended to the Father, down through time to 1970.

JESUS HAD SO STATED THAT "Upon this rock"('Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.')I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This and all references point forward(future tense)concerning the establishment of The Church till that Day of Pentecost. After that DAY,even on THAT DAY,always is shown the Church as in existence from that time forward.(See Acts 2,etc.)

THE HOLY GHOST,COMFORTER,GIVEN AT JERUSALEM that Day of Pentecost to the Apostles(as promised)was to guide them"into all truth." "They that gladlyRECEIVED his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls".(Acts 2: 41&47)GOD DID THE ADDING-"TRANSLATED"(Col.I:13)."THE GENTILES had also received the word of God"-later. Apostle Paul "-is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel-" TO ALL. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." God's word now,same as Then.

READ SECULAR HISTORY,ALSO, of worship in caves, during the "dark ages"; and of the Huguenots who emigrated from homes in Europe to the U.S.persecuted Thomas Campbell,son Alexander,Stone, inPENNSYLVANIA, KENTUCKY, EASTERN U.S. All long and hard 2000 years since PENTECOST, perpetualpersecution-but PREVAILED.

THE TANGIBLE THOUGHT here is: Christ's Church, His Body, did not succumb in the"corruption" of the very gates of HELL. Christ built IT upon the rock "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God". HIS KINGDOM EXISTS TODAY,In His People.HE IS A KING.

OUR PURPOSE,ANSWER,BID,CHALLENGE(amar-apologia) is to think,say,live IN CHRIST,in LOVE,by the WORD. "Grow in grace,and in the knowledge of our LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.""The words that I speak unto you,they are spirit,and they are life.""SALVATION". WE ARE TO COMMUNICATE, MOTIVATE. May L.L.L. be aBIG communicant,move many much,"to-OBEDIENCE OF FAITH".

IN REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY OF MERCIE MAY O'BRIEN born in Ector, Fannin County, Texas, May 29, 1885, departed this life February 3, 1970 at Carmichael, California near Sacramento. Funeral Services were at Chapel of the Roses February 5, at 2:00 P. M. in Santa Rosa, and she was laid to rest at the Chapel of Chimes.

She is survived by four daughters and one son: Louise May Hunt, Garden Grove; Edith Evans, Carmichael; Fay Connors and Ruby Olsen, Redwood City; son Hollis Bostick, San Francisco; one sister Lella F. Demis, Sonoma; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grands.

HERE AND THERE

BROTHER CHARLES BRUCE has moved from Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Tucson, Arizona. His parents, Bro. & Sis. Paul Bruce, live there, too. We have hopes an effectual, enthusiastic, and faithful, Church of Christ grows to full edification there some big day.

BROTHER GENE EDWARDS is now working for the new ranch owners at Vidal so they do not have to be moving. Hope that goes for Sister Lavetta Wilcher and family, also. They will be going to the Yuma, Ariz. Congregation often. And may the day come soon when another faithful Congregation will be fully established there or near. Christ's Church working.

WE HAVEN'T HEARD MORE concerning Bro. Harper and the meeting to be at Somerton, Arizona. Hope if my announcement is an error it will be for GOOD. WY not everyone make a raid to Somerton 3/22-LOOK SEE??

ALSO WE HEARD LATELY MODESTO maybe have plans for some preaching the week of March 22-29. SOALLMAY have to be doubly active for effectual TWO GOODS.

BUT NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR many plan summer MEETINGS. Maybe next L.L.L., and The Courier, can be full of the NEWS-many moving to ready aim.

"LET US THEN BE UP AND DOING,
WITH A HEART FOR ANY FATE;
STILL ACHIEVING STILL PURSUING
LEARN TO LABOR AND TO WAIT"