LITTLE love LETTER

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"HOUSES OF CLAY"

ABSOLUTIVELY,WITHOUT CONTROVERSY, this calendar in front of me ignores me, perforce; and it seems to do it more in my expeditious old age. I'll just do a little "slip-step"this time and start a whit sooner. Perforce or expeditiously, in the mail by Nov. one. My efforts with the jig-saw puzzle of word selection do "floor me"how to get proper words in small space.

TWO FUNERALS IN ONE DAY

IN TEEN-AGE HIGHSCHOOL DAYS I once attended a double-grave funeral.That was so long ago,BUTSADYET. Yesterday afternoon I went to two different funerals within three hours time, having known the two in G.G.

The lady had taught a primary grade in the same school where I previously was before my retirement.

The man and his family lived two blocks from us several years, and his son was one of my pupils. If my dear pupil sees the Little Love Letter I pray it may not cause him more saddness or affect his present sorrow, only to effect his full resignation to a life in Christ. These bodies of clay return to DUST.

ALL IN SAME PREDICAMENT

THAT GOES FOR EVERYONE OF US,and so we don't see our future situations. We must be prepared to take whatever may befall us(Paul?Acts 20:22-24);and be in Christ for that LIFE ETERNAL. (Read all 17-27, et al)

BUT HERE IS A SPECIAL INSTANCE Imust tell you.

PERFORCE, OR OTHERWISE, THERE ARE WARS; and in World War Two the torpedo boat NAVY PT-109 was lost. Some sailors were rescued days later on a life raft, including the two I am trying to write about.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR"

"RENDER-HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR-IS DUE"; and these crewmen have been highly honored through their years. TO ONE WAS GIVEN THE HIGHEST U.S. OFFICE. But he later lost his life by an assassin's high-powered rifle. After all of life's skirmishes, what a fate.

HIGH HONOURS ALSO WERE PROCLAIMED to the one who lived for years in Garden Grove. He worked and raised a family, and traveled many places with honor. Following funeral services yesterday he was to be in cremation and then was to be buried at sea. His fate?

"FOR YE KNOW NOT WHEN"

ALTOGETHER TOO PREDOMINANTLY PREVALENT now-days, (EVENTUALLY with the brethren?)are the words "You'll die when your time comes". The words fate and destiny and doom are not anywhere to be found in God's word. Teaching such things is no way to feed Christ'sLAMBS.

Even medical science has lengthened man's years in life. DAVID SAID, "As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years;and if by reason ofSTRENG-TH they be fourscore(80)years, yet--we fly away."

"IN THOSE DAYS WAS HEZEKIAH SICK UNTO DEATH". The Lord had said, "Setthine house in order: forTHOU shalt die, and not live." "Then Hezekiah --prayed." "Then-saith-God,-I will add unto thy days I5 years."

"AND JONAH WAS IN THE BELLY OF THE FISH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS." "-out of the belly of the grave"he cried. Jonah prayed, and God delivered him. Was that the day he should die? Then Jonah preached.

"LAZARUS IS DEAD." "-he had lain in the grave four days already." "Jesus wept. Jesus prayed--and he that was dead came forth". WHEN did he later die??

"YEA,LET GOD BE TRUE"

"-AS IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN once to die,-" Since it is spoken, said, set, decreed,laid upon us; everyone must once die. God so appointed.But that is not the end."-once to die,but after thistheJUDGMENT".

"ONE LAMB OUT OF THE FLOCK"

"BUT WHOSO SHALL OFFEND one of these little ones which believe in me,-" OFFEND: to sin, err, miss the mark; to cause to stumble. "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray GOD, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee".

PREDESTINATION

MEN ADD THE SUFFIX ATION,TION,ION, and opine THAT THEY HAVE SOMETHING. Let's note with emphasis all four scripture references ascribed as their adds.

"FOR WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW, he also did predestinate TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." "MOREOVER whom he did predestinate, THEM HE ALSO CALLED: and whom he called, them he ALSO JUSTIFIED: and whom he justified, them he ALSO GLORIFIED."(MAY I quote next verse?)"What shall we then say to THESE THINGS? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly THINGS IN CHRIST: ACCORDING as he HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM before the foundation of the WORLD, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: HAVING PREDESTINATED us unto the adoption of children BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, according to the good pleasure of his will-" IN WHOM?

"IN WHOM ALSO WE HAVE OBTAINED an inheritance. being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh ALL THINGS after the counsel" (PURPOSE, WILL) "of his own will: That we" (Apostles?)"should be to the praise of his glory,who first trusted"(or hoped) "IN CHRIST. IN WHOM YE ALSO TRUSTED,---"

SUFFIXIATION

WHERE, O OH WHERE, IN THE FOUR quotations given, is even so much as a hint that "when your time comes you will die". OPINIONS spread over the entire world do not express truth IN THESE THINGS. FATALISTS,n.b.

CONDITIONALITY

GOD DID NOT CHOOSE SOME AND REJECT OTHERS without conditionality. He did choose His people, from all nations, IN CHRIST; and He calls them through or by the gospel and had this in mind before the world was. He foreknew, He ordained, He ordered it in HIS SON. According as He hath chosen us in HIM before the foundation of the world---Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by JESUS CHRIST. He foreordained that His church should be composed of those adopted as His children. One FOLD of lambs.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord--"

"Behold,what manner of love the Father hath bestowed--now are we the sons of God--every man that-"

CONCLUSION

"AND EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM---" "EVERYONE WHO HAS THIS HOPE IN CHRIST-"(other TRANSLA) IF we have this hope, we must be in Christ. There is no hope out of Christ. He is the way, truth, life. "But the scripture HATH CONCLUDED all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." "Let us hear the CONCLUSION of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments."

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REPORTS

---WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT that Brother England got back home from the City of Hope on Sept.30. He went back for two check-ups and "Come back on Nov. 25th". He is regular to attend meetings at Bell.&La Habra. ---Brother and Sister Chester Kellems telephoned us they were back in Glendora from Spring Valley; so we went over for a big dinner-and a very nice visit.--- The news concerning the congregation at Springfield, Oregon, seems about general (perhaps as many or all of us) some are sick, some slow to attend the services, & some NEED ENCOURAGEMENT to keep up the faith with an hi heart. Could be the winter weather, Oreg. BUT US?? I beseech ALL, let's lift up, up there & ALL PLACES. ---A letter from the Shreves in Oroville says that Bro. Michael Shreve is stationed at Okinawa. We do cherish the hope for his returning back to Church & Christian duties when he may return here.---Our Bro. F.H.Logan of Stockton (father of Bro.J.D. of the Christian COURIER staff) has been in the hospital and has been very sick, with both his stomach and heart. With this typing-time, we heard he is home again; and hope his improvement can keep right on climbing. Sister Fern Logan has returned after her treatments for the auto accident in Feb. They beg your patience in waiting for the COURIER. They very much are hoping to get at a new paper soon. AND WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSING. ---A letter from the Brother Wilkersons of Cederedge was a very encouraging one. And since then we heard that Bro.& Sister Broadway have purchased and are to move up there soon. May God bless them all in the WORK. ---A happy surprise letter of Oct.22 from Bro. Robt. McCay of Port Orchard, Wash. He has the land and some cash for building a building for worship. He had an operation Oct.2, and will be off work till Nov. 15th. Is working for land-use variance. WHY NOT HELP THEM? Many visitors recently from Eugene, Yakima, Renton, GOOD.