LITTLE Love LETTER

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FOLLOW THE PHYSICIAN

AWAKE BEFORE FIVE, this December 11 morning, I lay there thinking. Up early and begin this Little Love Letter to the best people on earth-my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Those who have been converted, washed, and healed by the Physician.

YES, THINKING. I do, all my waking time; and I have much on this, long before now. But this early morning I finally got my line of thinking decided. I hope. How, now, to write it advantageously.

AS I WRITE, and as I address the more than 250 envelopes, I think of all of you. Surely you think, too, even as you read. That is the purpose of all this. Reading is discernment of thought off the printed page; to attribute meaning to that which is read. Perceptively applicable also to speech. Perhaps by now you are thinking I need a physician. I do. You do, too. We all do. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

PATIENCE WITH THE PATIENT, let's get this put together,now- and with the Physician I know we can. No surgery, yet, or cutting off, "but let it rather be healed." The whole body working -- from the top (Christ Jesus, Head, Physician) down to the very bottom-even the little toe. That's me. I am (at the least, one) of the least of these my brethren.It is a statement of Jesus (by Mat. Mk. Luke) "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." "God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.--" (Psalms 14 & 53). God's conclusions, as written in Ps. & fwd to Ro.3: "-all under sin;-none righteous-none understandeth-none seek God- none that doeth good, no, not one."

"THEY THAT ARE SICK"

GOD GAVE ABRAHAM the covenant of circumcision. At the time the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, after they were passed over Jordan, Joshua at the Lord's command renewed circumcision, and circumcised again the children of Israel thesecond time. Explained (Jos.5:4-8): All the people that came out of Egypt were circumcised, and had died in the wilderness. But all the people that were born in the wilderness had not been circumcised, them Joshua circumcised. They abode there till whole.

There were certain ones of Judea,&Jerusalem, that taught the brethren that the Gentile converts needed to be circumcised, "Except ye be circumcised after the Manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved."BUT-NOW:

"THE OPERATION OF GOD"

"FOR GOD HATH CONCLUDED them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all." "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;" "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be save." "Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us meet to be partakers of the saints inlight: WHOHATH DELIVERED us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:" "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risenwith him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.""God be thanked--". "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

DELIVERANCE

"GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE toward us, in that, while we wereyet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then,being now justified by his blood, weshall be saved from wrath through him." "Baptized into Jesus Christ-baptized into his death." Saved in Him. Born again. New creature.

HAVE-DESIRE-NEED

YES, WE HAVE AN HIGH, HOLY, HEAVENLY CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.(Phil.3:I4 & 2Tim. I:9 & Heb. 3:I). CALLED by gospel,redeemed,loved of God.

"AS NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

"-YOUR FATHER KNOWETH what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." It could be that all of us are in need more than we may think. "There is none righteous, no, not one:"(Ro.3:I0. Colon after "one" but read on to verse I8). Some may say that's a quote from Psalms concerning Israel's deeds under the law. O. K. But aren't we now reading fromthe Ro.3:I0? The Apostle John(IJno.I:8&I0), "If we say that we have no sin,---" "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

AND IT IS WRITTEN (Heb.8:I3 &I0:9-I0)"In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old."--- "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. BY THE WHICH WILL we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." AND WE HAVE A PHYSICIAN. Through the faith of the operation of God we have been circumcised with the circumcision made without hands---Buried with him (Christ) in baptism---risen with him. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." DO WE NEED??

"THEY THAT BE WHOLE need not a physician---". For little me, IneedHIM. Ineed patience. I need more faith. I need the whole armour of God.YOU,TOO?

THE WHOLE BODY

"FOR CHRIST IS LIKE A SINGLE BODY, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts." God put every different part in the body just as he wished." "And so there is no division in the body,--" "All of you, then, are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it." "So then, the eye cannot say---,"I don't need you."" "Nor can the--,"I have no need of you."" GOD GAVE CHRIST to be head over all things to the church, Which is his body. TEMPERED BODY TOGETHER.

OLD MAN 1968

AND SO IT IS that's the way it is. Soon 1968, as I write in December, will "fade away". NEW'69? What have we (you & I) done? Perhaps some good. At the least, we would like to "hope so". Perhaps some. (Read again p.4 of my Sept.L. L. L.) BUT, how much is some? Sum up the Some, it just cannot equal the much that we should have done. IT'S GONE.

NEW ONE,1969

THIS FIFTH L. L. L. is dated for January, but I hurry it on, in time that we each and all might weigh. To the best peopleon earth, purchased by Christ's blood. To the Brethren of the Church-Body. To you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God's grace and peace be yours.

RESOLUTIONS???

"SO LET US not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest." "AS WE HAVE therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." "LET YOUR LIGHT so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "LET NOT YOUR HEART be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

"AND LET THE PEACE OF GOD rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. LET THE WORD OF CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom;--"

"WHEREFORE LET HIM that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "LET NO MAN seek his own, but every man another's wealth." ("interests"). "LET EVERY ONE OF US please his neighbour for his good to edification."

"LET US therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (THE LETTUCE(LETUS)is ample.USE IT.

JESUS SAITH,"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." "The harvesttruly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; PRAY YE THEREFORE the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." JESUS SAITH to his disciples-pray the Lord-send.

ENDED 1968?BEGIN 1969? BUT WHAT OF THE END??