LITTLE Love LETTER

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HOW GOES IT?

HOW ARE YOU? Here we are again with my Little Love Letter unto the well beloved, "whom I love in the truth. "Beloved, I wish (pray) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3rd John 1-2).

"JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID--Except a man be born again (anew) he cannot see the kingdom of God." "marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jno.3:3&7). "Verily, verily"; truly, truly. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit". "The wind bloweth where it listeth (wills), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (Jno.3:6&8).

"BUT". "But as many as received him, to them gave he power (the right, privilege) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"(Jn.1). "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal.3:26-27). "--eight souls were saved by (through) water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us--". (I Pet.3:20-21). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I Jno.3:2-3).

SO, WHY NOT?

GO ON WELL; PROSPER, BODY & SOUL: COMPLETE. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good".(Eccl

SO, WHY NOT? "If God be for us, who can beagainst us?" "What shall we then say to these things?"

I. HOW DOES your light shine? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

2. KEEP THYSELF. "Keep thyself pure." "Pure religion--keep himself unspotted from the world." "--he that is begotten of God keepeth himself,--"

ALL THE ABOVE, summarily, was intended to be a guide to lead us to two thoughts I had in mind:

FIRST. Those of us baptized into Christ have put on Christ. We are "of them that believe to the saving of the soul." We now are children of God and have hope, when Christ comes to receive His own, that we shall be like Him. Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself. Why not? Grow and prosper and keep thyself. Let your light so shine.

SECOND, AN EXAMPLE:"-be thou an example of the believers,-" (The Apostle Paul to young Timothy.) Our young Brother Dick Taylor was just that last Sunday at Lakeside.He gave a very good talk on that title, KEEP THYSELF. He and Brother Chas. Johnson conducted Services while Brother J. D. and family were in Kingman. All this and more is as God wills. We pray that they, and all others like them, may go on well and prosper in Christ, to the Life Eternal.

THESE YOUNG ONES
IN CHRIST

OUR YOUNG BROTHERS,a goodly number of them,can do much for Christ and the Church. They have better education, diction, phraseology than us oldsters. However, it is needful always to "-exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The angels cannot contend or preach otherwise. (Jude 3; Gal.I:8 & 9). CHRIST "is the head of the body, the church." AMEN.

NEW NEWS NIBLETS

**FEB.I9 - Brother George Vanderpool, Huntsville, Ark., wrote of the much sickness and the colds many have had. We hope all are better by now. Their son preached for them Sunday, Feb. I6. They are thankful to the brethren and sisters and many friends who helped get the son, Varbie L., out of prison so he can be at home and go to church again. Yes, Brother Vanderpool, (and Bro. Varbie, too) as you wrote: "Let us all pray that there will be a great awakening in the Church. "Love will take the place ofhate; then and then only will the true Light shine in the Darkened World we live in." May God bless all of you.

**FEB.2I - The young Roberts Boy of Aztec, New Mex. was recently killed in South Vietnam and was buried three weeks ago. (I presume, at Aztec; my information was short.) He was a grandson of Bro. & Sister Vernie J. Hill of Grand Junction, Colorado. Our sympathy to all. We pray the war ends soon;very.

--Our Brother Charles Baldwin of Delta, Colo., we were particularly happy to learn, has lately been restored to the fellowship in Christ. He recently had surgery at Grand Junction; and here is hoping that he is doing much better by now.

--Brother Allen Nelson, at last report, is having kidney & bladder upset, and also knee cap troubles. (Woe, woe)They say when it rains it pours.

--Word is that Brother Harry Dye was some better now but has been quite sick from more of his old troubles with stomach ulcers. He had surgery several years ago, now has had replacement of 3 pt.of blood.

**FEB.2I - Brother & Sister Forest F. Francis of Kenton, Okla. report that the Church of Christ at Furnish Canyon are doing about as usual. I am sure that means they are doing fine faithful work there. All the congregation would come all that distance to Springfield, Colo. to hear me when I was in a meeting. Very grateful thanks to all of them for then, and also for all the bountiful support now."To God be all the glory in the Church by Christ Jesus."

**FEB.24 - Brother Bergstroms have about eight members meeting in their home at Stanton, Texas. This includes Sister I. F. Berkstresser. We met the

Berkstresser's family in Carlsbad, N. Mex. several years ago. Thanks for the nice letter and the help. May we be more and more able to help you folks, and all the Fellowship everywhere, is our desire.

--Could someone please help find faithful members or a true Church in or near Salem, Mo.? Sister Tom Whelan, a daughter of Sis. Berkstresser, lives in Salem, but has been unable to find members.

**FEB.24 - Amost beautiful letter came from the grieved relatives of our departed Bro. Roy Dabbs. I must give you of it, that all may note the deep import of their concern: "We would like to thank everyone for showing so much thoughtfulness to our family during the recent loss of our loved one, and also to thank those who gave financial help. Naturally we are very sad at this time as we will miss him. But we rejoice that he lived faithful to the end. We also rejoice to say that three sisters in Christ who felt weak asked for the prayers of the Church last Sunday morning, and one sister who had been completely out of service came forward and asked to be restored. "

**MAR.1:- Here is the beginning of Spring, we hope the destructive storms are over. Spiritually speaking, however, the Great Storm is yet to come, and the plowing in the Vineyard must continue on. Are we profitable servants; ready for the storm?

--Louise and I worshipped last Sunday (Feb. 23) with those at Lakeside; thrilled when Bro. Richard did as good with that "Keep Yourself". Happy trip. On our way home we met the heavy rain at Oceanside.

--Since the trip I've been working along on this "Little Letter". I deeply thank all those who have been so helpful; and for the support financially. I hereby change my plans and hope that I can mail this extra by the eighth inst. I know you will be appreciative of newer news. And who knows, catch up, and do more good? CAST BREAD on the WATERS.

**MAR.2- Last Late Line. In Bellflower this A.M. Bro. Don Dabbs gave a wonderful lesson. He and his are now at new home, 15553 Eucalyptus Ave. (Bell.)

--Bro. & Sis. Olan Taylor are expecting their son Bill home by next Sunday. He is now on his way from USAF. Bro. Bill is younger brother of Richard.(CLOSE