LITTLE Love LETTER

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TOODLEY OODLEY, THIS MORNING. So you're not "woot"? Just "willy-nilly"? Well, so am I; willing spirit but weak flesh. From the BOOK----"slothful".

But how am I ever to get this next L.L.L. out? "BE-- "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing--" COME NOW,"Go to now," AND I must remember my last writing to you, "THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. We get up each morning in the happiness of being," "anoint our head, and wash our face, and smile just a wee little mite".

HOWE'ER I BLUSH IN SHAME,happily I do rejoice. From the depth of my heart I thank all those who have given assist. God bless'em. As God may so will, here I go for a try at eight pages again. LIKE IT?

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?"

IN OUR HANDS WE have God's word. Do you believe it? You cannot see me whether I do or not. I cannot see you. And already you know that I do not refer to holding a book in hand. God's word, rhema, logos. "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;--". Do we really believe it?

LET'S LAUNCH OUT INTO DEEP WATER a little and see if we do. Even so, we will have competition, as the very devil himself. What with hippies, hell, & high-water styles, the world and things of theworld creep into our hearts, and crowd out the Word Of God; rather than to believe to the savingofthesoul.

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP"

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP, AND let down your nets for a draught." Christ said unto Simon. For a draught, a catch. They let the nets down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they beckoned to their partners to come and help. They came and filled both ships.

"FEAR NOT; FROM HENCEFORTH THOU SHALT CATCHMEN." "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth---". Paul the apostle declared to the Corinthians, even in that day, "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal:-". The writer to the Hebrews, "Therefore leaving the principles" (word of the beginning of) "of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;--." "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light," DO WE BELIEVE IT?

"I AM COME INTO DEEP WATERS--". "Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul." "Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up,-". "Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants--". "In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the heights of the hills are his also." "But God hath revealed them" ("the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.") "unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." DO WE BELIEVE IT? OF NOAH??

"IN HIS HAND"

BUT HOW COULD NOAH, a preacher of righteousness, preach to a people that had never before seen rain? "-for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon upon the earth,--But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." -**- "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." "IN --, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows ("floodgates") of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth,--" Eight souls were saved by water. "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us-by the

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"by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"DO BELIEVE IT?

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?"

THAT QUESTION BEFORE US was to Moses, but we are hoping to deduce our thesis therefrom. We are so positively explicit in our reply to "Do you believe it?" or "Do you believe that?" so much so we may become openly ambiguous thereon. Many people today are emphatic in saying that they believe the Bible,even about Noah and the ark, but if one only so much as tries to impress upon their heart that this is a figure, type, shadow, of baptismintoChrist -their hearts become hardened. "few--eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us(-)by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:-"MANY DIE-NO BELIEF IN,nor TO DO.

ABOUT MOSES AND THE SERPENT, ETC. Let us read: "And Moses answered and said, But, behold,they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground,and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses,Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, & caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:"- Wait a bit, SEE ALL THE "ANDS". Everything therein came to pass in order; as God may will, and as Moses did as God commanded. HOW? GOD DID IT. WHY? Answer is in v. 5: "That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee."

did WE HAVE ALL READ OF ALL THOSE MIRACLES, and what God for HIS people, the children of Israel, by the hand of Moses. "MOREOVER, BRETHREN, I WOULD NOT that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through thesea; And were all BAPTIZED unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;-" "Now these things were our examples,"TYPE? "But with many of them God was not well pleased:--" "-overthrown in the wilderness." "The wilderness of Sin,-" ?? "But with whom was he grieved-?-with them that had sinned,-" Could not go in-BECAUSE UNBELIEF.

ELIJAH AND ELISHA.

ELIJAH, THE TISHBITE, was a prophet. He was designated as a man of God. He was a man who stood before God. "God's hand was upon Elijah." BOTH MOSES AND ELIJAH appeared before them--Peter, James, and John, "and they were talking with Jesus"--at that time when Jesus was transfigured before them.

CHRIST'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING JOHN THE BAPTIST: " And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come." (Elias, the Greek form of Elijah.) "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not--Elias--"? "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:-" "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet--". "This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee:" AND all the people--justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against"(within)"themselves, being not baptized of him." SO DO YOU SEE?: ALL THREE OF THESE, Noah-Moses-Elijah, were types, shadows, examples, of what was to be in baptism into Christ. Noah;"eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us-". Moses:"And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;" "Now these things were our examples(types),-". Elijah:"And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." "And John was baptizing--much water there: and they came and were baptized." WHY NOT BELIEVEIT?

NOW ELISHA: ELISHA ASKED FOR IT, AND RECEIVED PROMISE for "a double portion" of Elijah's spirit to be upon Elisha--"if thou see me when I am taken from thee,-". "And Elisha saw it,-" SAW WHAT? "-behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses offire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." "And he saw him nomore:"

ELISHA WAS A PROPHET. (55 years?) A man of God. There were many things of God done in Elisha. FAITH? Just ONE?: Elisha's servant, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" And he answered, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be withthem"

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"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." DO WE ALL BELIEVE IT? HOW? GOD did it. WHY? To show him,"God is with US".

LET'S SEE NOW, WHAT HAVE WE?

WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD. We have God. He loves us. He gave us His son. "-His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,-" "-God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;-" "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

WE HAVE OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son;" "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:" "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were (are?) baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."[illegible] "A NEW CREATURE".

WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. Christ charged his apostles, "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached IN HIS NAME among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.--- "but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "And I will pray theFather, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth;-" "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send IN MY NAME, HE shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:-" "He shall glorify me:-" So we know how the apostles waited at Jerusalem, and received the Holy Ghost, Comforter, Spirit of truth, their guide.

WE HAVE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST,"the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,-"

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O, FOR MORE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Comforter, Guide. "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." "Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit." "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until-redemption-" "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

"HE THEREFORE THAT REJECTETH, rejecteth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His holy Spirit." "THERE IS THEREFORE NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the FLESH but after the SPIRIT. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell IN YOU. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." "By one Spirit-baptized into one body-"

WE HAVE THE CHURCH-CHRIST'S BODY. WE are the Church of Christ-His body. "There is one body, and one Spirit,-" "And he is the head of the body-church-" "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." GOD CAN DO ALL THINGS.

"THE FATHER:--Who hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: IN whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:-" "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved." "Then they that gladly received (believed) his word were baptized; and--were added-".

WE HAVE THE LORD'S DAY-"communion of the blood" "communion of the body-" "bread-body-broken-" "This cup is the new testament SEALED WITH MY BLOOD WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU." "-eat this bread-drink this cup-" "EXCEPT ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you."

IN OUR HANDS, SOULS TO SAVE. Our own: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" "Brethren, if any err-and ONE convert him-shall save a soul from death." IN LOVE.

THE HEART OF MAN
(Bro.J.H.Lackey)

THE HEART OF MAN, as mentioned in the Bible, is our thinker. Not the organ that pumps the blood through our veins. We read(Mt.I2:34-35), For out of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth goodthings: And an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. Let us read from Gen.6:5-6, And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually;and it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. Jer.I7:9,The heart is deceitful above all things,and desperately wicked;Who can know it? The Jews had criticised Christ and the apostles of eating with unwashed hands. MT.I5:I7-20, Do you not yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draft? But those things which proceed out of the mouth,(proceed)come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders,adulteries,fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man. Jas.3:I3-I5,Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts,glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above,but is earthly, sensual, devilish. I7-I8,But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,then peaceable, gentle,and easy to be entreated,full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. Titus I:I5, Unto the pure all things are pure:but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure;but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Eph2:I-2, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world,according to the prince of the power of the air,the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:- Read more of it,then vI3, But now in Christ Jesus ye-are made nigh by the blood of Christ.(Thanks,Bro.L.Maybe more later.LOVE)

NEWS-NIBLETS-NOTES

Last P.S.added line for Oct.L.L.L. was:Brother Claud Perigen had surgery. First thing now:He is at home,doing fairly well-considering the ruff && tuff. ---Word from the Brother Allen Nelsons is that they were O.K.& his sinuses are better. Sister RuthDuncan is in Calif.(But where?),has kidney stone but not to plan surgery until she gets home this fall or later. Brother Harry Dye is back at work after bout,ulcers. Brother Claude Allen(Bill & Verda Mae's son)recently home from Vietnam. Will be in Tucson awhile. We hope he can meet with the church members there often.--- A note from young Brother Charles Bruce of Carlsbad, N.Mex. with a new address & one corrected. Thanks to you Charles-but 'y not a little practice article?--- Those letters from our former La Habra & Bellflower Brother Leonard Pamplin in Hong Kong encourage us.--- -Recent encouragement,also,gives Springfield(Eugene) Oregon congregation common, all in attendance, so are all well.---A difficult task, but I finally got the transfer address of Brother Rex Mickey from the Grants Pass, Oreg. to Farmington, N.Mex. They are in attendance with a small group at Cedar Hill, IO mi. from Aztec. May all the good brethren at both places do much work together for all, in the love of God.We also received the address of Brother Dallas Mickey. He met with us at Lakeside some while stationed S.D. ---We received three faithful articles from Brother J.H.Lackey of Springfield,Colo.some of which inL.L.L. As reported in Oct.they were at Furnish Canyon some. ---Nice letter from the older Arnetts of Waterford, Calif.and the lovely invitation that I've heard from others there(Oh,"slothful"me)to visit & give sermon. Hope,some time. When there in August I got some new addresses. Yes, we want to send to all the brethren we can. Please send correct addresses of any & all.- --Will some one please send me the address of Bro.& Sister Bert Weakley. All L.L.L. keep coming back.--- There are several now living in Tucson, Ariz.or did- Lela Cline, Claude Nelson, Jack Morris, Paul Bruce; a wonderful beginning for a new congregation,inLOVE. ---Also at Humble,Pasadena, San Antonio,Texas City; we've been hearing.Please help,addresses & locations. ---Bellflower,La Habra,Pomona,WORKING.Next3day meet is at Bellflower IO/24-26.CanUcome?---Bro.Wilcher & family get to La Habra from Arlington.May GodBLESS'M. Some from here to Lakeside some.Bro.J.D. isfairlywell.