LITTLE Love LETTER

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THE ONE BODY

TO MY BROTHERS & SISTERS, MEMBERS OF THE ONE BODY:

LITTLE LOVE LETTER this time, I've been thinking, could dwell on the subject THE ONE BODY. Much could be included, but for space we tarry along shortly.

"SEEK YE THE LORD--Let the wicked forsake his way,--and let him return unto the Lord--and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

ABRAHAM WAS PROMISED that "in thee and in thy seed"("And to thy seed, which is Christ.") shall all the nations (families) of the earth be blessed."

"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES (things) IN CHRIST:ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM--" "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins"

"THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST" (Remember the last Little Love Letter? Our part in first resurrection?) David spake of "the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." "Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

"--CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures;--" "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power,--" "KNOW YE NOT, that so many of us as are baptized into Jesus Christ 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."

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

"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 were being saved."

"--THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,--"

"--Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." "--Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;---For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his flesh, and of his bones."

THE WHOLE BODY FUNCTIONAL:

"WE HAVE MANY PARTS in the one body, and all these parts have different uses. "In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body." "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ--"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 fulness of him that filleth all in all."

"--and they two shall be one flesh. "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

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"-HE GIVETH TO ALL life, and breath, and all things;-- "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;--" Thus back to Job, "a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and 'turned away' from evil." Job said, "Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? "In whose hand is the 'life' of every living thing, and the breath of 'all flesh of man' ".

THE WHOLE HOLY SPIRIT: COMFORTER.

IT'S A PROMISE-A GIFT. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." "--God hath--chosen you to salvation through-belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel" "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:--" "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us--" "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved".

"AND I WILL PRAY THE FATHER, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth;-" "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you". "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth:" "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body--" "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:" NO SPIRIT, DEAD BODY.

"-access by one Spirit unto the Father." "--ye are--of the household of God--Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together GROWETH unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "That we henceforth--speaking the truth IN LOVE, may grow up in him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body---maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of ITSELF IN LOVE."

READ: Ro.8:1-2 and verses 9to17. ALSO:1 Cor.12:12-27
I,GOD,CREATOR; II,CHRIST,HEAD; III,CHURCH OF CHRIST, HIS BODY; IV,HOLY SPIRIT-COMFORTER,DWELLS IN BODY & GUIDES IN TRUTH, BY CHRIST;THE WORD.

"ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT"

UNI, UNITY, UNIVERSAL--ONE, ONENESS, ONE BODY. FELLOWSHIP. E PLURIBUS UNUM, MANY FUNCTIONING AS ONE. One God, One Son, One Spirit. "The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one." One Lord, One Church, One Body, One Family.

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE-SPIRIT IN BODY:

I. By the **Spirit** we have access through Christ unto the Father. (Eph. 2:18)

2. The Spirit is our Comforter. (Jno.I4:I6-I7)

3. The Spirit strengthens with might the inner man. (Eph. 3:I6)

4. The Spirit quickens. "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities--maketh intercession for us-" (Ro.8:II&26)

5. The Spirit is life, it leads. (Ro.8:I0&I4)

6. The Spirit sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts. (Ro.5:5 and Eph. 3:I4-I7)

7. The Spirit, an agency of the Lord Jesus, that you are justified in Christ's name. (I Cor.6: II and Jno.20:30-3I)

8. The Spirit enables us to cry, Abba, Father. (Gal.4:6 and Jno.I5:26 and I Jno.5:6 and Ro.8:I6)

9. The Spirit is the earnest until the redemption of the purchased possession-our body. (Eph.I: I4 and Ro.8:23)

I0. The Spirit is seal of God unto the day of redemption. (Eph.4:30 and I:I3 and 2 Cor.I:22)

"-to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, for all time, for ever&ever. Amen."

NEWS AND NOTES

THIS TIME, almost pushed the loved ones off the ship. No offense? Good. No harm.-- Many thanks to all those who gave helps and encouragements. ILoveU.-- GOOD NEWS IS Bro. Roy Dabbs is home now and "gaining real good". That's fine. Are any members near San Antonio? Where is Fort Hood, Tex?---**THE BRETHREN** at Stilwell are really working, with good results; they and Boron and Bohanan Mt. trade visits & extra singing.-- ENCOURAGEMENT & new addresses from Bro. Gene McKinney of Brentwood.--ALSO FROM Grants Pass, Oregon.-- PERSONAL CONTACT is happiness from Bellflower, and La Habra, and Pomona.--HAVE YOU HEARD? Our good Bro. Allen Nelson **hopes to be out preaching soon. USE HIM.**

ALL THE BODY AT WORK, & IN LOVE.