THUS SAITH THE LORD

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"I was glad when they said unto me,let us go unto the house of Jehovah" Psalm I22:I

"And it shall come to pass in the last days,that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills:and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say,Come ye,and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways,and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law,and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" Isaiah 2:2,3.

"He (Christ) saith unto them,but whom say yet that I am ?. And Simon Peter answered and said,~~unto~~ Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou,Simon Bar-Jona:for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee,but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee,that thou art Peter,and upon this rock I will build my church;and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it" Matt I6:I6-I8.

Jesus Christ Established his Church on the day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem. A.D. 33. See Acts 2:I-47. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 souls2 (Acts 2:4I)

".....And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47)

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See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped NOT who refused him that spake on earth,much more shall NOT we escape,if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Heb.I2:25.

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Here I offer you a comparison of N.T. readings. First the King James Version, followed by the Greek N.T. (Matt.26:27) "And he took the cup, and ~~having~~ gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it;" "And having taken the cup, and having given thanks, he gave (it) to them, saying, all drink of it" (Greek Version) Some brethren have mis-understood the King James Version and have said that each person is obligated to drink all of the cup. The "all pertains to the Apostles, not to the drinking of all the cup. Luke 14:22, 23. "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread and blessed and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it" (Mark 14:, Not Luke.) K.J.V. Greek Ver. "And as they were eating, Jesus having taken a loaf, having blessed he brake, gave to them, and said, take, eat; this is my body. And having taken the cup, having given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it". We see Mark agrees perfectly with Matthew. The Greek Version is the more accurate of the two ver's. I Cor.9:18. "Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel" (K.J.V.) "What then is my reward? That in announcing the glad tidings of the Christ without expense I make the glad tidings so as not using as my own my authority in the glad tidings" Greek Version. In actuality, if Paul had charged for all his labors, he would not have abused his power. The "word abuse is a mis-translation. Let us examine Rom.6:4. "We were buried therefore with him by baptism unto death, that as Christ was raised up from among the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we in newness of life should walk" If that isnt immersion, then language has no meaning, & elephants have gone to roosting in trees & have knitting socks as a hobby! Greek words as used in the Greek N.T. "Ekklesia means assembly, used in Matt.16:18. (Eph.1:22) (Eph.5:23) (Col.1;18,24). (I Cor.14:34) Is "Ekklesiais", means assemblies, plural. Verse 35 is ekklesia, singular. Also Heb.12:23. Rev.1:4 (SEE in K.J.V.) "Ioannes tais epta ekklesiais tais en Asia" John to the 7 assemblies which in Asia.

The facts boiled down are this: The 7 assemblies (churches, KJV) in Asia are 7 assemblies of the church of Christ, nothing less, nothing more. The sects may as well pull down their signs & call it quits. Jesus Christ built one assembly (Church) for all people of all nations. It is quite obvious that Jesus did not build a flock of different kinds of churches, having conflicting doctrines. God is NOT the author of confusion (I Cor.14:33)

The Lord willing, we will continue to print the precise meaning of Greek N.T. words & various passages, plus exegesis. The K.J.V. does not give the precise meaning of every word. Every preacher s. should have the Greek N.T., and Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon. The two volumes cost around 15 to 16.00, but, they are worth the money & you'll know where you stand, no guessing. We spend a lot of money on other books & magazines, so why not shell out & buy those books? They are a real asset. I repeat, those books are worth $16.00.

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Let us keep the ordinances that was delivered unto us.

Bro. Paul wrote: "Be ye followers of me,even as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you brethren,that ye remember me in all things,and keep the ordinances,as I delivered them to you" (I Cor.II:I,2) Brethren: Let us examine some ordinances as Paul delivered them to us,the weighterer matters first. "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you,That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:And when he had given thanks,he brake it,and said,Take,eat:this is my body,which is broken for you :this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup,when he had supped,saying,This cup is the new testament in my blood:this do ye,as oft as ye drink it,in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread,and drink this cup,ye do show the the Lord's death till he come.(I Cor.II:26) Paul received this ordinance direct from the Lord,Paul did not depend on second hand information. Paul delivered the ordinance without alteration,therefore the ordinance is pure & binding on all Christians until the end of time . For the benefit of new converts & non-members who may read "Thus Saith the Lord", We offer the following remarks: When the church comes together,it is not for the purpose of eating a common meal nor to make a common meal of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is sacred & holy. Bro.Paul tells us we have houses to eat and drink in. "What? Have ye not houses to eat and drink in?or despise ye the church of God,and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not" In verse 22,Paul disapproved of their sinful manners. In verses 23-26,we learn what the Lord's Supper is, We learn how to partake. First,we take a loaf of unleavened bread. We give thanks,we break the bread (one loaf) and pass it to all who wish to partake. Wegive thanks for the cup and pass it to all who wish to partake. As we partake of the loaf, we discern the Lord's body,we eat the loaf in memory of him(In memory of Christ),we show forth his death until he come again,and as we eat ,we look forward to his second coming. As we drink the cup,we do it in remembrance of him,showing forth his death until he comes and we look forward to his return. We discern his blood shed on Calvary's cross. We must do this in the proper manner & avoid eating and drinking damnation to ourselves. We must eat & drink in a worthy manner. We are warned: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread ,and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily,shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord". It is a serious offense to consider the body and blood of the Lord unworthy of discernment. We must examine our selves as to whether we can partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. If we remember the purpose of the supper,and how to partake,then we can partake without fear of damnation to ourselves. We should partake in the spirit of reverence,humility and forgiveness toward all who may have offended us. If we do not discern the Lord's body and blood,we offend the Lord and drink damnation to ourselves. "For if we would judge ourselves,we should not be judged,But when we are judged ,we are chastened of the Lord,that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore my brethren,when ye come together to eat,tarry one for another. And if any man hunger,let him eat at home;that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come" (I II:3I,34) Cont' on next page.

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Remember, The Lord's Supper is a memorial to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Upon the first day of the week we assemble to break bread. (Acts 20:7) and to drink the cup. (I Cor.XI:23-26)(Matt.26: 26-30) Remember Paul said: "Now I praise you,brethren,that you remember me in all things,as I delivered them to you (and keep the ordinances). Paul says in verse 4"Every man praying or prophesying having his head covered,dishonors his head. Whom is our head? See verse 3. Christ is our head. Then we should remove our hat or cap to pray,preach or teach.(I consider these as minor ordinances) Verse 5 tells us that every woman that prays or teaches with her head uncovered,dishonors her head. Verse 3 tells us that womans head is the man. Verse 7 says:"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head,foreasmuch as he is the image and glory of God" Here Paul was speaking of mans fleshly head. Paul speaks of long hair in verse 14,that it is a shame for a man to wear long hair. Paul says "But, If any man seem to be contentious,we have no such custom, neither the churches of God" As I understand Paul,we must not contend over those minor ordinances. ,set forth in I Cor.II:3-16. Now let us study a major ordinance. "Now concerning the collection for the saints,as I have given order to the assemblies of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store,as God hath prospered him,that there be no gatherings when I come"(I Cor.16:1,2) "Moreover,brethren,we do you to-wit of the grace of God bestowed on the assemblies of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality For to their power,I bear record,yea,and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift,and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.and this they did,not as we had hoped,but they first gave their ownselves to the Lord,and unto us by the will of God . Inso much that we desired Titus,that as he had begun , so he would also finish in you the same grace also;Therefore,as ye abound in every thing,in faith,and in utterance,and knowledge,and in all diligence,and in your love to us,see that ye abound in this grace also" (2Cor.8:1-7) What meaneth Paul? See that ye abound in giving also. "Every man according as he purposes in his heart,so let him ;not grudgingly,or of necessity:for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor.9:7) "But this I say,he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Cor.9:6). I noticed that Paul said:"Let everyone of you lay by him in store" Paul did not say for the Sisters to give in this passage,but,I refer you to (Luke 21:1-3) Where Jesus approved of a woman who gave of her money. "And he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said,of a truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all" Sisters,go ahead and give, I believe the Lord will bless you for giving. Brethren: The plain truth is; if we give little we shall receive a small reward. If we give generously,we shall receive a large reward. Every person who obeys the gospel places himself or herself under many obligations,including giving. There is not one institution on earth that operates without mon ey, including the Lord's Church. Let every person do his part.....

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So let us give bountifully & cheerfully,that the church may prosper and grow. We need to have sufficient funds in the treasury st all to pay for several gospel meetings per YEAR,to purchase fruit of the vine,to pay the light bill,fuel bill. For donation to needy saints. Song books wear out and need to be replaced. Some money spent on goo--d church signs will prove an assot.

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Then Jesus said unto them,Yet a little while am I with you,and then I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me,and shall not find me: and where I am,thither ye cannot come" (John 7:33,34)While Jesus spake this to the Jews,The same truth is applicable today.Jesus said He would return unto his Father,and they the Jews would seek Jesus, but would not find him and they could not come where Jesus is. We find many people in that condition today,they seek Jesus,but,do not find him,neither can they go where Jesus is. What is the difficulty? Ans. They seek Jesus in the wrong places & fail to find him. Question. How can I seek Jesus and be sure to find him? Ans. Seek Seek Jesus in his church according to the commandments of Jesus, then you will be sure to find Jesus. Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,and learn of me;for I am meek and lowly in heart:and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light"(MattII:28-30) Here Jesus invites the wea ry & heavy laden to come unto him,but how can they come? Hear the apostle Peter preach the gospel & learn the first step. When there had been much disputing,Peter rose up and said unto them,Men and Bre thren,ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe" (Acts I5:7) Iet Hear the gospel and believe it. Now hear Paul: "So then faith cometh by hearing,and hearing by the word of God" (Rom.I0:I7) This agrees with what Peter said in Acts I5:7. Paul affirms that faith is received by hearing the word of God,when we believe God,we have the necessary faith that will prompt us to obey the remaining commandments that will make Christians of us. Now we unsaved people must repent of our sins. "At the times of thi ignorance God winked at but now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts I7:30). Now hear Jesus: "I tell you,Nay:but,except ye repent,ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke I3:3) Therefore all people are commanded to repent of their sins or perish. Now the ne-xt thing we must do to come to Jesus is:. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men,him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" Matt I0: 32,33,.It is essential that we believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God,before we confess Christ. Proof "I said therefore unto you,that ye shall die in your sins:for if ye believe not that I am he,ye shall die im your sins" (John 8:24) How shall we confess Christ ? "And Simon Peter and said,Thou art the Christ,the Son of the living God"(Matt I6:I8) That is the confession that we must make. The last command is: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissoin of sins,and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38) "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47)

News Items. Bro.J.W.Bedingfield writes: I will be preaching at Terral,Okla. Tomorrow if the Lord wills(This was several Sundays ago) There is a small,but faithful congregation there. Bro.Curtis Teague of Nocona was called to the bedside of his father in Pecos,Texas,who is seriously ill. Bro.& Sis.Harris of Cottage Grove,Ore., who meet at Eugene,Ore,keep us in touch with the faithful there. I rejoiced to hear that their son,Curtis preached at Eugene,recently. I know Bro.Curtis Harris as a young,but very capable preacher,who has a lot of talent,and the zeal and willingness to make him a wonderful worker for the Master. Bro.J.D.Phillips of Austin,Texas paid us a short visit recently and gave us a firsthand report on the recent study held at Wichita Falls,Texas. Bro.Phillips feels that a great deal was aaccomplished toward greater unity among all who attended. Colter News. The assembly was small last Lord's Day (Feb.22) Bro. Ike Peterson (Age about 9I) was unable to attend the service. Some members were away on a trip. No visitors present(We usually have several visitors,frequently). Bro.A.J.Rennels led the song service, Bro. Morse preached on" Let no man deceive you with vain words" (Eph.5:6) We at Colter extend a hearty welcome to everyone,come wordhip with us We are located 7 miles South of McClure,Okla.,Elevator,or 6 miles So. of SH 33. The road is shale surfaced,Come meet with us. I believe Bro.Coy Garrison is still laboring with the church,near Grand Prairie Texas. Bro.& Sis.J.W.Bedingfield,& Bro.& Sis.Jay Bedingfield visited and worshipped with us at Colter on Feb.8th. Bro.J.W. gave us an excellent lesson. I would like to contact Bro.Amos Bever (In 1957 He was located in San Pablo,Calif) Anyone knowing Bro.Bever's address ,please write to: James S.L.Morse, Hammon,Okla. Rt2. I have a letter from Bro.J.W.Bedingfield, Saying that he is not feeling up to par. We regret illness in the Brotherhood & hope all who are ailing will soon recover. I have heard that Bro.& Sis.Atchley of the Elk City congregation,are in poor health. Brethren: I regret that I have run out of news. A report on the amount of material required to publish "Thus Saith The Lord" Each issue of 200 copies (We use the sum of 200 merely as an Example) having 8 pages per copy,will require 8 stencils,800 sheets of paper,about 800 staples,and a quanity of ink. At present Thus Saith The Lord will be published 2 times monthly. Perhaps later,we may be able to publish a weekly. The opportunity to do a good work for the Lord,is yours. Let us support this paper IOO%. Remember, It may be a long time before some one spends near $200.00 to publish a good paper for the Brotherhood. Our adversaries are numbered in the millions,and many of them are un-conscious enemies of Christ. Such people are in all classes of life,from the richest to the poorest. If we were to talk with those people,we would be informed that some of them have donated thousands of dollars to the "Church" (Sect) ,others would tell us they have donated 25,50 or a IOO acres of good land for the same cause,Still others would inform us that they have built the finest church in their city(Referring to a material building). They would tell us,we never miss a service & we invite our friends, & strangers to the ser-vices of our church. They would inquire why we find fault with them. They may ask,arent we doing enough? Brethren: It isnt an easy task to inform earnest,sincere people that they are ENEMIES of Christ! (Continued on page 8)

Such people are misinformed religiously and are attempting to serve God in a manner that he will not accept. It is our job to inform those millions of adversaries of their error by teaching them the truth. Unfortunately, many of our adversaries are our bitter enemies who will not be taught the truth, and some of them will resort to violence to prevent our reaching non-members in their midst. Brethren: We must stand firm, we shall not retreat. We have the great commission (Matt.28:19,20) (Mark 16:15,16) (Luke 24:47) to fulfil. Bro.Paul wrote: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in the Spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by adversaries: which is to them an token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God" "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" (Phil.1:27-29) We must not be terrified by our adversaries, when they heap abuse upon us, by threats and physical violence. When they abuse us, we have a token of salvation, and that of God. They also have a sign that they do not recognize, a sign of perdition to themselves... Some of the Lord's enemies (who think they are friends of Christ) will recognize the truth when they hear it, & will obey the Gospel. Many of our adversaries are starving for the Gospel, and Brethren, We are doing so little to take the Gospel to them. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." (Rom.10:13,15) There is a crying need to send preachers to many places, Yes, send the preachers into every city, town, and into the country. Hold services indoors & outdoors, in season & out of season. Hold 2 services on Sunday, & one service per day or night as long as you can draw a croud. Some times a midday service will attract enough people to make the effort worth while in towns and cities. Begin service at 12:15, close at 12:45. This gives workers 15 minutes to eat lunch, 30 minutes for the service and 15 minutes to get back on their job. Try it. Brethren, we must take the gospel to the people. Not wait for the people to hear of us, and search until they find us. Remember the Lord said: Go teach all all nations. We cannot hope to overcome our adversaries by moving into our favorite meeting house & saying, COME. Jesus said: GO TEACH. How can our adversaries rightly call on our Lord when they dont know how??? How can they hear without a preacher? Sure, We will find towns where we will not be given a hearing, but dont give up, keep trying. You can work from house to house, create interest & then hold a meeting. Preachers, take a box of light weight song books with you, many people will not attempt to sing with out a book. Dont be to proud to preac on the street, be cause in some places the streets are apt to be the only "Pulpit" that you will have. Have you tried preaching in town & city parks? We have a big job, lets get on the job. Let us make an all out effort, and keep on making the effort, then we will see the church of Christ grow and prosper across the broad expanse of the United States of America.