THUS SAITH THE LORD

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Let not your heart be troubled:ye believe in God,believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions:if it were not so,I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,and receive you unto myself;that where I am,there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know,and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him,Lord,we know not whither thou goest ; and how can we know the way? And Jesus saith unto him,I am the way, the truth,and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. (John I4:I-6) Many have heard that beautiful passage of Scripture and desired a home in our Father's house of many mansions! Our Father's house is the Christians "Home Over There" (T.C.O'Kane) "O think of the home over there,by the side of the river of light, Where the saints all immortal and fair are robed in their garments of white. 2. O think of the friends over there,who before us the journey have trod;Of the songs that they breathe on the air,in their home in the palace of God. 3 I'll soon be at home over there,for the end of my journey I see; Many dear to my heart,over there,are watching and waiting for me."

Ladies and Gentlemen: In this life everyone wants the best of everything,a luxurous home and the finest of furnishings. The best car that one can buy,the finest food on the market,and all the luxeries of life. We invest in the best of insurance,with policies on our life, our cars,our home& even insure our crops. We desire the finest, the finest of all temporal things,and if possible,we get them. But,dont you know that life is only temporary on earth,and that we will have to depart from this earth sooner than we think? For the future life,surely you want the finest home in existance! Dont you know that you have to become a child of God before you can go with Jesus to the home he is preparing over there? Jesus extends his invitation to all. YOU have everything to gain & nothing to loose by accepting Jesus' invitation. You can accept Jesus's invitation by: Hearing the word of God,By believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God,By repenting of your sins,By confessing Christ's name before men. By being baptized for the remission of sins and by letting the Lord add you to his church. Accept the Lord's invitation & make peace with God now. The saved are in the Lord's Church. Bible proof, Read Eph.5:23, I:22,23., Col.I:I8,24, Eph.4:4. I Cor.I2:I2,I3. After this life is over,then it will be to late to prepare to meet God,and to late to receive a home with Jesus.. Read elsewhere in "Thus SAith The Lord",the fate of those who neglect to obey Christ and God the Father.

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The wind and sand that sweeps across this fair land,erodes away the soil and eats away at the very physical life line of our existance. The evidence is indisputable,have you noticed the effects of the force of unchecked wind erosion on your farm? Silt and sand will be deposited in waves like that of sand in the river channel,where ever there is an obstruction to catch the blowing soil and sand. Have you noticed old unpainted houses,whose wood is grooved,nearly worn through by the force of wind blasted sand? Unprotected Christians are subjected to the wind and sand of sectarian doctrines,if not protected by an excellent coat of the finest paint (The word of God),then they are soon eroded and made useless like unprotected lumber. The babe in Christ must add coats of paint. (2 Peter I:5-7) "And beside this, giving all diligence,add to your faith virtue;and to virtue knowledge And to knowledge temperance;and to temperance patience;and to patience godliness;and to godliness brotherly kindness;and to brotherly kindness charity(LOVE)"until he is completely covered or fully clothed with the armor of God. A thin coat of paint may improve the appearence of a house temporarily,but the slight protection will soon be eroded away,if additional coats are not quickly added. So it is with a new Christian, He has heard enough scripture to learn the Gospel plan of salvation,and obey the same,but he has not put on the whole armor of God. As the new convert is taught,if he is obedient to the truth,he puts on the armor of God piece by piece,until he is fully covered and protected from the destructive force of false doctrine. Unfortunately,some new converts are like the one I read about. He had heard the Gospel plan of salvation,and as he was raised from the watery grave of baptism,he said: I want to "argie". To many want to "argie" before they have learned enough scripture truth to "arguie" with. They often donot do not really know what they are arguing about ,and they drift into various forms of "isms",because they have become "To smart to learn". It is a sad,but true statement that those who are to smart to learn,are frequently lost. They started building on the rock,but do to ignorance,conceit,and self deceit,they moved to the shifting sand to rebuild. LOST. Matt.7:24-26. "Therefore whoso ever heareth these sayings of mine,and doeth them,I will liken him unto a wise man,which built his house upon a rock. 26. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine,and doeth them not,shall be likened unto a foolish man,which built his house upon the sand.V 27.And the rain descended,and the floods came,and the winds blew,and beat upon that house;and it fell:and great was the fall of it.

Again Jesus said:"Every tree that bringeth forth not good fruit is hewn down,and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that sayeth unto me,Lord,Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven,but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt.7:I8-2I. Bro.Paul warned:"Put on the whole armor of God,that ye may be ableto stand against the wiles of the devil,for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,against powers,against the rulers of darkness of this world,against spiritual wickedness in high places.wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God,that ye may be able to stand (withstand)in the evil day,& having done all to stand"Eph.6:II-I7. Let us all be humble & meekly learn the word to the saving of our souls,that we be able to teach others also. If we rightly ask God for wisdom,he will give it to us.

On page 2,we said: If we rightly ask God for wisdom,he will give itto us. Proof of the preceding statement. (James I:5) "If any of you lack wisdom,let him ask of God,that giveth to all(men) liberally,and upbraideth not;and it shall be given him" Brethren:The word of God is with us,containing his revealed will,knowledge & wisdom. That much we do not have to pray for,but,we can pray for more wisdom to better understand the knowledge that God has put before us. God grants us more wisdom as we prayerfully & sincerely study his revealed word. The scriptures were expounded & written for the benefit of all man kind,including us. As we are about to study God's word,let us pray for an understanding of what we study,having put out of our mind all theory and notions. Let us carefully study every verse in its proper setting,with an open mind,believing everything that God teaches & accepting the same without doubting. The reason that many people fail to understand the Bible is:They have formed a theory,or have heard a theory & have accepted it as gospel truth,thus with preconceived ideas they try to fit the Bible to the theory. Many times the Bible will not fit the theory. It is best to study with an open mind. But if we must theorize,lets be honest with God & prune our theory to fit the Bible. If we ask anything of God,let us ask in faith,otherwise we shall receive nothing. Proof. "But let him ask in faith,nothing wavering. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (James I:6,7)

Casual Bible readers are like the person who nibbles on an orange without removing the peel,they lightly touch on the surface,but never bite through to the fruit.

The writing of Eusebius,church historian shows Catholicism at work, not later than the 3rd century A.D. Xystus had been bishop of Rome eleven years,when he was succedded by Dionysius,the namesake of the bishop of Alexandria. At this time also Demetrianus dying at Antioch,the episcopate was conferred on Paul of Samosata. As he entertained low and degrading notions of Christ,contrary to the doctrine of the church and taught that he was in nature but a common man,the Dionysius of Alexandria being invited to attend the council,urged his age and the infirmity of his body,as his reasons for deferring his attendance,but gave his sentiments of the subject before them in an epistle. But the other heads of churches,assembled in all haste from different parts,AT Antioch,as against one who was committing depredations on the flock of Christ. (Written about the 3rd century)
Soon the church began to wear human heads!
Paul wrote:"And 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" Eph.I;22,23. Thus showing that Christ is the head of the church,NOT men. Men had appointed one man(bishop) as head over several churches(congregations),later they appointed one man head over all the churches, (over all congregations) of the church and that man is the pope. The pope usurps the authority of Jesus Christ,and sets himself up as God Almighty. Today,about 140.000.000 people are the victims of Roman Catholicism through out the world.
Do you want to kiss the pope's toe & call him "Lord God the Pope????

Thus Saith The Lord Publishes church history and various other religious articles,but,please bear this fact in mind at all times, we do not place such writings on par with the scriptures. A number of sects take such books as:Eusebius Eccleastical History.,The Apostolic Fathers, plus other church writings,plus their own ideas,from such,they form their doctrine,& create "church ordinances",which they bind on their particular sect,all of which is without divine authority. When this paper gives you a "Thus Saith The Lord",Book,Chapter, and Verse will follow the quotation or statement. When we quote history,we state that it is history. For your enlightenment,we give you the titles of the"Lost Books of the Bible"(We assure you that they are no longer lost) Mary. Protevangelion.Infancy I. Infancy 2. Christ and Abgarus. Nicodemus. The Apostles Creed. Laodiceans. Paul and Seneca. Paul and Thecla. I Clement. 2 Clement. Barnabus. Ephesians. Ephesians. Magnesians. Trallians. Romans. Philadelphains. Smyrneans. Polycarp. Ist,2nd and 3rd Hermas. Letters of Herod and Pilate. The Last Gospel of Peter. A 2nd list of books follows. Ist and 2nd Book of Adam and Eve. Secrets of Enoch. The Psalms of Solomon. The odes of Solomon. The letters of Aristeas. The testament of Reuben. Simeon. Levi. Judah. Issachar. Zeblun. Dan.Naphtali. Gad. Asher. Joseph. Benjamin. The 4th Book of Maccabees. The story of Ahiker. The 3rd list of books are found in the Douay or Cath olic Bible. Ist & 2nd Esdras. Tobit. Judith. The rest of Esther. The wisdom of Solomon. Ecclesiasticus. Baruch. The song of the 3 holy children. The history of Susanna. Bel & the Dragon. The prayer of Manasses. Ist & 2nd books of Maccabees. Some books in the Ist & 2nd lists contain useful historical datd & confirm the use of a number of N.T. books & their authenticity. The Apocaphal writers quote a number of passages of N.T.books in part,and some time name the book. We might add that some of the books listed,are no better than the average fairy tale. The tall tale writing isnt new,nor confined to the last 500 years. Some of the early writers could equal or even surpass the tall tales of today. On the other hand some of those books read so much like scripture,they will fool the neophyte in scr ipture. The books of I Clement.,Ephesians,Magnesians,Trallians,Romans,Philadelphians,Smyrneans & Polycarp. Probably are the best. I have the books in list no.I & 2. Have a brief commentary on the books in list no.3. If you read for pleasure,then read the Ist & 2nd Books Adam & eve.,also the story of Ahikar. If you're interested in history,read the books of the Maccabees.(Also the works of Josephus) If you want to limit your reading to soul saving information,stick to the Bible. I have taken space to list these books for scholars who may want to study them. Some books deal with the early church, others go back before Christ's time. The books about Jesus infancy & childhood are interesting,but contain a number of statements of a very doubtful nature. For historical purposes the books : The Apostolic Fathers is worth reading, but Eusebius Eccloastical History is by far the best. History,like geography is useful,but do base a doctrine on history,nor on tradition. Stand on the scripture alone. Manmade traditions are a curse to all who use them and will bring damnation on multitudes at the judgment. Remember,Jesus condemned the scribes & Pharisees for binding there fathers tradition.

Once more we solicit written articles for publication in this paper Surely you preachers can spare some time to write a short article for publication! We prefer articles limited to two typewritten double spaced pages as we want to run 5 or more articles in each edition. Long articles will either be edited,or published in two or more installments. Thus Saith The Lord is published twice monthly. The size of this paper will be limited or governed by the amount of support we receive to defray the cost of publishing & mailing. As I type this statement,the treasury is as empty as a water keg in the midst of the Sahara desert.

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Attendance of the membership of Colter was better,. March I,I959. Bro.Ike Peterson was unable to attend the service. Let us pray for the sick. Our Scripture reading was: Philippians 2:I-30. Our lesson was entitled"To the saints" Bro.A.M.Rennels led the opening prayer. Bro.A.J.Rennels led the song service. Bro.Morse presented the lesson and led the closing prayer. No visitors present. We welcome visitors,and hope many will be present on the next Lord's Day.
Here is the news for March 8. We are thankful that Bro.Ike Peterson was able to be with us. Attendance has improved,for which I am greatful. The lesson was: How Many Churches Has God? I appreciate the compliments extended to me on the lesson,thank you Brethren. Sister Grace Clifft is wearing a million dollar smile,and a set of new teeth. Mr.and Mrs.Claude Allison visited at Colter,last Lord's Day. We of Colter congregation welcome visitors from far and near.

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Who must repent of sins? "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans,whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them,Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans,because they suffered such things? I tell you,Nay;but,except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish, Or those I8,upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them,think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you,Nay:but except ye repent,ye shall all likewise perish" Luke I3:I-5. In chap.I2,Jesus was talking directly to his disciples,all Jews,and continues on into the I3th chapter. Later on after the establishment of the church,we find the apostle Paul,saying: "At the times of this ignorance God winked at;but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts I7:30) Thus prior to the establishment of the church,we found Jesus teaching repentance to the Jews,now after the church was established,and after salvation was offered to the Gentiles, We find Paul commanding"All men to repent" God made the command universal,applying it to all nations,everywhere,no exception. If one can be saved by simple belief(Faith only)then he can be saved in his sins,in a most wicked state without repentance. Jesus said:"I tell you,Nay but except ye repent,ye shall all likewise perish" Rest assured that people are NOT being saved in their sins. To refuse to repent,is to refuse to believe Jesus Christ in his full statement,thus insinuating that Jesus Christ falsified on some of his statements. Faith only contradicts & sets aside "Repentance,confessoin of Christ,& baptism.Matt I6:I8.Acts I7; 30. Luke I3:3,4,5. Acts 2:38. I Peter 3:2I. Gal.3:26,27.

I n the March I,I959 Clinton Daily News(Okla) paper, I see that a new sect is born. The headline states: United Church of Christ is newest U.S. religious body. This is a merger of Congregational Christian Churches,& the Evangelical & Reformed Church. Membership is about 2.I00.ooo. Thus we see the enemies of Christ uniting their strenght for the battle of Armegeddon. In the same paper,same date as above. We see" Meditattions for Lent" (This is copied verbatim) By: "Rev.Edwin T Dahlberg,D.D. President,National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A. Pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis,Mo. Brethren,Sisters, Ladies & Gentlemen of the world. Do NOT be misled by the fancy titles of the National Council of the Churches of Christ In U.S.A. Nor by the new sect,United Church of Christ. Those SECTS are Not the Church of Christ in any sence whatever ,and they are NOT connected in any way with the Church of Christ Those sects ARE imposters,posing as the Church Of Christ. Do not be misled by them. Jesus Christ built ONE church for all pepple of all nations. Jesus built ONE kind of church,not 600,or a I000 different kinds churches with conflicting doctrines. Jesus did not place division in his church. Division is confusion in its rankest sence.God is not the author of confusion (I Cor I4:33) Neither does God approve of division in any degree(I Cor I:9-I3) Paul wrote:"Now I beseech you, brethren,by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,that ye all speak the same thing,and that there be no divisions among you;but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Cor I:I0) In verse I2 Paul said:Now this I say,that everyone of saith,I am of Paul;and I of Apollos;and I of Cephas;and I of Christ. Verse I3 "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Here the inspired apostle Paul condemned all party ism. In plain words Paul reprimanded the brethren for dividing into sects or parties & for calling themselves Paulites, Apollosites,Cephasites & Christites. Paul is teaching:Cast out party names,be united under the one head Jesus Christ,be members of his one body,the church. Everyone teach the same doctrine,believing the one doctrine of Christ. Division cannot exist where everyone believves and teaches the one doctrine of Christ. Jesus condemned division and gave the following illustrations of the effect of division. "And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said,He hath Beelzebub,and by the prince of the devils casteth out he devils,and he called them unto him,and said unto them in parables,How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself,that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself,that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself,and be divided,he cannot stand,but hath an end" (Mark 3:22-26) Now apply Christ doctrine to the church & you will see the end of a divided church. The sects are divided against Christ and against themselves,their fall is certain as the day of judgment. Come out of those sects and become Christians,for there is safety in the Church of Christ,it is the Lord's own church where he puts the SAVED.. Division is destruction whether applied to the church,state,republic or kingdom.

We invite you to come to the Church of Christ, at Colter,Okla. Come visit with us,hear the gospel truth,then when the gospel invitation is given,you are welcome to obey the gospel and become a Christian,atrue child of God. Wont you come worship with us? Come often and bring your friends,a hearty welcome awaits you.

Let us study in the Galatian letter. We quote the Greek in text in We shall answer a question that may be troubling someone. If it is impossible for me to attend the services of the Lord's Church,would it be better to attend the services of a denominational church,rather than miss all church services? Answer. " I wonder that thus quickly ye are being changed from him who called you in Christ's grace,to a different glad tidings,which is not another;but there are some who trouble you,and desire to pervert the glad tidings of the Christ:but even if we or an angel out of heaven should announce glad tidings to contrary to what we announced to you,accursed let him be.As we have said before,now also again I say,if anyone to you announce glad tidings contrary to what ye received,accursed let him be" (Gal.I:6-9) Brethren and Sisters: I know how some would reason. Thusly, "Not forsaking the assembling together of <u>ourselves</u>,even as the custom(IS) with some;but encouraging (one another),and by so much(the)more as ye see drawing near the day" (Heb.I0:25) We are Not sectarians,we are <u>NOT</u> of their assemblies. We do NOT sin when we forsake SECTARIAN assemblies. If we cannot attend the services of the Church of Christ, then stay home. The Sects are NOT our brethren. The sects are accursed,for they preach a different glad tidings,which is NOT the glad tidings that Paul preached. If we meet & worship with them,then we have placed ourselves under the rule of a different master. Jesus said "Ye cannot serve two masters" We cannot serve God and Satan at the same time. If we serve God in his church,then whom do you serve in worshiping in a sectarian church??? Read & study (2 Cor.6:I4-I8) (Eph.5:6,7,8)

Some Greek words over which disputation arises...
Presbutes...an OLD man. Masculine word found in Philemon 9. "Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee,being such as one as Paul the aged,and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ" Presbutes is used in Luke I:I8. "And Zacharias said unto the angel,whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man,and my wife well stricken in years" This should settle the question permanently,as to the meaning of Presbutes. Presbutis (feminine of presbutes) meaning an aged woman, an OLD woman. Found in Titus 2:3 (The word presbutis does NOT include young women. J.S.L.M.) Now I hope a nearby group will cease to pervert Titus 2:3. Presbutis means an old woman. Authorities are: The Greek N.T.,and Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon. Now I hope some folks will quit reading "Aged women in Christ"into the text of Titus 2:3. What brought on this complaint? Ans. The mis-interpretation they read into Titus 2:3. The FALSE claim is made that an aged woman dosent necessarily mean a woman who has grown old in years,but they claim it means"aged in Christ" I have waited 5 years for them to trot out the scripture & prove their contention,but alas I've waited in vain. The Scriptures are not made of rubber,so I advise,cease to stretch the holy word and be satisfied with what God intends for his word to teach. Let us all come to the full knowledge of the truth,being of the same mind ,judgment and all speaking the same thing, namely the pure doctrine of Christ.... Let us NOT be children,but put away childish things and in Christ be full grown men.. Here I've joined with the apostle Paul in making this plea.

Brethren: We appreaiate news items,send news to Thus Saith The Lord, Hammon,Okla. Rt.2 I would like to enlarge my mailing list. Surely you know of someone who would enjoy reading Thus Saith The Lord. I have about I70 names on my mailing list,let us have more addresses. Thus Saith The Lord is going into about I5 states now. (I recently added 3 states to the list). Help our paper grow. Help now. Strike a hard blow at Satan by supporting this publication...

The children of disobedience bring the wrath of God upon themselves! Who are they? Where are they? In the world and in every sect on earth. But ,that isnt all of the children of wrath,some have obeyed the gospel,and have ceased to live in obedience to God. Please note: "Let no man deceive you with vain words:for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them"(Eph 5:6,7) Verses I5,I6,I7. Paul admo* nished.See then that ye walk circumspectly,not as fools,but as wise, redeeming the time,because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not un wise,but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:I5-I7) Brethren,as we said in our treatise on page 7,we cannot worship with the sects for any purpose. We cannot be partakers with them and still serve God,we have to choose whom we will serve and remain there. The fate of the disobedient is plain concerning those who never obeyed the gospel. Hear Paul:"Seeing it is a righteous thing withGod to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;And to you who are troubled rest with us,when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God,and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ;who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the pres ence of the Lord,and from the glory of his power"(2 Thess I:6-9) What about disobedient children of God? Hear John:"Whosoever transgre sseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ,hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ,he hath both the Father and the Son. (2John 9) Now my good Brethren,If any have not Christ,then he has no hope of reaching heaven. Only two places to go,heaven or hell. See Rev.2I:27. Rev.20:II-I5. Rev.2I:8. Rev.3:I5,I6. Heb.I0:26 "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the tru th,there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" Verse 27 "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and firey indignation,which shall dev our the adversaries" I am one of the few remaining "Hellfire & Brimstone preachers". Yes I believe a child of God can so sin as to be completely lost. If we sin <u>not</u> wilfully,we are given a chance to repent & to be restored in the grace of God. I am not making a law where God did not make a law. Am just putting the truth to you,and trying your spirit to see whether you be of God!

Brethren: Have you taken inventory of your good works lately?? Are you doing all within your power to win souls for Christ & to edify to strenghten the church & to do good unto all(MEN)?

If we will examine ourselves with the rule of faith & the rule of works,the Bible,we will find our own faults and eliminate them,thus sparing ourdelves from embarrasment and from disallusionment.

Study the New Testament often,be well read & know the answer to ques tions that non-members will put to you. Besides,You need the know... ledge to serve God,and remain in his good grace.....