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We do NOT guarantee the accuracy of old information, but if the congregations have moved location or have changed schedule, we are not aware of it. Some of this information was given in 1959, and on up to 1965.

Broken Bow - Church of Christ, located 3 blocks North of railroad track, on highway 259, in Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

In 1959 the Church of Christ was meeting at 1433 Market Avenue., San Pablo, California. Time was 10:30 each Lord's Day morning.

Church of Christ, Elk City, Oklahoma at 818 North Washington.

Church of Christ, Crosbyton, Texas----Disbanded.

Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas Meets at 3751 Clinton Street. Located in the northern part of town.

Church of Christ Yuma, Arizona Meets at 1st and 16th Avenue.

Church of Christ. Reydon, Oklahoma, meets in the home of Bro. & Sis. J.C.Spurlin about 1 mile north of Reydon, on west side of Highway 30.

Church of Christ Lorenzo, Texas meets at Main and 4th, Lorenzo.

Church of Christ Midland, Texas meets at 1400 Cotton Flat Road,Midland.

Church of Christ 10th & Tipton, Springfield, Colorado.

Church of Christ In south Modesto, located at the corner of Glenn & Dallas streets, 5 blocks west of Crows Landing Road. We meet each Lord's Day at 10:30 till 12:00 A.M. We first have prayer, then singing service, then preaching, then the communion, then the contribution. We meet at 7:30 P.M. for prayer, singing and preaching.

Pleasent View Church of Christ located 1½ miles east of Stilwell,Oklahoma on Highway 51.

Bohannon Mtn. Church of Christ located 5 miles South West of Huntsville, Arkansas.

Yakima Church Of Christ meets about 4 miles from Yakima on the lower Ahtanum Road.

Furnish Canyon Church of Christ near Kenton, Oklahoma Contact F.F.Francis Kenton, Oklahoma for directions to church house.
(More Church locations will be found on number 1.)

CHURCH NEWS FROM BRO. & SIS.EARL ARNETT. WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

January 18, 1966. Dear Bro. & Sis.Morse: We do enjoy reading the Gospel Evangel paper so much and truly would miss it so much if it were to stop. We do hope the loyal members get busy and support it. The good lessons in it are worth so much to us. We are to love each other and be interested in each other as we would our fleshly (Cont'd on p.3).

Family, if not more so. The church here at Waterford had a little larger attendance this last Lord's Day than the one before. Some say we can't prove this is the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, but I think we can. Am I wrong ? There is one thing that I wonder about some times, if we are scriptural in taking the Lord's Supper at noon time and not in the evening as supper is an evening meal and our dear Lord instituted it in the evening. What do you learn about this ? I believe our Lord set the example in all things we are commanded. We want to do all things according to the rule or pattern our dear Lord left for us. My prayers are for the good work that has begun to go on and on. Do you think "THE WORD" would be a good name for the paper ? We know Timothy was told to preach the word. Inclosed is our help for the paper. Yours in the faith and Christian love. Earl & Hope Arnett.

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CHURCH NEWS FROM the CHURCH OF CHRIST, AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

Jan.18, 1966. Dear Bro. & Sis.Morse: The Church here is well as can be expected. The Lord said, Narrow is the way and few there be that can find it. Sure appreciate the presence and help of Bro. & Sis. Noyes. Will help you with the paper as you have made it a paper worth while. We enjoy it very much. In love of the truth, Church of Christ, Aztec. Roy Dabbs.

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CHURCH NEWS FROM LORENZO, TEXAS.,BY SISTER MAUDE SCOTT

BRO. & SIS. Studer returned home January 5th, from Seymour where they had been hospitalized for some time. Bro.Studer underwent surgery from which he is recovering splendidly, but Sis.Studer is still very poorly and weak, but is on the up and up. She made it to church this morning, but got awful tired. Bro. & Sis.Baldwin were with us this morning. He delivered a good lesson. Bro.Jack White of Munday, Texas underwent eye surgery in Abilene the 11th of this month. Sister Laura Willis of Carlsbad, N.M. Has been very poorly with muscular rheumatism, but is improving at this time. (As a new name for the paper, Sis.Scott suggested "Christian Evangel".)

CHURCH NEWS REPORTED BY BRO.ERVIN G.LOWERY BRYTE, CALIFORNIA

Jan.15, 1966. Dear Bro.Morse: Just a few lines to let you know how things are out this way, the news is scarce and the weather is foggy and thousands of people out of work. The Church here is holding its own and thats about all for it. We have the longshoremens union hall rented to worship in. We pay $60.00 per month. They were having a big dinner there Sunday, they had the tables set when we went in and give us orders not to get the tables dirty. The janitor was sticking his head through the door before services were over, trying to rush us out. So we are looking for another place to rent, or a place that we can make a down payment on. If others will help to support the paper, we will continue to help as we can. (Cont'd on next page 4.)

(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE.) Bro.Morse, I know this kind of a promise is not good news to you, but it is the best we can do at this time. Let us know what other congregations are going to do so we can continue to help as we can. I'll close for this time hoping you get full support to continue the paper. Ervin G.Lowery.

CHURCH NEWS FROM SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO REPORTED BY BRO.J.H.LACKEY

Jan.14, 1966. Dear Bro. & Sis.Morse: It seems your are discouraged about the encouragement and help you get for publishing the Gospel Evangel. So I am sending you a little booster. I hate to see a publication die that publishes the fine articles you have printed in the last several issues. That last piece by Bro.McCluskey on the Holy Ghost is the best I have ever read "Born of Water and The Spirit". And also the article by Bro.Lawrence Starnes on "Life And Death" can't be beat. Then the one on "Must We Commune" By brethren S.M.& H.C. Nunnally was fine, but will have to read it again to get it down. His is the first lesson on that subject I have read or heard preached. And all those that Sis.McCluskey writes have been good. Now are you going to discontinue publication of these good articles. Are we going to be deprived of the lessons by failure to support and encourage the editors ? J.H.Lackey

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CHURCH NEWS FROM MT.VERNON, KENTUCKY BY BRO.HAYSE MORRIS

Jan.17, 1966. Dear Bro. & Sis.Morse: After some delay I will write a few lines. Sorry I haven't written sooner, but there was very little progress made in the church work and the weather is beginning to get bad now. It sure has been a beautiful Fall & Winter so far. As you being in the West where the winters are mild for 3 years, this 8 to 16 above zero don't agree with us much; but we are trying to stick it out, if we can. It won't be long now until Spring and I am renting a big store house about 9 miles from town for to have Church in. I will have to get some chairs or seats for it. We can live in the back part of it if we want to. Maybe I can pick up a chair at a time as I can pay for them until I get enough. It won't take many at first. I think it has potentalitys where it is in a small town on 2 Highways.

When I get able to make some signs and put up, maybe we can catch some going through looking for a place to worship. With what I can spare out of our checks, it will be slow; but it will be better I think. We will have some competition, there is a------ and a ----------denominations there. Bro.Morse, I noticed in the paper Sis.Morse was sick, hope she is much better, also your health. I sure hope the brethren get behind the paper and keep it going. At least maybe they can keep the paper from dying for the want of a little money. Wish I had $10.00 to send you this morning, I think you deserve it. But you see by the time I do what I have to get started I won't have any money. I just hope and pray I can do it. I would hate to see the die. I give one or two copies every time to non-members of the church and they look forward to it as much as I do, also, since it is going to Africa, also. I once had the pleasure of seeing a preacher from South Africa and I talked with him about the church over there. And I was surprised at what he told me, that he had saw as (Cont'd on page 5.)

MANY as 50 people obey the gospel at one service. So you can see what can be done by the gospel being preached, either by mouth or by writin. So I hope you can keep it going over there and here to. There is stil lots of places in the United States where the true gospel needs preaching, yet. Also and that is one sure way to get it spread. So am praying for you and the paper that it may continue on. I am your brother in Christ. Hayse Morris and Family.

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Own duty in accordance to the will of God. This is such a common human failing, and leads to so much discord and division, it deserves our full study. In 2 Timothy 2:15-17, "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doeth a canker." When we are studying, it is ourselves we should be correcting and applying the words to, The profane and vain babblings are nothing but the gossipy sort of complaining sometimes indulged in about brethren or sisters, whom for some reason, we have decided are not as perfect as we are. This is the prime source of discord, which is an evil canker: destroying charity, unity, and even brotherly respect. No one who listens to this kind of thing can remain completely pure in the sight of the Lord. No wonder the Lord said this is an abomination, which he hates. Proverbs 6:16-19. 2 Timothy 2:21-25, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." So our conduct toward our brethren, even our brethren is to be characterized by gentleness, patience and meekness. This is the opposite of the harshness and vindictive sort of gossip so often heard. Shame on us.

Matthew 12:34-37, our Lord had this to say, "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Notice our words reveal to the Lord and to the world what is uppermost in our hearts: whether anger and hate, or loving forbearance. But let us continue. "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." This is a sobering thought. By our words we will be justified or condemned. How can we hope to account to the Lord who died died for all of us for our words that needlessly made our listeners think less of a single other brother or sister for whom he died?

Let us study Romans 14:1-4; 10-13; and 17-19; "Him that is weak im the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let no him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand Your brethren and sisters in Christ are not your servants. They are th servants of the Lord. Who are you to presume to judge and criticise them? If we will concentrate our energies on making our own lives pure in the sight of the Lord, we will have our hands full; we will then no have time enough to find so much to criticise in our brethren. "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou(Cont'd on page 7)

Set at naught thy brother? For we must all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us therefore not judge one another anymore: but but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Since we know that love is bond of perfectness (Colossians 3:14), what greater stumbling block can we place in our brother's way, than harsh unloving thoughts about his brethren? "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the holy ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things that make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another."

Galatians 6:4-5,"But let every man prove his own work,and then he shall have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden." This is comforting. The Lord wants us to prove our own work. We can do what he requires of us whether our brother helps us or not. And we are not to judge him in this; but bear our own burden. As Paul says in Philippians 2:12-15,"----Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

1 Corinthians 3:13-15,"Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." The word of God is the fire that will try our works, of what sort they are. Jeremiah 23:29,"is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord." Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:1-3,"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavering to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This is how we walk worthy of the Christian vocation. And it is a full man-sized job for each of us to keep ourselves on the right track. If we see our brother slip: pray for him. Try to encourage him. But don't tell his failings abroad.

Ephesians 4:21-32,"If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak truth every man with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out (Cont'd on page 8)

Of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers." "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Plainly, we are not to be questioning, "Lord what shall this man do?" Rather we are to follow close to the Lord ourselves, loving our brethren, speak-no evil of them. But rather serving them for their own good (HEBREWS 10:24), and owing them nothing, but to love them (Romans 13:8). Never judging, for Jesus said,"judge not that ye be not judged"(Matthew 7:1). 1 Corinthians 4:5 says, "therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: then shall every man have praise of God." Also in 1 Corinthians 11:31, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

There is a scripture in Ephesians where Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost tells exactly what is necessary in order for the Church to make increase and edify itself. If this scripture is truly followed today, the Church will grow today. For God's word is as true today as it was then. Notice Ephesians 4:11-17, "And he gave some Apostles; and some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the minstry, for the edifing of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly framed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind." We are compacted by the love that every joint supplieth, and notice according to the effectual working in the measure of every part. But just one joint by profane and vain babbling can circulate words that will eat as doeth a canker. This is the body of Christ we are talking about. And this canker thoughtlessly started eating by gossipy words, sows discord and discouragement which the Lord abominates.

I don't mean we are to shut our eyes to sin a brother may be commiting. Paul said in Acts 20:26-27, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." If Paul had failed to declare unto them even one counsel of God and if some one to whom he had preached or written had died as the result; then Paul would have to answer in judgement for that man's blood. But some are over cautious that the world might be discouraged if we preached the whole truth. If they are offended and discouraged by our profane and vain (Cont'd on page 9)

Babblings, we might well tremble. But if they are offended at the preaching of the whole gospel, we can't be too surprised. Remember they were sufficiently offended to crucify Christ. And Christ told his Apostles about certain people who were offended at one of his sayings, "Every plant that my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" Matthew 15:13). Our preaching and our writing should be without hobbles or hand-cuffs, so far as the word of God are concerned. And I do mean the word of God; not name-calling and belittling of others. When we say it in that way we judge. When we quote the word of God, the Holy Spirit is judging; and this is proper.

But what should we do, when we see a brother sin. Do we start "warning" the brotherhood about what kind of person he is? This might be necessary in some rare instances, but be sure you have scripture for doing so, not just hurt feelings or anger. The Holy Spirit tells us exactly what to do. Ezekiel 3:17-21, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked man from his way, to save his life; the wicked man shall die in his inquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his inquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

"Again, when a righteous man doeth turn from his righteousness, and commit inquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doeth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." There you have it. The man sinning is the one to be warned. After he is warned, he is the one to confess his sins. It is not our duty to confess them for him far and wide. And even though this warning is commanded to be done. Christ has specified how it is to be done. We all agree that where the how is commanded, The how is as important in carrying out the command, as the command, itself. Galatians 6:1, "brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." In 2 Corthians 2:6-8, Paul is instructing the Church how to treat a brother who had committed a terrible sin and they had withdrawn from him. But he had repented, so Paul tells them now, "sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him." Yes, confirm your love toward him, and help him to stand. Not stand by ignoring him waiting to see if he will fall again. This is not love. At least not the sort of love Christ has for us, thank God.

Paul makes this plain in 1 Corinthians 12:11-26. He shows in detail the care we are to have one for another, if we are not to hinder the cause of Christ. But these all worketh that one and selfsame spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is (Cont'd on 10).

One and hath many members, and all members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether be be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now they are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: and those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon those we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no beed: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all members suffer with it." (Verse 27) "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Hebrews 12:15 says, "looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." What more bitter root can spring up among the brotherhood than this profane and vain babbling, which eats as doeth a canker destroying love and unity? Paul tells us in Philippians 3:13-16 How perfect Christians will walk and conduct themselves: "brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

It is a full time job keeping ourselves in line. We actually have no time to be continually looking around and asking, "why isn't this or that man doing the same job I am?" He is another member. To the Lord he stands or falls, and the Lord is able to make him stand. The Lord has set each of us in his body. There is work for each of us. Remember we see only in part. "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: then shall every man have praise of God" (1 Corinthians 4:5).

The commands of the Lord can be obeyed, but not in human strength. The Lord never did a vain thing, or gave a vain command. And he has abundantly furnished all the help we need. Philippians 4:13, Paul says,"I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth (Cont'd page 11).

Me." In 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; But of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Ephesians 1:19-20, "and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places." Certainly power that could raise the dead is sufficient for our needs. If we are absolutely led by the Spirit in all things, the hand of the Lord is not shortened that he cannot give us as much power as we need to be obedient to all his commands. Ephesians 3:20-21, "now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end." If you believe the Bible, you must believe this power is available, beyond anything we can ask or think. Ephesians 6:10-20, " finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the 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 in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Notice prayer is to be continually to be made for all saints. And Paul request-especially that they pray for him. If Paul, an inspired Apostle, needed their prayers, certainly the preachers today need the prayers of all the saints. Let us not forget the power of prayer. James 5:16-17, "the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed ernestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth fruit." Why not make your Bible, your constant companion. It's teachings are true and good.

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2 COR.5:17, THEREFORE IF A MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE. EPH, SECOND CHAPTER RELATES THE CONDITION THE EPHESIANS WERE IN BEFORE THEY WERE CONVERTED AND AFTER. VERSE 1, YOU HATH HE QUICKENED, WHO WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN. 2, WHEREIN 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. 3, AMONG WHOM WE ALSO HAS OUR CONVERSATION IN TIME PAST IN THE LUST OF THE FLESH, FULFILLING THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH, AND OF THE MIND. AND WERE BY NATURE THE CHILDREN OF WRATH EVEN AS OTHERS. VERSE 5, DEAD IN SIN. 12, AT THAT TIME YE WERE WITHOUT CHRIST , BEING ALIENS FROM THE COMMON XXXXX WEALTH OF ISRAEL, AND STRANGERS FROM THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING NO HOPE, AND WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD.

NO HOPE--WITHOUT GOD.,VERSE THIRTEEN.

BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS, YE WHO WERE AFAR OFF ARE MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, 14, FOR HE IS OUR PEACE, WHO HATH MADE US BOTH ONE, (BOTH JEW AND GENTILE) 6, AND HATH RAISED US UP TOGETHER, AND MADE US TO SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS, 5, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST. MADE US SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. 15, TO MAKE OF THE TWAIN ONE NEW MAN (JEW AND GENTILE) SO MAKING PEACE. JEW AND GENTILE BOTH MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO WERE AT ENMITY BEFORE.

NOW IN CHRIST. 2 COR.5:15, THEREFORE IF A MAN BE IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY (OLD LIFE) ; BEHOLD ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW. NOW WE HAVE BECOME A NEW CREATURE. EPH.4:22, THAT YE PUT OFF THE FORMER CONVERSATION, THE OLD MAN WITH HIS DEEDS, WHICH IS CORRUPT ACCORDING TO THE FORMER LUST, AND BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MINDS, AND THAT YE PUT ON THE NEW MAN, WHICH AFTER GOD IS CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS.

HOW DID THEY GET INTO CHRIST?

ROM.6:3, KNOW YE NOT, THAT SO MANY OF US AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST, WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? 4, 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. NOW LET US READ VERSE 17, BUT GOD BE THANKED ,THAT YE WERE THE SERVANTS OF SIN, BUT YE HAVE OBEYED FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE (DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST) WHICH WAS DELIVERED YOU, BEING THEN BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN, YE BECAME THE SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. I PETER 1:23, BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE SEED, BUT OF INCORRUPTIBLE, BY THE WORD OF GOD WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOREVER. BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:5, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE SPIRIT FURNISHES THE WORD, WE ACCEPT IT, AND OBEY IT. JOHN 6:63, IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE; BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, ARISEN TO WALK A NEW LIFE. JOHN 14, IN HIM IS LIFE AND HIS LIFE IS THE LIGHT OF MEN. 2 TIM.2:10, THEREFORE I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE ELECTS SAKE, THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE SALVATION WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS. COL.1:14, IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD EVEN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. ACTS 4:12, NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER, FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.

EPH.5:23, CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY-THE CHURCH. VERSE 25, HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT. ACTS 20:28, HE PURCHASED IT WITH HIS OWN BLOOD. COL.1:18, AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH, THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREEMINENCE . HE IS THE FOUNDATION I COR.3:11, FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS CHRIST JESUS.

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AND IN EPH.2:20, TELLS US- AND YE ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE. THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WERE THE FIRST MEMBERS PLACED IN THE CHURCH, I COR.12:28. AND ACTS 2:47, TELLS US THAT THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED. AND WE READ IN I PETER 2 :5, YE ALSO AS LIVELY STONES ARE BUILT UP AN SPIRITUAL HOUSE, AN HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD BY JESUS CHRIST. HE DIED FOR US, PURCHASED US WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, WE OBEYED THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE. HIS DEATH, BURIAL ANDRESURRECTION, MADE FREE FROM SIN, SAVED, REDEEMED, COL.1:14, DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND TRANSLATED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S DEAR SON. EPH.1:3, BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST.

NOW LET US RECALL THESE FACTS. WE ARE QUICKENED, MADE ALIVE IN HIM, WE ARE A NEW CREATURE IN HIM, SALVATION, REDEMPTION, FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS ARE IN HIM. NOW HOW DO WE GET INTO HIM? HE SAYS I AM THE DOOR, I AM THE WAY, I AM THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. HE THAT ENTERETH NOT IN BY THE DOOR, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. FIRST WE MUST RECEIVE HIM. JOHN 1:11, HE CAME TO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT, BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, GAVE HE THEM POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD. WE RECEIVE HIM BY BELIEVING ON HIM. JOHN 20:30-31, JOHN WROTE HIS GOSPEL TO CAUSE US TO BELIEVE. ACTS 8:36, PHILIP PREACHED JESUS TO THE EUNUCH, HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HINDERED HIM TO BE BAPTIZED. PHILIP ANSWERED, IF THOU BELIEVEST THOU MAYEST AND THEY BOTH WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER AND HE BAPTIZED HIM. ACTS 2:37, PETER CONVINCED THE JEWS THEY HAD CRUCIFIED THE SON OF GOD, AND WHEN THEY HEARD THIS THEY WERE PRICKED IN THEIR HEARTS, AND CRIED, MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? AND PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FOR THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL WHO ARE AFAR OFF. THEY WERE TOLD TO REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED. WHY BE BAPTIZED? MARK 16:15, JUST BEFORE CHRIST ASCENDED, HE COMMANDED THE DISCIPLES TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE, HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED, BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED. MATTHEW 28:19, TEACH THEM AND BAPTIZE THEM. BAPTISM WAS THE PARTIAL EXPLANATION OF JOHN 3:5, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF THE WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. OBEDIENCE TO THE WORDS OF THE SPIRIT "THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU THEY ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE" THEY HEARD THE WORD AND OBEYED THE GOSPEL, AND OBEYED AS PER ROMANS 6:17, BEING THEN MADE FREE FROM SIN, THEY BECAME THE SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

NOW ROMANS 6; KNOW YE NOT THAT SO MANY OF US AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? THEREFORE WE WERE 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. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH, I COR.12:15, FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY (THE CHURCH) THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED. RISEN WITH HIM TO WALK A NEW LIFE. THIS IS THE FIRST THING WE DO OR HAVE DONE TO PUT US IN CHRIST, GAL.3:27, FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. ACTS 22:16, BAPTIZED TO WASH AWAY SIN. ACTS 2:38, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. I PETER 3:21, THE LIKE FIGURE WHEREUNTO, BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US.

IN CHRIST.....GALATIANS 3:27, BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST. 29, PUT ON CHRIST, IF YE THEN BE CHRIST'S, THEN ARE YE ABRAHAM'S SEED AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE. GAL.4:7, THEREFORE THOU ART NO MORE A SERVANT, BUT A SON; AND IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST. ROMANS 8:16, THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14)

OUR HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE IS. TITUS 1:2.
IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE WHICH GOD THAT CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN. HEBREWS 6:19, WHICH HOPE WE HAVE AS AN ANCHOR TO THE SOUL, BOTH SURE AND STEADFAST, AND WHICH ENTERETH INTO THAT WITHIN THE VEIL. I COR.15:19, FOR IF IN THIS LIFE ONLY WE HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST, WE ARE OF ALL MEN MOST MISERABLE. COL.1:27, TO WHO WOULD GOD MAKE KNOWN WHAT IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES; WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY.

THE HOPE OF A RESURRECTION. I COR.15:20
BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT. I THESSALONIANS 4:14, FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, EVEN SO ALSO THEM THAT SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM. 16, FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST. 17, THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR; AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD.

IN CHRIST, CHRIST IN YOU---BEAR FRUIT JOHN 15:1-7.,
CHRIST GIVES AN IMPRESSIVE LESSON ON ABIDING IN HIM IN ORDER TO BEAR FRUIT. VERSE 4, ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE; NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME. 5, I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES. HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT, FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING. 8, HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT. ROMANS 6:17, YE WERE THE SERVANTS OF SIN, BUT YE HAVE OBEYED FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE WHICH WAS DELIVERED UNTO YOU BEING THEN MADE FREE FROM SIN, YE BECAME SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. 22, YE HAVE YOUR FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS, AND THE END EVERLASTING LIFE. 2 PETER 1:8, FOR IF THESE THINGS BE IN YOU AND ABOUND (FAITH, VIRTUE, KNOWLEDGE, TEMPERANCE, PATIENCE, GODLINESS, CHARITY) FOR IF THESE THINGS BE IN YOU AND ABOUND, THEY MAKE YOU THAT YE SHALLNEITHER BE BARREN NOR UNFRUIT -FUL IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. GALATIANS 5:22, THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, GODLINESS.,IF THESE THINGS BE IN YOU AND ABOUND, LET US STRIVE TO GO IN AT THE STRAIT GATE.

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IF A MAN WEARS LONG HAIR HE DISHONORS HIS HEAD. VERSE 7 SAYS, "FOR A MAN INDEED OUGHT NOT TO COVER HIS HEAD, FORASMUCH AS HE IS THE IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD: BUT THE WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF THE MAN." IF MEN COVER THEIR HEAD WITH LONG HAIR, THEY HIDE THE IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD, AND DISHONORS HIS HEAD WHICH IS CHRIST. (VERSE 4.) VERSE 14, "DOTH NOT NATURE ITSELF TEACH YOU, THAT, IF A MAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A SHAME UNTO HIM?" THEN PAUL HAS ESTABLISHED AN ORDINANCE OF GOD, THAT MEN MUST CUT THEIR HAIR AND BY SO DOING KEEP THEIR HEAD (PHYSICAL HEAD) UNCOVERED TO HONOR THEIR SPIRITUAL HEAD WHICH IS CHRIST: THIS IS THE LAW (ORDINANCE) OF CHRIST, APPLYING TO ALL MALE CHRISTIANS.

IN I COR.11:5, "BUT EVERY WOMAN THAT PRAYETH OR PROPOSIETH WITH HER HEAD UNCOVERED DISHONORETH HER HEAD: FOR THAT IS EVEN ALL ONE AS IF SHE WERE SHAVEN" QUESTION, HOW CAN A WOMAN COVER HER HEAD? ANSWER, SHE CAN UNCOVER HER HEAD BY CUTTING HER HAIR. EVEN A "TRIM" IS CUTTING HER HAIR, AND IF SHE HAVE HER HAIR TRIMMED, SHE UNCOVERS HER HEAD, AND THAT TRIM IS JUST AS BAD AS HAVING HER HAIR SHAVED OFF. PLEASE READ VERSE 5 AGAIN. VERSE 6, FOR IF THE WOMAN BE NOT COVERED, LET HER ALSO BE SHORN: BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN, LET HER BE COVERED." IF A WOMAN HAVE HER HAIR TRIMMED OR CUT TO STYLE, LET HER HAIR BE SHORN (CUT OFF), OR BE SHAVEN OFF, BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN; LET HER WEAR HER LONG HAIR, UNCUT AT ALL, WEAR HER HAIR THE FULL LENGTH THAT GOD ALLOWS HER HAIR TO GROW. SHE MUST WEAR HER HAIR LONG TO COVER HER HEAD (PHYSICAL HEAD) TO HONOR HER HEAD WHICH IS MAN, SEE VERSE 3. "BUT IF A WOMAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A GLORY TO HER: FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN TO HER FOR A COVERING." WHAT COVER MUST A WOMAN WEAR ON HER HEAD? HER LONG HAIR, FULL LENGTH, UNCUT AND UNTRIMMED. WHY? HER HAIR IS GIVEN TO HER FOR A COVERING, IF SHE SO MUCH AS TRIMS HER HAIR, IT IS THE SAME AS HAVING HER HAIR ALL CUT OFF, THE SAME AS IF SHE SHAVED IT OFF.

"BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS, WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM, NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD." MEANS WHAT? WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM AS ALLOWING FEMALE HAIRCUTS NOR HAIR TRIMS IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, SO MEN NEED NOT CONTEND FOR SUCH. IT IS PLAIN TO SEE THAT THIS ORDINANCE OF CHRIST FOREVER ELIMINATED FEMALE HAIR CUTS IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. AN ORDINANCE IS "L A W", AND THE LAWS (ORDINANCES) OF CHRIST MUST BE OBEYED BY ALL CHRISTIANS. PLEASE RE-READ I COR.11:1-2. NO MAN HAS THE GOD GIVEN RIGHT TO AUTHORIZE HIS WIFE TO TRIM OR OTHERWISE CUT HER HAIR.

IN MATTHEW 26:17, "NOW THE FIRST DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE UNLEAVENED BREAD THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS, SAYING UNTO HIM, WHERE WILT THOU THAT WE PREPARE FOR THEE TO EAT THE PASSOVER? JESUS INSTRUCTED THEM IN VERSE 18, IN VERSE 19, THEY OBEYED HIS INSTRUCTIONS. VERSE 20, "NOW WHEN THE EVEN WAS COME, HE SAT DOWN WITH THE TWELVE." "AND AS THEY DID EAT, HE SAID, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT ONE OF YOU SHALL BETRAY ME." NOTE THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FACT THAT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE SEATED AND WERE EATING THE PASSOVER "WHEN EVEN WAS COME" NOTICE IN VERSE 21, JESUS SAID, "ONE OR YOU SHALL BETRAY ME." IN 22, THEY ASKED: "LORD, IS IT I?" IN 23, HE THAT DIPPETH HIS HAND WITH ME IN THE DISH, THE SAME SHALL BETRAY ME." IN 24, JESUS SPAKE OF WOE TO THE MAN WHO WOULD BETRAY HIM: THIS BRINGS US TO VERSE 25, WHERE JUDAS QUESTIONED JESUS. KINDLY NOTE THE PASSING OF TIME SINCE JESUS AND THE TWELVE SAT DOWN TO EAT THE PASSOVER AND BEGUN TO EAT THE PASSOVER, EVIDENTLY NIGHT HAD FALLEN BY THE TIME JESUS BEGAN TO INSTITUTE HIS OWN SUPPER,-"AND AS THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND BLESSED IT, AND BRAKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES, AND SAID, TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY." "AND HE TOOK THE CUP AND GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, DRINK YE ALL OF IT;" "FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS." "BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, I WILL NOT DRINK HENCEFORTH OF THIS FRUIT OF THE VINE, UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN I DRINK IT NEW WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM." CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.

"AND WHEN THEY HAD SUNG A HYMN, THEY WENT OUT INTO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES".

REMEMBER PAUL'S ADMONITION IN I COR.11:1-2 ! KEEP THE ORDINANCES AS I DELIVERED THEM TO YOU.

IN I COR.11:17, PAUL BEGAN WRITING ON THE LORD'S SUPPER AND ENDED HIS TEACHING IN VERSE 34. NOTE VERSES 23, 24, 25. "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, AND 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." WE NOTE THAT PAUL TAUGHT, "THAT THE LORD JESUS THE SAME NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD:" NOTICE THE TRANSITION OF TIME FROM "EVEN" "EVENING" INTO NIGHT, WHEN THE LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD TO INSTITUTE HIS SUPPER : THIS BOILS DOWN TO THE FACT THAT AT NIGHT JESUS INSTITUTED HIS SUPPER THEREBY SETTING THE EXAMPLE. HOW MANY ARE FOLLOWING THAT EXAMPLE?

CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, LET US STUDY THESE FACTS. 1. THE TABLE WAS SET ONE TIME. 2, THE DISCIPLES PARTOOK OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN ONE ASSEMBLY. 3. ALL WERE PRESENT. 4, WE ARE WITHOUT SCRIPTURE WHICH SAYS, "THE TABLE WAS LEFT SET FOR THOSE WHO WERE ABSENT," 5, NEITHER DO WE READ WHERE THE TABLE WAS SET A SECOND TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO WERE ABSENT.

REMEMBER WE MUST KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE, AND REMEMBER, WE ARE COMMANDED TO KEEP THE ORDINANCES AS PAUL DELIVERED THEM TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

AS WE STUDIED THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, WHO WAS IT THAT TOOK BREAD? WHO BLESSED BREAD? WHO BRAKE BREAD? REPLY. JESUS. WHO WAS IT THAT TOOK THE CUP? WHO BLESSED THE CUP? WHO GAVE THE CUP TO THE DISCIPLES? REPLY: JESUS. QUESTION. IS THE WORD "JESUS" SINGULAR OR IS IT PLURAL? REPLY: SINGULAR. HOW MANY WAITED ON THE LORD'S TABLE? ONE. WHO? JESUS. WHY NOT FOLLOW THE PATTERN AND BE SAFE? JESUS IS NOT HERE TO WAIT ON HIS TABLE, A BROTHER IN CHRIST, JUST ONE, FOLLOWS THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS; HE TAKES BREAD, HE BLESSES, HE BRAKES, HE GIVES THE BREAD TO THE DISCIPLES. THE SAME BROTHER TAKES THE CUP, HE BLESSES, HE GIVES THE CUP TO THE DISCIPLES, THEREBY FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST.

NOW TO I TIM.2:1,2,3. "I EXHORT THEREFORE, THAT FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY;"THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY. FOR THIS IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOUR;"

IF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEEDS ARE GOOD TO BE DONE FIRST IN OUR HOMES, ON THE ROADS, IN THE FORESTS, ON THE MOUNTAINS, IN THE CITIES AND TOWNS, THEN IT IS THE FIRST THING THAT WE SHOULD DO IN OUR ASSEMBLIES OF CHURCH SERVICE EVERY WHERE. WHAT IS THERE THAT WE COULD DO FIRST IN THE ASSEMBLY OF SAINTS THAT WOULD BE BETTER THAN BEGINNING OUR SERVICE BY "SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS FOR ALL MEN; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY;"? ALL SERVICES EVERY WHERE SHOULD BEGIN WITH PRAYER! WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO IT. WHERE IS THE SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS BEGIN SOME OTHER WAY?

WHAT SHALL WE DRINK IN THE COMMUNION? NEW WINE OR STRONG WINE? "THUS SAITH THE LORD, AS THE NEW WINE IS FOUND IN THE CLUSTER, AND SAITH, DESTROY IT NOT: FOR A BLESSING IS IN IT". (ISAIAH 65:8.) QUESTION. IS THE NEW WINE FOUND IN THE CLUSTER, FERMENTED WINE? IS IT STRONG WINE? IS IT OLD WINE? WHICH VINE HAVE YOU OR I FOUND THAT PRODUCES ALCOHOLIC JUICE? (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE 17)

THE JUICE OF THE GRAPE MINUS ITS SKIN, SEEDS AND PULPY FRUIT IS: NEW WINE, THE KIND WE USE IN THE COMMUNION. WE DO NOT USE THE "DREGS".

HOW ARE FUNDS RAISED FOR THE CHURCH, THAT IS, FOR EACH CONGREGATION OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST? THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY QUESTION AS TO HOW IT MUST BE DONE. WE HAVE N.T. SCRIPTURE TELLING US HOW TO DO IT. "NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS, AS I HAVE GIVEN ORDER TO THE CHURCHES (CONGREGATIONS) OF GALATIA, EVEN SO DO YE" "UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK LET EVERY ONE OF YOU LAY BY HIM IN STORE, AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM,----". (1 COR.16:1-2.) 2 COR.9:6-11, "BUT THIS I SAY, HE WHICH SOWETH SPARINGLY SHALL REAP ALSO SPARINGLY; AND HE WHICH SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY" "EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HER PURPOSETH IN HIS HEART, SO LET HIM GIVE;NOT GRUDGINGLY, OR OF NECESSITY: FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER". READ VERSES 9-11. AGAIN, HOW SHALL WE RAISE CHURCH FINANCES? EACH CONGREGATION HAS THE LORD'D TREASURY , AND UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WE GIVE INTO THE LORD'S TREASURY---AS THE LORD HAS PROSPERED US, AND AS WE PURPOSE IN OUR HEART TO GIVE: THUS WE HAVE THE "PATTERN" FOR US TO FOLLOW. LET US FOLLOW THE DIVINE PATTERN NOW AND ALWAYS.

WE MUST HAVE "EQUALITY" AS TAUGHT BY PAUL IN 2 COR.8:13-15.
"FOR I MEAN NOT THAT OTHER MEN BE EASED, AND YE BURDENED: BUT BY AN EQUALITY, THAT NOW AT THIS TIME YOUR ABUNDANCE MAY BE A SUPPLY FOR THEIR WANT, THAT THEIR ABUNDANCE ALSO MAY BE A SUPPLY FOR YOUR WANT: THAT THERE MAY BE EQUALITY: AS IT IS WRITTEN, HE THAT HAD GATHERED MUCH HAD NOTHING OVER; AND HE THAT HAD GATHERED LITTLE HAD NO LACK." THIS EQUALITY SIMPLY MEANS THAT IF THE GRAVEL HILL-CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS AN ABUNDANCE, AND IF THE BURR VALLEY-CHURCH OF CHRIST IS IN NEED, THEN GRAVEL HILL IS OBLIGATED TO TAKE OF THEIR ABUNDANCE AND SEND IT DIRECTLY TO BURR VALLEY TO RELIEVE THEIR NEEDS. IF THE NEED IS REVERSED, THEN BURR VALLEY WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO SEND THEIR ABUNDANCE TO GRAVEL HILL. (GRAVEL HILL AND BURR VALLEY ARE NON-EXISTANT PLACES USED FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.)

EACH CONGREGATION IS SELF GOVERNING BY AUTHORITY OF CHRIST, AND IS 100% UNDER HIS RULE. WE ARE NOT AT LIBERTY TO INJECT OUR IDEAS, SUPPOSITIONS AND OR OPINIONS INTO THE LAWS, EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS SET BY OUR LORD. EACH CONGREGATIONS IS TO HAVE "OVERSEERS", AND THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF OVERSEERS IS LIMITED TO ONE CONGREGATION, AND NEVER EXTENDS OVER ANOTHER CONGREGATION. THIS SELF GOVERNMENT OR AUTONOMY OF EACH CONGREGATION MUST BE CLOSELY GUARDED: IT IS PRECIOUS INDEED. WE ARE WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO POOL OUR FUNDS UNDER CENTRALIZED CONTROL TO SUPPORT PREACHER OR TO HELP OTHER CONGREGATIONS, AND OUR AUTONOMY IS BEING GRAVELY ENDANGERED BY SECTARAIN IDEAS. WE MUST LIMIT OUR SELVES BY THE LAW OF CHRIST AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

SUMMARY

SHALL WE KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE? REPLY; WE ARE COMMANDED TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE, AND IT CAN BE DONE BY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE PATTERN ESTABLISHED IN THE N.T. WE CAN AND MUST BE FOLLOWERS OF PAUL AS HE IS OF CHRIST. WE CAN AND MUST KEEP THE ORDINANCES AS PAUL DELIVERED THEM TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. EACH MAN CAN KEEP HIS HEAD UNCOVERED BY CUTTING HIS HAIR SHORT. EACH WOMAN CAN KEEP HER LONG HAIR UNCUT AND HAVE A GOD GIVEN "COVERING" ON HER HEAD. WE CAN OMIT CONTENTIONS FOR FEMALE HAIR CUTS. WE CAN ASSEMBLE IN THE "EVEN" "EVENING" AND IN THE "NIGHT" WE CAN PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WE CAN SET THE LORD'S TABLE ONE TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MEMBERS IN ONE ASSEMBLY. WE CAN FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST AT HIS TABLE. WE CAN HAVE ONE BROTHER IN CHRIST TO WAIT ON THE LORD'S TABLE AS PER THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS HIMSELF. WE CAN USE THE NEW WINE FOUND IN THE CLUSTER AS PER ISAIAH 65:8, AND MATTHEW 26:28,29. WE DON'T NEED ALCOHOLIC DRINK ELEMENT. WE CAN GIVE OF OUR MEANS INTO THE LORD'S TREASURY AS PER 1 COR.16:1-2, AND 2 COR.9:6-11. WE CAN RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF FELLOW CHRISTIANS BY "EQUALITY" 2 COR. 8:13-15. WE CAN REMAIN AUTONOMUS. WE CAN KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE BY FOLLOWING 1 COR.1:10., (CONT'D ON PAGE 18)

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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." "FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN". WITH BROTHERLY LOVE. J.S.L.MORSE

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TO OUR BRETHREN AND SISTERS WHO DONATED MONEY, NEWS AND LESSONS, WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE TOWARD US, AND FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. YOUR ASSISTANCE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE GOSPEL EVANGEL FOR AWHILE LONGER. AGAIN THANK YOU. EDITOR..

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EXPLANATIONS TO THE BROTHERHOOD...FROM YOUR EDITOR

IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF GOSPEL EVANGEL, ON PAGE TWO, WE INTERRUPTED A LESSON BY BRO. CURTIS C.MCCLUSKEY TO STATE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO DISCONTINUE GOSPEL EVANGEL AND LEAVE THE BROTHERHOOD WITHOUT A LOYAL PAPER. FIRST, WE REGRET INTERRUPTING THE ARTICLE AS THAT SEEMS TO HAVE CAUSED SOME INJURED FEELINGS. SECOND, WE REGRET THAT MISUNDERSTAND OF OUR MEANING, WHEN WE SAID THE BROTHERHOOD WOULD BE WITHOUT A LOYAL PAPER, CAUSED FURTHER INJURED FEELINGS. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE CHURCH PUBLISHES ONE OR MORE BULLETINS, AND PLEASE NOTICE THAT WE DID NOT SAY THAT THE BULLETIN PUBLISHED IN CALIFORNIA IS NOT LOYAL. WE MERELY CLAIMED THE ONLY LOYAL PAPER IN THE BROTHERHOOD, BECAUSE OUR PUBLICATION IS BIG ENOUGH TO QUALIFY AS A "CHURCH PAPER".. IF ANY OTHER PUBLICATION IN THE BROTHERHOOD IS LAGE ENOUGH TO QUALIFY AS A "CHURCH PAPER" WE ARE NOT AWARE OF IT. WE HOPE THESE EXPLANATIONS AND APOLOGIES WILL REMOVE ALL ILL WILL TOWARD US AND GOSPEL EVANGEL. WITH BROTHERLY LOVE. YOUR EDITOR.....

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THIS ISSUE IS LATE BECAUSE WE WERE HINDERED BY 2 WEEKS OF EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER. THE LORD WILLING AND CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING, WE WILL PUT THE MARCH ISSUE ON SCHEDULE AND ENDEAVOR TO REMAIN ON SCHEDULE. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR LESSONS AND CHURCH NEWS TO PUBLISH IN THE MARCH ISSUE. WE INVITE OUR FORMER WRITERS TO WRITE ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION, AND WELCOME NEW WRITERS TO DO THE SAME. ALSO CHURCH NEWS IS IMPORTANT AND IS MUCH NEEDED. WE ENDEAVOR TO PUBLISH FRESH ARTICLES IN EVERY ISSUE, AND DO NOT WANT TO PRINT THE SAME ARTICLE TWICE. HAS ANY ONE NOTICED TWO ARTICLES IDENTICALLY ALIKE IN ANY 2 ISSUES OF GOSPEL EVANGEL? IF SO, GIVE ISSUE, AND PAGE NUMBERS & WRITE GOSPEL EVANGEL RT#2. HAMMON, OKLAHOMA 73650.

A NUMBER OF BRETHREN AND SISTERS WROTE US THAT THEY WANT "GOSPEL EVANGEL" TO CONTINUE IN PRINT, SO THAT IS WHY THIS ISSUE IS BEING PUBLISHED, AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE PUBLICATION AS LONG AS WE GET ENOUGH SUPPORT TO ALLOW PUBLICATION. IF THERE BE ANY OTHER BRETHREN AND SISTERS DESIRING THE CONTINUATION OF GOSPEL EVANGEL, PLEASE WRITE US SOON. WE HAVE BOUGHT A NEW DELUXE PRINTING MACHINE (WITH OUR OWN MONEY) AND WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE IT THIS MONTH, AND WE BELIEVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO A LOT BETTER PRINTING JOB. ALSO WE ARE CONSIDERING THE IDEA OF PRINTING IN EASY TO READ COLORS; AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THIS BIG TYPE FOR EASY READING.

SISTER ALYCE MORSE IS TYPING ABOUT ONE HALF OF THE STENCILS FOR THIS ISSUE ON A UNDERWOOD CHAMPION MACHINE. THIS IS AN UNDERWOOD CHAMPION I AM USING AND BOTH HAVE BIG TYPE--EASY TO READ. WE GIVE EVERY CONSIDERATION TO OUR READERS AND ENDEAVOR TO PUBLISH A LOYAL PAPER, KEEP IT EDUCATIONAL, BENEFICIAL, ATTRACTIVE AND EASY TO READ.

THE CHURCH AT OBION IS HOLDING ITS OWN, WE HAVE ONLY 3 MEMBERS, BUT ALL ATTEND REGULARLY. SERVICES ARE AT 7:30 P.M. IF WE HOLD ANY MORNING SERVICES, WE WILL HAVE PRAYER, SONG SERVICE, SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, PRAYER AND A HYMN TO CLOSE. OUR REGULAR LORD'S DAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION IS HELD AT 7:30 P.M. LORD'S DAY NIGHT. WE USE ONE CUP, ONE LOAF, TEACH ALL IN ONE ASSEMBLY.,IN OTHER WORDS WE HOLD TO AND PRACTICE "LOYAL CONGREGATION DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE--WORSHIP". WE ARE 100% LOYAL..