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2 CORINTHIANS 5,14,15

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US, BECAUSE WE THUS JUDGE THAT IF ONE DIED FOR ALL,THEN WERE ALL DEAD.,AND THAT HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THEY WHICH LIVE SHOULD NOT HENCEFORTH LIVE UNTO THEMSELVES, BUT UNTO HIM WHICH DIED FOR THEM,AND ROSE AGAIN.

TO AS MANY OF US AS HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST,, WHO HAVE BELIEVED THAT JESUS IS GOD-S SON AND THAT GOD RAISE-ED HIM FROM THE DEAD, WHO HAVE REPENTED OF THEIR SINS, WHO HAVE CONFESSED THE NAME OF CHRIST BEFORE MEN, AND HAVE BEEN SCRIPTURALLY BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, THE TEACHING OF GOD SHOWS US OUR OBLIGATIONS TO LIVE IN STRICT OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

ONCE WE WERE ALL DEAD SINNERS WITH THE SENTENCE OF SPIRIT-UAL DEATH IN HELL,HANGING UPON US. OUR ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE FROM THAT SENTENCE OF DEATH WAS TO OBEY THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION AS STATED BY JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD. /READ THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION IN PARAGRAPH NUMBER 2/ WE HAD OUR CHOICE, 1. IGNORE GOD-S LAW AND REMAIN SINNERS WHILE LIVING ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF OUR OWN CONCIENCE AND CONTINUE COMMITTING AND SATISFY THE SINFUL DESIRES OF OUR FLESHLY BODY. OR 2. WE COULD HEAR GOD-S WORD AND OBEY WHATSOEVER HE COMMANDED US TO DO AND THEREBY BE PARDONED FOR OUR SINS AND BE A FREE PERSON, NO LONGER CONDEMNED TO A SPIRITUAL DEATH IN HELLFIRE,-THE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT.....

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN- DO YOU REALIZE THAT EVERY PERSON OF AN ACCOUNTABLE AGE, WHO IS NOT A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, HAS THE SENTENCE OF SPIRITUAL DEATH UPON THEM RIGHT NOW? READ YOUR BIBLE CAREFULLY, SEE WHERE YOU STAND,THEN OBEY THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT YOU CANNOT LIVE ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF YOUR OWN CON-CIENCE AND HAVE THE SENTENCE OF SPIRITUAL DEATH REMOVED FROM YOU. YE MUST OBEY GOD-S LAW TO BE SAVED.....
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Now lets look at the past and the present and look forward to the future. Inside the Church of Christ you will find practically every kind of ex-sinners that you care to mention. REMEMBER I SAID "EX-SINNERS", NOT present sinners. Look at 1 Corinthians 6:9 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,(Verse 10) Nor theives, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." "And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (Verse 11.)

Now after reading verse 11, do you think you are good enough to be saved as you are, without obedience to the Gospel plan of salvation? Or do you think that you are so bad that you cannot be saved at all? The writer, the apostle Paul was addressing members of the Church of Christ, therefore he was writing to SAVED persons, genuine CHRISTIANS. Paul may as well have said: some of you members were the worst sinners in existance BEFORE they obeyed the Gospel of Christ and were ADDED to THE CHURCH by the LORD. (Acts 2:47) "----And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved". Are you among the saved, if not, why not?

Truth is, YOU are not good enough to be saved without obedience to the Gospel of Christ, and without the Lord adding you to the church, the CHURCH OF CHRIST. Furthermore you are not so bad that you cannot be saved, IF you obey the Gospel of Christ in truth, IF you live a faithful Christian life, you will remain saved. Do you think you are not a sinner outside of the church of Christ? Read Romans 3:9. "What then? Are we better than they?. No, in nowise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles are all under sin;" Verse 23."For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." All were sinners before they obeyed the Gospel plan of salvation. Does God save sinners IN their sins? If he does, then why did he provide a Saviour to save sinners? If you can be saved without obedience to Christ, then Christ died in vain. Have you read Hebrews 5:8,9.? "And though he were a son, learned he obedience by the things which he suffered and being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that OBEY him".

Your favorite denomination cannot truthfully offer you salvation because it is not the divine institution of God, called "The Church", and your hope in your denomination is in vain,-useless. Can Masonry save you from a spiritual death in hell? Reply. NO!, absolutely NO, Masonry has NO saving power, and it is not the divine institution of God, not the church that Jesus Christ built: Masonry is strictly a manmade organization.

Will our favorite club save us? No, all clubs are similiar to Masonry and other lodges, they are not divine and they are void of soul saving power. Any benefits that worldly people might receive from a lodge or a club, or from both is of a temporary nature and does not extend beyond the grave. Lodges and clubs cannot truthfully offer benefits of any kind for the future life beyond the grave: they have no saving power.
Now look to Jesus Christ and HIS church for your soul's salvation and a home with God. (Continued on page 3.)

Just how can you obey Christ while continuing to serve your worldly master in your favorite lodge or club? YE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS said our Lord. You folks on the outside of the Church of Christ have done EXACTLY NOTHING that will save you. You folks in all of the denominations have done nothing that will save you, you are in the same LOST condition as the lodge and club members, you are WITHOUT God and WITHOUT hope in the world. I am fully aware that you denominationalist think you are saved, but ye (plural number) deceive yourselves & remain LOST! Just because the denomination of your choice claims that Jesus Christ is Saviour and because they claim they are following Christ, you believe them, you become a member of their organization and shout to the world that you are saved;and you invite others to join your denomination and be saved. Saved from what? Saved by whom? Saved in your sins? NO, NO!

Many of you very religious folks say you were saved by faith only, and some of you attempt to base your clain on Roman 5:1 which will not support your claim. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" The word "only" does not preceed nor follow the word "faith" in the text upon which you base your claim. Hence your interpretation is obviously false and vain. It boils down to the fact you are NOT saved at all, and that you are still a lost sinner. Why is it that you denominationalists set verses of scripture in opposition to each other? Were you to busy to read and study James 2:17-26? Hear a few verses. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone". Dear worldly denominationalists, YOURS is a DEAD faith:why? Because you say you are saved by faith only, you neither have scripture nor works to prove your claim. You REFUSE to scripturally repent of your sins before you claim salvation, you REFUSE to scripturally confess the NAME of Christ before men, before you claim salvation, and you REFUSE to be scripturally baptized before you claim salvation:You refuse to OBEY 3 commands of God, and yet you claim that you are saved. A sad state!

No one is saved without obedience to Jesus Christ. (Heb.5:8,9.) John14:15. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" Since you REFUSE to obey the commandments of Christ which would cause you to be saved, you show that you do not love him and have proved that you do NOT believe him.In John 15:14 "Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you" You refuse to do whatsoever he commands you, you disobey him and show to the true church, and to the world that you are NOT his friends.

Ye are the enemies of Christ, ye detract from his honor, you claim there is nothing in a name, you dishonor his name and claim there is nothing in it. Phil.2:9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:" Read verses 10 & 11. Shame on you for claiming there is nothing in a name! 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". Do the friends of Christ ridicule the name of Christ by saying, there is nothing in a name? There is salvation in the name of Christ, and you have the audacity to claim there is nothing in a name. Is salvation nothing? You claim that salvation is nothing, yet you claim you have salvation. Now if salvation is nothing, why do you claim you have a useless thing and why do you exhort others to get it? If it is nothing, why do you claim it and want it? (Continued on page #4)

If there is nothing in a name, why does the woman wear her husband's name after marriage? If there is nothing in a name, why not claim Mohammed as your saviour? Why claim salvation in any name?

You claim the church is non essential, now if that be true, just why are you a member of a denominational church? You say you are saved outside of the church, if that is true, they why do you folks strain yourselves to attend services of your favorite denomination? Why be a member of a useless organization? If you are saved outside, then why do you give your money, your time and your best efforts to support a non-essential organization? What will it profit you? Which of you will go to the expense, labor and time to plow a field, prepare a seedbed, then neglect to plant a crop? Which of you will build a valuable house, refuse to live in it, or refuse to rent it, and refuse to sell it? What will it profit you? Nothing! Why do you waste your time, money and labor on church, if it is non-essential? Denominations ARE non-essential, but the Church of Christ IS essential to your salvation and mine.

Remember the people in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11? Had been (past tense) sinners just like you, but as Paul was addressing them as saved people, you have to conclude that they were changed or reformed people, this is proven by verse 11. And such were some of you:BUT YE ARE WASHED,BUT YE ARE SANCTIFIED, BUT YE ARE JUSTIFIED in the NAME of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God". YEA, they were washed in the blood of the Lamb when they were in the watery grave of baptism, yea they were separated from the sinners of the world, and they were made clean & holy. Yea they were justified in the sight of our God and in the sight of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.,yea they were forgiven of their past sins, Yea, they were saved!

Were they saved by faith only? No, they were saved after they heard God's word. (Acts 15:7. After they believed that Jesus is the Christ and that God raised him from the dead. John 8:24. After they repented of their sins Luke 13:3,5. Acts 17:30. After they confessed the name of Christ before men Matt.10:32.33. Matt.16:16. After they were baptized for the remission of sins Acts 2:38, and for entrance into Christ Gal.3:27. After the Lord adding those being saved to the church; then they could truly say they were saved.

A counterfeit church cannot give you salvation, but it will get you in trouble with God. Neither God nor his Christ planted denominational churches! "Every plant that my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up". Come out from among them, obey the gospel (laws) of Christ, and God will receive you. Read 2 Corinthians 6:17,18.

The Church of Christ has its door open, and the invitation is to all, and the Church of Christ is for all. Become members NOW, live a faithful Christian life, then in the afterwhile everlasting life is yours and a home with God. Written in love of the TRUTH.
Evangelist J.S.L.Morse. Church of Christ, Obion, Oklahoma.

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NEWS ITEM. Recently we heard that Sister W.E.Daniels was in Wichita, Kansas going through a clinic in interest of her health, but expects to be home soon. We extend our best wishes to Sister Daniels and pray for the restoration of her health. Obion-Church of Christ.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY LOUVERY NELSON

Sister Mary Louvery Nelson was born near DeWitt, Arkansas.,July 16,1948 Departed this life July 1, 1964 In the University Medical Center., Little Rock, Arkansas. She attended Grade School in DeWitt, Arkansas. She was engaged to marry a Mr.Jim Glover of near DeWitt, Ark. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M.,Monday July 6, at Essex Funeral Chapel in DeWitt, by Bro.L.C.McCord of Stuttgart, Arkansas.Miss Nelson was baptized into Christ, in May 1960.,by Evangelist J.S.L.Morse.,in La Grue Bayou, near DeWitt, Ark. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Sister Louvery Nelson is the daughter of Mr.& Sis.Claud A. Nelson.,DeWitt, Ark. Other survivors are four sisters:Sis.Alyce Morse., Hammon, Okla.,Mrs.Thelma Simmons.,Gilbert, Arizona.,Mrs.Louise Wages of DeWitt.,Velvie May Nelson of the home.,and four brothers:Clovis Nelson of Bell, Calif.,Glenn, Chris, and Claud of the home. Burial was in the DeWitt Cemetery.,DeWitt, Ark.

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NEWS ITEM. Bro.Coy Garrison conducted a gospel meeting for the Colter-Church of Christ last August. The Obion congregation attended the services several nights. The attendance was good, also the services.

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NEWS ITEM. During July 1964 Evangelist J.S.L.MORSE conducted services in Arkansas and had about 20 in each of the services, this included outside interest, then in the fall of 1964 I conducted services near Stuttgart, Ark.,and we had some outside interest there. Late news. The church here in Obion is doing good as can be expected, lately we have gained some outside interest, and hope to gain more. Services are:10:30 Lord's Day Morning. We continue to use 1 cup, and one loaf, we don't use classes, and we break the bread. Inspection is welcomed! We extend an invitation to all, members and non members to attend the services here each Lord's Day. Church of Christ, Obion, Oklahoma.

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CHURCH NEWS....2/3/65. The Church of Christ in Broken Bow.,on N.Park Drive is doing pretty good. We have increased in membership this last year. We would welcome all the Brethren that comes down this way to stop and worship with us. We use one cup, and we break the bread. We do not have classes. We worship just as the Bible teaches us to do.
Yours in the one faith. WILLIE DOAN. Broken Bow, Oklahoma.
(Thank you Brother Doan, we appreciate church news, and soon as you are able, write us your article directed to non members for publication in the March issue of GOSPEL EVANGEL. J.S.L.MORSE....

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Apologies To The Brotherhood & To The Gospel News Courier.

We regret our trip into Sunday School Land, it was a profitless venture. We regret all of the harsh words, terms and phrases we used which were definitely out of place. We beg your forgiveness of all our wrongs in word, deed and thought, for the trouble we caused to you, and we are asking you to restore us that once more we will be counted a faithful-loyal congregation. We include this confession of fault to the Gospel News Courier, just as we include it to the loyal congregations throughout the land. Yours in the one faith. (Obion) Church of Christ, and your editor J.S.L.MORSE. Obion, Oklahoma.

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COLTER-CHURCH OF CHRIST.....We regret all of our harsh words, terms and phrases used against you a number of years ago, we ask your forgiveness and pray that there may be peace between us. Bro.Coy Garrison, this applies to you also. A bro.in Christ. J.S.L.Morse.....

LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Dear Brethren: Now that I have publicly confessed fault and offered apologies and requested restoration in the Loyal Congregations: I trust we are at peace with each other and will soon reach the point where we can work together as one in Christ Jesus, and even work together better than we did in the beginning. It is a known fact that my confession of fault and apologies to all concerned were accepted and published in the January issue of "Gospel News Courier", hence we trust that we are forgiven in your sight and that all barriers are removed that we may have full fellowship in all loyal congregation.

Thus saith the Lord."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." (Gal.6:1)
"Let all bitterness,and wrath,and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking ,be put away from among you, with all malice:And be ye kind to one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph.4:31,32. Let us do toward each other as the WORD commands us, be reunited and labor together in our Lord's Vineyard.

Gospel Evangel is 100% loyal and will not knowingly publish objectionable material, however if we do err, write us and we will gladly correct genuine errors. Let it be known that we ARE refraining from further words, terms and phrases that are objectionable in themselves.

Since it is impossible for us to come to the homes of our brethren to talk to you in person, we are using this media to invite our preaching brethren to write Bible lessons, sermons or articles for publication to WIN souls for Christ. We do NOT want lessons containing doctrinal differences between brethren as they do more damage than good when read by non-members. If you wish to expose errors of the non-Church of Christ denominations, go ahead. This first issue is being mailed ONLY to the Loyal Congregations for your approval. The March issue will be mailed to members and to outsiders. We wish to win souls for our Lord, and we cannot afford to put conflicting doctrines before them lest we discourage them and turn them against us. Gospel Evangel is primarily interested in winning souls for Christ, and for carrying church news.

The policy of Gospel Evangel has undergone changes which we believe will meet your approval. 1.Each writer is responsible only for what he writes. 2. We accept letters and manuscripts for consideration, and if they do not conflict with the church and or with the policy of this paper, we publish them. 3.Return postage must accompany all material which you want returned to you. 4. We do <u>not</u> want old or prepublished articles, we want NEW material that has not been published.5.We do NOT want material containing doctrinal differences between brethren for publication. 6.If you do not want your letter published, mark it "Not for publication", otherwise we may publish it. 7. We will correct genuine errors upon notification. 8. It is our policy to OMIT editing of both manuscripts and letters, EXCEPT where it is a necessity:we prefer to publish manuscripts and letters full length. 9. We reserve the right to <u>reject objectionable letters and manuscripts.10.Paper size,8 or more</u>PGS. The size of Gospel Evangel will depend upon how much money we can put on it and upon how much is donated each month from the loyal congregations to support it. We begin publication with 8 pages,& need 16 pages.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Why are there no letters from brethren in this issue? Reply:I did not receive letters to publish in this issue. Why are there no articles by several loyal brethren other than yourself? Reply:I cannot publish that which I have not received. I personally sent invitations to seven loyal brethren inviting them to write articles for publication, I have replies from two. One stated he will write for the March issue, the other declined and asked to be excused because of infirmities;the others have not replied to date:February 5, 1965. Brethren--We hope you will write!

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WRITERS OF BIBLE ARTICLES AND NEWS ARE NEEDED FOR "GOSPEL EVANGEL".....

We have LOTS OF SPACE FOR YOUR NEWS LETTERS AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE FOR YOUR BIBLE ARTICLES OR LESSONS OR SERMONS. WE WANT NEWS WRITERS IN ALL LOYAL CONGREGATIONS,*EVERYWHERE! Send your material in before the 10th of each month for publication. We need 5 or more brethren to write Bible articles to alien sinners each month. Here is your chance to do a good work for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ:Will you help?

Brethren, If you approve of Gospel Evangel, please write us soon, so we can complete our new mailing list, and please state the number of copies needed in each congregation. If you have suggestions for the improvement of Gospel Evangel, submit them soon. We appreciate constructive suggestions, feel welcome to write us. J.S.L.Morse Rt#2. Hammon, Oklahoma.

CELESTIAL MARRIAGE

A certain denomination teaches that a couple may be bound in marriage (sealed) on earth that they may remain bound in marriage in heaven. The origin of celestial marriage does not originate in Bible scriptures. Mark 12:25 Refutes the idea of celestial marriage on earth and in heaven. "For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven." Which two angels are married on earth or in heaven? Give Bible,book, chapter and verse. The idea of celestial marriage belongs to a denomination, the idea is not found in the Holy Bible.,nor in the church of Christ. Their books which they call scriptures, and in which they place so much faith,-are false doctrines.
Couples who live peacefully here on earth would like to continue their marriage relationship in heaven, but such is not allowed by Bible scripture, hence we can see such relationship cannot continue in heaven.

TITHING OR 10%

Some denominational folks proclaim that they tithe, we are made to wonder whether they tithe according to the law from which they learned tithing, or do they tithe according to the dictates of their denomination We are made to wonder whether they tithe of their TOTAL INCOME? Or do they tithe 10% of far less. We would like to ask them this question.. Do you tithe 10% of your wheat, cotton, cattle,milk, hay, hogs, sheep, and 10% of all other incomes and assets? If not, why not? Surely you don't want to hold out on the Lord? Just where under the law of Christ did you tithers read that people in the Christian dispensation must tithe? Ladies and Gentlemen: Study your Bible and see where you are being slyly robbed by the denominations, then becoma a member of the Church of Christ, then give as you have been prospered and as you propose in your heart to give.....Tithing is NOT of faith.

LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD (CONCLUDED)

We hope that we are reinstated in the good graces of our former friends and correspndants of days gone by, and we sincerely hope and trust that each one of you will renew correspondance with us. We also hope our efforts will gain us many new friends in the loyal congregation everywhere. We hope the time will come when we can meet you face to face and labor for our Lord in your midst and rejoice in the Lord with you all.

The fields are already white to harvest and the laborers are few, but we stand ready to do our share. We are often beset with severe infirmities, and hindered by the same, but the Lord willing and us able we will carry on to the best of our ability.

I have noticed in the pages of the 1964 Gospel News Courier that there is a strong effort being expended to establish new congregations and to strengthen those that are weak:Brethren, we commend you on your efforts and in the progress that has been made. We hope these efforts will increase in force and that greater progress will be made.

Some brethren have stated that more lessons or articles addressed to non members be published, I'm for that idea 100%. True it is a good idea to edify the church, but honestly I think we have made to few efforts to win the unsaved and went to heavy on edifying the church. Some may disagree with me, but thats their privilege. I still believe we should labor more in the harvest fields than merely in preaching to the church. It is a certainty that we cannot win more souls, IF we do not take the Gospel of Christ to the lost sinners, both far and near.

The work for closer unification is most commendable, it truly we need a closer-stronger bond of unity in these trying times than ever before. We need to develope a stronger bond of cooperation among congregations for often times the work a congregation has begun will prove to be a greater load than they can carry and if another congregation or several congregations does not lend a helping hand, the efforts will utterly fail and the prior efforts will be wasted. Money is not everything that makes an effort a success, but in a lot of instances it is the actual work of another congregation or of another individual that will help the project to completion and to a real success. Ask yourselves this question. Would the Gospel News Courier be a success without the cooperation of many congregations and individuals? No, absolutely no!
See what I mean by congregational cooperation? Individual cooperation?

Besides money we see it requires the WORK of many individuals in a lot of congregations to make that paper a success; so it is in gospel meetings, building a house of worship.,also in carrying on successful evangelizing. Its a fact that some good preachers cannot carry a tune, cannot lead a song. If that preacher had a good song leader with him to conduct a song service he has a far better chance of holding a crowds interest and attention, and a better chance to get them to return for several services. We need cooperation in a good many ways.
The kind of cooperation I am writing about is:simply help each other in good works as the help or cooperation is needed.

A bro.in Christ.....J.S.L.Morse