THUS SAITH THE LORD

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Duty Of A Christian

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After we have obeyed the first principles of the doctrine of Christ and have been born into the family of God,we must not stop there,for that is we might say only one step on the strait road to heaven,for we are just babes in Christ. We must grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth. As we find in 2 Peter 3:I8 "But grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"
We must grow in love and we must grow in knowledge of our Lord,we must know more about him,and through learning more about him. We begin to love him more,and the more we love him the easier it is for us to keep his commandments. We find in John I4:2I "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them,he it is that loveth me,and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father" So it is our duty to keep his commandments. Now one of the things that we must do is to love the brethren,for as we find in I Peter I:22. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto the unfeigned love of the brethren,see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" Or with a honest sincere love. And that love is to continue,we must not loose sight of the great love God showed for us by sending his only Son to die on the cross for us. Let us read Heb. I3:I We find let brotherly love continue. For we find in 2 John 2: He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness,even until now" Above everything else that we do as Christians we must have love for the brethren,for without it we are nothing,as will see in I Cor.I3:I-3. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity (Love) I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal,and though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though I have all faith,so that I could remove mountains and have not charity,I am nothing and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,and though I give my body to be burned,and have not charity,it profits me nothing" So we see if we did every thing else that a Christian must do,and don't have love,we are nothing. Next we hear the apostle Paul speaking in I Cor I:2. "Be ye followers of me as I also am of Christ, Now I praise you brethren,that ye remember me in all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you" V 23-26. For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you. First is we are to meet upon the first day of the week,for we find in Acts 20:7 That the apostles came together to break bread. We find again that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.
We find that they (Disciples) continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine,and in fellowship,and in breaking of bread,and in prayers.. (Acts 2:42)

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* In memory of Sister Verna E.Yowell *
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Sister Verna E.Yowell was born August 7,I887, In Terre Haute,Indiana ,and passed away in Cheyenne,Oklahoma.,Monday April 27th,I959 after an extended illness,at the age of 7I years,8 months and 20 days. She came with her parents to Western Oklahoma in I90I and homesteaded one mile west of Reydon,Oklahoma,and has lived in the Reydon community since,being one of Western Oklahoma's pioneers. She has been a member of the Church of Christ for 46 years. She is survived by: One sister--Mrs Pearl Fender of Sulphur,Okla. One brother Charlie Mallett of San Diego,Calif. One half brother Billie Mallett of Oakland,Calif. A daughter-in-law Mrs.Goldie Yowell of Reydon,Okla. One grandson and wife. Mr.& Mrs.Billie Yowell of Reydon,Okla. One greatgrandson Jimmie Lee Yowell of Reydon,Okla. Two neices and other relatives and many friends. Her husband,the late Guy A,Yowell ,and one son Lee Yowell preceeded her in death..

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Church of Christ, Yuma,Arizona.

"Thus Saith The Lord" is arriving regularly here at our home address and we enjoy it very much. If the Lord wills we are going to support your efforts in publishing the paper,both financially and by writing articles occasionally. Just keep up the good work Bro. Morse,and time will bring in support from the brotherhood. The Somerton meeting started this morning with Bro.J.W.Bedingfield,Preaching. The Church in Yuma,Ariz.,At Ist and I6th Avenue. Welcomes all that comes this way to worship with us. (Service schedule not received) A second letter states:The Church here in Yuma feels that you have started a good work,& we want to help you what little we can. First you will find a $5.00 check inclosed. As the paper continues we are sure you will receive more money to help finance it. We want to take the pleasure at this time to thank you for the copies we have already received. 8 copies are sufficient at this time in Yuma,we hope more will be needed in the near future. Sister Lillian Splawn wasnt able to be with us at church today (May I0th) Everyone else seems to be doing fine. Yours in Christ. Harry B.Dye. Thank you Bro.Dye for the good letter and news. Thank you brethren of Yuma for your donation to Thus Saith The Lord. Your kindnes is appreciated .

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Church of Christ,Abilene,Texas.

We received your letter yesterday & want you to know we have been enjoying the paper "Thus Saith The Lord" The congregation here in Abilene can use 6 copies of the paper. There are 3 families who meet reularly here,and occasionally 2 other families,and a Sister when she is in town. Bro.J.W.Bedingfield preached at Crosbyton April 26th. Yesterday we met with the Crosbyton congregation and our son Warren gave the lesson. The Church at Abilene is located at 375I Clinton Street in the northern part of Abilene. We extend a cordial invitation to anyone to meet with us. Services Lord's Day I0:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. We also like for you to send a paper to our married daughter and family. Her address is: Jack L.Ervin, 25 E.56th Street., Savannah,Georgia. We are sending $5.00 to help with the paper. The other brethren want to help to. Yours in Christ. The Jack M.Scott family. Thank you Bro.Scott for the news,assistance & nice letter.

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Church News From Bro.J.W.Bedingfield.

"On April I2th I preached at Abilene,Texas.,to a good croud. The Church there is doing well. They are paying off their building note on schedule,and recently purchased some comfortable pews. On April I9th I preached two sermons at Terral,Okla.,to another fine group. We had visitors from Lawton,OKla .,Petrolia,Texas and Olney,Texas. One Sister was absent due to sickness,but attendance was excellent, anyone passing that way should contact Bro.E.N.Pollan of Terral,Okla. On April 26th,we will be with the faithful at Crosbyton,Texas.,where we will visit relatives and friends,and meet with a little group who have fought the good fight of faith for many years,amid much adversity. For the time and place of worship at Crosbyton,contact Bro. Robert E.Peel. May 3rd will find me back at my home congregation at California Creek for preaching on the first as usual. All are invited to come and be with us. All is well with us,except that Sister Pounds is in the hospital again,for further treatment,our prayers for this good Sister and all her family,in her illness. On May I0th,if the Lord wills,I will be in Somerton,Ariz. preaching a gospel meeting there through May 20th. We ask the prayers of all the faithful,to bless our efforts there. From Somerton I will go into southern California for some work with the faithful at Bell Flower and La Habra,Calif.,which I will report later on. I am look-forward with great joy,to have the privilege of labouring together with the fine Brethren out west again. May I2th. This finds me in the meeting at Somerton. All is well here,we begun the meeting Sun. morning May I0th,with good attendance and interest from both Somerton and Yuma congregations. I will close here on May 20th,and begin a meeting at La Habra,Calif., On Sat. May 23rd,to end May 3Ist. Following that I will be at Bell Flower,Calif for a week. On the way here I stopped and visited with the faithful at Lorenzo,Texas Carlsbad,N.M. Thank you Bro.Bedingfield. Write us again,we certanly are glad to get news of church activity.

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Church of Christ,Carlsbad,N.M.

Dear Bro.Morse: Enclosed you will find a check for $5.00 from the Church here to help with "Thus Saith The Lord" We hope much good will be accomplished from your efforts. Yours in Christ.
Paul R.Bruce. Thank you Bro.Bruce,and the Church there for your kind assistance, I appreciate it very much. The editor.

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We have a good letter from Bro.Robert E.McCay of Port Orchard,Wash. which I would like to publish,but lack space in this edition,but we extend our thanks to the Church of Christ out there for their gift of $I0.00 to support the paper,and we thank Bro. McCay for your fine letter.

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Brethren: Don't forget the Gospel Meeting in Broken Bow,Okla.. Come on down there and fill the old meeting house til it bulges at the seams. Beginning June I4th . Pour some gas in your stump jumper and bring granpa,granma,and the young'uns with you.

Church of Christ,Reydon,Okla..

The editor had the pleasure of spending the weekend in the home of Bro.& Sis.J.C.Spurlin of Reydon. We enjoyed the visit and hospitality extended to us. Among those attending the Lord's Day service were our hosts Bro.& Sis.J.C.Spurlin.,Sis.Dora Wells.,Bro.& Sis.A.H.Howell ,and Bro.James S.L Morse.

A card from Bro.J.D.Phillips of Austin,Texas.

We quote in part. Dear Bro.Morse: Thank you for your letter and the April number of Thus Saith The Lord. I believe I like the name better "than it is written" It seems a little more appropiate;yet whatever name a paper wears some one would want a different one! --- I am send you a copy of"The Truth" and will put you on the list to receive it in exchange for "Thus Saith The Lord". Thank you Bro.Phillips., I will exchange papers.

Church of Christ.,Elk City,Okla.

The editor attended the service last Sunday May I0th, at 8I8 W.Bdwy The weather was rough (a thunderstorm was in progress) and raining. However about I2 were present. The song service was very good. Sister Ed Atchley was having some difficulty with high blood pressure ,but braved the storm and assembled with us. This coming Lord's Day I go to Reydon for the service there. Lord's Day service is I0:30 A.M. at Elk City,and I believe that visitors are welcome there. There is plenty of good seats and room for all,and a friendly welcome await s you....Come one ,Come all and worship in the house of God.

Church of Christ--Broken Bow,Okla.

The Church is still on the firing line,and Bro.Clements sends $2.00 to support the paper. Thank you Bro.Clements. Write us again.

Church of Christ. Lorenzo,Texas.

Bro.Howard Studer writes: We have enjoyed the little paper very much ,we aim to help you as much as we can. Is your time taken up for meetings,or do you hold meetings? There is a little congregation meets here at Lorenzo at I0:00 Lord's Day morning,and 7:00 P.M. Lord's Day night. There are about I6 members. The Church house is located 3 blocks west of the International place on Main and 4th. We live 4 blockswest & I north of the church house. We would be glad for anyone to visit in the assemblies & also in our home. Bro.Morse we would be glad for you to come and see us & if you have a family, bring them. Best wishes for the success of the paper. With Christian love. Howard Studer. Thank you Bro.Studer for your nice letter and invitation to bring my family & visit you. I have no family,just a hoot owl who roosts in a cedar tree,and I've never been able to persuade old Hooty to take a trip with me. Thanks again.....

NOTICE

GOSPEL MEETING AT BROKEN BOW,OKLAHOMA.

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THE BROKEN BOW --CHURCH OF CHRIST Will begin a Gospel Meeting on Lord's Day morning June I4th, at I0:30 A.M.

Night service at 7:30 P.M. Evangelist.James S.L.Morse of Hammon, Oklahoma. Preaching. We welcome all visitors to come be with us in this work,we need all the help that we can get.

May the Lord bless the Church everywhere is our prayers.
Your Brother in Christ. R.C.Clements.

To the NON-members ,we extend this invitation to you,come hear the Word of God fairly and respectfully presented to all.
Brethren/Sisters: From far and near,we invite you to meet and worship with us. Please come and be with us in the meeting.

Church of Christ--At Cotton Flat Road.,Midland,Texas.

Dear Bro.in Christ: Thank you for the paper "Thus Saith The Lord" We are sending you $5.00 for use in publishing the paper. The donation is from the Church of Christ, at Cotton Flat Road. Midland, Texas. There are 5 of us that meet at I400 Cotton Flat Road.Midland, Texas. Bro.& Sis.J.R.Berkstresser and daughter.,Sis.Birth (Mrs. Robert Birth) and my wife and I. Once in a while we have a visitor from Carlsbad,N.M.,and a Bro.& Sis. from Plainview,Texas. We invite You and all the Brethren & Sisters in Christ to come meet with us when you can. Sincerely your Bro.in Christ. N.E.Bergstrom.
Our thanks to the Church for the kind assistance,and to you Brother Bergstrom for your good letter and news. Write us again. Editor.

Church of Christ--Reydon,Okla.

Among those attending the service today May I7th: Were Bro.& Sis. J.C.Spurlin. Reydon. Bro.& Sis.Walter K.Spurlin of Hooker,Okla. Sis.Dora Wells of Reydon.,and Evangelist.James S.L.Morse of Hammon, Okla. Bro.J.C.Spurlin led the song service. Bro.Walter K.Spurlin led prayer. Bro.Morse preached. Sermon entitled"Investigate, Search the Scriptures" The service is held at I0:30 A.M. Come worship with God's chosen people. I believe we will have the use of the Reydon school gymnasium beginning Lord's Day May 24th. Bro.Morse intends to preach in Reydon,often. Come worship with us and get acquainted. A "Thus saith the Lord" will be given for all acts of worship,and doctrine. Brethren/Sisters from far and near,likewise non-members come to the Lord's house in the interest of your souls. A friendly welcome awaits you. Don't put it off,come visit with us. I was glad when they said unto me,let us go unto the house of Jehovah. Psalm I22:I.

Brother J.H.Lackey of Springfield,Colorado. Sent us $5.00 to support "Thus Saith The Lord" Thank you Bro.Lackey.,Your assistance is very much appreciated. May the Lord bles and prosper the church in your vincinity. Many thanks again for your assistance..

Market Avenue--Church of Christ.,San Pablo,Calif.

Bro.Amos S.Bever wrote us a very nice and interesting letter,which I quote in part. "I received your letter of April IOth,and read the same with much interest. We the congregation here at San Pablo realize how hard it is to make a go of it without sufficient funds. We have been struggling along on a shoestring for quite awhile now and have got a long way to go yet,we really got ourselves in debt when we purchased the place where we now meet,it is not to much to look at,but we are really proud of it. If the Lord is willing,we will get it paid for some day" We meet on Sunday morning at I0:30. Yes the congregation likes "Thus Saith The Lord" very well. Yes Bro. Morse I am for more than one service per week! Thank you Bro.Bever I enjoyed your good letter,and hope to hear from uou again.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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ANY ONE DESIRING TO ASSIST THE BRETHREN OF THE MARKET AVENUE- - - CHURCH OF CHRIST.,SAN PABLO IO,CALIF.,TO PAY OFF THEIR BUILDING DEBT ,SEND YOUR DONATION TO:Mr.AMOS S .BEVER I509-I5th Street., SAN PABLO,CALIF. THE EDITOR.

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Bro.Willie Doan of Broken Bow,Okla. Writes.

That all is well there...Quote "I was glad that my subject was of a type you can publish. I think we should try to convert more people, but I think also we should try to keep the ones that we have.People down here just want to go hear the truth preached to them. We have around 20 where we worship" Thank you Bro.Doan. Write us again,and you will find your article in this issue. The editor.

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NOTICE--An error was published in VOL.I.--NO.I. Of "Thus Saith The Lord". Page 4,Saying "As I understand Paul,we must not contend over these minor ordinances,as set forth in I Cor.II:3-I6..... WE MUST KEEP THE ORDINANCES AS PAUL DELIVERED THEM TO US..... "THUS SAITH THE LORD" Evangelist. James S.L.Morse.....

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Brethren: We need articles to publish,write them short,medium,or long. We need news of baptisms,restorations,weddings,births & deaths. Who preached for you? Who were your visitors? Are you going to hold a gospel meeting? If so,when? By whom? We will advertize your meeting free of charge. NOTE--"Thus Saith The Lord" was NOT published for May IIth,instead,we published"the Warrior". "Thus Saith The Lord" will continue in print. Brethren: I thank all of you who are assisting me in keeping "Thus Saith The Lord" in print, with your donations,articles,news and encouragement. Yours in Christ.

Evangelist.James S.L.Morse.

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That was what Paul taught the people in that time and he told us to follow him as he was of Christ. Now in I Cor.II:23 "The Lord Jesus in the same night in which he was betrayed took bread and give thanks for it,he brake it and said,take eat,this is my body which is broken for you,this do in remembrance of me,and after the same manner he took the cup,when he had supped,saying this cup is the new testament in my blood,this do in remembrance of me. (Ignore quotation marks) Let us see what next is the Christians duty. We find that the Christian must pray,for we find in I Thess.5:I7,I8. Pray without ceasing. In everything giving thanks,for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. We find again Paul speaking in I Tim.2:8. I will that therefore that men pray everywhere,lifting up holy hands with out wrath and doubting. We should pray with a forgiving heart,clean and pure,and we should not doubt,we should believe that God will hear our prayers. Next a Christian must sing. For we hear again the apostle speaking in Eph.5:I8,I9,20. And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess,but be filled with the spirit. Speaking to yourselves in psalmns and hymns and spiritual songs,singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. We should be subject one to amother which means that one is not exalted above the other,we are all one in Christ Jesus. Next a Christians duty is to give as God has prospered him,for we find in I Cor I6:I,2. Now concerning the collection for the saints as I have given order to the churches of Galatia,even so do ye upon the first day of the week,let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. He did not say just how much,or how little to give,but it should be with a willing heart,as we find in the next scripture 2 Cor.9:7/. Ever man according as he purposeth in his heart,so let him give,not grudgingly or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver. Also we are to speak the things which become sound doctrine as recorded in Titus 2:I,2. But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine. Vs.8.Sound speech that cannot be condemned that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed having no evil thing to say of you. That is a Christians duty. Next men should teach others the gospel of Christ as Paul told Timothy. 22 Tim.ZLI,2. Thou therefore my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. Next a Christian should be pure,and not partakers of other mens sins as recorded by I Tim 5:22. Lay hands suddenly on no man,neither be partakers of other mens sins. Recompense to no man evil(for) provide things honest in the sight of all men. Vs I9.Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves,but rather give place unto wrath,for it is written, vengeance is mine saith the Lord. Vs 2I. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Next the christian should be of one mind,that is just being united in spirit and in truth,thinking only of the things above,having compassion one of another,love as brethren, be pitiful,be couteous. I Peter 3:8. It is the duty of Christians to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. This is pure religion. James I:27. A Christian should be patient. A Christian is in a race and he has to run til he crosses the finish line which is natural death,and we can't escape that for we find in Heb.9:27. And as it is appointed unto men-- once to die,but after this the judgment. So we must run,let us read I2. (Continued on page 8)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Vs 2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. He that finishes the race for God is the ones he will confess before the heavenly Father,and will not have his name blotted out of the book of life as we find in Rev.3:5. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot his (out)name out of the book of life.but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. Finally Christians should dwell together in unity as we find in Psalm I:33 Behold how good it is & how pleasent for brethren to dwell together in unity.
If there is one here that is not saved,there is just one way to obey the Lord,and that is just the way he tells us. Ist. They must hear. Rom.I0:17 I4. Rev.3:20. Next he must believe . Acts I6:3I. Mark I6:I6. Next he must repent of sins. Acts 2:38. Acts 3:I9. Next he must confess Jesus as the Christ. Matt I0:32. Acts 8:37. Next he must be baptized. John 3:5. Acts 2:38. Acts 22:I6 , Rom.6:4. **********I hope I've given you a good lesson. It is just a reminder that it is our duty to do those things... With a lot of love for all of the brethren & sisters & and friends,I close,asking you to pray for me in all your prayers. Willie Doan.
Thank you Bro.Doan. Write us another article if you wish.The Editor.

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Church of Christ--Modesto,Calif.

Dear Bro.in Christ: This leaves me up again,I have been down with the the flu since I received your letter and I have arthritus all over me ,but I am in hopes that when it gets real warm weather that it may get get better. Bro.Morse I am sending you a report concerning the Church here.. The Church in south Modesto,Calif. Is located at the corner of Glenn and Dallas streets,5 blocks west of Crows Landing Road. We have a comfortable concrete block building,well seated. We have about 38 families represented in our congregation,about 60 members. We assemble for worship each first day of the week,at I0: 30 til I2:00 A.M. We first have prayer,then our singing service, then our preaching service,then the communion service,then the contribution service. .Then we meet at 7:30 P.M. For prayer,singing,and preaching. We extend an invitation to any one passing this way,to come and worship with us. We are sending you $4.00 to help on the paper, "Thus Saith The Lord" F.H.Logan.
Thank you Bro.Logan for the good letter,and wish to extend my thanks to the Church for their donation. Sure appreciate the report on the Church there in Modesto,and extend my congratulations to all for the zeal manifested in having two services per Lord's Day. Keep up the good work, I rejoice with you,that you have prospered and grown. All congregations should have 2 or 3 services per week. We must prove our faith by our works. We must demonstrate the fact that we love God and are ACTIVE in his work. I commend you on the length of your Lord's Day service.. I wish I could find the same zeal manifested in all other congregations. Turbulent weather is nearby and I must finish this copy. May the Lord bless you and keep you is our prayer. Yours in Christ. Evangelist.James S.L.Morse.

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