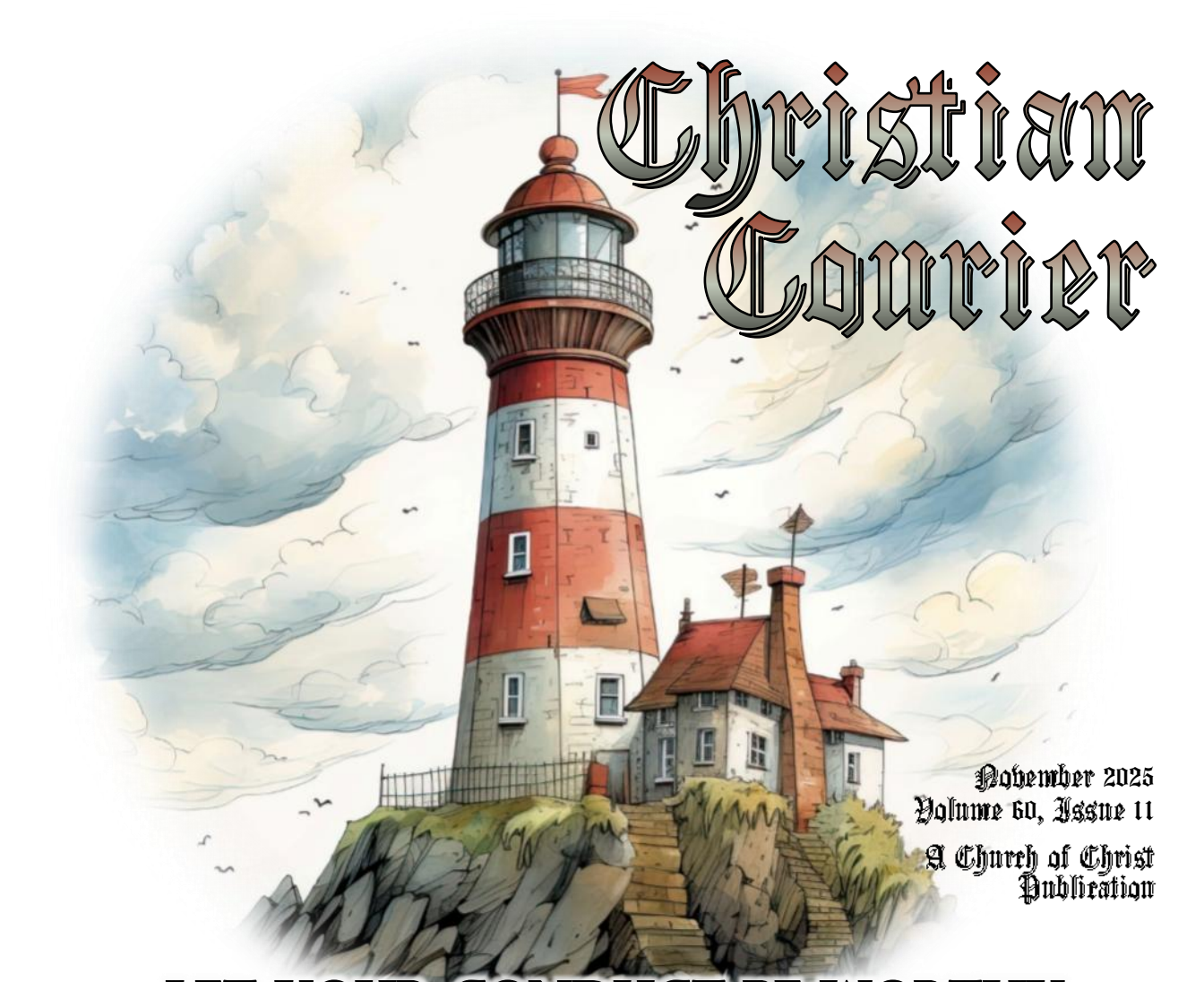


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LET YOUR CONDUCT BE WORTHY

BRO. JOHN KOMBO

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.
(NKJV: Philippians 1:27-30)

The lifestyle of all Christians must manifest the dignity and integrity of the gospel through which they were called (Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:12; Col. 1:10).

In the short passage, (Philippians 1:27-30), Paul identifies five things that we can use to determine whether or not we are conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

First, Paul says that we are to "*stand fast in one spirit*". When we "stand fast" we are firm, fixed in our position, immovable, and secure. Does an examination of our lives indicate that we are fixed in our position relating to the teachings of Christ?

Secondly, Paul says that we are with one mind to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Christ. For our conduct to be worthy we must work, but not only work, we must work together as a group. Are we of the same mind, intent and understanding concerning the teachings of the Gospel?

Thirdly, Paul says that we are not in any way to be terrified by our adversaries. How many of us have adversaries because we are Christians? Is Paul suggesting that if our conduct is worthy of the Gospel of Christ, then we will have adversaries? If we don't have adversaries, then this suggests that our conduct is not worthy of the Gospel of Christ? Paul states that Christians should not in any way be terrified by adversaries.

Fourth, Paul says that Christians show that they are worthy of the Gospel of Christ, when they believe on Him. It is our faith in Christ that enables us to stand fast in the face of adversaries and to successfully suffer for the sake of Christ.

Fifthly, Paul says that Christians show that they are worthy of the Gospel of Christ

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when they suffer for His sake. As Christians, we must bear up under all the trials that beset us on account of our loyalty in following Christ. In 2 Timothy 3:12, Paul said; "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution". In 2 Timothy 2:12, Paul said; "*If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, He also will deny us*". In Mathew 5:11-12, Jesus said; "*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecute the prophets who were before you*".

For the faithful Christians, suffering on behalf of Christ is to be expected. Also to be expected are the rewards that result from such suffering.

As we try to determine if our conduct is worthy of the Gospel of Christ, we each need to ask ourselves the following questions.

1. Am I standing fast in one spirit?
2. Am I with fellow Christians, of one mind as we struggle to understand and teach others of Christ?
3. Am I fearless in the face of adversaries who attempt to oppose me in my efforts for Christ?
4. Is my faith in Christ strong enough to allow me to successfully stand up for Christ and endure trials and persecutions because of my attempts to follow Him?
5. Am I, because of my faith and trust in Christ, suffering?

A "no" answer to any one of these five questions suggests that we have work to do as we attempt to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

God bless all of you, dear brethren.

Your Brother and servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Kombo
Kenya, Africa





Milk of the Word

This was the one that got me started in my interest in the numbers of the Bible. I didn't know what the original implications were — whether, when you age past 40, life is worth the struggle of youth or not. But this is what I got out of it.

The number 40 shows up often in the Bible. Because 40 appears so often in contexts dealing with judgment or testing, many scholars understand it to be the number of "probation" or "trial." This doesn't mean that 40 is entirely symbolic; it still has a literal meaning in Scripture. "40 days" means "40 days," but it does seem that God has chosen this number to help emphasize times of trouble and hardship.

- Genesis 7:17–24: It rained 40 days and nights to destroy the world with water.
- Acts 7:20–35: Another example is Moses, when he committed murder. He hid for 40 years before being called to save the Israelites.
- Exodus 24:18: Later, Moses received the commandments.
- 1 Samuel 17: Goliath taunted the Israelites for 40 days.

It also appeared in prophecies: Ezekiel 4:5–8; Ezekiel 29:11–13. This is to show that there will be trials and tribulations. If you push through the 40 days, on the 41st day, great things can befall us.

Acts 1:3–11 reminds us that we need to put on the whole armor to weather them, like Noah used the ark. Ephesians 6:10–18. And remember: through God we can do all things, as shown in David's victory over Goliath. Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:19.

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Voices from the Past

The Christian COURIER

DECEMBER 1969
Modesto, California

"...I had the privilege to speak for the congregation at Elk City, Oklahoma last Lord's day morning. Then Sunday night we went out to the Coulter church..."

-Earl Atchley, Westville, OK

"...Bro. & Sis. Couchman are planning to move to Reydon, Oklahoma, so I will carry on the services, as long as I am here..."

-Charles R. Bruce, Carlsbad, NM

"...Because Bro. Horace Orendorff and Bro. Harry Dye will be away for their gospel meetings for a short while, the Somerton congregation has changed the date of their meeting..."

-Congregation of Somerton, AZ

"...I thought Bro. J.D.'s article on the breaking of the bread to be very good. It was very timely and to the point, and was very much needed by the young brethren as well as the old..."

-Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA

"...The attendance has been better than usual here lately, which is always good to see. Also, Bro. & Sis. Floyd Camp have a new baby girl..."

-Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK

"...We are proud to announce that Bro. & Sis. Olan Taylor have a new granddaughter, Renee Michelle Taylor, born Oct. 29th..."

-Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA

"...The loyal Church of Christ here in Sacramento, Calif. will soon be meeting at 501 "C" St. in Broderick, Calif. The building is located on the corner of 5th and C Streets..."

-John D. Usrey, Sacramento, CA

"...We have had quite a few visiting brethren here recently. Bro. and Sis. Staggs and daughter Peggy..."

-The Church that meets in Yuma, AZ

"...Bro. and Sis. Al Burtis and family, Sis. Jewell Cadwell, Sis. Ellen Jean McCay, and Bro. Lloyd Logan all journeyed to Yakima, Wash. For Bro. Horace Orendorff's meeting over the thanksgiving weekend..."

-The Modesto, CA Congregation

"...We're all doing fairly well other than having tonsillitis and colds. Sister Bergstrom is coming along very nicely after being ill..."

-L.C. Barker, Midland, TX

"...We have Bro. Homer Bryant & family meeting with us now. He & his family moved from Modesto to the Concord area. We are very happy to have them with us..."

-Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA

"...Bill McCay Jr. and I have this wish. We both have the ability to stand before people and speak the truth..."

-Richard Johnston, Yakima, WA

"...we were made to realize that brothers from different congregations could work together in unity and peace..."

-George Vanderpool, Huntsville, AR

If you'd like to read the letters in full, go to 1CupHistory.Church -> Christian Couriers

Guess Who???

The answer is below the Bulletin Board

This one is just too easy!



News from Abroad

Appreciated brothers:

I greet them with the desire that the LORD it blesses as family and member of the Church of Christ.

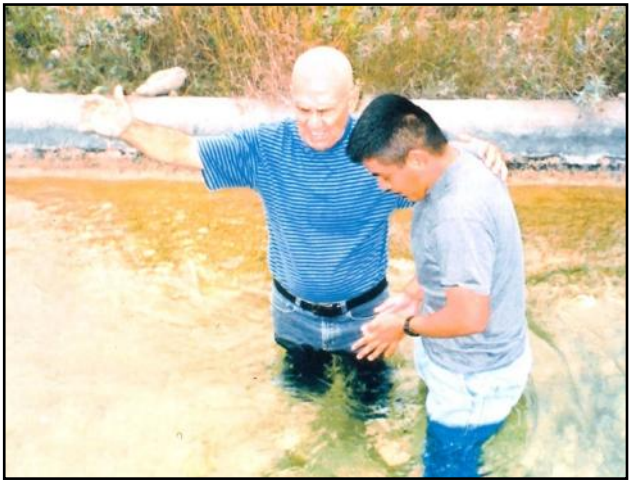
I comment that I had the opportunity to visit the brothers in Saltillo Mexico to support in the evangelism work and I comment that two people obeyed the Gospel and they were baptized.

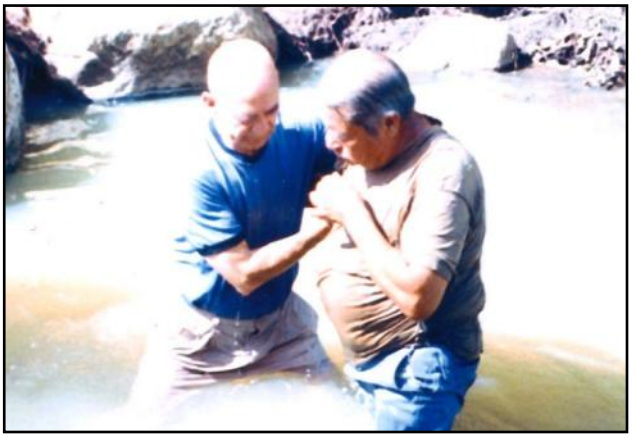
The brothers have encourage and they continue making the evangelization work.

Thank you for your participation and support in this evangelization work.

Otto & Mariela Alvarez







TANZANIA UPDATE

Brothers and Sisters,

We hope that you are doing well in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers for those injured and frightened during protest over the last two weeks. Mercifully, God has protected us from this.

We had a two day evangelism meeting which started on Nov 11 to Nov 12. We reached many people with the gospel and the topic each one of us had was the plan of God for salvation.

Thanks to brother Gerald who enabled us to have Bibles which helped us in many areas. During this time we distributed the Bibles and when we are teaching we were mentioning Bible chapters and verses and let them read by themselves. And by these efforts brother Zechari Sangorah obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ and was immersed for the remission of sins. Pray for him so that he can grow in the way that is pleasing God. Continue to pray for us and the mission work that we are doing in Africa.


Alex Sadat

We would like to thank you also for your support for the mission work, we pray that you continue to do so that the body of Christ be built.

May God bless you all.
Your brother in Christ
Sadat





We are deeply grateful for your faithful support of our Africa & Latin America Outreach Missions. Your contributions make it possible for our foreign ministers to carry out their work and travels, cover yearly congregation registration fees, and place Bibles and song books into the hands of new believers and growing congregations. Each gift is a lifeline that strengthens the church abroad and equips our brothers and sisters to worship and grow in Christ. Thank you for sharing in this ministry and helping the Gospel reach hearts across these communities.

Donations and requests for information may be sent to:

Church of Christ
Africa Mission
3814 64th Drive
Lubbock, TX 79413

KENYA UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your continued communication and prayers. We all thank God our Almighty Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The Bible says, "*for in Him we live and move and have our being as also some of your own poets have said*". For we are His offspring! (Acts 17:28). All humanity is in God since God is omnipresent (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3). We cannot escape His presence. We cannot live outside His domain. In Him, all humanity dwells and is thus able to exist, for without the existence of God no man could continue to exist.



Below are the pictures taken during our Baptismal event which took place on 12th October 2025. We received a new convert who joined us in the Church of Christ; this was as a result of our weekly fellowship meetings.

Your continued support in spreading the gospel is of great impact to our local community through cell group meetings and fellowship.

God bless you, your family, and the brethren in the Church of Christ.

Your Brothers in Christ,

John Kombo, Robert Keiyo and Simion Omwansa





Halfway is an Enemy of...

Realized goals.

It's easy to write our goals down, get started, but then many quit halfway. Success comes in completion. Eccl. 7:8, "*Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*"

Young Christians sometimes want to change the world. They get discouraged when they want results now. The ending is better than the beginning.

High standards.

Whatever we do in the name of Christ must be our best. Our lives must be pure and we should have good ethics. Matt. 5:8, "*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*"

The world says, "What's wrong with halfway morality?" Listen to Jesus: Matt. 6:24-25, "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*"

If you try to live in both worlds (God & man's) you will give up God's.

Growth.

Being half-grown is not enough. Eph. 4:11-16, "*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 ministry, for the edifying 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 the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight 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 joined 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.*"

Those young in the body of Christ are susceptible to any wind of religious doctrine they hear. They have not yet learned to check out everything they hear concerning the doctrine of God. That's why Paul told young Timothy to study.

In a junior high cross-county race some runners misread the trail marking and ran the wrong direction. By the time they discovered the error they had lost the race. The marking of the trail, although made by someone else, and was not clearly marked still caused those who followed it to lose. We must not be content to be halfway.

(This article is taken from Ellis's lesson titled "Halfway is not enough")

Bro. Ellis Forsman

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Lorenzo, TX



Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 2:24-26

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine

Now the words of Christ go to the rest of the congregation there at Thyatira and also to the people that are reading this letter, meaning all Christians for all times. The good things this letter is going to tell us from here on, are to the people that hadn't fell into the doctrine that Jezebel was teaching.

and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak;

I think it's pretty obvious that the immorality that Jezebel and her followers had went to, through the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans was an extremely evil one according to God. What they spoke or taught was really bad to be considered in the depths of Satan.

I will put upon you none other burden.

I wonder if Jesus meant the trials that they were having because of this false teaching were enough to burden any congregation and he would step in to keep other evils away from them, so what they had to bear wouldn't overcome them.

Rev 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

Here Jesus tells them they do not need or should be wanting of the doctrine which has taken hold of the mind of Jezebel's followers. They had been taught the pure Gospel and should hold fast to that doctrine.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end,

The message of overcoming is given in every letter to the seven churches. It is a promise of life beyond this one, where we will never die, but as always is conditional upon doing the Lord's will and work.

to him will I give power over the nations

This is where the premillennialists really go crazy with their timetables and charts. Believing that the Christian nation will rule physically upon this earth in Jerusalem and be in control of the whole world.

Rom 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Here is the power that we will have over the nations, the power to preach the true gospel of Christ that leadeth every soul that obeyeth to salvation.

In Christian Love

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Thought for the Month

One thing that cannot be argued: *Jesus gave us many powerful examples of humility.* From washing His disciples' feet to healing the sick to defending little children, He was pure humility, all wrapped up in kindness, charity, and service.

But the question remains for us today: are we ourselves humble? Not in a self-defeating way, but in a kind, reassuring, and loving way. Do we give others our full attention when they speak? Do we take the focus off ourselves and turn it toward others or the things of God? Are we fully present when someone needs us?

Christ's own words remind us, *"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45)

May we walk in that same spirit, letting His example shine in our interactions, our service, and our daily lives. And may His peace rest easily upon you.

Love & Blessings
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We have acquired **Bro. Ellis Foresman's** Study of Revelation and have reproduced it in book form. Please let us know if you'd like one. We will be happy to mail you one! It is also on **1CupHistory.Church** as a PDF!

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Bulletin Board

Prayer List

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Sandra Hughes	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Mike Schell	Montrose, CO	Cancer in both lungs
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Melanoma Cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Larry Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Heart attack & surgeries
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cuming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues, back & leg pain
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Susie Davis	Yuma, AZ	Kidney trouble
Suzie Warford	Port Orchard, WA	Cancer
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Guess Who??? Answer: George & Retha Morris

(Told you it was easy lol)

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*This one is **not** easy!!! Some are upside down and backwards! Enjoy!!!*

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