IT IS WRITTEN

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—MATTHEW 4:4.

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"IN MEMORY OF BRO. C. E. SCOTT

On Dec. 23 Brother Claude E. Scott of Lorenzo, Texas departed to receive the crown of righteousness that is laid up for him. He had fought a good fight, he has finished his course, He has kept the faith.

Brother Scott was 78 years old, and had been a member of the Lord's church for 60 years. He leaves behind his faithful wife, Sister Maude Scott, a son, Jack Scott and family of Abilene, Texas; a daughter, Sister Anna Maude Hopper and family of Petersburg, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Maybelle Stallings of Roswell, New Mexico; three sisters, and a number of grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Brother W. H. Francis of Mangum, Oklahoma. He was buried at Lorenzo, Texas on Dec. 24.

The Poet has said:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing, leave behind us
Foot prints on the sands of time."

Brother Scott has departed, but the footprints that he left on the sands of time will long be a source of encouragement and inspiration to those who are left behind, and yet, Brother Scott was not a great man, as the world counts greatness. He was just a carpenter and a farmer, but we remember the words of a lowly carpenter from Galilee, who also believed and taught that: "Who so ever among you, would be the greatest, let him be a servant of all."

Brother Scott never reached any great heights in the political, social, or financial world, but he was a good neighbor to all. He never failed to feed the hungry. He never failed to lift up the fallen. He never failed to encourage the downtrodden. He never sought after power or wealth, but he never made an enemy. When his own troubles and trials were so great, I never heard him complain, and he always had a cheerful smile and a pleasant word, no matter how great his sorrow, but I have often seen him weep like a child over someone else's misfortune. Brother Scott was loved and respected by rich and poor alike, but he never went out of his way to seek favor from the rich or influential, but would go to any end to win the love and

confidence of a little child. To see happiness in the faces of children was his greatest joy, and sharing what he had with others was his constant delight.

Brother Scott was so completely unselfish that he was never satisfied unless he was sharing with others, not only his worldly goods, but his happiness and pleasures also. This led him, early in his married life, to adopt a son, whom he reared as his own to be a Christian man, who in turn has reared a fine Christian family. Still there was more than enough love and generosity to fill that home, so he and Sister Scott took into their home, a little girl who had lost her mother, and whose father could not, at that time, provide the care and keeping that he wanted her to enjoy. This little girl, they kept and loved and cared for as their very own, until the father re-established a home where he could care for her properly again, and then they gave her up, unselfishly, to make the father's happiness complete again. Later on, when their own daughter was born into that household, there was still love, and goodnes, and food, and shelter that he wanted to share with others, so again that home was opened to another little girl, who needed a place to live that she might have the opportunity to go to school. While making her home with Brother and Sister Scott, this little girl won Brother Scott's undying love and devotion, and the last time that I talked with Brother Scott, before he passed away, he avowed to me that she was his, "Very own girl." No father could have loved more completely, or shared more unselfishly than he did with all whom he had the opportunity to befriend.

No opportunity to "Do unto others" was ever overlooked by this friend of mankind, so it was that in later years, another motherless girl was taken into that home, to share everything that they had to offer, and again a young man and his wife who had suffered misfortune and ill health, found comfort and security in the home of our good neighbors, until better times came their way again.

So went the course of his entire life. Space would fail us, to mention all of the noble deeds this brother did on behalf of his fellow man. We might truly say, as did John of olden times, about another humble carpenter: "And there are also many other things which He did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." Jno. 21:15.

His life is fondly remembered by this writer over a space of almost forty years, when my first memory of him was when he came to our home bringing me, (a very small boy) a gift. A little pet rabbit, and a host of happy memories, to be cherished forever. From that day on, I have always had a loyal and faithful friend. There was always one who would understand, and who would help in time of need. From recent talks with his wife, and with his beloved sisters, I learned that this same trait of character went back far beyond my memories of him, even

to his boyhod days, when his generosity was considered by some to be a fault, and when he was accused of neglecting his own needs, to bring happiness to others, and when he was criticized by some because he persisted in spending his own time and money on those who could never return the favors.

No, Brother Scott was not a great man, in the eyes of the world. He never held a high office. He never made the social register. He never wrote a book, nor was he a great preacher. In fact, he was sometimes criticized, sometimes condemned because of his plain speech and his impulsive maner. Many times censored for neglecting his own work to help a neighbor, and for giving away what was rightly his own.

Brother Scott has finished his course. His race is run. It matters not whether the world recognizes his greatness or not, for this we know: When all nations of the earth are gathered there before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the one who said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and "Do unto others" will say: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, for so many times have I hungered, and ye gave me meat. So very often when I was thirsty, ye gave me drink. So many, many times, I was a stranger and you always took me in. Every time that you saw me naked you clothed me, and many times when I was sick, you visited me, for every time that you did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Think of it. Every time that our dear Brother befriended some one in need a closer and stronger bond of friendship was made with the One who was so great, that He became the servant of all. Who lived so humbly and simply on this earth, that God has exalted His name above every name in Heaven and in Earth. Yes, we know that there is an eternal friendship between these two, that will never be broken, in eternity, and as we think back over the life of this man, who, while on this earth, was always a friend to every man, and indeed a friend to all of God's creatures, we feel sure that such a man must be a very special friend of God.—J.W.B.

THE PLACE WHERE WE CAN BEGIN AGAIN

Even Adam and Eve, who were in position to put forth their hand and eat of the tree of life and live forever, and surrounded with everything to make them happy were persuaded there were better things in store for them if they would only eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Gen. 3:1-21. But we see the awful result in verses 22-24, chapter 3, they were sent forth from the garden lest they eat of the tree of life and live forever.

So, we see Adam's "beginning again," was on a lower plane than he previously occupied. Nevertheless, he did have a chance "to begin again."

Gen. Chapters 6 to 8, we have the account of how Noah, living in a very wicked world, with God's intention to destroy it. But Noah was a righteous man and God permitted him to build an ark in which he was transported from that evil condition

into a condition in which they could "begin again."

After the children of Israel had gone down into Egypt and been put into slavery, God brought them out under Moses with a mighty hand into the Promised Land which he had promised to Abraham (Gen. 12) "where they could begin all over again."

Men in all ages, because of financial difficulties, have pushed out to find a new place of "beginning." Men and women who have fallen low morally have longed and wished for a place where they could rub out the past and "begin again." Many a poor soul who has gone too far in crossing up with the law, so that if taken would lose their liberties for life, have yearned to find a place where they could put all the past out of mind and have another chance "to begin life over again."

Dear friend, you may have fallen low, the clouds of adversity may hang dark over you; but there is a place of "beginning again." A place where all the past be forgotten and you can begin life anew.

II Cor. 5:17: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things become new." And there is it. In Christ you are a new creature; you can begin life "again." "Old things are passed away." Yes, all the dark, bitter past is wiped out; you can begin life anew. Isaiah 1:18: "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Heb. 8:12: "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Indeed, it is a "place of beginning again." For in Christ you will be a new creature and your sins and iniquities will God remember no more. All your bitter heartaches and mistakes of this life can be blotted out and you can truly begin life anew.

If I told you of such a place somewhere in the world of course you would want to know just how to get there. Just what road led to such a wonderful place; and of course you likewise are interested just how to "get into Christ where you will be a new creature; where old things are passed away and where all things are new" (II Cor. 5:17).

The Lord has made it very plain how to reach that wonderful place. You must believe; for "without faith it is impossible to please God. . . " Heb. 11:6. The Gospel is what is preached; Mark 16:15, and it must be believed, Mark 16:16. You must repent; Luke 13:3, 4; Acts 17:30. You must confess Jesus; Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9, 10.

You must be baptized to be saved, Mark 16:15, 16; "for the remission of your sins," Acts 2: 38; to "wash away your sins," Acts 22:16; for it "saves us," I Peter 3:20, 21.

We are "baptized into Christ," Romans 6:3; Gal. 3:27; "the place where we can begin again;" where we are "new creatures," where "old things are passed away, and all things are made new;" where "all spiritual blessings" are, Eph. 1:3; Where "we have redemption through His blood," Eph. 1:7.

Where "we obtain the inheritance," Eph. 1:11. Where "God is reconciling the world to Himself," II Cor 5:19. Truly, in Christ is a place where you can "begin life over again."

And after we have entered this haven for lost humanity, if we sin; God has made it possible for us to "begin again." In Acts 8:13, we see Simon believed and was baptized; hence, he was saved, Mark 16:15, 16; but he -sinned, Acts 8:18, 19. Verses 20-23; Peter told him to "repent and pray." Hence, we see after we have entered Christ, "the place where we can begin again;" if we fall as Simon did, we can get up and make a new start, "begin again." I Jno. 2:1, 2; James 5:16, also verses 19, 20 show us that if after we have entered Christ and had our chance to "begin life again;" and fall, we can "begin all over again."

And so, we can fight the fight of faith and finally land in that home where God will "make all things new," Rev. 21:5. Where God will "wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

May God bless everyone of you to avail yourselfes of this wonderful opportunity is my prayer.

As ever, Yours in Christ,

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THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

That will be the Day of all Days. Let us picture a great court house, with a lot of people to be judged by a single judge; some to go free, and some to be sentenced to death. That will be like us on that great day, only our Judge will be the Lord Himself. There will be a lot of questions asked on that day: "Why did I not obey the Gospel?" for we find in Heb. 9:27 "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

After we die, it is too late to do anything about our soul's salvation. We will face the judgment day, just like we leave this world, whether a sinner of a Christian. We find in Acts 10:42 where Peter tells us that Christ commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is Christ which was ordained of God to be the judge of the quick and the dead, and we know it will be a Day, and not Days that He will judge us, for we find in Acts 17: 31, "Because He hath appointed a Day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man, Christ, whom He hath ordained." So we had better think on these things, and if we are not right with God, we had better get right with Him, because He is going to be revealed from Heaven, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power." II Thess. 1:8-9.

Now we find that judgment must begin at the house of God, or the church and if it begins at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous shall scarcely be saved, where shall the un-

godly and the sinner appear? I Peter 4:17-18.

So it is important that everyone should believe the gospel for it is the power of God as recorded in 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." The thoughts of many on that Day will be: Why did I not obey the Gospel of Christ? God is not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. II Peter 3:9. Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. Heb. 2:9. Every man, woman, boy, and girl has a chance to be saved. How will it be with you on that great Day of judgment?

The Christian must give an account of his stewardship, so to speak, of his affairs, and he must give an account on that day, just how he managed, as we find in Matt. 25:34-35. It will be a sad day on the day of judgment for those that have not obeyed the gospel and also for those that once obeyed and failed to live for the Lord the rest of their lives, on earth.

That will be the greatest crowd that ever assembled, for we find in II Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in His body, whether it be good or bad." All races of man from Adam until the end of time will be there. What a Day that will be! That will be the greatest judge that ever sat on a throne, as we find in Rev. 22:12. And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according to his work shall be. So let us think on these things, and if not Christians, let us become Christians and to those who are Christians, let us strive harder each day, to live better, then we can say as this man did in II Tim. 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me that day." In this life, you can buy a judge off, with wealth, but God is a Judge that will give every man his reward, whether it is good or bad. In this life there are some mighty great law books in this land of ours, but none of them to compare with the books that will be opened on the day of judgment, as we find in Rev. 20: 12, "And I saw the dead small and great stand before God, and the books were opened and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things written in the books." For we find in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that shall judge him: The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Let us think on these things, for it will be the greatest separation that man ever knew. The Christian will be on the right hand of God, and the sinner on the left. The Lord will say to the Christians, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." Won't it be sad for us to see some of our loved ones separated from us; some to go one way and some to go another way? That is what will happen if we don't all live for God, for we hear Him say to the ones on His left hand: "De-

part from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, and these shall go away in to everlasting punishment."

Are we ready for that day of judgment? To the ones that are not Christians, let me plead with you: Will you not accept Christ today? Remember, the judgment day is coming, and we know not how soon. To the Christians: let us strive harder each day to be better Christians, for we too shall face the judgment, and where of where will we stand on that day, on the right hand or on the left hand of God?

Sinner friends, won't you come and be saved? Our Lord tells you that He stands at the door and knocks. If you will open the door, and let Him come in, He will sup with you and you with Him. Rev. 3:20. Again our Savior is pleading: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon me and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30. First you must hear the gospel, Rom. 10:17, John 8:32. Next you must believe the gospel, Heb. 11:16, John 20:31. Next you must repent, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30. Next you must confess faith in Christ, Rom. 10:10, Matt. 10:32. Be baptized, Gal. 3:27, Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38. New dear friends, it is up to you and me, how we will stand on that great day of judgment.

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PUNISHMENT

By Brother Harry Davis

We find that the definition of punishment is: pain inflicted for an offense. So we understand, from a Bible viewpoint, that an offense, on the part of a Christion, would be violating one of God's commandments. In I John 5:3 we read: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous." Let us read now in Matt. 5:19: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven, but whosoever shall do and teach them, shall be called the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." From the above Scriptures, we can see, that to break one of Gods' commandments would be an offense, and in that case would be subject to punishment, if correction was not made.

GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD.

Ex. 34:14 "For thou shall worship no other God; for the Lord whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." II Cor. 11:1-2 Paul speaks of Godly jeaousy: "Would to God you could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed, bear with me, for I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I might present you a chaste virgin to Christ.

LORD NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to usward, not

willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

JUST IN HIS JUDGMENTS

John 5:30 "I can of mine own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgments are just, because I seek not mine own will but the will of the father which hath sent me." From the Scriptures we have just read, we discover several things. They are: That God is a loving God, He is a jealous God, and a forgiving God, as we read previously in II Peter 3:9 "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Then by this we know that one having made an offense, has a way to reconcile himself. But — TO THOSE WHO ARE CONTENTIOUS: Rom. 2:8-9 "But to those that are contentious (or argumentive) and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness; indignation and wrath, tribulations and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the jew first, and also of the gentiles.

CAST INTO EVERLASTING FIRE

Matt: 25:41 "Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire." Matt. 13:42 "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25:41 "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." These are but a few Scriptures concerning eternal punishment, but should be enough to convince anyone, knowing or not knowing, that they would not want to spend eternity there.

AND TO THOSE WHO OBEY GOD AND DO HIS WILL:

Rom. 2:7 "To those who by patient continuance in well doing, seek glory for glory and honor and immortality; ETERNAL LIFE." John 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

IN HEAVEN, NO NIGHT

Rev. 21:25 "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night." Rev. 21:33, Rev. 22:5 Tells us that God is the light there. Both chapters 21 and 22, give us some idea of what that glorious reward will be like.

WE SHOULD FEAR

Acts 17:30-31 "And the times of this ignorance, God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom He hath ordained: whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised him from the dead." Acts 10:35 "But in every nation, he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." There are many more Scriptures, concerning fear, but these should be sufficient to show us that a day has been appointed, and we know that the day is the day of judgment, and if we, being Christians, live in fear and do all of His commandments, or commit no offenses, we will be accepted by Him. Heb. 4:1 "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

AT REST

Another of our beloved fellow servants has finished the course, and departed this life to be with the Lord.

Sister Bessie Dye of Somerton, Arizona passed away in the Yuma hospital on Dec. 28, 1956. She is survived by a faithful husband, Brother Nate Dye of Somerton, a son, Brother Harry Dye of Yuma, four daughters, Sister Marshall Spence of Eunice, N. M.; Mrs. Warren Richards of Somerton, Sister J. D. Johnson of Lakeside, Calif., and Sister Earnest Wisehart of Bloomington, Calif., 17 grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at Yuma on Dec. 31, where this writer tried to speak words of tribute to the memory of this noble Sister, mother, and wife. Pallbearers were from the Yuma and Somerton congregations. Sister Dye was well known among the Brotherhood, as both she and Brother Dye had been members of the Church for some 36 years. Had she lived five more days, she would have been 59 years old.

No words can be found to express how greatly this Sister will be missed by all who knew her, as she was one whose life was devoted to others. I have visited in the home of Brother and Sister Dye many times, and her cheerful good nature and kind hospitality was always a source of encouragement and inspiration to me, as it was to others also.

At times like this, when we are all sorrowing over the loss of such a beloved Sister, it makes us realize more fully what an important and vital part that our faithful Christian women play in God's plan for the ages. It is good for us, at such times, to look back to the Bible and consider the faithful women of old, and the noble deeds that they are credited with. Even in the beginning, God saw that it was not good for the man to be alone, so He created him a help mate, and down through all ages man has had these faithful companions, these loyal help mates, and even today, we are made to realize that without the noble work that our sisters do, man would indeed be a feeble creature. Sister Dye and her good works will be greatly missed by all who knew her, as was Dorcas of old, but her work, and her faith, and her hopes are finished, and are left behind, and now abides perfect love, and we are persuaded that the perfect love of God and the Savior Jesus Christ will wipe away all tears and make all things new, where all the faithful of all ages will be reunited in the land beyond. — J.W.B.

From Bryte, Calif.: "Rejoice with us, as we had another baptism. Clarence Baker, another teen-ager, and a fine young fellow with a bright future as a good leader in the Kingdom of our Lord. He is going to make his first effort at a short lesson next Lord's Day, and I have all confidence that it will be good. I help them on the lesson on Monday night. I have ordered 10 more Bibles to give to the youngsters tonight. May God bless every one of you, is our prayer.

As ever, Yours in Christ,

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Being some time since I reported any activities to "It Is Written," I take this opportunity to report that about the middle of November, 1956, I was with the faithful little church at Lorenzo, Texas, over the weekend and enjoyed being with these good brothers and sisters very much. They are to be commended for their faithful work for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone passing through Lorenzo who wishes to worship with those faithful brethren, will find the services in harmony with God's word, and also will find a warm welcome.

I also was with the church at Carlsbad, N. M., the latter part of November. Closed the meeting on Dec. 12. There were no additions to the body, but the church was strengthened and encouraged, and some of the "cups" brethren were caused to begin to consider. The brethren at Carlsbad are few in number, but are sound in faith, and never ceasing in their duty. While with these good brethren, I had the privilege of hearing Brother J. W. Bedingfield preach some really good gospel sermons. Brother Bedingfield is strong in the faith and is an able preacher, and is ready to go anywhere at anytime, and I am sure that if it is the gospel you want, you would be pleased to have him in your midst.

I was with the church that meets at Brother Vanderpool's home, Rt. No. 1, Peck, Kansas, over three Lord's Days. The last of which was Jan 6, 1957. I baptized one while there, and the church was very much encouraged to fight on for the cause. Those brethren are all what we term young, both in age and in the body. They are to be commended for their earnestness in carrying on the work for the Lord, as He directed in His word. I do not know of another congregation of the Church of Christ, carrying on regular services, with all such young members. No one of them could be considered elderly in any way. Especially is Brother James Vanderpool to be commended for his willingness to take the lead. All male members take part in carrying on the services. I find those brethren to be sound in the faith, and if anyone should be looking for a place to worship where it can be read in the New Testament Scriptures, you will find it with those brethren. Yours in Christ,
W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, Okla.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS

From a letter from Brother J. C. Spurlin, dated Jan. 6, 1957 "On Saturday before Christmas, wife and I went to Oklahoma City to visit our daughters and family. I was privileged to preach three times for the little congregation which meets at 645 SE 11th St. On Monday night, (Christmas eve) two fine young people made the confession, and were baptized Christmas Day at 2:30 p. m. We consider it the happiest and most successful Christmas we ever had. One of the couple was our granddaughter, therefore it is needness to say we were overjoyed to see her, and to assist her in obeying her Blessed Master. We pray they may ever hold out faithful. Truly, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

"Our check for $10.00 to help

with the publishing of 'It Is Written.' We want to help you bear your burden, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2. We are so few in numbers here we are hardly noticeable, but we try to keep house for the Lord in a way that He will have respect for our offering. We realize if God is to respect our services, as He did Abel's, ours too, must be by faith. Pray for us that we may ever abide in the teaching and council of our Blessed Master. Yours in Christian love, J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Oklahoma."

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Thank you, Brother Spurlin, for the good news, as well as the support. We certainly rejoice with you over the good results of the preaching of the word. May the Lord bless you and multiply your opportunities to proclaim the word, and may He continue to bless you in keeping His house at Reydon. Knowing Brother and Sister Spurlin, I am sure that even though they are few in numbers there, that God does recognize, and have respect for their efforts. Anyone visiting in this part of the country would do well to meet with these faithful Christians at Reydon.—J.W.B.

Brother Frank Brown sends $10 from the Honeyhill Church of Christ for the paper, and reports that there has been the usual cases of colds and flu among them. He also sends in a new name for our mailing list, and reports that Brother Mack Buckner is back with them again, which makes them all very glad. The Honeyhill Church is near Stillwell, Okla., and is a faithful and working congregation.

JESUS OUR PERSONAL SAVIOR

(Continued from Last Issue)

So let us find what Jesus says for us to do, and we will obey that which was delivered to us. First we read in John 8:24 'Except ye believe that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." So we see that those who do not believe, will die in their sins, therefore Christ is not their personal Savior. So, before you can make Jesus your personal Savior, you must believe. Now the next question is this: Is He the personal Savior of everyone that believes? No, indeed. James says in James 2:19 "The devils also believe and tremble." Now we know that Jesus is not the personal savior of Devils. They believe, but they have not obeyed; therefore the Devils have not made Him their personal Savior. James tells us in James 2:24 "That a man is not justified by Faith only," anyway, so we know that there must be something else that Jesus said for us to do. We find in Luke 13:3 that Jesus says, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Now since those who do not repent, will perish, we know that Jesus is not the Savior of those who do not repent, because if they had made Jesus their personal Savior, they would not have perished, but they will perish if they do not repent, so we must repent before we can make Him our personal Savior. Is this all we have to do now? No, we find something else Jesus said for us to do first, in Matt. 10:32-33. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in Heav-

en, but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven." So we see that Jesus demands that we confess Him before men, or else He will deny before the Father in the judgment, that we are His; that is that He is our personal Savior. So we see that we must confess, before He will save us. What other conditions did Jesus promise salvation on? Is there something else that we must obey before we claim Him as our Savior? Yes, there is. In Mark 16:16 Jesus says, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved." So until we do this we are not saved, are we? No, we learned that we must be free from our sins, before we were Christ's, and that we must OBEY Him, and He commands us to be baptized. Now let us see why He wanted us to be baptized. Acts 2:38 "Be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of SINS." So we see that Christ takes away the sins of the world, BUT He has a certain way of taking those sins away, as we see in Acts 22:16 "Be baptized, and wash away thy sins." Now "remission" means "Pardon" or "Forgiveness," so we see that we are baptized to have our sins pardoned or forgiven. That we wash them away in baptism, by being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. In that way Jesus takes our sins away, and we become His servant, because we have obeyed Him.

Now Romans 6:4, tells us that since we have been "buried with Him by baptism," that we should walk in newness of life. That is: not serving sin any more, but serving righteousness. Now we serve Christ in His kingdom. His kingdom is His church, Matt. 16:18-19, His Church is His body, Col. 1:18.

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It is not what we read but what we remember, that makes us learned. It is not what we intend, but what we do, that makes us useful. It is not our wishes, but our struggle that makes us valiant.—H. W. B.

Brother Horace Orendorff of Yuma writes that all is well with them at Yuma. They are now having a Sunday night service there, and are having splendid cooperation and help from the younger brethren there. They are much encouraged by the new interest and activity. This is (in my opinion) one of the finest congregations in the brotherhood, and has my unqualified vote of confidence and endorsement. May God bless you all to press on to perfection in Christ Jesus.—J.W.B.

Brother H. E. McCay of Yakima writes: "The Church at Yakima was strengthened by a gospel meeting held by Brother Francis last month. We enjoyed the association with Brother and Sister Francis very much. Two were restored to the fold."

Brother H. L. Brown writes in that they now have a faithful group meeting in North Highlands, Calif. Anyone interested can reach Brother Brown at 6103 34th St. in North Highlands.