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by Bro. Terry Warford

In scripture, we have to learn from both the good and bad examples. Unfortunately, many bad examples came from Jerusalem. In Matthew 23:37, Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

In the 3rd chapter of Zephaniah, God rebukes and pronounces woe on Jerusalem, and

then lists 4 specific reasons. If we will learn from these examples, we can avoid those same things, have a closer walk with God day by day here, and be more pleasing to Him come the day of judgement.

Zeph. 3:1-2, speaking of Jerusalem, says. "Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God."

1: She obeyed not the voice.

The citizens of Jerusalem did not obey the voice of God, over and over throughout their history. Romans 6:16-18 encourages us to be obedient to God instead of sin. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Rev. 22:14 tells us we will be rewarded for obeying God. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

2: She received not correction.

The book of Proverbs tells us over and over about the importance of being willing to receive and listen to correction and instruction. Let's look at a couple of passages (of many) and see that point.

Proverbs 13:1 says. "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke." And Proverbs 15:31-33 adds. "The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."

When we quit listening, we quit learning and we quit growing. We see the importance of listening to God's instruction in the New Testament as well, James 1:19. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:"

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3: She trusted not in the Lord.

Trusting in the Lord was a problem for Israel all the way back to when they were delivered from Egypt, as we read in Heb. 3:17-19. "But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Trusting in God is an emphatic MUST in order to have a relationship with Him. Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Why would we not trust in the God who gave His only begotten Son to die to forgive us our sins? Rom. 8:31-32. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

4: She drew not near to her God.

This reminds me of Adam and Eve hiding from God when they had sinned, Gen. 3:8. "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden."

Hiding from God instead of drawing close to Him continues to this day, and for the same reason, sin. John 3:19-20. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

Let's repent of our sins, and draw close to God, as James encourages in James 4:8. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

Let us learn from these bad examples of Jerusalem during this time of Zephaniah. Let's turn each of these around so we can have a close relationship with God, and live with Him forever. Let's draw close to God, trust Him, listen to Him even when He corrects us, and obey God.

Rev. 3:20-22. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

In Christian love, Bro. Terry Warford

Notes & Letters

Here's to a better year than we had last year, we have been living from payday to payday like most people these days just trying to survive without going deeper in debt, but we did survive. Hoping to find everyone of our brothers and sisters doing well, we love to hear how the different congregations are doing. I want to thank each and everyone for the prayers and well wishes that were sent in our behalf for our son Robert that we lost this past September 4th. It made for us a very rough few months but with God's help we will survive this also, as the hymn goes we do have the "Precious Memories" of his life. We returned to our home congregation back on November 1st and we held a memorial for him at the church building here, we appreciate those that were able to attend and shed a few tears and some smiles over his life.

It is always such a good feeling to come home and see our family here in Yuma. Terry and Debbie Wilkerson have come over the mountain to join us for the winter, always are so happy to see them. The health of our people here seems to be pretty good. We have some very good men that bring us lessons on Sundays and the bible study that we have are always enlightening for us. I have been lax about getting my letters out to the "Courier" to let everyone know how our group is doing, my apologies for not keeping in touch with our particular group of congregations.

I need to mention our upcoming meeting, the date has been set for the 10th of March through the 17th. It will be guest speakers and hopefully we will have plenty of different brothers to be here with us, always good to have brothers that take on subjects from different angles. We have some ladies that give us wonderful meals throughout the meeting days. There are outings that groups can enjoy, we have some history here locally that is always fun to see and wonder just how the people that came to Yuma before us were able to survive these dreadful temperatures without air-conditioners or even the old fashioned swamp cooler, I remember some of that myself. If you are able to join us during these dates we would love to have you here with us renewing old friendships and hopefully beginning new ones but most of all hearing the Word of God spoken to us through the brothers that attend and to visit with each other, to sing and have discussions. It would be helpful for us to know if you plan to attend so that we can prepare the best way that we can, we have some that have already made plans to be here. My number is 928 503 3709 if you could contact me it would be appreciated.

In Christian love
Denny and Susie Davis
and the Yuma Congregation

Hello to all!

We pray the body of Christ all across the world is experiencing growth in both the knowledge of God's word and in numbers! For the most part, the Broken Bow congregation has been well. Unfortunately, we also have had several illnesses and would like to ask for prayers for Sis. Rita Queen (shingles), Bro. Gage Cochran (severe back pain), Bro. Alan Speligene (recovery from auto accident), and Rylan Perrin (teen Great-grandson of Bro. James and Sis. Linda Camp has Carney Complex/tumors growing on nerves). Sister Rita Queen and Bro. Alan Speligene are recovering. Bro. Gage Cochran will be seeing a specialist and Rylan Perrin will continue to have tumors removed as they arise. We are praying for all to have complete healing and recovery!

We would also ask prayers for Les and Daniel Beason, neighbors who live near the church building. Les's wife and Daniel's mother, Becky, passed away unexpectedly at their home, Saturday. The Beason family has been very good to the Broken Bow congregation, mowing the lawn and keeping an eye on the building. This is a very difficult time for Les and Daniel and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Broken Bow's fall meeting has been postponed until (Lord Willing) Spring 2024. Although we have worked on the new church building, it will not be far enough along in November to hold our meeting. However, we are excited about the possibilities of future meetings and gatherings in 2024!

In closing, we would like to invite all who are in our area to stop by! Services are at 10:30 am Sunday mornings and Bible study Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. The ladies also study at the Broken Bow Public Library, Thursdays at 4:30 pm. Please join us! We love and enjoy our visitors!

In Christ,
The Broken Bow Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are all doing fairly well here at the Pleasant View Congregation. We are blessed with a new baby! Blakely Lou Buckner was born on December 8, 2023 to Jesse and Kaila Buckner. Kenny Buckner is her grandpa and I am her great-grandpa. She is doing fine but please keep Kaila in your prayers as she recovers from some complications.

Also, please keep Retha Morris in your prayers. Due to her health she has to miss a lot. We are sure blessed when she does get to attend service. Lots of families are without their loved ones and the holiday season is even harder for them.

Everyone is invited to our Labor Day weekend meeting August 30-September 1. Our speaker will be announced at a later time. If you are ever in our area, please stop by and visit. All are welcome!

Gerald Buckner
Pleasant View Congregation
Stilwell, OK

As some of our financial contributors have asked to remain anonymous, we will no longer be publishing the usual "Shout-Out" section in the Courier.

We will remain forever grateful for your generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness.

Thank you all so very much!

News from Abroad

Oakdale Church of Christ Orphanage

We have started construction. Praise God!! After 4 years, we are finally starting construction on the Kakamega area, Kenya orphanage. We purchased the land in 2019, but due to COVID there, the government couldn't finalize the purchase until 2022. The recent heavy rains delayed starting until the latter weeks of 2023. The foundations were dug and were being put in place as we closed out 2023. We thank God that He has allowed and helped us to get to this point.

Since 2013 the orphans have been housed in various homes scattered around the area. This will provide a central home for these orphans.

The orphanage will have 2 dorms that will house 44 (with a possibility of 80) children with indoor electricity, plumbing with showers, a kitchen/dining hall, worker's cottage, and a guest cottage with office. The orphanage will be overseen by a committee from the 8 local Churches of Christ in the area. It is our aim to provide these orphan children with a spiritual and loving home, an education, food, raiment, and the spiritual nourishment so they can grow up, Lord willing, into Christian adults.

James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

It is with excitement that we enter this next phase working with the orphanage committee in Kakamega. We will be posting photos of the construction as it progresses. We thank you for your prayers and your support in this mission!

Gerald Brockman
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Hello brethren,

Happy New Year to you all. Once again thank you for the work you are doing, it makes the world to read and know who we are.

It is our prayer that God continue to guide and leave us in the body so that we continue to do His work. There is nothing important than working for the Lord in this world as we wait for His second coming.

We have been visiting places where the seed is planted to see the growth. We had baptism last week Hammad and his wife was immersed last week. It make the number of those who obeyed the gospel to be four between December and January.

Planning of doing radio broadcasting each Saturday, this will also help to get people know the purpose of salvation. But it will require us to pay before we do that. Generally it needs money so that we can do it.

Somebody called on Sunday from Zambia and he introduced himself as Pastor Chulu. I don't know where he got my number but he said he has read articles in the Courier and he is interested to learn more. He wanted to know where we are so that if possible we meet. Lord willing I'm expecting him in the middle of February.

May God bless you all as you join hands and thoughts in serving the Master.

Yours brother in Christ.
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Thought for the Month

Ever feel the struggle going on within your soul? Part of you wants to be human and enjoy the 'things' life has to offer. And the Godly, righteous part of you knows better. It's like there are two big mean fighting dogs: one growling to do what you want, and the other reminding you to do the right thing. You really do want to do the right thing, but at times it just seems overwhelming. But which dog wins? The one you feed, of course! Remember what the apostle Paul says in 2 Cor. 12th chapter.

Love & blessings
Jesse Warford

Voices from the Past

Work of Holy Spirit.ICor.I2 Chapter.
JohnI4;26"But the Comforter,which is th
the Holy Ghost,whom the Father will
send in my name,he shall teach you
all things ect.Q"
JohnI6;I3"Howbeit when he the spirit of
truth is come he will guide you intoall
truth".
Luke24;49"And behold I send the promise
of my Father upon you:but tarry ye in e
ect
Power to teach with no mistakes.

GIFTS of the Spirit.ICor.I2;4-8-9-IO
and vers.28-29-30-3I.
ChapterI3;IO.
Why were gifts given?Heb.2;3-4.

James5;I4,I5.Faith that was GIVEN

When the perfect Law of JamesI;25.
Was given to the world that which was
in part was done away.

Will we accept the truth confirmed by
the Holy Spirit?



Bro. G. Earl McCay
and his wife Phoeby Mary Ann

Their home congregation was close to the Eugene, OR area where they lived for many years. After his death in 1953, she moved to the Yakima, WA area and attended the Lower Ahtanum congregation.

Studying Revelation

When I think back all the way to my childhood and memories come back to me about the paper that we produce for the brotherhood I can't remember ever reading anything about Revelation.

When I look at the world today and all the fanciful theories in regard to Revelations, I don't see any truth in the beliefs of the denominational world concerning it and it scares me because I see these ideas being introduced into the churches of Christ.

Hos 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,*

I believe that this is a book that needs taught on before it destroys us.

I would like to do a study of Revelations through this paper typically in a verse by verse format and break it down to where it is more easily understood. I will endeavor to do a chapter a year, if the good Lord will give me 22 more years on this earth then at that time we will finish this study. It will be my intent, although it may not always work this way, to break a chapter up to where I can do it over a years' time, but of course sometimes it might be a little shorter and sometimes I may need an extra month or two. I do not want to set up anything that is really lengthy to where you lose the reader's attention and the matters being discussed, so I will keep it short to the point each month and do a slow study of this book.

Oh, the years that I wasted in my youth when I could have sit at the feet of brother Paul Ferguson, Lloyd Treat , Earl Atchley, FH Logan or any of the old brethren that could have explained it to me.

Am I the best man for this job, definitely not, but I'm willing. Because the old brothers are no longer around I willl use some commentaries from Church of Christ men in the late 1800s and early 1900s and the notes of brother Ellis Forsman and others.

Please understand that you may not always agree with the same conclusions that I do because of the complexity and symbolic language of Revelations, but it will be so much closer than what the denominational world teaches through their premillennial doctrine.

To begin this work I give you an introduction by B.W. Johnson, a Church of Christ preacher born in 1833. I realize that it is lengthy but I ask that you fully read it as it will be a guide of great value in the coming years.

INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION.
By B.W. Johnson

When we open the Book of Revelation we discover, at once, a marked difference between it and any other portion of the New Testament. It is not history like the gospels and Acts, nor practical discussions and instructions like the epistles, but we at once seem to breathe the atmosphere of

prophets like Ezekiel and Daniel. As Ezekiel and Daniel were permitted to behold visions which revealed certain great events of the future, in a series of symbolic images, so there passes before the eyes of John a series of wonderful visions of which he makes record, and has left that record to the church for interpretation. The book is a book of prophecy. "God gave to him to show unto his servants the things which should shortly come to pass." In order to any clear understanding of the book we must never lose sight of its object, as stated in the opening sentence. Its object is to reveal the future. Nor is its aim to reveal some limited events of the future, but to show the things which must come to pass. In other words, its aim is to unfold the outlines of coming history as far as that history affects the fortunes of the church.

There is probably no other portion of the Scriptures concerning the meaning of which the interpreters so widely differ. This has caused some readers to conclude that the work is a tissue of confused and perhaps incoherent utterances, thrown out in prophetic ecstasy, the interpretation of which is a hopeless attempt; and they have supposed that the attempted explanations only illustrated the vagaries and the failures of the commentators. **The differences are due to the different systems of interpretation employed**. Of these there are three principal ones, all containing some truth, but all also in danger of being pushed to extreme erroneous conclusions, and it is probable that every interpreter, who is not rationalistic, accepts some of the results of all three of these systems. These are: **(1.) The Preterist**. According to this system the successive visions apply to events chiefly in the history of the Jewish nation and of Pagan Rome. These events have occurred long since in the past. Many rationalistic writers insist that all events described must have taken place before the visions were written, and that there is no such thing as prediction. Hence these critics are called Preterists, but this view is not confined to them. It is held by most Roman Catholic commentators and by some Protestants. **(2.) The Futurists.** These insist that the predictions apply mainly to events yet in the future, and will be fulfilled in the future history of the literal Israel. They assert that Israel will again occupy Palestine, that the temple will be literally rebuilt; that the holy city shall be literally trodden down for 1,260 days by the Gentiles, etc. The Preterist system is right in asserting that much of Revelation applies to what is now past, and the Futurist is right this far, namely, that a portion applies to what is still future. **(3.) The Historical.** In my opinion this system is more nearly correct, and yet it needs to be modified by the others, and carefully guarded. It holds that a succession of historical events, future when John wrote but now in part in the past, are portrayed by a series of visions. The error must be avoided of supposing that the book is continuously historical from the beginning to the end. If it is borne in mind that there is more than one series of visions; that when one series ends another follows which is synchronous, at least in part; that a

part of the events portrayed by symbols is not in the past, while another portion is in the future, I think the result of the Historical system will be found to be clear, harmonious, and surprisingly in correspondence with the visions of the prophet. It perhaps cannot be expected that even those who adopt this system will agree in every detail, but we do find that the great expositors of the historical school, embracing the majority of English commentators, are in substantial agreement.

It must always be kept in mind, however, that this book is a book of prophecy, intended to "shew the things which must shortly come to pass." John was a Seer. He recorded what he saw. The future was portrayed to him in a series of visions. The pictures which passed before his eyes represented future events. Hence, each is a symbolical representation of what was then future, and may now be past history. Thus, when the first seal is opened in Rev_6:1-2, and a warrior is seen with a bow in his hand riding on a white horse in conquest, this must be interpreted as a sense-image which appropriately represents an event or epoch of history which was future when John was an exile on Patmos. Symbolical pictures follow each other in rapid succession as the seals are opened and the trumpets blown, a correct interpretation of which is to be sought not in literal fulfillment, but in events of which the sense-visions might be appropriate symbols. It will be a help in understanding the text to have an explanation of the meaning of the various symbols employed as they are ordinarily used in prophetic writings; hence I give a Table of Symbols (Please see separate literature).

THE SCOPE OF REVELATION.

John states that the book is a record of things "which should shortly come to pass." He saw outlined in his vision events which were at that time in the future, but high were "shortly" to become history. No one would suppose that it was the divine purpose to reveal all the changing history of nations, races and kingdoms for the last eighteen hundred years, and hence, a question necessary to interpretation is: To what countries and series of events do the predictions apply? If we turn to the Old Testament prophets we will be guided to a correct answer. The central thought in all their predictions is the future history of the people of God. All that they utter is related, either directly or indirectly, to the fortunes of Israel, temporal and spiritual, the typical nation, and the spiritual nation, or in other words, to the fortunes of the Jews and of the Church. With this great object before them they predict the fate of the great Gentile nations with whom the Jews came in contact, who influenced their fortunes, or became their oppressors. Hence we have Assyria, Babylon, Tyre, Egypt, etc., made burdens of prophecy.

Exactly the same is true of New Testament prophecy. The prophets speak of the future of Israel and of the Church, and necessarily reveal

much concerning the opposing and persecuting nations. It was not in the mind of Christ to give in Revelation the outline of all history, but to outline the fortunes, tribulations and triumphs of the Church. The Church was, in the earlier centuries, almost wholly within the bounds of the vast, persecuting empire of Pagan Rome. Hence this opposing power would come before the prophetic vision, and we will find that the symbolism often refers to the Roman power. Let it be ever present to the mind of the reader that John was the victim of Roman persecution, and an exile on Patmos when he wrote; that he had never been beyond the boundaries of the Roman Empire, and that there is no historical authority for supposing that any apostle ever stepped upon soil that a Roman citizen would call foreign. Since this mighty empire affects so closely the interests of the Church, it is in harmony with all we know of prophecy to expect it to be the subject of prophetic vision. That Pagan Rome is, to a greater or less extent, the subject of the predictions is agreed by almost all interpreters, but the agreement is by no means so marked that Papal Rome, the great spiritual despot upon which the mantle of the pagan empire fell, is also an important element in the explanation of the visions. I believe that a close and unbiased study of the text compels the conclusion that a great apostasy, a false church, a persecuting spiritual power, is revealed which mightily influences the fortunes of the Church, and that its characteristics are found strikingly exhibited in certain periods of the history of the Papacy. There arises a great apostasy, a false church that produces for the time a mighty influence upon the saints of Jesus Christ. This is also a subject of prophecy. I am then prepared to affirm that the general scope of the Book of Revelation is similar to that of the Old Testament prophets; that its primary object is to outline the history of the church; that, in subordination to this primary object, it portrays the fortunes of the two great persecuting powers, Pagan and Papal Rome. The changing fortunes of the Church are portrayed, running like a golden thread through the dark panorama of history, until at last, in God's good time, the battle is fought to the end, the victory won, and the triumphant Church enjoys the fruition of all its sufferings and labors and the glories of the New Jerusalem.

DIVISIONS.

In order to an understanding the reader must keep in mind that there is more than one series of visions, and that these overlap each other, revealing different features of the same period. The whole book might be divided as follows:

PART I. Chapters 1-4.--This part embraces the Introduction, the Vision of the Son of Man, the Letters to the Seven Churches, and Vision of the Opened Heaven and the Throne of God.

PART II. Chapters 5-11.--This part opens with a Vision of a Book sealed with Seven Seals in the Hands of Him who sits upon the Throne--the Book of Destiny; the Contents

hidden by the seals. The Lamb of God prevails to open the seals; that is, to Reveal the Future. As each is opened a vision appears which presents a Symbol representing a Period of Human history. Six seals are opened in succession, followed by a pause before the opening of the seventh seal. When the seventh seal is opened it is found to embrace Seven Thunders and Seven Trumpets. The trumpets are blown in succession, each followed by Great Events, and when the last is blown the End comes when Christ triumphs over all. The Seven Seals, with the Seven Trumpets, contained under the last seal, reach to the end of time.

PART III. Chapters 12-18.--This part opens with a Vision of a Woman, a symbol of the Church; an Enemy of the Woman which appears with as a Seven-headed and Ten-horned Beast, understood to be a symbol of Pagan Rome; a Two-horned Beast, which I understand to be Papal Rome; there also appears sitting on the Seven-headed Beast a False Woman, a symbol of a False Church. The figures change and these opposing powers under the name of Babylon are overthrown.

PART IV. Chapters 19-20.--These chapters describe the Great Victory over the opposing powers, the Millennial Period, and the Final Uprising and Defeat of Satan.

PART V. Chapters 21-22.--These chapters describe the Glorious Home of the Redeemed Saints, and embrace Closing Exhortations.
- B.W. Johnson

In this Introduction three different systems of interpretation are mentioned but there is a fourth that I have found that some of the Church of Christ commentators believe and it is the "Parallelism" view. This view believes that there are seven sections within the book of Revelations that are happening concurrently, all ending with the Judgement or Second Coming. Here is a breakdown of the seven sections.

- The First Cycle - Chapters 1-5 - "The Seven Churches" presenting types of spiritual life
- The Second Cycle - Chapters 6&7 - "The Seals" exhibiting the Agencies employed.
- The Third Cycle - Chapters 8-11 - "The Trumpets" pronouncing Judgements on the world.
- The Fourth Cycle - Chapters 12-14 - "The Dragon" and the "Two Beasts" revealing the Trinity of Evil.
- The Fifth Cycle - Chapters 15&16 - "The Vials" presenting the Judgments upon Apostasy and False Faiths
- The Sixth Cycle - Chapters 17-19 - "Babylon and the False Prophet" furnishing a graphic description of the End of the Age.
- The Seventh Cycle - Chapters 20-22 - "The Thousand Years" revealing the Doom of Satan and the Judgment of the Ungodly.

I believe the "Historic View" to be the one most correct and is what we will use as a basis for our study but may disagree with at times. PLEASE

UNDERSTAND this is only my view on this beautiful book.

The purpose for this study is to simply guide along the way those that wish to study. We will endeavor to keep it simple so the young Christians and those only beginning to study can gain a better understanding of this wonderful book without fear that it is too far "over their head".

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him,* and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Your Brother in Christ
Paul Warford

P.S. Next Month we will start with chapter 1 and begin the study.



Milk of the Word

HFRCB

HFRCB. We see it written on the board Sunday morning. We hear the preacher talk about it usually at the end of the lesson. But, what does that really mean? HFRCB are the steps one must take to become a Christian. It is a wonderful idea to memorize the steps so you can share them with other people.

H is for hearing the word. It's not a good idea to decide you will follow something when you don't know what it is. You want to learn about what you are following. It's the same with becoming a Christian. You have to understand what it means to become a Christian. In order to do that, you must hear about it. In Romans 10:14 it tells us that we must have someone to help us understand what we are reading.

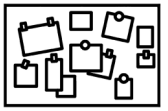
F is for faith. You must have faith, or believe, in what you are hearing. Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes by hearing. You have to hear it first before you can have faith in it.

R is for repent. Once we hear the word, and have faith in it, then we must follow it. We have to turn from things of sin and change our ways. Acts 2:38 tells us that we must repent before we get baptized.

C is for confess. Romans 10:9 says that we confess that Jesus is the son of God. And that is exactly how you do it. You state that you believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.

B is for baptism. Mark 16:16 says that he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. When a person is baptized their whole body is submerged in water. Just as Christ was buried and raised from the dead, so are we. We emerge into a life of a Christian!

In Christian Love
The Robert Fuson Sr. Family



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex/nerve tumors
Beason Family	Broken Bow, OK	Unexpected loss of wife/mother
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus, recent loss of husband
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Tom Core	Gleed, WA	Recovering from heart surgery
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Gospel Meetings

Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	Mar 10-17 '24	Assorted



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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am