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### *Leaving Christ*

### *Locked Up*

### *In The Church House*

People have been taught that we are in the presence of God during the time of prayer. Therefore, we bow in reverence during public prayers, not out of respect for man, but of God.

We recognize the presence of Christ when we sit around the table. We believe that God the Father and Christ the Son are both in our presence as we sing songs of praise.

But along the way there has developed the idea that when we leave the worship period, as we leave the assembly, we also leave God. Many feel that they walk away from the presence of Christ when they are no longer meeting in His name. But Christ is also with us in the street; he is with us in our homes; he is with us in the office or plant; he is with us as we work and play. We are always in his sight, and he hears every word we speak.

A proper understanding of this truth of an ever-abiding Savior will keep a husband true to his wife though separated by time and space. It will keep children true to the admonition and training of parents even though they are without their chaperon. Such will cause all to walk in fear of the Lord.

### *Our Greatest Wealth*

Paul charged Timothy to teach young men who would be able to teach others. Where this is being done, congregations are blessed with spiritual young people. Some congregations fulfill this charge better than others.

There is a dearth of leadership material today. Young people who marry out of Christ cripple themselves for service. The wives of elders and deacons must also be faithful. Wives are crippled when their husbands are unbelievers. Others are crippled by worldly habits. When this happens the greatest cause on earth suffers.

Consider the investment made in Christian youth. Youths who grow up spiritually mature are the result of hours of teaching and training by conscientious parents and Bible teachers. They are the product of faithful teachers who did not become easily discouraged. Over the years a great financial investment is made in Christian training. For many reasons we have a priceless investment in our youth.

Therefore, let us re-evaluate our thinking regarding our young people. Christian young people are to be loved, encouraged and appreciated for their reverence, dedication and commitment.

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Love and you shall be greatly loved; forgive and you shall be forgiven; be kind and kindness you shall reap.

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## J. E. HENLEY TO WORK WITH MAMMOTH SPRING

James E. Henley of Galena Park, Texas has moved to Mammoth Spring to work full time with the congregation. Brother Henley is a native of Charlotte, Arkansas. He has worked with the following churches, Charlotte, Banner, McAllister, Oklahoma and served as personal worker with Galena Park, Texas. Brother and sister Henley have two daughters and two sons.

Brother Henley will assume the duties of editing and mailing Fulton County Gospel News.

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### *Could It Be Possible?*

Could it be possible that a few, just a few church members are like Mike the Irishman????

Two perspiring Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last arrived at the top of a long hill.....

"That was a stiff climb, Mike," said one.

"It was that," said Mike, "and if I hadn't kept the brake on we would have gone backward sure."

Do not deny a man the privilege of changing his mind; he may have learned something since he last expressed himself.

He was a wise man who said he had no time for worry; in the daytime he was too busy and at night he was too sleepy.

Greater love hath no man for his children than the man who deems a good name and Christian character the finest legacy he can leave them.

### OSCEOLA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Leonard Watts, Minister

Bible Classes-----	10 : 15 a.m.
Worship-----	11 : 00 a.m.
Worship-----	8 : 00 p.m.
Wednesday-	
Bible Study-----	8 : 00 p.m.

Faith that works by love is that which avails (Gal. 5:6)

When one says they think faith is enough, he means to say that he does not believe it is necessary to be baptized. But faith in God is faith in anything he says, and God purely has commanded baptism. In fact, baptism is one of the greatest acts of faith. We can understand why he said for us to have faith in Christ—faith changes our hearts. We can understand why he said for us to repent—repentance changes our lives. Confession tells the world about our convictions. But we can see no reason for baptism except that the Lord has told us to do so. So it takes more faith to be baptized than in any other step. If one truly believes, he should manifest that faith through doing what God says.

# Would You Be Re-Elected ?

Suppose you had to run for church membership as a candidate runs for political office. Would you win? Suppose that membership were good only for a year and re-election depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be re-elected? Suppose there were a long list of those waiting to get in. Would you be more alive to your church duties? Suppose you were called upon to explain just why we should keep your name on the roll. Could you give a reason? Suppose you had to account for not teaching? Would you be more aware of the truth that if you are capable and refuse you are damned? Suppose you had to present records of the number of visits made to a lost soul. Would you be proud of the total? Suppose you had to show how many hours each week were spent in teaching your child God's laws.

If your selection were contingent on all these things, WOULD YOU BE RE-ELECTED? Think on these things.

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## News

Six were baptized and three were restored at Welcome Hill in their recent meeting. Two who were baptized were over ninety years of age. Brother Eugene Polvado of Corpus Christi, Texas did the preaching.

Brother Paul Watson will be in a meeting at Hickory Grove, August 5-13. Brother Watson formally preached for Thayer, Missouri.

If any congregation in driving distance of Mammoth needs a preacher you might be able to secure a speaker by writing this paper, or brother Clovis Ragsdale.

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Some men are like a river—they take the line of least resistance. But taking the line of least resistance makes crooked rivers and crooked men. Every man should learn God's will and do it.

Can you tell why the needle trembles to the pole? Why the buds feel their way to the Spring? Why flowers turn to the sunlight? They are made for it, and souls are made for Christ.

## THE ABC' OF SALVATION

### A. The Gospel is God's power unto salvation

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel : for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" Romans 1 : 16. The Word "gospel" means "good tidings" or "good news." The gospel of Christ is the good news of salvation through Christ.

"Now I make known unto you, brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received : that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures." 1 Cor. 15 : 1-4.

### B. To Be Saved One Must Obey The Gospel

"And to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus who shall suffer punishment even eternal destruction from the Lord and from the glory of his might. 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

### C. To Obey The Gospel Is To Obey The Commands Of The Gospel

The only thing connected with the gospel which can be obeyed are the commands of the gospel.

These commands are :

TO BELIEVE IN JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD. MARK 16 : 16 John 8 : 24 Acts 16 : 31 Hebrews 11 : 6

TO REPENT OF SINS LUKE 13 : 3 Acts 2 : 28 Acts 17 : 30

TO CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST. Matthew 10:32 Romans 10 : 10

TO BE BURIED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM. Mark 16 : 16 Acts 2 : 38, 39 Acts 22 : 16 Romans 6 : 3, 4 Galatians 3 : 27 Colossians 2 : 12 1 Peter 3 : 21

HAVE YOU OBEYED THE GOSPEL ???'

## THE EFFECT OF SIN

Clovis Ragsdale

Solomon stated in Proverbs 14 : 34 that righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people. The truth of this statement has probably never been more apparent than in our present age. The people who established a great nation. This nation became a model for the rest of the world in freedom, in economic might, as well as a strong military power. A few years ago we were the most respected nation in all the world.

Something has happened for today we are castigated and despised by the majority of the world. Crime has increased to an alarming state which threatens anarchy. Riots, murders, robbery, and all forms of crime threaten the internal security of this nation.

Sin has taken over in the hearts of the American people to such an extent that we can see little chance for a return to common sense and to God. These kinds of times have happened before to nations.

For instance, the peoples before the flood allowed their minds to be on evil continually. The cities of Sodom and Gormrah were intensely wicked. Those who planned the tower of Babel paid dearly for their sins. Rome fell when it became corrupt from within. Athens, France, and many other great nations fell when sin became prevalent in the lives of their peoples. Can America expect to stand when she becomes like those who have fallen before? Ninevah repented and put off the destruction of their civilization. Repentance is the only thing that can restore this nation. History shows that only a few nations have ever turned back from their sinful ways. Most likely this nation will go on in its sinful ways with some sort of calamity to befall it in the years ahead which will bring its downfall. Dictatorship and bondage will settle over the land and bring much hardship upon mankind. This would fulfill the statement made by Solomon that SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE

Christians of our day must resist the appeal of sin which is engulfing our society. Moses could be cited as an example of one who turned his back on the pleasures of sin. The Bible says he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater than the riches of Egypt. Heb. 11 : 24-27.

Times like these are especially difficult for youth. Christian boys and girls cannot partake of many of the ways that are common to the youth of today. Alcohol, dope, fornication, and revellings must be kept out of ones life. To partake of such blights one life not only here but in the world to come. It is difficult to change the course of life after a mispent youth, though it can be done if one tries hard enough.

If our present civilization is to escape the consequence of excessive sin, it must heed the teachings of the Bible, which warn of doom to individuals, to nations, and to mankind as a whole when sin becomes so great. This task will fall upon christians to show the way.

Christ said "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted. It is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and be trodden underfoot of men."

Matt. 5 : 13.

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Slander may destroy (for the moment) the reputation of the person who is slanded; but it will destroy both the character and the reputation of the slanderer.

Many people are unhappy because they do not get what they want. The happy people are those who do not always get what they want, but they are happy over the good things they get.

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Countless others must have seen the Star of Bethlehem, but it is related in the Bible that only the Wisemen followed it until it led them to the stable of the lowly inn where they found the newborn Christ. Wisemen follow the light. (John 8 : 12)

## THE MOTE-BEHOLDER

Matt. 7 : 1-5

He sees--minor faults in his brother.

He does not see--a glaring sin in his own life.

He talks--to his brother : "Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye."

He does not talk--though a "beam" is in his own eye, he says nothing about it.

He is a stage-performer--a "hypocrite." "Woe unto you hypocrites!" -- F.L.C.