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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost," 1 Nephi 3:187

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Editorial . . .

THE EROSION OF TIME OF THE LAST DAYS

The trickle of a small stream of water runs across the mighty granite surface of the mountain top until a small groove appears showing the constant and continuing purposes of the Creator of the natural elements of the universe. Ever downward and onward toward the deepening mountain streams into the great crevasse and finally into the mighty gorge of the great river eroding and washing the earth into the fertility of the plain below. It is beautiful in its beginning, cold and clear in its blessing of the ultimate triumph and intent and purpose of God's great plan of the salvation of mankind.

Not unlike the beginnings of the great mountain stream were the beginnings of the life giving plan of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these last days of time just prior to the second coming of the Lord of the universe at the end of the eleventh hour dispensation of time. It was small, and in the eyes of the world around it, insignificant in importance in the destinies of man. Yet it continues ever onward and downward in its teaching of a living God, not a God that is dead to the welfare and understanding of man with reference to His ultimate purpose and place in the salvation of all mankind, not a God that is sleeping and resting on His laurels and accomplishments, but a God that is alive, a God that is positive in His direction and purposes,

continuing ever onward, down toward the great plains of the entire earth below. The gospel is not unlike the great river eroding and washing away the sins and traditions of men as it plunges on in its work of the preparation of time in the great wedding feast prepared by the God of the universe for His son Jesus Christ who will appear at the end of the sixth day to claim his own, the church or Kingdom of God on earth, and who will set up the great millennial reign of a thousand years or the seventh day of creation. The gospel of Matthew tells us: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark." (Matt. 24:36-38)

This is the day in which we live. The erosion of time has now carried us down to the hour spoken of in the 42nd verse: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." And we are admonished further in the 44th verse: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." We now have about 21 years until the end of the century, 6000 years or the sixth day of creation.

As we look around us we find just exactly the conditions existing that existed in Noah's time. We find ourselves confronted with conditions spoken of in the 21st and 22nd verse of Matt. 24: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days shall be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." And as we look around us we see this as described in Matt. 24:24: "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

AH, yes, we need to be about our Father's business of spreading the gospel and warning our people of the momentous time in which we live. The Apostle Peter aptly describes the condition of the spirit of doubt that now permeates even the thinking of some close to us:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walkiⁿg after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (II Peter 3:3-4) Ah, yes, we find ourselves confronted by the situation of having lost some of our most beloved stalwarts and defenders of the faith once delivered to the saints. But we cannot afford the erosion of time. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) The insignificant beginning of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall blossom into that thing of great beauty and blessing of all mankind, for God is the same today as He was yesterday and tomorrow. He is not dead, He is not asleep, but His purposes shall be accomplished.

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GIRD UP YOUR MINDS

Sermon by William Sheldon
Condensed

I am reminded of the song we sing, 'I Need Thee Every Hour.' We do need the Lord every hour of every day. I am also reminded of the scripture wherein we are told that, "Many are the afflictions of his saints but he delivereth them out of them all." Isn't that wonderful? Sometimes it's not the deliverance that we think we ought to have; sometimes there must be the continuation of a trial until the Lord has seen that it has worked out it's perfect purpose. But be assured that when our trust is in the Lord, he delivers us out of all of our afflictions even if it must be that we wait until we pass the veil and are brought into the presence of our Maker once again to receive peace and rest to our souls.

I have in mind to touch on the trials that are the lot of the people of God; bear in mind that God has purposes in all things; and his purposes are based upon the love that he has for the human family, that in giving them their free agency they might make choice of those things that are good and pure and true. And that through that choice they might be brought into his presence and enjoy the blessing which is told in the scripture that, "eye hath not seen nor ear heard nor either hath entered into the heart of man the great things that he hath prepared for them that love him." I love that scripture, indeed I love the word of God because even though some of it was delivered that we might be chastized yet God's purpose will be fulfilled for the good of his saints.

I wonder if there are any of us who do not realize

that our way of life is being changed. Are you aware that the things that we have felt necessary even for our well-being, and many things that we are prone to take into our lives that we have felt to be good; that has given us comfort; that has given us a measure of satisfaction; that many of these things are being taken away from us? And this is largely due to the greed, selfishness and pride that is in the hearts of the children of men. We read of the energy crisis, we see wickedness abounding upon every hand and we see that the hearts of many are truly waxing cold. Even among those who have a nominal faith in Jesus Christ, love toward the Lord is waxing cold, and therefore the Lord will permit the enemy of our souls to have hold in our lives, to lead us carefully down to hell if we do not beware.

Our lives are being changed. I've mentioned the energy crisis that's becoming very acute. Are you aware that the time is going to come when we shall not be able to drive our cars, according to the scripture? I'll just give you one reading to bear this out; the 9th chapter of Zechariah, 9-10th verses, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." We know that was fulfilled when Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but as so often is the case the prophecies of scripture have a double fulfillment. The prophet goes on and says this, "And I will cut off the chariot from Ephriam," you know Ephriam is of the

house of Israel, one of the chosen tribes of the people of God, and Ephraim, according to the scriptures was to be scattered among the nations; among the gentiles. And here the prophet tells us, "I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the heathen; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth." Drastic changes are coming into our lives. I'm speaking of these things because I want us to think in terms of real values. I want us to think in terms of what our attitude must be from this very hour; of our recognition of our need of God in our life, of his Holy Spirit to direct us; and to be seeking those things that shall cause the Spirit of God to dwell in us abundantly, so that despite the trials and tribulations that shall come we may yet have peace and joy because of our faith in God.

I will read as a text from the 21st chapter of Luke, verses 34-36. Now here the Lord has been telling his disciples concerning his coming and the end of the world, and he says, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting," you know what surfeiting means? It means overindulgence in food and drink, but in a more general sense it means overindulgence in anything that we do in life, and so he says, take heed lest your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting; and the hearts of many are overcharged today. Heart disease is one of the main causes of death, and it is because the hearts of many people are overcharged with surfeiting, "and drunkenness, and cares of this life," in other words don't let your hearts be overcharged with the cares of this life; Jesus said in this regard, "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof", don't be so concerned about the things that we think we need, as far as this life is concerned, be concerned to commit the soul unto the Father in heaven who is the keeper of the soul, and if we will do so with faith he will give us every good thing, and we need not fear. "and so that day come upon you unawares," What day is he talking about? He's talking about the coming of the Son of God. What is there to be aware of? We're told in another place that that day shall come as a thief in the night. The coming of Christ as a thief in the night will be of a character that if there be those who are not prepared he will come in an hour that we look not for him; And what does a thief in the night do? He deprives you of something. So if we're not ready and waiting and watching for the Lord you're going to be deprived of something. Yes, we're going to be deprived of the good things that God has for his saints. And this is what I want to bring to our attention, the need to be waiting and watching for the Lord, for as he goes on to say here, "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always," not just once in awhile, not just as you go to your beds at night, and ask his

watchcare through the night and thank him for the blessings of the day; or when you sit at the table and give thanks for the food that is prepared which he has given you, and he has given it, you know: he really has given it all, but at other times of the day and even if we wake up in the middle of the night let our hearts be turned to God in praise and thanksgiving for his loving kindness and patience. But his patience is going to run out. His judgments are going to be poured out without measure as far as the nations are concerned. He is going to draw the curtain upon the human affairs that have been contrary to the ways of truth and righteousness.

The time will come when the power of God shall be made manifest in great glory; and there shall be many who have said that there is no God that will not say it then, for he will come and in the fire of his jealousy will pour out his wrath upon the nations of men.

What are we to watch for? It's not just simply an observation of the things that we see about us, but it is recognizing the fact that God is and that we must become of the mind that was in Jesus, who gave himself in much prayer and oftentimes fasting, in yielding to the will of his Father in heaven. He was watching to keep the commandments of God. This is what it is all about; if we are watching for the coming of Christ we will watch the things that are within ourselves because that is where the greatest battle is. It's not so much the difficulties we have with others, we can somehow just kind of roll with some of these things once in a while and get by. Oh if we're not careful we may allow a spirit of bitterness to come in as a result of something that has been said or done to us, but there again it comes right back to watching the self, because bitterness has no part in the children of God, it must not be there. Are we watching the things that we do? are we watching the things that motivate us? What spirit is it that is directing us at any given time of our conscious existence? what spirit is it that causes our tongues to be loosed and to speak?

If it is those things that are good, if it is those things which bless the human family, it is fine. But sometimes we may think we are doing something that is good when it may really not be. Remember the Apostle Paul went about persecuting the saints of God and he said, I verily thought I was doing God's service, and the Lord had to knock him down and turn him around. So even though we think sometimes that we're doing God's service we may need a little wisdom to find out if that is the thing that God would have us to do or say. But you know, that is a mistake of the mind, it's not of the heart. There's where the most important thing is, if we err so far as the heart is concerned, so far as our spirit within is concerned. We may err in mind and God will look with compassion upon that but if the error is in our spirit, if we allow bitterness, if we allow hate and malice and

envy to be projected by the things that we do and say, then we need to be watching ourselves carefully. Every night we should ask the Lord to show us the mistakes that we have made and help us not to do the same again.

I said that there are changes coming, and that God is going to take an active hand in governing the affairs of the nations, in order that his righteous will shall be accomplished upon the earth, and in order to do that he is going to literally shake the heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. God is going to do that. I want to read from the 12th chapter of Hebrews beginning with the 25th verse, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh," referring to God; and we may refuse him that speaketh in many ways, we may find out the word of God and simply just pass over it as though it does not apply; we may refuse him that speaketh by trying to cover our sins or our ways that are displeasing to God and say it really isn't so bad, "For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven; Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Oh, all things are going to be shaken, but there are some things that will not be moved. And he gives us a clue here, he says, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear; For our God is a consuming fire." Yes the Lord is going to shake the whole creation but there is a preparation made whereby the saints of God shall escape the things that are coming. I'm speaking along this line because I'm verily persuaded within my soul, and I believe that, by the spirit of God, that the time is not far distant; in fact, we're already within the time of tribulation spoken of by the prophets and by Jesus Christ himself. And that tribulation is going to come upon all the children of men who have not prepared themselves for the coming of Christ. The saints of God will not have to endure that tribulation, yet they shall be tried. If any of you have thought that you could come into the Kingdom of God and that you will not have a trial coming to you, you're mistaken. Christ himself was tried; tried with a greater trial than any of us have had.

Peter speaks of the trial that is to come upon the saints, 1st Peter, 1st chapter beginning with the 3rd verse, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not

away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time," the time in which we're living right now; "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth," do you get that? the trial of your faith is much more precious to you than gold, because gold will pass away, it will be taken away. These people that are straining to get what the world has to offer, that gold that they acquire will be taken away from them. James says, "Go to ye rich men, weep and howl, for the miseries that have come upon you." He was speaking of the latter days. The bills that we have in our pocket aren't going to amount to anything one of these days; and what will we be left with? What will we have that is of value? Will we have strengthened our faith in God who will supply our every need or will we continue to put faith in these things that will perish? "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you; Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" And this is what my sermon this morning is all about, to encourage us to gird up our minds in those things that will endure. Now the fact is, God is. The fact is also that there is an enemy of our souls, the devil and he has many assistants, some of them of the human family, and now he has power in the world, and his power enters into the Church just to the extent that we fail to gird up our minds in soberness and in faith and in righteousness before God. He is seeking the destruction of the human family, but there is a power that is greater, the power of God who will bring all things into account; he searches the reins of the hearts of the children of men as to whether he will find faith there; as to whether we will continue faithful despite the trials that shall come that shall try us as by fire; if we will yet believe in him. We say we believe in God, real belief in God is the keeping of his command-

ments. Search the commandments of God; "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me," said Jesus Christ, and pray always and endure to the end. These things are important because there are people who are not enduring to the end; some of them have gone out from us. And it's a very dangerous thing; because once we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and then if we deny it, well that's the most terrible thing that we can do. It really is.

Let me read from the Book of Mormon concerning the situation that the prophet Nephi saw of our day; the 12th chapter of 2nd Nephi beginning with the 13th verse, he says, "Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted." Now he was looking right down to our day, "Because of pride, and because of false teachers, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted; and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up." The churches of this days are lifted up in pride, "They rob the poor, because of their fine sanctuaries; they rob the poor because of their fine clothing; and they persecute the meek, and the poor in heart; because in their pride, they are puffed up. They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray, save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; Nevertheless, they are led," the humble followers of Christ - "they are led, that in many instances they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men." Do we need to be warned as a nation? Do we need to be warned as a people of the Church of Christ? lest any of us should fall short of the grace we have received; lest that we shall not be found watching and waiting for the Lord? I think so. "O the wise, and the learned, and the rich that are puffed up in their hearts, and all those who preach false doctrines, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord; wo, wo, wo, be unto them, saith the Lord God almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell. Wo unto them that turn aside the just for a thing of nought, and revile against that which is good, and say that it is of no worth: For the day shall come that the Lord will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth." He's not just going to sit back, he's going to visit the inhabitants of the earth and we're living in the time that is just prior to the coming of the Son of God to the earth, and his judgments are to be poured out upon the children of disobedience, and if we are slothful and careless in our service to God, we'll be the loser. "And in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity, they shall perish, But behold, if the inhabitants of the earth shall repent of their wickedness and abominations, they shall not be destroyed, saith the Lord of hosts." In another place we are told that the Lord will spare his saints even if he must destroy their enemies by fire; but did you notice that word, SAINTS?

Saints, those who will put on Christ; those who are living the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's all really very simple, it's a question of just doing what Christ has said. Search the teachings of Jesus, and then search within your heart to see if you are finding those things there, or if you are finding things that are not good; "For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up to repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger and perish: For behold at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good; And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well;" That is a thing that is of great concern to me to me as far as this Restoration is concerned; that peoples of the restored churches, whether they realize it or not, are saying that all is well in Zion. There's more than one way to say, all is well in Zion; if we just sit back and do not let the Spirit of Christ motivate us to reach out, we're in effect saying all is well in Zion.

And it goes on to say here, "And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell." I think that we will have in the very near future a compounding of these conditions of trial that shall make it impossible to stand, within oneself. But Christ can help you to stand, and it's only going to be for a relatively short time. I want to go to the 6th chapter of Hosea and read the first three verses, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." I believe that the days referred to here are actually years. In prophetic language days are given for years, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." There is going to be a trial to your faith and to my faith, it may be very severe, but if we endure, if we keep faith in God he will provide. Watch and pray that that day may not come upon you unaware. Let us be thinking more of how we may serve God, and let us have a real care for each other. The scripture tells us that the time will come when there will be many gifts of the Spirit that are presently lacking; but there has to be a beginning; there has to be a determination within the heart of each individual that we might be one, that we might be filled with the love of the Spirit, and when that has come to a full fruition within our lives, a light will shine forth that has only dimly been revealed in the past. And that light will be an attracting sign to others who are looking for the light. The Lord has prepared the way whereby we might escape the things that are coming upon the world; now whether we escape is

wholly up to us, for our own personal relationship with God must be that we are one with him and with each other. May God help us that we may be able to come

through the trial of fire, that our faith may be secure and we shall stand in the presence of the Lord to receive of the great bounties that he has for his saints; is my prayer.

THE NAME OF THE CHURCH; IS IT OF DIVINE ORIGIN

By Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton

It is the position of the Church of Christ that the name it bears is as important as the doctrine it teaches, in order that it might be in harmony with the will of God. Frequently we have this issue to meet when we come in contact with other churches, especially with other divisions of the Restoration of the gospel as revealed through Joseph Smith.

In some quarters it is argued that the name of the church is not so important as is its doctrine and practice, therefore we should not make this an issue in our preaching. To this line of reasoning we cannot agree, for it is a principle of law as well as reason that all persons and associations be identified by the name they bear.

This point was brought forcefully to the writer's mind a number of years ago, when an acquaintance assumed his name for the purpose of purchasing a bill of merchandise on credit. When the acquaintance failed to make his payments, the writer received notice of pending legal action against him, and it was not till after the embarrassment of having himself properly identified, that the fraud was detected and the culprit brought to time, **which shows that there is something in a name.** Some individual's names are synonymous with crime, while others are associated with the noble things of life.

So it is with the church. Its name identifies it with the purpose of its creation. In scriptures the church is spoken of as the "Bride, the Lamb's wife" (Matthew 22:2, 25:10; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:23, 32; Revelation 19:7-9), and it follows to reason that the bride or wife takes the husband's surname in wedlock. To change her name after marriage would indicate a breach, and would constitute grounds for divorce in the civil courts. Exceptions to that rule would only be by agreement when a nom-de-plume is assumed, as in the case of writers or actresses who wish to hide their true identity, but we would not argue that such exceptions should apply to the Church of Christ, for its very existence depends upon the fact that it can be identified as the true consort of Jesus Christ.

Another point worthy of consideration is that, while the collective body of believers in the doctrine of Christ is called the church or "the wife of the Lamb," by virtue of the fact that it is a collective body, or association, it becomes a corporate body, having the rights and privileges of an individual to transact business, hold

property, and dispense blessings in its own name. That the church organized on the sixth of April, 1830, through command of God to Joseph Smith, was so constituted is set forth as follows:

"The rise of the Church of Christ, in these last days, . . . being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, and by the will and command of God." Doctrine and Covenants 20:1, Utah Edition)

If the church was thus "organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country," then it follows to reason: inasmuch as the church is an ecclesiastic democracy (that is, a kingdom whose laws emanate from God and are consented to by its members), that on the date above mentioned, Articles of Association were entered into, by which means they were to be recognized as a corporate body in law. A careful consideration of the above revelation, as originally published in the **Evening and the Morning Star** for June, 1832, and June, 1833, and afterwards in the Book of Commandments, "**The Articles and Covenants of the Church of Christ,**" establishes this fact. This caption has been left off of this revelation in all editions of the Doctrine and Covenants. As originally published, the revelation had all the essential elements of Articles of Association, according to law, i. e., the corporate name, date of organization; by what authority it was established; its rule of faith; what constituted membership in the association; its officers and their duties; membership and their duties; church extension; and provisions for corporate meetings.

This being true, the same principle of law that would apply to the name of other associations would apply to the church:

Names are necessary to the very existence of corporations. The corporate name has been said to be "the very being of constitution; the knot of their combination; without which they could not do their corporate acts; for it is unable to plead or be impleaded, to take and give, **until it hath a name.**" (Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure, volume 10, page 150)

When this latter-day work was first established in 1830, it was given its corporate name by the "will and commandment of God," which was the **Church of Christ**, after the family or surname of Jesus Christ," Of whom the whole family (of God) in heaven and earth is named." (Ephesians 3:15)

We affirm that, if God is the law-giver to the church and it is evidenced in his statutes that he has given his church on earth a name, and if the name of a corporate body is of so much importance as to constitute the "very being of its constitution; and the knot of its combination," then neither the church nor any part of it has the right to change that name at their pleasure, as is clearly set forth in law:

"A corporation can not change its name at pleasure by mere corporate action, but it must have the consent of the state in the form of statutory permission." (Cyclopedia of Law, volume 10, page 156)

How We Received Our Name

About one hundred and forty-seven years before the coming of Christ in the flesh, Alma went forth to establish the church. After he had baptized a considerable number of followers, "by authority of Almighty God" (Mosiah 18:13), he formed them into one body, for mutual benefit and unified action, and in the absence of direct command gave them a name:

"And they were called the Church of God, or the Church of Christ from that time forward." (Mosiah 9:49)

To some, the above names might seem to conflict, but we read in the scriptures that, Christ is "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16), therefore, before his coming in the flesh, either appellation might aptly be applied to the church, in the absence of a direct command otherwise. After Christ was resurrected, and appeared to the Nephites, and had selected his twelve disciples, to go forth as special witnesses of him, and to build up the church, confusion and disputations did arise over the question, as the following scripture proves:

" . . . it came to pass that the disciples were gathered together and were united in mighty prayer and fasting.

"And Jesus again showed himself unto them, for they were praying unto the Father in his name; and Jesus came and stood in the midst of them, and said unto them: What will ye that I shall give unto you?

"And they said unto him: **Lord we will that thou wouldst tell us the name whereby we shall call this church; for there are disputations among the people concerning the matter.**" (3 Nephi 12:14-16)

We pause here for a question: Does it not seem reasonable that if the disputation over this question in those days was of sufficient consequence for Jesus to appear in person to settle the dispute, that the answer he gave then would also apply now? Did he say: What difference does it make as to what name you go by, so long as you do as I have commanded you? And has time altered the seriousness of the situation? The same disputation confronts us today. We believe the answer he gave then applies to the same situation today. Here is what He said:

"And the Lord said unto them: Verily, verily I say unto you, Why is it that the people should murmur and dispute because of this thing,

"Have they not read the scriptures, which say, **Ye must take upon you the name of Christ**, which is my name? For by this name shall ye be called at the last day." (3 Nephi 12:16-18)

In view of this direct command of Jesus Christ to his disciples who had made the matter a subject of prayer, it is our belief that from that time forward, even down to the close of the "last day" dispensation of time, that the church on earth was to be called the **Church of Christ.**" For further proof of this fact we cite the following:

" . . . And they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the Church of Christ." (3 Nephi 13:36)

" . . . And behold the disciples of Jesus had formed a **Church of Christ** in all the lands round about." (4 Nephi 1:1)

"And after they had been received into baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of the **Church of Christ.**" (Moroni 6:4)

When the Apostle Paul sent an official communication to the Romans he sealed it with this salutation:

"The Churches of Christ salute you." (Romans 16:16)

Why We Are Called The Church of Christ

This Church of Christ is a remnant of the church restored under the hands of the Prophet Joseph Smith. We believe he established it by divine authority, in harmony with the will and command of God as set forth in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, as our citations from these two books so far proves.

According to the teachings of all divisions of the Restoration, we are living in the "last day" dispensation of time. This being true, then to be recognized as the true church, the Lamb's wife, we must bear his name, which is Christ, "for by this name shall ye be called at the last day," for **Jesus** is his given name, but **Christ** is his surname, or family name, which he imparts to his seed after him; as in the case of Joseph Smith, Sr., who was the father of Joseph Smith, Jr., Alvin Smith, Don Smith, etc.

In section 20 above quoted, the name, **Church of Christ**, is referred to eight times; in the original version as published in the Book of Commandments in 1833, ten times. It is significant that in every instance after the church was organized, both in its publications and articles touching upon the doctrine and practices, it was referred to as the Church of Christ, until it was changed May 3, 1834, at Kirtland, to the "Church of the Latter Day Saints," leaving out all reference to Christ.

Much more could be said, but this should be sufficient to justify us in taking the position that, if we ever succeed in lifting the condemnation that was brought upon the church in the early days, because of their

"vanity and unbelief, and failure to "remember the former commandments," (Doctrine and Covenants 84), we must return to our first love, "the Church of Christ," and honor and glorify this, our spiritual mother among men, for by this name shall the true saints of God be called in the "last day."

Therefore, "the Spirit and the Bride say, Come.

And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton, of the Church of Christ, (Temple Lot), to the honest in heart of Latter Day Israel scattered abroad.

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OUR BODIES TEMPLES OF THE HOLY GHOST

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (I Cor. 6:19, 20)

Men, in the beginning, were created in the likeness and image of God, and were, indeed, sons of God by creation. Through transgression man fell from that high and holy position, thus losing the light and intimate knowledge he had of God, and was left to grope his way in darkness. But God's love for His children did not cease with the fall of man, but that great love prevailed until there was an atonement made, and the privilege given all who would of returning to the presence of his Creator. Paul was reminding the saints of this blessed relationship whereby God by His Spirit comes and dwells with His children, and this is in accord with the teaching of Jesus in St. John 14:22, 23;

"Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus . . . said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

The condition on which God promises to come and make His abode with His children is that they love Him and manifest that love by keeping His words. If we do not love Him we will not keep His words or if we fail to keep His words it is because we do not love Him.

Man is susceptible to spirit influence, either good or bad. We have to determine whether it shall be good or bad by the choice that we personally and individually make. For as Paul says in Rom. 6:16:

"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 obedience unto righteousness?"

We are deciding, choosing, all the time to whom we are servants. We get the Spirit of God by obedience; we may lose it by disobedience. What a wonderful thought that though we have inherited the

fallen nature of our father Adam, yet in this mortal life there may come to us the assurance through the Holy Spirit that we are sons of God, and that this assurance will constantly abide with us as long as we are worthy of the indwelling of the Spirit of God. But if we are disobedient, treat lightly the things which we have received, we will lose the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, and be left in darkness. This losing of the Holy Spirit is very dangerous to our eternal happiness. When it leaves us, we are in darkness indeed, and as Jesus has said:

"If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matt. 6:23)

It is a fearful and terrible thing to treat lightly or carelessly the wonderful light of the Holy Spirit which God has given us through obedience to His divine law. The darkness in which one so doing finds himself is so great that he seldom returns therefrom.

We are not our own for we are bought with a price, and at what a price? The price with which we have been purchased was the gift of God's everlasting Son; his lowly life of humble meekness; his great love for us, pouring out his soul unto death, enduring shame and suffering for us. Oh, can we not see at what great price our salvation has been purchased for us? The consideration of the great price paid for us should cause us to set a high valuation on our relationship with God. Therefore let us glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are God's.

The way to retain the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is to always heed its promptings, follow its leadings, and never grieve it by doing that which is vile, sinful, or unclean. Thus by heeding the gentle promptings of the Spirit, it will continue to dwell with us, filling us with a supreme love of God, and all men, and we shall be found growing in the grace of God and in the knowledge of the truth, constantly advancing, until finally we shall be worthy to enter into a fullness of the glory and knowledge of God.

H. E. Moler

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IF

The little word "IF" expresses one of the most uncertain thoughts spoken in any language. IF you can get on the right side of the "IF" in any proposition, your success is sure.

Jesus said: "IF ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15). There is safety and salvation on the right side of that little "IF" for all men. But for all who do not learn what the Master's commandments are and keep them by being obedient thereto, there is no safety, and there can be no salvation until they learn that lesson.

All the good that comes to any of us in this old world must be borne upon the wings of love. All spiritual safety and salvation must be predicated upon the magic of the mystic marvel, the dynamic of love. For though it be most mystic and marvelous, yet in all the universe there is nothing more substantial and nothing more powerful.

Man's approach to his Maker must be upon the terms of both the tenderness and the strength of reciprocal love; and all the possibilities for man's eternal welfare, and every promise from God to man is based upon the proper exchange of that legal tender of all souls — love that is pure, and therefore, Divine.

"Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" (James 2:5) And the promise of such an inheritance is to no other than to those who love God and keep his commandments.

Again, Jesus said: "IF a man love me, he will keep my words." Then follows the unfailing promise: "And my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

A Withered Branch

"IF a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered." Men are not only justified in separating themselves from heresies, and in turning away from organized error in order that they may "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free," but the requirements of proper love toward God demands that. None can abide in Christ and at the same time bid defiance to his law and to his commandments by giving their labor and their influence and their money to the promoting of the "doctrines of men." IF any fall into such error they are soon cast forth as a branch and become withered in all true spiritual perception of the truth.

Abide in the Love of Christ

"IF ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." (John 15:10) "Ye are my friends IF ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:14)

Persecution and Hatred

It may seem strange that the pure love of God and

the walking in obedience to his commandments will bring persecution and hatred from the world and from those who especially profess religion who are in spiritual darkness, and has been ever so. "IF the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." No servant of Christ need therefore shrink from persecution.

Baptism for the Remission of Sins

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen." (Matt. 28:19, 20)

"IF we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

It was by baptism performed by ministers authorized of God to administer that service, that souls were received unto the true Church of Christ. Men can not enter the Church otherwise. They who attempt to climb up some other way are like the "thief and robber" mentioned in the scriptures.

IF people refuse to join the church in the divinely appointed way they can not become members of it notwithstanding all their claims to be followers of righteousness. In these days of ultra-liberal-mindedness some are saying: You do not need to join any thing. No greater mistake was ever made than that. In the Book of Mormon we read of those who were condemned because they "Would not be baptized; neither would they join the church." (Mosiah 11:108)

Another "If" To Be Applied After Baptism and Always

"IF ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31, 32)

Some in these days have followed the "doctrines of men" in a very definite departure from the truth, and are therefore not free. Others have discovered that "IF ye continue in my word" as the Master has said, there must be a withdrawing from "doctrines of men" when they assume proportions of apostasy. These are finding great consolation, hope, and blessing in the "Remnant," the Church of Christ.

Surely, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in its time." (Isaiah 60:22)

If Ye Are Christ's, Then Heirs

"IF ye are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." God in heaven makes us that promise, and when we meet the conditions that glorious promise can not fail.

"IF ye love me" saith the Lord, "Keep my commandments." (A condensed version of an editorial from

"The Torch of Truth", Volume 3, No. 4, April, 1928, James E. Yates, Editor)

GENUINE OR COUNTERFEIT?

A recent advertisement offered, "The most dangerous counterfeit diamond known. A counterfeit diamond so close in appearance to genuine diamonds that many jewelers cannot tell the difference." It was even said to have an occasional bubble that closely resembles flaws found in real diamonds and to be hard enough to scratch glass. The advertisement did say that it was possible for an expert to detect it by comparing its size in relation to its weight with that of a real diamond, but asks, "Who would go to all the trouble to remove them from their settings to check this?"

The word counterfeit comes from contra — against and faceres — to make. The dictionary defines it thus: to make an imitation to resemble some genuine thing with intent to deceive or defraud, to copy, feign, practice deception, to pretend, Obs. an imposter. Syn. Spurious, forged, bogus, false, falsified, sham, mock, Ant. Genuine, authentic.

Wherever anything original of value exists there are likely to be found many copies of little or no value. Most of us have never been called upon to judge between what is genuine and what is not of those things commonly counterfeited, such as art, jewelry, money, etc. There is one area, however, in which every living person must inevitably make a choice. Even those who are unaware of or ignore the two great opposing powers at work in the world are choosing between them continually. One may choose the good, which comes from God or evil engendered by Satan, the adversary of God and man. The truth is not necessarily easy to discern, for Satan is the master counterfeiter, deceiver and imposter of all time. Much as one might wish to remain neutral in this conflict a "no choice" will align him with the enemy, Satan. It could hardly be otherwise with "no contest." Jesus said "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matt. 12:30)

Jesus also said, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:5) There will be times that we may need to "Take the trouble to remove the 'diamond' from its setting to check." The written word of God is the standard and guide by which all things are to be evaluated.

Satan has made his boast and his intention clear in Isa. 14:12, 13, 14. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of

God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be LIKE the most High.

We can expect Satan to use all his wisdom, cunning and power to deceive. He has a counterfeit, a substitute or some opposition for every word or work of God.

God is the Creator and ruler of the universe. Ps. 2:4; 89:11

Satan is a creation. Ezek. 28:15. Prince of this world. John 12:31, John 16:11, God of this world, 2 Cor. 4:4

God's Kingdom is light. Dan. 2:22, 1 Tim. 6:26, 1 John 1:5

Satan's Kingdom is darkness. Ephes. 6:12, Col. 1:13

God has Holy angels. Matt. 25:31

Satan has fallen angels. 2 Pet. 2:4

God has His children called "Wheat." Matt. 3:12

Satan's children called tares, a poisonous weed resembling wheat. Matt. 13:38

God has ministers. Heb. 1:7

Satan has ministers. 2 Cor. 11:15

God has His prophets.

Satan has false prophets. Matt. 7:15, 24:11, 1 John 4:1

God performs miracles.

Satan performs great signs and lying wonders. 2 Thess. 2:9

God's word is truth. John 17:17

Satan is a liar. John 8:44

God has His doctrines. John 7:16, 2 Tim 3:10

Satan has his doctrines. 1 Tim. 4:1, Heb. 13:9

God has one way which is narrow. Matt. 7:14

Satan has a broad way (to accommodate many ways). Matt. 7:13

God's way gives peace and joy. Isa. 55:12, Rom. 14:17, 15:13

Satan's way has no peace. Isa. 48:22, 57:21

Obedience to God brings salvation. Rom. 6:16

Obeying Satan brings destruction. Rom. 6:16

Christ is our advocate. 1 John 2:1

Satan is our accuser. Rev. 12:10

God gives love and pardon. Rom. 5:8, Isa. 55:7

Satan gives us hate and torment. Pro. 8:36, 1 John 4:18

God gives eternal rewards. Rev. 22:12

Satan gives temporary fame or fortune. Matt. 4:8, 9

God's power is unlimited. Matt. 28:18, Ps. 62:11

Satan's power is limited. Job 1:12, 2:6

We look for the same Jesus Christ who ascended to come again. Act 1:11

There are many false Christs to come. Matt. 24:24, Mar. 13:22

The above is but a general outline, admittedly incomplete. In the future it is hoped that more thoughts can be shared on some of the various topics. The sequence, however, will differ from this list.

The choices each one of us make are a very serious matter. They affect not only our present mortal life but our eternal destiny.

Nowhere has God said one must know all truth to be saved; this would be an impossibility for any mortal being. He will judge on whether or not we have the LOVE of the truth, for if we do not we will neither seek for it or even want it. (2 Thess. 2:10)

It is possible to settle for a short term gain and suffer a long term loss. (Matt. 16:26, Luke 9:25) What a tragedy it would be for anyone to find at the judgment that the "Diamond" he thought was real was but a counterfeit. (Matt. 5:21, 22, 23)

Vida Filley

THAT GOOD PART

by Marlene Hoare

I can't remember when I first met Angela Wheaton. It seems she's just always been there — a warm glow in the corner of my memory. I discovered her as an individual when I accepted the job of caring for her invalid sister-in-law. Pearl required little care and we spent the quiet times in heart to heart talks that were to inspire me throughout my life.

One of these talks stands out in my mind. One uneventful morning as we were finishing the breakfast dishes Angela glanced around at her cluttered living room. Shelves, cabinets and tables were all covered with the bountiful returns of a lifetime of archeological and missionary work. "You know," she chuckled, "I always said I'd make a better Mary than a Martha." Seeing my puzzlement, she went on to explain the Biblical story of Mary and Martha.

While Mary sat enrapt at the Master's feet Martha toiled in their kitchen. Tired and disgruntled, she asked Jesus to compel Mary to help her. Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha, thou are careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: And Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." As my glance followed Angela's around the room and my mind touched on the experiences behind each item I thought, "Yes Angela, you have chosen that good part."

At a time in life when many women are setting down to dote on their grandchildren Angela Wheaton was donning hiking boots and blue jeans to follow her husband into the jungles of Mexico in search of a reputed tribe of white Indians. Angela and Clarence lived in tiny huts and huge tropical lizards gazed down at them as they lay down in their hammocks at night. That trip opened up a missionary effort to the Indians of Yucatan and on subsequent trips Angela contracted near

fatal amoebic dysentery, and their lives were threatened on several occasions by people hostile to the gospel. Angela did not approach these hardships as a noble Christian martyr but full of love and a sense of adventure.

That sense of adventure brightened some difficult times in the Wheaton's lives. The family experienced some lean times while their father was in the mission field. One such time meat was particularly scarce. Angela concocted a stew for supper with little more than a taste of meat. Not wanting her children to feel poor or aware of "doing without," Angela proclaimed the "hunter's stew." You could find the vegetables but you had to **hunt** for the meat. From then on eating stew became a hunting expedition.

Somewhere in their travels the Wheatons acquired a huge teapot fashioned in the shape of an elephant. When finances were tight and Clarence and Angela felt a restaurant meal or even a cup of coffee out would be an extravagance Angela made a little party out of having tea from the elephant teapot.

Angela's joy in times of sacrifice has always been a great inspiration to me, and a testimony of the fulfillment of a life of service. Her dedication to the gospel has been a beacon light in my life. Angela was born with slightly deformed and extremely painful feet. But she has carried the gospel all over the world on those crippled feet. She has stood on them for long hours to care for the sick and the elderly. But perhaps what I remember most about Angela is that when I needed a friend the dishes could always wait.

Angela, I bid you goodbye with great joy that you are returning to your heavenly Father. I can never adequately express what knowing you has meant to me. Thank you for being you. I love you, Angela.

OBITUARY

Angela Gertrude (Denham) Wheaton

Angela Gertrude (Denham) Wheaton was born March 11, 1897 in Kansas City, Kansas and passed from this life June 24, 1979 at the age of 82 years in Resthaven in Independence, Mo. She was the fourth child of Charles Denham and Marion (Frisbey) Denham and the granddaughter of Elder George P. Frisbey, who led the church group that came from Bloomington, Illinois to Independence, Mo. in March of 1867. She had four brothers and four sisters who lived to adulthood. Her brother, Clarence Denham, preceeded her in death.

Angela married Clarence L. Wheaton February 15, 1915. They were happily married 62 years. Clarence preceeded her in death September 26, 1977. To this union were born four sons and two daughters one of whom died in infancy.

Angela Wheaton was baptized August 6, 1911 by Elder George P. Frisbey and confirmed a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) by Elders George P. Frisbey and John R. Haldeman. She remained a faithful and active member until her death.

Angela helped her husband establish a printing plant. They founded the "Zion's Advocate" which later became the official paper of the Church.

She was a pastor's wife, a mother and an amateur archeologist and traveled extensively for over 51 years as a missionary's wife. She was a co-author and editor of the many tracts, pamphlets and booklets produced

by her husband, portraying the tenets of the Church of Christ.

Angela was a practical nurse and cared for many elderly people. She was a tireless innovator in stretching the income of a missionary family. With her husband, she found her greatest satisfaction working with the Indian people and sharing in their simple, humble life style in order to share the gospel with them.

Angela leaves four sons, C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Independence, Mo.; Edward W. Wheaton, Indonesia; Thomas R. Wheaton, Atlanta, Georgia; and Richard A. Wheaton, Independence, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Kay Matthews, Independence, Mo. She also leaves three brothers, Floyd Denham, Independence, Mo.; Charles Denham, Havelock, N. C.; Nicholas Denham, Independence, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wheaton, Independence, Mo.; Mrs. Edna Bryan, Springfield, Mo.; and Mrs. Marion Sprague, Blue Springs, Mo.

Angela also leaves 21 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

The funeral service was held at the Carson Funeral Home in Independence, Mo. June 27, 1979 with Apostles Robert H. Jensen and Donald E. McIndoo officiating. Janice Welch, Angela's niece, sang two beautiful hymns accompanied by Grace Rudd on the organ.

The interment was at the Mound Grove Cemetery in Independence, Mo.

A GREETING FROM EAST INDEPENDENCE LOCAL

We have been having good attendance at our meetings although the group is always smaller in the summer months due to families going on vacations.

We have received much food for thought from the sermons preached. The theme in all sermons has been our own personal conduct and reason as to the gospel; in other words not going along with the crowd but studying the scriptures to learn first hand from God's word what is required of us as true followers of Christ.

Our Bible School was well attended and one teacher even rode his bicycle six miles round trip every day to be on hand to help teach the younger ones as he himself was only a teenager. I think that feat speaks well for our young people coming up. To them the gospel is important and that fact alone in our present age is very commendable and a firm basis upon which to grow and cling to.

I have seen a growing interest in our group of young people to put the gospel into application in their

lives: It seems to me they value it and try to live more closely to its teachings. I feel that attitude should be encouraged for they are our leaders of tomorrow.

We at the East Independence Local haven't too much to report, but we did want to greet the readers of The Advocate and let them know we are still striving earnestly for the Faith.

Our local misses Mom Anderson as she, Metta Anderson, became affectionately known by quite a few the last years of her life by members of our local where she had her membership.

We all must pray very hard and earnestly for the church as a whole, for we are living in the closing days when Satan will try to sway even the elect. Let us be valiant soldiers and put on the whole armor of Christ so that the great tidal wave of wickedness creeping over our land may be beat back.

Advocate Reporter
Edna R. Smith

THOUGHTS ABOUT MARRIAGE

The Third Essence

In marriage, besides the two partners, there seems to be a third essence or entity; God must be a welcome co-partner, too. The sacrifices both partners make in nurturing this third essence, or "first-child" (figuratively speaking) of their uniting, are never wasted. The importance of this "first-child's" health, this that grows as in deepening love, compassion and understanding, has much bearing on their own well being through all their years. Guard well this "first-child" or essence; any sacrifice is a worthwhile offering to the growth of this communion, which will then bless these two all the years of their married life!

True Love

The treasure in humility that is inherent in true love is difficult to willingly accept and understand when we are young, enwrapped as we are in the wonder of young love and also in the need to find ourselves as a person. This humility is the feeling of being unworthy of our partner's deep love. If only we could see and understand the richness and meaning of this humility, it might save some young lovers the pains they cause each other in their efforts to balance this inner-need to establish themselves as a person and the inner-feeling of being unworthy of such great love from another. This struggle may cause one or both partners to "belittle" the other, or, sad to say, cause them to find excessive fault with each other in the efforts to overcome this innerfeeling of being unworthy of great, deep love.

Both partners should fully realize and know that this very feeling of deep humility is a blest treasure, a blest significance of the realness and trueness of

their love! And that humility proves to be a double blessing, for it also proves the trueness of being a person, each in their own right.

Love is a choice "gift" of which neither one feels worthy in their deep secret-heart. To understand this is to shower blessings upon each partner's heart and to treasure each other in mutual humility before the wonder of this "gift" of their love!

One Hundred Percent Commitment

Marriage is a 100 percent = 100 percent, not a 50 percent = 50 percent, business. It is a while commitment, not a partial commitment of the 50% = 50%. Yes, years ago I began to see the danger to a full marriage fulfillment in the 50% = 50% marriage. The danger lies in the temptation, when we are hurt or disappointed over something said or done, to say, "Well I've done my share, my 50%; he/she just never did their part or share." A true 100% = 100% partnership is explained in the Bible by Christ's example, He lay down His life for His bride, i.e. Church. And further a woman's or wife's "desire" is unto her husband; she pours the "wine" of her being unto her husband, unto her marriage, the whole 100%. If not, if there is a withholding in them or in her, she only hurts herself inwardly; she dwarfs her inward growing. By the 50% = 50%, they dwarf their inward growing; they belittle their beautiful fullness of marriage. It is a pity all young-folk are not taught this greater, spiritual growth which is the greater fulfillment of themselves and the fullest growth of their marriage. The rewards are unimaginable!

Darleen Smith

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN

Oh, deem not they are blessed alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power Who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears;
And weary hours of woe and pain
Are promises of happier years.

There is a day of sunny rest
For every dark and troubled night;
And grief may bide an evening guest,
But joy shall come with early light.

And thou who, o'er thy friend's low bier,
Sheddest the bitter drops like rain,
Hope that a brighter, happier sphere
Will give him to thy arms again.

Nor let the good man's trust depart,
Though life its common gifts deny, —
Though with a pierced and bleeding heart,
And spurned of men, he goes to die.

For God has marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all his children suffer here.

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THE 1979 AUGUST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 1979 August Ministers' Conference of The Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 15th, 16th and 17th at the Independence, Missouri, East Local Church.

Conference will convene at 9:00 A. M. sharp for the Priesthood members. Wednesday evening, at 7:00 P. M., a prayer and testimony service will be open to the membership and public. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served. Thursday and Friday evening preaching services will commence at 7:30 P. M. and are also open to all membership and the public.

This conference is designed to "resolve mutual problems of the Ministry, to increase the zeal, enthusiasm and experience of the Ministry toward a cooperative missionary endeavor, and to seek the will of the Lord concerning the missionary program of His Church."

Committee chairmen are asked to submit any reports in advance.

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TRI-STATE REUNION

A Tri-State Reunion for Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin will be held at the Whitewater State Park, Altura, Minnesota on August 31, September 1 and 2. The facility will be for our use beginning at 2 p. m. August 30 and until 10 a. m. September 3. Bring bedrolls and blankets. Campers and tents are also welcome. The Minneapolis, Minn. Branch will meet all park use fees.

Contact Thomas S. Maley, pastor, 615 Sheriden Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn. 55411.

OUR TESTIMONY

It surely was a wonderful experience to read and use as our daily two hour worship all the writings in your June issue. It brought back memories of those yester years when the Restored Gospel was brought to our home by missionaries with great truths, faith and hope.

For the moment it seemed to set us free under the divine influence of the pure, simple gospel, brought to earth again by the angels and Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. Its wording brought back a power of the Holy Spirit so that we could remove ourselves from the turmoil of the day, and praise God, and say together again and again, the gospel is true in love.

Jack and Effie Verhei

YOUR TESTIMONIES

Phoenix, Arizona
April, 1979

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Church of Christ,

"And now I ask, What great blessings
has He bestowed upon us? Can ye tell?"

Alma 14:80

Our intention is to compile a record of blessings and miraculous spiritual experiences of our people.

The purpose of this venture is to preserve an account of God's blessings to us and to testify to everyone of His goodness.

"Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me
before men, him will I confess also before
my Father, which is in heaven."

Matt. 10:32

Please send us your testimonies and encourage others to do the same.

No blessing is insignificant.

We would welcome all, including the testimonies of the little children and those who have gone on to their reward.

Please send your reply to:

Karin Malone
18840 N. 30th St.
Phoenix, Arizona
85024

Respectfully,
Karin Malone
Committee Secretary

GOLDEN NUGGETS OF THOUGHT

(Submitted by Velma J. Wheaton)

To handle yourself use your head;
To handle others use your heart.

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When we look into the long avenue of the future, and see the good there is for each one of us to do, we realize, after all, what a beautiful thing it is to work, and to live, and to be happy. - Robert Louis Stevenson.

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Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They do not mean harm. They are absorbed in the endless struggle to think well of themselves. - T. S. Eliot.

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Most of us find true forgiveness pretty hard. It means burying the hatchet without leaving the handle sticking out.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CONFERENCES

The 1980 Ministers' Conference (general membership) for the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will commence Sunday, April 6, 1980. The business sessions will start at 10:00 A. M. Monday, April 7. A Solemn Assembly will be held prior to the conference, April 4 and 5, 1980.

The 1979 August Ministers' Conference (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 15th, 16th and 17th at the Independence, Missouri, East Local Church.

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