

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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Unto Him shall the  
gathering of the  
people be.

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LOVE

YE SHINE AS  
LIGHTS IN  
THE WORLD.

JESUS  
SAVES

The night cometh,  
when no man  
can work.

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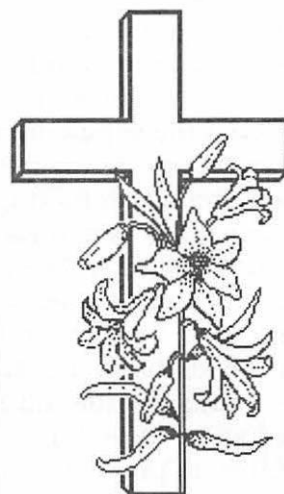
### Report of Caiaphas to the Sanhedrim Concerning the Resurrection of Jesus

(Taken from the Archko Volume)

*"To You, Masters of Israel:* As I have made a former defense to you, and you have approved the same, I feel in duty bound to communicate to you some facts that have come to my knowledge since that communication. A few days after the execution of Jesus of Nazareth the report of his resurrection from the dead became so common that I found it necessary to investigate it, because the excitement was more intense than before, and my own life as well as that of Pilate was in danger. I sent for Malkus, the captain of the royal city guard, who informed me he knew nothing personally, as he had placed Isham in command of the guard; but from what he could learn from the soldiers the scene was awe-inspiring, and the report was so generally be-

lieved that it was useless to deny it. He thought my only chance was to suppress it among the soldiers, and have John and Peter banished to Crete, or arrested and imprisoned, and if they would not be quiet, to treat them as I had treated Jesus. He said that all the soldiers he had conversed with were convinced that Jesus was resurrected by supernatural power and was still living, and that he was no human being, for the light and the angels and the dead that came out of their graves all went to prove that something had happened that never occurred on earth before. He said that John and Peter were spreading it all over the country, and that if Jesus would appear at the head of a host, and declare for the king of the Jews, he believed all the Jews would fight for him. I sent for the lieutenant, who gave a lengthy account of the occurrence that morning, all of which I suppose you have learned, and will investigate. From this I am convinced that something transcending the laws of nature took place that morning, that cannot be accounted for upon natural laws, and I find it is useless to try to get any of the soldiers to deny it, for they are so excited that they cannot be reasoned with. I regret that I had the soldiers placed at the tomb, for the very things that they were to prevent they have helped to establish.

"After questioning the soldiers and officers



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to my satisfaction, my mind being so disturbed that I could neither eat nor sleep, I sent for John and Peter. They came and brought Mary and Joanna, who are the women that went to embalm Jesus' body the morning of the resurrection, as it is called. They were very interesting as they related the circumstances. Mary says that when they went, day was just breaking. They met the soldiers returning from the sepulchre, and saw nothing strange until they came to the tomb, and found that it was empty. The stone that covered the sepulchre was rolled to one side, and two men dressed in flowing white were sitting, one at each end of the sepulchre. Mary asked them where was her Lord; they said, 'He is risen from the dead; did he not tell you he would rise the third day and show himself to the people, to prove that he was the Lord of life?' Go tell his disciples, said they. Joanna said she saw but one man; but this discrepancy must have been due to their excitement, because they say they were much alarmed. They both say that as they returned they met the Master, who told them that he was the resurrection and the life; all that will accept shall be resurrected from the second death. 'We fell at his feet, all bathed in tears, and when we rose up he was gone.' Both these women wept for joy while relating these circumstances, and John shouted aloud, which made me tremble in every limb, for I could not help thinking that something that was the exclusive work of God had

occurred, but what it all meant was a great mystery to me. It might be, I said, that God had sent this message by the mouth of this stranger; it might be that he was the seed of the woman, and we his people had executed him.

"I asked John and Peter if they could give me any further evidence in regard to this man; that I wished to be informed of his private history. Peter said that Jesus passed by where he was, and bade him follow him, and he felt attracted to him, but at first it was more through curiosity than anything in the man; that he soon became

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acquainted with Mary, who told him that he was her son, and related to him the strange circumstances of his birth, and that she was convinced that he was to be the king of the Jews. She spoke of many strange things concerning his life, which made Peter feel more interested in him than he would have been otherwise. He said that Jesus was a man so pleasant in his character, and so like a child in innocence, that no one could help liking him after he got acquainted with him; that though he seemed to be stern and cold, he was not so in reality; that he was exceedingly kind, especially to the

poor; that he would make any sacrifice for the sick and needy, and would spare no effort to impart knowledge to anyone that would call on him, and that his knowledge was so profound that he had seen him interrogated by the most learned doctors of the law, and he always gave the most perfect satisfaction, and that the *sopher* or scribes, and the Hillelites, and Shammaites were afraid to open their mouths in his presence. They had attacked him so often and been repelled that they shunned him as they would a wolf; but when he had repelled them he did not enjoy the triumph as they did over others of whom they had gotten the ascendancy. As to his private life, he seemed not to be a man of pleasure, nor of sorrow. He mingled with society to benefit it, and yet took no part at all in what was going on. 'I had heard many tell of what occurred when he was baptized, and from what his mother told me I was watching for a display of his divine power, if he had any, for I knew he could never be king of the Jews unless he did have help from on high. Once when we were attending a marriage-feast the wine gave out and his mother told him of it, and he said to the men to fill up some water-pots that were sitting near, and they put in nothing but water, for I watched them, but when they poured it out it was wine, for it was tasted by all at the feast, and when the master found it out he called for Jesus to honor him, but he had disappeared. It seemed that he did not want to be

popular, and this spirit displeased us, for we knew if he was to be king of the Jews he must become popular to the Jews. His behavior angered his mother, for she was doing all she could to bring him into notice, and to make him popular among the people, and the people could not help liking him when they saw him. Another peculiarity was that in his presence everyone felt safe. There seemed to be an almighty power pervading the air wherever he went so that everyone felt secure, and believed that no harm could befall them if Jesus were present. As we were in fishing-boat I saw Jesus coming out toward us, walking on the water. I knew that if he could make the waves support him, he could make them support me also. I asked him if I might come to him; he said to me to come, but when I saw the waves gathering around me I began to sink, and asked him to help me. He lifted me up, and told me to have faith in God. On another occasion we were sailing on the sea, and there was a great storm. The wind blew at a fearful rate, and all on board thought they would be lost; we awakened the master, and when he saw the raging of the storm he stretched out his hand and said, 'Peace, be still!' and the wind ceased to blow, the thunder stopped, the lightnings withdrew, and the billowing sea seemed as quiet as a babe in its mother's arms—all done in one moment of time. This I saw with my own eyes, and from that time I was convinced that he was not a common man. Neither did he work by en-

chantment like the Egyptian thaumaturgists, for in all their tricks they never attack the laws of nature. In vain might they order the thunder to hush, or the winds to abate, or the lightnings to cease their flashing. Again, I saw this man while we were passing from Jericho. There was a blind man, who cried out to him for mercy, and Jesus said to me, 'Go, bring him near,' and when I brought him near Jesus asked him what he wanted. He said he wanted to see him. Jesus said, 'Receive thy sight,' when he was not near enough for Jesus to lay his hands upon him or use any art. Thus were all his miracles performed. He did

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**I FEEL SURE THAT IF I SHOULD MEET JESUS I WOULD FALL DEAD AT HIS FEET; AND IT SEEMED TO ME IF I WENT OUT I SHOULD BE SURE TO MEET HIM.**

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not act as the Egyptian necromancers. They use vessels, such as cups, bags, and jugs, and many other things to deceive. Jesus used nothing but his simple speech in such a way that all could understand him, and it seemed as if the laws of nature were his main instruments of action, and that nature was as obedient to him as a slave is to his master. I recall another occasion when a young man was dead, and Jesus loved his sisters. One of them went with Jesus to the tomb. He commanded it to be uncovered. The sister said, 'Master, by this time he is offensive; he has been dead four days.' Jesus said, 'Only have faith,' and he called the

young man by name, and he came forth out of the tomb, and is living today, and Peter proposed that I should see him for myself.

"Thus argue Peter and John. If Jesus had such power over nature and nature's laws, and power over death in others, he would have such power over death that he could lay down his life and take it up again, as he said he would do. As he proposes to bring hundreds of witnesses to prove all he says, and much more—witnesses whose veracity cannot be doubted—and as I had heard many of these things before from different men, both friends and foes (and although these things are related by his friends—that is, the friends of Jesus—yet these men talk like men of truth, and their testimony corroborates other evidence that I have from other sources, that convinces me that this is something that should not be rashly dealt with), and seeing the humble trust and confidence of these men and women, besides, as John says, thousands of others equally strong in their belief, it throws me into great agitation. I feel some dreadful foreboding—a weight upon my heart. I cannot feel as a criminal from the fact that I was acting according to my best judgment with the evidence before me. I feel that I was acting in defense of God and my country, which I love better than my life, and if I was mistaken, I was honest in my mistake. And as we teach that honesty of purpose gives character to the action, on this basis I shall try to clear myself of any charge, yet there is a conscious fear about my heart, so that I have no rest day or night.

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# Editorials



## By Wayne Murphey

Greetings to all our readers.

This month of March marks the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. That act of power brought great blessings to those who trust in Him.

The apostle Paul wrote, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:19-23.

Through the resurrection, Christ has the power and ability to dispense unmeasured blessings upon us. But sometimes patience is required in order to receive those benefits. And patience is something our society doesn't encourage. Instant gratification is the norm. Serving God, however, requires drawing close to the Lord and sometimes waiting for His revelation in our lives.

This was the experience of the disciples. After Christ's death on the cross, they lost patience with their Christian life and Peter said, "I go a fishing." Six of the other disciples said, "We also will go with you." (John 21:3.) They had only to wait three days for Christ's resurrection, but lost hope and were anxious to get on with their lives.

I am glad Christ was patient with them. He manifested Himself to them on numerous occasions and then told them to wait in Jerusalem to be endued with the Holy Spirit. They seemed to have learned their lesson, for we find them waiting in prayer when the Holy Spirit came upon them.

In Rom. 15:4 Paul wrote, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and

comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Patience, coupled with the scriptures, always brings encouragement.

God Himself is an example of patience for us to follow. Rom. 15:5 says, "Now the God of patience and consolation...." Have you ever considered how patient God is? He was willing to wait three days for the resurrection. Surely His desire would have been to remove Christ from the cross immediately, out of the hands of the cruel mob, and return Him to the safety and comfort of heaven.

Think of how often God is patient with us. We make mistakes and many times are slow to learn, but He keeps dealing and working with us. Because of this, we have hope of making heaven.

John Wesley's father once asked his wife, "How could you have the patience to tell that blockhead the same thing twenty times over?" "Why," she replied, "if I had told him but nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor."

Consider God's patience with society. I recently heard about a young boy who took his dog and went to the park to play. A group of teenagers came along, took the boy's dog, and as he watched in frantic protest, they hung the dog from playground equipment until it died. That story causes a strong feeling to arise within one at the injustice committed, and creates a desire for instant judgment. But it is only a small sample of the atrocities occurring around the world. God could exact immediate vengeance, but He is the God of "all patience." He withholds judgment and does not cut men off, often giving them space for repentance.

Let us thank the Lord that He is long suffering to us, and pray that He will bless us with the patience we need in our lives to do His will.

We appreciate those who sent in dates for summer camp meetings. If your congregation's meeting is not included on the list in this issue, please feel free to relay that information to us as soon as possible.

We were saddened on February 7<sup>th</sup> to hear of Bro. Randall Flynn's death. Bro. Randall and his wife, Sis. June, dedicated 11 1/2 years working here at the Print Shop. Bro. Randall was one who loved fellowship and the Lord. We are confident that today he is in heaven sharing the fellowship of others who have gone before. If you would like to send condolences to his wife,

Sis. June, you may do so by writing her at: 51527 Narretto Rd., Loranger, LA 70446.

Condolences may also be addressed to Bro. Randall's mother, Sis. Alta Flynn, at: 51154 Hwy. 443, Loranger, LA 70446.

—Love in Christ, Bro. Wayne Murphey



## Prayer Requests

MO—"Pray for me, that God will heal me and I will be able to walk again and drive my car."

—Bro. Wiley Bernett

SC—Sis. Winnie Robinson has several needs and burdens for which she desires prayer.

IN—"Please remember us in prayer."

—Sis. Mary Wilson

OK—"I need special prayer that I will grow in God's grace."

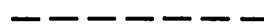
—Mildred Hall

NC—"I have a very special prayer request."

—Sis. Faye Minton

Nigeria—"We need your earnest prayers on behalf of one of our closest and dearest sisters, Sis. Waite Punoh. She is being attacked spiritually and bodily. We have been praying earnestly for the Lord's mercy on her and for the church. We know nothing is too hard for the Lord and since He has not seen fit to take her, we look forward to Him arresting the power of the enemy and restoring her a healthy body."

—Bro. Emmanuel Dokubo



## Standing Prayer Requests

Sis. Ruby Bell

Sis. Lydia Bennett

Sis. Alscene Breckenridge

Bro. Jon Busbee

Sis. Mamie Butcher

Bro. Arnett Carver

Bro. Nathan Carver

Sis. Estelene Cramer

Sis. Waneta Creel

Sis. Frances Deforth

Bro. Dale Doolittle

Sis. Elaine Dunn

Sis. Eleanor Fingerle

Sis. Pearlene Gerald

Sis. Esther Gordon

Bro. Huey Gordon, Jr.

Bro. Lee Hilton

Bro. Shawn Howard

Sis. Mary Hughes

Sis. Daisy Johnson

Sis. Janice Johnston

Sis. Earnestine Jordan  
 The Lounds sisters  
 Sis. Mattie McIntyre  
 Sis. Bertha Miles  
 Bro. Allan Miller  
 Sis. Virginia Myers  
 Sis. Dollie O'Neall  
 Bro. Charles Pierro  
 Bro. O. C. Porter  
 Sis. Melba Powell  
 Sis. Myrtle Savoie  
 Bro. M. Agenemoh Sidi  
 Sis. Kay Stover  
 The Mitch Taylor family  
 Sis. Anna Mae Thompson  
 Bro. Preston Vulgamore  
 Bro. Curtis Williams, Sr.  
 Bro. Max Williamson  
 Sis. Esther Wilson



## CAMP MEETING DATES

**Miami, FL**—March 31-April 7  
**Holly Hill, SC**—June 2-9  
**Greenbank, WV**—June 14-20  
**Jefferson, OR**—June 14-23  
**Loranger, LA**—June 30-July 7  
**Fresno, CA**—July 5-14  
**National (Monark Springs, MO)**—July 19-28  
**Myrtle, MO**—July 31-Aug. 4



## MEETING NOTICES

### GENERAL MINISTERS' MEETING

Dear saints: Lord willing there will be a General Ministers' Meeting at The Church of God Chapel in Guthrie, OK. The first meeting will begin Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9 a.m., and the last session will end at noon on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We look forward to a rewarding time of fellowship and Bible teachings to enhance the work of the Lord. Interest has been expressed for instructions to establish the young ministers, build faith and encourage all to work more closely together.

We would also like to give attention to Bible



topics relative to the ministry. We would humbly ask that any questions be submitted prior to the meeting to allow the ministry time to prayerfully consider them. Please keep your questions brief (three sentences or less) and as concise as possible. Your requests can be submitted to the Church of God ministry, by March 2, in care of Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 North Main, Tulsa, OK 74106, or Bro. James Bell at the following e-mail address: triciaskitchen@juno.com or Bro. Keith Fuller, 244 Storer Ave., Akron, OH 44302.

Please contact Bro. Delmar and Sis. Brenda Wilkins at (405) 282-0566 for lodging suggestions. We need to know how many are coming to plan for the meals, so please R.S.V.P. soon.

Any freewill offerings for this meeting may be sent to Sis. Brenda Wilkins at 1023 East Prairie Grove, Guthrie, OK 73044.

If you are unable to attend, there will be tapes available upon request. We ask the saints to pray for this meeting that it will be edifying, uplifting and successful.

Yours for the work of the Lord,

—Bro. James A. Bell



### WEBB CITY, MO SINGING

Plans are made for a singing to be held, Lord willing, at the Church of God Chapel in Webb City, MO, 7:00 p.m., March 16th. A special invitation is extended to everyone to attend, especially those who have a song on their heart.

Your presence would be appreciated in the next day's Sunday morning service. After service a lunch will be served.

For accommodations and more information contact Bro. Ed and Sis. Jan Johnston at (417) 472-6427.



### WICHITA, KS, SPRING REVIVAL MEETING

Lord willing, the Wichita, KS, Spring Meeting will be held April 21-28, 2002. We need God's help continually more than ever in times like these. We are trusting Him to send in strong soldiers to help us win the battle against the enemy and wrong. Many people are enslaved and Jesus came to set the captives free. All are invited to come, but if you can't, please pray that people will yield to the wooing Spirit and gain true freedom. We want to receive all God has for us in the meeting and to see deliverances and healings. We will be looking for special blessings from God, and victory on every line.



On both Sundays there will be three services. On Monday through Saturday there will be services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 16th and Ash (1701 N. Ash). The phone number is (316) 267-9582. You may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Theodore McCray at (316) 682-5132.  
—Sis. Shirley Knight

#### MIAMI, FL, CAMP MEETING

The saints in Miami, FL, will be having their annual Spring Camp Meeting. The dates are March 31-April 7. There will be nightly services at 7:30 p.m. and two services on both Sundays. Come praying and expecting a blessing.

The church's address is 235 NW 47th St. Lodging and meals will be provided. Motels are also available.

Contact Bro. Robert McIntyre at (305) 233-2166 or Bro. Charles Clay at (305) 235-4271. The chapel phone number is (305) 758-0160.

#### ENTERPRISE, AL, SPRING SINGING

The Church of God congregation in Enterprise Community, near Warrior, AL, is planning a singing on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. Regular services will be held on Sunday. Activities and sessions will begin on Saturday morning.

For accommodations or more information, you may call Roy Herron at (205) 647-7869 or Marshall Whitson at (205) 647-6325. There are also motels in the Cullman area. The chapel is located two miles west of I-65 at exit 289.

Come with a song and a prayer for this to be a time of praise and worship to God, and of fellowship for all who attend.

## Vanceburg, KY, Chapel



Sis. Mary Hughes, and the saints at Vanceburg, Ky, wish to thank all the saints who helped with the building of their new chapel. Everyone is welcome to stop in and worship the Lord with them.



## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: We trust all is going well with you. We are thankful to report the Lord is still extending His mercies to us. He is so gracious to lend us His grace and wisdom as we continually feel our need and call to Him. Too often, though, we spend a long time trying to figure things out before we bring our needs to Him. But how wonderful are His works when we

put things in His mighty hand. And His love to us is so precious. What a Friend....

May God bless and keep you. We thank God for all those who serve Him so tirelessly and faithfully.

Yours for Him, —Sis. Marilyn Cole

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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who changed my life when I could no longer handle it. Since that change I have been able to face each day with courage and determination, and have gone on for more than forty years. During this period I have learned to cast all my cares on Him.

Recently I was backended on the freeway. I was not hurt, nor was anyone else. The insurance company would not fix my car because it would be too costly and it was less expensive for them to pay me off. I settled for that without complaint. Needing another car, I began to pray. Within a week from that day, I have a more recent model car which is in better shape than my old one. God's hand was readily seen in all the events leading to the purchase of the car, and I am delighted and contented with it.

I need prayer. I am afflicted, but I am still able to perform my duties in the church at Los Angeles. I am expecting great things with our congregation. I also have unsaved loved ones who are ailing.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* and usually read it through when I get it. Thank God for you and all those who labor to get the paper out.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may the circulation be multiplied.

In Christian love, —Bro. Bob Mickelson

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OH—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. I thought I would drop you a line and let you know that I am still getting the *Faith and Victory* magazine, and like getting it.

This note finds us okay and blessed of the Lord, and I hope you all are doing good, too.

Again, I say thanks and may God bless you.

—Bro. Rufus and Sis. Ruby Perry

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NC—Thank you for the gospel. I am so blessed to receive your publications....

For Christ's name, —Angela Taylor

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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love. I hope all is going well with you and the workers there. As for my wife and I, we are

having some light afflictions. My wife suffers some from a heart condition. I have an affliction that makes me unable to rest well at night. We are both getting up in years and we want to trust the Lord through our short life here. Then we are looking forward to the beautiful life that awaits us over there. We want to be faithful while here until He says it is enough, then we want to receive the crown that awaits all the faithful. We desire an interest in your prayers.

Your saved brother and sister,

—T. V. and Carrie McMillian

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Jamaica—Christian greetings in Jesus' name: I wish you, the staff and the Publishing House a prosperous new year of 2002, in which more work will be done for the Lord in spreading the gospel....

I am so sorry to have to inform you that my son in the faith; who was in prison, including on death row, and who professed salvation for nearly twelve years, came out of prison on September 11th of last year, but backslid very soon after being freed. I am extremely disappointed. I had had hopes of him passing out magazines and some of these tracts. Please pray for him because the Lord is very merciful, and does not treat us as we deserve. So, I don't give him over, but oh, it is a hard blow. Over the years his letters showed that he was really growing spiritually. The race is not to the swift but to the one who endureth to the end. "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25.)

Let us pray for one another.

In His service, —Grace A. E. Goode

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OH—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: We send greetings in Jesus' precious name.

We will not make excuses for ourselves. I should have done this a long time ago, and now that I have asked the Lord to forgive us, we beg your forgiveness. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that at a better time we will do the right thing, and I have believed this, "Yes, when I finally get some money, I will help in a big way with the work of the Lord." Well, the Lord began to speak to my heart and asked me when will it be a good time. I certainly did not think now because I have no job and limited means. The enemy of our souls has an excuse for us....

I had gotten up early yesterday morning and while reading the paper and learning of all the



work that is being done in other countries for the furtherance of the gospel work, the question came to me, "What am I doing?" We want to be a part of something that is so very special, even if it is in just a small way.

We have been praying for the work and do thank God for all that you and the workers do for the love of souls.

May God bless you all and keep you encouraged in the way.

With Christian love and prayers,

—Elaine D. Carter



### From the Philippines...

February 12, 2002—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings of Christian love in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you all happy in the service of the Lord.

May I ask your kind forgiveness for my failure to write you for so long. I am always eager to send you a report and information about the gospel work here and the activities we are doing, but my health does not permit me. Since my asthma attack last July 2001, I am always sickly and cannot go out to see the brothers and sisters. I always feel dizzy, which makes me unable to write. However, I am so thankful that the gospel work is going smoothly because of the cooperation of our brothers and sisters. It is my consolation to see them working harder while I am sick.

There are many things that are hard for us to understand. I had been praying to the good Lord to heal me completely, not for me to enjoy life, but for the sake of the gospel work, but it seems there is no answer. I know that the Lord is good and He always knows what is good for His children. That is why I always rely on God's hand no matter what happens to me. The apostle Paul said, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28. He also said, "And lest I should be exalted above measure

through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore, I would rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong." II Corinthians 12:7-10.

Now I can see some of the purpose of God for my sickness. My children are becoming more active in the gospel work. My son, Harlito, is now in San Jose. He resigned from his job in Manila and has come to help in the gospel work. He is now going with the team of evangelistic workers to the barrios, and also goes with Daniel to supervise the carpenters and laborers in the construction of the church buildings.

I am so thankful for your wonderful love to us dear saints. Thank you for the support which makes it possible to go to the different places to preach. Please don't be tired of us dear saints. May God bless you for what you are doing for the salvation of precious souls.

Our camp meeting last December was very blessed. Everyone said they felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The messages were wonderful and everyone said they have seen the glory of God in the tabernacle....

May you continue to pray for me and for the church work in the Philippines as we do for you. Warm regards to everyone.

Your brother in Christ,

—Matias S. Tangunan



### From India...

February 23, 2002—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the precious name of Jesus.

May God bless our efforts in all countries to spread the gospel which leads to the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

We will have conventions in some of the congregations in March. The whole world is like a restless sea. "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth

the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries. that the nations may tremble at thy presence!" Isaiah 64:1-2.

Let us exchange our prayers every day.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese



On December 16, 1904, near Kingston, AR, a baby girl, **Marjorie Lea**, was born into the family of William and Nanny Slaven. She became a member of a loving family that included fifteen Slaven children and three orphaned cousins. This household of love and hospitality was the foundation which fostered a lifetime of enjoying the fruits of hard work, of loving God, of caring for others.

Marjorie attended schools in the Kingston, AR, area until February of her senior year in high school. Because there was a shortage of country school teachers at that time, she was asked by the county superintendent to take a test to obtain a teaching certificate so she could teach the first through eighth grades in some of the one-room country schools. She had a passion for teaching and continued in that profession until a young man by the name of Oscar Wall wooed her heart on a Sunday night walk from church. They were wed on February 12, 1928.

From this union, five children were born who were taught the values of loving God, loving one another, loving their fellowman, and the blessings that come from honesty, integrity and hard work.

Mourning the loss are Dean and Wanda Wall from Murphy, NC, Leta and Glen Inman from Peculiar, MO, Paul and Louise Wall from Escondido, CA, Vonda McMillian from Vinita, OK and Marilyn and Jim McMillian from Lubbock, TX. She is survived by 12 grandchildren

and 19 great-grandchildren, who knew they were loved by their grandmother.

She is also survived by two sisters, Edith Perryman of Outlook, WA and Dea Lawson of Lowell, AR, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Ova and Jess Carter of Union Gap, WA; many nieces and nephews and good friends, Deloris and Floyd Hambrick, all of whom were dear to her.

Her loving, faithful companion, Oscar, a grandson, David Inman, and a daughter-in-law, Jynell Wall, preceded her in death.

This union united, for over 53 years, two people who equally thrived on the hard work involved in raising cattle and farming. She loved gardening and flowers and continued working in them as long as she possibly could.

But most importantly, she loved God. She had an open prayer line to her Lord that she used by night or day. Only heaven can reveal the worth of those prayers on behalf of all her family and friends. As long as she was able to attend, she worshipped God as a member of the Four Corners Church of God.

Her love and kindness and hospitality extended to all she met. To all who mourn, her song to them would be—"God be With You Till We Meet Again."

Funeral services were held in the Luginbuel Chapel, Vinita, OK, by Bro. Stanley Dickson. Burial was in the Upper Camp Ground Cemetery, Kingston, AR.



The late Earl P. and Zenola R. Knight were the proud parents of seven children. **Lela R. Knight Hobbs** was the fifth child born in Akron, OH, on February 18, 1947. She was called to her reward on November 5, 2001, at the age of 54 years.

Lela spent some of her early childhood years in Tulsa, OK. The family moved back to Akron, OH, where she graduated from East High School. Math always seemed to be her favorite subject with English and Physical Education close behind. She had a lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. She took college prep courses for this in high school. In September, 1965, she was hired as a nurse's aide at the Akron City Hospital and worked until July, 1966. In 1967 she attended the University of Akron while working at two hospitals. Her dream was realized when she graduated with honors from the nursing program at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) in May, 2000. She worked at several

hospitals in Johnson County, the last one being Olathe Medical Center as a registered nurse. Being a nurse came natural and she touched many lives fulfilling her dream.

Lela grew up in the Church of God and was saved, receiving Christ as her own personal Saviour, in 1967, at the age of 20 while attending a camp meeting in Akron, OH. There was never a day that went by that anyone would doubt her love for her Saviour. As the years went by, praying became second nature to her. She would quote scriptures and preach to everyone who knew her.

In 1974 she met and married Calvin L. Hobbs of San Bernardino, CA. To this union eight children were born. She was a faithful, dependable wife and mother, not only a blessing to her immediate family, but to many others. She had a special relationship with each one of her children. There was very seldom a day that passed in which she wouldn't hear from each one of them.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, five sons, Marlon and Jonathan of Overland Park, KS, Vincent and Joshua of Olathe, KS, and Calvin of Washington, D.C.; three daughters, Renee Galvin and her husband, Erik, of Topeka, KS, and Karla and Eileen of Olathe, KS; two grandchildren Destiny and Diego of Topeka, KS; two brothers, Earl P. Knight of Carlsbad, CA, and William Knight of Mer Rouge, LA; three sisters, Cordelia Gullede of Akron, OH, Maxine Browne and husband Francis of Victorville, CA, and Juanekee Fuller and husband Keith of Akron, OH; also nephews, nieces, relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Paul Phillips with interment in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

### Thank You

The family wishes to thank all the saints for their prayers, visits and words of comfort during Sis. Lela's illness. We appreciate the outpouring of love during the funeral services and the dinner afterwards. Lela will be sadly missed by her family, the saints in the Harrisonville congregation and her siblings. She has gained her reward.

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On October 15, 1941, a child, **Randall Flynn**, was born to Oscar David (O. D.) and Alta Williamson Flynn. As life is uncertain no one could know how this life would develop, but his

parents began, as soon as they could, to instill in him the way of the Bible. Randall did not have every advantage which most men do. He was born with a handicap. Those who knew him were aware that he walked with a limp. But he did not let that handicap deter him from a full life. While he had to live with it all of his life, it is unlikely that you ever heard him complain about his condition. Rather than allowing it to make him weak, he turned his life into something strong and admirable.

In 1943, he moved with his parents to their native home in Loranger, LA, to work and live on a small dairy. It was here in Loranger that his parents began to teach him about work, life, and about a God who would lead him if he would follow.

Randall graduated from Loranger High School in 1959 and then attended two years at Southeastern Louisiana College (now SLU).

On June 22, 1963, he married Velma June Vice of Eaton, OH. To this union were born seven children; one son, Dean, and six daughters, Anita, Charlene, Brenda, Delores, Edith and Reba.

Randall began his career of work at Carr Printing Company in Hammond, LA, in 1961 and worked there until 1966. He then worked for LaCox Butone until 1972.

Randall always kept contact with his God. In 1972 he answered the voice of God by leaving Louisiana to work at Faith Publishing House in Guthrie, OK. He labored there eleven and a half years, helping to print the *Faith and Victory* paper and gospel literature that was distributed across the United States. He then returned to Loranger, LA, and to LaCox companies in 1984, until he could no longer work in 2001.

Randall enjoyed life. He enjoyed the outdoors, tractors and tinkering with equipment. He liked to take something that was broken, work with it, and make it run again. He told about a little Cub tractor that he got which was a "basket case." When he started putting it all together, every piece, every part was there. He needed one small metal spring clip, and thought for sure it wouldn't be there and would have to be ordered, but while looking through the cans of parts, he found it. He found a spiritual blessing in that. He said it brought to mind how God, His God, didn't leave anything out of our lives but would supply every detail of it. That visit from God would later prove to be a landmark in his life.

Bro. Randall was not a man with flash, glitter or pizzazz. While he loved life and enjoyed humor, he deeply loved his God. Very recently, at one of the last Wednesday night prayer meetings he attended, he expressed a wish for a deeper spiritual experience. While you didn't hear much from him or see him in front of a group, he was a major factor standing behind those who were. I never heard a discouraging word from his lips. My whole experience with him was that, he was an asset, never a liability. He loved the young people and would address them occasionally at prayer service. The world needs more men like this.

Bro. Randall took his family seriously. He took the responsibility of husband, daddy, grandfather, son and brother very seriously. He did his best to shield, shelter and protect until the very last.

On Sunday, February 3rd, some came by to see and sing to him. Many of the young people were there. He said, "I want to do this right." I believe he did. He did all of us a real service. He did his best to exemplify Christ in his life by ministering to his fullest capability to all around him who would receive it. We will miss this man—his humor—his smile—his love—his unwavering support.

Bro. Randall leaves his wife, Velma June, one son, Randall Dean Flynn of Loranger; five daughters and spouses, Mrs. Robert F. (Anita) Baudier of Hammond, LA, Mrs. Ronald (Charlene) Bryant of Pumpkin Center, LA, Mrs. Thomas D. (Brenda) Short of Batchelor, LA, Mrs. Joe (Delores) Perez of Loranger, LA, and Ms. Reba Flynn of Loranger, LA; six grandchildren, Randall (Randy) Frank Baudier, Heather Renee, Nolan Bryant, Sara Katherine (Kate), Emily Diane Short and Jordan Blake Perez.

Randall joins his father, Oscar David (O. D.)

and daughter, Edith, in heaven. May we live our lives so that we, too, can join them at the end of our journey.

Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Church of God Chapel in Loranger, LA, by Bro. Ed Wilson, Bro. Michael Williamson and Bro. Steve Elston. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Loranger, LA.

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**Gertrude L. Clark**, of Vanceburg, KY, went to be with her Savior at the age of 84, on Sunday, December 30, 2001, in her home, following an extended illness.

Born April 23, 1917, at Petersville, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Lillie C. (Botkins) Sparks. She was a homemaker and a member of the Black Oak Church of God.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Maneth W. Clark; four daughters, Mary Hughes (Meredith), Linda Howard (Lesley), Eula Chinn (Roy) and Fonda Griffith (Junior), all of Vanceburg; three sons, Paul Clark (Loretta) of Lorain, OH, Herbert Clark (Stephanie) of Seattle, WA, and Rob Clark (Julia) of Vanceburg; one sister, Mary Rosen Koetter of Elyria, OH; two brothers, Elmer Sparks of Vanceburg and George Sparks of New Market, AL; 25 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Arnold Clark; two grandchildren, Robert Clark and Lisa Chinn; five sisters, Ruby McClictack, Eloise Denecia, Opal Messer, Mae Klare and Francis Mattox; one brother, Charles Sparks.

Services were conducted January 1, 2002, at Dickerson Funeral Home in Vanceburg, by Bro. Larry Abbott. Sis. Clark was laid to rest at the Black Oak Cemetery. She will be greatly missed by her family and all those who knew her.

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## **Caiaphas' Report**

(Continued from page 3.)

I feel sure that if I should meet Jesus I would fall dead at his feet; and it seemed to me if I went out I should be sure to meet him.

"In this state of conscious dread I remained investigating the Scriptures to know more about the prophecies concerning this man, but found nothing to satisfy my mind. I locked my door and gave the guards orders to let no one in without first giving me notice. While thus engaged, with no one in the room but my wife and

Annas, her father, when I lifted up my eyes, behold Jesus of Nazareth stood before me. My breath stopped, my blood ran cold, and I was in the act of falling, when he spoke and said, 'Be not afraid, it is I. You condemned me that you might go free. This is the work of my Father. Your only wrong is, you have a wicked heart; this you must repent of. This last lamb you have slain is the one that was appointed before the foundation; this sacrifice is made for all men. Your other lambs were for those who offered them; this is for all, this is the last; it is for you if you will accept it. I died that you and all

mankind might be saved.' At this he looked at me with such melting tenderness that it seemed to me I was nothing but tears, and my strength was all gone. I fell on my face at his feet as one that was dead. When Annas lifted me up, Jesus was gone, and the door still locked. No one could tell when or where he went.

"So noble Masters, I do not feel that I can officiate as priest anymore. If this strange personage is from God, and should prove to be the Saviour we have looked for so long, and I have been the means of crucifying him, I have no further offerings to make for sin; but I will wait and see how these things will develop. And if he proves to be the ruler that we are looking for, they will soon develop into something more grand in the future. His glory will increase; his influence will spread wider and wider, until the whole earth shall be full of his glory, and all the kingdoms of the world shall be his dominion. Such are the teachings of the prophets on this subject. Therefore you will appoint Jonathan, or someone, to fill the holy place."



## Seven Men Went Singing Into Heaven

One of the strangest experiences in my life is connected with war, says Nordenberg, an eminent engineer in Finland.

I offered my services to the government and was appointed to be an officer in General Mannerheim's army. It was a terrible time. We besieged the town. It had been taken by the Red Army and we retook it.

A number of Red prisoners were under my guard. Seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. I shall never forget the preceding Sunday. The seven doomed men were kept in the basement of the town hall. In the passage, my men stood at attention with their rifles.

The atmosphere was filled with hatred. My soldiers were drunk with victory and taunted their prisoners, who swore as much as they could and beat the walls with their bleeding fists. Others called for their wives and children who were far away.

Then something happened. One of the men doomed to death began to sing! "He is mad," was everybody's first thought. But I had noticed this man, Koskinen, had not raved and cursed like the others. Quietly he had sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything

to him—each was carrying his burden in his own way and Koskinen sang, rather waveringly at first, then his voice grew stronger and became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at the singer, who sang,

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast,  
There by His love o'ershaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

"Hark, 'tis the voice of angels,  
Borne in a song to me  
Over the fields of glory,  
Over the jasper seal"

Over and over again Koskinen sang that verse and when he finished, everyone was quiet for a few minutes until a wild-looking individual broke out with, "Where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?"

Koskinen looked at his comrades and his eyes filled with tears. Then he asked quietly, "Comrades, will you listen to me for a minute? You asked me where I got this song: it was from some gospel workers. I heard it three weeks ago. At first I also laughed at this song, but it got me. It is cowardly to hide your beliefs. The God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but I know that it happened. I lay awake last night and suddenly I felt that I had to find the Savior and hide in Him. Then I prayed—like the thief on the cross—that Christ would forgive me and cleanse my sinful soul and make me ready to stand before Him whom I shall meet soon."

"It was a strange night," continued Koskinen. "There were times when everything seemed to shine around me. Verses from the Bible and from song books came to my mind. They brought a message of the crucified Savior and the blood that cleanses from sin and of the home He has prepared for us. I thanked Him, accepted it, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. It was God's answer to my prayer. I could no longer keep it to myself! Within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace."

Koskinen's face shone as by an inward light. His comrades sat there quietly. He himself stood there transfixed. My soldiers were listening to what this Red revolutionary had to say.

"You are right, Koskinen," said one of his comrades at last, "if only I knew that there is mercy for me, too! But I have reviled God and trampled on all that is holy. Now I realize that

there is a hell and that is the proper place for me."

He sank to the ground with despair depicted on his face. "Pray for me, Koskinen," he groaned, "Tomorrow I shall die and my soul will be in the hands of the Devil."

And there these two Red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. It was no long prayer, but it opened heaven to both, and we who listened to it forgot our hatred. It melted in the light from heaven, for here two men who were soon to die sought reconciliation with God. A door leading into the invisible stood ajar and we were entranced by the sight.

Let me tell you shortly that by the time it was four o'clock, all Koskinen's comrades had followed his example and begun to pray. The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of them sat on the floor, others talked of spiritual things.

The night had almost gone and day was dawning. No one had had a moment's sleep. "Sing the song once more for us, Koskinen," said one of them. And you should have heard them sing! Not only that song, but verses and choruses long forgotten came forth from their memories as buds in the sunshine. The soldiers on guard united their voices with them.

The town clock struck six. How I wished I could have begged for grace for these men, but I knew it was impossible.

Between two rows of soldiers they marched out to execution. One of them asked to be allowed once more to sing Koskinen's song. Permission was granted. Then they asked to die with uncovered faces—and with hands raised to heaven they sang,

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast."

When the last lines had died out, the lieutenant gave word, "Fire!" and the seven Red soldiers had fought their last fight. We inclined our heads in silent prayer.

What had happened in the hearts of the others I do not know, but so far as I was concerned, I was a new man from that hour. I had met Christ in one of His disciples and I had seen enough to realize that I too, could be His.

"The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men." Ps. 33:13.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

Dear reader, repent, believe, and trust God.  
Go singing into heaven. —Selected



## WHAT IS YOUR "IT"?

By Sis. Patricia Rhodes

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5.

It (pronoun): that one; used as a substitute for a name when referring to a thing, a problem, a situation, a goal, a desire, etc.

When we commit ourselves to the Lord, we devote ourselves to God completely. He takes note of our faithfulness. When our lives are committed to Him, it is then that we can unabashedly bring our requests and supplications to God. What "it" do you want to bring to Jesus? What trial, sickness, torment or grief would you like to turn over to Christ?

The inscription on the Statue of Liberty reads: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door." The statue of Liberty symbolizes hope, freedom from oppression, freedom from inequality and freedom from fear. The inscription suggests that if we come to America, we can lay down all those burdens that we carried in a foreign land, symbolically placing them at the foot of the Statue, and take full advantage of being in the land of the free.

What is your "it"? What burdens do you want to lay down? What request do you want to lay at the foot of the cross? "Hurry and tell Him ev'ry affliction, Tell Him each pain and sorrow of heart."



## *Christian Ethics*

By Bro. Adriel Bowman

**Ethics—the moralization of human behavior.** Ethics involve decisions of right and wrong. The demoralization of human choices, the building of a condition of human thinking in which there is no right and wrong, results in moral relativism and is against God's dealing with man.

Christian ethics govern our conduct in practical Christian living. There are a number of topics that may be raised in relation to this. I will touch on a few which I hope will provoke some thought. They are in the special class of ethics which should be a normal part of Christian behavior and should have a daily impact on the Christian life. They are even at least partly definitive of the Christian life.



**Honesty.** Luke 8:15 uses the phrase "in an honest and a good heart;" II Cor. 8:21 says "providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men;" Rom 12:17 says, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men;" I Thess 4:12 says "That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without;" Phil 4:8 says, "think on honest things;" Acts 6:3 indicates that men picked for the office of a deacon are to be men of honest report.

Some comments. Keep your word. Don't make promises you don't have power to keep. Children lose faith and trust in parents because of casually made promises. Pay your debts; they are your commitments and obligations. They are your Christian testimony to your creditors. Be trustworthy. Duties and responsibilities committed to you, faithfully carry out. Things that you borrow, take care of better than your own things. If something is broken or damaged or missing that you have borrowed, fix it, mend it or try to replace it before giving it back. If someone borrows your axe, would you appreciate it being returned with a smile and a thank you, looking knicked and gashed, with a broken handle? Avoid deceit and the appearance of deceit. Be careful to try to make a true, accurate, faithful recollection and representation in your statements. Never be overly optimistic in your presentations, but use qualifiers, because there may be some things out of your control. Be straightforward, not shift and hard to pin down in your statements. Don't carry hidden agendas in your dealings. Don't shirk or shift responsibility when things go wrong. Don't take credit for that you did not do. Don't plagiarize. Give credit where credit is due. Ministers, deacons and trustees, it is possible to get into such a place financially that your duties, responsibilities and gifts need to be laid aside for a time while business things are straightened out. A Christian is to make valuable judgements and ethical decisions with regard to the Christian profession.

**Mercy and forgiveness.** In Matt 18: 23-30, Jesus gave a lesson on forgiving and releasing others and made an object lesson of an individual who was himself extended great mercy, but was hypocritical and refused to show similar mercy and kindness to his peer. Has there ever been a time when you needed mercy? If so, don't require more of others than yourself.

**Unfair advantage.** Deut. 25: 13-16, instructs us to have just weights by which to make

measurements in commerce. Prov. 20:10, says, divers weights and measures for buying and selling in commerce are an abomination to the Lord. Don't give yourself any advantage in your business dealings with your fellowman, so as to defraud him in any way. Prov. 20:14, challenges us to not verbally degrade the value of our fellow mans' merchandise to avoid paying a fair price.

**Respect of persons.** James 2:1-9, instructs against respect of persons, partiality and prejudice. Be objective. Be willing to give the benefit of the doubt to all equally. Be careful of differential and deferential treatment of people. It should not be justified by some subjective feeling within yourself or your predispositions which are unrelated to them.

**Modesty.** I Timothy 2:9, instructs Christians concerning the proper deportment, carriage, bearing and presentation of their person to the world around them. The inner graces of modesty, sobriety, and humility are to be demonstrated in outward dress. The outward dress of the Christian is not to accentuate physiology and display fleshly pride, but to be aligned with his desire to assist in letting the light of Christ come forth from his life.

**Temperance.** I Cor. 9:25 informs that success in mastering the life of the Christian will include temperance in all areas of one's life. Philippians 4:5 tells us to let our moderation be known to all men. A Christian is to be restrained and constrained in his appetites, controlled in his behavior, and not given to excess. Carefulness teaches us to exercise diligent vigilance at all times so as not to be carried away with divers lusts or emotions, victories or griefs of our fleeting life.

**Talebearing and gossiping.** Prov. 11:13, 16:28, 17:9, 20:19 alert us to something called talebearing. It is something which we can say that may be true, that can cast doubts, create questions, break confidence entrusted in us, destroy confidence between and separate even brothers. Many things which we may say are not expedient or necessary and possibly groundless, unfounded, and one-sided. It is unwise to say things behind one's back which you would not say to one's face where there would be an opportunity for clarification. Things confided in you are not to be passed on to others. If there is no valid need for your friend to know something sensitive you know about someone else, don't tell him or her. Remember there is a valid reason why we have "unspoken" requests.

**Restitution.** Ex. 22:1-13 Be responsible for things left in our care. Try to make things right if something is broken while in our care.

**The Golden Rule.** Matt. 7:12, says, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." This should be the Christian's creed and guide when dealing with his fellowman. Surely this is a requirement of ethical Christian conduct. Should we consider this a commandment that we will be judged by? Before we take an action or say something which might affect our fellowman, we should take a moment and ask if this is the way we desire to be treated or spoken to or about if the circumstance were reversed. This golden rule is surely to have an affect in every facet of our lives dealing with our fellowman. Think of the unkind words, inconsiderate actions, hasty, harsh judgements and emotional trauma that could be avoided if everyone were to walk by this rule.

**Charity.** In John 13:34-35, Jesus commanded that we love one another as He loved us, and that if we did this all men looking on us would thereby know that we are Jesus' disciples. This is quite a tall order and a great commission for Christians in this world. We all have the capacity to give, feel and receive love. A definition for love may be considered here as a background for this topic. Love is (1) a fond or tender feeling; warm liking, affection, attachment, (2) strong or passionate affection, (3) the kindly feeling or benevolence of God for His creatures, or the reverent devotion due from them to Him, or the kindly affection they should have for each other. I John 3:17 questions one's love of God if he has the means to help his brother in need, and closes his compassion against him. This lets us know that a Christian's love comes through in benevolent deeds as well as words. In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Christian neighbor is to be as the Samaritan in that passage. The Samaritan stopped to show compassion and mercy and to bind up the wounded. This is a Christian trait also. To render assistance, show mercy, give comfort (even make efforts to give emotional comfort) to those in need, without expecting anything in return, is the duty of a Christian. Galatians 6:10 says to do good to all men. Romans 13:8-10 says we owe love one to another; love worketh no ill to his neighbor. I Thess 5:15. tells us to make sure that we don't render evil for evil. Love makes us

harmless as doves and enables the varied personalities of Christians to work together among our fellowmen and put Christ on display. I Cor 13:4-8 provides other definitive characteristics about Christian love. It says the Christian is to be longsuffering, kind, not envious, not forward and self-exalting. And, the Christian's love is to be never failing. Finally, in Romans 12:10, we hear the gentle guidance: be kindly affectioned one to another.

We have heard of unethical behavior such as bribery, conflict of interest, perjury, moral turpitude on behalf of lawyers, judges and government officials, and how those things betray the public trust. So what about the Christian code of conduct? Surely, there are some things that are unethical for the Christian profession, things that fall short of the public expectation and disgrace the standard of Christ, the Light of the World. We have a responsibility to live to the high ethical standards of the Bible.



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