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## New Leader's Representative for Kaduna State

The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu has appointed a new set of Leader's Representatives to different offices in Kaduna State. In a release dated October 2, 1986 and signed by the Leader Himself, Pastor Titus Bigun and Deaconess Eunice Davice were appointed the State Leader's Representatives for Kaduna State.

Also appointed are Apostle M.J.S. Mazai and Deaconess Beneditte Obaririm who are the Kaduna L.G.A. Leader's Representatives while Prophet Henry U. Nkanga and Elder Mary Effiong were named the Central Bethel Leader's Representatives.

The release warned that the appointments are final and nobody has the right to remove any appointed person.

It advised that all Leader's Representatives, Chairmen and women, elders, choristers associations are to form executive of the Bethel, come together, discourse and agree on proposals which are to be approved by the Holy Father before implementation.

The release finally reminded all brethren that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star does not operate on the basis of tribalism, state or country but in love and obedience to the commandments of God.

## 'We are impressed by the BCS'

### Says Chairman, Calabar Municipal Government

Mr. Okon E. Eyo, the Chairman of Calabar Municipal government says he is very impressed on the initiatives of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star (BCS) for taking the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as patterned by the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu to other parts of the world especially to the whites.

The remarks were made when the Chairman paid a courtesy call on the Leader in His vestry in Calabar on October 13, 1986.

He said the aim of the visit was two fold. Firstly, it is to show his gratefulness to the Holy Father for keeping and sustaining him in his enviable position as well as protect him.

He also praise the Leader for imparting only wisdom that has never been experienced before in the world, saying that he

has been following His television preachings and has realized that He never preaches "against individuals or churches" noting His style and new teachings as unique and capable of changing the entire world and bring about "a better Cross River State, a better Nigeria, a better Africa and generally, a better world."

Secondly, he says he wants to inform the Holy Father about the Calabar Municipal Government Development Fund launching of 18-19 October 1986 and plead with the Holy Father to give him the green light for success.

Mr. Okon Eyo pleads that the Leader should also use His position to intimate members of the fold, especially those resident in Calabar, to donate whole hearted-



Mr. Okon E. Eyo for the development of Calabar - "which of recent has become a home for everybody."

Responding, the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu informed the Chairman and his entourage that their visit is the best thing they have undertaken in their life time.

He assured Mr. Eyo that the fund raising function will be a

remarkable one since he has the wisdom to bring God into it adding that "allowing God to lead you in whatever you do is the right thing and the success of such undertakings are assured and conclusive."

The Holy Father disclosed to Mr. Eyo that with God, everything is possible for He never fails, saying that the whites know Him better pointing as a proof of His claim at a Belgian, Mr. L. S. Costagolia, who coincidentally, was present during the Chairman's visit.

The Holy Father used the opportunity to inform them that the cause of failures of the political, economic and religious leadership in the country and the entire world lies in the lack of recognising God almighty

ty as the Sole Leader and controller of all things.

The Holy Father said, "the Pope knows me, the emperor of AMORC knows me too but their problem to come here lies in their hesitation to abandon their material positions and riches" concluding assuringly that "whether they like it or not, all heads must bow and all knees shall kneel to Him at the fulness of time."

Mr. L. S. Costagolia, the General Manager of High Quality Bakeries Industry, Calabar who has been in Nigeria since 1980

says he was attracted to the Holy Father by His great spiritual feat.

The Chairman of Calabar Municipal Council, Mr. Okon E. Eyo and the Belgian, Mr. L. S. Costagolia were later shown around all the establishments in the BCS International Headquarters by Pastor Ofu Ebongo, the leader's secretary, while the Leader Himself took them around the vestry, "to disabuse their minds of the false allegations of blood sucking and drinking being peddled about BCS by detractors."

Report by Edward Ette

## Holy Queen Mother Venerated

October 27, 1986 to November 2, 1986, will mark yet another Holy Queen Mother's Week which embraces the entire women folk in particular and the entire Brotherhood world generally.

This is an annual week set aside for celebration's in remembrance of the biblical woman clothed with the sun. She bore the pangs of labour to bring the universal Leader and the King of this last age into physical manifestation on the earth plane (Rev. 12: 1-6).

She is worthy of our reverence as the most humble, the greatest, and the most modest of all the women such that the personified Holy Spirit has chosen her to be the channel through which He comes into the world to change, sanctify and bring humility back to the lost

garden of Eden.

She is worthy of divine honour and appreciation for she had run a good race, she had successfully completed her assignment by bearing the fruit - the spiritual man - who has come to liberate mankind from the shackles of satan the devil.

She has brought forth the son that was predestined to lead, teach, and reign supreme in this age in a kingdom which shall stand forever.

There is no contribution, no tribute, no gift, no honour that can be good enough to give or dedicate to this most rare and modest woman of our time. She is a pride to Womanhood in the Brotherhood World.

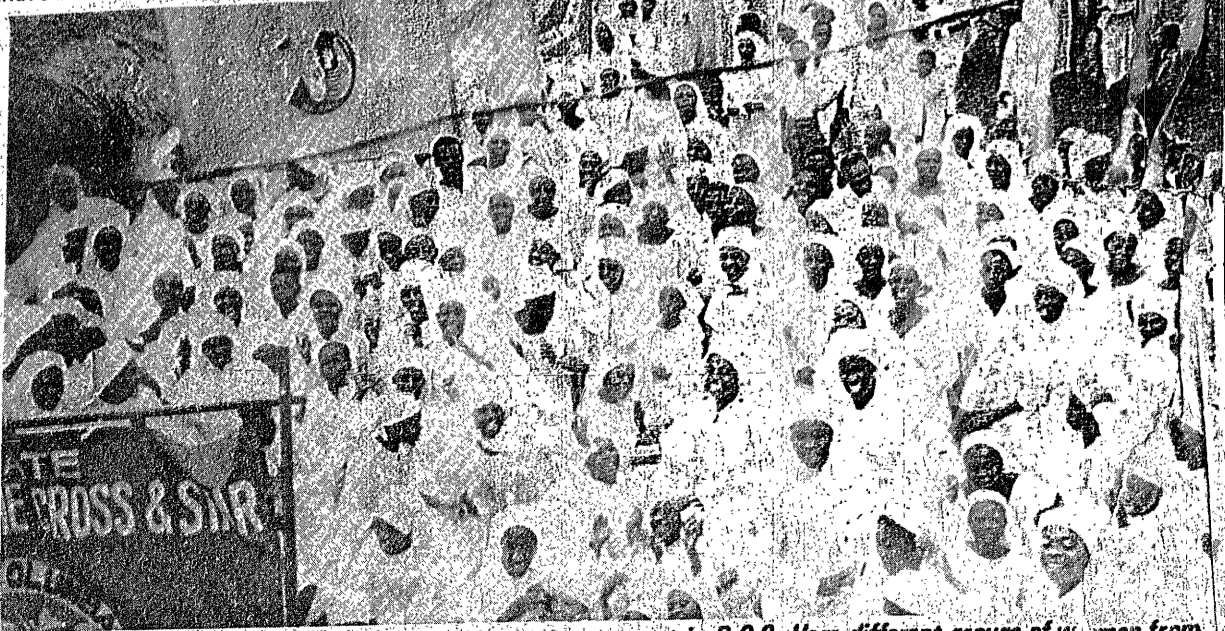
Consequently, all women in the Brotherhood in one accord and in glorification of their being

channels through which men, women, angels, spirit or God Himself come into the world, thank the Holy Spirit for manifesting in our time, the golden age when the original privileges and rights of mankind have been restored.

Through this man-child, death, hell and hades had been conquered and freedom is assured.

We hail Thee Our Holy Queen Mother Ibun Olumba.

by Edward Ette (Elder)



Mother's Week Celebration's is always an important event in B.C.S. Here different groups of women from different parts of the world on outing in Biakpan during one of the mother's week celebrations.





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## REFLECTIONS

Preaching the gospel changes both the preacher and the person to whom the gospel is delivered to as your conscience will haunt you if you do not practise what you preach. Besides, the word of God makes the sorrowful laugh even if your house is on fire, the sick it healed and restores the dead to life again. The word of God is the stone which the builders reject, which has become the head of the corner.

The Holy Father.

## The Quality of Mercy is not strained

God does not look for people because of their handsomeness or beauty, neither does He look for them because of their riches or educational attainment, rather God looks for us because of His tender mercies.

This was the recon-dite wisdom revealed by the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu while addressing adherents in Calabar recently.

Stressing the importance of showing mercy to one another especially "to those who you do not expect to receive a reward or requital from," the Leader said that anybody who show mercy also wants to obtain mercy and those who never show mercy, should never expect any from any source.

"Mercy has existed before the beginning of the world" said the Holy Father, disclosing that "it was be-

cause of mercy that God sent His only begotten son to manifest on the earth plane and die on our behalf."

He advised that once a person is baptised into the Brotherhood fold, he or she must put on the cloak of mercy because the merciful shall obtain mercy as God would show mercy to whoever show mercy to his/her brethren.

"Over 23,000 children of Israel died as a result of murmuring, fornication, adultery, and idolatry during the time when the Mosaic law of tit for tat, an eye for an eye was in operation" the Father said, noting that "right now, it is love and mercy that reigns as after those days, God showed His mercies and never remembered their sins anymore."

Quoting Romans 9:

16, the Leader impressed upon the brethren present that what we are enjoying today are the external undeserved grace and God's loving kindness, for nobody looks for or cares about whether God exists "except in the time of adversity does man look for God but yet He continues to protect and care for us."

The Holy Father assured that if we have mercy, we would neither impute sins on others nor commit vices, nor retaliate, nor be malicious and we would not go to court against others no matter the gravity of the offence committed against us.

"If you have mercy and somebody accuses you falsely for what you have not done, you will only rejoice in the Lord, and shall not retaliate but rather pity the person for his

## Beware of False Prophets!

The Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu has instructed that all Bethels or healing homes opened in the name of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star must be formally registered in the secretariat.



Leader O. O. Obu

Giving His farewell address at the end of the just concluded August Pentecostal assembly, He said any Bethel ran contrary to this instruction is run by a false prophet because the person has not been formally commissioned or delegated by the Father.

The Leader said that the BCS is the most disciplined organisation where everything has to be done according to laid down rules so "whatever you do in this place, whether the opening of a Bethel or preaching, if the Father does not approve of it, you are yourself a trouble maker and false prophet."

He said that the time is

ripe when He will not send any Tom, Dick and Harry into the field for if somebody is not qualified by set standards, "whether you are a Christ's Student, Christ's Servant, Christ's Practical Student, Pastor, Elder etc., if you are not adequately examined and tried, you cannot be certificated," to enter the Lord's vineyard.

The Holy Father continuing, intimated His adherents that BCS is the last hope of mankind which has arrived to rescue the entire world and no other kingdom should be expected warning all to be orderly, obedient and humble before the Lord of Host who is doing His work on earth.



This is the reign of mercy. Here Ghanaian brethren handing over cash and material gift to an orphanage home in Kumasi.

ignorance and lack of consideration" the Holy Father said.

He said at this last age, mercy has come to reign, therefore it should be allowed to take dominion over the entire world because "right now angels have been asked to serve mankind and we should glorify God for showing His mer-

cies and restoring our original right and privileges to us."

The Holy Father however warned that if we stop to sing, stop to attend Bethels, or participate in Brotherhood activities, God is not perturbed, for it is ourselves that will be disturbed for "when man was not in existence, God was

very much there and was still God, and even when man derailed from the path of rectitude and gropes about in darkness, God is still God."

He finally concluded that blessed are the merciful as they shall obtain mercy noting that this is one of the most significant beauties in the Holy Book.

## Benin Zone to set up School

Plans are at an advanced stage to open a Brotherhood Community Technical College at Idunmwebo in Orhionmwan Local Government Area in Bendel State.

This was revealed in the ancient town of Benin City during the formal launching of the Benin Zonal Committee of Education, Labour and Welfare Board on August 31, 1986.

The Chairman of the occasion, Pastor G. D. Oyaide in his address thanked the Holy Father for giving the zone the wisdom and ability to do the launching.

He said education is an important aspect of today's world and prayed the Father to help the committee to execute the projects successfully.

Pastor Oyaide finally called on brethren to heed

the Board's call when the school project will be formally launched to enable the Board provide the necessary infrastructural facilities for the school's take off in 1987.

In his address at the occasion, the Chairman of the Benin Zonal Committee of the Board, Pastor P. J. Udoaka reiterated the aim of the Education, Labour and Welfare Board which "as the name implies include opening of schools, and awarding of scholarships, creating and providing employment to members as well as providing welfare services such as spiritual hospitals, orphanages, mediating into disputes to bring about peace etc."

In his comments, the chief launcher of the occasion, Pastor M. E. Omonzogie promised "to do everything within his abili-



Pastor Wilfred Egharevba, Leader's Rep. Bendel State to make the school project a reality" praying the Holy Father to make the Board successful in all its plans.

Those who participated in the day's programme include Pastor Wilfred Egharevba, the Leader's Bendel State Representative, Elder Nwabeze, and Elder Okereke. Over two thousand naira was realised from the function.

Report by Elder C. U. Ake-Thomas.

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## HERALD'S OPINION

It was the leading aim of the Redeemer, Jesus the Christ to teach men that true piety consist not in forms, but in substance, not in outward observances, but in inward spirit, not in small details, but in great rules of life.

The Pharisee sought mainly to attract attention and excite the admiration of men (Matt 6:2, 16; 23:5, 6; Luke 14:7; 18:11) while Christ taught us to inculcate compassion for the degraded, helpfulness to the friendless, liberality to the poor, holiness of heart, universal love, a mind open to the truth.

That is why while teaching about charity, Jesus the Christ warned us not to behave "as the hypocrites do in the houses of worship and on the streets."

Hypocrites, according to Jesus, make certain they perform their religious duties to please people while in actual fact, people who serve God should perform their duties in such a way that "your closest friend will not know about it," assuring that "and your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you." (Matt 6: 1-2).

It would appear that members of this fold are not hearkening to the advice and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. For example, in the headquarters pentecostal hall, one will be surprised at the volume of noise making that goes on whenever the Holy Father is not physically present despite the fact that one activity or meeting is going on.

One will be surprised at the general behaviour of brethren if the Holy Father is not physically present. People move up and down the hall talking and laughing.

Infact, some women one day fought inside the Pentecostal Hall because one claimed that the seat the other occupied was exclusive for her. Can you imagine somebody having an exclusive place to sit on in the hall?

Even the ordained members are not left out in this prevailing malady. They move

# Eye Servers or God Servers?

around majestically, embracing, discussing and laughing with each other inside the Pentecostal hall while an activity is going on simply because the Holy Father is not physically present.

All these misdemeanours happen because the Holy Father is not physically present in the hall for immediately the Holy Father arrives, those who have been sleeping must wake up and everybody will comport themselves as if realising just then that they are before God.

Also, some brethren called to chair, be the chief launcher or a launcher during a function waits until the Holy Father arrives physically before they start donating huge sums of money.

One wonders whether this is done so that the Sole Spiritual Head sees them physically or whether they are serving God in Spirit and in truth.

During the last Spiritual Council of Churches' N500,000 launching, the Chairman of the occasion, Pastor A. O. E. Ekanem had to, because of the "kobo-kobo" donation by members, warn that members should not wait until the Holy Father arrives before they bring out substantial donation.

He decried the practice of brethren who show their gratefulness to God only when the Father is physically present calling these type of people eye servers urging all to realise that God is a spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth not doing eye service.

We have also noticed that people make presentations to the Holy Father in a manner that make their gifts look suspicious of being an eye service.

For example, settees are presented to the vestry nearly every other day so that one day, some donated chairs will either be kept outside or rejected for want of place to keep them.

As appreciable as it is that brethren are donating to the Holy Father, we feel that not all chairs, for example, should go to the Father's vestry. Some offices in this place need a new set of settees. These too are applicable to all other donations.

For example the BCS Headquarters conference room can do with some new set of settees and if a person donates to this place that is in need, God who sees in darkness, will bless him the more.

This does not mean that we are against people donating to the Holy Father directly, but we are saying that we should not concentrate the donation at where the Holy Father is physically present. We should rather find problem areas in the BCS set up and try to solve them even without the knowledge of the Holy Father Himself.

That is, if we sincerely believe that God is everywhere and sees everything even if we do it inside our bedrooms.

For example, the brethren at London recently donated a recording equipment to the newly established BCS Radio Ministry for the prosecution of its duties. We feel this donation is better than buying a new set of settees to the Holy Father, seats that the Father hardly sit on, as He is in His Holy Temple 24 hours a day.

Or recently, Apostle Joe Brown bought a delivery van for The Herald Press who was in need. This is better than buying a settee to congest the Father's vestry which already has chairs. We believe that God will bless Apostle Joe Brown extensively.

The Holy Father Himself has had the opportunity to warn against eye service by trying to do good when He is physically around. The warning, we have not heed.

The Herald of the New Kingdom believes that God cannot be mocked and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Eye service is not the true way of worshipping God.

## An Open Letter to the Spiritual

### Council of Churches

Let thanks and glory, power and dominion be to our Father now and forevermore, Amen.

It is sad to see how this premises is used without the least respect to God. As this writer does not intend to write an episode on this area, I beg to draw your attention on what is written on the beautiful gate - "THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS"

Permit me to say that most of you have been to places inside and outside the country and can easily assess and understand the meaning of that inscription - HEADQUARTERS.

I think if we start from the parastatals, V.I.P. premises, palaces, parks, estates etc; you will agree with me that all these

places are for the public yet they bring in discipline to award that respect.

It is my opinion that if all these shakable and worldly glory are given references, the 'THRONE OF GOD' should be given the most and highest reference.

(1) It is therefore very sad to see that the 34 Ambo Street, Pentecostal Hall is being used as kitchen packed full with food stuff and all eating utensils.

(2) How Pentecostal Hall is used as traders lodge where they keep their baskets and bags and the remains of their daily sales.

(3) How people ride motor cycles up and down while the Lord is in His Holy Temple praying and preaching to the world.

(4) How 34 Ambo Pentecostal Premises is turned into a trunk 'A' Road for public use.

(5) How the GOLDEN GATE is left open for 365 days without check and records.

These among other reasons has prompted me to write as I feel the privilege should be limited.

More observations will be detailed if the undersigned is invited as I wish you and your good office to see and correct where necessary so that that inscription "THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF B.C.S." which is the seat of THE LORD who is IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE be awarded His due Glory.

May the peace of God be with us all now and forevermore, Amen.

Xt. P/Student Ephraim Harry.

Peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, now and for evermore - Amen.

## More Editing Vetting

The Herald of the New Kingdom, the main organ of the B.C.S. is becoming very widely read and internationalised. There is every need to raise the standard of the paper to an accepted international level. This can be done by minimising grammatical slips, spellings and checking punctuations.

I know some of the articles are sent in by our brothers and sisters who cannot write well or write at all by themselves. The paper can help by increa-

## of Articles

sing the strength of the editing Board.

I feel by correcting these noted lapses, the paper stands to gain more in projecting the Brotherhood to the world as the controlling spiritual organ of this present age.

Let thanks, honour and glory be to God now and forevermore - Amen.

Thank you Father.

Elder I. U. Ito  
Min. of Education  
Eket.

## Wrong Spelling of Surname

It was observed in the publication, which was contained in 'Herald of the New Kingdom, Saturday July 26 - Friday 9th August 1986 Vol. 3 No.3,

column 2, Page 6', entitled "National Abas get new Exco", that the surname of the National President was wrongly spelt. The surname in the said

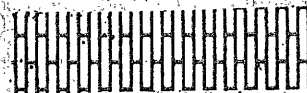
## REACTION

publication was spelt as 'FARIMA' instead of 'FIRIMA', which is the correct version.

Of a truth, the National President has not claimed to have suffered from any embarrassment as a result of this wrong spelling. But rather, he is suggesting to the establishment to effect correction of the surname to read 'FIRIMA, and to maintain this version in future publication, please.

Thank you for your usual co-operation.

Brother  
Matthew L. Firima  
ABAS NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT





# NEWS IN PICTURES



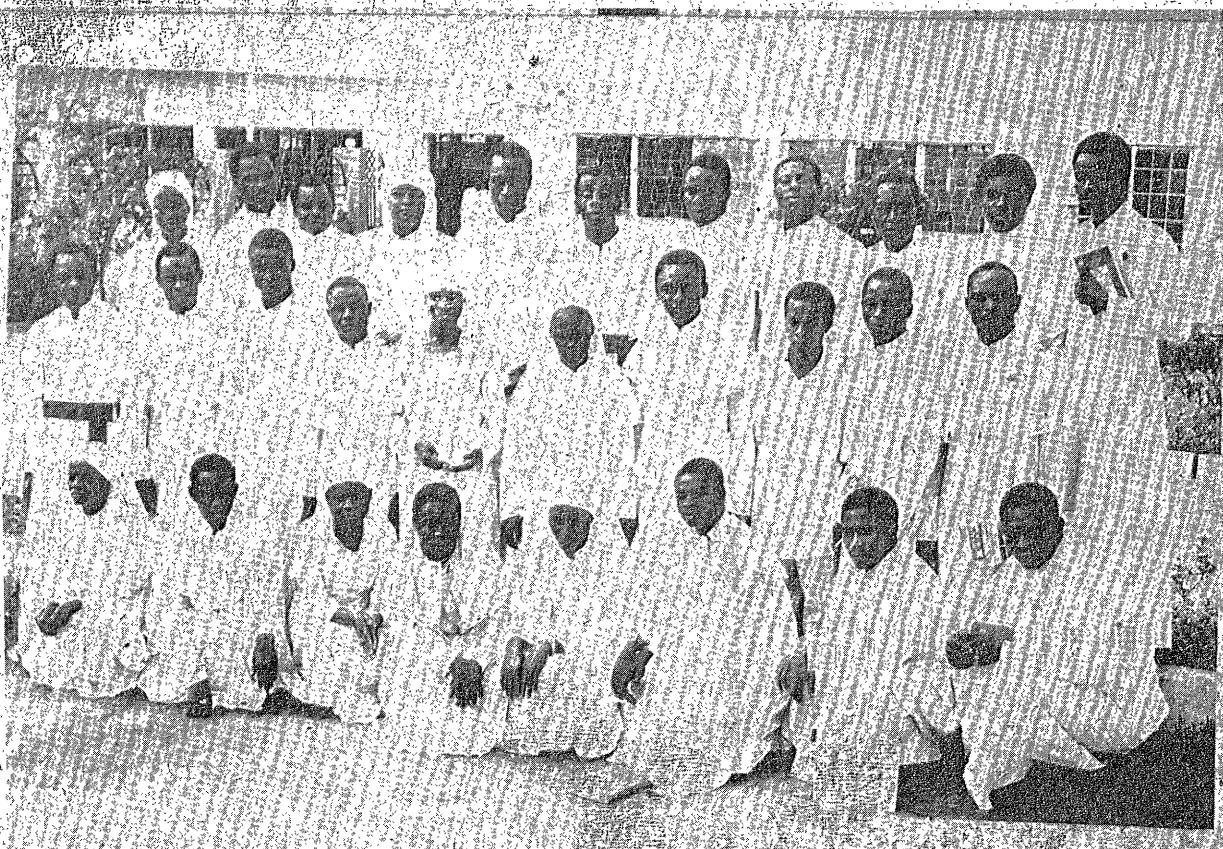
The two Chiefs from Aguagune and Adim in Biase have a handshake after a long period of land dispute while Pastor Offu Ehongo and Snr. Apostle Ewa of the BCS Peace Committee look on.



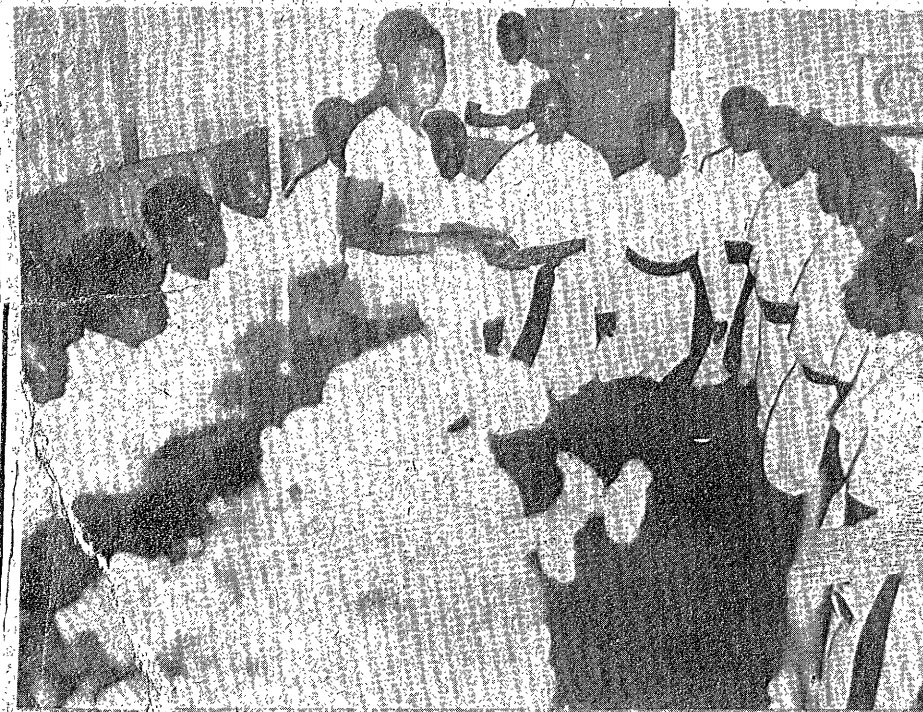
The Education Inspector for Akamkpa L.G.A. inspects the newly established Brotherhood Secondary Schoo, Abini, Akamkpa which has opened for classes.



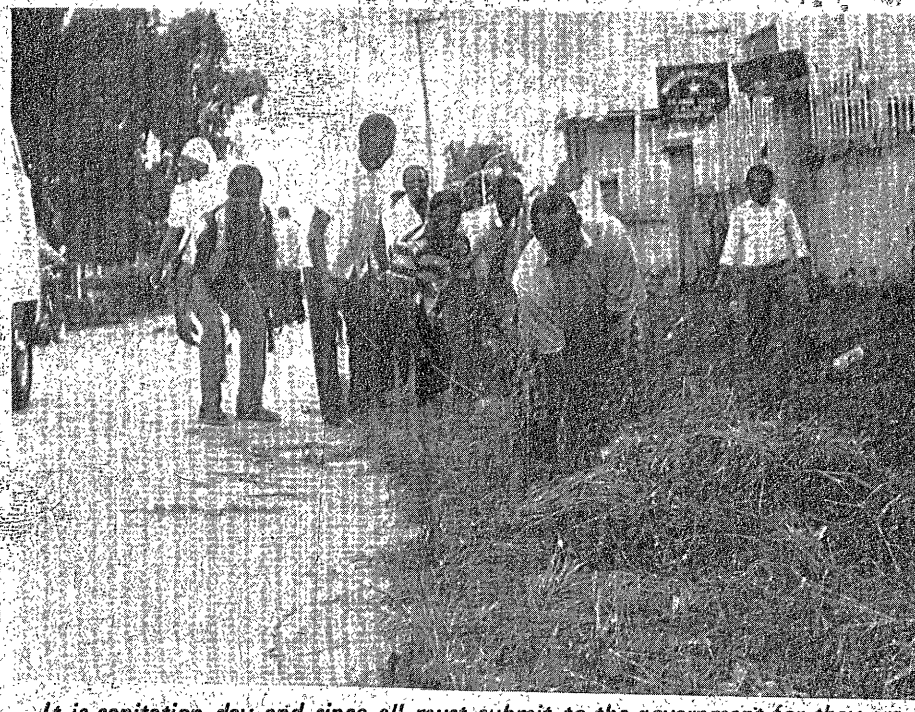
Recently, a Russian lady visited the Holy Father. Here the woman comes face to face with the Sole Spiritual Head



Ogoni Preachers Fellowship led by Apostle Bro Bro. recently paid a courtesy call on the Father in Calabar pose for a group photograph.



The B.C.S. Pastor recently called on the Holy Father. Here before His blessing, He gives them the "Spiritual Food."



It is sanitation day and since all must submit to the government for they are instituted by God. Here Snr. Pastor Offu Ebongo lead 34 Ambo staff to clean the Pentecostal Hall vicinity.



## All Forces' Fellowship Meeting with the Father

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"That action should give all members the confirmation that this fellowship is a strong one and that God is no respecter of persons and those who are His children, He does great things for" He said.

He emphasised that doing something for God is never lost, warning that it is erroneous for anybody to think so for God rewards each person according to his works.

He also emphasised the need for all members to co-operate and work hard towards lifting the fellowship's work to greater heights and giving glory to the Holy Spirit "whose works at this end of time, we are living witnesses."

During discussions, an appeal was placed before the fellowship to complete the renovation of the Ikot Ansa Barracks Bethel to give the Bethel the dignity that is common in all Brotherhood Bethels.

The decision was sequel to members' observation that the army barracks lacks a good Bethel where officers can worship and conduct Brotherhood programmes since they find it difficult to come all the way to 34 Ambo to participate in the programmes due to distance.

The Vice-Chairman, Pastor Maple, expressed the need to go out on ministry work to East African countries of Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya.

Deaconess Peace Enyiagho in her contribution as it affects the ministry work called for carefulness by members in undertaking ministry work to foreign countries.

She said that many oversea countries accept and imbibe the word of God "but what they need now is the Holy Spirit" praying the Father to give us the wisdom to retain what He gives us.

A member suggested Nigerian Ministry since the fellowship is a young one assuring that he is positive that wherever they decide to go, the Father will give them the ability and the power to accomplish the assignment successfully.

The Chairman in his rounding up comments, accused members of not attending Bible Class lectures, Thursday Fastings and other meetings conducted by the Holy Father saying that those who do not attend these meetings are outsiders warning that nobody should allow laziness to govern him or her.

On the idea of evangelical tour, he said going to any place is not the problem but members buoyancy to pay their way "for not many brethren here will have enough money to pay the passage etc. since the fellowship has no money to sponsor people."

He assured that the monthly meeting held on September 28, 1986 will decide on what to do and the type of ministry to undertake.

The Holy Father whose theme of advice was taken from Romans 8:12 said that many people do not know that we are all debtors, not to the flesh but to the spirit.

He said we are indebtedness to love, to spreading the word of God, to be upright, to be merciful, to forgive, to be humble, to be at peace because "as

Christ loves us, we must love one another, as He forgives us, we must grant pardon to others, as He laid down His life for our sake, we must lay down our lives for our brethren, as He preached, we must also preach", for if we do not do so, we will be asked why in the last day.

He warned that nobody should come to BCS because of mundane things rather, people should come here so that we can defray our debts for that is why we manifest in this plane and the reason why we were called into this fold.

"The heaven and the earth, and all that is therein belongs to the Father and everything is for His children to use" the Holy Father said, intimating that the injunction to get these good things is for all to get into the world and "make the whole world my disciples."

The Holy Father said that what happened in the olden days is happening now for "as Hannah took Samuel to pay tithe and Abraham used Isaac as sacrificial lamb, four children have been brought to me as tithe" urging that whatever God endows a person with, the person must use one-tenth of it to pay tithe to God.

He warned people paying lip service to the work of God saying that the time is ripe for us to serve God with all our resources so that we will not regret for "to whom much is given, much will be required."

The Leader says there is no power tussle for position here for the time to wear the crown is ripe urging that the only requirement is for all to stand up and serve God assuring that "that is the debt we are owing now."

## Christ's Practical Students' Fellowship Meeting with the Father

"OUR Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, no one goes to the Father except through Him and whoever passes through the window is a thief for the gateway is there for all to pass through."

This was the position the Holy Father Leader O. O. Obu took during His meeting with the Christ's Practical Students Fellowship during the August Pentecostal meet.

Expanding further, He explained that the gateway is the good shepherd and the good shepherd is love while those who practise the words of God are those who pass through the gateway for to hear the word of God is the first step while practising it, is the last.

He said there is no need looking for God anywhere, whether in the deep or on the mountain peak, or continue to wait for Jesus' coming but that immediately we practise the word of God, believe in Him, preach His gospel and exhibit love one for another, we shall come face to face with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Father again stressed the need to be wary of these earthly mundane materials for "it is immaterial to think of what you will eat, drink, clothe because the heavenly Father has all of them in abundance" assuring that the only requirement for one to have eternal life is to practice the word of God.

Quoting John 6:45 as the text of the day, the Holy Father said that except God teaches man, no other spirit or being can lead man to his creator lamenting that in the whole world, no one cares to receive the good teachings of God attributing this to why things happen in the whole world as it is today.

He warned the Xt. Practical Students that they were not called here to come and fight for positions but mainly to come and hear the gospel and put it into practice assuring that everything done

here in this kingdom is the work of the Father Himself.

"Though we have many fellowships, but it is one kingdom and nobody can work here except you receive enough teachings from the Father into yourself. My advice is that you should practise the words and injunctions of God or else the name Xt. Practical Student is meaningless" the Holy Father urged.

The Holy Father said He did not come with the purpose of seeing people daily as people think but He came to do the work of the one who sent Him here so, "whether the world like it or not, this kingdom has come to stand for ever and rule over all mankind."

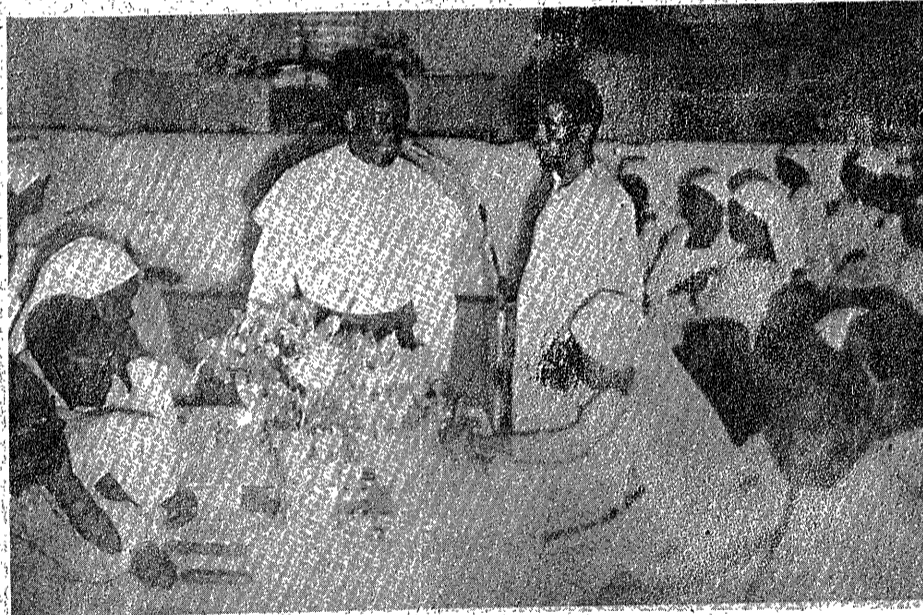
He explained the real nature of work in the Brotherhood as caring and appealing the sick, the poor, the afflicted, the widows/widowers, the unemployed etc. saying that to undertake this job is the practical aspect of Brotherhood.

Before the advice, the day's event started with the normal processional outing followed by Part One of the programme conducted by a brother whose gospel was based on the Father's gospel of love.

In his address to mark the beginning of Part Two of the programme, the Chairman of the fellowship, who also chaired the occasion, Pastor S. I. U. Etuk, said the manifestation of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the School of Practical Christianity, is a continuation of what happened in the garden of Eden during the time of Adam and Eve.

He said Adam and Eve were the students who were taught by God Himself and because of their disobedience, they failed the examination saying that the same will happen in this age if we fail to hearken to the Holy Father's injunction of showing love one to another.

He said that Adam was given power to name and preside over every creation



The Chairman of Christ's Practical Students Snr. Pastor S. I. U. Etuk addressing members of the fellowship during the meeting.

assuring that we will not graduate from this school successfully unless we practise oneness, acquiring the virtues of the spirit which include mercy, patience, long suffering etc.

Senior Pastor Etuk described Christ Practical Students as soldiers, urging them to be ready all the time for any eventuality for "soldiers who are always sent to the war front, must accept to go and must strive to win the war using all tactics — climbing the mountain to spy on enemy's position, crawling on the ground, crossing streams and rivers without any fear," saying that "we cannot sleep in our houses and bear the name of Christ Practical Student."

He opined that love is not merely saying it but practicalising the love for "if I am sick and you do not come to see me, it shows you do not love me if you see me in lack and you are in a position to help yet you refuse, it means you do not practicalise the love we are told to have for one another."

He says there are different types of people in the country and as practical students, it behoves the fellowship to tell all of them of this new kingdom in practical terms.

"Let us go to their houses and tell them the good news because charity begins at home" Pastor Etuk said wondering if we do not or cannot convince people here, why then should we go overseas to preach; "our brothers at our backyard are many, yearning and waiting to hear from us."

He concluded by asking Practical Students to be the light of the world doing only those things that bring glory to God and living by example.

Reports were received from different areas and deliberated upon. Also discussed was the 1977 Brotherhood Diary which the house was informed is in the final stage of production.

Reports by Nsiong Ben.



# FEATURE

# Father, Son and the Holy Ghost

## (Focus on the Holy Ghost)

In this concluding article, we are going to analyse the personality and functions of the Holy Ghost, the last but not the least arm of the Trinity.

It has already been clarified that the concept of Father, Son and Holy Ghost does not signify three Gods in one, but rather, one monotheistic God ramifying into three persons for specific functions. These persons may have different physiognomy, sex and physical appearance but they are one and the same person since the same God transforms and lives in them.

This theory is not only applicable to the concept of the Trinity but to the entire world. Whatever the population of the world may be, they are but one person.

"For ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

One may see three people with different faces, stature, sex and dress moving towards you. Do not think that they are three different people, because they are only one person.

Before God created man, He had already created the Holy Ghost, whose main function was to act as a witness for God.

"For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" (1 John 5:7).

After the creation of Adam, it was this Spirit that was breathed into him and man became a living soul. The entire world is populated with this Spirit. Adam is therefore the Holy Ghost and third arm of the Trinity.

After his death physically on earth, he became a quickening Spirit and has been manifesting on earth in different forms and diverse names for special assignments. He was ordained to superintend over God's creation on earth including fish, birds, cattle and other creeping things except man. For this reason, up till today, man cannot rule over his fellow man.

Political upheavals and military coups are caused by inordinate ambition of man to rule over man. Our Lord Jesus Christ knew this commission when he gave a new commandment to the world to love one another. He also taught them the principle of human relations with reference to master and servant.

"Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever shall be great among you, let him be your minister. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20:25-27).

After Adam, the next person who had the gift of the Holy Ghost was David. David was born many years after Adam and he was different from Adam in name and stature, yet they were one and the same person through the Holy Ghost operating in them.

The anointment, everlasting kingship, function of witnessing, right of primogeniture which belonged to Adam were carried forward to David.

"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him,

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven" (Ps. 89:20-37).

David knew the importance of the Holy Spirit and therefore, prayed God not to take it away from him.

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me." (Ps. 51:11)

After the departure of David, the Holy Ghost re-incarnated through the womb of virgin Mary as our Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35).

The promises of eternal rulership and witnessing was also transferred to our Lord Jesus Christ to illustrate that he was the same Holy Ghost nee Adam re-incarnated.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and for ever." (Heb. 13:8)

The Holy Ghost was created and sent to the world to superintend and bear witness for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth. He knows God the Father, the nature of His Kingdom, the hierarchy of heavenly administration and the personalities involved. He knows that He is only a servant and the least in the Trinity, and that a faithful and diligent service will sustain His crown.

That was why Adam longed to be with God again. David prayed to be made a doorkeeper in God's house instead of a king in the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ rejected the earthly crown and said that His Kingdom was not of this world.

"Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant; and was made in the likeness of men." (Phil. 2:6-7) "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall show judgement to the Gentiles." (Matt. 12:18).

From the foundation of the world, God had ordained his servant, the Holy Ghost to manifest his glory and will on earth. Like the Father, whenever He incarnates on earth, He takes the human form.

Through road from the Cross to the Crown as predestinated by God for all His children, is first manifested in the Holy Ghost. For this reason, He is often referred to as the 'Lamb of God'.

"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8).

All scriptures write about Him, notwithstanding the name He bears whenever he incarnates on earth.

"Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of

me) to do thy will, O God." (Heb. 10:7; Ps. 40:7-8).

When He incarnated as our Lord Jesus Christ, He told the world that He acted and spoke as was directed by the Father who sent Him. He informed them that He would go back to the Father and that the Father would come Himself to establish the long awaited Kingdom.

When He said He was one with the Father, He was referring to the unity in Spirit since it was the Father living and operating in Him. He did not mean oneness in physical body.

Now the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, sons of God, Angels, Saints, prophets and all heavenly hosts have incarnated in human forms to establish and operate the new Kingdom of God on earth.

The identity of God on earth is very easy because He had promised that no one will teach another to know Him, for all world know Him from the least to the greatest (Heb. 8:10-11). He also promised that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess to Him. (Rom. 14:11; Isa. 45:23).

Since He did not authorise Adam to rule over men, He reserved that dominion to Himself. From the foundation of the world, no one in human form had ever been called God or Christ.

When our Lord Jesus was identified as Christ by Peter, He warned them not to disclose it to anybody. He Himself was killed because He said that he was the son of God.

"For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy, and because that thou being a man, makest thyself God." John 10:33).

His disciples were all killed because they witnessed that Jesus was the Son of God. But now being the fulness of time, the children of God and the entire world acclaim the Leader of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as God, the Father without any counter. He is worshipped and His name is used in performing wonderful works.

As the Father is present, and is known, there is no need to know our Lord Jesus Christ and the other children of God in person, although they are only known by the Spirit dwelling in them.

"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh; yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more." (11 Cor. 5:16).

Due to this prophecy, His physical identity is concealed. He can only be known through revelation as was in the past.

"For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17).

Before Christ was born, his birth was foretold and announced by angel. His sonship was confirmed by God during baptism and transfiguration, yet the world did not recognise him. Now the Father has brought Him back, has renewed His assignment – witnessing, right of primogeniture, kingship and precreation.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begot-



Apostle S. J. Umoh – The Author.

ton of the dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth." (Rev. 1:5).

Although He does not answer Jesus in this last incarnation, He is still the one. The prophecy about Him during this last advent is that He will suffer many things and this generation will reject him. (Luke 17:25).

This means that He will experience all what the prophets, apostles and our Lord Jesus passed through from the foundation of the world. If the Father reveals Him physically to the world now, He will be rejected to fulfill the scripture. He will be rejected right in the womb and after birth because as usual, He will enter into a woman's womb without copulation and would be born as in the past.

But no angel will inform the parents about the immaculate conception. Therefore, the marriage will break and His suffering will start. He will receive the Holy Spirit during baptism as in the past, but there will be no John the Baptist to see it and reveal Him to the world.

Since He is always with the Father, His sufferings and rejection mean nothing to Him. And as the Father has known Him, it does not matter if the entire world do not know Him.

"And no man knoweth the Son, but the Father..." (Matt. 11:27).

Some people confuse the glory of the Father with that of the Son. It is often believed that the prophecy of suffering and rejection refer to the Father.

But we are witnesses that in this generation, the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and the entire world accept the Father. We are those rejected in that we do not resemble Him. Therefore, the prophecy was meant for the Holy Ghost incarnate which the Father, in His mercy, has shortened and has decreed that the prophecy has passed away.

In conclusion, it is reiterated that God, the Father is all and in all things. He creates other beings, the Son, Holy Ghost, angels and children of God for specific functions. In this dispensation, only God the Father is extolled.

All His children from the time of Adam have all come to magnify, glorify, honour and praise Him and to enjoy the everlasting Kingdom prepared for them before the world was founded.

"And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise our Lord, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both great and small" (Rev. 20:5).

THANK YOU FATHER.



# THE QUEEN MOTHER'S WEEK AND PILGRIMAGE TO BIAKPAN



The entire women of the universe rejoice with our Holy Father Leader O. O. Obu and our Holy Mother Sister Elizabeth Obu on the occasion of the Queen Mother's Week and Holy Pilgrimage to Biakpan from 27th October to 2nd November, 1986.

Deaconess V. B. Clarke  
*President*  
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Deaconess Disey A. Koin  
*International Secretary*  
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE WOMEN.



## APPRECIATION

The Management and Staff of Herald New Kingdom Press Ltd. hereby express our profound and unlimited gratitude to the Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Leader O. O. Obu, who in the first place, has come at this end of time to wrought wonders in the whole world.

He, in the second instance, has come and has made His goodwill abundant to us and supported us spiritually, physically, morally, financially and otherwise thus making our efforts too fruitful.

We wish to use this medium to expressly thank Him for passing through one of His industrious sons Apostle Joe Brown Agu to bring a motor vehicle, to this company for the proper execution of His works.

We pray and believe most sincerely that in His infinite mercies, he will recompense Apostle Joe Brown bountifully from wherever he retrieved the funds to make the presentation to Herald Press Limited.

We also pray the Holy Father to give us the ability to put into very good use, this very fantastic gift, for the upliftment of His work.

Also, we want to inform all brethren in the Brotherhood world that the challenge is still open. It might necessarily not be undertaken by a single person. Groups of individuals or bethels can join hands together to make sure this episcopal newspaper is not allowed to stagnate.

Also, we wish to make it abundantly clear that the gifts are not limited to motor vehicles only — printing materials, reference books, financial and of course, moral support.

God in His mercies, will surely bless us all!

Thank you Father.

**Bishop Roland Obu**  
Group Managing Director

## Secondary School Chapel Project Launched

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ban them to take away a sister's husband or a brother's wife but "you were called to come and do the work of the living God."

The Sole Spiritual Head told the congregation that He is the only one to appoint, promote and demote saying that the chairmen, secretaries, treasurers etc. appointed to take charge of different fellowships are watched and observed by Him wondering if they cannot take care of a single fellowship and organise it well, how they can hope to rule over many.

"You have the light and I, the Bible, how can I give you the Bible when you refuse to give me the light" the Holy Father analogised saying it is the trickish life of the world that makes it impossible for them to receive the good things of life from God.

He confided that today, the whole world, the government of the nations, the churches, the villages, the communities are all against Brotherhood not

because of anything they have done wrong but simply due to the fact that Brotherhood has exposed their secret and their evil works saying that the Jews killed our Lord Jesus, the Christ not because of anything but just because He pointed-out to them, their evil practices and exposed their nakedness assuring that that will not happen again for "fortunately or unfortunately, I am here at a corner in 34 Ambo, I go no where and have at no time said any other thing except love of one for another."

He however said that whatever may be done to bury the truth which Brotherhood epitomises, the truth will stand out and the whole world will be put to shame for Brotherhood will stand for ever since it is not of this world.

The Holy Father warned the ordained ones against disrupting the peace and smoothness of BCS referring to a letter sent to Him from Warri about a Deaconess from Port Harcourt who gave a vision to a brother for

a-seven-day night bathing in the river asking whether that vision is from Him.

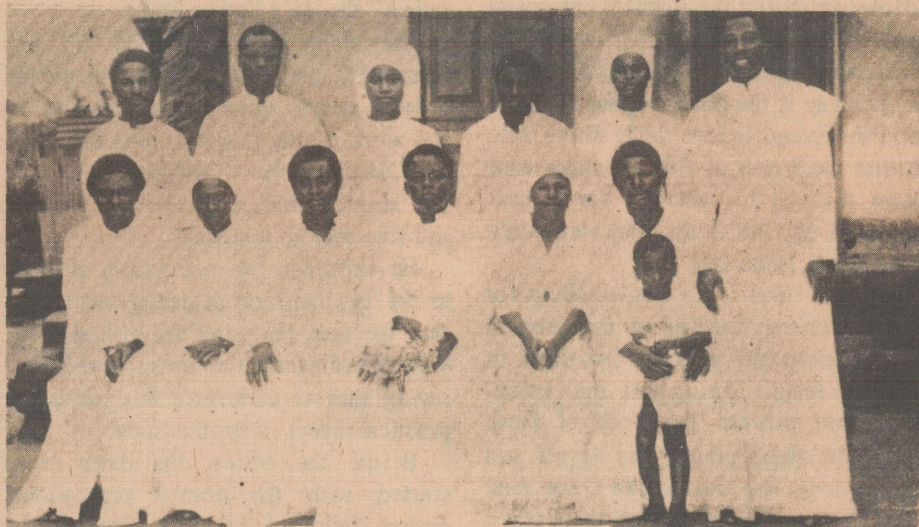
Quoting John 13:5-11, He said because of the worldly things that now is the obsession of the world, people leave the truth "from my mouth to follow the false prophets," wondering whether the Christ's brother who directed the brother to the Deaconess can be described as a good ambassador.

He concluded that whatever anybody does in this kingdom, there is a commensurate reward for such a person assuring that this kingdom is for all creation and "if you take my teaching, it is good for you and you will have the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit otherwise you have yourself to blame" for "the last day is coming but no man knows the day and what that day will bring to us."

More than ₦20,000 was collected at the end of the launching.

*Report by Nsiong Ben.*

## Oron BCS Youth Fellowship visits Patron



*A cross section of Oron B.C.S. Youth Fellowship members pose with the patron Elder Okon Jeremiah (third from right).*

The Oron branch of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Youth Fellowship on September 26, 1986 paid a courtesy visit to one of their patrons Elder Okon Jeremiah in his residence at No.11<sup>b</sup> Ewa Henshaw Street, Calabar.

The visit was undertaken to accord him formal recognition as one of the patrons of the fellowship and to express joy and immense thanks to the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader O. O. Obu for the wonderful protection He gave to Elder Okon when he was visited by the men

of the underworld.

The branch fellowship's visit, an all night affair featured preaching the gospel, prayers, testimonies and rendering of melodious songs that the Brotherhood organisation is noted for.

It will be recalled that the Holy Father's efficacious word which have it that BCS members are immuned to both carnal weapons such as guns, matchets etc. as well as spiritual ones, was vindicated during the incidence of armed robbery visit to Elder Okon at his resi-

dence.

Elder Jeremiah was given several gun shots on his legs but nothing virtually happened to his legs nay his body. He survived to the surprise of the armed robbers who rather dread him and took to their heels.

This proves to the world that the optimism of BCS members in the omnipotency of Leader O. O. Obu is ever — increasing whereas the world pessimism is ever nagging and gnashing with frustration.

*by Brother Ita Osudu.*



## Pastors' Fellowship Meeting with the Father on August 17, 1986

The newly elected executive of the Pastors' Fellowship had their first chance to hold the fellowship meeting with the Holy Father and inform members of the fellowship their plans for the last quarter of 1986.

The meeting started with an impressive processional outing led by the Chairman of the fellowship Pastor E. S. D. R. Lawson who also conducted Part One - the short devotional service - of the days programme.

In his short preaching, the Pastor stressed the need to show love one for another and live in harmony with all brethren because it is only through this means that we can serve God effectively.

In his keynote address to start Part Two of the days programme, Pastor E. S. Lawson expressed his thanks to the Holy Father on their election to run the fellowship for the next one year.

He outlined the priorities of the present executive which include a general reorganisation to make the impact of the fellowship felt in the Brotherhood world, efforts to internationalise the fellowship and be accountable to members and a plan to undertake evangelical tours to win souls for the Lord.

He appealed for co-operation from all Pastors urging them to participate in the activities of the fellowship extensively.

Pastor Lawson urged the Pastors as officials of the fold, to live by example to show that God did not make any mistake by choosing them to the enviable post they now occupy warning against going against the injunctions and teachings of the Holy Father.

During discussions, the oversea brethren present complained that oversea countries are not aware of the existence of the fellowship and urged on the need to internationalise the fellowship soonest.

The Pastors were informed that the executive has agreed to build a befitting cathedral for the headquarters and the non-challant attitude of members was said to be the handicap for the quick execution of the project.

While some people suggested the levying of all ordained members of the fold to be able to go on with the project, others were against imposing levies "For in Brotherhood, we do not force anybody to do anything because we believe that whoever has, donate in love."

It was then agreed that a tour should be conducted around all zones and areas to educate all ordained members of the fold on the need to have a more imposing headquarters cathedral and solicit their total involvement in the project.

The Chairman, Pastor Lawson, suggested that the planning committee of the project be expanded and be made to handle cash collection.

He also opined that the planning committee should be given a free hand to choose people they feel will be good, pragmatic and straight-forward to enlarge the committee and a specific time given to them to submit their proposals.

Senior Pastor S. I. U. Etuk the outgoing Chairman of the fellowship in his comments appealed to members of the fellowship to avoid unnecessary criticism and rancour so that the fellowship will stand on its feet.

He said he is appalled by the attitude of members who refuse to co-operate with the executive saying that as Chairman of the fellowship for many years, he has not been impressed by the actions and utterances of most members of the fellowship.

The Pastor says the Holy Father has continually admonished against bringing our mundane sense into this kingdom wondering why members should feel as "masters too know", criticising every move made by the executive.

He pledged his co-operation and prayed the Father to give the fellowship the strength and the ability to re-organise and face the works before them with greater vigour.

Reports were also received on the sales of the two magazines published by the fellowship and all who were given the



The Chairman of the Pastors Fellowship Pastor E. S. Lawson conferring with other members of the executive during the meeting.

magazines to sell were urged to return the monies or the unsold magazines for purposes of accountability.

The Holy Father who physically came out for the meeting at 1.30 p.m. in His advice warned against our deviating from the brotherly love we are expected to have for one another.

He says any man who commits an offence even if he is not caught, and he feels he has succeeded, is having an illusion because "anyone who commits sin has got his name removed from the book of life."

"No man knows how he falls but our fall is because of our sinfulness and it would appear that God does not love us. No! God loves us but He respects Himself and His words," the Holy Father said urging that members should forget about doing eye service.

He said that it is through the fall of the Israelites that redemption came to the Gentiles urging all to hold fast to their position or else people will come and push them to the background.

"Nobody is removed from the BCS but what is said is that you should work harder for it is through your works that you will be saved" the Holy Father implored, urging all to guard against pride

of our parental background "but whatever you can do, be proud of it."

Comparing the followers of Jesus to BCS members, He said that those who followed Jesus did not do so because of their righteousness or truthfulness but because God raises vessels for Himself "and those who come to BCS today do so not because they want to but because God can do anything that He wants at anytime He wills."

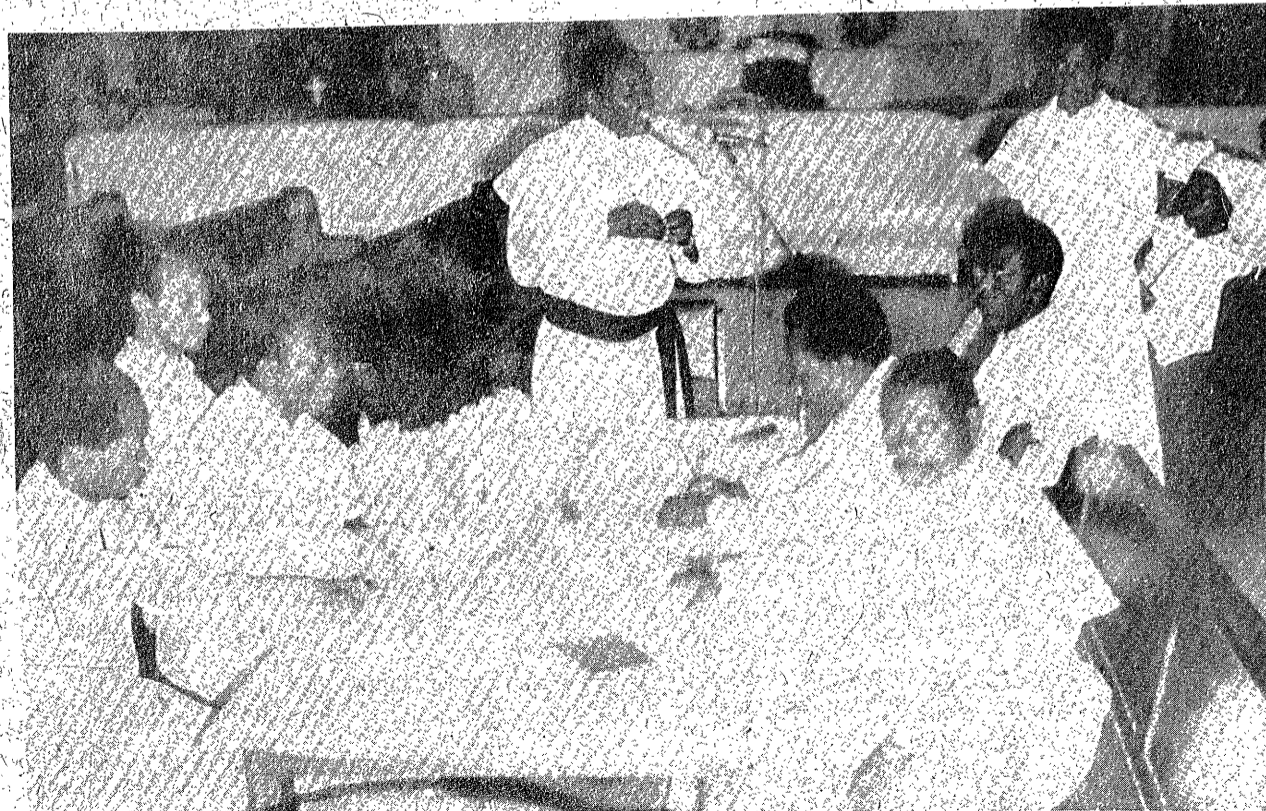
Quoting Revelation 22:11-12 to buttress His points that those who backslide were not meant for this kingdom, He urged all who are here to continue in their effort to do good and allow those who go to go for they were not meant for here.

"People are leaving other churches to BCS; infact recently, somebody left the Celestial Church to this place and a pastor from BCS recently left here to Celestial and you wonder where he is going but do not worry him, he was not meant for this kingdom" the Father said.

He warned against introducing politics into the affairs of BCS "for every man will be rewarded according to his deeds."

He concluded by urging all to do good all the time and expect God's blessing.

## All Forces' Fellowship Meeting with the Father on August 26, 1986



The Chairman of the All Forces Fellowship Pastor U. P. A. Umoessiet addressing members of the fellowship during their meeting with the Holy Father.

After the processional outing directed by the Chairman of the Fellowship Pastor U.P.A. Umoessiet, Part One was conducted by an Apostle who said we are all soldiers of the Holy Father.

He said the commission given to us by the Father enables us to stand firm and fight the war against satan so as to be able to gather the flock of God under one shepherd.

He pleaded that since our duty is to tell the whole world the news of this new kingdom, we should all endeavour to live a life that is different from the world.

Pastor U.P.A. Umoessiet, the Chairman of the fellowship who directed the affairs of the day in his keynote address, thanked the Holy Father for keeping members from April Pentecostal to this August.

He said that the year is unique for the fellowship because since the fellowship started, it is this year that the fellowship has been formally launched, an event that took place on June 7, 1986.

Informing the house further on the launching event, the chairman, said he is grateful to the Father for though members from the Northern part of Nigeria, due to a little hitch in communication, were not able to attend, those from the South participated fully in all the activities.

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# NOW SELING!

The third quarter issue of the celestial magazine **THE 3RD COVENANT** is now on the News stand. Below are excerpts.

The subject of reincarnation is as controversial as it is interesting in religious circles, be it orthodox or unorthodox.

Luckily for this age, the Comforter, that Spirit of truth our Lord Jesus the Christ promised will come and lead us to the absolute knowledge of truth, is manifest on earth and has brought teachings that is factual, new and encompassing.

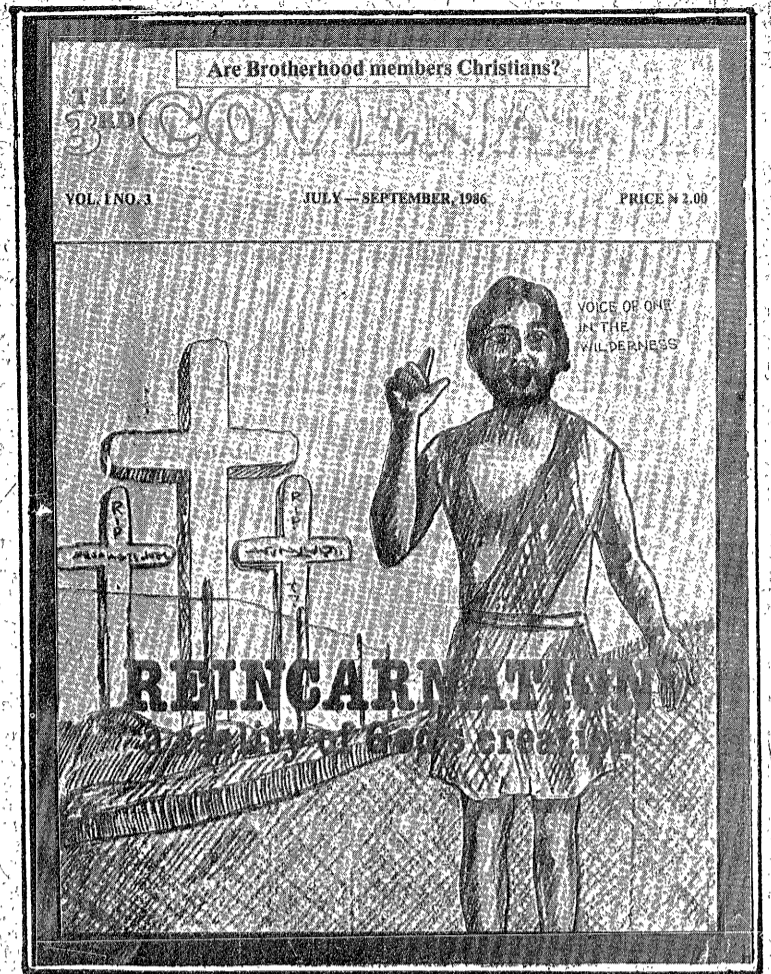
His appraisal of the subject of reincarnation apart from being provocative in style, captures the essence of God's will and plans for mankind. It provokes one to action.

\* Pastor Moses Okoko says that God in His infinite wisdom has been sending prophets and kings to try and shape the world towards His divine plans to no avail but this time, the Father has come Himself to set up a kingdom He and His Christ will rule for ever.

\* Brother Kanu Etekpi then chips in to say that during this reign of the Father nobody can know or understand Him in the flesh but spiritually.

\* Apostle Sam J. Umo laments the unnecessary misuse of the word "Christian", tracing its origin and concluding that Brotherhood members have seen the Father face to face and cannot be referred to as Christians.

\* Pastor (Dr) Okon Essien-Umo in the first of a two-part essay diagnoses the concept of the Virgin Mary, her origin and



virtues stating why she was so favoured to bear the Saviour of the world.

\* A testimony, a statement of truth that bears witness to the mighty works of the Holy Spirit, is introduced into the magazine with former Mrs Esther Akpabio saying she is now married to the "Word of God" for God's wish has manifested in her.

\* Religion and Politics treats the the issue of apartheid system in South Africa and Pastor Sampson Ebitto says that what is happening there is a prelude to the children of Esau getting out of bondage in fulfilment of Genesis 27:38—40.

\* Pastor Offu Ebongo pleads that this is the end of times and true worshippers must bear fruits of the spirit to be able to attain the coming salvation.

**Can a religious magazine be more comprehensive and thought-provoking than this?**

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## EXTRA NEWS

# Christ's Students celebrate 12th Anniversary

The 12th Anniversary of the Universal Christ's Students Fellowship Week which ended recently in Calabar was marked with pomp and pageantry.

The week marked by lively activities which included singing, recitations, dramas and testimony was very unique in that though the Saturday September 27, 1986 launching was observed without the usual invitation to people and was directed in the most modest and humble manner, in the end, they garnered much money.

Pastor V. A. Essah, the Chairman of the Spiritual Council of Churches, was chosen in the hall to chair the occasion. Also chosen to be on the high table were Pastor and Deaconess M. E. Etop as the vice chairman, Senior Deaconess M. Morig, Pastor M. P. Maeba, Pastor Samsen Zachary, Pastor G. E. Effiong, Deaconess A. Akwang and Pastor E. A. Ekon who was the master of ceremony.

In his keynote address,

the occasion's chairman, Pastor V. A. Essah, thanked the Holy Spirit for giving him the opportunity to direct the affairs of the day and for the organisational spirit the Father has bestowed on His Christ's Students to celebrate their 12th anniversary with dignity and glory.

He said that money, beauty, position, education and material possessions are nothing before God as "God only glory in a pure heart and not all these earthly things."

He said our Holy Father is one who when He locks, nobody can open and when He opens, nobody can lock, intimating brethren to note what is happening in the world, whereby those who in the past, glory in money, position, educational achievements and material possessions are today wallowing in poverty and wretchedness "because of their refusal to accept and honour the universal ruling king of this age."

Pastor Essah strongly warned those who bandy evil words about the Christ's Students to desist forthwith "for they have forsaken their parents, families, relations, material things for over two decades to work for God full time, and God in His mercies have counted it good for them."

He says that since the Holy Father knows the purpose of their calling, nobody has the right to judge or impute sins on them, noting that they (the Students) can be likened to the children of Israel "who are only answerable to God and nobody else"

Pastor Essah congratulated the students for tenaciously holding to the tenets of the Father and deciding to sink or swim with and in defence of the Leader noting that they have never taken kindly to anybody who speaks ill of the Sole Spiritual Head.

He personally donated over N1,500 to enable the

Christ's Students fellowship function effectively.

Pastor G. E. Effiong alias Effiong Bank who is the auditor general of BCS, in his contribution expressed his happiness to the generality of BCS for their moral and material support to the Christ's Students body "and above all, the organisational ability of the leader of the Student body, Christ Witness Ime Akpakpan."

He urged the students to continue to exhibit the qualities of love, unity and co-operation to attain greater heights in the years to come.

The Holy Father in His advice extolled the week long activities assuring that there is great joy in heaven and earth for its uniqueness and for seeing the children of various parents with different dialect and languages live together in love, peace and harmony.

He said it is spectacular to note that the young men and women who make up the Christ's Student body have decided to

leave the things of the world to live a life of "celibacy" warning all not to say ill or impute sins on any of the Christ's Students.

Quoting Matt. 10: 41-42 and Matt. 12:50, the Holy Father said, that those words are fulfilled in the Christ's Students who have left "their earthly parents, riches and positions to follow a life of poverty and chastity, and above all sing and glorify God day and night."

He said the student's duty is very unique for they have been "commissioned to go unto the world among wolves to suffer untold hardships, tribulations and deprivations" assuring that they will never go unrewarded and their names will be written in gold when the history of this kingdom is written.

He recalled the 1977 incidents whereby the worldly people, the orthodox churches, the secret societies and the ne-

romancers teamed up together to attack the BCS for no just cause and the Christ's Students swore to sink or swim with the Leader under any circumstance.

"They were instrumental to the formation of the Youth Fellowship" the Father said warning people to beware of what they say about the students "because they are my brothers and sisters who are doing the will of the Father."

He concluded by intimating all present that those who do something for the prophet, shall receive the reward of the prophet, but those who do something for the Holy one, shall also receive the reward from God "for the Father rules with love, patience, peace and joy, and the Christ's Students are in heaven already."

The occasion left the Christ's students body with about N20,000 richer.

Report by Elder Edward Ette.

## N200,000 Secondary School Chapel Project Launched

All ordained brethren in the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star have been urged to co-operate with the All Ordained Fellowship so that the Ikot Ide Akpakpan Secondary School Chapel project now undertaken by the fellowship can be completed successfully and on time.

The call was made by Apostle E. U. Ekanem who chaired the launching of N200,000 Ikot Ide Akpakpan Secondary School Chapel project to round off the weeklong all ordained fellowship week in Calabar on Saturday September 13, 1986.

He said that it is incumbent on every fellowship in the BCS to execute at least one project for the upliftment of the Father's work at this end of time that is why the All Ordained Fellowship has undertaken to execute the chapel project and all ordained members must be prepared to contribute towards the successful execution of the project.

Tracing the history of how the fellowship came to have a whole week of activities for itself, Apostle Ekanem said the first time was in 1985 when they started the week with three days' fasting and since then, the week has been growing.

"I am very happy because the Holy Spirit has done wonders this year for

if we look in this hall, the house is filled up which was not the case in the past year" the Apostle said.

He specifically mentioned Pastor (Chief) Elema for the interest he has shown for the fellowship "because last year, he was here and chaired the fellowship's launching and today, he is here physically to attend the occasion."

He also used the occasion to decry the apathy shown by brethren in the activities of the fellowship and pleaded with all ordained to participate actively on the activities of the fellowship "for it is only through this way that God will bless us abundantly."

Highlight of events of the day was the presenta-

tion by Pastor M. P. Maeba, Chairman of the project planning committee, of a building plan of the chapel.

The Holy Father in His advice said that anybody who is called and he refuses the calling must suffer and lament urging the congregation that anytime God calls on them, they should drop every other thing and forget every other thing and hearken to the call because God as the owner and the doer of everything, cannot send anybody on an assignment and leave the person alone.

Bringing the example of the new Jerusalem building at Biakpan, He reminded the ordained ones that the whole Brotherhood world collectively tried to build it to no avail, "but today, it is only one family that is handling the project" emphasising that God does His thing in His own way so, "let us forget about God's way, just come out when you are called upon."

Quoting Matt. 19:27-29, the Holy Father said that before anybody can



The building plan of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star Secondary School Ikot Ide Akpakpan handed over to the Chairman, All ordained Fellowship Apostle E. U. Ekanem, by Pastor M. P. Maeba.

be His disciple, he must forsake all earthly things and carry his cross stressing that He is often appalled when He notices that even the ordained ones go to juju doctors and necromancers saying that if they show more seriousness in this earthly material, the ordained ones will find themselves in a position "that to go forward becomes a problem and to move backward, the same" saying that it is also their serving two masters that

cause their going down instead of developing.

"God knows all your lack, The Father knows what is going on now for everybody look for wealth and life but you all look for these things in the wrong places," The Holy Father said assuringly that "everything is here but you have to surrender yourself and do what you are told to do."

He urged all to look first for the kingdom of God and all other things will be added assuring

that God is not a liar and His words must manifest saying disbelief of God's words is the entire world's problem.

He said He has not given anybody a place to go and govern, "I have not even given you an order to rule over your sister nor your children because you are still fornicating, lying and committing other vices and above all, do not love your brethren," telling them that He did not call and tur-

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tell what his father advised him before he left.

He told the friend he should not mind the old man who at the time he was leaving, gave him a Bible with the instruction that he should read the Bible after every fifteen minutes. On hearing this, the friend asked him where the Bible was. And asked that they should move down to his hostel to look for the Bible.

They both went into his hostel and started searching his library and everywhere including his boxes and suitcases but the Bible was not seen. Though he had to spend every Sunday to polish and sun his law books, he did not know where his Bible was lying dormant. The law library was his god at the time.

But the friend resolved that they must find the Bible and they searched everywhere until they found it under the bed, already wet and moss growing on it, and his friend lifted it up. As his friend was trying to dust and clean, he opened it and unexpectedly, saw a cheque of fifty thousand pounds inside the Bible.

They were never taught how to knock their heads to worship God, but at that moment, both of them knocked their heads on the ground. No person advised them to change their course but the following day, they changed their courses from law to religious studies.

Brethren, can you draw an analogy between this anecdote and the theme of our revelation today? That son had forgotten the instruction of the father, you too have forgotten the exhortation of loving one another as He loves you.

All human beings both blacks and whites, all angels, all trees, all fishes in water, all birds of the air, and all animals in the field have forgotten the exhortations.

## The Truth Can Never be Hidden

I want to use an earthly situation to illustrate heavenly situation.

There was a king who had a wife and the king had three junior chiefs ruling with him. These court officials had secret plans to have love affairs with the king's wife. Not only having sexual relationship with her, they wanted her to love them exactly as she loves the king, her husband. Unfortunately for them the queen refused to have any sex-dealing with them.

One day, the three court officials planned to do away with the woman's life should she refuse to grant their request. There were two gates leading to the queen's bathroom. On her way back from the bathroom, she saw these three chiefs emerge and standing at the gate. She greeted them but none of them answered.

They asked her whether she could recognise them. She said yes. They then asked her in what way? The queen said they were next to her husband, the king. They asked her if she knew in reality that if her husband

happened to die that they would be the people to succeed him. She answered, yes.

Then they said to her, "today is the last day. You must have sexual relation with each of us and must express the same intimacy you have for the king to us. If you yield to our demand, you will live but if not, you are going to die."

The queen laughed at them and said, "I would never do such abominable thing with you, it is unthinkable for me to do so."

She continued, "since you have premeditated having such a deal with me, you are already dead men. On the other hand, if I should consent to your demand, I must die, therefore whether in death or in life, I cannot condescend to commit such a shameful act with you."

The now puzzled chiefs asked the queen: "do you say because we uttered these words to you, and therefore we are dead men?" They became infuriated and provoked.

They reported to the king that they caught the queen having sexual relations with a man and

What is that exhortation? It is love you one another. If you love one another, then will all men know that you are the disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have been going to the sun, do not go there again. If you have been going to the hospital, do not go there again. If you were a member of any secret society, if you are one who says long prayers, light the candle, burn incense, spray perfume, play an orchestra, please stop all these, but practise "Love one another," simpliciter.

If you begin now to possess all these things, you will have peace, your sickness will be healed, your poverty, wretchedness, death, hades will be taken away because you have passed from death into life.

No matter what you do, if you do not love all men, you have not done anything and you will continue to abide in death. That is why the church denominations are to be pitied, as well as prayer houses and those who blaspheme and calumniate, because they abide in death till now.

That is why this gospel is sent down to all mankind because it is a revelation of the recondite wisdom of God, which no person has ever heard. If you argue that you have ever heard this gospel, where did you hear it? It is a vision which no visioner has revealed, there is none.

It is the statement of Our Lord Jesus Christ that whosoever believes in me will not taste of death. If you practise this particular gospel, you will not taste of death, you will not be old, you will not be wretched, you will neither hunger nor thirst.

I do not know in what vein I would explain this gospel to you, but suffice to say that when you practise it, you will remain at one place and see in the whole world, all things which will appear small and infinitesimal.

when they wanted to apprehend the culprit, the escaped.

Think of such an accusation by the king's court officials! This scandalous rumour went all over the city. The King had to summon the people to his palace in order to look into the queen's disgraceful act, as reported by the chiefs.

There was no alternative, everyone knew of what the penalty would be, and that was the queen's death. After they had convened for some time, they dispersed after an adjournment till the next day.

On the next day, they assembled once again in order to give out their judgement. It was at this point that a popular young man in the city stood up and asked the assemblage to give him an opportunity to give his opinion as to what he believed was the true picture of the case.

In a loud voice, he said that the queen was innocent of what was said against her. He said he would not live to see an innocent person killed. He suggested that the

chiefs be kept at different places and each should be cross-examined to get more facts of the case. This suggestion was accepted and the chiefs were cross-examined one by one.

I want to show you the mighty power of God; that was why He threw this idea into that man's heart so that the woman may be rescued because of her innocence.

The first chief was called upon to explain how and where he saw the queen committing adultery with a man. He said he saw the queen having the deal under a mighty tree and when he went nearer, the man escaped.

The second chief was also invited and asked: he said he saw the queen having her time with a man under a coconut tree. The third chief was called upon to explain his own version. He said he saw the man under a paw-paw tree and when he approached them, the man escaped.

After they had finished their stories, the queen was invited and she gave her pathetic version of

It will not require you closing your eyes but you will see things both far and near. He is the only person who sees. Any person who has love sees and hears, he has wealth and has power and knowledge and he is everything.

What I reveal to you today is what I had before I was five years and it is what I know. That explains that throughout my life, I know nothing about falsehood, because falsehood is death, hatred, theft, as well as whore mongering, is death. Any person who indulges in these things sends himself to death.

I have nothing to do with anything which is evil. Whatever you commit – theft, falsehood etc; I will embrace you but you will die. You have killed yourself. This explains why the worldly people blame you.

But I have brought the virtue of love, peace, truth, mercy, patience, humility, meekness, and self-control but none of you makes an attempt to practise the injunction. But you continue to commit these acts of sin.

Tell me, how you will not die, how you will not be in lack, when you do not believe in the word.

It is said when death will be swallowed up by life in victory, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written "O death where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?"

The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. But since love has come we are no longer under the law. In this Kingdom it is love that reigns supreme, we are not at all under the law. There is no law here but love alone. Love you one another.

And so brethren, it is said one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. I do not wish to be tedious unto you. Those who have ears let them hear. May God bless His Holy Words. A-men.

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the whole episode. That the chiefs had conspired to commit adultery with her and plotted to kill her should she refuse, and when she refused to grant their request, they then reported a different story to the king that they caught her with a man. The evidence of the queen was overwhelming. The three chiefs were found guilty and they were sentenced to death. They were to be hung in the place prepared for

merly for the queen.

Brethren, if this woman had tried to save her life by giving in to the demand of the chiefs for sexual pleasure she would have lost her life. Rather she dedicated her life to God and even accepted to be put to death instead of consenting to sinful act; in this way God manifested His wonders on her. So it is with everyone.

*Culled from the  
Father's Gospel  
by Lawrence Ubah*



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possess the virtue of love, "Love ye one another."

They lack love and that is the answer. People will question why a medical doctor, a chief consultant, a musician, an astrologer, an astronomer, an astronaut, an aquanaut and those who study the science of mountains, sun, moon and other fields, be sick? Why are they wallowing in the murky waters of problems? The answer remains that they have no love.

Consider the huge sums of money expended by man to research into the different medications, the height attained by the many occultists, the acquisition of diabolism in all its ramifications, the acquisition of differing powers, the proliferation of prayer houses, yet death is still having a firm grip on man, death still reigns supreme in the world. Why?

The reason for this development is that you have left the first love. Love of God is not abiding in your heart. That is the undeniable truth.

Brethren, have you heard all these? Have you ever been told about this by vision? If visioners were to see their way, would they have charged you ten, or twenty naira for visions?

Here, everything is granted you gratis, but you sell holy oil, you sell the gospel, you also sell the spirit. Why is that so? It is because there is no love.

This explains why all the inhabitants of the world are beset with problems and difficulties. Do what you may, if you have no love, all you do cannot profit you. Love works no evil to his neighbour, love is the fulfilling of the law.

You are true witnesses to this statement of the Father. Have you not observed this love, do you not feel it? When Peter asked Our Lord Jesus Christ how many times his brother will offend against him and he forgives him, whether it was seven times, Our Lord Jesus the Christ promptly told him, I do not say seven times but seventy times seven times, which implies that you should not impute sin upon any person.

All the inhabitants of the world are my witnesses, all spirits are my witnesses, all angels are my witnesses for the statement I now make. Upon all your calumny and blasphemy, have I even been exasperated?

Since God created this world, if there is any person who has ever suffered from evil utterances, blasphemies, calumnies, defamatory statements and statements which are infringing on man's character, name the person.

Even, you always ask why I should not retort or react towards these defamatory utterances. Reacting and retorting means hating the calumniators, but whenever you hate, you die.

If I had departed from this love, Brotherhood would have died a natural death. That is why I continue to abide in the love of God. Even if you want to remove the pulpit, I will help you to carry it away.

The golden text will now be read.

Golden Text: John 13: 34 - 35 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Brethren, how do you feel about what is read to you? Yesterday you thought I had a special means of ruling. I do not rule with any other thing but with love.

Do not look into the lute box, do not go to Biakpan water, do not look at the soutane, it is only love that reigns supreme, there is no other thing.

The scriptures have told us that, whosoever professes to be a leader and transgresses but does not abide in the doctrine of Our Lord Jesus Christ and has no love, has neither God nor the Son, but all those who abide in the doctrine of the Christ and show the expression of love, to the extent of loving all men as He loves them, they have both the Father and the Son.

Whether they cajole that you eat groundnuts,

bananas, and plantain, you can eat groundnuts and bananas and plantain, but what is important is that love only. The only thing we have to do is to love every person.

Do no evil thing against any person, do not treat any person with evil. If you have two things bestow one to him who has not. Regard every person in the same way. It requires neither prayer, nor song, nor dances.

If the world were to know the one who is in their midst, no person would have wasted his time and dissipated his energy on what he does. You are all aware that it was since 14th February 1942 that I challenged the whole world that if any person is able to annoy me under any circumstances, I shall give him my most precious and amiable thing. For I know that when I am annoyed, I have failed.

Where is the person who accepts the challenge squarely? You have tried your utmost best, by jumping into the altar, by extinguishing the light, by beating up people, have I made any comments?

You pass faeces and smear the hall with it, yet I embrace you and give you peace. Is it the love we are talking about? That love is in-dwelling in me, and it must be expressed.

In our domain, there are no counterfeits, falsehood is not known, craftiness is not known, exasperation is not known. I know neither anger nor any other evil tendency because in our domain, there is no exasperation. It is only love that is known.

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Wherever you turn to, there is love, you lift up your hand, there is love, and so I see no other thing but love alone. Love does not see what is evil.

I have never listened to evil utterances. I have never seen anything evil. When you show me any thing purported to be evil, I will rather refer to it as good and beautiful.

Now all members of Brotherhood have concluded that if the Father recommends somebody as good, do not be associated with him, because if you associate with him, he will kill you. To the Father every person is good. It is what you attest after due observation.

The exhortation given now constitutes a new commandment, when you forget and depart from it, sickness, poverty, wretchedness, penury and death set in. And whoever does not abide in this love, cannot even see his way through, he is neither defensible nor excusable. The only safety way is for you to show the expression of love.

Remember when the people asked Our Lord Jesus Christ "Where Lord will this happen?" He answered and said unto them "whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together." What is this carcass? It implies love.

When you complain that your business is liquida-

ting, it means you have no love. If you complain that your matrimonial home is very stormy, it is only that you have no love. If you complain that you have no employment, it means you have no love. If you complain being sick, it is only due to the fact that you have no love. When you complain that your parents have all died, it is the consequence of lack of God's love.

If you decide from now on to love, you will observe all what I tell you. Just settle down and be loving and do not unnecessarily dissipate your energy, but love every person and become reconciled with your Father and He will look after your welfare.

At the beginning of this sermon, I mentioned that I was going to use an earthly thing to illustrate a heavenly situation by an anecdote. Many people think that I have forgotten about it. Here is the anecdote.

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Once upon a time, there was a certain man who sent his son to study law. After he had prepared him to go, he sent him off, but as he was moving beyond the precinct of his compound, he called back his son. As the son went back to see him, he gave a copy of the Holy Bible to him with the instruction that as he reports at school, he should make it a point of duty to be reading his Bible after every fifteen minutes and that he should not fail to read the Bible everyday.

On his arrival at the University, he forgot entirely the instruction of his father because as he started to enter into the intricacies of law study, he discovered that religion was not compatible with law and so he forgot about his Bible.

He did not even know where the Bible was but continued to study his law and lead a riotous life of piping, chasing women, drinking and attending ball room dances and cinemas, because his father was a wealthy man.

In course of time, his money started reducing and he was almost exhausted of his pocket money. He wrote his father to send money to him with the shortest delay, because he was expelled from the University for non-payment of school fees.

In his reply, the father sent a very short letter that he should read the Bible. He wondered what association the Bible had with his complaint that his money had exhausted.

He quarrelled with his father and questioned if his letter was not properly read to the father, that he had nothing to do with Bible because the complaint was not about the Bible but lack of money.

He at once wrote another letter to his father that he had borrowed money from his friends and that he was highly indebted to them, that he was living on the street, that he was rusticated from the University. As his mind directed him, he vented his anger on his father.

The father again sent a simple reply "Read your Bible."

When I tell you to love one another, you burst into laughter, the sentence is short but pregnant with results. The only single cure for all your problems is the simple injunction to love one another.

With the very short reply, he busied himself in very deep thought because at that time, he had 100.00 pounds). He went and hired his friend to write his father on his behalf. The friend wrote an eight-page foolscap letter complaining that the position of his son in the university was very deplorable, that because of anxiety, he was gallivanting the streets as a demented fellow and that he was indebted to many people, that he was rusticated from classes.

He wrote his friend's father in the language he could understand. But the father in his usual tradition, replied to him to advise his friend to read his Bible, simplicitur.

After reading through the letter, the friend was shocked at the reply to his letter. He was so flummoxed that he was compelled to ask his friend to



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## The Panacea for Man's Present Malady

1st Lesson : Hebrew 12 : 5

2nd Lesson : Revelation 2 : 4 - 5

Golden Text: John 13 : 34-35

What have been read to you summarise the theme of our Revelation. This Gospel is an eye salve. It is also the panacea for all the sicknesses and problems of the world. It is a special lesson for the people of the world - the whites, the blacks, the coloured as well as other creations of God including the animals.

You do not understand the three lessons read to you but I am now going to analyse them so that you may grasp the importance of the lessons. All sicknesses, and lack, and wars which afflict us are what the English people refer to as the effect of the matter. But what I want to analyse to you is the cause of the effect.

I have been telling you that the whites are not wise as they would have people believe, in fact there is no person who is wise in this world. If it were not so there would not have been a case that an untutored person should reveal what your problems are to you. Because it is said that a blind man cannot lead the blind.

If a blind man leads the blind both of them will fall into the pit. This statement subsumes the stupendous tendency of man. What you refer to as an enlightened person is the one who can write and read his name. Civilization or enlightenment does not imply building a school or manufacturing aeroplanes. And I sympathise with you because the whole world is blind and sick and lame.

All the church denominations are, *per se*, not churches. All the hospitals you build are not hospitals *per se*. You are witnesses to the fact that if you go to the hospital, the medical doctors will complain that there are no drugs. Upon all the drugs you manufactured, people are still afflicted with sicknesses in the world while the incidence of death is unprecedented.

You go to the necromancers but they cannot heal you. You go to the hospital you are not cured. You go to prayer houses but your problems have become insurmountable. That is why I have prescribed this panacea once and for all.

I want to compare earthly situation with the heavenly situation. The first lesson says that "you have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him."

If the cause forgets the cause, then the cause becomes annoyed. Right from the time Adam disobeyed God's instruction, the whole world had rejected instruction and that is why you are all suffering.

There is no other salvation for the whole world apart from today's cure and if you do not obtain it, you have perished. It is said "today, if you hear His voice harden not your hearts." The sufferings which afflict the world are not pleasing to God. All your tribulations and afflictions are a cause of sorrow in heaven among the angels.

This is the cause of all the problems, tribulations, deaths, earthquakes and famine in the world because the cause has forgotten the cause. You are witnesses to the fact that after God had created everything, He told Adam to eat of every fruit of the tree in the Garden excepting one; and the day he ate of it he would die.

You are also witnesses to the fact that when they did not eat of that fruit, there was neither sickness, nor death, nor hunger, nor lamentation, nor hatred, nor any other problem.

The sun did not scourge them and the rain did not beat them. Man was living with the wild beasts

***"There is neither witchcraft, nor juju, nor apparition, nor mermaid. There is no other thing that is troubling you but the fact is that you have forgotten the exhortations which you were given, by God. Can you not realise that even though you give all your goods to feed the poor and give up your body to be burnt but if you have no love it does not profit you anything. I am not saying this, so that you may love but the fact is that if you do not possess love, you will not see Him. You are in death. You are in darkness. You cannot see your way through."***

like lions and the serpents. He was lying down with them and there was no problem whatever. But right from the day they forgot instruction and ate of that forbidden tree, that was the beginning of all the sorrows of today.

If somebody is sick and does not disclose it to you, you will not find him looking for a cure. Even if you tell him that he is sick, he will deny the fact and tell you that there is nothing wrong with him. In the same vein, any sickness which cannot be diagnosed, has no remedy.

And so when somebody says that he is sick, he will look for a doctor. And if you know the name of his sickness, you can refer him to the appropriate physician. That is why Our Lord Jesus Christ said it is not the physician that looks for a patient but it is the patient who has to look for the physician.

I do not want a handful of you but all the inhabitants of the world to come here and obtain salvation. But since they do not know that they are sick, neither do they know the nature of their ailments, that is why they continue to suffer these maladies. The day they will realise that they are blind, they will come and buy this salve.

The inhabitants of the world do not know that they are poor. But they are poor and they do not have anything. They do not know that they are dead, and that there is no life in them.

Out of the mercy of God, this message is sent to you, so that you may realise the love of God for man. Just as Adam was instructed not to eat of the fruit in the middle of the Garden, today you have been given a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." There is one pertinent question to ask.

Have all the inhabitants of the world not forgotten this commandment? Have the whites not forgotten it? Have the blacks not forgotten? Have the women not forgotten this commandment? Have the men not forgotten it? That is the cause of all the lack, death and tribulations in the world.

There is neither witchcraft, nor juju, nor apparition, nor mermaid. There is no other thing that is troubling you but the fact is that you have forgotten the exhortations which you were given, by God.

Can you not realise that even though you give all your goods to feed the poor and give up your body to be burnt but if you have no love it does not profit you anything. I am not saying this, so that you may have love but the fact is that if you do not possess love, you will not see him. You are in death. You are in darkness. You cannot see your way through. You are sick and poor and wretched and there is no good thing in you till eternity.

I want to prove to you that I have brought the teaching that has never been taught in this world. To show to you that God loves man, He says, remember where you derailed from the first love and go back and start practising love and there will be no more deaths. No sickness or lack, will befall you again. All evil will be over.

You have heard the second lesson read to you. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against you because you have left the first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove the candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." The removal of the candlestick subsumes the destruction of the world today.

It is said that whoever hates his brother abides in darkness. He does not see where he is going. Where is the world today? Is it not deep in animosity. The mother kills the child, a brother kills his sister, a friend kills his friend, because the world is in darkness.

It is said that when all hope is gone the Saviour appears. You have gone to the sun. You have studied science and have gone to the depths of the sea, what good thing have you achieved? There is no good thing you have achieved. That is why you have to return home as a wanderer because your Father has prepared for you.

You confess that you have broken the ten commandments of God but God does not have ten commandments. He has only one commandment, "love one another." He says you should love one another as He loves you and so if you love one another you are walking in the light and there is no occasion of stumbling in you.

Any person who loves others is the person who is enlightened. He has seen very far. Any person who loves all, is the person who has what surpasses the whole world. Whoever possess love is the person who has all the powers in heaven and on earth.

Any person who loves everyone is the person who never dies but has eternal life. Whoever possesses this love has passed from death into life. Death has no power over him, sickness has no power over him. He is not in lack and hatred has no dominion over him.

Can you observe how God loves us? His commandments are neither grievous nor tedious. All your problems arise from the fact that you have departed from the first love which God enjoins that, you should love one another as He has loved you. That is why the whole world is in darkness with the attendant deaths, tribulations and killings.

Since God does not want the world to perish.



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that is why He has released this golden message from heaven to the whole world. There is nothing that can save man apart from love.

Whoever rejects this message rejects life and every good thing. That is why God has set aside another day in David, And says "Today if you will hear His voice harden not your hearts as your father did."

Why was Our Lord Jesus Christ killed? He was killed as a result of lack of love. The prophets were all killed because of lack of love. The apostles, Peter, Paul and the rest of them were killed through lack of love. What is the cause of hatred and division in the churches? It is lack of love.

If you sing as a lark and pray as Elijah, but you do not possess love, you loose. God is love. Our Lord Jesus Christ is love. The Holy Spirit is love. Love is oneness, to regard every person as yourself.

If I regard you as myself, I will not kill you. If I regard you as myself, I will not lie against you. If I regard you as myself, I cannot disgrace you. If I regard you as myself, I will not look at you with an intent to commit sin against you. If I regard you as myself, I will not abuse you. Love is the fulfilling of the law. When you have love, you have accomplished everything.

Death, sickness, tribulation, poverty will all be over, if there is love. Why punishment has plagued the inhabitants of the whole world is that they have rejected this instruction. That is why the whole world is covered with darkness. All the inhabitants of the world should remember from where they had fallen away. All the inhabitants of the world should possess love.

There is no white man who possesses love. There is no black man who possesses love. There is neither church nor government or city or male or female who possesses love. And so all of you have to turn a new leaf today and possess love.

There is no need erecting houses and naming them Cathedrals and churches. All these things do not mean a thing. There is no need to designate any person as pope, or bishop, or pastor because none of these designations serves any useful purpose to anyone.

God has already given us a new injunction to love every person as He has loved us. Follow after love with all earnestness because there is no other thing which we have to do apart from possessing love. Do not sin again. Do not hate any person. Love is of God because God is Love. Christ is Love. The Holy Spirit is Love; therefore, this commandment is from God.

If you do not possess love you have no life in you and you cannot have peace. You do not love a person so that you may be loved in return. You love because you are complying with the instruction of God. You do not love a person so that he may honour and reward you. You love him because you are doing that which you had fallen away from.

We are sick and afflicted and tortured because we have forgotten the first law of God which is Love.

1st Lesson: Hebrew 12:5 "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him."

Many people say that God does not love them and that is why they are suffering. This is not true, He does infact love us because He does not want us to perish. And so any time you are beset with tribulations, confess your sins, forsake your sins, love others and begin to do good and your problems will depart from you.

That is why I say that many of you here in Brotherhood do not know yourselves. Did you know that love is the eternal life you so desire? Love is the dcer of this work. Love is never exasperated. Love does not steal. Love does not fornicate. Love does not tell lies. Love does not kill. Love does not quarrel. Love does not impute sins unto others.

We have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. Whoever does not love abides in death. All those who hate their brothers are murderers; and no murderer has eternal life.

Did you know that a visioner is blind? Do you also know that the prophets are blind? Do you know also that all the pastors are blind? Whoever does not possess love is blind. He cannot see his way.

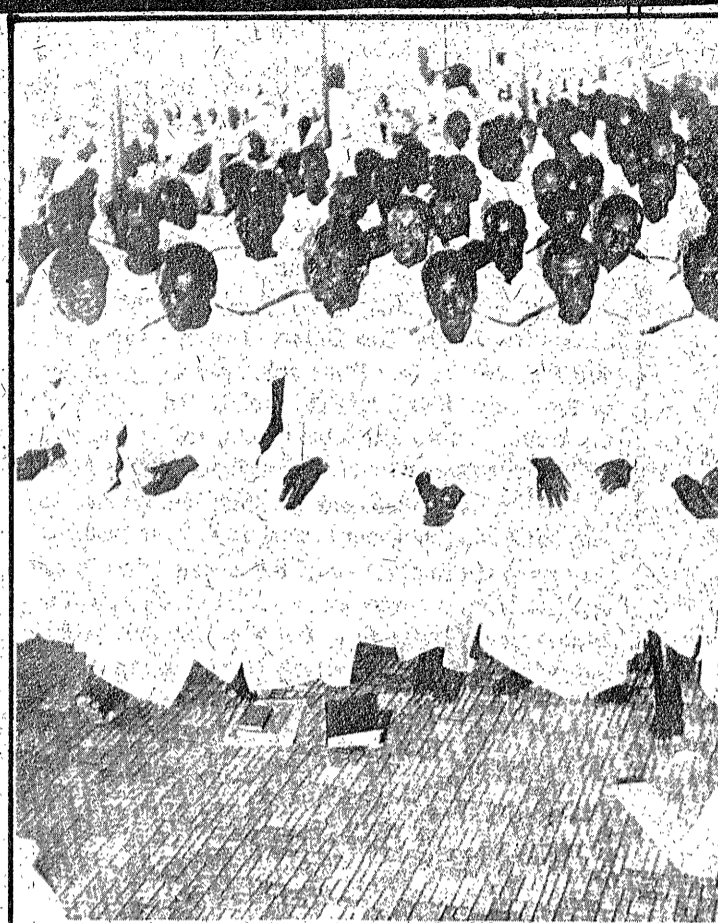
Brethren, I am telling you this with tears and great sorrow in my heart because what will plague the world shortly cannot be subdued by any other thing except love alone. And that is why this Gospel has to be distributed to all parts of the world as a warning.

Whoever has and practises love is saved. What you are seeing is that love has come down to dwell with men on earth. That is why His light has lightened the whole world. The whole world is filled with His knowledge and power.

This is the new heaven and the new earth where righteousness dwells. Right from today, do not request for money or for life or for good health or for vision. Practise love and love every person. Do not think evil of anyone. Do not tell lies any longer. Do not be exasperated with any person. Do not commit any act of sin. Love every person and all your problems are solved.

Whatever problem that besets the world is due to their lack of love. If you are sick it is the chastisement of God. If you possess love that sickness will go. If you are in lack it is because you do not love. When you have love, your lack will go.

Our Lord Jesus used earthly things to illustrate the heavenly things but this one is strictly spiritual truth which is dished out to you.



The world must know God and keep His injunctions or Teacher intimates His audience.

He said "go and heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." What does this mean? Does it refer to the worldly sickness or the physical deaths or to the physically lame or blind? No. He was referring to the spiritual situations.

Do you know that whoever hates his brother is dead? He is sick. He is a leper. He is lame. He is poor. He is blind. Did you know this? That is why you are instructed to start having love because till eternity there is no other work which we have to do apart from loving one another.

When you start loving others, you will see how things will begin to move with you. Do you pray and ask for anything? Have love and demonstrate it practically.

If you love God, love the human beings which you see. Speak good and pray for the good of others. When you do this, within a day or two, you will have a testimony. You will be transformed into a small child.

There is no person that loves, except Our Lord Jesus Christ alone. If He had not come and given this new commandment, the whole world would have perished. Even if you keep all the ten commandments of Moses but fail to love, you will perish because the commandments cannot save you.

The visitation of God as manifested in the Christ was to hand down the new commandment quite distinct from the old commandments. The rejection of this new commandment is the cause of all the woes that have befallen man, and the darkness that has engulfed the whole world.

You are witnesses to the fact that from January to December every year, we do not preach or demonstrate any other sermon apart from love, and till eternity, it is love alone that we are concerned with.

People come here and carry out research into this power. They argue that power is in the Blackpan water. This is erroneous. Power is based in love. The moment you possess love you are free. Right from today, do not owe any person anything apart from loving one another.

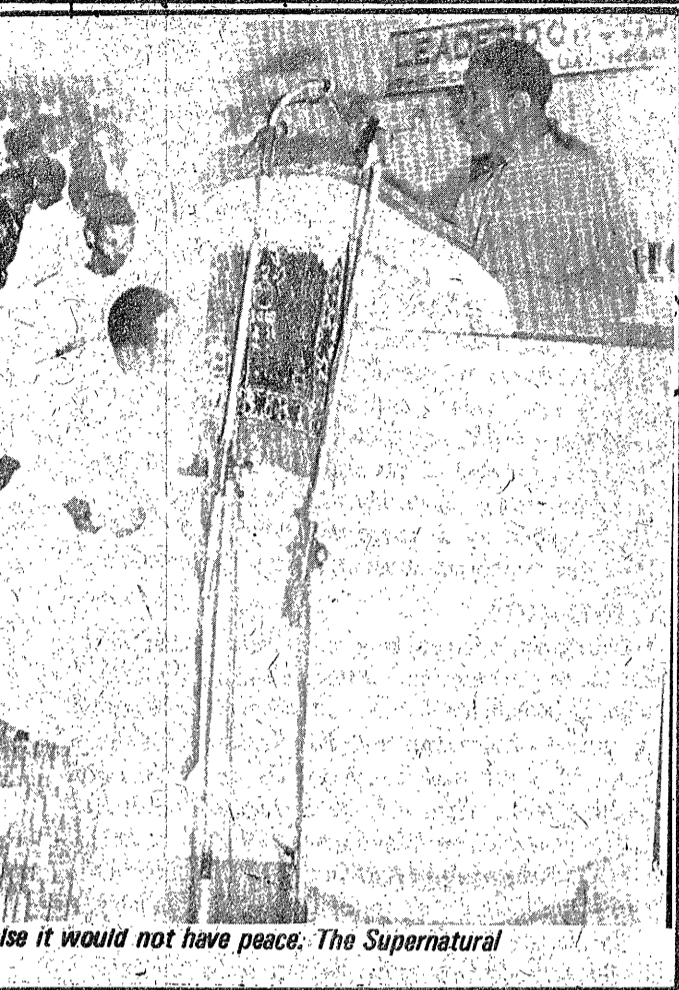
Love does not consist in giving out money. But if you can think good of others and speak good of them, you do not become a stumbling block unto others. If you do not fornicate, and tell lies, and disgrace any person, if you regard every person as yourself, then you are practising love.

If you possess love you cannot close your eyes.

***"If you sing as a lark and pray as Elijah, but you do not possess love, you loose. God is love. Our Lord Jesus Christ is love. The Holy Spirit is love. Love is oneness, to regard every person as yourself. If I regard you as myself, I will not kill you. If I regard you as myself, I will not lie against you. If I regard you as myself, I cannot disgrace you. If I regard you as myself, I will not look at you with an intent to commit sin against you. If I regard you as myself, I will not abuse you. Love is the fulfilling of the law."***



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when you see others in lack and you are in a position to help, if you have love, you will not fail to be merciful unto others. If you have love, you will be patient when others treat you badly. If you possess love, you will never impute sin unto others, no matter how you are wronged. If you possess love, you will not fail to tell the truth to any person in this world.

It is love that is doing the works you are witnessing today. Right from the time of Adam, love had died completely. No person possessed love. But now all the power you witness here as well as the light of this Kingdom is the love; and so right now, all the inhabitants of the world must possess love.

You are not killed by man. It is not your father who kills you. Neither is it juju or any other thing. You die because you have forgotten God's instruction. You had departed from love a long way off and you do not possess it, that is why you die.

Let us have our second lesson.

2nd Lesson: Revelation 2: 4-5 "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place except thou repent."

How do you receive what is read to you? Children of Adam how is it? It is said that a child who walks circumspectly will kill what killed his father. But a child who fails to walk circumspectly, that which killed his father will also kill him.

You have repeatedly been blaming Adam for eating the forbidden fruit, but what is obtained today? Have you not found yourself in that same mess. Come to think of it: of all the fruits present in the Garden, it would have been impossible to consume all of them till eternity. What then caused Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?

The reason is stubbornness. They lost sight of that instruction of God not to eat that forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve went on to eat it and that is why death, sufferings and all afflictions have beset the people of the world even till today.

What benefits did they derive from eating that forbidden fruit? They had no gains. Rather, it brought untold evil on them till this day. Can you then realize

the authenticity of the scriptural statement, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Since Adam departed from that first love with his children, have you not realised the outcome of it? Death, sickness, disgrace, lack and all afflictions have beset mankind. Look at how human beings are living like animals.

You observe the sinking down of houses, fire disasters, thunder bolt, ship wrecks, earthquakes and the lion whelp, and other disastrous occurrences. These unfortunate situations are the resultant consequences of this one thing, the violation of God's instruction.

God answers one name at a time. He does not repeat his name in any two visitations. Can you notice how He has changed the order, at first it was the fruit of the tree, now God Himself has come back to change everything and make it a-new.

He says, a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even also as I love you. Do you know why people die, why they are sick and in lack, it is because of the absence of love.

That is why I tell you that I can never plead with you, but one thing is sure and that is, if you have no love, you must be sick, you must be wretched, you must die, you must be blind and deaf and dumb and lame and you must be amputated and cast into a fiery furnace. With this state of affairs, there is no way of escape for you no matter how fervent you can pray. What are you going to pray for?

It is high time that man knew himself. Some people have initiated into as many as 20 secret societies but their problems continue to mount and increase more than ever before. When they indulge in all forms of diabolism, they worsen their situations. Going to the hospital for medication means jumping from frypan to fire.

Somebody who confesses to be a wizard, also complains that he is perishing; necromancers complain also that they are perishing. Many others who claim to be powerful including soldiers, complain that they are perishing, why is this so? It is because you have forgotten the exhortations of God.

Many people have embarked upon researches to find out the causes of the stresses and strains of man. They attribute the cause of trouble to women, others attribute to other causes. But what is the source of sin? The source of sin is man's forgetfulness of God's exhortation, that is to say, the first love man had with God.

Brotherhood is not new. Every person in the world is Brotherhood and the injunction is to love all brethren. Where is that love? That is the cause of our problem. You therefore have to stage a go-back to that first love.

Do not fear any person but fear love, and this exhortation. Once you have love, you have no more problems, you are free. You have heard of the Armageddon war.

Our only path of salvation from the coming plagues is for all of us to have love. From today that you have received this Word of God, it is incumbent on every person to have that genuine love which is devoid of all evil intentions and dissimulation.

Who is the person making this statement? It is Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who is the person who made this commandment that we should love one another? Is it not that same God? You have to retrace your steps to where you had fallen since He gave this new commandment unto you, that "ye love one another; as I have loved you."

The entire inhabitants of the world must from today remember from whence they had fallen, and repent, and do the first works. Anything short of this will be disastrous. There is no other escape route for mankind than this.

Or else, there will be heaps of dead persons every where for the vultures to feed upon, fire will come from above to consummate the world, there will be earthquakes, men will turn blind. You will sign up for death but to no avail, you will look for what to eat without success, you will eat up your children.

The impending doom is too frightful if you fail to have this love for one another. You have heard what the scripture says, "or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Can you realise the panacea for your infirmities? Has the world the knowledge of this realism? People will cositate that it is his father who has killed him, that her husband killed her, that the wife is responsible of his passing away. None of such stories holds any water.

It is not snake that kills people. Nothing of such contentions is true but it is the non-expression of love among them that is the cause of their predicaments. Since you have no love, you are dead necromancers.

Note that it is said, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." When your candlestick is removed, you are damned.

Can you explain why a Brotherhood member should go on transfer? Has that member love for another? As you are all here, can you attest that you have love? Has any of you love? That is the reason you go on transfer. That is why you are sick.

All the afflictions plaguing you, are not attributable to any person. But you are responsible for them. Even now, if you start to have love for one another and put same into practise, your problems are solved.

You will ponder over why a president is sick, why a millionaire has certain infirmities, why a governor is sick, why a king is sick, why those highly placed personalities in life are sick. They are afflicted with such infirmities because they do not

***"I have nothing to do with anything which is evil. Whatever you commit — theft, falsehood etc — I will embrace you but you will die. You have killed yourself. This explains why the worldly people blame you. But I have brought the virtue of love, peace, truth, mercy, patience, humility, meekness, and self-control but none of you makes an attempt to practise the injunction. But you continue to commit these acts of sin. Tell me how you will not die, how you will not be in lack, when you do not believe in the word."***