

The "New" Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

Pentecost the Last Day

by William P. Goff
(Myrtle Beach, South Carolina)

PAGE 2 **Articles**

In regard to: Is God's Law Done Away?

Article by Wayne Schatzle
Comments by Laura Lee
(Bismarck, North Dakota)

PAGE 6 **Iron Sharpening Iron**

In regard to: How the Resurrection Changed Everything for Women

Article by Eddie Hyatt
Comments by Laura Lee
(Bismarck, North Dakota)

PAGE 6 **Iron Sharpening Iron**

In regard to: Human Sacrifice in Scripture

Article by David Sielaff
Comments by Laura Lee
(Bismarck, North Dakota)

PAGE 7 **Iron Sharpening Iron**

In regard to: Pentecost the Last Day

Article by William P. Goff
Comments by Laura Lee
(Bismarck, North Dakota)

PAGE 8 **Iron Sharpening Iron**

To Unsubscribe from this newsletter:

Send a blank email to church-of-god-bismarck@hotmail.com with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

To Subscribe to this newsletter:

Send a blank email to church-of-god-bismarck@hotmail.com with "Subscribe" in the subject line.

To Submit Items for Print: Send to: church-of-god-bismarck@hotmail.com or Mail to Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502

The "New" Church of God Messenger is an independent publication. All newsletters may be copied and given to others if they are copied and sent in their entirety.

Publisher: Church of God, Bismarck, Darwin & Laura Lee, **Editor:** Laura Lee, **Assistant Editor:** Darwin Lee We do not necessarily agree with all contributors, or their works submitted and printed in this newsletter. It is up to you to get out your Bible and see whether these things are true. Iron sharpens Iron

Contributors: William P. Goff, Laura Lee

Website: Church of God, Bismarck <https://www.church-of-god-bismarck.org>

Articles

Pentecost the Last Day

by William P. Goff (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina)

The Feast of Pentecost is the "Last Day" of the count to Fifty, and it is a very important day for the Church of God. Pentecost, Day Fifty is our day; it's the day that our Lord says He will "Raise Us Up".

The day of Pentecost is referred to in the Scriptures as: "The Feast of Weeks" and "The Feast of First Fruits." But Scripture also refers to the Feast of Pentecost as "The Last Day."

It is rarely referred to any more as "The Last Day." But in earlier times, including pre N.T. Church times, God's people were well acquainted with this term. Let's take a look at that in the Book of John, where the term "Last Day" was referred to in a discussion between Martha and our lord after Lazarus had died.

Lazarus had been in the tomb four days when our Lord arrived in Bethany. Martha went out to meet Him, and she said "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" Jesus replied, "your brother shall rise again."

Now notice Martha's reply to Him: (John 11:24.) "I know he shall **rise again in the resurrection at the "Last Day."** Now Martha is not talking about "The Last Great Day" here. The "last day" spoken of here, is the last day of our count to Pentecost, day 50, the Day all of God's "First Fruits" will be resurrected or raised up.

(We will see this better as we move on.)

Now the timing of this "Resurrection" is quite clear in the Scriptures. We need only to look at the "waving" of the "wave loaves." God Always gives us the physical (which we humans understand quite well) so we can better understand the spiritual (which we humans do not understand all that well.)

The wave loaves (which represent the church) were "baked" and "waved" on day 50, the day of Pentecost. Now that "baking" represents a finished product, just like when baking bread.

When making bread, the baker adds all the ingredients (including leavening in the recipe of the wave loaves) then the baker begins to knead the dough, and the dough begins to rise due to the leavening agent. What the leavening agent is actually doing, is "**it's changing the nature of the dough**" it's called fermentation.

As the dough continues to be worked; it rises up, and it's beaten back down. This process is repeated until the baker gets the dough just the way he wants it, then He bakes it. Once the dough is baked, it's a finished product; its nature is permanent, and cannot be changed.

This is what the Master Potter is doing with His church, He works with us as we go through various trials and tribulations, He continues to form us and shape us. Then once He gets us just the way He wants us, He bakes us, turns us into Spirit beings at the resurrection. And once changed into Spirit (or baked) we are a finished product that cannot be changed back.

And don't let anyone tell you that the leavening agent in those loaves is "sin" because that is a totally false teaching that is still being taught from many pulpits in the cog today. The leavening agent used in the wave loaves represents God's Powerful Holy Spirit. God's Spirit is the only thing powerful enough to change our sinful nature.

Leaven doesn't always represent sin in the Bible. There is a good leaven; it is spoken of in Matthew 13:33.

Now if you had been there on the day of Pentecost in times past, you would have seen the Priest wave those baked loaves high over his head. Why? Because the waving of those baked wave loaves represented something that is going

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

to happen or transpire up in heaven, not down here on this earth. And take note here: It's going to transpire soon, (Much sooner than Most realize.)

The waving of the wave loaves represents the church being changed from flesh and blood human beings, into “Spirit Beings” (Better put, changed into “God Beings”) Yes, “God Beings” those who are changed will no longer be flesh and blood “human beings” (*Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.*)

And they will not (or never) be changed into “Angelic Beings” (David made that clear in Psalm 8:5.)

So, what kind of being will His resurrected Saints be? (Well, the proof is always in the pudding) He tells us in Genesis that seeds can only reproduce after their own kind. Tomato will not produce Potatoes, and God seed (which His church received at baptism and laying on of hands) can only produce one kind of Being. Yes, a “God Being” (Or better put, another Member of the “Family of God”).

On a sobering note, let us digress for a moment, let us remember that our Creator hasn't placed His seed in everyone, the tares were planted by the enemy, **and they do not have the Spirit of God dwelling within them.** And many don't seem to realize, but those tares are not only right here amongst us, but in many cases (and too many places) they are right there in front, leading from the pulpit.

Brethren, the biggest obstacle to our success of becoming Saints (and remember we are not necessarily “Saints” at baptism & laying on of Hands.) One has to “Tower Up” like Paul says in (Romans 16:2) and (Ephesians 5:3.) To “become” a Saint, one has to walk upright. Saints are Pure, Holy, Blameless, Saints walk in Truth. But our biggest obstacle to walking in Truth is “man.” Men are good at leading us astray, and they are also very good at quenching the Spirit of God that is within us.

How long are we going to ignore the repeated warnings by our Lord, Peter, Paul, John, and Jude concerning the danger we face with men, how they lead many astray with their deception of false beliefs, and false doctrines, before we take action?

If there was ever a time for us (The COG) to “Wake Up” And put our High Calling on the front burner of our lives, it is now. Why? Because the final “wake up call” The “Midnight Cry” of Matthew 25 (announcing that our Lord is headed back) and the “Lions Roar” of Revelation 10, announcing the same thing, are at the door. The “Midnight Cry” of Matthew 25 comes out of the “Lions Roar” of Revelation 10. (They are the same event.)

And we might not know what the seven Thunders are, but we do know when they will utter their voices. As soon as the “Cry” is made, they will sound. That time is rapidly approaching Brethren. This is no time for sleeping.

Brethren, if any of us are looking to, or following any man, prepare for the upcoming fall in the ditch, because that's where the blind leaders and their blind followers are destined. Men cannot lead us into all Truth. Guiding us into all Truth is the Spirit's job, not mans. (John 16:13.)

(Back to our message 😊 the timing of this resurrection represented by the wave loaves, can be verified by looking at the account of the “two witnesses” who will be killed after they finish their testimony. (Remember they are going to be resurrected.)

After their testimony to the world is completed, they will be killed by the “beast” and their dead bodies will lie in the street in Jerusalem. But after 3 ½ days (as we know) they will stand up, and they will ascend up into heaven, where they will be meeting Christ in the clouds, and standing, yes standing, on the “Sea of Glass”.

And they will not be standing their alone! This is the “First Resurrection” All God's Saints will be resurrected at this time and will ascend up into the clouds to meet Christ in the air. Yes, all of God's First Fruits will be resurrected at that time, and will be standing with their fellow Saints, standing before our Lord and Savior Himself, up on the **Sea of Glass!**

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

The cog pulpits have correctly taught that our Lord will be returning to this earth on Trumpets. But that is when He will be returning and touching down on the Mount of Olives, with His saints, His called, and chosen, and faithful.

(Revelation 17:14.)

But before His saints can return with Him on Trumpets, they have to get up there to meet Him in the clouds first, and that will happen on Pentecost. As the wedding ceremony is conducted up on that Sea of Glass, and as the Kingdom of God is established.

You see the kingdom that we are all waiting for, has not even been established yet. But soon will be up on the Sea of Glass. It cannot be established until after the First Resurrection. How could it be when many who will be given positions to rule in that coming kingdom are still asleep in the grave?

God’s coming kingdom will be established (or set up) soon, during the reign of the Beast power. That is quite clear in (Daniel 2:44.) *“And in the days of these kings (the 10 Kings represented by the 10 toes of King Nebuchadnezzar dream) shall the God of heaven set up (or establish) a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”*

Now this would be a good time to understand something that is vital important to all of us. Whether we will be part of those who will be standing up there on that Sea of Glass or not, hinges on our level of conversion, because one has to qualify to be there.

That’s what the counting to Pentecost is all about, qualifying, becoming Holy and Perfect. That’s why the count starts the day after the High Holy Day, and not after the weekly Sabbath, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now (Revelation 15: 1-2) Will not only verify the qualification standard needed to be up there but will also focus in on the timing of the Resurrection.

Revelation 15:1 *“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.”*

So, the timing here is at the end of the Great Tribulation, just before God pours out His wrath on the earth, as the angels are preparing the seven last plagues. Yes, just after the two witnesses are killed, and the beast power is still controlling the earth.

Now notice verse 2: *“And I saw as it were a Sea of Glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the Sea of Glass, having the harps of God.**”*

Now our Lord saved us by His precious blood. But that gives us no free pass to the Sea of Glass. One has to qualify to be standing there. That’s quite clear. All standing there had **“Gotten The Victory”** Strong’s # 3528 = conquer, overcomer.

The same word used by our lord in His letters to all seven churches in the Book of Revelation: *“To him that **“overcometh”** (Strong’s # 3528) will I grant this and Give That!*

Let us note here that just “trying” to overcome doesn’t cut it with our Creator, we have to succeed. He has called us to Perfection (Full Spiritual Growth.) He has instructed us (each and every one of us) to Become Holy, just as our Father in heaven is Holy. And Most Importantly, He has given us the Power to succeed at being Perfect and Holy! Yes, we have the Power of His Holy Spirit to “Overcome” sin.

Don’t believe the majority of the pulpits in the cog today, that continue to falsely preach and teach that “Overcoming was possible for our Lord and Savior, that He could walk this earth without sin, but that it is impossible for us to do so. That

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

belief is the spirit of Antichrist. The spirit of antichrist is that our lord did not come in the flesh, that He was not flesh like we are flesh. Sad to say, that spirit of antichrist is prevalent in the cog today.

That’s why it is so important for us to “Test” the Spirits. (1 John 4:1-3.)

Many seem to think that we cannot walk this earth as our Lord walked, that we cannot develop His Holy Righteous Character now, while in the flesh. Many think there is a “magic wand” at the end of the day that will instantaneously create God’s “Holy Righteous Character” in us. Brethren, wake up, there is no “Magic Wand” in the tool shed of the cog, but there is an Axe. Holy Righteous Character takes time to develop, it’s not instantaneous to accomplish. And it has to be, and can be, achieved while we are in the flesh. How? By the Power of His Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

The count to Pentecost is very clear on this issue. One has to be “*Complete*” “Unblemished” “Spotless” by the end of the seven weeks of the count. That deadline is on day 49 of the count. (Check it out in Leviticus 23:15.) Check out that word “Complete.” It’s talking about us, the church being unblemished, unspotted, just like our Chief Corner Stone, our Lord and Savior, the one we are to conform to.

(1 Kings 6:7) also shows how the “Temple” (the church) is completed before being brought “thither” or over to the other side, where it will be erected. Yes, “Complete” on day 49, before being baked on day Fifty. (Also notice there is no magic wand in the tool shed, but there is an axe.)

There is much more that can be said here. But time is short, and there is much to do. So, let’s go to the Book of John and understand something very important that the pulpits of the cog have led many astray on.

(John 6:54) *“Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the “Last Day.”*

Our Lord has commanded us to eat His flesh and drink His blood more often than once a year at Passover. He tells us to do it “**often**” (*as often as we have opportunity*) It’s called the “Feast of Charity” by Jude. And that Feast is also spoken of by Peter.

It’s the “Agape Love Feast” introduced by our Lord Himself, and He instructed us to partake of it to benefit us Spiritually. The Love Feast was attacked by false leaders that crept into the church, as noted in (Jude 1:12.) And then the “Love Feast” was totally done away at The Council of Laodicea when that regional synod (an Ecclesiastical council of approximately thirty clerics from Asia Minor, around 363–364 AD in Laodicea) totally banned the keeping of the “Love Feast”.

Many in God’s church are familiar with Cannon #29 which states: “CHRISTIANS must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honoring the Lord’s Day; But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema (an ath a ma) from Christ = Meaning: excommunicated. Many in God’s church are familiar with that cannon or law, but not many are aware of Cannon #28, the Cannon that caused the important Agape Love Feast that was introduced by our Lord Himself to end.

The very church tradition that increased the flow of God’s Spirit amongst the brethren, which in turn brought about the working of miracles, signs, and wonders, was removed, and forbidden to be practiced in the church.

Here is CANON #28. (Word for Word) “It is not permitted to hold love feasts, as they are called, in the Lord’s Houses, or Churches, nor to eat and to spread couches in the house of God.” Brethren, that was a sad day for the church of God. It’s no wonder why the cog today is weak, sickly, and lacking Spiritual Power.

Google “Council of Laodicea” read it for yourself.

Brethren, IF we want to fulfill our High Calling, If we want to be there, standing on the Sea of Glass with our Lord and Savior, we have to follow His instructions, we have to follow Him and no one else. We have to Hear His Voice, by “*proving all things*”, and we have to **Believe** what He says.

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

And make no mistake about it, He tells us (The ones the Father has placed into His hands) if we do what He says; He will “raise us up” at the last day.

(John 6:40.) *“This is the will of Him who sent me, that everyone that seeth the Son, and **Believeth** on Him, may have everlasting life: **and I will raise him up at the Last day.**”*

(John 6:44.) *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: **and I will raise him up at the Last day.**”*

That “Last Day” Brethren, the final and fulfilling day of Pentecost, is rapidly approaching. Will we be there, will we be amongst those who will be “Raised Up” and Standing before Him with our fellow Saints up on the Sea of Glass? The choice is ours, but make no mistake about it, sinners will not be there, but those who use His Powerful Spirit and overcome, will be there!

Reprinted with permission from: A Voice in the Wilderness
<https://khofh.org/>

Iron Sharpening Iron

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Is God’s Law Done Away?

Article by Wayne Schatzle
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

This was an excellent article about the law however there is one point I believe he made in error.

The author of this article makes the following statement on page 6 of Special Edition number 65. “In addition, the rules we make are for our family only, just as God’s laws apply only to those “called by His name”, we are unconcerned if our neighbors observe our house laws.

Wayne is correct in part, what ever house rules/laws we have for our own families would not apply to the neighbors because we essentially do not have any control over what our neighbors do.

However, God is building a family and He does have control over every spirit being and every human being that lives now and has ever lived or will live in the future. God is the Father of all, and His rules and laws apply to everyone. There is no exception to this.

**In regard to: How the Resurrection
Changed Everything for Women**

Article by Eddie Hyatt
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

This was also an excellent article, but someone found fault with the following and I would have to agree:

Eddie writes in the fourth paragraph of his article: By appearing *first* to Mary Magdalene, Jesus was cutting through all

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

the disdain and prejudice of his male disciples toward his female disciples. He thereby declared His equal acceptance of women and confirmed their ministry by sending her forth as the first witness and preacher of the **most important event in all of human history**.

I agree with Eddie that this was a very important event, but some, myself included believe that Christ dying for our sins was the most important event in all of human history.

In regard to: Human Sacrifice in Scripture

Article by David Sielaff

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

This was an excellent article in regard to Human Sacrifice in Scripture, however I did find a few items written within the article which I would consider to be errors.

On page 13 of Special Edition #66, the author states: “God the Father sacrificed His son Jesus, the Son of God and the first creation of God.”

Jesus was not a created being:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **Col 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **Col 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **Col 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

According to the above scriptures, Christ created everything. It is not possible for Christ to have created himself, so these scriptures prove that Christ is not a created being.

On page 14 the author makes the following statement: “Despite everything man and spirits (little “gods”) will do, all from God through Adam will be saved. All will have full knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4):”

I am not sure here what the author means by “spirits (little “gods”) but Christ’s sacrifice was for man and not for spirit beings. Spirit beings lived in heaven with God and had full knowledge of the truth. So, if they decided as Lucifer did to go against God there is no salvation for them any longer.

1 Timothy 2:4 also does not say that all men and women will be saved. What it says is as follows:

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (King James)

1Ti 2:4 who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. (World English Bible)

1Ti 2:4 who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. (American Standard Version)

In this case the King James bible is not as clear as some other bible versions. What 1 Timothy 2:4 says is that God desires that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and that they will be saved. Unfortunately, not all people will choose to go God’s way. Some will choose not to love the truth as Lucifer chose not to. In other words, just as all spirits were given a choice in regard to Gods way, all people will also have that choice but some people just as some spirits will decide due to free will that they do not want to go God’s way and they

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

will be destroyed forever.

In the author’s end notes, number seven, he says:

“7 For all intelligent non-human beings in God’s creation, their destiny is to be reconciled to YHWH (Colossians 1:20; Philippians 2:10–11). They will not become children of God, so far as we are told in Scripture. DWS”

In the above end note he only uses Colossians 1:20 but I believe you have to read further to understand who is going to be reconciled.

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. **Col 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **Col 1:22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight: **Col 1:23** **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven;** whereof I Paul am made a minister;

In other words, in order to be reconciled to God you must be keeping the law of God.

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **Php 2:11** And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

He also mentions Php 2:10-11 which the only people who will bow the knee and confess Jesus is Lord will be those who believe and keep God’s law of love. Those who are against God will not be found doing this.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **Joh 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **Joh 3:18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **Joh 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **Joh 3:20** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. **Joh 3:21** But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

In conclusion, good and evil is defined by God’s law. So, if you keep God’s law you will be reconciled to God, if you do evil, you will not be reconciled to God.

In regard to: Pentecost the Last Day

Article by William P. Goff

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

We have found no Biblical support for doing the bread, the wine or the foot washing more than once a year. The symbols of the bread, the wine and the foot washing were introduced by Christ to be done once a year on Passover to replace the slaying and eating of the passover lambs. If you can find actual scripture that shows God’s People participating in the practice of the bread, the wine and the foot washing more than once a year we would like to see those scriptures.

The “New” Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God
May 14, 2022 --- Issue No. 67
Special Edition

Just because you find God’s people participating in meals and fellowship throughout the Bible, does not mean they were also participating in the bread, the wine, and the foot washing ceremony of Passover during those meals, which was done as a memorial to show Christ’s death until He returns.

Please also read the article Feast of Charity by William P. Goff found in Issue #49 of this newsletter.

To be clear on another matter he brings into this article. We should all, always be striving for perfection right up until the day we die. Sin always separates us from God. He is absolutely right that we must qualify to be in that first resurrection and if we are intentionally sinning and not striving for perfection, there is no magic wand that will save us in the end.

Also, in regard to at what point we will be resurrected and/or changed into a spirit being as far as the timing for the first resurrection goes it is supported by scripture to take place shortly after (or at the same time) the two witnesses ascend into heaven after they have been resurrected.

Holy Days 2022

Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022

Pentecost – June 5, 2022

Trumpets - September 26, 2022

Atonement – October 5, 2022

Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022

Last Great Day – October 17, 2022