

# Church

A Word Through Bishop E. N. Webb:



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God has highly exacted...that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Philip. 2:9,11; Acts 2:24-36; Psalm 45.

What is it that keeps us going? Are we pursuing goals, or are we

## HE IS LORD

just on the run? Are we reaching for the stars, or are we just trying to get through today? Are we storing up for tomorrow, or are we wondering how we will stretch what we have stored? What is it all about — this routine — this frustration — this madness?

Life can be meaningful. Let us praise God for that! Today, Paul calls our attention to the Source of meaning for life. He calls our attention to the name

that has power, that is above every name. It is the name before which every knee should bow, every tongue confess. That name is Jesus. When we confess Him as our Lord, we recognize that He has the answers

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to our living and dying. Through His death and resurrection He not only

gives meaning to life, but He gives life itself. He did that for us in our baptism and now as He comes to us in the Word and in Holy Communion. He keeps nurturing the life which He has given.

The purpose, direction and meaning of life are all covered by His promise, "I will not leave you," and by His invitation to call upon Him everyday of our life. Because Jesus Christ is Lord, He can and will

keep His promise. Joyce Wright Publicity Chairman

## New Church Stresses Proper Health Care

At sea, a ship's captain has time to reflect on what he feels is the meaning of life. Usually, that insight never goes beyond application to his own way of dealing with getting by.

Once in awhile, though, someone comes along who feels there is more to it all than just "reflecting."

In fact, for one veteran sea captain by the name of Charlie Roy, simple reflection isn't nearly enough. He is doing something about his beliefs — in a way that ultimately could affect thousands of lives.

Roy has gone religion, as they say. But hold on. It's not like you might think. Roy isn't your gung-ho "born again" fanatic who so often develops when a person sees the so-called "light."

Rather, he has a newly-formed church called the Church of Ontology, which was founded in 1979 and is headquartered in Las Vegas.

Its philosophy, simply put, gives the individual members the freedom to make their own choices based on their consciousness in all areas of life.

As their booklet, called "A Bible For Today's Living" puts it, "It (is) not important that a person (say) prayers, but it (is) important that a person respect himself and his fellow man."

Plus, and this is where Roy is becoming deeply involved, the church is placing a strong emphasis on health care — especially preventative health and proper nutrition.

"What we need now more than anything else," said Roy, who has become an ordained minister, "are more people who want to become ministers. Through them, we will spread the word about our beliefs and our 'message' about health care."

An intriguing part of that idea, Roy said, is the distribution of "around 100,000 emergency medical identification cards."

Based somewhat on the familiar, nationally known, Medic Alert program, Roy is hoping to distribute a far more detailed medical ID card for people to carry around. It covers everything from medical



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problems to burial wishes and even approval for donations of parts of the body such as eyes, kidneys and the like. It also has a place to list where a person's last will is located.

"We also will soon be putting blood pressure testing machines at different locations around town," said Roy who has a doctor's degree in comparative religions and once designed a living will that is used as a teaching guide for law students at the University of Florida.

Eventually, Roy said, he hopes that through the church's efforts, the "critical importance that proper nutrition plays in our lives will be spread. That's another reason we are now pushing to get ministers ordained in our church. We will be training them in proper nutrition and they, in turn, can emphasize that in their own church dealings."

Roy is well aware that there already are many "cheapie" religions where a person can become a legally ordained minister for just money and very little training.

# ACCUSER!

...ask yourself, am I one?

By Rev. Charles Wyatt

DIABOLOS (Greek Word), an accuser, is used 34 times as a title of Satan, "The Devil" (The English word is derived from the Greek) once of Judas, John 6:70, who in his opposition to God, acted the part of the Devil. Apart from John 6:70, men are never spoken of as Devils.



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It is always to be distinguished from Daimon, a Demon. It is found three times: I Tim. 3:11; II Tim. 3:3 and Tit. 2:3, of false accusers, slanderers.

THINK: Diabolos; an accuser, who led men to arrest Jesus and the men put Jesus in prison. Then

men led Jesus out to death after more men had been called as accusers in a mock trial.

THINK harder: With 120 true believers, Christ was without sin. But in the eyes of all other people, Christ Jesus was only a political criminal, whom they accused of law breaking. The accusers all must have thought the laws of men more important than the laws of God, the Father of all living.

The accusers were in opposition to God and His laws, but they may not have realized it, as God had already known, until after the death of Jesus.

THINK: Jesus died on the cross, but he said that before this in John 19:11, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above. Therefore, he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin." Did he mean his accusers? Was Judas the only (Diabolos) accuser?

Who are you? Do you serve God by accusing your fellow mankind brethren?

Jesus died on the cross, but God the Father arose Christ from the tomb on the 3rd day. His accusers thought the tomb would be his prison of death, but God proved this was in opposition of His will.

THINK hard: Diabolos the accuser, Judas, went

to death, not to life, but Christ Jesus was not left in death to rot. Jesus was not an accuser causing men to be put in prison or to death!

Are you a Christ-like Christian, or are you a modern day Pharisee,

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