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Our Beloved Brethren:

The Feast has come and gone. And what a Feast God gave to us! The prayers of many resulted in a most fantastic, rewarding, and memorable Feast. From around the world came reports of good weather, phenomenal fellowship, and a spiritually enriching time. This is as it should be.

Bad occasions and troubling conditions are not without cause. Generally speaking the right-spirited people will not be deterred nor destroyed by bad conditions. They will seize opportunity to grow and mature through the adversity of difficulty. Yet, when a great blessing comes from God, the faithful are encouraged, inspired—gaining in confidence and assurance—and are filled with renewed hope, dedication, and purpose. They are reassured of the promises of God and the intrinsic value of faith. This past Feast was just such an occasion.

With the above in mind it might do us much good to ascertain the causes of these bad circumstances. Most assuredly we should, indeed must, learn from them, too.

Now, for many years, thousands of once-called and converted people have harbored deep resentments, animosities, dislikes, and even deficiencies of conversion and faith. With faith in an institution shattered, they felt free to allow such feelings to surface and even seized opportunity to verbalize these contemptuous feelings. The proliferation of spurious writings is both mysterious and shocking. Some allowed the seeds of discontent to sprout early in the time of separation from the common institution through which all came to a knowledge of the Truth, responded in professed belief, sought baptism, and walked in the way of life to which they were called. Others can only be called "late bloomers." The seeds of their discontent lay fallow for several months, even years, before finally sprouting and growing into advanced forms of rebellion, perversion, self-seeking, faithlessness, hypocrisy, and even outright contempt for the Truth which they once embraced.

For those who have maintained their faith these "bad fruits" have only increased their resolve to be honorable and true and faithful to God.

A Biblical explanation for these manifested failures of the called will be reserved for a future *Monthly Letter*. There is much which could be written. For the present, let us be aware, there is equal cause for good things which transpire as there is for the "bad" things which occur.

Succinctly stated: God gave to us a Feast worthy of remembrance—a Feast which will inspire us all for months and years to come. A hearty thanks to all who allowed the benevolent Holy Spirit of God Himself to rule in your minds and hearts. To you goes much of the credit for making the Feast what it was.

The sorting process continues. Please do not allow yourselves to separate from the one body which still honorably upholds the Truth of God—that which the unchanging Christ taught two thousand years ago and still lives in the hearts and minds of the faithful today. By so living you can in confidence stand before Christ at the time of His Second Coming. May God continue to guide and motivate you all in our daily prayer.

Deaths

Mr. Golden Arthur: We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Arthur of Oak Hill, West Virginia. He died October 19 after a long struggle with leukemia. We extend our condolences to his wife, Shirley, and all family members.

Office

The cutoff date for 2000 tithes will be January 5, 2001—all 2000 tithes must be received at the office by this date. Please keep this in mind for those contributions you wish to have included in your 2000 statement. Remember, they must be dated 2000.

Updated Article

We have updated the article, *The Hebrew Calendar, Part II*. It is now complete through the year 2010. Anyone wishing to have an updated version should feel free to request it from the office.

Church E-mail Address

Beginning October 3, our Internet service provider changed their domain name from uswest.net to qwest.net. Consequently, our e-mail address is automatically changing. Our new e-mail address is <cogeternal@qwest.net>. The old address will still work for the next eighteen months, but the sooner we begin using the new address, the better.

Trip Schedule

November 11	Austin, Texas	R.C.C.
December 16, 23	Philippines	J.W.B.

Tape Schedule

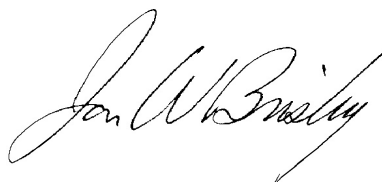
<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Title/Tape #</u>
WSP-JB 27	10-11-00	11-18-00	Unfinished Business
WSE-JB 26-2	10-11-00	11-25-00	The Testimony of Jesus Christ #2
WSE-JB 26-3	11-08-00	12-02-00	The Testimony of Jesus Christ #3
WSE-RC 93-2*	11-08-00	12-09-00	The Continuing Body of Christ #2

*The first tape of this topic was given during the Feast of Tabernacles. It will be available when the Feast tapes are finished and will go out automatically to those who requested the Feast tapes from Newport.

In Christ's service,



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