

from Wm. Nation

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holman,

My dear Bro. and Sister in Christ, as the Lord has been good to me and has spared my unprofitable life, and still causes me to move and have my being and still gives me a desire to serve him in spirit and truth, and causes me to remember the days of my illumination; to remember his great and tender mercies he has bestowed on me, and not only me but on all my dear brethren. And as I meditate about my brethren that I have met in those days and since that time, how we have been able to meet together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and how we rejoiced with our brethren and how our love flowed out for each other. And having remembrance of the days when I first visited Rocky and met you and Sister Gertie and all the dear brethren in that part. And I remember the much joy and peace and comfort we had in worshipping the Lord and following after the doctrine of the apostles. As we did in those days, as it had been preached to you already by old Bro. Jim Hays, and witnessed to also by Bro. Nathan Parisho, who was led to that part and did bear witness of the truth of the gospel by the power of God in the Holy Ghost. And at that time the Lord opened your ears to hear the truth and enlightened the eyes of your understanding so you was able to hear the word of the Lord and see and understand the way and plan of salvation which you was desiring to

know. And when you heard you received the same with joy and did enter in by the door into the fold of God and was made free through the forgiveness of your sins and made to rejoice because of the Holy Spirit of God you received by obedience to the word of faith that was preached to you by Brother Jim and Bro. Nathan and I, who had heard the same word through those same servants of God a few years before that time and the Lord saw fit to call me and place me in trust of gospel of God. And as I was passing through the west visiting my brethren at Homestead and Fay (and at Fay the spirit witnessed to me that I should come to you at Rocky, which was already in my heart to do, and that by my coming you brethren would be comforted, and that I would baptize some in the faith) and when I came to you being led by the same spirit and preaching the same doctrine that I had received of old Bro. Jim and Bro. Nathan, who had preached the same things to you before I came you brethren rejoiced and acknowledged that the same word and same spirit of God was in me that was in you. And you testified that you was glad of my coming and was comforted much through the word and doctrine that I preached to you and while I was among you I baptized some just as the spirit through Sister Lucy Spain at Fay had witnessed to me before I came to you. And the brethren at Fay and all of you at Rocky and on Cavalry Creek received me in much love and fellowship in the Lord at that time when I came to you and we surely did rejoice together in that spirit and doctrine in peace with joy unspeakable

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and full of glory and not only the first time I came but as time passed after Bro. Jim Hays left, I came back to you at different times and Bro. Nathan Parisho came at one time when I was with you. And Bro. Nathan and Bro. Howard came together afterwards and all of you brethren received us and the doctrine we preached and from the first to last I baptized some among you and I think Bro. Howard baptized Bro. Roy Griffith and those I baptized at Snyder. And during all this time the spirit that was in you and at Fay manifested through the prophets at both places acknowledged us that we were the same servants of the Lord and that our work and fellowship was acceptable with the Lord and to all the brethren that was following after the things of peace and love. But I know that another spirit was working to get the rule, for it was manifest at many times that I might mention, but I will not write in this letter. But if I could see you and talk to you I believe I could point out to you many times it manifested itself and it kept working until the trouble came and when Bro. Jessie Wallis and Bro. Johny Rhodes and Bro. Henry Sanders was separated from. And while I had seen these things working before and did not say anything but rather gave my consent by my silence until I was partly won over to believe that it was of God. And because I feared my other brethren would refuse to fellowship me if I fellowshipped them so I turned a cold shoulder to them and did not even visit them. And when I went to Homestead, I was bolder in the matter and taught the brethren to refuse to greet some

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that was divided against us and not to greet any of their kind. And in so doing I turned from that I had received in the days of my illumination and contrary to what had been handed down through the faithful brethren in the church and contrary to what I had even believed or taught before. But God had mercy on me and I saw the fruits of that spirit was not for peace but for division and confusion of mind and would bring much grief and sorrow among God's children, all of which I have seen come to pass. And I turned away from that spirit back to what I had received at the first; back to the same way I was following and teaching when I first came to Rocky. And that spirit kept working until it caused a new rule and government to be set up among you and at Fay, so that when I came back among you 20 years ago in this month with 3 of my brethren from Parkland (2 elders, Bro. Will Tibbit and Bro. Henry Davis and Bro. Johny Earnest, a preacher and prophet of the Lord that had been among you before and had labored with me in the work of love among) and who was received with much love among you as had many other of our brethren. But when we came to you with the Weatherford brethren teaching the same love to you we had taught at first, that we should receive one another and follow in same fellowship of love we had received in the days of our illumination, we found a teaching in opposition and there was a spirit that confirmed that teaching that was contrary to what we received in the beginning. A new rule, a new government over the church and because we did not submit to that change of

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rule and church government and reject our brethren whom the Lord has said for us to receive as Christ has also received us. We was rejected by a spirit and by our brethren that we loved and I am persuaded loved us, but being subject to that rule and through fear that you would also be rejected you rejected us where we were doing nothing only teaching the same thing we had always taught you and had been taught you in the days of your illumination and in which you rejoiced in until this new rule and government was set up at Fay and was also brought and set up over you. And we left in sorrow and continued in much heaviness in our hearts, and still yet we continue with heavy hearts desiring to see that time come when we can once more meet and worship in that same sweet fellowship and love that we did the first time we came to you and during all the time until this new rule and government set up over you. Now Bro. Charlie, let your mind go back to the first days of your illumination. Let your memory be refreshed by the good things you enjoyed before this rule and government was established over you. And then think of how much sorrow and grief and heart aches you have passed through and you have seen among your brethren since you was brought subject to this new rule. Now what spirit did we follow at first in which our brethren before us rejoiced and was able to minister unto us the word of faith. Signs and miricles, gifts of the Holy Ghost were manifest in them, and when we accepted the same word of faith the same signs, gifts, and wonders were manifest among us was that spirit of

God. We will have to say yes. Then what spirit caused the change there is but one answer, it could not be of God for God does not change. For he said my covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips, Psalms 89-34. And David is speaking of the new and not the old covenant in this prophesy. Now read Isiah 59-20-21, and the Redeemer shall come to Zion and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for me this is my covenant and with them, saith the Lord; my spirit that is upon thee, and words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever. Read 1st Corinthians 1-1 to 8 and note in the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses - Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that you come behind in no gifts, waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ who shall also confirm you unto the end. Then read James 1-17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Now these scriptures show us that God will not change his law. So if we had the law and government of God, and had been made free from our sins and had become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ; had been baptized into Christ, and had put on Christ and he does not change, what have we got when we change? Read Mathew 15-1 to 9. We are just like the pharisees; we just have doctrines of men, and like them we will worship God in vain. Then if we that have

received the perfect law of liberty then add something new what do we do then? We just add to his word. Then read Proverbs 30-6. He says, Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Then you know what John says in Revelations about adding to and taking from His word. Now read Galations 5-22 to end of chapter. See the fruits of the spirit (not a spirit, but the spirit of God). We don't see where it separates husbands and wives, it don't drive children from homes out in this cold world of sorrow and shame and many other things that we could speak of that follow after these new rules and governments and changes in the worship of the Lord that are the commandments and doctrine of men. Read Colossians, 2nd chapter, and note 22nd verse. And may God help that when you get this letter, that you read it carefully and study the word of God with much prayer and supplication; that you may be delivered from the bondage of Satan that has caused so much grief and sorrow; that you quit being fearful of men and spirits and will fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring into Judgement every work with every secret thing. But when we come before the judgement, which we all will have to do, read 2nd Corinthians 5-10. We will not come there to face the sermon of our brethren or the messenger of our prophets, that we have heard, but it will be the new testament, that perfect law of liberty. Read St. John 12-44 to end of chapter then James 1-21 to end of chapter, and let us look into the perfect law and continue

therein. When we hear anything that we don't understand, don't follow it, let it alone and follow the understanding God gives us of his word regardless of spirits or doctrines of men or anything. Read Galations 1-6 to 10; and Paul told Timothy, consider what I say and the Lord give the understanding in all things. And this is my prayer, that you may receive wisdom and be able to do the Lord's will, and oh how I would love to see you Bro. and Sister today. I did not go to meeting today as Leone went and I stayed with the children and have put in my time writing this letter. I had started a letter to you some time but I have written it all over today. We are still about in the same condition as when you were here, only we are more in debt and we have a big baby boy that was born the 20 of Dec., the day you brethren went home. Times is hard with us; I am still working everyday except Sunday selling papers and that is all we have to depend on for a living as we have not got anything from the oil yet. Only the Co. let me have some money so we could pay our gas, lights, and water bills, and that we have to pay back with half we get as royalty from the oil. And we hope to begin to get some in this month and then it will be a little each month as the oil is raw and it will not be too much for our needs; for I am not making as good on the papers as I was when you were here. Well this is after supper, Leone said they had a good meeting. She said old Bro. Johny Rhodes was there. I sure wish I could see him, I have not seen him

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since I was out at Rocky. There was one baptized this last week. The good work still goes on and the Lord still adds to his church such as should be saved. Well, I will close. I send our love to you for I still have that same love for my brethren I had when I use to come to Rocky. While I can't go and visit my brethren as I did then because of the responsibilities to my family, I still love my brethren in Christ. So pray for me; hoping to hear from you sometime and praying that God may bless you with blessings according to his tender mercies. I desire to be as even your Bro. in Christ,

Wm. Nation

See address on first page of this letter.

An exact copy of a letter written by Bro. Willie Nation to be kept for future reference, copied by Gertrude Holman, May, 1956. I thank the dear Lord of Heaven and earth for his wonderful plan of salvation that is handed down from one faithful man to another and it came to me.

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