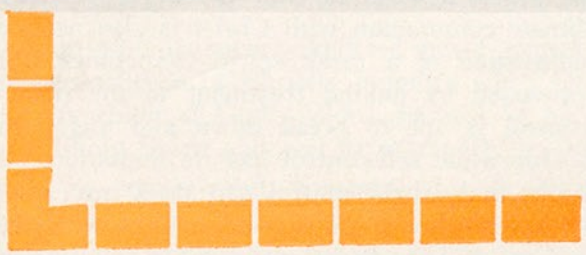


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HOW YOU MAY

INHERIT THE EARTH



BY ALBERT L. HOY

CONSIDER THE VALUE OF MEEKNESS. JESUS SAID, "BLESSED are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). There is nothing more inspiring in Christian character than a meek spirit. It is regarded as very precious in the sight of God (1 Peter 3:4).

In this modern era when church membership bears a civic stamp of approval, one should take care to distinguish that true spiritual meekness with which our Lord was endowed from other types which are merely human in source. Meekness is more than a humble look or a broken voice. Some voices may break very easily, but meekness is not revealed in a life until the spirit is broken, too. True humility proceeds not from one's posture or emotional expression. It is a condition of the heart when Christ is in unquestioned control.

Our Lord was meek and lowly "in heart," and the significance of this characteristic may be observed throughout His earthly ministry. His example disproves the notion that a meek Christian is one who can readily adjust his convictions for reasons of diplomacy, or who remains tactfully silent when his friends jeopardize truth. There is nothing in the ministry of Christ to suggest such an attitude. He could be infinitely tender with repentant publicans and harlots, but He could also be stern and uncompromising with those whose hypocritical wickedness obstructed the work of God.

In this respect Moses was similar to Christ. According to the Old Testament, Moses was the meekest man of his time (Numbers 12:3). When he was reproached by Aaron and Miriam, he made no attempt to justify himself; but when the principles of his faith were in question, he could boldly declare the will of God in the face of the greatest opposition.

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Meekness is not weakness. It takes real strength of character to be truly humble in heart. The Christian who weakly refrains from dealing with a cancerous sin lest he offend others is neither true to the gospel nor true to his own conscience. Silence at times may be an easy way of avoiding an unpleasant conflict, but when such silence casts improper reflections on divine truth it is a Christian's duty to declare himself with a "thus saith the Lord."

It is stated in Galatians 5:23 that meekness is included in the fruit of the Spirit; hence, it is not produced by self-effort, but by a thorough committal of the life to God. This committal, of course, does not mean that a Christian should assume a passive state of inaction. There must be a good deal of human cooperation on his part with the divine processes that are at work within him, otherwise he will never attain his objective. For example, it is very clear that he who would tread the path of humility must set aside exalted opinions of himself (Romans 12:3). This is not always easy to do, for occasionally his friends will load him with flattering words of commendation when they are pleased with his efforts. It will be necessary for him to keep the sobering thought in mind that no matter how successful a servant of God may be, the glory is not his. Scripture plainly declares that the Lord has graciously worked through him for the extension of the kingdom, and, therefore, all the praise belongs to God (Philippians 2:13).

Intimate communion with Christ is also necessary for the cultivation of a meek spirit. Sometimes Christians are provoked by unkind treatment to the point where self-control is apt to break down and angry thoughts arise. But while self-control has its limitations, there is no doubt that Christ-control can meet any emergency. The believer who continually communes with the Lord in his heart will not have to exercise a tremendous effort

to be meek. The presence of Christ will preserve him in this attitude.

A further requirement in the attainment of meekness is that the mind must be kept free from prejudice and caustic criticism. These mental attitudes create resentment toward persons or principles and humility quickly perishes in such an atmosphere. Where there is difference of opinion, a Christian should voice his spiritual convictions frankly and kindly. But when a matter has been decided by the majority, even if the decision is opposed to his point of view, he should cooperate as much as he believes Scripture will permit him, and, of course, his fellowship with his colleagues should be unbroken.

In every aspect of evangelism, meekness plays an important part. The meek Christian realizes that it is useless to engage in heated arguments with the unsaved to convince them of their need. Refraining from argument is a safe rule in personal work. Most of the people who visit churches prefer to draw their own conclusions from what they see rather than from theological discussions which may be pressed upon them. Such a statement does not imply that hearing the Word of God is unimportant, but it takes more than the physical utterance of truth to bring people to their knees. The kingdom of God is not in word but in power (1 Corinthians 4:20). The power of a holy life with a pre-eminent characteristic of meekness will have a far greater effect on the lost than a fluent patter of religious precepts.

When the Christian is concerned with the restoration of a backslider, there is a great need for meekness. According to Galatians 6:1, the best way to restore a wandering member of the Lord's flock is to do so in the spirit of meekness. It must be noted, of course, that no backslider can be reclaimed unless he is repentant and willing to confess his sin, for without this attitude the ministration of Christian friends in his behalf would be useless. But the Biblical emphasis here, undoubtedly, is that the backslider should not be regarded with contempt. The Christian who desires to restore him should remember that only the grace of God preserves the soul in Christ, and that he himself stands redeemed solely by that grace. Due consideration of this fact will certainly promote true humility.

Perhaps one of the most important lessons to be learned by Christians is that meekness is the essential attitude in which the declaration of the Word of God is to be received. The apostle James earnestly exhorts all believers to receive the engrafted Word with meekness (James 1:21). No matter how ably and spiritually the Word is preached, it is the Christian's attitude that determines how much blessing he will receive. It often happens that Christians are convicted of shortcomings by sermons, but if they reject the messages and become annoyed with the preachers, they are simply resisting the grace of God.

A Christian who is never convicted never grows. If one adopts an attitude of Christly humility when listening to the preaching of God's Word, he will be an apt pupil of the Holy Spirit and will grow rapidly in grace.

It should be remembered, however, that divine and human methods differ in the removal of man's weaknesses. When God employs the surgery of the Spirit, He

THIS WEEK'S COVER

New Church in New England

An example of the progress being made by the Assemblies of God in New England is the church pictured on this week's cover.

Danbury, Connecticut, is a city of 43,000 with an estimated population of 90,000 within a twelve-mile radius. The nearest Assemblies of God church is at Norwalk, twenty miles away, where Pastor Harvey Meppe-link is spearheading a national *Breakthrough* effort.



John Thompson

The vision for the work at its present site was received by Godfrey Berggren who founded and faithfully pastored the Assembly for 15 years. After his decease the work expanded under eight years of ministry with Enoch Olsen. In 1958 God laid the Danbury community on the heart of John W. Thompson while pastoring in Maine. When called to the pastorate he was determined to "put in the sickle" and reap souls for Christ.

The congregation was worshiping in an old brick mansion. In 1959 Pastor Thompson and the men of the church rolled up their sleeves and remodeled this building at a cost of \$11,000.

Concerted efforts to build up the Sunday school and congregation resulted in steady growth, and it was not long until the church felt led to take another step—to start work on a new and larger building alongside the old one.

It was a big step for the little flock and it required much faith. To save expense, the pastor served as the general contractor. He bought the building materials and supervised the entire construction project. The new church with its furnishings cost \$77,000. It is 48 by 86 feet in size with a basement containing 12 classrooms, three assembly areas, kitchen, and rest rooms. The main floor has a large foyer, baby nursery, two choir rooms, and a choir area seating 25. The sanctuary with balcony will seat 400.

The remodeled building next door now houses five classrooms, C. A. chapel, pastor's office, and has a six-room parsonage on the second floor. Total appraised value of both buildings is \$175,000.

"Since moving into the new building we have had dozens of visitors," Brother Thompson says. "A number of these have been saved and filled with the Spirit in our services. Our Sunday school now averages 185 and our church attendance averages between 160 and 170. We praise the Lord for this."

Attendance has doubled in the past four years but the congregation of First Assembly in Danbury is not content. A number of members have joined with Pastor and Mrs. Thompson in canvassing the area for new members and in follow-up visitation.

The entire Sunday morning service is broadcast over the local radio station every fifth Sunday. Various methods of publicity are used. Now that the church has fine new facilities First Assembly wants to see it filled. Attendance of over 400 people at the dedication service to hear Assistant General Superintendent Bert Webb deliver the dedicatory sermon has been taken as a foretaste of the growth that lies ahead.

"God has been so good to us," the pastor says. "We have a wonderful group of people with whom to work; otherwise this church building could not have materialized."

knows it would be profitless to place the patient under an anesthetic. Let us nevertheless endure the divine surgery "with meekness," inasmuch as the engrafted Word is able to save our souls. ←←

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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Moment of Decision

To each of us there comes a moment of decision such as the Jewish nation faced so long ago. We are confronted with the Crucifixion. We face that solemn scene on Calvary and on the middle cross we see a sign which says, "This is Jesus, King of the Jews." It is our moment of decision.

In that moment we decide whom we will serve. Will it be Christ, the Lord of heaven, or Satan, the god of this world?

In that moment we decide whether our lives will be ruled by the divine law of love or the carnal law of selfishness. We choose between truth and expediency, between righteousness and sin, between submission to God and rebellion against His authority. *Our whole future, for time and eternity, depends on our decision.*

Many people today, like the Jews of Christ's day, refuse to give up their old paths. Defiantly they declare, "We will not have this Man to rule over us."

Only a few men and women will kneel at the Cross, or at the open tomb, or in the upper room, or on the road to Damascus, and crown Him as King of their lives.

Yet there is no salvation apart from an acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ. If any think they may receive Him as Saviour in order to have a passport to heaven, and yet continue to live in their sins, they need to be warned. The Bible clearly says that in order to be saved we must confess Jesus as *Lord* (Romans 10:9). We are not "born again" unless we give evidence of that new birth by turning our back on all sin and surrendering our will, our affections, our ambitions fully to Christ.

Mere lip service will not do. The Saviour looks beyond our words and examines our hearts and lives. To many He will have to say, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity."

C. H. Spurgeon said to the students in his ministerial college: "If the professed convert distinctly and deliberately declares that he knows the Lord's will but does not mean to attend to it, you are not to pamper his presumption, but it is your duty to assure him that he is not saved. Do you imagine that the gospel is magnified or God glorified by going to the worldlings and telling them that they may be saved at this moment by simply accepting Christ as their Saviour, while they are wedded to their idols and their hearts are still in love with sin? If I do so, I tell them a lie, pervert the gospel, insult Christ, and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness."

If we allow the blessed Holy Spirit to do His work in our lives He will soften our hearts and reveal to us the Saviour's love. When the gospel comes to us it exposes our sin and shows us that we need a Saviour. A conflict then begins in our hearts: shall we cling to our sins, or cling to the Saviour? We cannot do both. The Spirit helps us to make the right decision. He enables us to bow our hearts before Christ in deep repentance. He gives us grace to cast away our sins and plead for mercy. Then He gives us faith to claim the cleansing and pardon that the Bible promises to each repentant sinner.

What joy springs up in our hearts the moment we surrender all to Christ! With the poet, John Newton, we can say:

"Lord, Thou hast won, at length I yield: my heart, by mighty grace compelled, surrenders all to Thee. Against Thy terrors long I strove, but who can stand against Thy love? Love conquers even me.

"Now, Lord, I would be thine alone; come, take possession of Thine own, for Thou hast set me free. Released from Satan's hard command, see all my powers waiting stand to be employed by Thee." —R.C.C

LET'S CLASSIFY OUR PRAYERS

Just SUPPOSE that all the prayers which have passed my lips since I became a Christian could be placed before me for tabulation. I wonder how many of the prayers would be "Lord, give me" prayers? How many of the prayers would be, "Lord, thank thee" prayers?

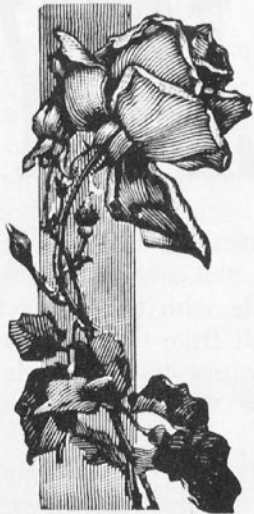
How many of the prayers would be expressions of gratitude for the undeserved privilege of serving and sacrificing in Christian service? —CHESTER SWOR

FAITHFUL WOUNDS

Very seldom is a criticism entirely unwarranted. Most of the time it is at least partly true.

According to many verses in the Book of Proverbs, it is the wise man who accepts reproof and profits by it. Our best friend is not the man who is constantly flattering. On the contrary, "faithful are the wounds of a friend."

Criticism may be given tactfully and kindly, or sharply and cruelly. But our attitude will determine whether



GOD

God moves all the circling suns
And shepherds each burning star;
He rules in the spaces unknown
Beyond where the planets are.
He poured out the thundering seas
And piled up the peaks that stand,
Yet He fashions each drop of dew
And molds every grain of sand!

He watches when sparrows fall
And sees that the ravens are fed;
He clothes the grass of the field
And numbers the hairs of my head!
The thought is a flame in my mind,
And faith in my spirit sings,
That the God of the infinite is
The God of the little things.

—Low Woodrum

criticism becomes a burning acid to aggravate our sores of imperfection, or a balm that flows over the wounds and heals our personality disorders.

—ANNE SANDBERG

PERILS OF NEWLY-FOUND RICHES

Wealth can ruin the lives of people who suddenly find themselves rich. Such was the case of the Polynesians in the Cook Islands. The natives found an unexpected windfall with the boom in the price of pearl shell. They suddenly started ordering huge amounts of overseas food they never before enjoyed. The result was their health began to decline.

New Zealand, which administers the islands, had to cut off the pearl-fishing so as not to destroy "the happy generous character of the islanders." God may deprive us of riches because He loves us too well to spoil us.

—Herald of Hope



LET'S THINK IT OVER!

Seven things you never regret: Showing kindness to an aged person. Destroying a letter written in anger. Offering the apology that saves a friendship. Stopping a scandal that was wrecking a reputation. Helping a boy find himself. Taking time to show your mother consideration. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

—ROY L. SMITH

"I'M IN HELL!"

A hardened woman dozed in the railroad coach; her profanity was not silenced until she slept. The train jerked and she suddenly awoke. As she looked out the window she saw the sunset reflected as a ball of fire on a lake and she cried out, "I'm in hell; let me out of here."

Hell starts right here on earth for the sinner and heaven begins right now for the saint!

—The Telescope-Messenger

THE CONIES IN THE ROCK

How beautiful the figure of the little conies! The little rabbit-like creatures are insignificant and almost invisible. They are so much the color of the stone that one can scarcely see them. "The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their house in the rocks" (Proverbs 30:26). Having no strength in themselves they are wise enough to dwell in the rocks where they are impregnable.

The Christian is like the little conies—of no consequence in himself, but with a strong place in which to hide. Happy is he if he knows how to apply this precious promise: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

—A. B. SIMPSON

HAVE YOU FOUND THE ANTIDOTE?

There is a small, weasel-like animal called the ichneumon. It can overcome and destroy a venomous snake over a yard long! It is said that the ichneumon attacks a snake only when it is near a certain plant whose leaves contain an antidote for snake bite. When bitten, the little creature immediately retreats to the lifesaving plant, and nibbles its leaves. Thus restored, the ichneumon is ready to renew the conflict. Each time it is bitten it goes to the plant and then returns to fight the enemy.

When attacked and sorely wounded by our merciless enemy, Satan, there is One to whom we go for healing and renewal of strength. Of this ever-present Helper we can experimentally say: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29).

—Gospel Herald



How to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, as the apostle exhorts.

—By Donald F. Johns



CHRISTIAN STABILITY

ONE REASON FOR PETER'S SECOND LETTER WAS HIS DESIRE to encourage Christians to keep a firm hold on their faith. He wrote, "Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (2 Peter 3:17).

From his own personal experience Peter realized the value of steadfastness in the faith. His own life, for a time, had been a study in instability. Called to become a fisher of men (Mark 1:17), he had become discouraged and returned to fishing. Found fishing by Christ, Peter recognized that he had fallen from steadfastness and confessed his sin. "Depart from me," he said, "for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8). He was shaken in faith when Jesus revealed that He must die (Matthew 16:22, 23).

On the mount of transfiguration, his faith was again shaken when he heard Moses, Elijah, and Jesus talking about Christ's approaching death at Jerusalem (Luke 9:30-33). Believing that he had forsaken all to follow Christ, his next words were, "What shall we have therefore?" (Matthew 19:27). Willing in the spirit not to deny Christ—"If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee" (Mark 14:31)—he was weak in the flesh. "He began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak" (Mark 14:71). Yet "when he thought thereon, he wept" (Mark 14:72).

Although he rejoiced in the Resurrection (Luke 24:12), he again hurried back to the security of fishing (John 21:2). His ministry restored to him by Jesus, he

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immediately became jealous of John (John 21:21). Showed by God that he should not call any man common or unclean (Acts 10:28), he ate with the Gentiles at Antioch, yet later separated himself from them (Galatians 2:12). This was Peter, by nature unstable, who knew from experience the heartache that results from such instability.

An analysis of the third chapter of Peter's second letter reveals four principles which, if followed, will enable Christians to be steadfast, retaining a firm hold in the faith.

1. *Cultivate Christian consciousness.*

Christian consciousness is cultivated by exposure to the Scripture. Peter was aware of this fact. He wrote, "I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" (2 Peter 3:1, 2).

Psychologists recognize the role of a person's image of himself in the formation of character and in the governing of behavior. Horney speaks of "the idealized self-image" in relation to mental therapy. Allport recognizes that a self-image may function as "an insightful cognitive map" which defines a person's aspirations and ambitions for himself.

Each person has his own self-image, but a Christian needs a Christian self-image. He needs to see himself as God sees him, and he can do this by exposing his consciousness to the Scripture. He can thus become "renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created

him" (Colossians 3:10) and perceive Christ as his idealized self-image. Christ becomes his "insightful cognitive map," and he aspires to be like Christ. A Christian consciousness is important to stability because it defines the goal of Christian experience as Christlikeness. What is the ambition and aspiration of the Christian? To be like Christ! How does the Christian know what Christ is like? From the Scripture! Therefore, cultivate a Christian consciousness by studying the Scripture.

2. Cultivate Christian character.

Christian consciousness is not an end in itself; it is a means to the end of Christian character. Peter asks the question, "What manner of persons ought ye to be?" (2 Peter 3:11). This question might be paraphrased, "What manner of persons ought you to be in terms of your permanent, existential character?" This question, of course, must be answered by reference to the content of the Christian consciousness. Our character is to be patterned after that of Christ. Christians have been predestined "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29). Christ is the idealized self-image of the Christian. Knowing from the Scripture what Christ is like, the Christian models his character after Christ.

3. Cultivate Christian conduct.

Peter views Christian character as manifested in "all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11). A two-fold manifestation is evident here. "Godliness" is a vertical man-to-God relationship which manifests Christian character. "Holy conversation," or "holy conduct," is a horizontal relationship in which man manifests his character by his manner of life. Christian character manifests itself both horizontally and vertically, in man-to-God relationships and in man-to-man relationships.

Christian conduct proceeds from a Christian conscious-

ness and a Christian character. It contributes to Christian stability by reinforcing the Christian consciousness and character, by integrating the total perspective, thus minimizing the conflict which arises when morality does not measure up to conscious ideals.

4. Cultivate Christian concern.

Christian concern falls into two categories, objective and subjective. Peter, in this chapter, recognizes both.

The objective concern of the Christian should be the return of Christ to the earth. Through Christian consciousness, Christian character, and Christian conduct, the believer is "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12). The Christian realizes that the coming of Christ is an objective fact of future history, although the world in derision may ask, "Where is the promise of his coming?" (2 Peter 3:4).

The subjective concern of the Christian should be personal readiness for the coming of Christ. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14). The desire to be ready when Christ returns contributes to Christian stability by providing the motivating force for realizing or actualizing the content of the Christian consciousness in character and conduct.

All four principles are important. Christian consciousness is an awareness of what Christ is like; Christian character is a structuring of personality in the likeness of Christ; Christian conduct reinforces Christian character; and Christian concern provides the motivation for achieving a higher awareness, a better likeness, and better behavior. Accept the challenge. Put the principles into practice and achieve Christian stability. ◀◀◀

Watch for Special 'Crusade Issue' of the Evangel

In these last days the Holy Spirit is stirring hearts everywhere to become personally involved in reaching the lost for Christ.

As a step toward each Christian winning souls to the Lord, the National Evangelism Department has set the Pentecost Crusade—April 14 through June 2—as a time for special evangelistic emphasis. To assist individual Christian's witness, a special Crusade Issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* will be issued on April 7.

Christians have the most important message in the world—the gospel. Paul declared the gospel to be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But it is only as Christians witness to the unsaved that they will be won to Christ. The Crusade Issue will be an effective evangelism tool.

The selection of articles in this special two-color issue of the *Evangel* will make it ideal for use in individual witnessing. It will include features on the need of being saved, how to be saved, what it

means to be saved, and helps on how to live for God.

It will be particularly appropriate as a souvenir gift for adults who visit the Sunday school during the Loyalty Campaign. It will also be helpful in making contacts with neighbors and friends to invite them to come to church and hear your pastor in the Sunday night services. Since the Crusade Issue is not designed only for use during the Pentecost Crusade, but for all the year around, it would be well to order a liberal supply for use in all your church's visitation ministry.

The price has been cut in half to enable you to buy a good supply. On the special Crusade Issue only, the price is \$2.50 per hundred copies, postpaid to any address in the U.S.A. (Price slightly higher outside U.S.A. due to postage cost.) Minimum order 100 copies at this special price. Kindly send cash with your order and address it to: The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

Evangelistic Center Proposed for Santiago, Chile

BY MRS. CYLE DAVIS
Missionary to Chile



Santiago, Chile, a city of two million inhabitants, will soon have an evangelistic center.

LAND HAS BEEN PURCHASED ON WHICH TO BUILD THE Santiago Evangelistic Center—a choice property in the heart of metropolitan Santiago, Chile. This expanding city of more than 2,000,000 souls (where one-third of all the people of Chile reside) has doubled its population in fifteen years. From its majestic position at the head of the great Central Valley, Santiago commands the respect of the entire Chilean populace. It represents a mecca for people seeking refuge from the earthquake-devastated south and from the desert-parched north. Every train into the city unloads a cargo of human beings seeking relief in the capital. This swells the city's already massive population.

Chileans have always been responsive to the gospel. Perhaps their lack of material possessions has made them receptive to spiritual things. In the past decade, Santiago has been the scene of some of the largest mass revivals of the hemisphere. Some converts have found their way into neighborhood churches of the capital, but most of them have been absorbed again into the city's masses. After the revivals, they are like sheep without a shelter because of the lack of ample building facilities to care for them.

The need of a central evangelistic center for Santiago has been impressed upon the hearts of missionaries and national pastors in Chile for several years. At each revival meeting, fellowship service, or local conference, this need has become urgent, because people are turned away for lack of standing room. At a recent C. A. rally, the city's largest Assemblies of God chapel, which seats nearly 500, was packed to capacity, while many others were unable to enter. Chilean Christians have united in prayer to believe God for the provision of a building which will adequately house the spiritually hungry.

At first, the evangelistic center was but a dream and a need. But the response of God's people at home and in Chile turned the dream into a distinct possibility. Land for the proposed center was bought in October. This coveted location, quoted at \$35,000 at the beginning of the year, was secured at less than half its list price.

Ninety-five per cent of the people of Santiago depend on the city bus system for transportation. The center is ideally located near the hub of the city bus lines, making it easily accessible to the entire city and its suburbs.

An architect is finishing the plans for the superstructure which will seat 2,000 people.

In the future, as evangelists, missionaries, and teachers work in this city heralding the gospel, the converts and unsaved will have a place to hear and be taught. In the evangelistic center, gospel services will be held every night of the week.

The center will have other outreach ministries, as well. It will house the Speed-the-Light printing presses turning out literature to combat communism and atheism, and to proclaim the news of salvation. A Christian bookstore and literature depot is also planned as part of the facilities of the center. Several of our missionaries and nationals who have had experience in radio ministry will broadcast the gospel from the center.

Lay workers will be trained for Christian service at the center. As Bible students and consecrated workers take part in the services, they will feel the impact of the fervor of the evangelistic spirit, and will be inspired to "go forth" with the same message. The center has been designated by members of the Foreign Missions Department as an ideal place for night Bible classes for the training of lay workers.

We must not let another Chilean summer pass without opening the doors of the Santiago Evangelistic Center! October 1963 (which is the spring of the year in the Southern Hemisphere) has been set as the date for the first service in the new center. The resources and talents of missionaries and nationals alike will be pressed into service to meet this challenge.

Educational facilities will be built later. Immediate attention is focused upon the steel superstructure, re-inforced to resist the oft-recurring earthquakes. Building as economically as possible, \$20,000 is still needed to get the rough structure and the furnishings ready for occupancy. Believe with us and pray that the rest of this dream will become reality and that the spiritual needs of the people of Chile will be met.

If you would like to help build this center for God in Chile's capital city, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Designation: *Cyle Davis, Santiago Evangelistic Center.* ◀◀



Light for the Lost Helps Managua Revival Campaign

BY EVANGELIST HAL HERMAN

SOULS ARE BEING WON TO CHRIST AND COUNTLESS LIVES changed today through the worldwide literature outreach conducted by the Assemblies of God Men's Fellowship Department.

This splendid literature ministry, aptly called *Light for the Lost*, is a wonderful channel through which Christian men can have a personal and direct influence in reaching multitudes of lost souls with the message of Jesus Christ.

I am happy to report that the thousands of Gospels of John, and many, many thousands of attractively printed gospel tracts, which Men's Fellowship provided for the recent evangelistic campaign in Managua, Nicaragua, have had an impact upon this capital city. The hundreds of dollars invested in the soul-winning literature have accomplished a work for God that only eternity will reveal.

In addition to the Gospels given to all who came forward to pray for salvation, *Light for the Lost* tracts were distributed to all the people who attended the cam-

Editor's Note: A campaign inaugurating the new Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center in Managua, Nicaragua, was conducted recently by Evangelist Hal Herman. The MF "Light for the Lost" literature played an important part in making the campaign a success.



Young people ready to distribute *Light for the Lost* literature to the people of Managua.



Evangelist Hal Herman, Missionary Russell Kensinger, and Pastor Juan Videá examine the *Light for the Lost* literature.

paign. Other pieces of gospel literature are being given out as converts are contacted by personal visitation in the follow-up campaign which is still going on. This literature is also being sent to other parts of the nation.

Working faithfully to contact men and women for Christ, church youth and consecrated Bible school students personally called on hundreds of homes in the city and distributed quantities of tracts and other well-prepared gospel literature.

Everyone who is helping *Light for the Lost* print millions of gospel tracts in many languages around the world can rejoice because national Christian youth labored sacrificially, walking hours and even days in the blazing tropical sun, to deliver these precious gospel messengers to people who have never before known the way of salvation.

In nation after nation where I go for campaigns I am asked by missionaries and national pastors, "Brother Herman, will you see if *Light for the Lost* can give us a substantial supply of soul-winning tracts? We are finding an opening for good gospel literature, and we have the people to distribute it."

May God continue to bless and use the Men's Fellowship Department in its great crusade to send *Light* to the lost by means of the printed page. ◀◀



Light for the Lost literature was given to the people who responded to the altar call during the Hal Herman meeting in Managua.

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Government

President Says America Must Rely on Religious Faith

President Kennedy, addressing the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. last month said that in a time of national crisis "the limit of mere human endeavor becomes more apparent than ever," and that if America is to survive it must rely on religious faith.

Mr. Kennedy joined Evangelist Billy Graham and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson in addressing more than 700 of the nation's leaders, including many members of the House and Senate, and high officials of the executive and judicial branches of the government. The session was sponsored by International Christian Leadership, an organization which sponsors weekly prayer breakfasts and luncheons in major cities throughout the world.

Prayer breakfasts in 44 state capitals, sponsored by the governors, and in 230 other cities, sponsored by

mayors and municipal leaders, received the program from Washington by television.

Billy Graham called upon fellow-citizens to return "to the God of our fathers, and trust Him for our deliverance and our salvation. . . . If we will put our trust and faith and hope in Him, we need not have fear that any enemy, however strong, can overwhelm us." But he warned that we face crises of such gravity that they may make the recent Cuban affair pale into insignificance. He predicted that "the moral and spiritual toughness of this nation" is going to be tested "as it has not been tested since the civil war."

Lyndon Johnson emphasized that, while church and state are separate in America, "the conscience of our nation does not call for separation between men of state and faith in the Supreme Being."

More than 1,500 participated in the four-day convention of International Christian Leadership. They elected as their president Lt. Gen. M. H. Silver-

thorn, who was second in command of the U.S. Marine Corps when he retired from military service a decade ago. He succeeds Judge Boyd Ledom.

Chaplain's Prayer Stirs New Mexico Legislators

The chaplain of the New Mexico State Legislature opened a recent session with a prayer that caused considerable comment among legislators. In his prayer, Pastor William Crews of St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Santa Fe, said:

"Almighty God, we who spend \$10,000 for a bus so our children will not have to walk, and then budget \$100,000 for a gym so they can get exercise, do now seek Your guidance in all matters, that Your creation might be used with wisdom for the welfare of Your people."

Temperance

India's President Hails Women's Role in Promoting Temperance

President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan of India—addressing the triennial meeting of the World Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held at New Delhi—hailed the role of mothers in promoting temperance. "If many of us have not touched liquor," he said, "it is not due to legislation or educational propaganda but to the habits taught to us in our homes by our mothers," he told some 150 delegates from 24 countries.

Dr. Radhakrishnan, a Hindu, declared that the great religions of the world "hold drinking to be a vice, but few of us are able to follow the maxims and principles. We can do so only if we seriously follow what is laid down in the scriptures and not if we pretend to follow some religion."

The President expressed the hope that the World WCTU's first meeting in Asia would help strengthen the prohibition movement in India. According to Article 47 of India's constitution, states "shall endeavor to bring about prohibition of the con-



More than 700 attended the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast last month. Shown at the speakers' table, left to right, are: Evangelist Billy Graham, President John F. Kennedy, Senator Frank Carlson (who presided at the breakfast), and Dr. Abraham Vereide (executive director and founder of International Christian Leadership).

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sumption of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health, except for medicinal purposes." About 110 of the country's 343 districts are now dry.

The delegates, representing a world membership in 70 countries, elected Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett of Richmond, Virginia, to be World WCTU president. She succeeds Miss Isabel McCorkindale of Australia in the office.

Evangelism

Billy Graham Pavilion to Be Built at World's Fair

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association plans to carry on a gospel ministry among the multitudes who are expected to attend the 1964 New York World's Fair. A pavilion seating 600 will be built and the gospel will be presented through pictures. Trained counselors will be on hand to give personal attention to those seeking spiritual help.

Lutherans Open Powerful Radio Station in Ethiopia

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was featured speaker at the inauguration February 26 of the Lutheran World Federation's new radio station at Addis Ababa. The new Lutheran "Voice of the Gospel," Station ETLF, has been built at a cost of about \$1,500,000. It will beam live and recorded programs of religious, educational, cultural, and entertainment nature to twenty countries in Africa, the Near East, and southern Asia using about two dozen different languages.

Judaism

World Jewish Population Increased to 12,915,000

There are nearly thirteen million people of the Jewish faith in 122 countries, according to a new survey made by the World Jewish Congress. It found the three countries having the most Jews are the U.S. with 5,500,000; Russia with about 2,300,000; and Israel with 2,200,000.

With the emigration of many Jews from Algeria and other parts of North Africa, France now has the fourth largest Jewish community with 500,000. The survey showed that no basic changes occurred in 1962 in the geographic distribution of Jews, except for the migration from North Africa to France.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

What does Paul mean when he says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)?

Paul relates that after salvation all justified believers are alike in the family of God, regardless of their nationality, sex, or station in life—whether they be slaves or free men. There is no respect of persons in Him.

How can a person resist the devil, causing him to flee?

One resists the devil by refusing to do anything that the devil may suggest. This resisting power comes by trusting in Jesus, for human nature lacks the needed strength. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4, 5).

Where does the Bible say a church building must be built of stone; otherwise God will reject it?

The Bible does not dictate as to the material used to build a place of worship. It speaks of the children of God as "lively stones" (1 Peter 2:5), or living stones, which has spiritual rather than material meaning. There is a reference to altars made of stone (Exodus 20:25) but this was for Israel, not for the Church.

Does Romans 7:4 mean that when Christ was crucified the five books of Moses, spoken of as the law, were fulfilled?

We are now under "a better covenant, which was established upon better promises" (Hebrews 8:6). This new covenant was established at Calvary. It is a covenant based on our faith rather than our works. However, it would be well for all believers to make a careful study of the practical lessons found in the statutes and judgments of the law. Such would prove helpful in all departments of our lives.

Are there degrees of punishment in the life to come?

The Bible indicates this to be true. "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes" (Luke 12:47, 48). God will reward every man according as his work shall be. As believers are laying up for themselves treasures in heaven, the ungodly are treasuring up unto themselves wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:5).

People say King Saul was lost. However, Samuel, when brought up at the home of the witch, said to Saul, "Tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me" (1 Samuel 28:19). Was not Samuel in heaven?

Samuel meant that Saul and his sons would be with him in the place of death, not in heaven. The Jews believed that all who died went to sheol which consisted of two parts—one for the righteous and the other for the unrighteous. This sheol was the place of death. In the New Testament this place is called hades. Those in hades will be delivered up at the final judgment at which time the ungodly will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-15).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



By **STANLEY H. CLARKE**

Minnesota District Superintendent

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE executives of the Minnesota District, the new Assemblies of God church in Crystal, Minn., is the number one Breakthrough project in the metropolitan areas. The district brethren wish to express their appreciation to the Brainerd Assemblies of God Tabernacle, its pastor, Melford Olson, its fine board of deacons, and the membership for their help in providing a new church building where souls can find Christ and believers can be nurtured in the truths of our doctrine.

The Brainerd Assembly is the church home of Loren Holman, pastor of the new Crystal Assembly, and also happens to be the church where I pastored for ten years prior to being elected district superintendent in April 1961.

Here is the story of developments in God's leading which brought the Crystal church into existence.

In the fall of 1960, the Minnesota District appointed Loren Holman to become the pioneer pastor of a work in the Robbinsdale-Crystal areas. For a number of years various workers had pursued the project of establishing a church in Robbinsdale. Pastor Holman came to this section in the city of Minneapolis with one purpose and one great desire: to build an established church.

He rented an auditorium in the William Cavanah School in Crystal



Melford Olson, pastor of the Brainerd, Minn., Assembly hands check for \$30,000 to Loren Holman, pastor of the new Crystal church. Standing with them are board members of the Brainerd Assembly and District Superintendent Stanley H. Clarke, second from right.

The Crystal Story

which was used by this small congregation until property was obtained for the building program. In April, 1961, lots 290 by 270, with a house to be used as a parsonage, were purchased for \$32,500. A temporary auditorium was arranged in the basement of the home and in this setting the work progressed to a Sunday school averaging close to 70.

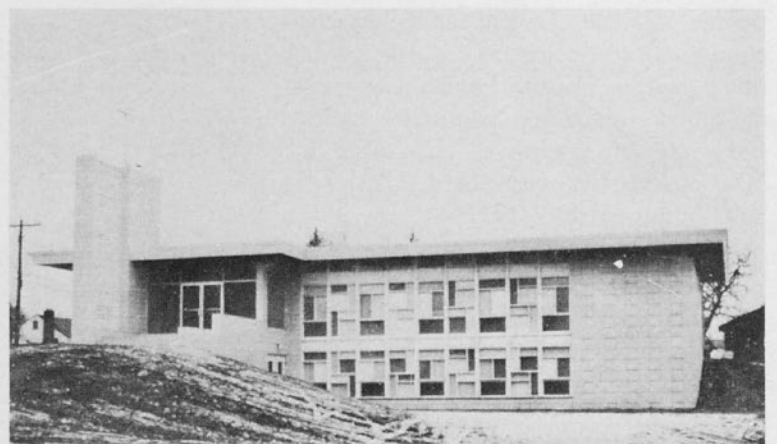
A. V. Gustafson, an architect and a member of the National Church Building and Planning Commission, was employed to draw up the plan for a two-unit church edifice. The 40 by 90 educational unit was to be built first at a cost of \$55,000. (It actually cost \$52,000.) This included

a two-story structure with a walk-out basement. The first floor was to include a large auditorium with colored windows on the north side, a nursery with bathroom facilities, and the church office. The basement plan called for a modern kitchen, rest rooms, and five Sunday school rooms, as well as a central auditorium. The basement was to be accessible from the parking lot. The entrance of the church was to be all glass.

Next, the Minnesota District officials, with Pastor Holman, were able to borrow \$30,000 at a local Savings and Loan in Minneapolis. But still the prospects for beginning the work soon were not too promising. Late in



General Contractor R. W. Ellison (right) hands the key to the new building to Pastor Loren Holman. R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, stands beside Brother Holman.



The first unit of the new Assembly of God in Crystal, Minn. was dedicated last November. There are five Sunday school rooms and auditorium in the basement and a large auditorium on the first floor.

May 1962, Pastor Holman and I met with Melford Olson and the board of the Assemblies of God Tabernacle at Brainerd, and presented the need in order to break through with the project at Crystal. The Brainerd church board voted unanimously to have the district superintendent come to a church meeting late in June and present the matter of mortgaging the Brainerd church property as security for this \$30,000 loan. The church voted to follow through on the recommendation of the board.

The Brainerd church borrowed \$30,000 on its property to be reloaned to the Crystal project. This completed the financial arrangement. Pastor Holman proceeded to employ a general contractor, R. W. Ellison, who gave assurance that the building would be completed for occupancy soon after Thanksgiving in 1962. The work advanced rapidly and smoothly. Under the direction of Pastor Holman and the general contractor, the church was completed on schedule for dedicatory services on November 25 and 26.

R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, was invited to be the guest speaker at the Sunday services and to bring the dedicatory message Monday, November 26. I was requested to officiate at the dedicatory service. A large, enthusiastic crowd was present for the services of the afternoon and evening, and everyone agreed that the Crystal project was a miracle of operation and accomplishment.

Much credit goes to the efforts of Pastor Holman and his family who have labored so faithfully and who have been able, in the short time that they have been in the Minneapolis area, to establish a work with great potential and to provide a building that surely will be an asset in the work of our Assemblies of God. Many commented that this was the type of pioneer church effort that would attract the interest of people in any of the suburban areas of this locality to cooperation, sincerity and service under the program of our church. The Sunday school is averaging 80 at the present time. The church property, including parsonage and lots, is appraised at \$100,000.

We hope this story will be an inspiration to others to get under the burden of need for new church works in our District and over the nation.

Here is more proof that God blesses a cheerful giver — whether it be an individual or a church

TUCSON STARTS THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

By BETTY SWINFORD
Tucson, Arizona

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 1963 Tucson opened its heart to its ninth Assemblies of God church. It was bound to happen; for when you find a man like Henry Green, with the call of God on his life, and a church like Central Assembly, already the "mother" of two other thriving churches and eager to begin another work, things begin to move.

Located in the heart of busy Tucson, this new church is known as *Downtown Assembly*. The dedication service began at 2:30 P.M. on January 6 with the church completely packed. Fifteen ministers were present, with J. K. Gressett, district superintendent, bringing the dedicatory sermon.

Special music was supplied by the choir from Central Assembly. A check covering the first three months' rent was presented to Pastor Green by Missionary Secretary Henry Payton. In addition, several of Central's faithful

workers have caught the vision. Though they have made it clear they want to retain their membership in their home church, they have gone to help Downtown Assembly get started.

Among these are Ann Dudish, who has pioneered new works herself, and who will be the adult Sunday school teacher in this church; and Kay Carroll, a Christian teen-ager, who will be a real boost in beginning a C. A. group at Downtown Assembly.

Central has let these, and others, go with its hearty blessing that they will be used of God in this place of service. We are all looking and praying for a real move of God in this new venture. With 29 in Sunday school the first week, it is evident God is already blessing this pioneer church, which represents another important *breakthrough* for the Assemblies of God in Tucson. ◀◀

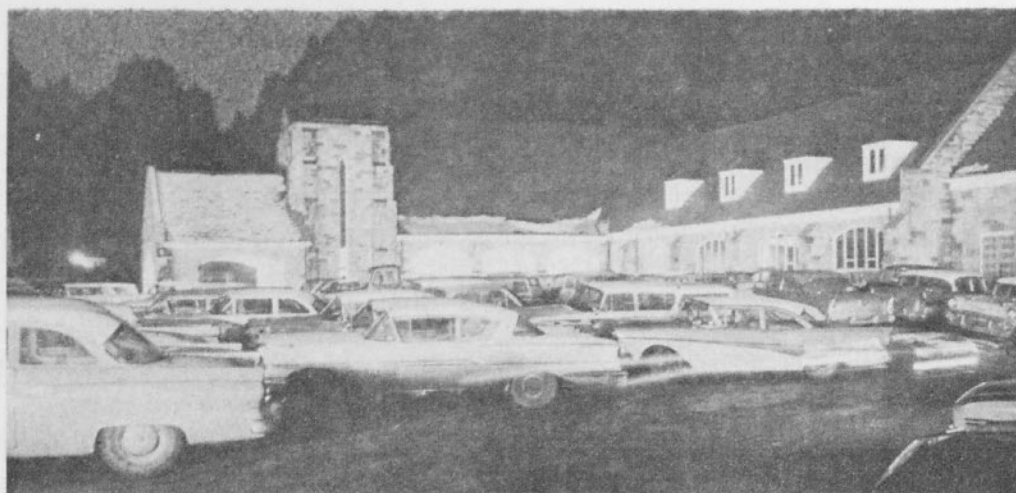


A check from Central Assembly (Tucson, Ariz.) for three months' rent on the new Downtown Assembly in Tucson is presented to Pastor Henry Green (left) by Central's board members — (left to right) Brothers Payton, Smith, Taylor and Barber.



C. M. Ward Speaks for Community

Week-of-Prayer Services at Brookville, Pa.



Services for the Community Week of Prayer in Brookville, Pa. were held at the Evangelical United Brethren Church. As this photo indicates there was an excellent attendance at the meetings.

"THE BEST ATTENDED WEEK OF prayer services in many years," writes Pastor Vernon Boyer of Brookville, Pa., of the community-wide services sponsored by the Brookville Area Ministerial Association and featuring *Revivaltime* speaker C. M. Ward nightly, January 14-18.

Eight churches cooperated for the week-long meeting held at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Brookville. The leadership of the services was rotated nightly among the cooperating pastors and special music was provided by the local church choirs.

Many of the ministers, coming in contact with the dynamic Pentecostal message for the first time, were greatly impressed. Here are some of their comments.

Robert Berkebile, host pastor, E. U. B. Church:

"We appreciated the ministry of C. M. Ward in our Brookville week of prayer services. He is a sincere, earnest, and forceful preacher of the gospel of Christ. His brotherly and cooperative spirit in ministering among the people of various denominations was especially well received."

Dr. Curtis Jones, First Presbyterian Church:

"Brother Ward impressed me favorably in several ways. For one thing, he is a most cordial and personable man to meet. The anecdotal character of his preaching was attractive, and I was especially pleased with the com-

ination of non-denominationalism and evangelicalism in his emphasis."

William A. Babel, First Baptist Church:

"I feel that the week of prayer services under the preaching of Brother C. M. Ward was truly helpful, inspirational, and brought glory to our Lord. I was impressed with his love for the other pastors and his cooperation with the other denominations. It was truly refreshing to note Brother Ward's stressing the unity of faith in a day when so many would tear apart the body of Christ."

Sigmund Decker, Grace Lutheran Church:

"I felt that on the whole the services were inspirational and meaningful. I especially appreciated Brother

Ward's very healthy attitude toward other denominations. This open-hearted feeling ran as a golden thread through all his messages. I know that people (other than Lutheran) appreciated that. I think Brookville could only profit by the experience."

Finally, Brother Boyer comments: "As host Assembly of God pastor, I have thrilled with the response of both the laity and the clergy in the area. Truly the Holy Spirit anointed Brother Ward each evening. His messages were dynamic, uncompromising, and yet filled with the love of God. Beyond a shadow of doubt, the complexion of the area toward the Pentecostal Movement and the Assemblies of God in particular has been revolutionized."



C. M. Ward greets the cooperating pastors of the Brookville Ministerial Association who sponsored the Community Week of Prayer.

Assembly Plans Second Revivaltime Broadcast Release

"First Assembly is enlarging its *Revivaltime* outreach," writes Vernon Boyer, pastor of the Brookville, Pa., church. "We desire to place the *Revivaltime* broadcast on a second radio station in our area AT ONCE."

Celebrating its tenth anniversary in 1962, First Assembly has pioneered with *Revivaltime*. Since the church's doors were opened in 1952, it has sup-



Vernon Boyer, pastor of the First Assembly in Brookville, Pa. recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the church. *Revivaltime* was released locally at the beginning and it has helped to establish the church.

ported the weekly release of *Revivaltime* over WPME, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Now, another opportunity to release *Revivaltime* had appeared and First Assembly was prepared to use it.

A local Assembly of God in the Apollo, Pa., area found it necessary to relinquish their twenty-year-old program over WAVL. Brother Boyer writes: "We feel we should take advantage of the audience built up over the years. We contacted several of the other Assemblies in the area, and they have responded and are co-sponsoring the release with Brookville."

The Brookville Assembly of God was started with an attendance of just two persons plus the pastor's family on the third floor of an I. O. O. F. Hall. From his previous training in the business field, Brother Boyer felt that "*Revivaltime* would be the key to establishing a 'beachhead' in the area." Brookville is a town with more

than 4,000 population and eleven established congregations.

Through the sacrifice of Sister Joan Boyer, who for a number of years worked to pay the monthly airtime cost, *Revivaltime* was placed on WPME. Realizing the necessity of tying in the international broadcast with the local Assembly of God, Brother Boyer placed the *Revivaltime* sign on the front of the church building, which they acquired in 1955; affixed the *Revivaltime* stamp to all mailings; and stuffed church bills with radio logs.

"REVIVALTIME HAS HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY," writes Brother Boyer. "We now have an active enrollment of 200." The anniversary year of 1962 saw the appointment of Mike Roush as full-time assistant pastor; the placing in operation of Sunday school buses numbers two and three; and the rise of the church bulletin circulation to 1,500.

Brother Boyer reports that the *Revivaltime* office has forwarded to him many names of those from his area writing in for the first time. He follows up each of these names by writing a letter of welcome to the *Revivaltime* listening congregation and by making a personal visit two or three weeks later. "We want those in our area to know that Brookville's First Assembly is a *Revivaltime* church!"

Just as this "pioneer" church found *Revivaltime* a valuable working partner, so can your church. If you do not now sponsor a *Revivaltime* broadcast in your area, write to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, for information about sponsoring a release. Let us tell you the ways *Revivaltime* can help you reach the unsaved in your hometown. ◀◀



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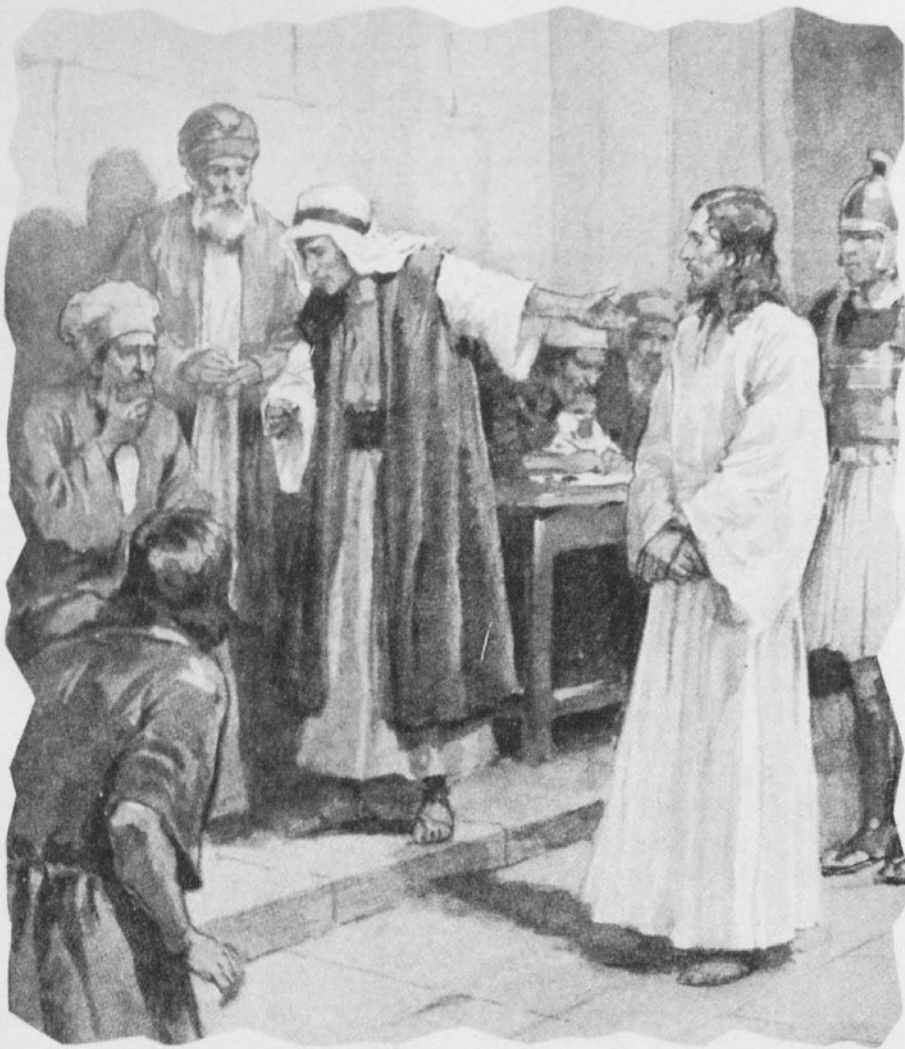
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Enrollment at the 1962 Vacation Bible School at First Assembly in Brookville reached 319. In 1952 the church began with only two interested persons.



CHRIST BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Humility of Jesus

In Christ we find the example of perfect humility. Men act proudly because pride is in their hearts, but Christ is different. Humility belongs to Him as definitely as love belongs to Him.

By OLIVE EVANS

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS SEASON IS BEHIND US, and I am ashamed. I am constrained to contrast our manner of celebrating Christ's birth with the simplicity and humility that characterized Christ Himself. We have commercialized the holiday and made it a lavish celebration that is entirely out of character with the birth, life, and death of the humble Jesus.

The prophet said: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: . . . He was oppressed, and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: . . . He was taken from prison and from judgment: . . . because he hath done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth" (Isaiah 53: 3-9).

Men sought to humiliate Christ, but He had already humbled Himself. He had done this when He laid aside His glory, and "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7, 8). There was no self-justification or self-pleasing. He said, "I come to do thy will, O God," and in His submission His humility was perfect and complete.

This perfect humility attended Him through all His earthly life. In what humble circumstances the earthly life of our Saviour began! Think of His conception, the stigma of it! To a skeptical world this stigma remains to this day. And His birth: there was not even the convenience of a home in which to be born! The rustic stable gave refuge to the strong frantic man and the gentle woman with the birth-pangs upon her.

Those shepherds who came that night to see Him smelled of the flocks and herds. They were poor, rough men and the only gift they brought Him was fervent worship from a heart of faith. Yes, He was humbly born!

Read the Levitical law of cleansing: "When the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb. . . . And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles [doves]; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin-offering" (Leviticus 12:6-8). Now notice the words of Luke 2:22-24. Only the turtledoves and young pigeons are mentioned. Joseph and Mary were too poor to bring a lamb.

The great of the earth came to give worthy gifts and to pay homage to a King, but under cover of night the holy family was forced to flee like common criminals. Yet this tiny One was the Creator of the universe—oh, the completeness of His humility!

What of His home and family? Did His brothers make it difficult for Him? He did no wrong and needed no correction. But these brothers—did they place blame upon Him? Although He *was* different, they did not believe Him to be the One of whom the prophets wrote.

Carpentry — His trade — involved

hard labor, rough hands, callouses. It is not listed among the finer arts such as lawyer, doctor, poet, or sculptor.

His baptism was an act of humility. He went down into the water and was baptized like any common sinner. His only word was, "Suffer it to be so now."

Consider His temptation. For forty days He was tempted as no other man has ever been. What humility—the man Christ Jesus submitting to torturing pressure by one whose power was far less than His.

Notice His ministry. The simplest of the simple—John the Baptist, an uncouth desert man with peculiar ways, was His only *advance* agent. Today, from a distance, Jesus' ministry is sublime and wonderful; but what would we have thought if we had watched Him as He touched the unclean bodies of lepers, mixed clay and put it on blinded eyes, and wrote in the dust as the rabble clamored for justice to an adulterous woman?

What would we have thought had we passed by the well at noontime and seen Him in earnest conversation with the outcast woman? Only a heart searching for truth would have rightly interpreted His service of love and humility!

What of His message? He openly confessed to having no property and no possessions. Though He claimed to be setting up a kingdom, He was the poorest of the poor. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." What kind of inducement was this? Man does not want a cross, he wants a crown.

The Law and the Prophets bore Him testimony, but the scribes, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, priests, and

leaders of the people mocked and threatened Him. His life was one of continual humiliation, yet He bore it with calmness, gentleness, and kindness.

Outwardly, there was no exaltation in His death—just humility! Neither Jews nor Romans would own Him. He was a stranger from another world and had no citizenship in this. There was no trial, no lawyer to plead His cause. False witnesses testified against Him. Warily He was rushed from one tribunal to another. After endless walking and standing throughout the long night there was no respite of a jail term to rest His tired body. The precious, humble Lamb of God stood silent and alone!

As they gave Him the cross that belonged to all of us, they extended strange tokens to Him. They gave Him *our* tomb; they gave Him *our* hands to place Him there; they gave Him *our* shroud to wind about His bloody, disjointed body!

But the Resurrection—that was His own! Yet it did not cause Him to lose His humility. He walked the dusty road to Emmaus. He sent a special message to conscience-stricken Peter. He invited Thomas to thrust his hand into His wounded side. Over an open fire, He prepared a simple breakfast for hungry fishermen!

Then the time came for Him to leave His followers. Was His departure accompanied with a splendid chariot and fiery horses? Were there throngs of welcoming angels, songs of triumph, and heavenly music? No, there was just a cloud—a vaporous thing—to receive Him and silently carry Him away.

Even now that He is away He has not lost His humility. It belongs

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It is time to open wide the door for Jesus—for the gentle loving Jesus to live His life of perfect humility in and through us all! ◀◀

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Compassion is more than sympathy; one can sympathize with a person without making his load any lighter. You give me compassion and I will give you action, for you cannot have compassion without being moved. What the world direly needs is true Christlike compassion.—*Anonymous.*

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LUKE 19:1-10

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

A procession of tremendous importance was in progress—Jesus was en route to Jerusalem and to Calvary to fulfill the supreme purpose for which He had come into the world. Yet this procession was not so important that it hindered Jesus from stopping to save a soul!

THE CHARACTER OF ZACCHEUS

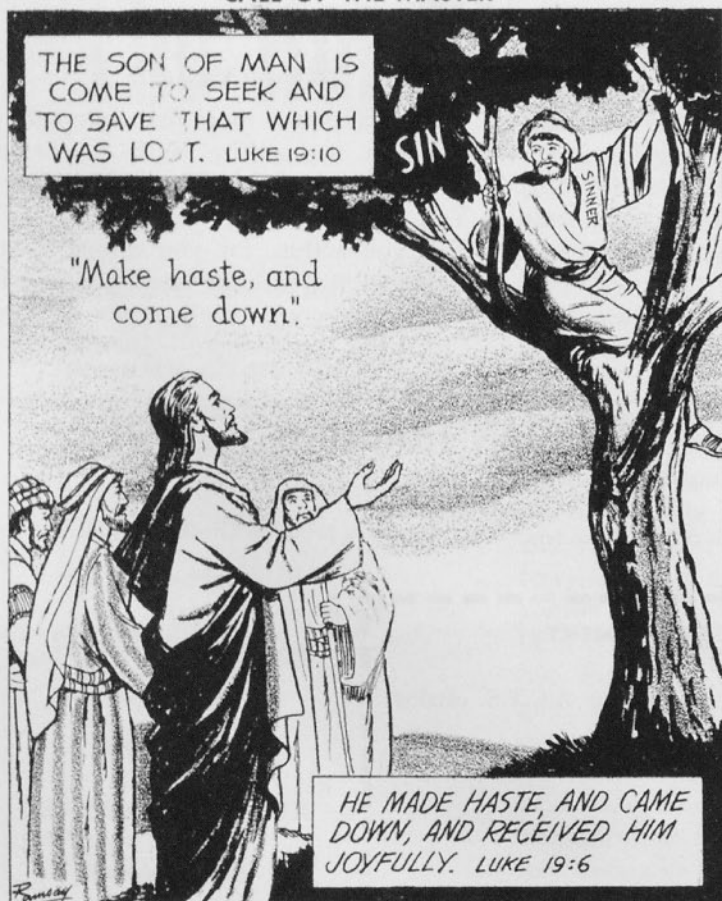
Any Jew who was a tax collector in the employ of Rome was bitterly hated by his countrymen and considered a traitor. The fact that Zaccheus was "the chief among the publicans" made it all the worse.

Furthermore, "he was rich," which means that he probably repaid the hatred of his countrymen by cheating them and had obtained his wealth at their expense.

THE CURIOSITY OF ZACCHEUS

1. *His Desire.* "And he sought to see Jesus who he was." What made him, of all people, desire to see Jesus? Was it only curiosity? Was it the long-working of conscience? Was it a yearning, deep hidden in his heart, to live a better life? Or was it that indefinable, deep

CALL OF THE MASTER



inward drawing of the Holy Spirit which has brought millions to Christ?

2. *His Handicap.* Zaccheus' desire was commendable but there were obstacles in the way of its fulfillment. "Because he was little of stature" he could neither press through the crowd to a point of vantage, nor peer over the heads of those in front of him. Since he was a despised publican, no one would make room for him.

3. *His Action.* "He ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him." There is much we can learn from the little man:

(a) There are many ways in which Satan seeks to hinder men from getting through to God, but all the powers of hell cannot stop the man who is wholehearted (Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 5:6).

(b) Our lives may count for God in spite of natural limitations. Are we keenly conscious of our own weakness and lack of ability? Are we fretting because of limitations past and present? "My strength is made perfect in weakness," is God's answer. "Let the weak say, I am strong," is His command! Let us say, "Amen. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me!"

THE CALLING OF ZACCHEUS

"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him." Of all the persons in the crowd, perhaps the least noted, the most handicapped, and yet the most concerned was Zaccheus.

"And said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down." Likewise, every sinner who would receive the Saviour and every Christian who needs divine help must come down from pride, self-esteem, and self-sufficiency and bow humbly at the feet of Jesus.

"For today I must abide at thy house." The King of kings invited Himself to the home of a sinful publican! Yet how typical of the amazing grace of God! Whatever we may say about Zaccheus seeking Christ, the fact is that Christ was seeking Zaccheus! So again is seen the grace of God. God seeks us (John 4:23), the Holy Spirit woos us (Revelation 22:17), and Christ stands at the door of our hearts (Revelation 3:20).

THE CONVERSION OF ZACCHEUS

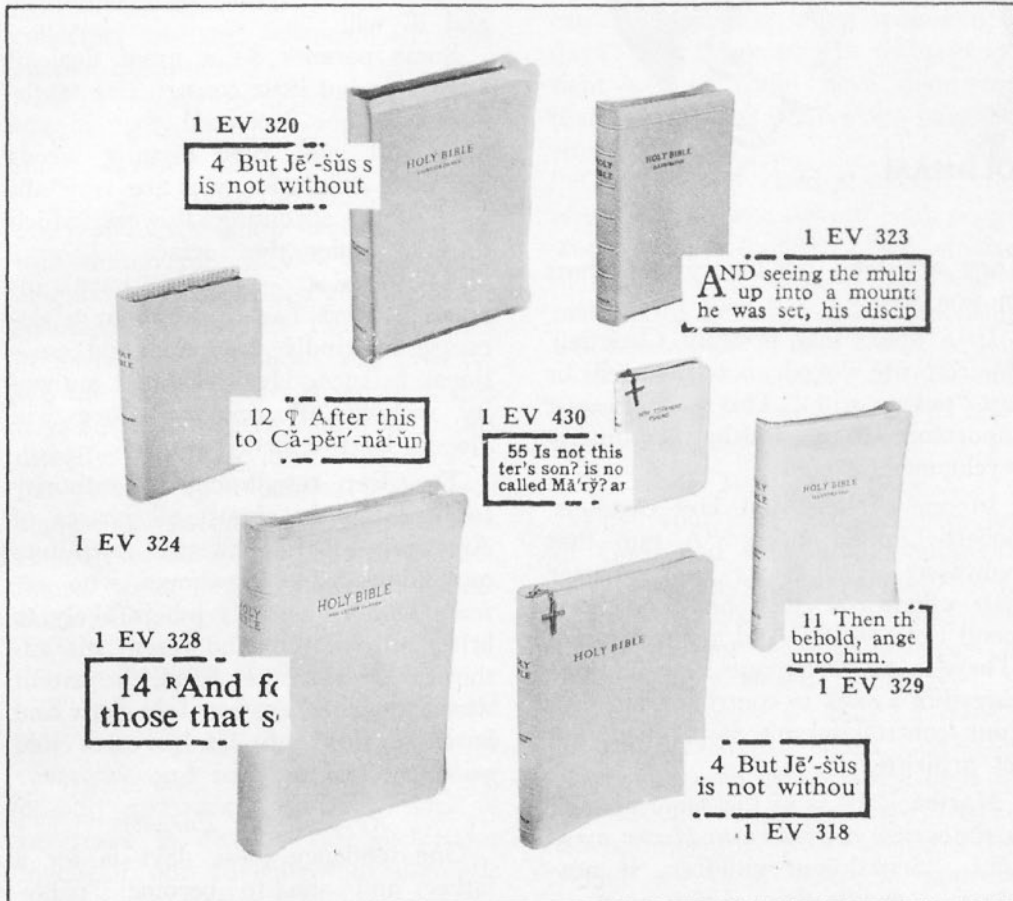
When, exactly, did the conversion take place? And what are the evidences of his conversion? Zaccheus was evidently guilty of dishonesty against his fellow men. Christ did not command him to make restitution, but his intention was the natural and spontaneous expression of a heart moved and melted by Christ's redeeming love. Restitution is a serious thing. F. B. Meyer, on the first night of one of the great Keswick conventions, said to the people, "Remember, you will get no blessing here, as long as bills are not paid at home." We are told there was not a single postal money order left in Keswick the next day!

THE COMMENDATION OF ZACCHEUS

The Pharisees criticized Christ for honoring one whom they considered beneath them. Christ met their objection by saying, in effect, "Zaccheus was a sinner; but now salvation is come to his house." Yes, Zaccheus was a sinner indeed, but this was his salvation, "for the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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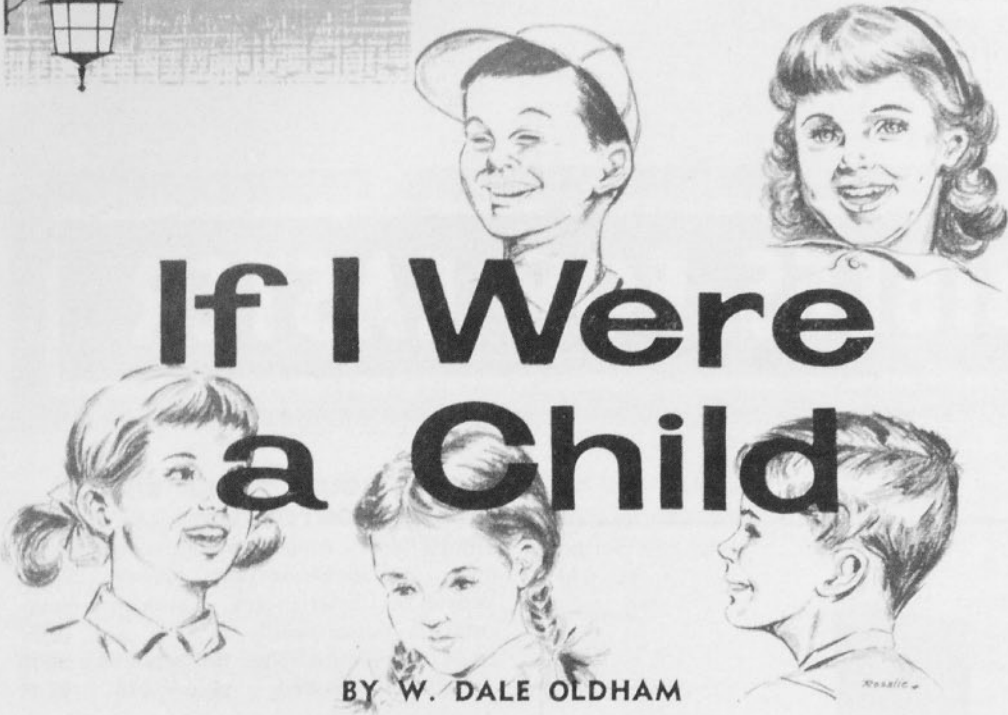
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If I Were a Child

BY W. DALE OLDHAM

NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO Elizabeth Akers Allen wrote nostalgically,

*Backward, turn backward, O
Time, in your flight;
Make me a child again just for
tonight.*

If you could turn time back and be a child again, what would you desire? If I were a child, I would desire to be brought up in a thoroughly Christian home, for to be nurtured in such a home is of value beyond the price of rubies.

Expressions of Appreciation

In our times so many confused, unsteady, parents are passing on their own confusion and unsteadiness to their children! Many parents are long on teaching but short on example.

They are long on theory but short on practice.

In a home that is truly Christian, children are loved, not resented or just "put up with." This is of greatest importance to a healthy personality development.

In one of his Aunt Het cartoons, Robert Quillen quips, "A pup that knows a lot of tricks ain't smarter than others; it just had somebody spend time on it." And again he said, "There's one advantage in usin' love instead of a stick to control young-uns. Your control doesn't stop when you get arthritis."

Martha Rabe is of the same opinion as she writes in *American Home* magazine, "Scold your children, if necessary... paddle them if you must..."

but don't fail to show them that you appreciate them. They grow best facing the sun."

Loving, Steady Authority

Second, if I were a child, I would want to be controlled by a loving but steady authority. Horses are of little value until they have been "broken in" and disciplined. To a child, comfort may be far less important than loving control.

Child psychologists say that a lack of kindly authority leaves a child feeling insecure. Angry or cruel efforts to control a child are another thing, for they build up deep resentments and ill will.

Some parents do a great deal of criticizing but little constructive teaching. Someone has said that if you spend all your time digging weeds out of a child's life you are very apt to destroy sprouting flowers which lie just under the surface.

As physical comforts have increased, there has come about a decrease in kindly discipline and emotional balance. Heavy-handed authority without affection and love will always be resented.

The deep resentment of authority to be found in almost all phases of American life has filtered down into our homes. The workman who resents authority at his job is likely to bring up children who resent his authority. On the other hand, the parent whose own father was too stern and harsh may tend to let his own child go unchecked.

Respect for Parents

One tendency these days is for a father and son to become "palsy-walsy" to the point where the father hasn't the courage to discipline his son when the occasion calls for discipline.

True, understanding between parents and child is a necessity, and there is no substitute for a father's and son's fishing together, hunting together, or spending time at other activities.

But a boy needs a loving father more than he needs for his father to be a pal. To be a pal with your son on his own level will inevitably cause the strength of your parental authority to fade out.

Constance Foster, writing in *This Week* magazine, says: "I can still give my child the discipline of work. True, there are no longer rails to split or

A PUZZLE FOR YOUNG READERS . . . BY DICK CHAMPION

CODE MESSAGE

Are you ready to figure out another message in code? It's an important message which warns you that you need to be careful about what you do.

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(To check your answer, look up Ecclesiastes 12:14).

woodboxes to keep full. But the regular responsibility of watering flowers, weeding the garden, mowing the lawn, feeding the pup, or shining the family's shoes is a fair substitute. Shoveling a path through a tall snowdrift can teach modern young fry all the virtues of pioneering which strengthened our forefathers and helped mold their firm character."

Disciplines of Work

Walter Pitkin makes this interesting observation:

"If I were a dictator, I'd compel the children of every neighborhood to help the street sweepers and garbage collectors and the policemen in some simple routine tasks. If a rich man tried to exempt his darlings from such work, I'd soak the scoundrel with thirty days of hard labor.

"What's more to the point, I'd make every youngster know exactly what he was doing and why. I'd have the neighborhood policemen and the grade schoolteacher explain the difficulties in keeping streets clean and preserving the peace. Then I'd see to it that boys and girls experienced these truths directly. No book lore helps here... but picking up a banana peel which some (undisciplined) person has tossed into the gutter in front of your house would have a powerful educational influence."

Sacredness of Holy Things

Third, if I were a child, I would ask that my life be saturated with reverence and with an understanding of holy and sacred things. A lack of reverence is directly responsible for much of our juvenile and domestic distress these days. The best children come from reverent homes.

Socially speaking, reverence begins with the attitude of parents toward each other. When there is no longer a feeling of reverence in relationships between husband and wife, their marriage and home are deteriorating. Reverence and respect are closely related.

Sometimes it is difficult to maintain a feeling of reverence toward a growing, blundering child; but this is extremely important. A sense of reverence on the part of the parent will keep him constantly aware of his responsibility toward his child.

Some time ago, in conversation with a friend, a father said, "We lost our first child." Shocked, the other replied, "I didn't know she was dead!"

"Oh, she isn't dead," the father said. Then he added sadly, "I was just too busy!"

A Sense of Reverence

Parents with a sense of reverence become the best teachers of their children and the best guardians of their future.

A small daughter skipping along behind her mother suddenly made a shining discovery—a stone, flecked with glittering bits of mica. "Look, Mother," she called, "the stone has stars!"

Impatiently the mother exclaimed, "Oh, for heaven's sake, come on! I can't be dragging along with you all day!" Just think what a reverent, patient mother could have done with that potentially marvelous teaching situation!

Give to your child a sense of reverence—reverence toward God, people, work, things, money. These children of ours need a sense of reverence to make sure that boy-girl relationships will be maintained on a Christian level—to insure the sanctity of their marriage and of the home they will establish some day.

An Intelligent Love

Love your child with the very love of God, and love him intelligently.

Writing in *Ladies Home Journal*, Marcelene Cox said, "A child being raised without love looks drawn together like a closed umbrella."

Yes, if I were a child, I'd want to be warmly loved. When God's love floods our own hearts, some of it will get through to our children. There is a wisdom in love which educates them—and us—in a heavenly approved way.

What is more important? Someone wrote in the *Pasadena School Review*: "In slack times, a manufacturer builds up backlogs of orders, but you can't build up a backlog of needs for children. They are not made of steel and plastic and plywood... You can't stack them in a corner to await your good time to put together the parts that make their lives. While they are waiting, they are growing and needing things. There is a deadline. A day too late in ministering to our child's needs is just as hopeless as a lost minute when you have missed a train."

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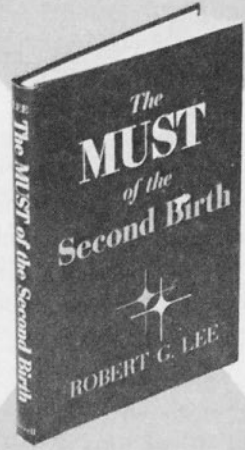
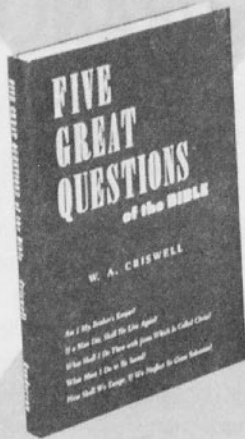
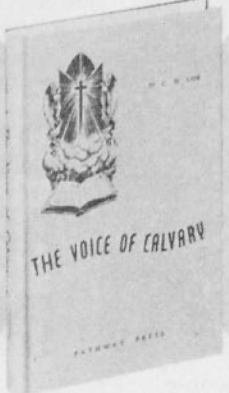
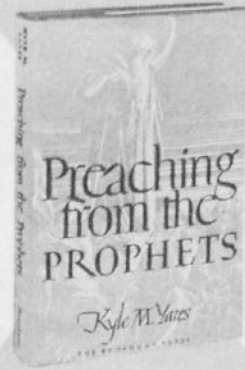
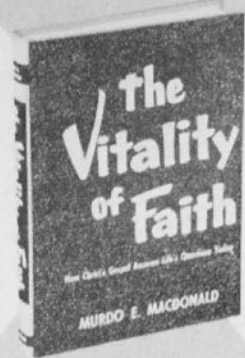
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	Wilmington	First	Mar. 17-31	Glen & Fithie Shinn	Thomas M. Ming
Colo.	Denver	S. Denver	Mar. 19-31	Lee & Mrs. Krupnick	H. J. Jackson
Fla.	Sanford	Pinecrest	Mar. 19-24	Bob & Pat Ludwig	H. M. Snow
	Seffner	A/G	Mar. 19-31	Linton (Buddy) Creel	V. L. Raburn, Jr.
	Tavares	First	Mar. 20-31	Grant Daniel	Warren Anthony
Ga.	Americus	First	Mar. 26-31	Bob & Pat Ludwig	D. L. Sanders, Jr.
	Ashburn	A/G	Mar. 10-17	Michael & Peggy Lord	Hugh D. Lord
	Fitzgerald	First	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	Russell Peavy	Lester Anthony
	Marietta	First	Mar. 24-31	Michael & Peggy Lord	Arnold Ford
Idaho	Post Falls	A/G Church	Mar. 19-31	Les Martin	Lyle Thompson
Ill.	East Moline	Full Gospel	Mar. 19-31	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	I. T. Beard
	Monmouth	A/G	Mar. 19-31	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Donald Porter
	Springfield	First	Mar. 24-Apr. 7	Bob Watters	G. E. Mandel
Ind.	Hebron	A/G	Mar. 19-31	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Eugene Dayka
Kans.	Ashland	A/G	Mar. 19—	Wesley Pollet	James LaValley
	Kansas City	First	Mar. 24-31	A. J. Chandonnet	U. S. Grant
	Overland Park	First	Mar. 13-24	R. R. Morrison	Gail Howard
	Salina	First	Mar. 20-31	Musical Lebsacks	F. W. Prather
Md.	Old Town	Bethel	Mar. 19-31	Frank G. Sharp	Willie Tatem
	Sparrows Point	Bethel	Mar. 19-31	Mildred S. Kimel	Thos. P. Miller
Mo.	Grandview	A/G	Mar. 5-17	Jerry & Joy Spain	Burrell White
	Kansas City	Bethel Tab.	Mar. 19-31	Jerry & Joy Spain	Robert A. Sites
N. J.	Atco	A/G	Mar. 26—	Oren & Inez Paris	Robert Sinner
N. Y.	Dansville	A/G	Mar. 19-31	John French	R. W. Metzger
	Franklin Square	Bethel	Mar. 19-31	James Tate	Albert Andreasen
N. Dak.	New England	A/G	Mar. 17—	Paul Clark	L. H. Kyle
Ohio	Bellevue	A/G	Mar. 19-24	Carl J. Johnson	L. A. Ford
	Columbus	Calvary Tem.	Mar. 20-31	Olsheski Musical Tm.	L. E. Loretz
	Girard	First	Mar. 13-24	Eddie Wilson	D. A. Ross
Okla.	Duncan	Bethel	Mar. 20-31	Wallace Bragg	Willie Lowder
	Durant	First	Mar. 25—	Al Davis	Ross Davis
Oreg.	Tigard	A/G	Mar. 19-31	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	Mel E. Am
Pa.	Philadelphia	Frankford	Mar. 5-17	Samuel & Mrs. Clutter	James W. Donald
	Shamokin	Gos. Tab.	Mar. 19-31	C. F. DeArmitt	Peter Bedzyk
	Shippensburg	A/G	Mar. 15-31	Arnold & Mrs. Segesman	Earl H. Ford
	Spring Glen	Pent. Full Gos.	Mar. 20-31	Ralph A. Creider	Edwin Stigile
S. C.	West Columbia	Full Gos. Tab.	Mar. 20-31	Perrello Brothers	J. T. Laster
Tex.	Corpus Christi	Faith	Mar. 20-31	The Roland Hasties	D. J. Friesen
	Dallas	Christian Tem.	Mar. 20-24	Henry A. Greenwald	Bill Sharp
	Dallas	Piedmont	Mar. 20-31	The Tanner Team	Joseph Raculia
	Lamesa	First	Mar. 10-24	Allen & Faye Poldson	W. E. Comstock
Wash.	Mt. Vernon	Viewcrest	Mar. 19-31	W. F. Morton	Warren Carlsen
	Naselle	A/G	Mar. 12-17	W. F. Morton	Wayne Ridout
	Spanaway	A/G	Mar. 19-31	John Irish Smith	Ernest L. Friend
	Walla Walla	Bethel	Mar. 19-31	L. H. Sheets	Harold Fuller
W. Va.	Grafton	A/G Tab.	Mar. 14-31	A. W. Smith	Hazel B. O'Brien
	Parkersburg	First	Mar. 10-24	Don Logan	C. W. Roberts
Wis.	Shawano	A/G	Mar. 13-24	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Howard Flaherty
Africa	Ouagadougou, U. V.	A/G Mission	Mar. 24—	Ernie & Neil Eskelin	R. Zents, Chm.
Canada	Edmonton, Alta.	Pent. Ch.	Mar. 19-24	Mel W. Holmes	J. C. O'Brien
	Red Deer, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	Mar. 26-31	Mel W. Holmes	Donald Cantelon
Mexico	Acapulco	A/G	Mar. 12-19	The Tanner Team	G. Marker, Miss.
S. A.	Guayaquil, Equa.	Sports Arena	Mar. 19-31	Watson Argue	L. Dowdy, Chm.
W. I.	Nassau, Bahamas	Evang. Tem.	Mar. 18-31	Bird & Mrs. Campbell	S. Vandermerwe
	San Fernando, Trin.	**Car Park	Mar. 31-Apr. 21	Paul Olson Party	Larry Ulseth

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On the Brink of Disaster

By DONALD A. TANNER

AN ABOUT-TO-CRASH BOMBER JETTISONED ITS TWENTY-four-megaton bomb over North Carolina. When the warhead was examined, experts found five of the six interlocking safety devices triggered by the fall. In his new book, *Kill and Overkill*, Ralph E. Lapp reports that there have been about twelve such "near misses" of nuclear catastrophies in the United States.

Americans last fall were subjected to unprecedented intensities of fear. As troops and missiles bristled Key West into a military bivouac and the banshee screech of jet fighters blitzed a sonic trail, telephone calls swamped Civil Defense offices reflecting the near panic of Americans who had no idea of what they should do in an emergency.

Authorities long had warned of the need to prepare. They cautioned citizens to stock cupboards with at least a two weeks' supply of food and water. They circulated millions of copies of informative literature. Yet Ameri-

cans continued their complacent way of living with little active regard to peril.

So it has been spiritually. Faithfully God's Church and God's Bible stand like sentinels warning men to prepare to meet their Maker. They continually remind people that they stand on the brink of eternal disaster. Yet the majority tragically ignore their spiritual danger.

As the Cuban crisis mounted, grocery stores felt the impact of a food rush. Some people even began to hoard. One grocer closed to restock after a woman purchased food worth \$1,200. A Utah woman visiting California flew home with \$400 worth of canned goods, and a Texas woman spent \$600 on her supply. Gun merchants had noticeable business gains as many armed to guard their supplies against unprepared neighbors.

But how many prepared to meet God? *Now* more than ever Americans need to prepare themselves spiritually as well as physically.

U.S. News & World Report (November 3, 1962) quoted military officials as saying "If Khrushchev had been allowed to have another three weeks to complete his missile network, with equipment on hand, he would have been in a position to kill between twenty-five and fifty million Americans with a single order."

Americans shudder at the thought of nuclear annihilation. But do they consider how much worse it will be to be "cast into the lake of fire" to be "tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:10,15)?

What did Christ say about our times? He prophesied wars and rumors of wars. He foretold that nation would rise up against nation. And He also gave this solemn warning: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

For Christians there is the promise of peace: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." David said, "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Psalm 91:1, 2). Martin Luther echoed the thought in his great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

David's heart soared into the spiritual eagle sphere as he continued, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. . . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day . . . nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday" (Psalm 91:4-6).

A young soldier carried a little Bible in a pocket over his heart. One day a bullet pierced his uniform and traveled part way through the Scriptures. It stopped precisely at the seventh verse of this marvelous 91st Psalm: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

With such hope Christians can dwell in peace, even in a world that totters on the brink of disaster. Physical death holds less terror to those who have spiritual life in Christ—for this life will never end. Of all who trust in Him, the Saviour says: "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish . . ." (John 10:28). Have you come to Christ, confessing and forsaking your sins, and asked Him for this life? ◀◀

