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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

Cradle Roll



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Today Is Cradle Roll Day Theme: "Treasures in Trust"

One ministry of the Spirit is to prove to mankind that Satan is a defeated foe.

IN JOHN 16:8-11 WE ARE INFORMED OF THE THREE-fold work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus said: "When he [the Holy Spirit] is come, he will reprove [convict] the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Notice that the Holy Spirit is "He," not "It." If we will honor the person of the Spirit more in all our meetings we will see more divine glory and blessing in our midst.

The Lord Jesus said, "I will send you another Comforter." Notice that word "another." It indicates that someone else had been a Comforter ahead of Him. Who was this? None other than Jesus Christ.

The word "Comforter" is translated from the Greek *parakletos* which means an intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter, one appointed to accompany us and help us. In 1 John 2:1 the same word is translated "Advocate" ("If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"). So there are two Comforters—the Lord Jesus, who left the earth and returned to the Father; and the Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent down to earth from the presence of the Father.

Do you remember the old hymn: "Holy Spirit, faithful Guide, ever at the Christian's side"? The Lord Jesus taught us that the Holy Spirit will ever be at our side to comfort us, to instruct us, to empower us, just as Jesus throughout His earthly ministry was ever at the apostles' sides comforting, instructing, and empowering them.

Never forget this. The Holy Spirit is equal in person and in power (and, in this dispensation, in position) to the Lord Jesus Christ. If we keep this fact ever before us, what holy dignity it will confer on our Pentecostal baptism! What confidence, what strength, what assurance of power it will convey to the Spirit-filled Christian!

HE CONVICTS OF SIN

Concerning His threefold ministry during this present church age or dispensation, when He is acting as divine executive of the Triune Godhead, notice first of all that *the Spirit convicts the world of sin because they believe not on Christ.*

No doubt you have read how people were convicted of sin in the meetings of Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, and other men of God. The unsaved would be so stricken with conviction in some of Edwards' meetings they would jump out through the windows to escape the preaching of judgment that issued from his lips. They would hold on the pews in desperate frenzy for they declared they felt themselves sinking into hell.

The owner of a textile factory took Finney through the shop on a visit. As that Spirit-filled man walked through, so many of the workers were seized with conviction, bursting out in violent weeping and praying to

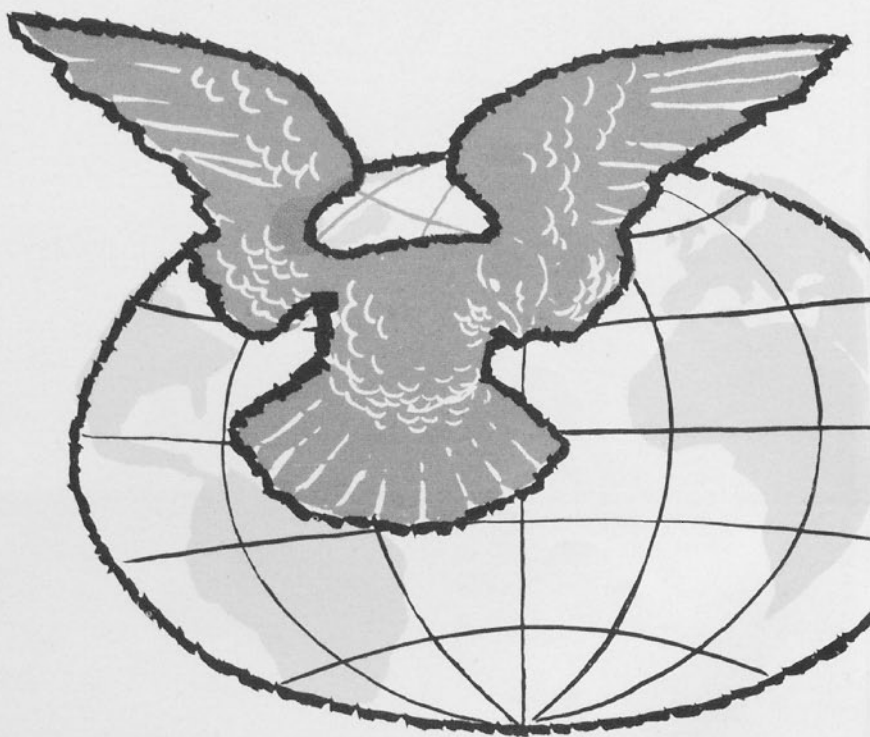
God for mercy, that the owner had to shut down the factory.

Those men were preachers of the Word of God. Their sermons consisted mainly of correlated passages of Scripture uttered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit delights in honoring the Word. Jesus promised that the Spirit would lead us into all truth—"Thy Word is truth"—so let us not afflict the longsuffering public with "the story of my life," or use stage settings and theatrical props to "get the message across." Let us proclaim the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit will confirm it with mighty power that will turn men's hearts away from their sin and draw them to the Saviour.

HE CONVICTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jesus said the Spirit would *convict the world of righteousness*, "because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more." As a young Christian I used to misinterpret this. I thought it meant that He would show the world how unrighteous it was and how much it needed divine righteousness. While this is true, it is not the meaning here. I believe Christ here is referring to His own righteousness and to the righteousness of His claims. He made claims to personal deity and universal power. He said, "I pray that they might behold my glory, Father, the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5). "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

The Lord Jesus made these claims, but how could



His followers demonstrate to a skeptical and antagonistic world the righteousness of His claims? For Jesus was no longer with them—"I go to my Father, and ye see me no more." How could Peter and James and John answer the challenge of their opponents? Could they point to the empty tomb? His enemies would answer, "You're grave robbers: you stole his body and hid it." Could they declare they saw Him ascend into heaven? Their opponents would answer, "Your word is not sufficient: you'll have to prove it."

This is precisely what Jesus meant. He said: "When I have ascended to the Father, I will ask him to send you another Comforter. He shall take of the things of mine, and reveal them unto you. He shall glorify me. He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear (in heaven), that shall he speak" (John 16:13-16). Several days passed between the time of Christ's ascent and the time of the Spirit's descent. During those days the Holy Spirit was an eye witness, an ear witness, of all the glory and position and power which was bestowed upon the Lord Jesus in heaven. Then, after those days of witnessing Christ's glorious exaltation, the Spirit left heaven and came down to the waiting disciples. The Son of God had said to Him: "Show them my glory. Reveal to them the fulness of my triumph. Show them that all of my claims were righteous claims. Even though I have ascended and they see me no more, Holy Comforter, do your office work in showing to the world my victory over sin and death and the grave."

So it was that on the Day of Pentecost, when the Comforter had come, Peter stood up and preached to the people, saying: "This Jesus, whom ye by wicked

hands did crucify and slay, hath God raised up; whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this (the Holy Comforter) which ye now see (the tongues of fire) and hear (the heavenly languages, 'other tongues')" (Acts 2:23-33).

The multitude of Jews was so convicted of the righteousness of the claims of Jesus that three thousand were converted that day.

HE CONVICTS OF JUDGMENT

Our Lord said the Spirit would *convict the world of judgment* "because the prince of this world is judged." Satan was called by Jesus the prince of this world. Satan does not have the right to rule; he has usurped this position. Soon a mighty angel shall announce from the loudspeakers of heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our God, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). But for the present little while "we know that the whole world lieth in [the lap of] the wicked one" (1 John 5:19, R. V.). And even as Satan offered the kingdoms of this world to Christ, so today he offers them—or a little part of them—to men and women who will sell their souls to him.

How can we feeble Christians cope with such a powerful foe? Since we know he controls the financial, commercial, educational, even the religious systems of our day, how can we overcome him? Since he can offer our children all the pleasures of this world, all the flesh can lust after, if they will sell their souls to him, how can we resist him? How? By allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal to us that Satan is a defeated foe.

Peter knew this. He said the devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking to catch and devour his victims, but he remembered the words of Jesus—"the prince of this world is judged"—and he preached with Holy Ghost boldness. Martin Luther knew this; therefore he defied the political and religious powers of his day, and took his stand at Worms "though the devils be as numerous as the slates upon the housetops."

John Knox knew this; therefore he could stride into the court of Queen Mary of Scotland and denounce her to her face. History declares that "Bloody Mary" feared John Knox more than any army. Why? Because he was convinced that Christ's power was greater than all the power of His enemies; by revelation of the Holy Ghost he knew that Mary's master, the devil, had been conquered by his Master, the Lord Jesus. "The prince of this world is (not shall be) judged."

When we allow this same blessed Holy Spirit to reveal this truth to us, think what a ministry we can have for God! We will be overcomers. We will be "more than conquerors." Think of the souls gripped in sin's bondage that we may loose in Jesus' mighty Name. Think of the crippled, the lame, the diseased (oppressed of the devil—Acts 10:38) that can be set free from this oppression when we permit the Holy Spirit to reveal this great truth to us—that the prince of this world is judged.

May the blessed Spirit of God find opportunity in us to perform His threefold work: to convict of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. ◀◀◀

THE THREEFOLD WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Walking With God

Someone said that the wisdom of the ages is to discover which way God is moving and to walk with Him.

This is the blessedness of the Spirit-filled life. It is a Christ-centered life. It is a God-directed life. It is a daily walk in companionship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

God desires to take each of His children by the hand and lead them down the road of life into a richer, fuller spiritual experience. His greatest delight is to commune with His children, to be constantly in their company, and to reveal His truths to their hearts.

Long ago there was a man named Enoch who gave the Lord much pleasure. The Bible says he "walked with God" and he "pleased God." The Lord was grieved with most of the people of that day, for they were very wicked, but Enoch was different. He hated sin, for God had shown him that all sin is distasteful to the Lord and harmful to man; therefore it must be punished. So Enoch stood before the worldly throng of pleasure seekers and money grabbers and warned them that "the Lord comes with myriads of his people, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly deeds which they have committed, and of all the hard words which they, ungodly sinners, have spoken against him" (Jude 15, Weymouth).

No doubt the crowds laughed and jeered at this talk about the Lord's coming, but Enoch stood his ground. Eventually the great flood came and swept all the sinners away.

But long before that happened a Rapture had taken place. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death." The Bible simply says, "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." He suddenly disappeared from the earth. He walked with God right out of this life into heaven without dying!

It is possible for all of us to walk with God as Enoch did and to be ready for translation at any moment. There was a man in the Middle Ages named Nicholas Herman (better known as Brother Lawrence) who learned the secret. He had been a raw farm hand, awkward and uneducated, employed by the local monastery as a kitchen hand to wash up and assist the cook. One day after chapel he was washing up as usual in the kitchen when the thought came to him, "God is everywhere! God is here!" This idea gripped him so forcibly that forever afterwards he practised the presence of God. He lived constantly with the consciousness that God was with him. The result was that this very awkward and unattractive kitchen boy was so transformed and refined in spiritual sensibilities that he became the talk of the monks and of all the neighborhood. Men took long journeys to interview this humble man who "walked with God."

David knew this secret. He said, "I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8). When we learn this truth we discover that nothing happens by chance. All our life is planned by our all-wise, always-loving Father; therefore we need not worry or be anxious. We need but recognize that He is near, and commune with Him, and He will keep us in perfect peace no matter what the circumstances may be.

May the Lord help us all to walk with Him, to learn of Him, and to do His will—to "walk in the Spirit." Then, like Enoch, we will be pleasing Him and will be ready for translation at any time.

—R.C.C.

Pentecostal **POWER**

Nothing is impossible to ordinary people filled with the Holy Spirit.



BY RONALD REID

IT IS REFRESHING TO SEE SO MANY OUTSIDE THE recognized Pentecostal denominations receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit today. They are enjoying the Pentecostal experience—that which 120 believers received on the Day of Pentecost, with the glorious initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4). This is not surprising for Jesus said: “Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.”

It is becoming increasingly evident that Pentecost cannot be confined to the pages of history. It is a vital individual experience for every hungry believer in every generation. God deemed it necessary to energize the church in the beginning with this mighty supernatural Baptism and we may be sure the need of this Baptism is equally as great in these evil end times. The Acts of the Apostles is a history of enduement, progress, advancement, and victory in the blazing fires of persecution. The forces of opposition were defeated by a power-

ful gospel preached by Spirit-filled servants of God who were dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ.

The supreme task of the church is to evangelize the world. This work demands Pentecostal energy and enduement. The Early Church went everywhere preaching the Word. On one occasion the place where they were gathered together for prayer was shaken.

“My preaching,” said Paul, “was not with the enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power.” The very atmosphere of the Early Church was charged with this divine power. Their word was with power. Conviction accompanied their speech. Signs and wonders confirmed their testimony. They uncovered the hearts of evil men and heaven put its seal upon their judgments.

Rulers trembled in their presence. Disease fled at their touch. Devils were subject to their word. What was the secret? The baptism of the Holy Spirit had endued them with divine authority and power. They were sure of the mind of God, because they were taught of the Spirit.

The declining spiritual situation today needs a solution. That solution is Pentecostal power in operation. The Acts of the Apostles reveals that insurmountable barriers can be overcome, communities large and small can be tremendously affected and changed through the message of the Cross when it is presented, preached, and propagated by ordinary people filled with the Holy Spirit. Zealots may go forth with the doctrines of men and come to nought, as history has proved, but a genuine moving of the Spirit can rectify the most confused situation.

Only in Christ have we something to give to the world, and only through the baptism of the Holy Spirit do we obtain the divine energy to present His gospel with signs following. We may be able to teach comparative religions and endlessly expound theology, but nothing is so far-reaching and penetrating as the flame of Pentecostal power burning in our hearts. “Pentecost is not a spiritual luxury; it is an utter necessity for every believer. The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills.”

The Pentecostal experience brings a new fellowship in prayer. It also brings power, spiritual fire, and a passion for the salvation of lost men. The church is helpless without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

On the other hand, this Baptism of fire and zeal awakens a peculiar sense of distrust in the modern religious mind. There is no objection to displaying zeal anywhere else. There can be enthusiasm in sports and politics; there can be fervor in reform and business. Intensity in work and ardor in friendship are acceptable, but when passion comes into one’s spiritual life he is accused of “emotionalism.” Samuel Chadwick, one-time principal of Cliff College, England, said: “Truth without enthusiasm, morality without emotion, and ritual without soul, are the things Christ unsparingly condemned.” If we would go farther, we must go deeper.

While there is a resurgence of interest in Pentecostal power in some places, there is a lamentable indifference and coldness evident in others. This is giving rise to much concern and heart-searching among those whose responsibility and calling is to shepherd the flock and care for the churches. This creeping paralysis of cold-

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ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

The Plowed Heart

"A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

Out of the ground where the plow has trod
 Its furrows deep and long,
 And the disc has crushed the stubborn clod,
 And the harrow, firm and strong,
 Has pulverized the little lumps
 And made them fine as sand,
 Until there's no unbroken bumps
 To mar the useful land;
 Out of that ground comes the finest grain,
 Which gives the greatest yield;
 The farmer there hasn't toiled in vain:
 He has a fruitful field.

But o'er the ground that unbroken stands
 No plow has ever gone,
 No disc been guided by skillful hands,
 No harrow ever drawn—
 There's naught but hard and useless ground,
 Which yields no fruit or grain;
 No harvest joy will there be found;
 Just barren loss and pain.

Out of the life that unbroken flows,
 No troubles have ever come;
 No grief has crushed with deepest woes,
 No trials stricken dumb;
 There's but a hard and selfish life
 Which yields for God no fruit;
 No victory song, where joy is rife,
 Just self—toward others, mute.

Out of the heart where trials have trod
 Their furrows deep and long,
 And the disc has crushed, in the hand of God,
 And the harrow, firm and strong,
 Has pulverized the discontent
 And made it disappear;
 The human will to God has bent,
 No hardened heart to fear;
 Out of this life comes the finest grain
 Which gives the greatest yield;
 And God here hasn't toiled in vain;
 He has a fruitful field.

—RUTH THOMPSON BANKS

A Spiritual

The Need of Self-Scrutiny in the Life

DO YOU EVER STAND STILL LONG ENOUGH TO PUT yourself through a careful self-examination? Daily you often look at your outer person—your countenance, hair, dress; but do you ever look within, at what Peter calls the "hidden man of the heart" (1 Peter 3:11)? It is our secret thoughts, desires, motives, ambitions, which consciously or unconsciously rule our outward conduct and determine our character, our destiny, our serenity of heart, mind and soul.

The Bible says, "Examine yourselves... prove your own selves" (2 Corinthians 13:5). Without this self-examination we can never really know ourselves or make any true progress. Tennyson said that "self-reverence, *self-knowledge*, self-control, these three alone lead life to sovereign power."

How quick we are to judge the motives of others, to criticize and condemn their actions! When we are willing to search our own hearts we see so much need for amendment in our own lives that we are less ready to judge others harshly, and so often unjustly. Every judgment is a self-judgment and a revelation of ourselves. Because we know ourselves so imperfectly we all need to pray earnestly and sincerely, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me" (Psalm 139:23, 24). When we begin to see ourselves as we really are in God's sight then we see, as never before, our need of salvation and of God's forgiveness in Christ.

John Bunyan in *Pilgrim's Progress* tells how the Interpreter took Christiana and Mercy into "the very best room in his house" and asked "if they could find anything profitable there." Mercy replied that all she could see was "an ugly spider." Their Interpreter asked, "Is there but one spider in all this spacious room?"

Christiana was a woman of quick apprehension and tearfully replied, "Yea, Lord, there are more than one; yea, and spiders whose venom is far more destructive than that which is in her." The Interpreter looked pleasantly upon her and said: "Thou hast spoken the truth." As we discover ourselves in the light of God's Word and of Christ's spotless life and sacrificial love, we realize our sinfulness, our selfishness, our deep need of the cleansing blood of Christ. We are humiliated, ashamed, as we find ourselves to be guilty of the very sins we condemned so severely in others.

Search thine own heart. What paineth thee
 In others in thyself may be.
 All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;
 Be thou the man that thou dost seek.

(J. G. Whittier)

Checkup

of the Believer Is Ever Present.

By ARTHUR HEDLEY

Until we are ready to allow the Holy Spirit to search us with the light of God's Word and convince us of our sin (see John 16:8) we shall be blind to our true state and feel ourselves to be so much better than others. This was true of many within the Corinthian church. They exalted themselves, priding themselves on their superior knowledge. They belittled the apostle Paul; they slandered the one who had served them so devotedly and sacrificially. It seemed that the more he loved them the less they loved him (2 Corinthians 12:15). So far as he was concerned he was prepared to leave judgment of himself to God, "who both will bring to light the hidden things of the heart, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart, and then shall every man have praise of God" (1 Corinthians 4:3-5). Their attitude to him, however, was so un-Christian, so totally unworthy of men professing to be new creatures "in Christ Jesus" (2 Corinthians 5:17), that they had need to question whether they were genuine believers. Alive to their danger, he challenged them to put themselves through a searching self-examination: "Test yourselves to discover whether you are true believers: put your own selves under examination" (2 Corinthians 13:5, Weymouth).

It is deeply humiliating when we examine ourselves and search the innermost recesses of our heart. Then we see we have no cause for pride, boastfulness, or self-righteousness, and the prayer goes up from the heart, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). This self-examination and self-revelation are absolutely necessary for our sanctification. Without such the believer can make no real moral and spiritual progress. That is why so many who once decided for Christ are merely nominal Christians, knowing so little of union and communion with Christ and of His joy and peace. The worldling sees so little difference in their lives that he remains unimpressed and unconvinced. When we allow God to search us, to reveal all that is wrong within us, then we have taken the first step to an entirely new life.

Just as it is in Thy pure eyes
Would I behold my heart—
Bring every hidden spot to light,
Nor shrink the smart.

When we seek His grace to put all that is sinful and selfish away from us, and we put on more and more of Christ, His love, purity, humility, and patience, then we really "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18), and by thought, word, and deed we influence others for Christ and "glorify our Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

GOD SATISFIED HER HUNGER!

THE FIRST OF MY BLESSINGS WAS TO BE BORN AND raised in a Christian home. I attended church regularly, but ever since I can remember there was a deep unsatisfied *hunger* within me.

At the age of about 12 years I attended a Lutheran catechism class. Through this I understood the way of salvation and *stood* for Christ. Yet my hunger was still with me!

When I married I was thrown into "the world" for the first time. There were many hardships and disillusionments which embittered me and caused anxiety. I began losing myself in my housework and so pushed myself on nervous energy until I suffered from nervous exhaustion.

Three or four months after the birth of my second child, I again experienced this trouble. In both instances the spiritual picture was intensely black—I believed God was there, but I could not feel or see Him! I was afraid of God, but I also knew He was what I needed and wanted!

However, God turned these experiences into good, for through them I sought Him more earnestly and gained a deeper understanding of my fellow men. I also found out what hell must be like—this separation from God. I do not want to experience it ever again!

Joining a prayer group, I began to grow spiritually again as we prayed for one another and experienced God's healing love. A phrase which became to me the greatest therapy in all my anxiety tension was, "Let go and let God." Through it I began to learn how to yield to God and let Him heal me.

But I still had that deep hunger and felt anxious over my salvation. One day, after I had been praying for some weeks, Christ came to me in a vision and laid His hand upon my shoulder. He looked up into heaven and said: "Father, I have saved this child." This gave me confidence in my salvation, and I continued to grow in Him.

Then I met a Pentecostal minister's wife who told me about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I was so delighted to hear this and especially thrilled to learn that this had happened in an Episcopal church in Seattle. At the same time I was not sure whether God wanted me to have this Baptism. But He did not leave me in doubt about the matter. By intensifying my hunger He finally got through to me and showed me He *did* want me to have the Baptism.

Praise God! He filled me in April, 1963, and satisfied the hunger that had always been with me!—Mrs. Barbara Steffens, Council, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor and Mrs. Hoyt A. Foster, Hi-Way Tabernacle, Council, Idaho.)

Out of death springs life. We must die naturally in order that we may live spiritually. The beautiful flowers spring from buried seeds; and from the death of those evil principles that spread so diffusively and darkly over the natural heart springs up the beauty of a new life—the quiet but ravishing bloom of holiness.

—From *Principles of Holiness*



Treasures in Trust

BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

TREASURES! WHAT A VARIED SCOPE OF OBJECTS THIS word brings to the imagination—heirlooms, paintings, photographs, rare coins, antique furniture, oriental rugs, priceless documents, and choice books!

Recently art connoisseurs were shocked by a disastrous fire that destroyed irreplaceable paintings by old masters. Art treasures were gone forever—it was an enormous financial as well as aesthetic loss. Such losses seem shocking to us but what of the far more valuable treasures—eternal treasures—entrusted to a father and mother's care?

Some Roman ladies of rank were comparing their expensive jewels. Turning to their hostess they asked to

see her treasures. A servant was dispatched to bring in her children whom she proudly displayed with the significant words, "These are my jewels."

One happy couple had waited longer than most of their friends for the arrival of a little one. With sincerity the new father and mother handed the tiny babe over to the pastor in the dedication service. Seriously they took the usual charge, "Will you covenant with the Lord to raise this little one in the fear of God?" Tears glistened in the eyes of both. No doubt those young parents are deeply grateful for their treasure. God has trusted them with a priceless gift, valued far beyond jewels, but future days will determine how wisely they handle this trust.

What mind can fathom the possibilities in a small child? Only God knows.

Privilege, opportunity, responsibility—that is the charge treasure-keepers face. Beyond gratitude for a tiny baby, there must come a full sense of value for this opportunity to mold a new life according to God's pattern. No limited value can be placed on the child, for eternity alone is the measure of worth.

Here is a new life with potential for untold usefulness in God's kingdom. What mind can fathom the possibilities in a small child? Only God knows the value of the hidden treasure. It is the privilege of parents to introduce him to the Saviour who still touches young hearts with His loving favor. But the privilege becomes a solemn responsibility. The child must be guarded, protected, and properly nurtured.

"I saw tomorrow marching by on little children's feet,
Within their forms and faces read her prophecy complete.
I saw tomorrow look at me from little children's eyes,
And thought how carefully we'd teach if we were truly wise."

Valuable possessions have disappeared through negligence. Ignorance of their worth may have caused overconfidence and careless handling. Owners pay dearly for the irresponsibility of others.

The responsibility is more demanding for those with whom God has entrusted His eternal treasures. Someone has said, "Every time a child is born, it shows that God has not lost faith in human nature."

You may say, "This sweet babe is our own darling treasure." In a sense this is true; in a larger sense he is God's treasure entrusted to you, and for whom you are accountable.

Guard ceaselessly your sacred trust. Watchfulness must be shown from the earliest days; for forces of evil are arraigned against everyone almost from birth. The firm yet loving hand is needed early to guide the child. Never say "too young" for tender training and loving discipline, or you will lose the important "head start." God expects you to care faithfully for His priceless jewels.

An early learning of obedience brings a happy adjustment in the child's home relationship. He has a sense of security completely unknown to disobedient children; he knows what is expected of him and is ready to comply. This is an important behavior pattern. The child who has learned obedience will be able to fit readily into the school situation. Later he will find it easy to observe the laws of the land, the laws of business, and of general association with others. Most important of all, an obedient child will find it much easier to obey God.

Today's godless influences can easily corrupt our children. You know how easily silver and gold will tarnish, just from the atmosphere. Character will tarnish too. We must keep the home atmosphere saturated with prayer. Tuck the baby in his bed each night with an audible prayer of a simple commitment to God's loving care. Soon the babe will learn to expect it and become God-conscious.

These words come from a Christian journalist: "The Christian home is not determined by its furnishings or its decorations, by its conveniences or its gadgets. It is true that the Christian home seeks the bright and beautiful things of this life, but it is not glitter that makes the gold. It is the atmosphere, the spirit, the intangible something that impresses you as you cross the threshold. The Christian home is open to the world and to God."

By faith Amram and Jochebed hid the baby Moses for three months because "they saw he was a proper child and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." Later necessity required them to commit their treasure to the tiny boat hidden among the reeds of the Nile River. Through a remarkable chain of providences the baby was restored to them and entrusted to their parental care once more. They grasped their opportunity to instill the knowledge of Jehovah in that tiny heart. When the hour of decision came years later, Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25, 26).

Amram and Jochebed are examples. They realized their limited time and took advantage so that their son became God's man of the hour. The concern and faithfulness of those parents brought strength and guidance to a whole nation. How little did they realize at the time the magnitude of God's plan! They were only showing the concern that God expects of us.

Nothing is more important than safeguarding *your* treasure. Though it means definite sacrifice, self denial, never forget your treasure is a holy trust. Face misunderstanding from others, if necessary, rather than fail in your sacred task. There is no substitute for your watchfulness, your vigilant concern.

"They pass so soon, the days of youth;
The children change so fast:
Quickly they harden in the mould,
And the plastic years are past.
Then shape their lives while they are young;
This be our prayer, our aim—
That every child we meet shall bear
The imprint of His name!"

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS — BY DICK CHAMPION

REDEMPTION REVEALED

Throughout the Bible God has given us pictures of the redemption that Christ made for us on the Cross.

To show people who lived before Christ a little about this redemption, God provided some illustrations which helped them understand it. Can you match the person with the illustration God gave him?

PERSONS	ILLUSTRATIONS
...1. Adam and Eve	A. Day of Atonement
...2. Abraham	B. Scarlet thread
...3. Israelites in Egypt	C. Coats of animal skins
...4. Rahab	D. Blood applied to top and sides of door
...5. High Priest	E. Ram caught in a thicket

ANSWERS: 1—C; 2—E; 3—D; 4—B; 5—A

For further study about these illustrations look up the following Bible passages: Adam and Eve—Genesis 3; Abraham—Genesis 22; Israelites in Egypt—Exodus 11, 12; Rahab—Joshua 2; High Priest—Leviticus 16.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Assemblies

Membership Increase in Assemblies Is Reported

Church membership in the Assemblies of God has increased more than five per cent since January 1962. According to the latest figures released by the national headquarters in Springfield, Mo., the membership as of January 1964 was 543,000. This is an increase of 28,683 in two years, the largest increase registered since 1957.

The Assemblies of God has approximately 8,400 congregations in the U.S. and about 10,000 ordained ministers. Sunday school enrollment is 1,004,796. There are more than 1,400,000 adherents and communicants in foreign lands.

T. F. Zimmerman Preaching to Servicemen

The general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, T. F. Zimmerman, will be guest speaker at Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland, March 15-18, and at Goose Bay Air Force Base, Labrador, March 22-25. Chaplain (Major General) Robert Taylor, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Air Force, has made the arrangements.

Evangel readers are urged to pray for God's blessing to be upon these meetings with servicemen and their families. This will be Brother Zimmerman's third series of Air Force missions. He conducted preaching missions in Iceland in 1958 and in the Far East in 1962.

Marriage

Young Clergymen Asked to Postpone Marriage

Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, has proposed that young Englishmen entering the ministry should agree to remain unmarried for at least four years in order to provide more mobile manpower for the church. The archbishop made the proposal last month at the spring session of the Anglican Church Assembly.

More Divorces in U.S. than in Russia

In the matter of marriages, Russia has more weddings but the U.S. has more divorces—a questionable distinction. In 1962 there were 10 marriages for every 10,000 inhabitants in the Soviet Union—a total of 2,250,000 weddings. The comparative figure for the U.S. was 8.5. The greater stability of Soviet marriages is indicated by the divorce rate of 13 for every 10,000 persons, compared with 22 in the U.S.

Question Raised by Inter-Faith Marriage

The prospect of an inter-faith marriage in the White House presents "a serious test of the ecumenical intention of the Roman Catholic Church," according to Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of

Church and State. The organization has urged the Catholic hierarchy to grant a dispensation to allow Lynda Bird Johnson, the President's daughter, to choose her own clergyman to officiate at her forthcoming marriage to Bernard Rosenbach, a Roman Catholic. Miss Johnson is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Conventions

Men's Convention Attracts Record Crowd

The recent annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, held at Indianapolis, attracted a record registration of 850 men from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Over 500 ladies were also present.

G. Tom Willey, vice president and general manager of the Martin Company, Orlando, Florida, which makes guided missiles, was named chairman of the CBMCI board of directors.

In an unprecedented move, the delegates unanimously voted their belief that children in the United States should "receive as part of their normal education the many evidences of the existence and reality of God."

Without specific reference to the Supreme Court decision banning prayer and prescribed Bible readings in the public schools, the delegates expressed their belief that the Bible should "be read and cherished as part of our great American heritage." It was the first resolution ever adopted in the organization's 26-year-old history.

Broadcasters Assess Television

Christ's words, "The field is the world," assumed fresh meaning in Washington, D. C., January 21-23, when the first International Christian Broadcasters (ICB) convention assessed the world-girdling potential of the newest instrument for mass evangelism—television.

This first ICB convention combined the twenty-first annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) and the fourth triennial World Conference on Missionary Communications.

Five years ago the annual television workshop of NRB was virtually ignored. This year it welcomed a bustling group of TV producers, experimenters, and learners.

The NRB reelected its president, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, who surveyed its 21-year existence with satisfaction. He claimed continuing success for the body's two major goals: "Free access to the airwaves" and "upgrading of the quality of religious broadcasting."

Among major organizational matters, the NRB voted into membership station owners and operators, giving them equal standing with broadcasters. Additionally, the Evangelical Radio Alliance of Great Britain was admitted to membership in the international body (ICB). The

NRB approved a motion to work toward the setting up of a national office with a full-time executive.

Two merit awards were given: a domestic citation to *Revivaltime*, the radio voice of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., and a foreign award to the Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, Calif.

Fears of some broadcasters were lessened with the forthright declaration of one representative of the Federal Communications Commission, Robert E. Lee, that

the "fairness doctrine" (equal time for contrasting viewpoints) would not apply to an atheist or a communist, as some had feared.

Delegates brought to Washington perception of the current world crisis, and grave concern over government pressures on the broadcasting industry. Most important from the standpoint of evangelism, some left the convention aroused to the potential of television as an implement for spreading the gospel.

Another in the 50th Anniversary series of reminiscences by veterans of the faith



I Remember

By G. W. HARDCASTLE

I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WERE FEWER MEMBERS in the entire Assemblies of God organization than in the smallest of our 44 districts today. In those early days anyone who obeyed the call to the ministry was simply on his own to trust God for his needs. There was little or no financial support for either evangelist or pastor. Consequently, a deep consecration and a willingness to suffer for the cause of Christ were indispensable qualifications for the Pentecostal ministry.

My wife and I would go to places where none sympathized with us or believed our message. On one such occasion we were driving an old car with a canvas top so worn that it was torn completely off in a windstorm. Having a white wagon canvas with us, we wrapped and tied it over the bows of the top. Thus we drove into a small town in southwestern Colorado one Sunday afternoon in our "two-tone" (black and white) car. A Methodist Church permitted us to hold a revival since they had no pastor. The town was small, but people from various denominations came to the services and the crowds were large.

We took the message of Pentecost to a small city where it had never been preached before. After many unsuccessful efforts to secure land to set up our tent we found a place with the help of the county judge and began our meeting. I preached two full weeks before opening the altars. By that time people were asking if we would give them a chance to seek God. When we

G. W. Hardcastle, born December 20, 1896, has been an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God since October 1925. In addition to his ministry as a pastor and evangelist he has served as a district officer for about 19 years including one year as Arkansas District Secretary (1935-36), five years as Oklahoma District Superintendent (1939-44), and 13 years as Arkansas District Superintendent. He continues to serve in the latter office, which he has held since 1951. In 1963 he was elected to serve as an executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God.

made our first altar call we saw many men and women come seeking salvation and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

This brought the wrath of some, and a mob was formed for the purpose of whipping me and running me out of town. The message of holiness was the message most hated by the ungodly in those days, and probably this is still true today.

On our way to a C. A. convention we passed through a very attractive little city in a district we had not previously visited. God seemed to impress me that we should conduct a revival there. The district superintendent would not encourage us to do this, since previous efforts there had been unsuccessful. However, in a miraculous way God proved it to be His will for us to go there.

In the natural, our situation was discouraging. We had no one to underwrite our expenses, and no money of our own, and four small children to care for. The city boycotted us, but after two weeks (including four days of fasting) God broke through.

Although we had not been accepted at first, and were twice ordered by the city attorney to close the meetings, God moved upon that city until without a word of advertising we had the tent filled and overflowing onto the five lots around it. In six weeks we set a church in order with 37 adult charter members including some of the leading people of the city.

Yes, I remember the hardships of those pioneer days but I remember too the joy of trusting God who never failed. There were times when with small children to feed we had no food in the house. At such times we would not drop a hint to any earthly friend, but just send up a reminder in faith to our Heavenly Father, and a bountiful supply would come in.

God has met many desperate needs for us during 42 years of ministry. When blindness seemed certain, I was instantly healed. After 21 days of lingering pneumonia and typhoid, Mrs. Hardcastle was instantly healed through prayer. Many who read these lines will remember the miraculous healing of our son, G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., who is now pastor of Evangel Temple (Assemblies of God) in Kansas City, Mo.

David's memory of his victory over the lion and the bear gave him courage to meet Goliath. And so the memory of God's grace in the time of small needs gave us courage to trust Him in more trying circumstances. This life is fuller and has more assurance as we meet the present with the memory of past victories. I believe we are made strong for whatever lies ahead only as we suffer victoriously the adversities of the present. It is said of Christ, "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." ◀◀◀



C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, prepares the audience for the broadcast service from the Elks Auditorium in Modesto, Calif.



More than 1,000 persons crowded into the Elks Auditorium in Modesto for the *Revivaltime* origination on January 19.

Entire Area Feels Move of God

Six Days of Meetings in Modesto, California Climax with *Revivaltime* Origination

CALIFORNIA PASTORS ARE HAPPY OVER THE RESULTS of recent meetings with the radio team. "It was a wonderful privilege to host the *Revivaltime* origination from the Elks Auditorium, Modesto, January 19," L. B. Lewis, pastor of the Bethel First Church, writes. "More than 1,000 persons attended the broadcast service.



Bartlett Peterson, *Revivaltime* narrator, awarded L. B. Lewis (right), host pastor of Bethel Church in Modesto, an Honor of Origination plaque. The churches of the Central San Joaquin Section of the Northern California-Nevada District cooperated in sponsoring the origination service.

"C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst were at their very best as instructors for a Workers Training Course the week preceding the live radio release," Pastor Lewis stated.

N. A. Golusin, pastor of the Community Full Gospel Church, and Christian education director of the San Joaquin section, says: "It was one of the best training courses ever held in the San Joaquin Valley. Night after night the church was full. The average attendance was slightly more than 550. As a result of the lessons, we have a new understanding of the missionary structure of the Assemblies of God.

"The entire area felt the impact of this tremendous move of God," Brother Golusin continues. "Following the Sunday night *Revivaltime* origination and rally, one young man who had been reluctant to respond to C. M. Ward's altar call expressed regret. He suggested to other young people that he would give his heart to the Lord if he were back in church. So the young people returned to the church and stayed on their knees until they prayed him through to salvation several hours later."

In commenting on the origination service, Brother Lewis remarked that it was a "thrill to realize that some 12 million persons heard *Revivaltime* as it originated



At C. M. Ward's signal, "Let everybody sing," Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director, led the audience in a well-known hymn.

from our city. Even the manager of the Elks Auditorium was amazed that we were able to bring such an activity to Modesto."

Bartlett Peterson, *Revivaltime* narrator, and Cyril McLellan, choir director, joined C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, and D. V. Hurst, narrator and producer, for the Sunday services. Members of the radio team ministered in local churches on Sunday morning. Cyril McLellan directed the 50-voice choir organized for the broadcast by Nathan Fruh. The accompanists were Carol Swanson on the piano and Robert Sheddon at the organ.

Host Pastor Lewis reports: "Approximately 10 churches in our section gave an advance offering to help underwrite the release. Other churches also participated in special offerings. Almost all of our 25 churches contributed toward the financial success of this origination and the budget was met. To God be the glory for this experience and for the privilege of helping send the gospel across the nation and around the world."

Members of the committee which set up the *Revivaltime* origination were Lee Archer, presbyter; Donald Bogue, pastor of Central Assembly, Modesto; N. A. Golusin, pastor of Community Full Gospel, Modesto; and L. B. Lewis, pastor of Bethel Church, Modesto.

The Central San Joaquin Section of the Northern California and Nevada District is beginning its fourth year in sponsorship of a *Revivaltime* release over KTRB, powerful 10,000-watt station with wide coverage in Northern California and Nevada. ◀◀

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Answered by Ernest S. Williams

From my earliest memory I have loved the Lord Jesus with all my heart. I am doing my best to serve Him, yet I cannot remember a definite time when I deliberately accepted Him as my Saviour and was converted. Am I all right? Do you know of others in my situation?

Your experience is rather unusual, but I do know others whose experience has been similar. Most of these that I have met received a definite assurance at the time of their infilling with the Spirit. I have sometimes felt that this Baptism became their crisis experience.

Continue to love Jesus and live for Him. If you have assurance in your heart that you are saved, you need not have any concern. If you do not, talk the matter over with the Lord and affirm your trust in Him. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward" (Hebrews 10:35).

Since any who touched a dead body in Israel were thereby made unclean, do you think it right for us to take dead persons to the church for funeral services?

There were many ceremonial requirements under the Law that never have been required of Christians. For instance, "Whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days" (Numbers 19:16). Elaborate ceremonies for cleansing of persons thus unclean were prescribed. No such custom is commanded in the New Testament.

The entire 19th chapter of Numbers deals with ceremonial uncleanness and cleansing. Let Christians learn from this to avoid all moral and spiritual uncleanness. "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

What did Jesus mean when He said we should deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him? When we do not deny ourselves any of the comforts of life are we disobeying Jesus?

When we put the desire for wealth or the comforts of this life before the will of God and the interests of His kingdom they hinder our Christian life. On the other hand, we cannot judge a person by what we see of material advancement, "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Some who have much wealth hold it more lightly than do others who have little. It is the "love of money" that is the root of all evil, and not the possession of it.

We do well to commit each follower of Christ to God who knows the hearts of all men, taking heed that for ourselves we live "in all good conscience before God" (Acts 23:1).

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The home will be indeed a circle of blessed fellowship, a place of unimaginable interchange of love and joy. But—the supreme bliss of it which will always spring up through everything else and be first in every thing is this, we shall have "got home with the Lord."

—BISHOP HANDLEY MOULE

MANIFEST DESTINY

Early Americans were gripped with an intense spirit of nationalism which resulted in the westward expansion of the borders of their country. Historians call this movement "Manifest Destiny" because its leaders felt that America was manifestly destined to experience such expansion of its borders. Those pioneers who carried out the dream of Manifest Destiny paid the price of personal sacrifice.

The Church also has a Manifest Destiny. Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world" (Matthew 24:14). The Early Church took their Manifest Destiny seriously and, even without the vast resources and means of communication available to us today, they carried the gospel to the then-known world.

The Great Commission still remains, challenging each generation in turn to fulfill its Manifest Destiny. Now it is our turn. Let us keep the vision of our purpose for existing as a movement—our obligation to push back the powers of darkness and enlarge the borders of Christianity till "all nations" have been evangelized.

—H. LAMAR HUNT

ARE YOU IN TUNE?

Years ago a Montana herdsman wrote to a radio station asking that a certain note be sounded on one of their programs to which he listened. He wanted to tune his violin. He said the instrument would mean more to him in his lonely life if it was in tune.

Our lives are like musical instruments. They produce better music if we are in harmony with God and man. At Calvary God sounded the universal note by which all lives must be tuned. That note is forgiveness. It is Christ "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14). We are to be "kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

A man once said to John Wesley, "I never forgive." Wesley replied, "Then I hope, sir, that you never sin."

When we come to God for tuning, the process involves forgiveness on our part as well as on His. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15).

If we are in tune with God and man in the matter of forgiveness, our lives will produce sweet melody for the glory of God.

—ELSIE WILLIAMS

HIS PEACE—A MIRACLE OF LIFE

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . *peace*." What grace today in a raging world would be more utterly unworldly?

Here we see especially fruit. All Christians come to life in peace, the peace of a blood-purged conscience and a God-accepted life. But peace as a fruit is one of the miracles of life.

It is seen extraordinarily in our Lord. Within an hour of Gethsemane and Calvary, His heart is full to the core with rest. And he is actually bequeathing this very peace to us as a legacy. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

—D. M. PANTON

FAITH AND FORGIVENESS

Why should forgiveness depend upon forgiving? How is it that the merciful obtain mercy? Is it not because we receive according to our faith, and life is the proof of faith? An unforgiving man does not believe in forgiveness or he would forgive; and God's gifts are according to our faith. He cannot forgive the unforgiving; for they do not believe.

The example and standard of forgiveness are in the forgiveness of God in Christ. We are to forgive as He forgives. How oft? How long? With what measure? He is plenteous in mercy. He abundantly pardons. He multiplies this. He forgives and forgets, not mentioning again our former transgressions.

—SAMUEL CHADWICK

YOU ARE THIRD

When I walked into a certain man's business office for the first time, I saw a motto on his desk. Done in beautiful needlework, it was inclosed in a modest frame and stood in a prominent place. It said, "I am third."

It was only after several more visits that I ventured to inquire: "What is the meaning of the motto?" He hesitated for a moment, and then said: "My mother was a devout woman. No better Christian ever lived. My father was a good Christian, too. It meant downright sacrifice for them to put me through school and to help me get a start in the business world. It was the night when I left home for the first time that Mother brought me this motto. When I asked her about its meaning, she said, 'Son, no matter where you go, how high you climb, or how low you fall, always remember: God is first; others are second; and you are third.'"

—*The Expositor*

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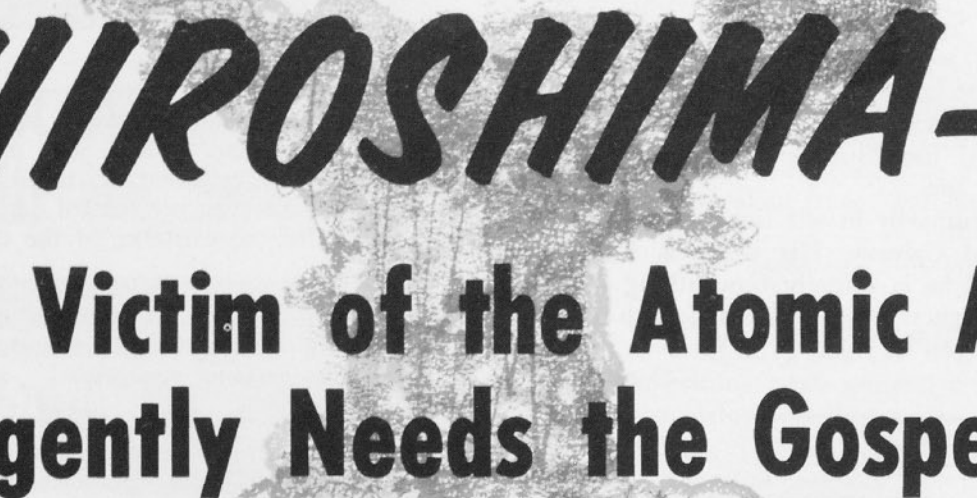
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HIROSHIMA-

First Victim of the Atomic Age Urgently Needs the Gospel

By BILL SAKWITZ
Missionary to Japan

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!" THIS IS THE SELF-PROCLAIMED message of the world's first city ever to taste the horrors of atomic devastation. The citizens of Hiroshima, Japan, feel that if they can somehow be instrumental in helping to save the world from any recurrence of the tragedy that befell them on August 6, 1945, their sufferings will not have been in vain.

To those fortunate enough to be out of range of the

bomb that fell that fateful morning, it seemed as if the entire city were instantly engulfed in a gigantic ball of fire. The temperature, estimated at 300,000 degrees centigrade, melted buildings and other objects of iron and stone, along with people. Nearly 80,000 perished that day. Of many, no trace was ever found. But their fate might have been preferred by thousands of others who were horribly burned and maimed, suffered untold agonies, and died weeks, months, or years later. Even today the bomb is taking its toll; in the past year more than a hundred people have died from afflictions resulting from exposure or injury dating back 18 years.

Hiroshima indeed bears a message worthy of note. For the world is living under the constant threat of an atomic holocaust which today could be wrought by weapons far more dreadful than that first atomic bomb.

Recently I made my first visit to the Peace Memorial Museum in the reconstructed city of Hiroshima. I found myself thinking of men like Khrushchev, Mao, Castro, and others bent on promoting their own ungodly causes and selfish interests at the risk of nuclear havoc, destruction, and suffering. I wished they could visit the memorial to see for themselves the exhibits portraying the atomic ordeal of Hiroshima. Perhaps this would give them some idea of the pain and devastation that could result if they should be so foolish as to think there could be the slightest gain from atomic warfare.

During the past 18 years the Socialist and Communist



Under the direction of Pastor Mitsuya Horikawa (second row, on left) this Assemblies of God congregation in Hiroshima meets in two small rooms of the rented parsonage. An adequate church building is needed so its evangelistic outreach will be more effective.



As these pictures demonstrate, Hiroshima is now a rebuilt, thriving city. But in a real sense it is still heathen. Your prayers and support will help reach its citizens with the Pentecostal message. An "Evangelistic Center" is urgently needed.



Parties of Japan have spared no effort to exploit the past suffering of the people and the city of Hiroshima to promote their own fortunes. But these parties are now fighting each other and someone has said that the people of Hiroshima have grown weary of demonstrations, slogans, and such. They would prefer to be left alone by those who so obviously have been trying to use them to promote their own ends. Could it be that the time is ripe at last for evangelism?

Then I wished, "Oh, that God might come upon the scene here through Pentecostal outpouring and manifestation to change Hiroshima's message to the world from a negative *Don't let this happen to you!* to a positive *Christ is the answer for this Atomic Age, just as He has been for all preceding ages!*

What atomic fire did in a destructive and negative sense to Hiroshima, "Pentecostal fire" can do in a constructive and positive sense in the hearts and lives of the half-million citizens of this rebuilt, thriving, but heathen city in the heart of the Chugoki district of Southern Japan.

This is an area between 300 and 400 miles long with comparatively few missionaries and not one representing the Assemblies of God. Seven years ago an assembly was established in Hiroshima as a result of a tent meeting by one of our missionaries (Paul Berg) who visited the area. The work continues today under the able ministry of one of our fine young Japanese ministers, Mitsuya Horikawa, a second-generation Pentecostal minister. But growth is hindered by the fact that the only meeting place for the congregation is two small rooms in the rented parsonage, approached by a narrow alley a half-block off the street.

A better location with an adequate building for the church in Hiroshima is in my opinion one of the most urgent needs of our work in Japan today. During my visit in Hiroshima I felt this is a church that would be "on the move" if they only had "someplace to go."



The pastor expressed the belief that evangelism in Hiroshima is not nearly so difficult as it seems to be in most other areas of the country today.

Soon after the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945, the entire nation was awakened to face the reality of defeat and the futility of further resistance, bringing the war to an abrupt end. A more blessed and far-reaching "awakening" will come to Japan in 1964 through a "divine bombing" of the same city. God says: "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8).

Approximately \$25,000 would be needed to buy land and erect a suitable building for an "Evangelistic center" church in the city of Hiroshima. In praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit there, please pray too that this need will soon be met, so that when our Lord returns we will have a "monument to evangelism" in the world's first city of the Atomic Age.

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(Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802, designated, "For Japan Church Building—Hiroshima.")

James' and John's Ambitious Request

Sunday School Lesson for March 15, 1964

MATTHEW 20:20-28; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our lesson reveals how easy it is for followers of Christ to completely misunderstand the true nature of Christ's kingdom and its eternal principles. The selfishness, carnality, and wrong motives of which the disciples were guilty will appear quickly in us all if we lose sight of Calvary and ignore the teaching of the Word relative to the path to success and true greatness.

The Ambitious Request. "Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy kingdom." How natural that a proud mother should want the best for her sons! And ambition is worthwhile when it is consecrated and properly motivated. Here, however, the disciples were practically asking Jesus to assist them in satisfying their ego! These men were wrong, in that they were thinking more of themselves than of the Lord or of the welfare of the kingdom. They were guilty of something frequently found in religious circles—office seeking! They were not think-

ing in terms of how much they could *serve*, but of what they could *get*.

The Searching Question. "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of?" How kind and patient is Christ in dealing with human imperfection and failure! He did not rebuke His disciples. Instead He showed compassion by saying, "Ye know not what ye ask." then He went on to point out to them that such positions as they sought were available—but only to those who qualified for them!

The Positive Prediction. "We are able," was the confident reply of the disciples. Christ then predicted they would indeed share His sufferings. But how little they realized what their cup would hold!

The Clarifying Explanation (v. 23). It would appear the two disciples were "playing politics" and were expecting Jesus to favor them simply because they were more intimately associated with Him than the others. But Christ made it clear that although positions of honor will be available—as indeed, they will be during the millennium—they will be filled by those who qualify for them during their earthly lifetime.

The Revealing Resentment. "And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation." Why were they angry? Because they were guilty themselves! When we find ourselves attacking something in the life of another it often may be caused by the presence of the same sin or failure in our own lives (Romans 2:1-3).

The Eternal Principle (vv. 25-27). Worldly concepts are diametrically opposite to those of Christ. In the eyes of the world the greatest man is the man who is served by the greatest number of people. In Christ's eyes the greatest man is the man who serves the most and the best.

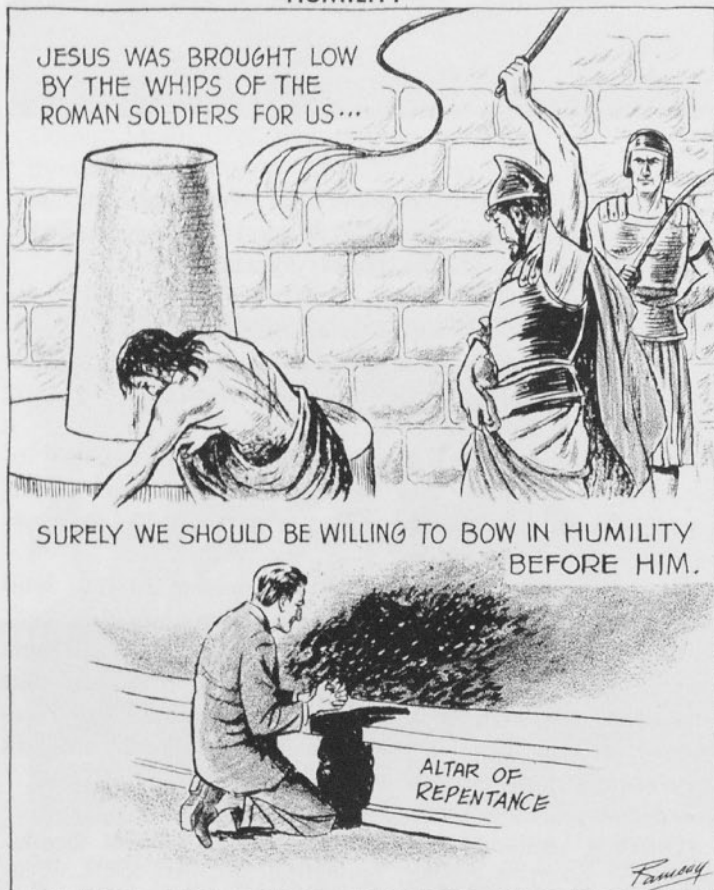
The Inspiring Example. "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." In His final step in correcting the false ideas and wrong motives of His disciples, Christ showed them how He Himself demonstrated the nature and course of true greatness.

Christ was fully conscious of His deity; yet He had been willing to assume a human nature and suffer the limitations of human kind. He had spent thirty-three years living only in the interest of others, ministering unceasingly to human need. Finally, He who had lived only to serve others, would now die to save others. His death is spoken of as a "ransom," that is, a price paid for the release of captives. Paul tells us that because of Christ's infinite condescension, humiliation, and death, "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."

How necessary it is that Christians frequently take inventory and examine themselves in the light of the standards of the kingdom. Are we really seeking to serve, or are we seeking primarily to satisfy our ego? Are we motivated by pure zeal for the kingdom or by carnal ambition? "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Let this be our ambition, for it is the surest pathway to true greatness and success!

A broken heart can often be mended into a more beautiful pattern if the stitches are made with kindness and love.

HUMILITY



Unexpected DEATH

BY JAMES E. ADAMS



All of which is a reminder that "the sting of death is sin." Doctor Schmidt's death was unnecessary because he knew how deadly the venom of the boomslang was. And most people in our enlightened land know that "the wages of sin is death." So it is unnecessary for men to die in sin.

Doctor Schmidt's death could have been prevented because serum was available. With so many churches across our country, Americans are without excuse if they do not know there is an antidote for the poison of sin—the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, which cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). The realization of their sinfulness through the conviction of the Holy Spirit should bring immediate confession to the lips of men.

Doctor Schmidt was fooled. He thought he could throw off the effects of the little venom he had received. How many have been fooled by the first cigarette, the first drink, the first unconfessed sin which slowly grew into a vice and eventually bound and damned them!

Just as Doctor Schmidt recorded the symptoms which finally led to his death, people can catalog their sins; they can recognize them, and tell themselves they will throw off the effects and turn to God when they choose. But Jesus said: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

And in Proverbs 29:1 the Bible says: "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." ◀◀

EVENTS LEADING TO THE DEATH OF DR. KARL P. Schmidt, internationally known snake expert and curator emeritus of the Chicago Natural History Museum, are the most unusual of all fatalities due to snakebite on record. While examining a boomslang, a tree snake native to South Africa, Doctor Schmidt was bitten on the left thumb.

The boomslang attains a length of five feet, but this was a small one which had been in captivity for some time. Since snakes have a tendency to lose some of the potency and quantity of their venom when in captivity, Doctor Schmidt and his associates felt he had not received a lethal dose of poison.

The boomslang is of the *Opisthoglypha*, or back-fanged snakes, whose venom-conducting teeth are located in the hinder part of the roof of the mouth, so that they cannot easily inflict wounds. However, their venom is as deadly as that of the cobra.

Although Doctor Schmidt knew this, he did not consider taking antivenom serum because at no time did he have any serious reactions. So sure was he there was no danger, he kept a record over a fifteen-hour period of the effects of the poison. Nevertheless, the following day, less than twenty hours later, he lapsed into a coma and died.

PENTECOSTAL POWER

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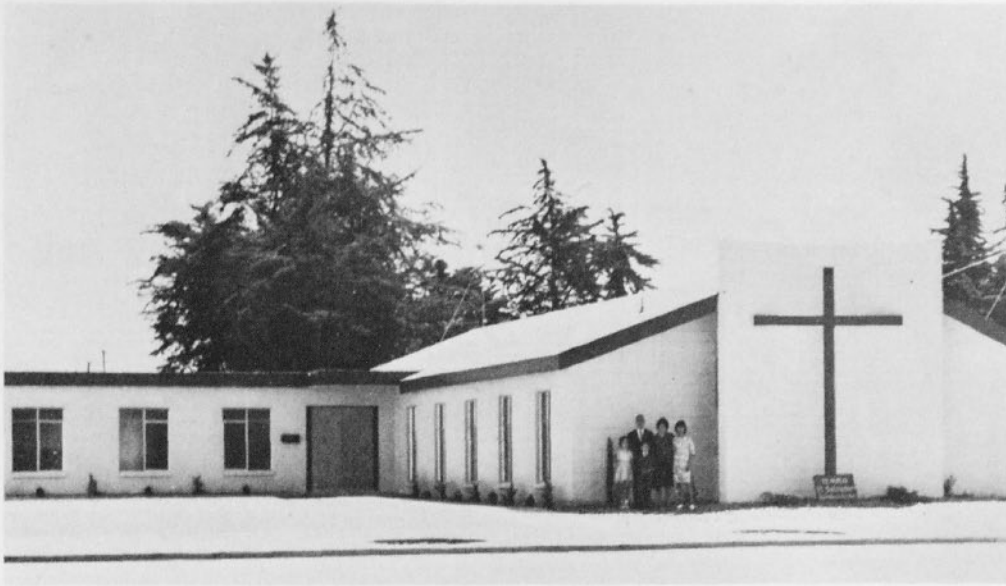
ness and indifference is a diabolical affliction but it is not incurable.

Christmas Evans, the great Welsh preacher, was on his way to a preaching engagement one day when he was suddenly seized with the conviction that his heart was cold. Being in a lonely spot he stopped, tethered his horse, went some distance from the road and cast himself before God in an agony of self-despair. He confessed his own sins and the sins of the churches under his care. He asked forgiveness for his coldness of spirit. The fountains of his heart were broken up. His tears

came thick and fast; then, he said, there followed a baptism of love and power which affected the whole of his subsequent ministry and led to a revival throughout the land.

There must be a complete reliance upon this divine, unfailing source of spiritual power. There must be a coordinated yielding of heart and life to Christ, the glorious Baptizer. There must be a constant inhalation of Pentecostal power for spiritual progress.

Paul asked, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" What is *our* answer? "The promise is unto you!" the Bible says. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me." We cannot be effective witnesses for Christ without this Pentecostal power.



This lovely church for Spanish-speaking people, the Templo Cristiano El Salvado, was erected through the assistance of the First Assembly of God in Santa Maria, Calif.



Pastor and Mrs. Frank Montoya are thankful for their beautiful new church.

HOME MISSIONS

A Heart to Help!

BY L. E. HALVORSON

District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Southern California

THE SITUATION WAS MOST DISCOURAGING. The Spanish Assembly of God, Santa Maria, Calif., (Pastors Frank and Alice Montoya), had been holding services in an undesirable air base building on the outskirts of Santa Maria for about ten years. Then the building was condemned by the city, and a new location had to be obtained within a year.

They tried to buy a parcel of land within the city limits, but were re-

stricted by the zoning committee. Pastor E. J. Kumpe of the First Assembly of God in Santa Maria met with the City Council as spokesman for the Spanish church and obtained permission to buy land and build.

But they had no money. That is, they did not have enough to pay off the mortgage on their land, and because of that they could not borrow money from a lending firm for a building project. The Spanish Assem-

bly asked the Southern California District Council, through Pastor Kumpe, to help them negotiate a loan. This was impossible because the Spanish church had no collateral.

Pastor Kumpe explained to his own church board the struggle the Spanish church in their town was having and their inability to build a new church for lack of financial strength. Brother Kumpe's board agreed to borrow \$5,000 and loan it to the Spanish group. This they did. They also invested \$7,000 more to finish the new building.

"Eventually," says Pastor Kumpe, "\$9,000 of the \$12,000 invested by First Assembly of God will come back, but \$3,000 will remain as a gift." When the \$9,000 is returned at least part of it will be reinvested in home missions work in that area.

Next, Pastor Kumpe and some of his men helped the Spanish brethren build their new edifice. They used the Home Missions architectural plan, "The Conqueror." The church is an attractive concrete block building valued at \$35,000. The sanctuary will seat 185 persons. It has six Sunday school classrooms, a pastor's study, a nursery, and a fully equipped kitchen.

It was my pleasure to officiate at the dedication of this property on March 3, 1963. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father and congratulations to Pastor Kumpe, his official board and congregation, as well as to the good pastors and members of the Spanish Assembly. ◀◀



The board and building committee of the Santa Maria First Assembly are shown with Pastor E. J. Kumpe, third from left.

Another Mother Church Produces Healthy Offspring

By T. C. CUNNINGHAM

Assistant District Superintendent, Assemblies of God, Southern California

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1963, another church was born. Pastor Minor Higgins and the First Assembly of God of Chula Vista, Calif., bade farewell to a substantial number of their members who went with pioneer Pastor Francis Gregg to form a new assembly.

This determined group conducted their first Sunday school and church services in the Castle Park area of Chula Vista. The small chapel, seating 80, rang with the singing and rejoicing. A new lighthouse was sending forth its first rays.

It all began several years ago when a former pastor, O. Paul Ballard, had a vision of a branch church in this community. When Minor Higgins was called to be pastor of First Assembly the idea continued to grow. After purchasing property and later selling it at a profit, First Assembly was able to make a substantial down payment on the property that was to be the

church site. This acre of land with a two-bedroom house, a garage and a cabinet shop was purchased in June 1961 and rented out to keep up the payments.

In the early summer of 1963 Pastor Higgins and his board decided it was time to "rise up and build." Investing an additional \$3,000 in the property, they converted the cabinet shop into a neat chapel. The garage and other rooms became a C. A. hall, Sunday school rooms, etc.

With a total investment of \$30,000 in the property, First Assembly obtained a loan of \$14,500. Payments on this loan and on the church furniture were to be the responsibility of the pioneer church.

Besides the investment of \$15,500 for a home for their "daughter church," the mother church gave 40 members to the new congregation. Among these were the Sunday school superintendent and 12 other members

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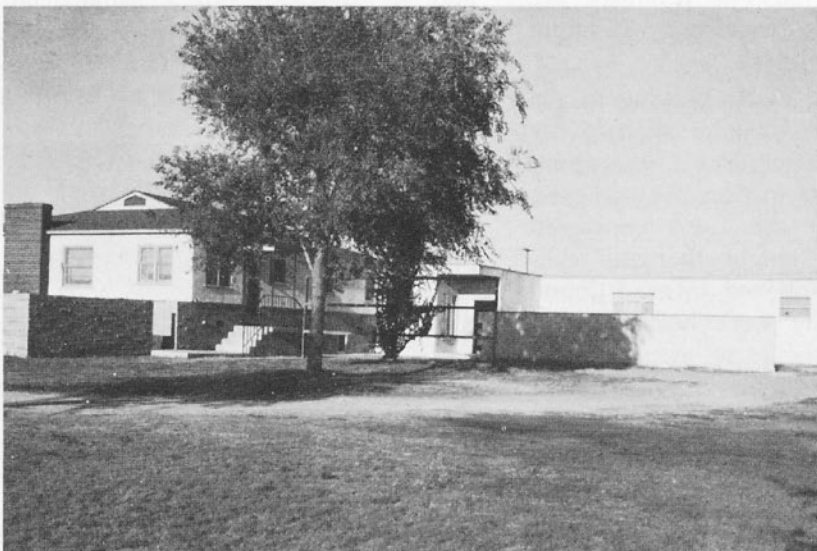
A new 30-minute filmstrip, "The Forgotten American," with recorded narration, is now available from the Home Missions Department at Springfield. It depicts the situation of the American Indian and Assemblies of God work on the reservations. The filmstrip is suitable for showing to WMC's, MF's, CA's, and other groups as well as for church services.

The department needs a minimum offering of \$4 for each showing to cover costs. The filmstrip should be scheduled about two weeks in advance of the date of showing.

of the staff. This was no small step for a church averaging 286 in Sunday school for the year previous to the starting of the new church. But the mother church felt it was a good investment and one they could afford in view of this community's need for the Full Gospel.

Pastor Gregg and his pioneer congregation are looking forward to having the church set in order and received as a member of the Southern California District. The first month they averaged 49 in Sunday school. Attendance, membership and enthusiasm are growing weekly.

Says Pastor Gregg: "No pioneer church could have a better mother church than we have. Our people are determined to build a strong work for God." ◀◀



The new Castle Park Assembly of God in Chula Vista, Calif., was launched last September by the First Assembly. The new church is justly proud of its Sunday school which averaged 49 the first month. They broke their record attendance five times in six weeks. Shown with the Sunday school attendance board are (left to right) T. C. Cunningham, Francis Gregg, pastor; Minor Higgins, pastor of First Assembly; and Julius Erxleben, Jr., board member of the mother church.



You Have Everything

In the eyes of children who have been deserted by their parents. To them you have the most coveted possession of all—a family with the love and security its ties encircle.

In the eyes of old people who have no source of income—a description which fits many aged ministers and missionaries and their widows. They see you as having everything because you have youth and strength. Even now, after reaching retirement age unprepared for the expenses of the years ahead, these men and women called of God do not have selfish reasons for desiring renewed youth. They would use it again in the work which they consider unfinished.

Can you find it in your heart to want to share with the neglected children and the aged ministers? Of course you cannot give them what they most long for; but you can help to ease their burdens and provide a measure of security. You can do this by contributing to Hillcrest Children's Home, Bethany Retirement Home, and Aged Ministers' Assistance, through

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TESTIMONIES OF HEALING



Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8)

EYES HEALED BY "THE GREAT PHYSICIAN"

TEN YEARS AGO THIS MARCH THE Lord Jesus Christ saved my soul and changed my life of drunkenness and sin to one of joy and peace.

I used to get drunk once a week, and many times the binge would last two or three days. When the Saviour came into my life in March 1954 He took the desire for drink completely away and I have never taken a drop of liquor since.

I had been saved as a child but in my early teens I turned my back on God. But the Lord is so merciful. Through the prayers of a Christian mother God finally gained entrance into my heart again and He made a different man out of me. A few years later He baptized me with the Holy Spirit which helped me greatly in my efforts to serve Christ.

In October 1959 the Lord Jesus graciously healed my body. I had worn glasses for about ten years and was getting to the place where I needed bifocals. I began thinking about where the Lord says in the Bible that He is our Healer. I said to myself, "If all His promises are true, there is no reason why I should have to wear glasses."

One night as I was praying at the church altar the thought came to my mind again that someday I was going to ask the elders to pray for my eyes. At that instant the Lord impressed upon me the thought that my eyes were healed. I opened them. I found my eyes actually were healed and I never put my glasses on again. It was a fulfilment of Isaiah 65:24, "Before they call, I will answer; and while

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

they are yet speaking, I will hear."

I cannot explain why the Lord Jesus Christ should do so much for me, but He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for saving my soul and giving me all these other things too. I pray that my life shall always be a testimony for Him.—
J. L. Seifert, Scranton, N. Dak.

(Endorsed by Pastor Marcus Bakke, Assembly of God, Scranton, N. Dak.)

BABY HEALED OF PNEUMONIA

I HAVE READ AND ENJOYED THE testimonies of healing in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and would like to tell how overnight God answered prayer and healed our baby of pneumonia.

When our six-month-old Howard came down with a cold in June, 1963, we asked the preacher to pray for his healing. But his condition grew worse. Every time we touched him he would cry in pain. On Sunday afternoon (June 23) his temperature was 103.4, and we took him to a pediatrician. She examined him very thoroughly and told us he had pneumonia. However, the hospitals were so full that she let us take him home.

My husband left me at home with the baby that evening and took the older children to church. As soon as she saw my husband come into church, our pastor's wife came to our home and prayed for the baby. Then I decided to bundle him up real warm and take him to church. There again he was anointed and prayed for.

We had a wonderful service and that night the baby slept very peacefully. When he awoke the next morning he was perfectly well. How we praised the Lord!

I called to cancel an appointment with the pediatrician but she asked us

to bring the baby in. She said she *knew* he could not be well that soon! So we took him and she examined him and saw what I had told her was true. She said she knew that medicines alone could not heal a person—it took God!

I thank God for healing our baby!
—Mrs. Harry H. Wright, Sr., Fresno, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. W. Erxleben, Sr., Easton Assembly of God, Fresno, Calif.)

SHE LIVES TO WITNESS

IN SEPTEMBER 1963 I WAS STRICKEN with a heart disease which caused my heart to stop beating without warning. Following one such attack I was hospitalized for six weeks.

Several times my heart stopped beating and the doctors would massage it until life returned. During the times when I was “dead” I would be in a wonderful place, and it was disappointing to awaken and find I was still on the earth. I would ask, “Oh, why did you bring me back?” The nurses would reply that God surely had a work for me to do here on earth. Gradually I came to realize that this work was to be a witness, a testimony of His power.

As I began to improve, I told the Lord if He had a special work for me I would be obedient, but I wanted a sound heart. I asked Him to verify His Word: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7).

The next day, as the doctor listened to my heartbeat, he started back in surprise, saying, “Do you know your heart is almost normal?”

God has given me a heart I can

trust! I am now in my own home and able to do my own work. Praise His name forever!—Mrs. G. M. Coyle, Merced, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Neil P. Parmer, First Assembly of God, Merced, Calif., who writes: “I was present on three occasions when Mrs. Coyle ‘passed away.’ Twice the nurses said she was ‘gone’ and would not revive. They say she is a miracle. The nurses came to her bed afterward and asked her to pray for them, thinking she had special favor with God. Though 82 years old, she is quite active, and lives alone. According to her doctor, her heart is better than it has been for years.”)

HEALED AFTER A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

DUE TO ILLNESS AND SURGERY, I HAD had a second nervous breakdown and was undergoing treatments. I hated to be around people, but something within me kept me going to church regularly for which I am grateful.

I had been prayed for many times and had come to the place where I thought I was beyond help. Because of this I decided not to ask for prayer again, and my doctor was planning to commit me to a State Hospital for psychiatric treatments. I wanted to go there, for I knew I desperately needed help. Often a voice would tell me to take my life, but then God would speak to me saying: “I am God—I give life and I take life!”

One Sunday night when God was wonderfully present in the service our pastor said: “All of you here tonight that need healing, come and God will do the work.” Thank God for people who care! A dear sister sitting behind me kept urging me to go forward for prayer. I did so, and God DID answer. He marvelously and completely healed my mind. Praise His wonderful Name!—Mrs. Art Kundert, Rupert, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor Donald Enders, First Assembly of God, Rupert, Idaho.)

Satan tempts in order that he may destroy. God allows him to tempt in order that we may grow stronger through resisting temptation by His grace. We discover in Jesus Christ the infinite resources that enable us to confront temptation, and to win a new liberty and joy in the Lord.

—J. Russell Howden

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LOVE

THE MOST CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN THE WORLD

By Virginia Whitman

IN JACOB'S TIME THERE WAS A GRAIN SHORTAGE. GOD used Joseph to cope with it by instituting a grain-storage program.

During World War II there was a scarcity of sugar, gasoline, and other commodities. Rationing was the means adopted to cope with that shortage.

Today in America there is a gold shortage. The government is attempting to cope with this problem by regulation of exports and imports.

There exists, however, a far more critical shortage than these, and it cannot be overcome by any of the same methods. Though it is universal, no government has recognized it officially. Yet it is the source of all the world's difficulties. It puts some people in mental institutions. It makes criminals of others. It is more damaging than disease or malnutrition. It is a prime factor in social friction and international wars.

It is the *love shortage*.

"What can I do about it?" you may say. "I don't hate anybody." No, but lack of love is not always hatred. Lack of love may be indifference, carelessness, criticism, rejection, impatience, irritation, resentment, jealousy, hostility, greed, revenge, etc. It may be helpful to recall some Bible instances of these and notice what the consequences were.

Cain's lovelessness took the form of indifference. "Am I my brother's keeper?" he said in self-defense. It resulted in homicide.

Miriam's lack of love was manifest in her criticism of Moses' leadership. It delayed the progress of the entire nation.

Jacob's lack of love for Leah was exhibited in rejection which caused heartache, and in the case of Job's wife who impatiently said, "Curse God and die."

Sarah's lovelessness was demonstrated in her resentful treatment of Hagar.

King Saul's unlovingness burst forth in jealousy which became a cause of emotional illness.

King Ahab's unlovingness became evident in his greed which led to murder.

All these incidents, and others which you will recall from contemporary life as well as Biblical history, illustrate that every problem in human society, whether on an individual or universal plane, springs from unlovingness on the part of someone. Humanity will not survive

unless this worldwide shortage of love is overcome.

What can bring about a loving fusion of human hearts? Substances vary in respect to their melting points. Chocolate and sugar, iron and gold are all different. But indications are that the item with the highest melting point is the human heart. Details brought out in the trial of Adolph Eichman demonstrate this. Furthermore a heart can be broken and still not melt, judging by the affairs of some Hollywood actors. At least one ex-star has testified that her heart had to be completely shattered before it would melt.

Let us suppose there is a burning building in which a woman and her baby are trapped by flames. The sheriff drives up. It is his sworn duty to protect the lives of citizens but he does not choose to jeopardize his life by entering the house. Mere responsibility will not lead him to do so.

An excited onlooker pulls out a revolver and cries to the sheriff, "I'll shoot you down unless you go in after them." The officer is not coerced by fear or threat to undertake the rescue. Instead, he maneuvers to disarm the demented person.

A wealthy man, attracted by the crowd, calls out, "I'll give a thousand dollars to anyone who will bring out the woman and her babe." No one moves to do so.

Suddenly a man comes bursting through the crowd. He calls out to the trapped woman and child, "Hold on, Daddy's coming," and he dashes into the burning building. That which responsibility or threat or reward or fear cannot accomplish, love can.

Calvary love is the one power that can melt the human heart under any circumstance. It has greater force than any fuel devised by man.

Love can vitalize the body. A familiar illustration is the case of the hospitalized infant which remained puny until a wise doctor wrote on its chart, "TLC." When asked what this meant he said, "Tender loving care. Pick this child up every hour it is awake and love it for a few minutes." When his instructions were followed the baby soon began to thrive. Many people are unwell because they are unloved.

Love can tranquilize the mind. "Perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment" (1 John 4:18). Some time ago *Reader's Digest* carried the strange story of Johnny, a baby reared without love and caresses,

who had the reactions of a wild animal until he was conquered by kindness.

Love can absorb the shock of life. "Love beareth all things . . . endureth all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7). Just as the human fetus is cushioned from jolts and injuries by its surrounding bag of waters, so can the human heart be protected by love.

Love can capitalize on life's tensions. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:3-5). By the miraculous operation of love, life's trials can become life's triumphs.

Love can beautify the face. "They looked unto him and were radiant" (Psalm 34:5, RV). The story is told of a pagan father who went to a mission school for girls and asked for some of their ointment to put on his daughter's face so it would shine with the beauty of the students' countenances. He was told the radiance came from within, not from without.

Love can rainbow life's roadways. In the John 15 discourse on love the Saviour said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

But why point out more? What difficulty can you think of which love might not alter? How much of tomorrow's newspaper would be different if love ruled all mankind's relationships!

Love is not native to the human heart. It has to be grown in heaven and transplanted daily. It is not something that can be bought on the world market for dollars and cents. God's people have been too indifferent to its possibilities and too accustomed to living on short rations. It is said that starving people reach a stage where they do not miss food.

Let's ask God to give us a spirit of contrition for our coldness, and forgive us for the *wicked lovelessness of our hearts*. Let's ask Him to convict us of our general attitudes and of specific acts in which we violate the royal law of love. Let's pray that the Spirit will lead us to repentance plus restitution where possible.

May we receive divine enablement to see unloved people through God's eyes and love them with His heart. That is the way He wanted it to be. That is why He sent His Son into the world. It is not God's fault, it is our fault that the world's worst shortage is love.

LET IT SPILL OVER!

A Christian nurse was finding it hard to accept gracefully the persistent persecution which she received from her fellow workers. Her minister with whom she counseled asked: "If you were carrying a bowl brimful of soup, and someone bumped you, what would spill over?"

The answer was "Soup." To which the minister asked another question: "If you were full of the love and Spirit of God, and someone bumped you, what would spill over from your life?" The answer is obvious.

—The Free Methodist



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When we say "character" we're speaking of strong, careful planning to set forth Loyalty on sound scriptural principles. By "color" we mean attractiveness in appearance and—more important—sprightliness in content. Some who have previewed the *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Loyalty Campaign say it is the best of our "kit campaigns."

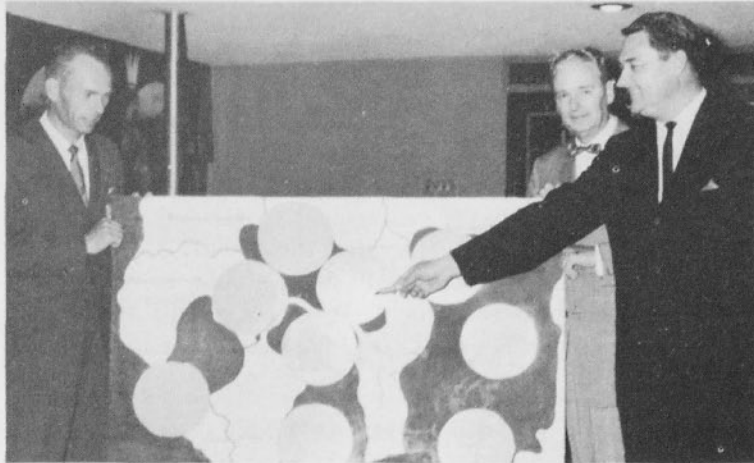
Add "flexibility" to character and color. Whatever the size of your school, you can quickly adapt the *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* materials. Materials include posters, postcards, mats, clips, mimeo sheets, dodgers—everything you'll need for promotion. Other items are a colorful attendance record, awards, and a Planner full of program ideas.

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LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST AIDS



Map shows nine major areas in Africa for Light-for-the-Lost literature saturation programs. Standing left to right are Russell Cox, district MF director; Howard S. Bush, speaker; and Sam Cochran, president of National Light-for-the-Lost Council.



Bernard Johnson (foreground) with other ministers conducted evangelistic crusades in cities and villages in Brazil.

Arizona Men Pledge \$8,000 To Evangelize African Cities

By EVERETT JAMES
National Field Secretary, Light-for-the-Lost

THE FIRST DISTRICT-WIDE LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST banquet sponsored by the Arizona Men's Fellowship was in Phoenix. With Howard S. Bush, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, as featured speaker, enthusiasm was evident throughout the entire evening.

Nine population centers in Africa were presented for adoption to the churches and Men's Fellowship groups in attendance. A total of \$8,000 was received in "faith promise pledges" toward literature evangelism in the nine centers.

A unique feature of this banquet was the

participation of representatives from the Indian churches in Cedar Creek, San Carlos, Laveen, and Fort Apache which contributed \$125 of the \$8,000 pledged.

Several other districts have recently sponsored similar Light-for-the-Lost banquets. More than 68,500 has been committed during the past eleven months to evangelize cities in the Far East, Near East, Europe, Latin America and Africa.

For further information on Light-for-the-Lost Foreign City Crusades write to Men's Fellowship Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Photo shows portion of Indian group which participated in the Arizona Light-for-the-Lost banquet, with Leo Gilman and Pearl Foster, missionaries to the American Indians.



The band played in the outdoor meetings.

Communist, Spiritist Literature Combatted in Brazil by LFTL

By BERNHARD JOHNSON, JR.
Missionary in Brazil, South America

GOD IS MOVING IN A GRACIOUS WAY IN Brazil. Last summer Ed Cole and I along with two national pastors conducted evangelistic crusades in 21 cities and villages in Brazil. It is difficult to ascertain the exact number of converts or people healed and filled with the Spirit, but we conservatively estimate that at least 700 came to the altar for salvation.

During these meetings thousands of Light-for-the-Lost tracts and Gospels of John were distributed by national workers. We lack words to describe the great need for gospel literature in Brazil. Communistic literature floods the country even to the most remote areas. Spiritist bookstands line the principle streets of our cities. The Spiritist group claims 10 million adherents in this country! Our Assemblies of God publishing house in Rio de Janeiro cannot fill all the orders and demands for Bibles and Gospel portions.

How we thank God for Light-for-the-Lost which is providing the means for us to get the gospel of Christ to thousands here in Brazil. Our prayer is that God will accelerate this work and give new vision to others so that many more can be reached.

WORLD EVANGELISM



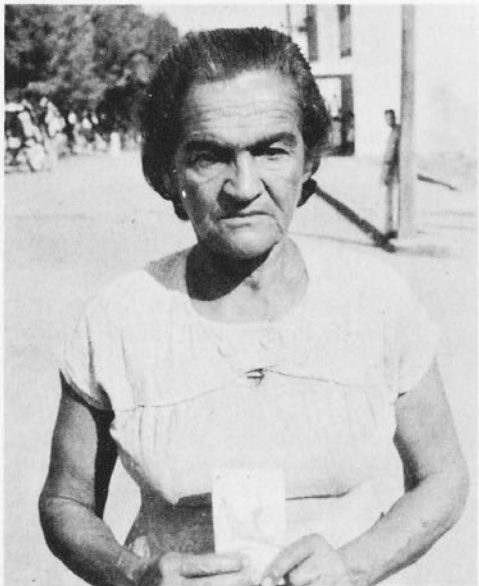
Thousands of Light-for-the-Lost tracts and Gospels of John were distributed by national workers.



Tracts were given to men on the street...



...to boys on the playground...



...and to a Spiritist and Devil worshiper.

Literature Helps Win the Lost in Tainan

By ROBERT J. BOLTON
Missionary to Formosa

AS THE LARGE MAIN POLES OF OUR GOSPEL tent were being hoisted into place in Tainan I was somewhat apprehensive as there were storm clouds gathering in the sky. As we put up the large banner advertising the meeting, the sky poured rain upon us. But, when the meetings began, as many as 500 would gather inside the tent from night to night with many standing outside.

Before the campaign began, thousands of Light-for-the-Lost Gospels and tracts were stamped with the address of the local church and distributed throughout the city. This literature was provided by the Men's Fellowship of Southern California District. What a blessing to be able to place the printed gospel in the hands of our consecrated workers who in turn put it in the hands of thousands in Tainan who had never heard of Christ.

A display of literature was placed on a table inside the tent and provided opportunities for our workers to witness to many who came into the tent during the day to sit in the shade.

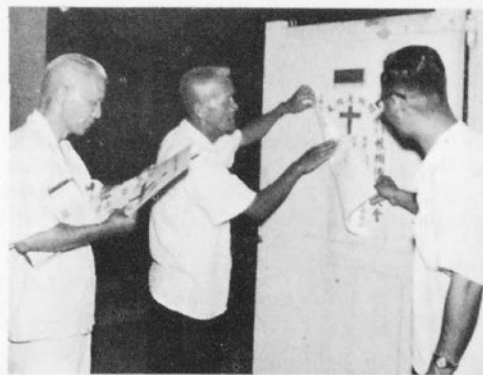
A gospel wagon was used during the day to advertise the meetings and to carry the Light-for-the-Lost literature for distribution throughout the city. The public address system mounted on top of the wagon was used to announce the meetings.

A particular thrill to me was to listen to Brothers Sia and Hung play special music on their guitars. Brother Hung was saved out of idolatry during the fall campaign of last year. He received water baptism and was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

In addition to the special instrumentals



Brother Hsiung stamping Light-for-the-Lost tracts for distribution.



Two Chinese men posting notice of tent meeting in Tainan.



Gospel wagon used to carry Light-for-the-Lost literature and to advertise the meeting.

there were invitation songs by the choir at the close of the services, and each night there were decisions for Christ.

Alva Ratzlaff, a former TEAM missionary who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and Dr. Hong Sit, a Chinese-American "Pentecostal Baptist" from Houston, participated as evangelists during the crusade. God's presence was evident throughout the entire effort.

HUNDREDS WON IN BOLIVIA THROUGH LITERATURE EVANGELISM

By PAUL B. HOFF
Missionary in Bolivia, South America

THANK GOD FOR LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST! TENS of thousands of Gospel portions have been distributed by trained national workers from the Evangelistic Center here in La Paz. Teams have been sent into various sections of the city to distribute literature from

house to house. Already 700 people have responded to this type of evangelism. The total impact this distribution will have on the people in La Paz is tremendous.

During our evangelistic campaign Light-for-the-Lost literature was given to every visitor. As a result the young people began to call our church "the Temple of the Word of God."

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



ARLINGTON, TEX.—In a two-week revival with Evangelist Ches Applegate of Arlington, six were saved, one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several were healed. A 62-year-old man came to the altar for the first time in his life.

—Ollen Sommerville, Pastor

ROLLA, MO.—Evangelist Jerry and Mrs. Roberts of Roswell, N. Mex., concluded a two-week revival January 12 at the Assembly

of God here. In spite of winter weather good crowds attended, and many came for the first time. Once the Sunday school attendance went over 200. Seven came to the altar for salvation.

—Carl Roberts, Pastor

NAPAVINE, WASH.—God gave a real move of faith in meetings at Gospel Tabernacle here with Evangelist and Mrs. Walter Serdahl of Fargo, N. Dak. Many received a healing touch including

one who had been deaf, a lady who had had curvature of the spine for over 30 years. Another lady who was an alcoholic was saved, healed of severe headaches, and delivered from alcoholism.

—Donald Rider, Pastor

SUNNYVALE, CALIF.—A third revival conducted by the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn., at First Assembly of God here was acclaimed by members as one of the finest in the history of the church. During the two-week campaign 15 to 20 were saved, four believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the needs of hungry hearts were met. The attendance was excellent. Many visitors attended and several nights the overflow room was filled as well as the main auditorium.

—Ralph W. Hillegas, Pastor

SOPER, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here was blessed in a revival just concluded with Evangelist W. Glenn Mangrum. Fifteen were saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit.

—L. R. Helms, Pastor

RINGLING, OKLA.—Attendance was unusually good at the revival meeting with Evangelist Harold J. Baker of the Oklahoma District which closed February 2. Seven were saved, two reclaimed, 10 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one person was healed of a broken shoulder.

—V. J. Boutwell, Pastor



Two departmental superintendents of Sunday school in West Carrollton, Ohio, display the record attendance of 161 which was reached during the meeting with Evangelist W. W. Martin (at left).

WEST CARROLLTON, OHIO—The two-week meeting just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Martin of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, was an inspiration to the Assembly of God here. Three accepted Christ as their Saviour, and four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Visitors were present in every service with "Pew Packin'" Sunday on Nov. 24 climaxing the meeting by breaking the Sunday school record. There were 161 present.

—R. J. Pasquale, Pastor

FULLERTON, CALIF.—A meeting has just been concluded at the First Assembly of God here with Evangelist Harold Christmann, a former Christian Church minister who has been filled with the Holy Spirit. Some were saved and filled with the Spirit. The church was stirred to a closer walk with the Lord.

—Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor

FAIRFIELD, CALIF.—A revival campaign was held January 14-26 at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God here with Evangelist Don Merrill. Five were saved, five filled with the Holy Spirit, and many believers refilled. The response of all, including visitors, was excellent. There was a record-breaking attendance every night.

—Eugene W. Ness, Pastor



SYLACAUGA, ALA.—A unique parade of cars combined with the distribution of *The Pentecostal Evangel* by the young people advertised the "God Save America" Crusade with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord at the Trinity Assembly of God. The local radio station, which carries *Revivaltime*, gave free advertising for the meeting. A special feature of the crusade was the showing of pictures of Christian martyrs behind the Iron Curtain. Pastor Maxwell Cloud said the meeting was "different," and hearts were moved toward God in every service.



CHICAGO, ILL.—The sanctuary of Central Assembly of God was filled to overflowing several times during the four-week meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. The average attendance was over 200. The Sunday school attendance record was broken the last Sunday. Scores came for salvation and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were many outstanding healings including a deaf-mute who received his hearing. Pastor George W. Lee reports that 23 united with the church and 19 were baptized in water.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AREA-WIDE INTERDENOMINATIONAL meeting with David R. Wilkerson, founder and director of Teen Challenge, Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m., in Municipal Auditorium, El Dorado, Ark. On Sunday, Mar. 15, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Brother Wilkerson will speak at First Assembly of God.—Erling L. Saxelid, pastor.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Mar. 11-15 at Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif. Missionary speakers: Harold S. Lehmann, Ghana; Ralph W. Hiatt, Argentina; R. Kenneth Ware, France; Lewis F. Wilson, Transvaal, S. Africa.—Floyd W. Thomas Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

JAMES W. LINN, 75, of Miami, Okla., went to be with Jesus November 28. Before his superannuation in 1955 Brother Linn served as evangelist and pastored in Strang, Fairland, Miami, Afton, and Pryor, Okla. A member of the Oklahoma District, he was ordained in 1936. He is survived by four sons and one daughter.

MRS. WILHELMINA LINDSAY, 80, of Lakeland, Fla., went to her eternal reward December 6. She was an ordained minister since 1919 and copastored with her husband in Scranton, Pa., Chelsea, North Adams, and Leominster, Mass., and Fredonia, N. Y. She also served as a missionary to India. Her husband Alexander survives.

S. HERMAN HOCKMUTH, 69, of Van Wert, Iowa, was promoted to glory December 3. He was ordained in 1933 with the West Central District and served as pastor of many churches in Iowa, several of which he founded, and in Mankato, Kans. He also did evangelistic work. In 1960 Brother Hockmuth was superannuated. Survivors include his wife Laura.

EDWARD A. NEIDERMEIER, 53, pastor in Central City, Pa., passed away December 11. For the last month he suffered with ill health. Brother Neidermeier came into the Assemblies of God in 1957 as an ordained minister and during his ministry he served as an evangelist, besides pastoring. He is survived by his wife Ida and two married sons.

GEORGE B. CASON, 62, of Owasso, Okla., died December 29. Licensed in 1938, he was a member of the Oklahoma District. Brother Cason was the founder of the churches in Owasso, and Min-

go, Okla. He pastored in Mingo for ten years. The last ten years of his life he spent in evangelistic work. Survivors include his wife Dora, three daughters and three sons.

LEWIS IRA MUDGE, 80, of Lakeland, Fla., passed away December 11. Brother Mudge was ordained in 1925 with the Northern California-Nevada District and later transferred to the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District. Pastorates he held were in California,

Washington, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Vermont, and Michigan. He was superannuated in 1953.

ROBERT T. BIGHAM, 55, of Pasadena, Tex., died of a heart disease January 3. He was licensed in 1962 with the South Texas District. At the time of his passing Brother Bigham was pastor of Seabrook Assembly in Seabrook, Tex. He also had pastored in Trenton, Tex. Survivors include his wife Mary Margaret and one married daughter.

NAOMI S. GARNER, 47, of Winston, Oreg., went to be with Jesus on Dec. 13, 1963, after a long illness. She was ordained in 1948 with the Arizona District and later transferred to the Oregon District where she copastored with her husband at Coos Bay and Glendale before moving to Winston. During the last six years she was confined to her home. Survivors include her husband William A. (pastor of the Winston Assembly of God) and one daughter, Martha Gay Johnston.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	First	Mar. 15-29	Gene Burgess	Edwin M. McNab
	Eufaula	First	Mar. 15-29	Bobby & Mrs. Jackson	W. O. Stephens
Alaska	Point Hope	A/G	Mar. 10-22	Gospel Evangel-aires	Dwain McKenzie
Ariz.	Cottonwood	A/G	Mar. 4-15	Roland & Leanna Hastie	J. E. Dube
Ark.	Bauxite	First	Mar. 8—	Oren & Inez Paris	Fagen Flowers
Calif.	Calipatria	First	Mar. 15-22	Tommy Beard	Vernard Knight
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Mar. 10-15	Rick Howard	Donald E. Bibler
	Lompoc	First	Mar. 15—	Bob Huie	J. E. Epperson
	Modesto	Bethel	Mar. 15-29	Tommy Barnett	L. B. Lewis
	Rohnerville	A/G	Mar. 11—	Fisher-Check Team	Joseph Murray
Colo.	Brush	A/G	Mar. 10-22	John Everett	Paul Baugher
	Colorado Spgs.	First	Mar. 8-22	Sara Sharp	George E. Smith
Fla.	Milton	First	Mar. 1-15	David Grant	H. C. Miles
	St. Petersburg	First	Mar. 10-15	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	L. Wayne Pitts
Ga.	Columbus	E. Highland	Mar. 15-29	Louis & Mari Neely	R. C. Jones
	Newman	First	Mar. 15—	Nettie Parham	H. F. Freeman
Ill.	Benton	First	Mar. 15-29	Bob & Paughnee Bornert	H. V. Knight
	Rockford	First	Mar. 15-29	James S. Boettner	E. A. Manley
Ind.	Beech Grove	Faith	Mar. 15-29	Wesley F. Morton	J. P. Monson
Iowa	Webster City	First	Mar. 10-15	John French	N. E. Wenig
Kans.	Chanute	First	Mar. 3-15	Wallace E. & Mrs. Joice	R. E. Owen
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pent.	Mar. 10-22	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Daniel Hare
	Salisbury	A/G	Mar. 10—	John Higginbotham	Albion Douglas
Mich.	Flint	Bethel Tab.	Mar. 10-22	Duane M. Wessman	Forrest Anderson
	Lincoln Park	Bethel	Mar. 11-29	Harold W. May, Jr.	Seth Balmer
Miss.	Hurley	Magnolia Spgs.	Mar. 8-22	M. D. & Sylvia Stokley	Grady Mizelle
	Meridian	East End	Mar. 8-22	Stanley P. MacPherson	Jack Pope
Mo.	Breckenridge	A/G	Mar. 8-22	K. E. Matschulat	Donald L. Crawford
	Festus	Calvary	Mar. 15-29	B. R. Minton	T. D. Jennings
	Nevada	First	Mar. 9—	Lloyd Middleton	Lester Beck
Nev.	Las Vegas	Trinity Temple	Mar. 15-29	Watson Argue	Wilbur H. Wacker
N. Mex.	Eunice	First	Mar. 10—	Carl L. Tillery	D. B. Ballard
N. Y.	East Aurora	A/G	Mar. 11-22	Kudra Musical Team	Charles A. Thomas
N. C.	Buxton	A/G	Mar. 10-15	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Elwood McCleary
	Washington	A/G	Mar. 8-22	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Robert J. Price
Ohio	Martins Ferry	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 15	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	A. J. Jensen
Okla.	Fairland	First	Mar. 8-22	Hazel Burns	John W. Hocker, Jr.
	Stroud	A/G	Mar. 9-22	Al Davis	James Hale
Oreg.	Springfield	Mt. Side	Mar. 11-22	Lloyd Perera	Samuel L. Sanders
Pa.	Dover	A/G	Mar. 3-15	T. L. Stewart	John Beamer
	Landisburgh	A/G	Mar. 10-22	Curtis Sample	F. Eber Reitzel
	Milton	A/G	Mar. 4-15	Rose Marie Meringola	Anthony G. Planes
	Moosic	Full Gosp. Tab.	Mar. 10-22	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	Fleming Van Meter
	Quakertown	A/G	Mar. 10-15	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Walter Stuart
S. C.	Spartanburg	First	Mar. 11-22	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	L. M. Hadler
S. Dak.	Newell	A/G	Mar. 8—	Russell Peavy	Lloyd E. Wead
Tex.	Corpus Christi	Faith	Mar. 15-29	O. K. Stephenson	Douglas J. Friesen
	Grand Prairie	East Side	Mar. 8-13	F. R. McAdams	Bob Skipper
	Hawkins	First	Mar. 10—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	E. M. Gibson
	Houston	Calvary Temple	Mar. 11-15	Neil Eskelin	C. N. Rice
	Pampa	First	Mar. 11—	Diehl Evangelists	J. S. McMullen
Va.	Brodnax	A/G	Mar. 3-15	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	A. K. Michael
Wash.	Everett	Bethany Temple	Mar. 10-15	Wayne Pyzer	Eugene A. Born
	Seattle	Richmont	Mar. 15-22	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Roy Southard
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Mar. 8-15	Christian Hild	Lloyd Christensen
Ghana	Kumasi	A/G	Mar. 15—	J. Don George	Homer T. Goodwin, Miss.
P.I.	Amti	* A/G	Mar. 15-22	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Kenneth McComber, Chm.
	San Ramon	* A/G	Mar. 8-13	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Kenneth McComber, Chm.
W. Africa	—	** A/G	Feb.-May	A. N. Trotter	

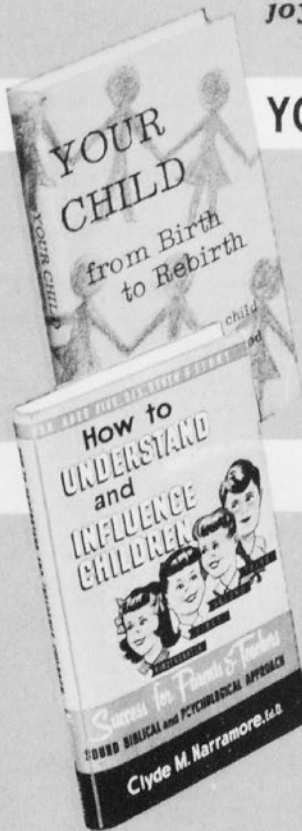
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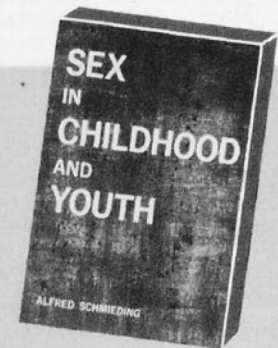
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A Congregationalist Writes

I am a member of a Congregational Church, but attend an Assembly of God every Sunday evening, as our church does not have evening services.

I do enjoy reading *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Thank you in Jesus' name.

A LADY IN NEW YORK

"Can a Christian Be Lost?"

Of all the idiotic cockeyed articles I have ever had a chance to read, the one by Donald F. Johns ("Can a Christian Be Lost?") in the *Evangel* of February 9 takes the cake. I suggest Mr. Johns sit down and read John, chapter 17, and meditate upon it. He was biased and unfair in his article. He did not try to present both sides of this question.

A READER IN CONNECTICUT

● Perhaps one word ought to be inserted in the question to make it read, "Can a former Christian be lost?" The scriptural answer is, Yes. The "extreme so-called Eternal Security teaching" is one of the doctrines specifically disapproved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. We teach that a man's salvation is dependent on his personal repentance toward God and his faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. To retain his salvation he must retain the proper attitudes toward God, Christ, and sin. We believe that if he is saved he will give outward evidence of the fact by a life of righteousness and true holiness.—The Editors

A Reader Since 1912

In August 1912 my brother-in-law gave us a subscription to *Word and Witness*. I was unsaved at the time but liked to read it and kept subscribing for it. Then in August 1914 I was converted, at which time the Lord delivered me from the cigarette habit. In December of that year my wife and I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Lord called us into service for Him.

We kept up the subscription for *Word and Witness* until it was changed to the *Christian Evangel*, and later to *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and have been constant subscribers ever since. We feel we could not do without it coming into our home after 52 years.

Although we are superannuated now we still find a place to work in the local church. We also visit in neighboring churches and preach when the opportunity is afforded us. We praise God for the opportunity of serving Him all these years. We want to be somewhere working for Him until He comes or calls us Home.

THOMAS S. MILES

Star Route 2, Kenedy, Texas

Enjoys Pentecostal Articles

I want to express my gratitude for the *Evangel*, and especially for the January 19 issue (which contained a number of outstanding articles on the Pentecostal experience).

It was primarily through the *Evangel* that I was brought into the Assemblies of God fellowship out in California 23 years ago. I found the wonderful fullness and liberty in the Spirit, the joy and blessedness in the Holy Ghost, in those services just as described in those articles on January 19.

I believe the same Spirit moves today, and if we invite and encourage His wonderful presence, revival blessings will be ours. May God bless all the dear friends who labor to produce the *Evangel*.

WILLIS C. MYERS
Virginia, Illinois

Blessed by the "Evangel"

I am recovering from a four-month illness which suddenly forced me to cancel all my public meetings. During this extremely difficult time of slowing down I realized the importance of a "comma in a sentence" or a "rest in the line of music." God became over-powering in His nearness and dearness.

During this period the *Evangel* meant so much to me. It is much more than a paper, a magazine, or a promotional piece. It is truly a divinely inspired channel which allows the Spirit of God to flow freely. I thank God for this tasteful yet spiritual mixture of reading material.

I am so grateful for those who gifted me with a subscription. It has helped me through a strange, difficult, yet enriching period of my life.

A COMPOSER IN LOS ANGELES

Congratulations to the Kenedys

Mrs. Kenedy and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. I will enclose a snapshot.

After many years of happy activity in the ministry we have retired. We began our ministry in Oklahoma in 1923. In 1927 I was ordained by the Assemblies of God and I pastored until 1962.

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E. G. KENEDY



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HOW MUCH OF GOD DO YOU WANT

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A GODLY OLD MAN WAS ASKED HOW A CHRISTIAN might have more of God in his life. His answer was simple: "You may have as much of God as you want."

How much of God do *we* want?

One way to test our sincerity and depth of spiritual hunger is to analyze our use of time. Each day brings us 1,440 minutes. How much of them are we using in the pursuit of God? If we use but five minutes or even less in spiritual exercise, we should not be surprised if the Lord seems far away at the end of the day.

When we are physically hungry we usually manage to find some food to eat. Spiritual hunger too can be satisfied if we go to the source of spiritual help. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." And in the Psalms we get this promise from God: "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him" (Psalm 91:15).

We are told that church attendance is at an all-time high. But there is more to getting our heart hunger satisfied than mere church attendance, important as that is. Speaking through the prophet, God said: "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). And elsewhere we are told: "If from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).

It is easy to attend church simply out of habit and then as we sit in God's house let our minds wander toward today's activities, tomorrow's problems, or yesterday's failures.

David knew what the house of God was for, and whatever others might get out of the service he went to church to meet God. And he was not disappointed. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," he said. And when he was prevented from going he remembered God's house with longing. "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the

living God. . . . Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee" (Psalm 84:1-4).

David knew too that it was the Word of God that revealed Him. He said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). And again he said, "The entrance of thy word giveth light: it giveth understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

If you have been getting along on meager spiritual rations, you need to help yourself to the Word of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone," Jesus reminded us, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Along with Bible study we need prayer, communion with God, a time each day when we talk to God, and when we allow Him to communicate with us. The effective prayer which lifts us into the very presence of God is not the short prayer, breathed during the last minutes of consciousness before we drift into sleep. We need to pray with all our hearts. Only then can our prayer life begin to be satisfying.

One day a man was in his study reading while his little son played nearby with blocks. The little fellow said, "Daddy, I want a drink." He went on playing with his blocks and his father continued to read. Soon the boy repeated his request, but he kept on playing and his father kept on reading.

Then the little boy got up, put his hand on his father's knee and said urgently, "Daddy, I do want a drink! I want it right now!" He had finally become serious about his petition. This time he received what he asked for.

Are not many of our prayers like the boy's first petition? Why should God listen? We are deeply involved with the things about us and not very serious in our prayer life. But when we really get in earnest about our requests, God will answer. For He has said, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

The Bible says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). God's ear is ever open to the earnest seeker. We can have as much of Him as we want. ◀◀◀