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WHEREAS, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the Assemblies of God of the U.S.A. similarly share the burden for the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the vision for world evangelization; and

WHEREAS, the executive officers of these two bodies, meeting jointly, observe:

That world conditions, war and violence militate against evangelism and missionary work;

That moral degeneracy and the mob spirit of anti-Christ continue to increase;

That there is a rising desire for revival and spiritual things among us;

That there is need for deepening of spiritual life and broader involvement in aggressive evangelism in our fellowships; and

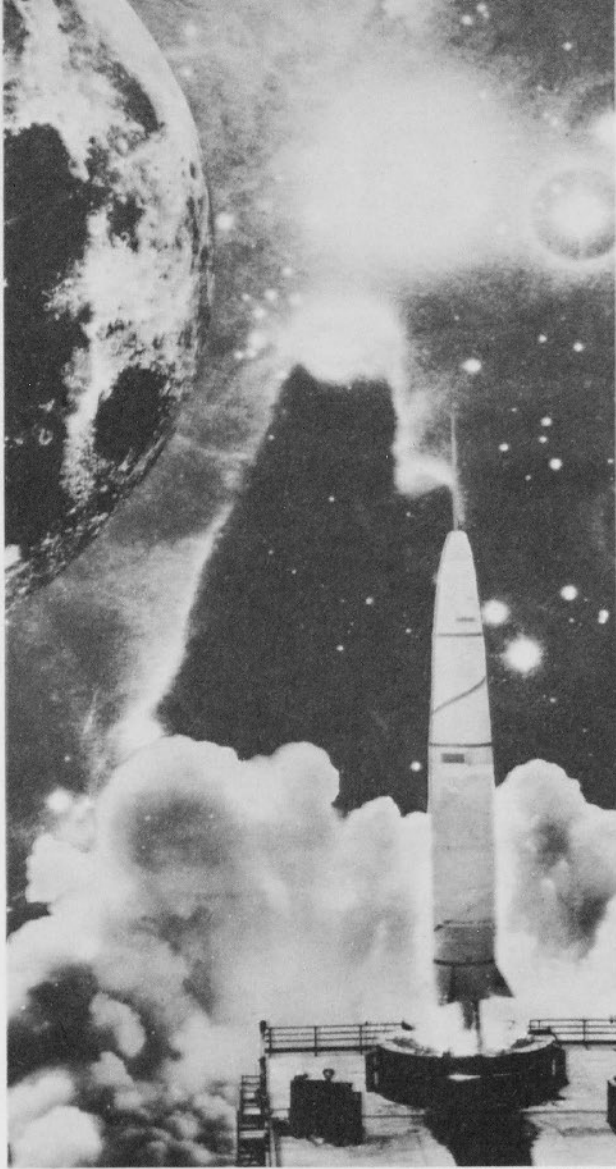
WHEREAS, it has become customary among us to set aside the first week of the new year for rededication and intercession; therefore

BE IT KNOWN AND DECLARED that the assembled officers of the above-named fellowships hereby issue a united call for fervent prayer and herewith proclaim that the week of January third to tenth, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, shall be set aside by our people and churches throughout the world as a WEEK OF PRAYER with prayer meetings through the week and prayer chains wherever possible; and further that

BY THIS PROCLAMATION we call on the entire fellowship to seek God in repentance, humility and deep heart-searching knowing that if the people of God, who "are called by [His] name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek [His] face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will [He] hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE AGE OF

Space

By Al Rediger

IT SEEMS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE, AND YET IT IS DECLARED to be true, that science has made 80 per cent of its entire progress during the last 20 years. Although we recognize many marvelous achievements and wonderful advantages in this Space Age, we are not deceiving ourselves into thinking that science and learning are creating a utopia where all men's problems will be solved.

I speak to you as a businessman, who has tried to keep alert to these changing times. I am not an advocate of one-worldism, for I cherish our individual rights. But, on the other hand, rapid travel and modern communications are compelling us more and more to consider our world as a community, whether we like it or not. Circumstances are causing every ship of nationalism to move gradually toward uniting in a frantic struggle to preserve the human race from self-destruction, and to avoid annihilation by atomic warfare, or what may be even worse, by the starvation that seems now to threaten an over-populated world.

I do not mind saying that education does not have the answer to the problems I have mentioned, nor to the establishing of peace in a nuclear-armed world. Already there are enough atomic weapons stockpiled that, if they were detonated today, they would explode to the equivalent of 10 tons of TNT for every man, woman, and child of our three billion population.

There is only one solution to the ills of this present world, and that is through the coming of our Lord and Saviour. But the same Christ who promised to return also gave us the commandment to occupy until He comes. To me, that command to occupy means giving my very best to be the citizen and businessman and Christian that God would expect me to be in this amazing age.

There has never been a moment in my life when I was more grateful for the words of Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

To the Christian the Space Age means more than missiles and rockets and space ships. He knows in his heart that one day God will say, "It is enough!" At that moment the trumpet will sound and we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. When this happens we will be real "space travelers."

Meanwhile, I see more than a superficial reason why men are attempting to conquer outer space. I see a spiritual reason. The moon itself is not worth much as real estate. It is smaller than the earth (only 2,160 miles in diameter). It has no atmosphere which man can breathe. Its force of gravity is so much less than earth's that a 180-pound man would only weigh 30 pounds on the moon.

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Christian believers will become real "space travelers" when the Church is raptured.

If we were on the moon, and you shouted to me from a distance of 50 feet, I would not hear your voice, for there is no atmosphere to carry the waves of sound. And, as the moon turns on its axis only once every 14 days, the bright side is about boiling temperature while the dark side is over 200 degrees below zero.

With half the world already hungry, and tremendous financial deficits in our own national budget, why should the U.S. spend billions of dollars in attempts to put a man on the moon? Some say the motive is curiosity. Some say it is a race in scientific achievement to outrun our competitors. Others say we must find extra room for future expansion as the day is coming when there will not be enough space on earth for all the people.

I see a spiritual motive. I believe that Lucifer in the beginning was a beautiful angelic creature to whom God had given jurisdiction over this world, but Lucifer was not satisfied with his position. He wanted to be like Christ. He wanted to be worshiped. He said to Adam and Eve, "If you will do as I say, you will be as gods."

All through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation we see a struggle which is Satan's attempt to duplicate the work of God. It seems very logical that Satan may know God plans to take His people from this earth to their heavenly home. Therefore he says to man: "I'll make you as gods in breaking the boundaries of this earth." I do not think Satan will ever accomplish this. I do not believe the other planets were designed to be inhabited by man.

There are many indications that the earth was especially designed for humanity. It is exactly the right size to give us the proper atmosphere to breathe. If it were 10 per cent larger, science tells us the blend of oxygen and other gasses in the atmosphere around the earth would not be compatible for man to breathe. Mercury, for example, which is only half the diameter of this globe, has no atmosphere at all. Jupiter, which is 10 times the diameter of earth, has an atmosphere containing ammonia. And so it goes.

Now the earth is exactly the right temperature to accommodate man. It is situated the right distance from the sun (93 million miles) to pick up the sun's rays. It is neither too close to the sun, like Mercury, nor too far away, like Jupiter. This earth turns on its axis at exactly the right speed (1,000 miles an hour) to heat and cool all sides. It is tipped on its axis at $23\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, which gives us our four seasons. If it were tipped any other way, the effect on our atmosphere and conditions of life would be drastic. Our planet is the only one on which man can detect oceans, and the water which covers 71 per cent of the surface of our globe is essential to our welfare.

Our moon is exactly the right size to give the ocean the proper tides. Were the moon either larger or closer we would have tidal waves of destruction. Were the moon smaller or farther away we would have no waves

at all. The tides and the waves of the seas are essential to the purification of our atmosphere, changing the carbons back into oxygen.

And then there is the amazing effect of evaporation by which water is taken up into the heavens and then poured back on our globe in the form of rain. We have the proper balance between clouds and sunshine, whereas Venus has all clouds, and other planets have none.

Again, we see some other mysteries. Our atmosphere is so blended in the heavens that it forms an insulation around the earth like the glass of a greenhouse to keep the temperature right, and to provide that almost unexplainable filtering system known as stardust filters. Were it not for this, there would be no raindrops or snowflakes, and we would have no sunrise beauty or sunset glory.

Yes, God made this world to be a habitation for man. But the devil says, "If you will follow me, I will make you space travelers; you will be as gods and you can leave this world." The Russian cosmonaut boasted that he did not see God when he was traveling through outer space, and some of our Western scientists are very outspoken in their blasphemies against God. Formerly the Director General of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Social, and Cultural Organization) was a Communist from France. Now the Director General is Julian Huxley, who is credited with saying, "A slight trace of God still broods over the world, but science will soon rub out the last of this." Such persons declare that science is their god. They boast that in the Space Age they will achieve utopia through human efforts. I do not believe it. God's Word predicts that they will bring upon themselves swift destruction.

I know that man can shoot a passenger into orbit around the earth, and probe the depths of the universe. But science and learning are not the ultimate. Mr. Huxley is wrong! Science is not going to rub out the last trace of God. This world is moving toward the tragedy of atomic tribulation and universal famine, as predicted in the Scriptures.

But there is redemption for the Church. There is a Home that is not marred by famine, by blight of disease, or the havoc of atomic weapons. The trumpet will sound, the dead in Christ shall be raised, and those who trust in Him shall be caught up to meet Him in the air. This to me is the ultimate chapter of the Space Age.

I want each of you students to bless this world, not only with your learning and talent, but also with your declaration of Christian faith. This is why I have joined with other business and professional men and ministers to help provide Christian educational facilities. This is why the Assemblies of God established Evangel College. We want to see you, young America, serving Christ in the Space Age—and eventually we want to be united in the Home of the redeemed, in the family circle that is eternal. ◀◀

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

There's a price to be paid for the redemption of mankind. It is not paid with gold alone, although funds are necessary to spread the saving gospel. It is paid in blood, sweat, and tears. Christ made the great down payment. Each man and woman who follows in His steps pays another installment, in a sense, by laying down his or her life—whether it be by martyrdom, as it were in a lump sum, or by a daily rate of spending and being spent for the work of Christ. This daily martyrdom which is experienced by most of our missionaries may be the harder kind to bear, for it means serving God and man as living sacrifices at the cost of failing health, lonely hearts, and unutterable weariness.

The newspaper headlines this week told us of missionaries who lost their lives because they wanted the Congolese to know the joys of salvation. When they went to the Congo these white people knew the risk they were taking. They could have spared themselves, but like Paul the apostle they could say, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself." They set a high value on the souls of the heathen, and a low price upon their own lives. That's why they are dead today. But through their sacrifice the world has been reminded once again of the love of God that can make Christians willing to pay the supreme price to win the lost for Christ.

It takes the shock of massacres in the Congo, or in Aucasland, or in Communist countries to make men see what redemption costs. But the blood of martyrs is not shed in vain. From it new churches grow.

In 1839 two men sailed to the New Hebrides and were clubbed to death by savages after a period of service for Christ. They were John Williams and a missionary named Harris. Eighteen years later G. N. Gordon and his wife took up the work on these islands. In 1861 they too were killed. Mr. Gordon's brother went to the same place and was killed in 1872. Other missionaries had to flee for their lives.

John G. Paton also heard the call of God to the New Hebrides. When he confided this news to a friend he was warned, "You will be eaten by cannibals!" But Paton replied: "Mr. Dickson, you are old. Soon you will be put into the grave and eaten by worms. But if I can live and die serving the Lord Jesus Christ, it doesn't make any difference to me whether I'm eaten by cannibals or worms."

So Paton shoved off on his dangerous but God-appointed mission. He learned the language, won brute savages to Christ, and in 1869 held his first communion service with 12 Christian natives partaking. Of that service he said, "I shall never taste a deeper bliss until I gaze in the glorified face of Jesus Himself!"

Redemption never would have come to the South Sea islanders had not servants of Christ been willing to be corns of wheat that fall into the ground and die. And today there is a harvest of redeemed souls in Africa, China, India, and other heathen areas because missionaries of the Assemblies of God and other evangelical bodies left the comforts and security of home to face the hardships and dangers of preaching the gospel of Christ in foreign lands.

Sacrifice is the blood of missions. It is the life blood of all gospel work. God so loved the world that He gave His Son. Christ so loved the world that He gave Himself. Missionaries so love the lost that they give everything. How much of redemption's price are *we* willing to pay, that the world may know the real Redeemer whose precious blood can wash away all their sins?
—R. C. C.



It Took a Creative MIRACLE

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY

“It would take a creative miracle,” the doctor said. “You need new cartilages.”

THE DOCTOR WAS VERY GRAVE AS HE SAT DOWN TO talk to me. He was a fine man and a good personal friend.

Some months before this I had fallen and injured my knees. As a result I found I had “trick knees.” I fell three more times. Each time I fell I injured myself worse, so finally I decided to see the doctor.

His diagnosis was injured cartilages. He told me I must be put in braces for several weeks. He also said he was almost certain it would then require surgery before I could walk safely.

“Doctor,” I said, “I am going to walk carefully and pray.”

“Prayer alone won’t do it this time,” he replied. “It would take a creative miracle. You would need new cartilages.”

In very serious tones he added: “Now, Alma, you have had some wonderful answers to prayer, I know; but God made you two cartilages and now He is not going to create you any more.”

I went home and had a talk with God. “Father, please don’t let me fall anymore,” I prayed. “If I keep falling I will be ruined.”

The Lord answered my prayer. I did not fall again. I went to a prayer meeting and I told the people present that I needed new cartilages. They all laid hands on me and prayed, claiming the Saviour’s promise to believers — “They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18).

The prayer meeting was in the home of one of the good members of the First Assembly of God. When he built this beautiful home he included an upper room for prayer. Our pastor, Brother Bob Willis, came and dedicated this room to God and it has been a scene of rich blessings from heaven. People of many denominations, as well as our Assembly people, come from time to time to participate in these Monday night prayer meetings.

In the group that Monday night was a young Methodist boy named Sammy who had received the Baptism just a short time before. I never saw a more earnest look

on any face than was on his as he laid his hands on me and asked God for this miracle. (Incidentally, Sammy is a very active worker for the Lord. One day he invited a Catholic boy on his school campus to come to the prayer meeting with him. The boy asked, “What do you do up there?” Sammy replied, “Well, Sister Crosby is there.” The other boy said in amazement, “Do you mean you have a real sister there?” And Sammy said, “I’ll say she’s real!”)

Well, one night a college boy came to the prayer meeting accompanied by his girl friend. Sammy was chatting with them. When I went over and sat down, Sammy introduced me. With a sparkle in his eye he said, in a manner as natural as though he were talking about the weather: “This is Sister Crosby. God is making her some new cartilages for her knees.” The visiting couple, of course, looked very surprised but only said, “That’s fine.”

Sometimes, during the months that followed, I would grow discouraged; but I would see Sammy’s face with faith shining in his eyes, and I would remember his words, “God is making her some new cartilages.” It would help me to keep believing.

The healing came this fall (1964). I went back to the doctor. It was my first visit since he made the diagnosis.

The doctor examined my knees and said, “They are well.” Then he just sat down and laughed in happy amazement.

If it takes a creative miracle to heal us, our God is able and willing to do it. I am glad that “it pleased the Lord to bruise him” (Isaiah 53:10), for surely “with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). ◀◀◀

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(The foregoing article was submitted by Pastor Bob Willis, First Assembly of God, Beaumont, Texas, who says this latest episode in the colorful life of Mrs. Crosby has been an inspiration to many in that area. Sister Crosby, whose success as a soul winner is as outstanding as her success in the insurance business, has written many articles for *The Pentecostal Evangel* in years gone by.)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

New Testament to Appear in Another Version

The American Bible Society is translating the New Testament into another version and this time in English. The society has sponsored and assisted in many translations during its 148 years—mainly in foreign languages—but never until now has it undertaken to translate the Scriptures into English. It distributed some 34,400,000 copies of the Word of God in this country and abroad last year.

Bible Called the Basis of America's Ideals

Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the United States who died Octobr 20 at the age of 90, always displayed a great love and respect for the Scriptures. An active Quaker (lifetime member of the West Branch, Iowa, Conservative Meeting of the Society of Friends), he is reputed to have fed more of the world's poor than any other man in history—a tribute to his relief work for Europe's impoverished millions after World War I.

President Hoover once described the Bible as a "post-graduate course in the richest library of human experience. . . . As a nation," he said, "we are indebted to the Book of Books for our national ideals and representative institutions. Their preservation rests in adhering to its principles."

Anglicans Retain Bible-Publishing Monopoly

Oxford and Cambridge University Presses and the Queen's printers (Eyre and Spottiswoode) will retain the monopoly of publishing the King James Verison of the Bible in England. After careful investigation of the situation a committee of the Anglican Church Assembly

(Church of England) recommended that the present system be retained.

The copyright of the King James Bible has always belonged to the British monarch, who grants royal charters to publishers. There was a suggestion that the Oxford and Cambridge presses profited from their monopoly but they denied this. They said all profits from Bible publishing are used to publish "worthwhile but unremunerative material."

Churches

Missions Offering Record Broken Again

The Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada, which in its lifetime has raised \$5,250,634 for missions, has broken its own record for annual gifts. Last year it received \$63,000 for home expenses and \$326,000 for missions. It invested five dollars in foreign missions for every dollar it spent on itself, in spite of the fact it moved eight miles north and built a large new church. Pastor Paul B. Smith, son of the founder of the Peoples Church, Oswald J. Smith, is as missions-minded as his famous father.

Another great missionary church is Park Street Congregational in Boston, Mass. Pastor Harold J. Ockenga reported that \$275,173 was raised in missionary gifts and pledges at the 1964 convention. (At Park Street, as at the Peoples Church, it is customary to raise the missions budget during a week-long missions convention.) In the past 25 years Park Street Church has given \$4,492,970 for world missions.

Centenarian Still Teaching Sunday School

When Albert S. Bozeman, 100-year-old Baptist Sunday school teacher, was hospitalized at Meridian, Miss.,

Hillcrest Sings to Raise Funds for CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—A record album featuring the voices of the Hillcrest Children's Home choir is now available, released under the title *He Belongs to Me*. Priced at \$4.95 in stereo and \$3.95 in hi-fi long play, all proceeds will be used in meeting the cost of the Children's Chapel under construction on the Hillcrest campus.

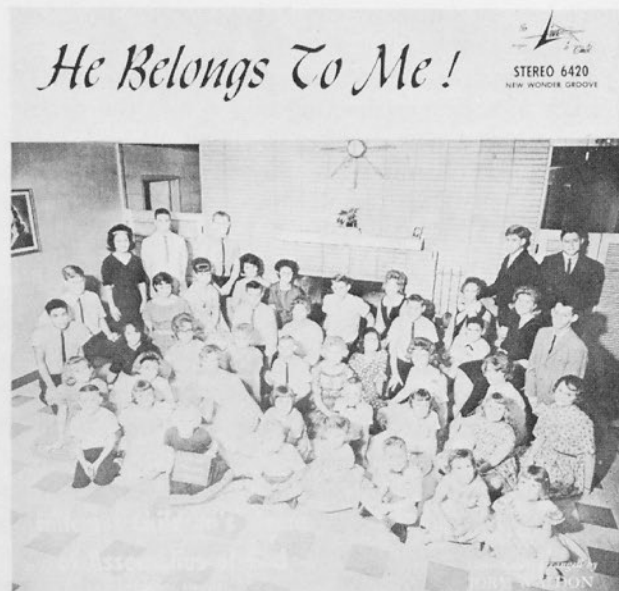
The chapel, scheduled to be finished in the early spring, will be of brick and concrete construction 40 by 64 feet in size. Funds to defray the cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 are being raised

through album sales and freewill offerings.

The new album is stocked at the Home and orders should be mailed directly to: Hillcrest Children's Home, 3725 Malvern Road, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

An album will be given free, on request, to each friend who sends an offering of \$5.00 or more. When writing please be sure to specify whether stereo or hi-fi is desired.

Hillcrest Children's Home is a ministry of the Department of Benevolences.



it seemed his absence from class was inevitable. Members of his Sunday school class, proud of the regular attendance record of their venerable teacher, decided that if Mr. Bozeman couldn't come to the class, the class should go to him; so they met at the hospital. The assistant teacher taught the lesson and the regular teacher quoted the first Psalm from memory.

Says the centenarian, oldest Sunday school teacher in Mississippi and possibly the entire nation: "In my 84 years as a church member I have filled every position from janitor to pulpit—everything, that is, except organist and Woman's Missionary Union President."

Australia

Deity Reference Removed from Australian Money

The Australian government has been criticized for its decision to omit the Latin inscription *Dei Gratia* ("By the Grace of God") from new currency to be issued in 1966. A Melbourne churchman complained that the new coins, showing an image of Queen Elizabeth II accompanied only by the word "Australia" and the date, implied that the monarch "does not reign by the Grace of God, but through the good offices of the parliament of Australia."

Israel

Tourism Up 317 Per Cent in Israel

During the past decade tourism in Israel has increased by 317 per cent. Many of the 220,000 who visit Israel annually are drawn to the land of the Bible by its antiquities. Realizing this, 570 new historical sites are listed which were not included on the former list published 10 years ago.

Other tourists are drawn by international gatherings devoted to science, religion, education, and other subjects. Twenty-four such gatherings were held in Israel during 1964.

Tourism is getting a major assist from the *Bilu*, a new 7,000-ton ferry now operating between Haifa and Rome. The low-price, one-class trip takes less than three days. The \$6,000,000 ship accommodates 530 passengers and has drive-on space for 120 automobiles. It is a floating motel (or "boatel," as it has been called) with built-in air conditioning.

The *Bilu* will be joined this winter by its sister ship, the *Nili*; and later a third member of the unique fleet will be tailored for a direct Euro-American automobile link-up, a first of its kind for this route.

Tobacco

Magazine Alerts Africans on Lung Cancer

While tobacco companies are conducting a high-pressure sales drive in Africa, a Christian magazine has launched a "Don't Smoke!" campaign to warn Africans about lung cancer. The *African Challenge*, a widely circulated Christian magazine, tells readers not to be deceived by "clever advertisements."

"As sales go down overseas, manufacturers try to find new buyers in Africa," it asserts. "We declare war on dishonest cigarette advertising which misleads our youth." It calls on governments of African states to warn the people about the harmful effects of smoking.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Will there be tears shed in heaven? I am told there will be weeping over the lost.

Since the promise is that "God shall wipe all tears from their eyes," I do not believe there will be any weeping in heaven.

What did Paul mean when he said: "From henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Galatians 6:17)?

Jewish-Christian teachers followed up the ministry of Paul, teaching the Gentile believers that they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses or they could not be saved. The letter to the Galatians was written to refute this teaching. In Galatians 6:12 Paul shows that their zeal for circumcision was only "for a fair show in the flesh." Let them stop opposing him, for he bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus. This would include the sufferings he had endured and the faithfulness with which he had served the Lord Jesus (See 2 Corinthians 11).

What did Jesus mean when He said that all the blood shed from Abel to the time He was on earth would be required of that generation (Luke 11:49-51)?

Judgment is accumulative. God would not let Israel invade Canaan until "the iniquity of the Ammonites is full" (Genesis 15:16).

The Jews completed their iniquity when they rejected and crucified Jesus.

Men today are "treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath" (Romans 2:5), as long as they continue in their sinful ways. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

Please tell me how I may know I am in the will of God. I worry constantly for fear I may not be in His will.

Why not believe you are in God's will as long as you do not know of anything you are doing that is contrary to His will? "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way" (Psalm 37:23). Why not exercise faith instead of fear? Why not believe that God delights in your life, rather than live in fear of His wrath? God is our loving Father, not a hateful overlord.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). As long as you love God and seek to do the will of God, you may be sure you are in the will of God. Then, should He at some time wish a change, He will put the conviction into your heart as to what you should do.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

God Shook the City

By Alfred Perna

Missionary to Italy

Global Conquest Day of Prayer August 30, called more than 8,000 Assemblies across America to pray for the Naples Crusade. This article gives evidence of how God has honored the prayers of His people.

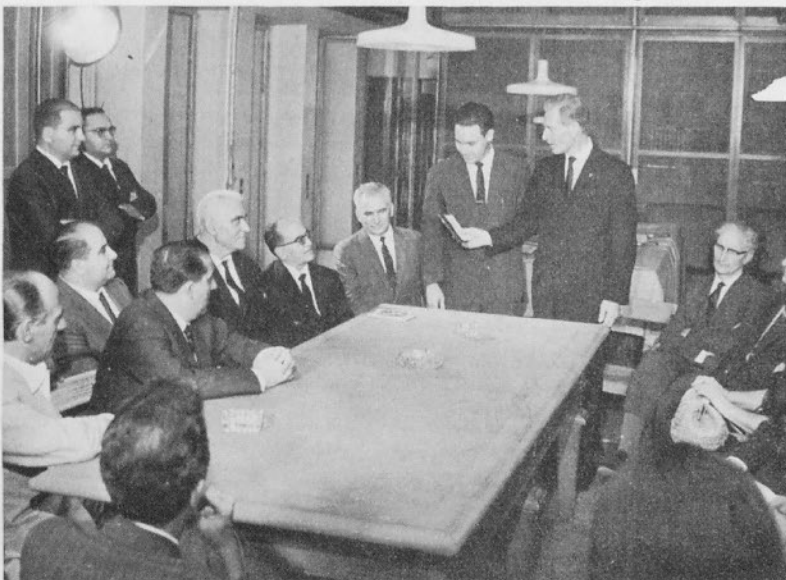
THE CITY OF NAPLES RESTS ON A CURVING BAY ON the coast of the blue Mediterranean. Its setting provides one of the most beautiful sights in the world. History records how this area has been shaken again and again by eruptions of nearby Mount Vesuvius, the restless, smoldering volcano that still broods over this lovely scene, and over the ruins of old Pompeii at its foot.

But a new and different kind of "eruption" has shaken the city recently. This time the fire came not from Vesuvius but from heaven. Through the Naples Evange-



Eager to testify of salvation or healing, Neapolitans line up beyond the footlights at front of opera hall.

Evangelist Hal Herman (holding Bible) speaks to members of Naples Press Club through interpreter Thomas Grazioso. Missionary Perna is seated at center and Italy Superintendent Goriette at right.



Many respond to gospel messages on the theme, "Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World," displayed on platform of Politeana Theater.



listic Crusade the Holy Spirit has spoken to multitudes in this ancient city and stirred others in the nearby towns and villages.

The miracle began with a press conference at the fashionable Naples Press Club attended by 14 reporters from leading newspapers, radio, and television. Evangelist Hal Herman spoke to the reporters outlining the scope and purpose of the campaign. He gave his personal testimony of salvation and told why he left a news-writing career in a Hollywood film studio for a full-gospel ministry.

As a result the Naples Press gave the campaign friendly and generous coverage for days. Leading papers carried stories and pictures up to three, four, even seven columns wide. They wrote about the evangelist, the Assemblies of God, and the beliefs of Pentecostal people in Italy. This wide press coverage, together with thousands of large color posters on city streets, and more than a quarter million handbill invitations distributed by church youth, had a terrific impact upon the area. It is my deepest conviction that in some way everyone in Naples was made aware of the campaign.

A priest who read the newspaper reports wrote a letter inviting Brother Herman to come for a personal talk. When the evangelist opened his Bible and spoke of the love of Christ, and of his own experience with God, the eyes of the priest filled with tears. "Never in all my life has anyone talked to me like this," he said. "I am so glad you came." Later, as they knelt together to pray, the Holy Spirit moved in a special way upon them. The priest warmly embraced the evangelist and his interpreter. As they departed he added, "I will be visiting an Assemblies of God church as soon as I can. Please keep in touch with me."

Everyone realized the Naples campaign was God's meeting from start to finish. He enabled the planning committee to secure the large, modern Politeana Theater just one block from the famed San Carlos opera house in the heart of the city. And He led more than 20 churches of the province to cooperate with Pastor Anastasio of the Naples church.

The theme of the campaign, "Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World," appeared in large gold letters behind the platform of the Politeana. Attendance at the meetings was good. On one occasion the auditorium was so crowded that police requested the doors to be closed because there was not even standing room left inside. The crowds included a large number of unsaved people, many of whom heard the gospel for the first time.

As each person entered the theater, he received a special Crusade edition of the Gospel of John. Fifty thousand of these Gospels were provided by the Men's Fellowship of Arizona through Light-for-the-Lost.

In every meeting people gave rapt attention. The evangelist and interpreter, Paolo Arcangeli, pastor from Genoa, were as one in preaching the gospel.

The results of the crusade were tremendous. Hundreds stood publicly to pray to Jesus Christ for personal salvation. God stretched out His hand to heal and deliver the sick. Both the press and the public were much moved by the testimonies of God's power.

One well-dressed woman was almost overcome by a mighty experience of salvation. She pushed her way through the crowd backstage to exclaim joyfully, "Jesus



A total of 50,000 specially printed copies of the Gospel of John were distributed during the Naples Crusade.

has really saved me; I feel just like I am newborn." And so she was.

Two police officers sent to keep order were amazed at what was going on. When alert church youth offered to "take over their watch," the officers went inside. They enjoyed the meeting so much they returned the next evening with their families. Before the meeting ended they were seen standing with others to accept Christ as Saviour.

A lady professor of languages at the University was gloriously saved and was among the first to appear at the follow-up meetings in the Naples Assembly. A young man who told me he had been troubled—almost out of his mind with torment—found peace with God.

Another man, who had not straightened his arm for 14 years, waved that arm in full freedom while he testified to his healing. Others told of healing from such ailments as asthma, nervous disorder, sciatica, and lung abscess. One little boy was healed of an incurable heart sickness.

At the press conference before the crusade opened a distinguished Italian lady came to meet Brother Herman. Her heart was burdened over the loss of her husband, an army General, and the death of her two beloved daughters. "I heard on the radio that you were in Naples, and I came to meet you," she said. "I am coming to the meetings and I hope I will find salvation for my soul." It was a real joy to see this lady in the services as she stood with others praying to the glorious Saviour who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The hundreds who signed decision cards received a letter from the evangelist within one to three days, and all were enrolled in a Bible correspondence course mailed from the Assemblies of God headquarters in Rome. Many of those who heard the gospel or accepted Christ in the Naples Crusade are today attending the various Assemblies in the area.

There was no new volcanic eruption in Naples, but many experienced a "godly shaking." As they heard the truth, they were moved out of the dark valley of despair to a glorious mountain peak of joy and victory through faith in Jesus Christ. ◀◀

It Makes a Difference

BY CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

"SIR," SAID THE FIRST OFFICER OF THE TITANIC, "IF we veer five degrees to starboard, we can avoid the main ice area—"

"And lose precious time?" interrupted the captain sharply. "Never! A little ice makes no difference to a ship like the *Titanic!*"

But it did!

As a speaker at a high-school commencement said, "This generation knows the price of everything—and the value of nothing!" It is high time that we who are older sit down and distinguish between price and value. *It makes a difference!*

* * *

Years ago two men were traveling in Europe. In the evening they came to an inn in a gloomy forest. This area had the reputation of being dangerous.

One man was an infidel, the other a Christian. The infidel said: "I don't like the looks of this. I think it is very dangerous—let us not stop here, but try to find another place."

"But it is getting late," protested the Christian. "We may have to sleep under a tree if we don't stop here."

The other shuddered and agreed to stay. Inside, conditions looked little better.

Finally, just before retiring, the landlord turned to his guests and said, "Friends, I always read and pray with my family before we go to bed. May I do so tonight?"

"Most certainly!" responded the two travelers heartily.

Afterwards, when they were upstairs, the unbeliever said, "I am not afraid now!"

"Why not?" asked the Christian.

"Because our host is a praying man!" answered the infidel.

To convict and convince unbelievers, live out what you really believe inside. *It makes a difference!*

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In a revival meeting a student kept praying for his roommate.

"O God!" was his plea, "save Jim—lay Thy hand upon him!"

This went on for more than a week. Then, nearing midnight of that Saturday, the thought struck him forcibly: "You are the hand of God as far as Jim is concerned!"

Early the next morning he spoke earnestly to his roommate. That afternoon Jim was saved.

Put legs under your prayers! *It makes a difference!*

* * *

Alexander the Great found a soldier who was outstanding in his cowardice. He also bore the name Alexander.

"Either change your nature," said the general sternly, "or change your name!"

If you are a Christian, you have taken the name of Christ. Be sure your nature is in harmony with your name.

It makes a difference!

ZEAL MINUS LOVE EQUALS ZERO

"Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

If men have lost their love, they will do more harm than good by their defense of the faith. Behind the denunciation of sin there must always be the tenderness of love if that denunciation is not to become evil in its bitterness. Behind the zeal for truth there must always be the spaciousness of love if that zeal is not to become narrowed into hate.

There have been men who become so self-centered in a narrowness they call *holding the truth*, that the very principle for which they contend has been excluded from their lives and service. All zeal for the Master that does not spring from love to Him is worthless.

—LESLIE B. FLYNN



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HIS CHOICE IS BEST

Years ago I lived in a town where I could never buy anything to fit me. I used to send away occasionally to a certain large store for what I needed, and they would send me printed order forms. At the bottom of the forms were some such words as these: "If we have not the article you order in stock, may we substitute?"

Once I said, "Yes," and they sent me something that was worth double the price I paid. I found this particular firm made it a rule, if they could not supply the article ordered, to substitute one of a much better quality. Ever after that I printed it out boldly so they would understand it—"YES."

When we pray to God, we had better put on the order form that we are quite willing to let Him substitute, for every time He does He sends us something far better, "Exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think."
—*Gospel Witness*

Epitaph of Faith

A godly old man asked that on his tombstone be carved the legend: "The Inn of a Traveler on His Way to the New Jerusalem."

He looked on this life as a journey toward the heavenly city where real life would begin. Having set his course toward the full enjoyment of the presence of God, the grave became merely a stopping place on the way.
—KATHERINE BEVIS

THE SUPREME USE OF LEISURE

The French philosopher, Denis de Rougemont, has recently said that when automation really gets going, the Western world will be forced to return to religion because it will be so bored with the emptiness of the entertainment offered for the leisure hours.

As work takes up less and less of our time we shall struggle with this colossal flight from boredom until we discover that the supreme use of leisure is the discovery of God. Only worship of God can creatively fill up the life of a man, and the most wonderful occupation for our time, talents, and wealth lies in His service and worship. Worship and work are our destiny.
—*Log of the Good Ship Grace*

WINDS OF SEVERANCE

Have you ever watched a dandelion or thistle in full bloom? Each seed is attached to its own little parachute. Each seed is waiting for that certain puff of wind to release it from the place where it was conceived. That wind will carry it to a lodging place where it will rest until sunshine and rain will cause it to spring forth in a broader, newer, fuller, and richer life.

Christians often cling to the home place, the place of their spiritual birth, until some wind of change severs their connection. Then they find themselves being carried to a new place. This can be a place of fruitfulness and blessing. But how many resist change. They want the comfort and security of the things they have been used to. But it was only as the Church was scattered that it grew!
—JAMES E. GRIGGS



AN ALL-NIGHT HEALING SERVICE

The emphasis and time Jesus gave to physical healing is little realized until we carefully meditate upon the many instances mentioned in God's Word.

Jesus was such a busy healer that on one occasion He held an *all-night* healing service. The story is found in Luke 4:40-42. His healing ministry began *when the sun was setting* and ended *when it was day*. Here is a tremendous illustration of His love and concern for the physical and mental well-being of His people.

Praise God, He is just the same today as He was then. His power is ours as we believe!

—MONT HURST

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EVERYDAY GOODNESS

Christianity is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an idea in the air, but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic flower to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear all kinds of fruit in all kinds of weather.

Nothing we can say to the Lord—no calling Him by great or dear names—can take the place of doing His will. We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. There is no substitute for plain everyday goodness.
—*The War Cry*

THE RADIANCE OF HIS PRESENCE

An old violinist was poor, but possessed an instrument which never failed to charm by its soothing mellowness. Played as he could play, it never failed to awaken responsive chords in the heart! Asked to explain its charm, he would hold out his violin and, tenderly caressing its graceful curves, would say: "A great deal of sunshine must have gone into this wood, and what has gone in comes out."

How much of God's sunshine has entered your life? How much time have you spent in the radiance of His presence? If more of God's radiance enters into our souls we shall be better able to radiate peace and hope to the crowds around us.
—E. TOWNLEY-LORD, in *Contact*

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God's Supreme Gift of Love

Sunday School Lesson for December 20, 1964

GALATIANS 4:4-7; 1 JOHN 4:7-15

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

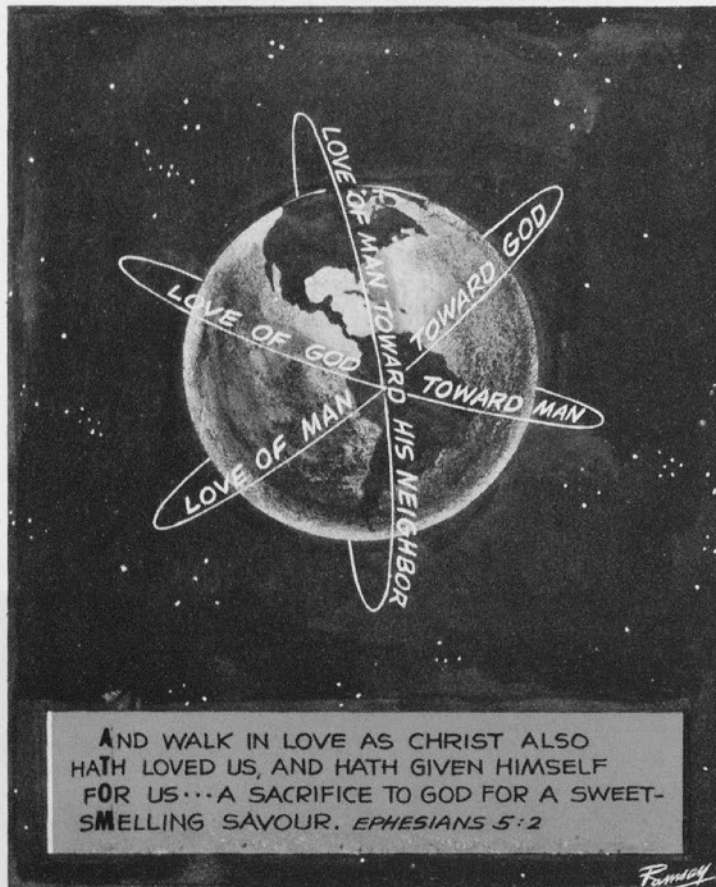
The tragedy of Christmas is that so much time and expense are involved in the giving of gifts apart from the spirit of love which alone makes gifts truly significant. Our lesson texts emphasize the inestimable worth of God's great Love-Gift to mankind, and the importance of sharing that love with others.

1. GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED (Galatians 4:4-7)

a. *When?* "When the fulness of the time was come." "The fulness of the time" refers to: (1) the time required for the training of Israel under the Law (v. 2); and (2) the right moment in history. God in His infinite wisdom knew when to send His Son. Is it not God's way to come to our aid at just the right time? And is it not a good thing to remember this and in true faith and assurance await His time?

b. *How?* "God sent forth his Son." God took the initiative in planning and providing for man's salvation. Parents in wartime have accepted the necessity of sending sons into battle, but nevertheless have sent them reluctantly. Not so with God! Willingly He sent His Son; and willingly the Son went forth!

GREATEST POWER EVER RELEASED



"Made of a woman." While Paul may have indeed been stressing Christ's condescension and humiliation in limiting Himself to a human body and thus becoming like one of us, he was also referring to the miracles of the Incarnation and the Virgin Birth—acts by which He assumed human likeness.

"Made under the law." Christ by becoming man was therefore subject to all the righteous requirements of the law, just like every other man. The difference was that He fulfilled those requirements and thus was in a position to save us from judgment for having come short of them!

c. *Why?*

(1) "To redeem them that were under the law." Christ came not merely to teach, to set an example, or even to help mankind; He came to redeem, to rescue, to recover, to make an atonement for lost mankind. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13, 14)!

(2) "That we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:5). A Christian becomes a child of God, a member of God's family, by birth and adoption. He is born again and thus receives a *new* nature, but he also is adopted. He has been bought [redeemed] out of slavery in his original family which is under the dominion of the devil. And, adopted as a full-grown son into God's family, he becomes an heir to an inheritance from his new Father!

(3) Because we are sons, God sends the Holy Spirit. His office work, in the absence of the bodily presence of Christ, is to effect the new birth in us, to make Christ real in us, and to make real in our own experience those spiritual privileges to which we have become heirs!

2. GOD'S LOVE RECEIVED (1 John 4:7-10)

In these verses the apostle John emphasized God's love for us (as manifested in His sending Christ to become our Saviour) to be the ground of our loving one another. In strikingly simple language, John stated profound truths relative to God which have highly important implications.

a. "*God is love.*" Love is not just something God possesses as a virtue or characteristic. Love is God's very essence and nature. There is nothing in God contrary to love!

b. "*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*" Because God is love, therefore the manifestation of that love toward us is the result of what God is; and *not* the result of anything outside of Him, certainly not the result of anything *in* us! The next verse plainly explains this: "Herein is love, not that we love God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [the provision of mercy] for our sins."

3. GOD'S LOVE SHARED (1 John 4:11-15)

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." John is quite logical. Since God loved us and continues to love us, though we were and are unlovable and unworthy—since He loves us because of what He is in Himself—we, who are His children and partakers of His nature of love, should share that love with others!



In a little more than a year since its beginning, the Assembly of God in Fridley, Minn., has purchased this five-year-old Baptist church building. Pastor G. M. Denyes inset.

New Minnesota Congregation Grows Rapidly



IT HAD BEEN EVIDENT FOR SOME TIME THAT FRIDLEY, Minn., needed a full-gospel witness. Several people had long been praying for a full-gospel church to be started. On May 15, 1963, a meeting in the home of Brother and Sister Horn, attended by 20 adults, was the beginning of such a church.

The home proved too small for the congregation the following Sunday, so the meetings moved into Hayes Elementary School. Attendance continued to climb. On June 19 the late Stanley Clarke, then superintendent of the Minnesota District, directed an organizational meeting which resulted in district recognition of the new congregation, making the new Fridley Assembly of God part of the fellowship. A month later the church elected G. Mark Denyes, formerly of Chillicothe, Mo., as pastor.

Anxious to have a meeting place of their own, the congregation was praying for a suitable building. The outlook was discouraging, for who would finance a building for a four-month-old congregation? But God began to open doors. Someone located a five-year-old Baptist church building for sale and the new congregation moved in.

The church will accommodate 175 and has ample room for Sunday school classes. It has a church office and

a pastor's study. The rear of the building has a fellowship hall with a well-equipped kitchen.

The members went to work. Although their church is a pioneer work itself, the Fridley WMC's agreed to help two other pioneer pastors in rural Minnesota. The young people organized a C. A. group. The church visitation program went into high gear.

On October 13 the church dedicated its newly acquired property.

Now the Sunday school has reached a high of 126, raising the average for a recent month to well over 100.

The church sponsors its own one-hour weekly radio broadcast, for which the morning worship service is taped. A complete radio control room has been added.

Several months ago the board voted to send 10 per cent of total church income over and above pledges to missions. Several missionaries are included in this fund, along with *Revivaltime* and the Children's Home at Juneau, Alaska. Other sizable undesignated offerings are given.

Several have been saved and added to the church. An air of expectancy for revival is evident among the people. The church is planning to buy more lots for building a new sanctuary. ◀◀◀

**FOR A FAR NORTH
CHRISTMAS...**



WHALE BLUBBER AND WALRUS TOOTH DOLLS ???

As soon as you mention *Alaska Children's Homes*, lots of folk conjure up igloos, and parka-clad youngsters feasting on whale blubber, clutching hand-carved ivory toys. Actually, our youngsters are like all other youngsters. They respond to the same love, the same special

treats, the same toys that delight your children. There are differences: Their lives have been blighted by tragedy. They may be of mixed ancestry, unwanted, and unloved. Your generous special gift for the *Alaska Children's Homes Christmas Fund* will show them someone cares.

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Revivaltime Comes from Billings, Montana, Today



Billings, Mont., is located in the heart of some of America's most beautiful scenery.

REVIVALTIME WILL ORIGINATE "LIVE" from the First Assembly of God, Billings, Mont., this Sunday, December 13.

The origination will climax meetings of the Montana District ministers' institute being held December 8-10 with Evangelist C. M. Ward as speaker.

The First Assembly, located at Fourth St. West and Custer Ave., is served by Pastor W. A. Buck. The Park Hill Assembly in Billings is cooperating in sponsoring the broadcast service. Robert Ross is pastor.

Having a population of 55,100, Billings is nestled in the heart of some of America's most beautiful scenery. Virginia City, of "gold strike" fame, Livingston, a favorite haunt of trout fishermen, and Yellowstone National Park

are all within easy driving distance of the growing city.

Billings is a city which has almost doubled in population in the last 10 years. It is now the shopping center for an area larger than the State of Pennsylvania.

Working with Evangelist Ward in the origination service will be Bartlett Peterson, executive director of the Radio Department and *Revivaltime* narrator; Lee Shultz, national secretary of radio and producer of the origination service; and Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director.

A special broadcast choir formed from various church groups throughout the city will sing on the broadcast. The choir will be organized by Don

Heinrichs, director of music at the First Assembly of God. In the broadcast service Cyril McLellan will direct the choir. Pray that *Revivaltime* will reach many souls this Sunday.

If you have friends in the area who do not now listen to the broadcast service, invite them to tune in or attend this great broadcast service, which will begin at 3 p.m. The service will be a blessing to them.

A complete listing of the stations over which the broadcast service is now heard may be obtained by writing to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo., 65801. Simply ask for a free copy of our *radio log*. Support this worldwide radio ministry in every way you can. ◀◀



Following three days of the Montana District Ministers' Institute with C. M. Ward as speaker, the origination rally of *Revivaltime* will climax with a "live" broadcast from the First Assembly of God (shown above). Cooperating with Pastor W. A. Buck (top, left) in sponsoring the broadcast will be Robert Ross (lower, left), pastor of the Park Hill Assembly in Billings.

GIFTS

By Dick Champion

At this time of year, you probably think a lot about gifts. Here are some Bible verses about gifts and giving. Can you fill in the missing words?

1. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give _____ gifts unto your children, how much more shall your _____ which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him" (Matthew 7:11).

2. "Remember the _____ of Jesus, how he said, It is more _____ to give than to _____" (Acts 20:35).

3. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with _____ his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; _____, and frankincense, and _____" (Matthew 2:11).

4. "Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from above, and cometh down from the _____ of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither _____ of turning" (James 1:17).

5. "The gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our _____" (Romans 6:23).

6. "By grace are ye saved through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

7. "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us _____ all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

ANSWERS:
1—good, Father; 2—words, blessed, receive; 3—Mary, gold, myrrh; 4—good, perfect, Father, shadow; 5—life, Lord; 6—gift, faith, richly; 7—richly.

SENIOR CENTER OFFERS ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONS OVER 60

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—An outreach program for senior citizens originated October 7 at Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis Street. Recognizing that lonely, isolated senior citizens are often the forgotten members of society, the project is designed for all people over 60 regardless of race or religion. It takes place at the church one day each week.

For many seniors, the contact with members at Glad Tidings gives them a whole new purpose in life and a feeling that there is someone who really cares about them. The program is designed to revive old skills and interests, develop new ones, and enable participants to make new friendships.

The center is staffed by a group of volunteer women from the church who have undergone a 20-week course of instruction in the philosophy of understanding the aged, techniques of working with groups, and a variety of craft skills.

Seniors who attend the center spend the morning either in a craft class, or in a

discussion group led by Paul Bruton, Jr., or assisting in the kitchen. The entire group gets together for lunch.

The Senior Center is a place where older people can come for love and affection, and for help in solving their problems. The ultimate goal is to lead these senior citizens to a decision for Christ.

—Floyd W. Thomas, Pastor

NICHOLAS NIKOLOFF WITH THE LORD



NICHOLAS NIKOLOFF, 64, WELL-KNOWN Assemblies of God minister, missionary, and educator, went to be with Christ on November 6, 1964.

Dr. Nikoloff, a native of Bulgaria, came to the U.S. in 1920 and became a naturalized citizen of this country in 1926. He had been converted in Bulgaria through reading his Bible. He had also heard about the baptism of the Holy Spirit through the Voronaeffs who passed through Bulgaria en route to Russia. While attending college in New York City he began attending Glad Tidings Tabernacle and it was there he received the Baptism under the ministry of Brother and Sister Robert Brown.

Twice Brother Nikoloff returned to Europe to answer God's call to missionary service. For five years (1926-31) he was a missionary and pastor at Bourgas, Bulgaria. He was the first superintendent of the Evangelical Pentecostal Churches in Bulgaria.

Later he spent three years (1935-38) as principal of the Biblical Institute in the free city of Danzig where many young people were trained to preach the Pentecostal message in various parts of Eastern Europe. During the following year he ministered in Bulgaria as an evangelist and Bible teacher.

While furthering his education in the U.S. he pastored churches in New York and New Jersey. He attended Bethel Bible Training School at Newark, graduating in 1924 and remaining there as an instructor until 1926. He earned the B.R.E. and M.R.E. degrees at Biblical Seminary in New York.

In 1941 he was named president of Metropolitan Bible Institute, an Assemblies of God school in North Bergen, N.J. He served in this capacity until 1950 when the school was closed. He was principal of the New England Bible Institute at Framingham, Mass., from 1950 until 1952 at which time he moved to Springfield, Mo., to join the faculty of Central Bible Institute.

In 1954 Brother Nikoloff was named chairman of the department of religious education. In 1956 he became chairman of the department of Bible and continued his teaching ministry at C.B.I. until he retired in 1961 due to ill health.

While living in the New York-New Jersey District and attending New York University, Brother Nikoloff was pastor in North Bergen, N. J., and for three years (1947-50) he was secretary-treasurer of the district council.

After moving to Springfield he completed his doctoral program and in 1956 was awarded the Ph.D. degree by New York University. The subject of his master's and doctor's theses was Bogomilism, the Bulgaria Heresy. For his scholastic record N.Y.U. gave him a special Founders Day Certificate of Achievement.

Brother Nikoloff's pen contributed to the work of the Assemblies of God both in Bulgaria and in the U.S.. He edited two Bulgarian magazines for brief periods and produced several books and tracts, as well as a songbook, in that language. He also served five years (1954-59) as editor of the quarterly *Youth Teacher* at the Gospel Publishing House.

He is survived by his wife Martha (a member of the office staff in the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God), by his son Dr. Paul H. Nichols, and by his daughter Natalie (Mrs. Gary Eleiott).

At the funeral, which was held in Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo., warm tribute was paid to our departed brother by Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, and by J. Robert Ashcroft, former president of Central Bible Institute.

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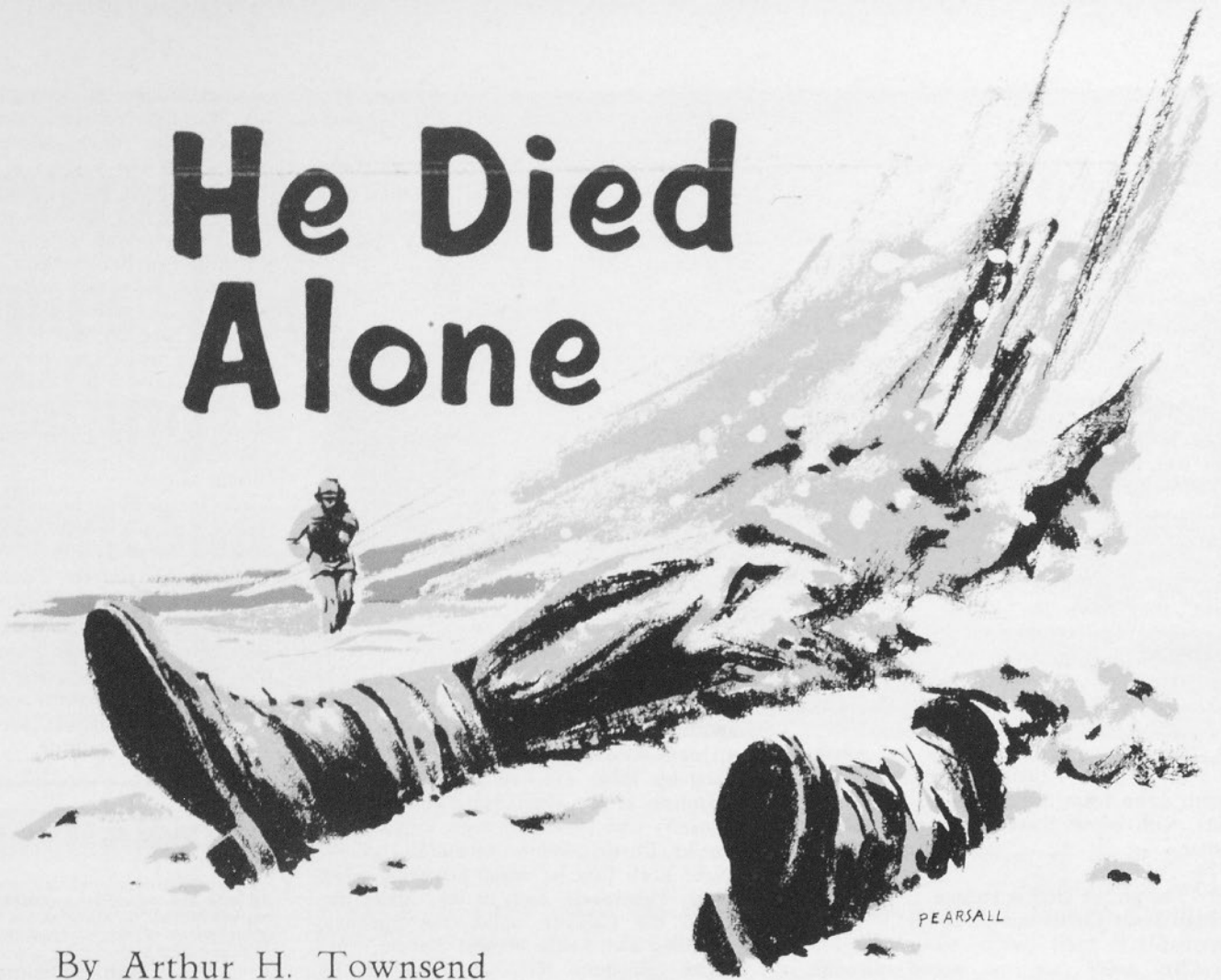
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He Died Alone



By Arthur H. Townsend

RUDY MUSCHKET RECENTLY LOST HIS LIFE ON A HUNTING trip in British Columbia. He was hunting mountain goats. He was alone.

When the hunter left Urling, near Prince George, B. C., he set out to climb 6,000-foot Dome Mountain. But he never came back.

A six-man search party was organized and climbed the mountain. Everett Monroe, a member of the party, was alone when he found the body. He said:

"I was moving along slowly when I heard a tremendous roar and saw a slide of snow and boulders go thundering down the slope about 200 yards away. The mountain seemed to tremble. Then I straightened up and there, about 30 feet in front of me, I saw a man's black rubber boot sticking out of the snow."

One slide apparently had taken the hunter to his death, and another had uncovered the body.

There is something inexpressibly sad about a man's dying so utterly alone. As gently as possible the men brought the body of their friend down the mountain. His fatal injuries were found to include head and leg and side wounds.

We were reminded that many years ago a Man, determined to "seek and to save that which was lost," climbed a rugged hill called Calvary. He too carried a weapon; it was a cross. His head too was wounded that day, and His side was torn by the cruel avalanche of sin. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no

sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). But His deepest sufferings on the mountain were not flesh wounds, painful as they were. He suffered soul agony for you and me.

In a very real sense, though there were people around Him, He died alone, forsaken by God and men. He willingly died that way that we should have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

God saw fit that Jesus, in the hour of His death, should be forsaken by heaven and earth. He bore sin's penalty *alone*, that we might never have to be alone in that dread sense. This was a deliberate choice on His part.

"He saved others; himself he cannot save," was the taunt of those who passed by. They were right. If He was to save others, He could not spare Himself.

In that lonely hour Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why hast *thou* forsaken me?"

He did that for *me!* He did that for *you!*

Our hearts go out in human pity for a man who died alone on a mountain of perpetual snows—in search of mountain goats.

Then let them go out in penitence and worship to the Son of God, who died alone—and voluntarily—that He might find and save *us* by His blood.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on *him* the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). ◀◀◀

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