

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

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JINGLE BELLS

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. Zechariah 14:20.



The Fellowship of the Cross

Howard P. Courtney at the P. F. N. A. Convention

I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

● THE CROSS! Here we have a subject deeper than the deepest sea, higher than the heavens and wider than the space between the stars. The Cross! The mind well-nigh reels under the impact of its full and rich meaning, for here we indeed meet truth so high, so deep, so wide, so astounding and amazing that we can only bow our heads in awe and wonderment while we whisper, "Thy ways are as high above our ways as the heavens are above the earth."

The Cross! To try to tell its majestic wonders is like trying to count the sands of the seashore.

To try to explain it fully is like trying to number the drops of water in the oceans, or like trying to hold their waters in a thimble, or like trying to balance the Rockies in the hand of a child, or like trying to compete against the sun's brightness with a feeble candle.

Here is a subject that defies the human vocabulary. I must confess that I have been bewildered to know where to start on a subject so mighty in scope and sweep as the subject of the Cross.

The Cross points vividly to the sacrificial, substitutionary, shameful, voluntary death of Jesus Christ.

The bloody Cross speaks of redemption, salvation, forgiveness, cleansing, peace with God, liberty and freedom for perishing, sin-sick humanity.

The influence of the Cross is like an endless lifeline encircling the world and the throne of God. Men of every nation, tongue and tribe—men in all their helplessness and need—may grasp it anywhere, and through faith be lifted out of darkness into the marvelous light of salvation in Christ.

The Cross stands for God's almighty power to save. As the safety of the

Brother Courtney, General Supervisor of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, delivered this message at the Oklahoma City Convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

ancient Israelites lay in remaining inside the blood-sprinkled house till morning, so we are safe only while dwelling under the Blood-sprinkled Cross. Yes, safe, till the eternal day dawn and the shadows of death and sin flee away.

THE CROSS! All the great doctrines of the Bible, like never-withering wreaths, are laid by the Holy Spirit at the foot of the Cross. On and on we could go without scratching the surface of the wonderful gold mine of truths found in the Cross of Christ. May our words, our hearts, our thoughts, our motives be sanctified as we contemplate the bloody tree where our Lord Jesus died that we might live.

"I am crucified with Christ," said Paul. Our text describes our fellowship or our identification with the Cross and with Christ. Note that we are identified with both Christ and the Cross, because the Cross and Christ cannot be separated. They were nailed together. They are one. This verse has been called "The Gospel in Brief." It is the apex, the summit of the believers' experience, and the marrow of Christianity.

An Apparent Contradiction

We face here what appears to be a strange, monstrous and unusual bundle of paradoxes and contradictions. "I am crucified, yet I live," "I live, yet not I." "We are found sinners, yet we are justified." But these phrases which seem so strange and contradictory to the unbeliever are joyous and comforting to those who know the crucified Christ and have crowned Him King of their hearts.

In this text, we have only an apparent contradiction. No law of logic is broken by the apostle when he affirms and then proceeds to deny. Rather, it is his remarkable method of expressing deep, actual facts of spiritual experience in Christ, the outliving of an indwelling Christ.

"I am crucified with Christ, neverthe-

Unceasing Love

I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 31:3

less I live." The great apostle is not speaking of a physical crucifixion or self-crucifixion, for this is impossible. No man can drive the nails into his own hands and feet. Paul is here preaching and teaching the reproduction of Christ's death in the Christian. All that has been accomplished in the Redeemer is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. We go hand in hand, step by step with Christ from His earthly humiliation and death to His final triumph in heaven. This absolute union begins at the Cross of Calvary. The first step in the process of our identification with Christ is our entrance into His death. "I am crucified with Christ."

We Died With Christ

Jesus did not die INSTEAD of us, for if He did He AROSE INSTEAD of us, which would lead us to blackest, deepest despair. He died FOR us; not instead of us. He did not die to save us from dying; He died that we might die with Him. Our Lord did not rise instead of us; He arose that we might rise with Him. No words could make this plainer and more decisive. "I have been, I AM crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live." May God be praised that there is no impassable gulf between the Redeemer and the redeemed; clear undefiled Christianity is union, oneness with Christ in death and in life.

We know from observation what Paul meant by being "crucified with Christ." It meant the absolute, utter uncompromising, complete renunciation of every ambition and aspiration that had once kindled his soul into fiery energy.

It meant the final forsaking of all the social charm and individual ambitions for which most men care to live. It meant the acceptance without complaint or murmur of a life course that was restless and homeless with ceaseless peril crowned with hardship and sorrow.

It meant death; the old life was killed out; the passions, lusts, habits and associations of the life of sin, self and worldliness was mortified. Christianity is not simply educational; it is first of all militant, purging, scourging, killing.

Paul meant that all the irritation, the weariness, the tiresomeness of the legal religion, and all the hardness and the

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Our Year of Jubilee

V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent for Kansas

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you. . . . A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you. Leviticus 25:10, 11.

● IN THIS YEAR OF 1950 we are entering the fiftieth year of the worldwide "Latter Rain" outpouring. Within a few months it will be the Golden Anniversary.

Some may have the idea that there was a limited place where the Lord first poured out His Spirit, but not so. While visiting the Pentecostal World Conferences in Zurich and Paris we heard from various countries the glowing testimony of how the Spirit fell upon believers in the early part of the Twentieth Century. The year 1901 brought the beginning of the outpouring. The Holy Spirit came almost simultaneously upon independent groups of praying people in various countries, according to the scripture of James 5:7—"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Now we are entered upon the fiftieth year of this glorious "Latter Rain" outpouring. The very word "Pentecost" means fiftieth (fifty days after Passover). It was the Jewish harvest-home, when the Jews gave thanks for the wheat crop and offered the first fruits to the Lord. The type was gloriously fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the spiritual rain came down upon the Church, and the firstfruits of the harvest, three thousand precious souls, were gathered in.

The fiftieth year reminds us especially of the Year of Jubilee. Leviticus 25:10. The Year of Jubilee was the year of liberty. Ezekiel 46:17. In another place it was called the acceptable year of the Lord. Isaiah 61:2. How beautifully Jesus fulfilled the type of the Year of Jubilee, and of the Israelites' release from Egyptian bondage, when He went into the synagogue at Nazareth and declared: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering

of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18, 19.

Thank God for this Year of Jubilee—our holy year. Leviticus 25:12. It is a time of release from every bondage, a time of beginning again. Freedom! Joy! Life! Oh, what glorious freedom, joy, and spiritual life we have found in Christ since He poured out this glorious "Latter Rain." It is indeed a golden year to every person who will enter therein!

Shall we not look to God for a special outpouring of His Spirit during this Year of Jubilee—this fiftieth year of the present Pentecostal outpouring? During the past years we have seen this glorious full gospel preached to the masses. The tide of infidelity has been held in check by the mighty power of God's Spirit. The enemy has been defeated wherever the Spirit has had His way.

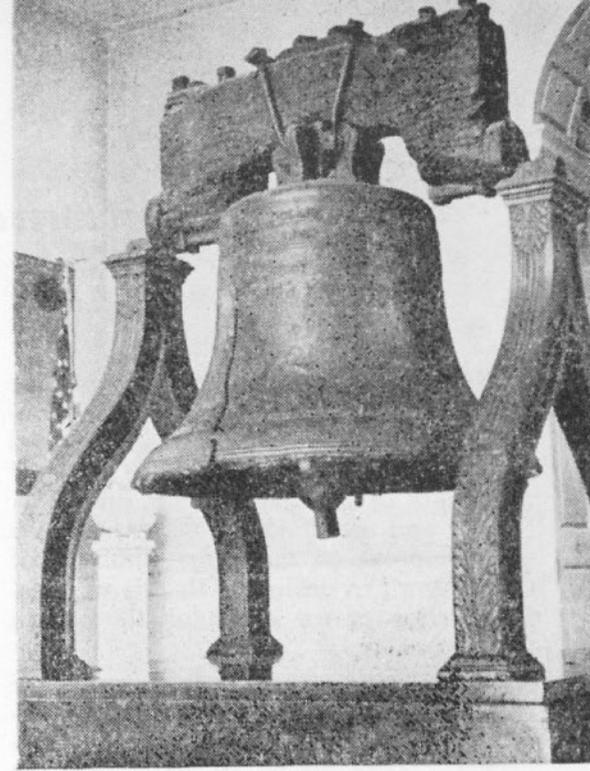
Have we not seen, even during this past year, some of the most glorious manifestations of the Spirit's working we have ever witnessed? Do we not have thousands of testimonies, by word and by letter, that God came with complete deliverance to poor benighted souls and crippled bodies, to deliver them from bondage and give freedom, joy, and life eternal? Time and space would not suffice to relate the multitude of deliverances wrought. The Pentecostal Movement is growing by leaps and bounds. In our Assemblies of God fellowship alone, which is but one part of the Pentecostal Movement, there has been phenomenal growth. New churches have been added at the rate of four each week. In foreign lands we now have some 700 missionaries bringing this glorious truth to multitudes in darkness.

We are thankful for all the accomplishments of the past, but they must only en-

Unceasing Care

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psalm 121:3.



The Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, bears the inscription, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts)

courage us to accept the challenge that is before us now. It may be that during this Year of Jubilee the trumpet shall sound (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and our Lord shall come. It may be that before the year is ended we shall have been caught up to glory, and we shall celebrate our Golden Anniversary in the skies! It is possible this may be the year of our release from our mortal body! But, if not, we shall only gird up our loins with truth, submit to a heavier anointing of the Holy Spirit, and move forward fearlessly at Christ's command to the releasing of more lives from bondage and the leading of many more souls from darkness into His marvelous light.

A Word From Jesus

A demon-possessed African found Christ, and maintained a true testimony for six months, until an influenza epidemic raged through Malaita. To'ouna lay dying. His heathen relatives as well as the Christians gathered round him. When he expired they commenced to wrap him up for burial, when to their amazement his eyes opened and his breath returned, and he said to them, "My brothers, if you want to see me again, you must take the Lord Jesus for your Master. Everything which the missionaries been tell about Jesus he true. Me been see Jesus just now. Me been see Jesus Himself, and He let me come back to tell you, my brothers, that you must take Him, too. Now me go along Him." Then he passed away into the presence of the Savior. The heathen have never forgotten To'ouna's home-call, and there is an immediate response from them when his death is mentioned.—Dawn.

The Baptismal "Formula"

Bill Britton *

● THIS IS NOT an attempt to prove the fallacy of the "Oneness" doctrine concerning the Godhead. The Scriptures seem very plain concerning the truth of the trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and no amount of explanation could improve on the clear simplicity of God's Word in dealing with this wonderful mystery of the one adorable God in three persons.

Rather this message shall deal with the question of water baptism, and the correct "formula" to use in baptizing believers. There seems to be a division among Pentecostal people, some saying, "I'll take the words of Christ," and others saying, "I'll take the words of Peter." Actually, all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and all is profitable for doctrine. The Scriptures do not conflict nor contradict one another, but are in perfect harmony.

In Matthew 28:19 we find Christ giving commandment to go and teach all nations, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Then in the Book of Acts we find the apostles preaching and practicing water baptism in four different places "in the name of Jesus Christ," "in the name of the Lord Jesus," and "in the name of the Lord." Why is that? And why does Paul definitely infer in 1 Corinthians 1:12-15 that water baptism is to be done in the name of the One who was crucified for us? Is he giving strength to the "Oneness" teaching?

First of all, let us find out what the expression "in the name of" means. The Greek word for "name" used in the above mentioned places is *onoma*, meaning "authority." In the name of someone means "by his authority." To put someone under arrest "in the name of the law" is to do so by the authority which the law has given you. It does not mean that the law has a special name that must always be spoken out in order for the arrest to take effect, but is rather the authority and power the officers have behind them

in making the arrest. There is no ceremony connected with it; they simply arrest their man, letting him know who they are and what authority they have for so doing. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus is giving the disciples their authority for baptizing the nations, showing them that God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost were backing them up with all their authority and power in teaching and baptizing the nations. It was Jesus who gave the disciples this authority, so it was perfectly in order for them to stand up on the day of Pentecost and tell the people that it was by the authority of this same Jesus, whom the Jews had so recently crucified, that they were now to be baptized and to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In 1 Corinthians 1:13-15 Paul says: "Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name." Surely if it was a spoken "formula" he was speaking of, he would not have used the name of Paul in it. But what Paul feared was that some might think the baptizing was by his own authority. He gives them to understand that it was Christ who was crucified for them, and it was by the authority of Christ that they were to be baptized.

Jesus Himself states in Matthew 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." This Greek word used here for "power" is not *dunamis*, as used in Acts 1:8—that explosive, miraculous power we receive when the Holy Ghost comes upon us. The word

Unceasing Help

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper.

Hebrews 13:5, 6.

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used in Matthew 28:18 is *exousia*, meaning "authority, jurisdiction, liberty." All authority in heaven and in earth was given unto Jesus. We read in Colossians 1:19 and 2:9-10: "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;" and "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (*exousia*, authority)." So Jesus had a perfect right to give the name or authority of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost to His disciples to baptize, since this authority or power was vested in Him. And it was perfectly in order for His disciples to use the name or authority of Jesus to baptize, since it was He who had given them all this authority. In fact, we are exhorted to do everything we do, in word or deed, in the name of (by the authority of) the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Col. 3:17.

We must be sure that whatever we do, in word or deed, we have the authority of Christ for so doing. If someone baptizes an infant, or an unrepentant sinner, he does not have the authority of Christ for doing this. He cannot baptize that one "in the name of Jesus," or "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," no matter how many times he may say one or both of those "formulas" over his head. We must have the authority.

Someone may ask: "What then would be the correct 'formula' to use when baptizing a person?" Since there is no set rule or "formula" laid down in the Scriptures, and since we are baptizing in the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, what could be simpler or more in order than to repeat the words of the Lord Jesus Himself: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?"

HIDDEN OPPORTUNITIES

My friends, remember that your opportunities do not come with their ultimate values stamped upon them. You do not know what is happening when you speak to a soul. You may be speaking to thousands through that one, through that kindly deed, through that tender and loving concern for that particular individual.—F. A. Robinson

Fill the crevices between times with prayer and praise.

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A Woman to Be Praised

Mrs. O. W. Keyes

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:30, 31.

• WHAT TYPE of woman do you admire? What type of woman would merit your compliments? What woman would you praise?

Some look to the intellectual type, the girl with the highest I.Q., the girl with the answers. Others select the athletic type, the one excelling in sports, the girl who can serve the ball over the tennis net, or hit the basket while engaging in basket ball. Many admire that one advanced in the culinary arts, the gracious hostess who can serve a delicious meal well planned and well seasoned. (At least we all like to visit her, don't we?)

Others say, "My praise is for the woman with a beautiful face and lovely figure. Yes, the beauty queen gets my vote." Not long ago I read the history of the beauty queens of America from 1920 to the present day. The picture of each was there as she appeared the year she won the title, and then the contrasting picture as she appeared years later. I found that several, being discouraged and disillusioned, had committed suicide; while many of those still living fell victims to disease and poor health and thereby their beauty faded. Yes, beauty is vain; time takes its toll, and the beauty of youth soon fades and vanishes as swiftly as a summer breeze.

Others choose the maiden with a sparkling personality, the one who knows how to bolster morale and cause folk to feel at home in her company. Each of us has a standard by which we measure our admired lady. And God has His standard. It is found in the Book of Proverbs, penned under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost by the wise man Solomon. In the 31st chapter, verses 10 to 31, Solomon pays a beautiful eulogy to womanhood. For me, the climax is reached in the 30th verse: "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Oh, here is God's standard. The

woman that fears the Lord, that one who reverences Him in her heart, that maiden who with godly fear and love unfeigned walks softly before her lover Lord, is the one God is looking for. Many willingly offer their talents to God while their heart is divided in its affections. The thing that will please our beloved Bridegroom is a heart fully surrendered to Him.

In Luke 10:42 we see the maiden Mary of Bethany. Jesus was the guest in the home of His friends Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Martha, being the industrious and efficient hostess, was busy as a bee preparing a lovely meal for Jesus, the honored guest; while Mary, forgetting the many duties she might otherwise be occupied with, found her place at the feet of Jesus. She was enraptured with his gracious words, as He spoke to her of the way of life and eternity's values. So happy was she to be at His dear feet that she scarcely stirred as Martha entered the room and asked, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her, therefore, that she help me." Hear the reply of Jesus, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Yes, one thing is needful—that DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT from the heart of the handmaiden of the Lord that will not be broken or disturbed by the many duties around her. God is looking for such young ladies in Bible school, and in every Assembly of God church, who will keep their devotion unto God regardless of circumstances, friendship with others, or pleasures for themselves.

Another quality that God admires is MODESTY. Often we speak of Esther who was so burdened for her own people that she was willing to jeopardize her life in order to intercede for them, and well we might point to her consecration. However, we can learn a lesson from Vashti,



too. Have you read the first chapter of Esther? There we are introduced to King Ahasuerus, who reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over 127 provinces. He desiring to show the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty gave a feast in Shushan, the palace, that lasted 180 days. At the end of the feast, being merry with wine, the king commanded the chamberlains to bring Vashti the Queen before the king and his guests. We are told Vashti was very beautiful, and the king desired her to display her beauty and charm before his guests in an unbecoming manner. In the twelfth verse we see that she possessed qualities that excelled her physical beauty, for there we read, "But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment." Here is a young woman with modesty, who is willing to suffer the disfavor of the king and the loss of her queenship rather than lower her standard and degrade her womanhood by stooping to the sinful wishes of man.

In these days of loose living and lowered morals, rare and choice is that maiden of modesty (not only in the eyes of God, but in the eyes of Christendom as well) who has a standard so high and holy that never could the desire for popularity with her own set or circle allow a lapse in her consecration for one moment. Let us remember that as the Bride of Christ we have been "espoused unto one husband, that we may be presented as a chaste virgin unto Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:2.

"Who can find a virtuous woman?" asked the wise man, "For her price is far above rubies." "Virtue" translated in Hebrew means "strong or worthy." It stands for the highest and greatest strength of character. No wonder such a price is placed upon it! In our world of today we see many holding a double standard. It seems that the sins of women are held forever against them, while men who commit the same sins are excused and accepted back into society. I believe it is high time that we, as women who love the Lord, keep before our

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Unceasing Kindness

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

Isaiah 54:8.

Mrs. Keyes, whose husband is President of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San Francisco, gave this message to the young lady students at a special chapel service.

The Indispensable Christ

Wesley R. Steelberg

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● GOD BLESS YOU, friends! We are indeed happy to have the privilege of ministering to you. It is our hope and prayer that the message God has laid on our heart may bring blessing to every life, as well as encouragement and cheer to every home, office, sick room or car where this broadcast may be heard. We want to talk to you today about the Indispensable Christ.

The word "indispensable" instantly suggests that we are speaking of something which cannot be dispensed with, something absolutely necessary, such as water and air which are requisite to life.

That there are perhaps tens of thousands of people who are trying desperately (perhaps unknowingly) to get along without Christ, cannot be denied; but if they only knew how much they are missing, how utterly handicapped they are without Him, I feel certain they would rush to lay claim to His love, His care, and His provision, and never be without Him again.

It is remarkable how man through ingenuity, perseverance, and indomitable courage manages to overcome physical handicaps. The stories we hear of blind and crippled persons learning to overcome discouragement and almost insurmountable obstacles and make a place for themselves in life, always makes the tears come to my eyes, and I have a deep admiration for them in my heart. Through circumstances they have been forced to dispense with sight, hearing, use of limbs and such, but there are still things they cannot dispense with; air, water, food and sleep are required even by the handicapped; and if the soul is to be saved, if prayer is to be heard, if man, woman, young people and children are to conquer sin, overcome sinful practices, live lives of righteousness, have true peace, and eventually make heaven their home, they MUST accept Christ. He is absolutely indispensable.

Let us examine this law of life of which the apostle Paul speaks in Romans 8:2, saying, "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We note as we examine the record that He is the *only* sacrifice for sin. Sin is such a dastardly, vile thing it cannot be forgiven, erased, eliminated without a sacrifice, which means someone must die. *He died in our stead!* Romans 5:6 tells us, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." He is the only source of truth. Peter recognizes this when Jesus asks if the disciples also intended to go their own way, as many others had. Answering the question, Peter says, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." He is the sole source of nourishment of your soul. He says of Himself, "I am the bread of life;" no other food can satisfy the soul. He is the only Mediator between God and man; He is the only intercessor who can successfully plead your cause at the Throne of Grace. Yes, it is true, He is the only Saviour—for

there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved.

There are many, many other scriptures we might quote, but if you do not know Him and love Him you are probably already aware of how badly you need Him. You realize without being told how indispensable He is; and what you want to know is how you can reach Him, where you must go, and what you must do to be included in His love. Oh, how happy I am to tell you that it is as simple and attainable as breathing air and drinking water. Without moving a step or even changing your position you can do three things: (1) repent—by confessing your sins to Him in prayer; (2) believe—by accepting His promise to forgive and cleanse; (3) obey—by exercising the power and strength He instantly affords you to overcome sin. Do it now, so you won't have to try to get along *without* Him another minute.

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Preaching and Prayer

Win a Derelict

Olive Lane Sherwood

Faithful preaching of the Word, and tears over the ironing board, were used to bring a drunkard and drug addict to Christ.

● IT WAS DURING the years when my father was pastor in an Ohio city that a certain conversion took place. It was so remarkable that none who saw it will ever forget the manifestation of God's presence and power.

The man, whom I will call John Guise, appeared first at one of the Sunday street meetings that Father loved to hold. He was young, thin, and with a tragic face, marked, as we later learned, by the pallor of a drug addict. And alcohol was his middle name. But there was something in those burning eyes that made one feel that the heart behind them longed for better things.

Father was greatly exercised over this poor derelict, and Mother was so burdened that she was often in prayer for him, tears dropping even on the ironing board as she worked over it.

At length John was persuaded to accompany the street meeting group as it returned to the church. Then, knowing that Father held services all day Sunday, he came finally in the afternoon of his own accord, staggering to a rear seat, too drunk almost to know what was taking place.

But Father's vigorous preaching would never allow even a drunkard to sleep, and John soon found himself in that state which old-fashioned Methodists called deep conviction.

Unceasing Strength

Trust ye in the Lord for ever:
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Isaiah 26:4.

At the close of the appeal, he arose, stumbled part way up the aisle, then muttering half aloud, "Wait, I've got dirt in my mouth," he turned back to the entrance. Here he threw away all the tobacco on his person, then made a bee line for the altar.

For two solid hours John called on God, alternately beating the altar with his fists and bowing his weeping face to the floor. Those who knelt on either side continued waiting on the Lord until the man was sobered enough to "come now and reason together." Then his repentance quieted into something deep and sincere.

It was six o'clock when faith leaped to touch the reaching hand of God, and John Guise was transformed. Jumping to his feet, he paced back and forth in front of the altar, clapping his hands for joy, and praising God with all his might.

From that moment the man had not the smallest desire for drugs, drink, or tobacco, and never touched them again. He joined the church, found work, and lived the life of a consistent, victorious Christian.

Six months later none would have recognized the John Guise of former days. He had become stout, ruddy, and pleasant-faced. And he was now the husband of one of our best church workers, a young widow whose small son was at last getting the discipline he needed.

How wonderful is the gospel of Christ, the dynamo of God unto salvation! And surely one who has seen a John Guise born again will never be tempted to doubt the reality of its power.—*Sunday School Times.*

MIRACLE RESULTS FROM SIMPLE FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE

H. J. Garland

Not long ago I was hearing a debate in the House of Lords (London). In conversation with a lady by my side I learned that she came from Bristol and had married a famous airman. She was the mother of four children. Later I met them all.

The lady said that her parents were neighbors of George Muller, and that he was an intimate friend. Often she had sat on his knees, and, when leaving, the man of God laid his hands on her head, saying, "Jesus loves you; He will answer your prayers. Remember His word, 'When ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have. . .'"

She said, "He told me I was one of the Saviour's lambs, but today I am a wandering sheep; yet God has not forsaken me.

"Four months ago my son was dying of a form of brain fever. He had been unconscious for days. The Harley Street specialist said there was no hope of recovery, and if he did get better he would be insane. He wanted to remove him to a nursing home, to ease his death. This I would not allow.

"He rebuked me for my 'stupidity,' explaining his death would be most painful to watch. After he had gone, I recalled the words of George Muller and, kneeling by the bedside, I asked God to heal my son. My prayer was immediately answered by the welcome voice of my four-year-old son saying, with a bright smile, 'Hello, Mummy.' The specialist says it is a miracle. The boy suffered no mental trouble, and is now well and strong."—*Christian Digest.*

Sunday School Lesson

by Ernest S. Williams

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Lesson for January 29

Lesson Text: John 5:1-12

One of the outstanding declarations concerning Jesus is that He was "moved with compassion." We find the expression used repeatedly. The ministry of Jesus was to crying needs of humanity. Where He saw misery, there He was attracted, whether it be physical, moral, or spiritual. The leper got His ear and His cleansing touch. Matt. 8:2. The sinful woman received His compassion and forgiveness. Luke 7:44. The despised tax collector heard Him say, "I must abide at thy house." Luke 19:5. Jesus needed not that any should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. John 2:25. He had come, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17.

1. What the Sabbath Meant to Jesus

Jesus did not come to violate the Jewish sabbath, for "He was a minister of the circumcision, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." Rom. 15:8. He came to put the sabbath in its proper place, for "the sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." Mark 2:27. Throughout His ministry He transgressed the tradition of the elders by doing good on the sabbath day. They, however, had transgressed the commandment of God by making man for the sabbath, instead of making the sabbath for man. Jesus never transgressed the tradition of the elders concerning the sabbath for self-interest. He used the sabbath for the rest, deliverance, comfort, and peace of those who were afflicted in soul or in body. Thus He fulfilled the purpose of God for the sabbath. It is our duty properly to observe the Lord's day.

2. Misery at Jerusalem on a Feast Day

"After this there was a feast of the Jews: and Jesus went up to Jerusalem." John 5:1. Most of those who were at Jerusalem at that time were attracted by the encouraging and the beautiful. They rejoiced in the ceremonies connected with worship. While they were occupied with the services of the temple, Jesus was at the pool of Bethesda. The crowds were attracted by pomp and ceremony; He was attracted by misery. At the pool of Bethesda was poverty, pain, misery, helplessness and hopelessness. All were waiting, struggling for help.

Who was this man Jesus who came to the place of suffering? Isaiah tells us He was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Isa. 53:3. As someone has pointed out, at Bethesda the misery was distributed among many. Only One has ever endured all misery, "the Man of sorrows." Because Jesus suffered, He knew how to succor those who were suffering.

3. Jesus Especially Attracted by the Most Miserable

One had been there thirty-eight years. By

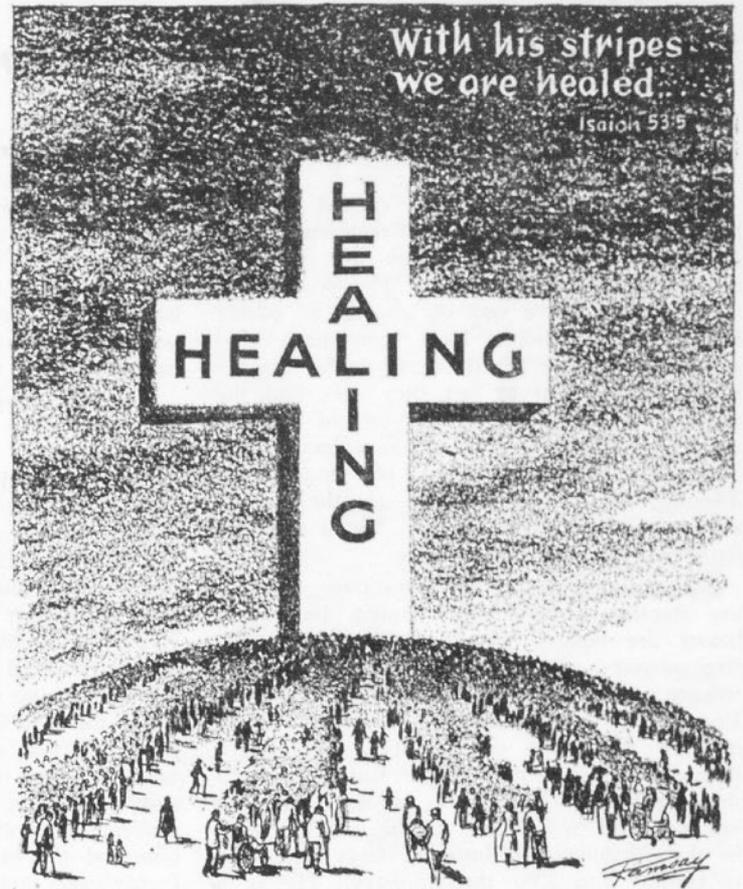
now he had pretty well given up. Seeing him lying in his helplessness, Jesus said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" That was an important question. It called for the consent of the will. However distraught the man might be, he must will. Whether it be physical or spiritual recovery that is desired, Jesus does not help people against their will.

The impotent man did not as yet recognize Jesus. He saw only the waters of the pool; he thought only of the many times he had tried to reach them only to be pushed back time and again by those who were stronger than he. His disappointment had become chronic. Because of this his answer to Jesus was, "I have no man when the water is troubled to put me into the pool." v. 7. "While I am coming another steppeth down before me." Can you imagine the grief and disappointment of this man's heart during those many years? Who could appreciate these other than the "Man of sorrows?" He knew the crushings of the soul as well as the need of the body. When He said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" I think He looked deeper than the physical need. He saw also the broken heart. His first ministry was "to bind up the broken hearted"—then, "to let the oppressed go free." Luke 4:19. Praise God for such a Savior.

4. A Call to Faith

To the unbelieving the next words of Jesus would sound like hollow mockery. "Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Think of a stranger speaking thus to a helpless, impotent man—a man who had lain there for thirty-eight years! But this Stranger was different from all others. With His words came an inward assurance. The impotent man felt something. It was the power of God. Acting upon the word of Jesus, "immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked." verse 9.

Had the words of Jesus been words of justice only, they might have condemned the man. His sins and his sickness may have gone together. As it was, they were words of divine power and



compassion. Mercy was bestowed on the afflicted one. How we all need the mercy of God that provides divine compassion, and the power of God that manifests our deliverance. We cannot but think of the publican who went up to the temple to pray. As he prayed he said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He was conscious of his condition and his need of mercy. Luke 18:13.

5. Unjust Criticism

While Jesus was healing a man who had been helpless in their midst for thirty-eight years, the Jews looking on were filled with envy and criticism. They held their envy in a religious garb. They tried to cover it with devotion to the sabbath. They immediately pounced on the man who had been healed. Instead of rejoicing with him, they accosted him with the words, "It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed." v. 10. How inconsistent religion can be. How heartless it can become. When the true spirit of Jesus is lost in the trappings of ceremony or formal worship, religion can bring forth anything, even to cruelty. Whatever else we may lose, may we never lose the spirit of the compassion of our Lord and Savior. May we encourage faith and rejoice when we see divine power working in human lives.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Lesson for January 22: The Rewarder of Faith. Lesson Text: John 4:46-54.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Says Roland Gammon, in the December Pageant: "Our Sunday School enrollment is still about 21,000,000—the same as it was back in 1926, despite the fact our population has soared by millions in the past quarter of a century."

Unceasing Prayer

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Among the Themne and Limba

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hemminger, Sierra Leone

● NOT LONG AGO we started a work among the Limba people of Freetown, Sierra Leone. In the interior there are missions established among the Limba tribespeople, but here in town there was no church or pastor for them. Our hearts have been made glad as we have since heard some of the Limbas thanking God that at last they, too, had the opportunity of hearing the Word of God in their own language. One of the elders in our Themne church is a Limba, but understands Themne. He goes with us to the Limba services and interprets for us. He is working hard to bring in his own people.

As yet none of the believers have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but many hearts are hungry. In the fall we baptized five converts. One of the number is a prison warden. His life has been changed completely. Because of the great change in his life a number are coming to our services. The man's wife, formerly a member of the Bundu Bush (a devil society), has been saved, too. The husband and wife have established an altar in their home. The husband feels that God is calling him into the ministry. He is a man of some education and talent.

We have twenty-seven in our women's group at the Themne church. Our hearts have been

touched many times this rainy season to watch the mothers with little babies on their backs coming through the rain to class. Most of the mothers do not have umbrellas, and many have a long way to walk. One of the women was baptized with the last group and two more have expressed their desire to be baptized.

Two weeks ago we had such a sweet service! Two little babies were dedicated to the Lord. One of the babies was an answer to prayer. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kennedy's cook and his wife attend the Themne services. They had been married eight years but had never had a child. The wife earnestly requested in one of the women's services that we pray that they might have a child. We prayed, and little Johnny was one of the babies dedicated. We wish you could have seen the happy parents.

One morning while we were at breakfast we heard the neighbor's little girl screaming. We were told that a fly had gotten into her eye. Soon we saw the father, who is a police inspector, driving away with the little girl. His son ran down the road after him and stopped him and the young man who works for the family was then led to the car holding both of his eyes. We went over to see what was wrong and learned that a cobra had spit in their eyes. The mother was crying. She feared

that her child and the young man would lose their eyesight. We went to the chicken house where the cobra had been encountered to kill the snake. We peered inside but did not see it. We had to enter the building to locate it. In the corner was a bucket used as a nest. The snake was in the bucket on top of some eggs. We shot it when it lifted its head out of the bucket. When we took the snake outside the people beat it though it was already dead. They thanked us again and again for killing it.

The girl and the young man received immediate attention so their eyesight was not impaired.

There are many towns and villages here without the gospel. Many of the tribal people have turned to Mohammedanism. Please pray with us that the Lord will thrust forth laborers for Sierra Leone. National workers are especially needed.

To Shed Light

A poor blind woman in Paris put twenty-seven francs into a missionary offering. This amount seemed high for a woman of her means and it was suggested that she could not afford it. "Yes, sir, I can. I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw-workers, 'How much money do you spend in a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work?' They replied, 'Twenty-seven francs.'

"So, I found that I save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to the dark heathen lands."—*Christian Digest*.

◀◀◀ Illustration shows last page of letter to Mr. Osgood. Large square (bottom left) is the writer's seal. Letter is read from top to bottom beginning at right.

至又給我一個人小孫子名叫大衛現在三個月了

FROM CENTRAL CHINA

The following letter from Pastor John Yang, Hankow, China was received in December by Howard C. Osgood, Field Secretary for China:

Hankow, China
November 14, 1949

Dear Mr. Osgood:

After I received your letter I also received a letter from Mr. Mills in Shanghai saying that you had sent one hundred and sixty American dollars for us, which amounts to \$316,800 in people's money. After the remittance charges were deducted we received \$290,000. We wish to thank you for the money.

At the present our land-rent money is still expressed in silver dollars, but it must be paid at the official rate in people's money. We have not paid our land rent for several months. The landlord is anxious for it. I wonder if there would be some way for you to help us with this. We have been unable to pay it.

Aside from the matter of land rent we are all very happy and at peace. From the time of our liberation I have enjoyed liberty in minis-

tering. Several have been added to our number. Two of our women have been baptized in the Spirit and several others have been under the power.

The Liberation Army has issued to each of our churches a proclamation which states: "This place is a church. All military personnel and organizations are forbidden to quarter here."

Mrs. Chou's child was near death. She brought it to church. We prayed for the child and the Lord healed it. It has now put on weight. Half of Mrs. Chien's body was paralyzed. Several of us went to her home and prayed with her. Now she can walk.

My son and I were in Nanking late in October and the first of November for a conference at the request of Miss Henrietta A. Tieleman and Miss Alice F. Stewart. We discussed entering the fellowship of the National Christian Council. Elder Chen from Shanghai also attended. When we left no decision had been reached, but Miss Tieleman later wrote that it was decided not to enter the fellowship. When we had finished our conference Pastor Nathan Ma invited us to hold services at the Feng Fu Road Chapel. We were there a week. Ten were baptized in water. A denominational church then asked us to hold a three-day meeting. The first day was like boring a hole through a mountain, but the second day there was freedom in the Spirit. Four came forward to confess their sins. On the third day in the afternoon more than ten came for prayer. We were invited to stay longer but we felt that we had to return to Hankow.

Pastor John Yang, Hankow

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楊約翰
十一月十四日

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Foreign Missions Department

434 West Pacific Street

Springfield 1,

Missouri

Work in Hamamatsu, Japan

Arthur B. Chesnut*

● THIS PAST SUMMER, at the invitation of the local pastor, I visited our work in Hamamatsu, Japan. Here Miss Agnes Juergensen worked for several years. The assembly, which now meets in a home, came about largely as a result of her missionary labors.

Hamamatsu, an industrial center of near 200,000 population, is located in south central Japan, on the Pacific coast south and west of Tokyo. On one side of the city is found an airstrip used by the Japanese Air Corps before and during the war as a practice and testing ground for bombing and strafing planes. Nearby was an aircraft factory. When the United States had recovered from the losses suffered at the beginning of the war and had built up her strength sufficiently to place her on the offensive, the training and testing field and the aircraft factory naturally became targets for American bombs. Only the framework of the aircraft factory was left standing. The fires that were set as the result of air raids swept through the entire Hamamatsu area, taking everything that would burn. Japanese buildings, as a rule, are made of very light materials which burn easily. Only the hulls of some buildings were left, and just the foundations of others. There were nine high schools in the city when the war started. Only two remained intact. All of the schools have now been rebuilt, or partly so.

With the help of the Japanese pastor, and a Bible student, using a Jeep station wagon furnished me from the Speed-the-Light program, and a large public address system borrowed from Miss Marie Juergensen (Agnes Juergensen's sister), I conducted several street meetings, and open-air meetings in Hamamatsu besides services in the church. The Bible student, the son of a former pastor killed during the war, was my interpreter. There was a good response to each of the services.

We felt after noting the response to the services that a real evangelistic campaign in Hamamatsu would be worthwhile. A large hall, located on a steep rise above the city, which had been damaged during the war but had just been renovated, was being used for all large public gatherings. It occurred to us

that possibly the hall auditorium could be rented for an evangelistic campaign. We felt that services intended to stir the entire city should be held in a prominent location. Upon investigation we found that the auditorium was engaged until October 21, but that we might rent it at that time for ten days of uninterrupted services. An evangelistic campaign was scheduled.

In October we opened the meetings as planned. Pastor Uchimurs of the Kyoto Assembly and Pastor Kikuchi of the local assembly conducted the services and contributed greatly to the success of the campaign. Marie Juergensen preached part of the time, also interpreted for me. Akiya Ito, a Japanese Bible student, also served as my interpreter.

The entire city of Hamamatsu was made aware of our presence. Handbills and posters were distributed all over the city and our meetings were announced over the local radio station. While our services were in progress Miss Juergensen spoke to the student body of one of the girls' high schools, to two parent-teacher associations, and to the patients of the government tuberculosis hospital located at the foothills of the mountains a little more than an hour's drive from Hamamatsu. I spoke to the students of the other high schools, and the patients of the three local hospitals. Invitations came to us to speak at other places but we were unable to accept all the invitations. God gave us favor with the people.

Many hungry hearts responded to our invitations at the various services, and remained for prayer—we believe that there were at least two hundred. There have been letters since the campaign expressing gratitude for the meetings. Many expressions have been given orally. While only a handful of persons were attending the assembly before the campaign now four meetings are being held each Sunday in the home which serves as the church in order to accommodate everyone desiring to attend the assembly services. We know that the campaign was effective.

A piece of ground now has been purchased in Hamamatsu for a new church. The location is an excellent one. It is estimated that \$5800 will be needed to finish paying for the ground and to erect a church building that will accommodate three hundred persons, allowing adequate space for Sunday School rooms. We are praying that God will lay it on the hearts of friends to help in this need for Japan. At present the

believers in Hamamatsu do not even have a chance to have a real prayer service for lack of space and time for their services.

Offerings for the Hamamatsu church should be forwarded to the **Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Hamamatsu Building," % Miss Marie Juergensen.**

We are planning to conduct another evangelistic campaign in Hamamatsu in the spring. We would like to use a large tent for the meetings, and would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing of a tent that would be available for the work in Japan. Any financial assistance with this campaign also would be appreciated.

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Plymire, missionaries to Northwest China, have returned to the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Marocco, missionaries to North India, announce the arrival of a son, born on November 23. He has been named James Dwight.

The warehouse of the Assemblies of God at 233 Fifty-third Street, Brooklyn, New York will receive all shipments of relief for Europe as well as other shipments designated for our missionaries in various fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. Benintendi and family and Mrs. J. Philip Hogan and children, missionaries to Formosa, are expected to arrive in the States soon.

Arthur G. Johnson, missionary to Southwest China, has returned to the States.

Thomas Stoddart, who has been visiting in Scotland for some time, is critically ill. He had intended to return to India but has not been able to make the trip.

Henry C. Ball, Secretary for the Latin-American field, left Springfield January 2 for Miami, Florida where he boarded a plane for Cuba. Brother Ball will visit various of our works in Latin America. He is expected back in the States on June 9.

The Ambassador II made its maiden flight in the service of the Assemblies of God early in January. Mexico City was the destination. The B-17 four-engine plane left Springfield on January 3, carrying eighteen passengers and a crew of four, and arrived in Mexico City around noon on January 4, having stopped over-night at Brownsville, Texas. The return trip was made on January 6. A distance of approximately 2,500 miles was covered. The Ambassador II was purchased by the Christ's Ambassadors for missionary use.

Young Christians may make mistakes in working for Christ, but they make a greater mistake in not working for Him. No failure in making the attempt is so bad as to fail to make it.

* Arthur B. Chesnut is an ordained minister of our fellowship of the Southern California District.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

NO DRINKING DRIVERS IN INDIA

Under the new prohibition laws in India, no one can drink alcoholic beverages without a permit, including a sworn statement that the applicant's health requires alcohol. The individual is then classed as an alcoholic—but an alcoholic is not granted a driver's permit!

CONGRESSIONAL SALARIES

In Israel, deficit spending and a fall in price levels caused the members of their Parliament to cut their own salaries by \$10 a week. In the U.S.A., the eightieth Congress, having spent five billions more than the anticipated income, raised everybody's salary and then went home.

GOOD CAUSE FOR WEEPING!

A new father, looking at the babies through the glass of the hospital nursery, noticed that every baby was crying. "What's the matter?" he asked. A nurse replied, "If you were only a few days old and owed \$2,050 you would cry too" That is the debt hanging over the head of every child born in America.

According to the Hoover Report, it now costs more each year to pay the interest on the national debt than it did to pay the total cost of Federal Government 16 years ago!

SAM MORRIS ON CBS STATIONS

Attorneys for Sam Morris, temperance crusader, entered suit against the Columbia Broadcasting System and Schenley Distilleries in Kentucky some time ago, charging discrimination in selling radio time. They charged that the network would sell time to distilleries but would not sell time to Sam Morris for sermons on abstinence.

A dispatch from Louisville states that these attorneys have now dismissed the suit, inasmuch as CBS and a number of its affiliated stations have now agreed to sell Sam Morris choice time on their 50,000 watt stations, including WBBM, Chicago, KMOX, St. Louis, KRLD, Dallas, and WWVA, Wheeling, W. Va.

"REIGN OF TERROR" IN MANCHURIA

A missionary from Manchuria, who spent two and a half years in Antung, a town near the Korean border, has just come to Hong Kong. He says that life under the Communists there was nothing short of a "reign of terror." Many people in their desperation have been driven to suicide. He says that in one of the districts he knew over 40,000 have been killed. There is a deliberate effort to force the missionaries out, and the effort has been successful to a large extent. The few missionaries who still hang on are not able to do very much gospel work.

This is rather a dark picture; on the other hand, some missionaries in other parts of Communist territory report that they are able to co-operate with the Government and to continue many of their Christian activities. The situation really is quite confusing, but of one thing we can be certain: these are days when God's people should pray for the Far East as never before.

DEATH ON THE HIGHWAYS

The National Safety Council reports that there were 14,400 deaths from daytime accidents in 1948, and 17,600 deaths at night. Inasmuch as daytime travel volume is 50% greater than night travel, the night death rate is almost twice the day rate. Part of the blame may be placed on headlights and discourteous drivers, but much of the blame must be placed on drunken driving—for liquor flows more freely at night, and alcohol and gasoline make an exceedingly dangerous mixture.

COMMUNISTS ATTEND CHURCH

"In the Soviet-controlled city of Magdeburg, Germany, last fortnight, the Communist Propaganda Bureau pulled off a stunt that would have taxed the ability of an apostle," reports *Pathfinder*. "It got Communists to go to church! The lure: 'to see whether the sermons being preached are of a democratic (i.e., Kremlin-approved) nature.' The reward: opportunity for the Red churchgoers to recommend punishment for any clergyman with a 'reactionary influence' on his congregation."

Yes, it would take an apostle (or a spy assignment) to get some Communists to attend church; but there was at least one apostle who would have been glad to see them coming to his meetings, even as spies. That apostle wrote: "What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." Phil. 1:18.

CHRISTIANS TORTURED IN CHINA

A recent letter from Hong Kong states: "In northern Honan there is some persecution and torture of believers. At Liuho, which I think is near Kaifeng, the Bibles and hymn books were gathered and burned, but then the local Communist official apologized for the action. One wonders if it is like the 'Solly, Solly' of the Japanese.

"Several pastors and preachers have been arrested, and some of them tortured to force recanting. The story is told about three of them in Kaifeng; one of the men was the gateman at the main Baptist station in the city. The three were strung up by their thumbs. Such pain is awful, and after some time one of the three said he would give up his faith in Christ. He was released. The other two stubbornly

OUR MISSION

Oh, that in the last remnant of time, before we hear the shout of our descending Lord, we might come back with holiness of heart to the simplicity of our mission! Let us leave the government of the world till the King comes; let us leave the civilizing of the world to be the incidental effect of the presence there of the gospel of Christ; and let us give our time, our strength, our money, our days to make Christ known to every creature.—C. I. Scofield.

refused to give up their faith, and ultimately they too were released.

"During the night, the man who had recanted became very ill. His body swelled and he was sure he would die; so he went to the Christian leaders, confessed his act, and asked for prayer and forgiveness. He then became well. Then he went to the Government authorities and asked that his recantation be reversed, because he said he had recanted under stress. They laughed at him and told him he was crazy."

Such are some of the trials which the Chinese Christians are facing today. In such tests it is not easy to keep true. Let us pray that God may make all grace abound unto them, that they, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work.

RUSSIA'S PLANES AND CAVALRY

Russia's descent on Palestine is remarkably emphasized by the disclosure that it already has one hundred airborne divisions. "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land." Ezekiel 38:9. This is supplementary to her exceeding great cavalry described in verse 4. God has said to Gog—"Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee"; and that is exactly what Russia is doing on a tremendous scale.

PRAY FOR THE RUSSIANS

Since 1947 the American Bible Society has been unable to ship Bibles to Russia. The Russian Government will not permit copies of the Scriptures to enter the country. However, the Society has continued to distribute thousands of Russian Scriptures to people living in liberated parts of Europe, and it also has in reserve a large stock of Bibles waiting for the day when the door into Russia will again be open. Pray that the day may come soon. There are millions of believing Christians in Russia who long for Bibles of their own.

RUSSIA AND PALESTINE

The shadow of the Russian bear is falling on Palestine. The Soviet Government will renovate and repair all Russian Orthodox Church buildings in Israel, and will construct others to accommodate a large contingent of monks and nuns scheduled to arrive shortly in Jerusalem. The USSR will also open schools in which Russian will be the language of instruction.

The Russian Orthodox Church is calling for the revival of large-scale pilgrimages to Israel by Russian pilgrims. They hope to have a big turnout of Russian pilgrims for the 1950 Easter ceremonies in Jerusalem, to offset the influence of the Holy Year pilgrimages of the Roman Catholics.

BETTER THAN SLEEPING PILLS

Worldly cares and troublous times are robbing many of sleep these days. An ever-growing number are resorting to sleeping pills, and there has been a steady postwar rise in deaths as a result of misusing and overdosing. Sleeping pills kill about 1,000 persons yearly in the U. S. A. How much better it is to follow the divine prescription and cast all our burdens upon the Lord. He knows, He loves, He cares; we should be praying, instead of fainting, and we should claim the promise, "He giveth His beloved sleep." Psalm 127:2.

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REGIONAL INDIAN CONFERENCE

The third annual Regional Indian Conference to be held at San Carlos, Arizona, is scheduled for March 26 to 31. Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, will be in charge of the conference, with visiting ministers and Indian workers taking part. All missionaries working among the American Indians, as well as Indian Christians, are invited to attend this conference.

Tourist cabins can be secured at Globe, Arizona, about twenty-five miles from San Carlos, at a reasonable rate.

VOCATIONAL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A fine opportunity is being presented for some consecrated young person who would like to serve the Lord while earning his or her own living. Our pastor at Hettinger, North Dakota, needs such a person to assist with the music in the church, play piano and direct the Christ's Ambassadors' work. He states that there is a splendid opportunity for a music teacher in this town, and that a number of pupils are wanting to take piano lessons. If some talented and qualified young person would be interested in such an arrangement, whereby he or she could give piano lessons for \$1.25 or \$1.50 each, and then assist in the work of the church, please write directly to Pastor C. L. Strom, P. O. Box 191, Hettinger, North Dakota.

A WOMAN TO BE PRAISED

(Continued from page five)

friends the high calling of the Lord Jesus Christ. With Him there is no double standard. Galatians 3:28 declares: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." We should expect the same standard of purity and chastity in those of the opposite sex as they demand in us.

Our thoughts turn to Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. She is a type of every repentant sinner. The number of demons by which she was bound indicates a possession of more than ordinary malignity; yet she found grace in the sight of Jesus, and by His miraculous power was delivered completely. Like you and me, who are partakers of the manifold grace of God, she was made a new creature in the Lord Jesus Christ. We find her, in Luke 8, among those that ministered unto Jesus. No longer is she associating with the old crowd, but now she delights in His company. This new creature was not just a "fair weather friend" of the Lord, for Mary Magdalene was standing by Him in His agony

as He was dying on the cross. Like a true handmaiden of the Lord, she watched with Him there. Her heart, too, was broken as she saw her dearest Friend nailed to the tree. No doubt the tears of compassion coursed down her cheeks as the spear was thrust into His side. With a heavy heart and slackened pace she turned away from the cross. However great the sorrow of losing her lover Lord, it could not dim the loyalty and love in her heart for Him.

Even after His death Mary still manifested her love for her Lord Jesus. In John 20:1 we read: "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." Yes, Mary is still desirous of doing some service of devotion unto Jesus. It is upon finding the empty tomb that she runs with haste to inform Peter and John of her discovery. The two disciples return with her to ascertain this startling news. After making careful examination, they too knew the fact of the empty tomb. His body was not there! What did it all mean? "For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home." But what of Mary Magdalene? The eleventh verse records, "But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She said unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Then like the music of a silver bell the familiar voice of Jesus Himself said, "Mary." Oh! the thrill that came to her heart—it was Jesus! It was her dear Lord, for no other one could call her name with such tenderness and loving compassion. With supreme delight she turned and said to Him, "Rabboni; which is to say Master."

Oh, transformed daughter of the Lord, have you tarried in His presence until by His Spirit you too have beheld His face? Has your ear been so tuned that as you listened you heard Him call your name? Maybe today, like Mary of old, you are weeping. It may be through carelessness you have overlooked the high calling of a daughter of the King of kings. Have you failed to measure up to the high standard laid down in His Holy Word? Oh, here is encouragement for you. He has not asked you to do something alone. He stands there by your side providing the grace to overcome every obstacle that besets your pathway. Yes, from the abundance of His grace He will meet your every need. Let us not allow the enemy to bluff us or discourage us. I believe that in these closing days, just before His return, the Lord is calling for His handmaidens to lift high the Blood-stained banner as never before. *He hath need of thee.* Your precious Lord has a mission for you.

To Mary Magdalene in the sunrise of that beautiful Easter morning, He said, "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God, and your God." I do not know just the place the Lord has for you, or the ministry that He shall place in your hands; but this I know—He, the Lord of the harvest is calling for pure, clean, modest, and devoted women of this hour to run many errands for Him and to carry His message (by one avenue of service or another) to the lost boys and girls, men and women of our generation. Will you answer His call?

Yes, the wise man correctly said, "Favour is deceitful, beauty is vain; but the woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Let us forget the praise, flattery, and applause of those about us, and press forward in Him, that through His grace we may have His smile of approval and His glad "well done" at the end of our journey.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CROSS

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phariseism which it produces, was nailed to the Cross. It meant that the world, the visible order of things as organized against God, was nailed to the Cross. "I am crucified unto the world and the world unto me." It meant that the world had been stripped naked of all its glory and power and nailed as a helpless, shameful thing on the Cross with Christ. The world was a dead or dying thing without power to tempt or tantalize his soul. It meant, in short, a self-crucifixion so profoundly real that the passing of the centuries has not seen its equal.

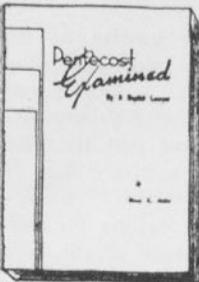
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"Not I But Christ"

We have here two distinct, diverse and separate personalities. There is a MYSTERY in each of them. The "mystery of evil" is connected with the first, and the "mystery of godliness" with the second. Each is a medium through which another great personality works. The prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, operates in and through one. The Almighty Father manifests Himself through the other. One is the instrument of Satan; the other is the servant of God. This unregenerate "I" in his ignorance, selfishness, pride and unbelief is a fit subject for the prince of darkness. This heaven-



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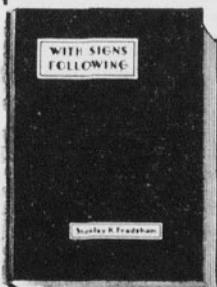
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anointed Christ in His spotless purity, in His unselfishness, is perfectly fitted for the accomplishment of the Father's purposes.

The normal relationship between the unregenerated "I" and Christ is a shocking one. For what can there be in common between the "I" and Christ? Between the servant of Satan and the servant of God? What communion hath light with darkness? What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What concord hath Christ with Belial? What part hath he that believes with an infidel? This "I"—this natural, carnal man—receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, and so can have no fellowship with Christ. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Notice the astounding meaning of this new relationship, "Not I, but Christ." These words describe a putting off of the old man "I" and the putting on of Christ. The carnal, evil, wicked, self-seeking "I" has surrendered and given place to the life, rule and will of the Holy One. In our great redemption, in our salvation, the works of the law and the flesh have given place to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our own righteousness, which is as filthy rags, has been cast aside for the righteousness of Jesus. It used to be "I, not Christ," but now it is "not I, but Christ." Our own shifting, unreliable foundation of sandy humanity has been exchanged for the indestructible, immovable, infallible Rock of Ages—Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. The usurper within has been dethroned, and the Lord of life and glory has been crowned. Our glad song is, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." Our joyous testimony is, "Not I, but Christ."

"Christ Liveth in Me"

How amazing is God's wondrous grace that Christ should be crucified for us. That we are crucified with Him—that we are crucified and still alive—it is all so marvelous, but most amazing of all is that a crucified Christ should be found *living* in a crucified man.

"Christ liveth in me!" Oh, amazing, wondrous, glorious, soul-stirring, heart-satisfying, joy-producing, praise-provoking truth. "Christ liveth in me." Paul based his claim of being a Christian entirely on that fact of being indwelt by the intimate, personal, living, throbbing, thrilling, reigning Christ.

"Christ liveth in me!" Oh, brethren, this "new" life is in the fullest and most complete sense Christ's life. It derives all its power and force and vitality from Christ. It is swayed by the will of Christ. It breathes the Spirit of Christ. It is lived in personal communion with Christ. The inspiration of this life is the grace of Christ. The mind of Christ is the controlling and dominating influence of the new life. Christ is the well-spring of this life.

"Christ liveth in me." This is true, genuine, undefiled, crystal-clear Christianity. "Christ liveth in me" is the divine remedy for unruly passions, ungovernable tempers, fruitless testimony, powerless ministry, and the spirit-grieving life of selfishness.

"Christ liveth in me"—what a reservoir to draw from, to fill up every crevice in our being as the water covers the deep.

"Christ liveth in me." Then and then only will dormant powers be aroused and troop out of their graves. Yes, powers of holy percep-

tion, holy desires, holy ambitions and aspirations, holy sympathies, holy faculties and capacities for service.

"Christ liveth in me." Old powers shall be renewed and they shall be like once-anaemic weaklings who have attained a boisterous vitality.

"Christ liveth in me." If we want to see what holy divine love, conscience, devotion, faith and hope really are we must see them at home, in their native climate, rooted and grounded in the life of our eternal Lord.

Just as the glad sunny waters of the incoming, refreshing, cleansing tide fill the empty places of some cozy harbor, transforming the place where previously all the ships had been lying as if dead and the mud had been festering and reeking in the sunshine, so into the slimy, festering emptiness of our corrupt hearts God will pour the flashing sunlit wave, the ever-fresh rush of His power, and everything will live whithersoever it cometh. Then we can lift our voice in glad praise and rejoicing as we sing, "Christ liveth in me! Christ liveth in me!"

"I Live By the Faith of the Son of God"

The true medium of this life in Christ (or of Christ) is FAITH. Faith is the basic root principle of the Christian life. We live by faith. We walk by faith. We stand by faith. We overcome by faith. We are sanctified by faith. We are kept by faith. Faith unites our soul with the Savior. Faith is the conduit which carries the mighty supplies of grace to the soul.

The power of Christ to destroy the old life and live Himself in us depends on our loyal and obedient faith in Him. No fate, no accident will make this life of Christ ours. No mechanical influence will secure it. Intelligently, deliberately, voluntarily we must exercise faith in our Redeemer in order to be joined to Him in this strange but real union which means crucifixion and new life.

The true Christian life could properly be called a twofold or a dual life. Life in the flesh—life in the faith. "The life which I now live in the FLESH, I live by the FAITH of the Son of God."

"Life in the flesh" is the outward, surface phase of life which is lived amidst the shifting, changing, transient affairs of earth. But its roots must be in the quiet, tranquil, unchanging eternities; yes, firmly anchored and hid away with Christ in God.

On the shores of our beautiful Pacific you will find great wide kelp beds. There you will discover huge trailing sprays of seaweed floating in golden splendor on the restless water, rising and falling on each wave or ripple. Oh, but its roots are deep, far below the surface, below the storm, below all the motion and turmoil, firmly anchored upon a hidden rock that cannot be moved.

In like manner a true Christian's life has its surface existence among the shifting uncertainties of the world, harassed and tossed and buffeted with trials, temptations, burdens, pains, heartaches, and griefs. This is the life lived "in the flesh." But, thank God, our roots are firmly anchored in the eternal Rock of Ages as we "live by the faith of the Son of God."

"Who Loved Me, and Gave Himself for Me"

The last words of my text make the heart beat faster and set the joy bells ringing in

our souls. "The Son of God loved ME and gave Himself for ME."

It is wonderful that Jesus loved and died for the world; but the honey of the honeycomb, the sweetness of the sweet, the good wine reserved to the end of the feast, is that He "loved ME and gave himself for ME."

He endued Himself with the robe of flesh. He entered the house of bondage. He took upon Himself the form of a bondsman that He might set the bondsman free. This He did for ME. He loved ME, and gave Himself for ME."

He walked the pilgrim path of human limitation. He trod the path of sorrow and temptation. Face to face He met the devil, the terror feared of man. He became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. All this He did for ME. He gave Himself for ME.

For ME—so insignificant, so unworthy, so bad. For ME whose iniquities have darkened the blue sky. For ME full of loathsome and putrifying sores that have not been bound up nor mollified with ointment. For ME a poor, lost, blinded, helpless, confused, bewildered soul without God, without hope, without light, without a home, without a secure anchor for my perishing soul. He loved ME and gave Himself for ME.

The bloody sweat of Gethsemane, the bloody ordeal at the hands of His mockers and tormentors, the bloody march up to Golgotha—all for ME!

The bloody butchery of the Cross, when the sun refused to shine, and all heaven went into mourning, and the fiends of hell shrieked in friendish glee. This was all for ME!

He died for ME, as if He and I were the only beings in this universe! This is the love and death on which faith fastens and feeds. God grant that we may be a living, walking testimony of this glorious text.

Among the Assemblies

MARSHALL, MO.—We thank the Lord for a good 3-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. E. (Ted) Smith of Meridian, Miss. All Sunday School records were broken with an increase in attendance from 257 to 389. The attendance was very good each night and several were saved.—Norman F. Brewer, Pastor.

HAINES CITY, FLA.—We have just closed a very successful 3-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden, of Covington, Tenn. The presence of God was real from the first service. Some 40 adults came forward to seek God. An all-time Sunday School record was broken.—E. L. Frerking, Pastor.

WINTER HAVEN, FLA.—We have just closed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. Many souls sought God for which we are thankful. An all-time Sunday School record was broken during the revival, and then we set another new high the next Sunday after the meeting had closed.—J. D. Courtney, Pastor.

WALNUT RIDGE, ARK.—We came here in July 1949 and have since torn down the old church that stood for some 35 years. We have completed one of the nicest churches of its size in the state. The spiritual tide is beginning to rise also. The new church is to be dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 22, with David Burris, District Superintendent, preaching the dedication message.—B. Ferren, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—We have recently enjoyed the ministry of H. A. Brooks Sr. at Calvary Temple. We feel God sent him to us, for he left something behind. Truly he is a man of God. Many of us will never be the same again.—Floyd McWhinney, Pastor.

PLANT CITY, FLA.—Evangelist T. A. Wynn reports a 12-night revival at the Full Gospel Assembly with Pastor Harry Snyder. Seventeen were saved and 9 received the Holy Ghost.

KERMAN, CALIF.—We closed a 3-week revival at Grace and Truth Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. James Eastman of Springfield, Ill. The Lord met with us and much good was accomplished. Our church is moving on for God and we are greatly encouraged with what He is doing in our midst.—Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Snyder.

DOWNSVILLE, LA.—We have just closed a successful revival with Evangelist Velma Sacco of Oakland, Calif. Seven were saved, 2 received the Holy Ghost, and the Lord was present to heal. Some were delivered from the tobacco habit. The revival spirit is still with us; one has received the Holy Ghost since the evangelist left.—H. F. Wallace, Pastor.

BERWIND, W. VA.—We recently closed a revival with Brother and Sister McKeel, Knoxville, Tenn. The attendance was good, and God has drawn us closer to Him. Six were saved, 7 reclaimed, 5 received the Baptism, and 4 were received into the church. Our Sunday School has reached a record attendance of 119. We are looking forward to enjoying their ministry in the future, as they have been elected pastors of the Berwind Assembly and have accepted the call.—Lee Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer.

SAN JACINTO, CALIF.—We have just closed a successful revival with Evangelist Odis Cooper of Houston, Texas. Ten were saved and 4 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The God-given messages of our brother were so inspiring the church in general was greatly blessed. Many outstanding healings were witnessed. We appreciate our brother's ministry and we are glad he came our way.—John M. Jacobs, Pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—We praise God for the progress made in Bethel Church since its formation in August, 1947. There has been a steady growth in all departments. During the past year, with volunteer labor and funds, we were able to add the Educational Department proposed in the architect's original plans. We have just closed three weeks of special meetings with Evangelist J. L. Isaacs, former pastor of Trinity Temple, Compton, Calif. The entire church was edified.—E. O. Robeck, Pastor.

WEST PLAINS, MO.—The Sturgeon Evangelistic Party, consisting of F. A. and Inez Sturgeon, and Miss Mildred Thompson, have just closed a 3-week revival at our church. A number of men, heads of families, were saved and we rejoice in the uplift this meeting gave to the church.

The Sturgeon's are willing and tireless workers and put the benefit of their many years of successful ministry at the pastor's disposal. Miss Thompson is an excellent pianist, violinist, and harpist. She also conducted children's meetings.

For the past 3 years the three have ministered in Australia, and on their way home stopped at Rome, Paris and England. They also held an 8-week meeting in Oslo, Norway, and preached in Sweden.—J. D. Rensink, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—We have just closed a month's meeting with Evangelist Walter H. Smith of California. It was his third meeting with us, and was an outstanding meeting. The entire church was revived, sinners saved, the sick healed, and the Sunday School average attendance was 224.—D. N. Asbury Jr., Pastor.

WAKEENEY, KANS.—God has graciously blessed our efforts since coming here. In June, Sister Donna Beach supervised a very profitable V.B.S. Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Prather just closed a meeting in which 3 were saved, 5 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 6 were refilled.—O. L. Tucker, Pastor.

MARIETTA, O.—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist I. A. Shank and wife of Cambridge, O. God gave us a precious spiritual uplifting. The power and presence of God was with us in every service. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and one received the Baptism. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.—James A. Hinzman, Pastor.

NOWATA, OKLA.—Peggy Bolam, the Irish evangelist from White Rock, B. C., Canada, was used of God to take us deeper with the Lord. Nineteen were filled with the Holy Spirit and 8 were saved. We thank God for consecrated people who shut themselves in to fast and pray until God works.—Earl L. Ayres, Pastor.

ABERDEEN, ARK.—We have just closed an 8-day revival. Sister Pearle was the evangelist. Two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 6 united with the church. We give God praise for His blessing during the past year. Sister Annie Lee Alexander is our pastor.—By Mrs. George Crosson.

COVINGTON, KY.—We recently closed a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. C. Hobson of the Northwest District. About 17 came to the altar for salvation and a number were definitely saved. Our attendance record has been broken twice this year. Brother and Sister Hobson's ministry was a real blessing to the church.—Nolan Sluder, Pastor.

WINFIELD, KANS.—We have just concluded a very profitable meeting with Carl W. Barnes, formerly of the University Church in Waxahachie, Texas. There were about 11 saved and 4 received their Baptism. Many others were refilled and the church was stirred. A new Sunday school record of 128 was established. Brother Barnes' sermons were powerful and Pentecostal.—Fred J. Greve, Pastor.

RANGELY, COLO.—We have just closed a glorious Pentecostal revival. W. A. Vanzant, of Price, Utah, was the evangelist. His straightforward holiness preaching was a blessing to saint and sinner alike. There were 5 saved, and 6 received the Baptism. Three others were delivered from the tobacco habit. Others were delivered from various ailments, and 5 followed the Lord in water baptism.—James D. Gitchell, Pastor.

DE KALB, TEX.—Our church had one of its best revivals under the ministry of Evangelist Charles Harris, of England, Ark., and Billy Reeves, children's worker and singer, of Stuttgart, Ark. There were some 18 yielded their lives to the Lord, and about 20 received the Baptism. The revival lasted 4½ weeks and the church as a whole was wonderfully blessed. Many received healing for their bodies.

We can highly recommend this evangelist and co-worker to be a real blessing to your church.—B. O. Smith, Pastor.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—A most profitable 3-week revival with Evangelist Harley J. Ketner of Delhi, Calif., closed Sunday, Dec. 18. Services twice daily in the newly occupied building provided Bible discussion in the morning and a stirring evangelistic service at night. Thirty-six received the Holy Ghost Baptism, and 34 were baptized in water in the Cooperative Utah Baptistal Service. Several conversions and marvelous healings were reported.

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PRINCETON, MO.—Wednesday, Nov. 22, marked the close of a 4½-week revival conducted by H. V. Foley, of Summer, Mo. Two were gloriously saved. Many were stirred to a consciousness of their need to be saved. This church was organized 40 years ago when the Spirit first fell in this part of the country. Many workers and missionaries went out from this church to proclaim the Word. Roy Scott, who was a missionary to Egypt and later Superintendent of the West Central District, was saved in this church. For a long while, until last spring, there had been no revival here.—C. G. Tiaht, Pastor.

LEWES, DEL.—We are happy to report the dedication, on Oct. 30, of our new Full Gospel Church auditorium to the service of the Lord. A. Newton Chase, our District Superintendent, brought the dedicatory message. Many pastors and people from different churches, also neighbors and friends from the community, were with us. We had a full house. Beginning with the evening service and continuing for two weeks, Evangelist John E. Ward of Philadelphia was with us. Several came to the altar for salvation, and many were healed. We do thank the Lord for all His goodness and blessings.—Joseph A. McKittrick, Pastor.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Our revival began at the end of a three-day fast of the church during the month of August, as we were in a meeting with Sister Erie Penton of Florida. The meeting closed, but the revival continued. People were saved or baptized with the Spirit in almost every service.

On Nov. 1 we began a meeting with Brother W. M. Sutley of Brantly, Ala. The Lord blessed his ministry with signs following. We had a 10:00 a.m. prayer meeting daily, and services at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Men and women came to church from the mill, and found the Lord precious to their souls in the midnight hours. The lasting results are splendid; we have received a good number into the church, and the Sunday School has doubled. Approximately 60 or 70 accepted the Lord as their Savior, 25 or 30 were baptized with the Spirit, and many were miraculously healed.—J. D. McVicker, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—In a united effort the Pentecostal churches of the Greater Philadelphia Area have experienced one of the most outstanding revivals seen in many years. The Fox Evangelistic Party of Canada assisted in this great campaign for souls, with their consecrated music and the preaching of the Word with signs following. They were with us for three weeks in the old Metropolitan Opera House.

From the first service crowds attended the meetings, and conviction rested heavily upon great numbers of people who came forward to the altars. Afternoon services were devoted to the instruction of those seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and healing for their bodies. A great number were filled with the precious Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We have testimonies from many folk who were healed of deafness, arthritis, heart trouble and other diseases. We found a great many folk of other denominations earnestly seeking God for deliverance. Many Catholics came forward for salvation and healing. By using a simple but efficient card system we were able to make a thorough check on the people who came forward for salvation and healing.

One outstanding feature of the Campaign was the anointing services conducted by Brother Fox. In these services hundreds of people were slain under the power as prayer was offered for each one seeking a fresh anointing for service in these last days. We feel that the Pentecostal churches have benefited greatly from these special services. New people are coming into our churches as a result.—Pastor W. S. Bragg, chairman.

SEBASTOPOL, CALIF.—J. L. Jeffrey has resigned as pastor of the Assembly of God church here, and will preach his final message to the church on Jan. 8. Brother and Sister Jeffrey came to Sebastopol in July 1945. At that time there was an average of 144 in Sunday school. The church has grown each year in number, as well as spiritually, under Brother Jeffrey's ministry, to reach an average of 199 in Sunday school in 1949.—T. A. Hampton, Church Sec.-Treas.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA—We recently closed a very successful 2-week revival with Evangelist Christian Hild of Fargo, N. Dak. Night after night large crowds were in attendance, and on Sunday nights the building was packed to the door. Results of this stirring campaign were that many new people were reached, 50 or more sought the Lord for salvation, and the Sunday School reached a new high of 477, the previous record being 356. Since the revival many new people have enrolled in our Sunday School. God blessed in a wonderful way, by strengthening every department of the church, through the Spirit-anointed ministry of our evangelist.—Max Johnson, Pastor.

WINNIPEG, CANADA—It was our privilege to have ministering here at Calvary Temple (Nov. 6-20) Evangelist William Andrews, of Seattle, Wash. His ministry was a great blessing to the church here. There were over 35 at the altar for salvation, and during the healing services there were quite a number of folk who reported definite healings. There were also some who received the Baptism. We do praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings at Calvary Temple during Brother Andrews' campaign. We also had a Sunday School drive which resulted in a great increase in our Sunday School, for which we thank the Lord.—Theodore E. Ness, Pastor.

CORSICANA, TEXAS—A very successful 3-weeks revival has just closed in the First Assembly of God, with Evangelist Lois Cockerell of Fort Worth, Texas. The anointed messages brought spiritual benefit to the church. There were definite results in each night service. Some prayed through to salvation, backsliders were reclaimed, believers filled with the Spirit, and a number of outstanding healings were witnessed. Several were baptized and came into the church.

There is still a spirit of revival in the church, and since the meeting closed 2 have received the Baptism. To God be all the glory for all that has been accomplished. Bracy I. Greer is Pastor.—By church reporter.

DOVER, PA.—We thank the Lord for His goodness to us in the past few months. We accepted the pastorate here last January. At that time it was impossible to locate a house. The men of the church got busy, and today we have a lovely modern 8-room dwelling on the lot next to the church. We moved into the new parsonage the latter part of August. In September we immersed 4 candidates in the Conewago Creek. Five persons have been received into the church fellowship, and the Sunday school has doubled in attendance. We have also built an assembly hall in the basement of the church, which is used for Sunday school classes, junior church, and the C. A. services. Since the 1st of October, 7 have come forward for salvation during our regular services. To God be all the glory!—Pastor and Mrs. Forest T. Nelson.

EL DORADO, ARK.—We give thanks to God for His many benefits to us. He has blessed this church in a marvelous way. We have seen our Sunday School more than double in attendance in the past year. We are now averaging more than 400 for this year with a November average of 460. The church people have worked together in the construction of a fine educational building which now gives us better than 16,000 square feet of floor space, with 41 Sunday School rooms besides our large auditorium (which seats some 500).

In the past few months we have seen many pray through to a real Pentecostal experience and have received many members into the church. Our Men's Bible Class is averaging about 82 each Sunday. We also have a special radio service from 1:00 until 2:00 each Sunday afternoon, known as the "Old Fashioned Bible Hour." This service is being blessed in a marked way and we are reaching people who have never been reached with this gospel message. Surely God has been good to us.—Mr. and Mrs. W. X. Bruton, Assistant Pastors; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crace, Pastors.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, Jan. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden, Covington, Tenn. (A. C. McGaugh is pastor.)

PITTSBURG, KANS.—Assembly of God, Feb. 5, for 2 weeks or longer; C. A. Waack of Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist. (C. E. Peak is pastor.)

LULING, TEX.—Assembly of God, revival in progress; Evangelist Eloise Richey of Houston, Tex.—Mrs. D. C. Carter.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Riverside Assembly of God, Jan. 1—15; Evangelist Lloyd Christiansen, Minneapolis, Miss. (J. Bashford Bishop is pastor.)

ASHLAND, ORE.—Assembly of God, 485 Siskiyou St., during month of February; Davis Evangelistic Trio (Earl, Lola, and Dorothy). (O. W. Klingsheim is Pastor.)

CARTHAGE, MO.—Assembly of God, Feb. 5—; Frank and Gladys Lummer, Evangelists; Wanda Martin, organist.—J. A. Rogers, Pastor.

FOREST HILL, LA.—Midway Assembly of God, Jan. 15—; Evangelist Ralph M. Elmore. (J. O. DeWitt is Pastor.)

HURON, S. DAK.—Assembly of God Church, Jan. 17—29; Evangelist Bennie Harris.—C. L. Conklyn, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 1—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson.—C. E. Peak, Pastor.

FLEMING, COLO.—Feb. 5, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist Floyd McWhinney.—Fred and Esther Martin, Pastors.

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA—Bethel Pentecostal Church, Cor. London & Bruce, Jan. 17—20; Evangelist Christian Hild.—Wm. H. Fitch, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Jan. 15—; Evangelist Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, of Memphis, Tenn. (Emory Andrews is pastor.)

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—First Assembly of God, 11th Street at East Garfield; meeting in progress. Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Texas.—Elger J. Robison, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, Cor. Lavergne and George Sts., 5000 W. and 2900 N.; Jan. 22—Feb. 5 or longer; Evangelist Wesley Hurst, Jr.—Guy Phillips, Pastor.

NORTH CENTRAL MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

PAYNESVILLE, MINN.—Jan. 23—25; North Central District Ministers' Institute; Wilfred A. Brown, main speaker. First meeting Monday night, then 3 meetings daily, closing with District C. A. Rally Wednesday night, Sunday School Rally on Tuesday night. For reservations write Thomas G. Skoog, Host Pastor, Paynesville, Minn.—G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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EASTERN DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION—Chambersburg, Jan. 24, 25; York, Jan. 26-29; Akron, Jan. 31, Feb. 1; week of Feb. 5, Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, and Calvary Pentecostal Church, Wilmington, Del.

SOUTH WEST SECTION—Freeport, Feb. 17, 18; Jeannette, Feb. 20, 21; Melcroft, Feb. 22, 23; Pittsburgh, Feb. 24, 25.

SOUTH WEST CENTRAL SECTION—Barnesboro, April 10, 11; Altoona, April 12, 13; Lewistown, April 17, 18.

Among the expected speakers are the District Superintendent (A. N. Chase), District Sunday School Representative, Sectional Sunday School Representative, Sectional Presbyter, and ministers from each section.—Edwin C. Schmid, District Sunday School Representative.

Space for address or church announcement

EL DORADO, ARK.—Jan. 22—Feb. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Ottosen of Minneapolis, Minn. (C. C. Crace is pastor.)

SHENANDOAH, IA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. C. B. Bell. (A. R. Sorenson is pastor.)

CHEWELAH, WASH.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist Harry Walker, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. (Lesley Clevenger is pastor.)

JEANNETTE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Clay Ave., Jan. 22—Feb. 5; Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. D.—Kenneth D. Baker, Pastor.

JULESBURG, COLO.—Assembly of God, W. 3rd and Maple Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Raymond C. Harris of Ogallala, Nebr.—A. E. Hokanson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lake View Gospel Church, 3142 N. Racine Ave., Jan. 22; "Chicago for Christ" campaign, Evangelist W. E. "Bill" Long.—D. H. Walterman, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 1200 Atlantic Ave., Jan. 29; Homecoming Service and Pastor's Anniversary. Former pastors, members, and friends invited. All day service with chicken dinner. Earl Mincey, afternoon speaker.—L. B. Lewis, Pastor.

INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—South Side Assembly, Jan. 23—25; District Ministers' Institute; G. F. Lewis, speaker; Roscoe Russell, host pastor. Free rooms to ministers as far as possible; reasonably priced meals.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

TAMPA, FLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 610 E. Floribaska, Jan. 17—22; District Superintendent H. S. Bush in charge; Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, and numerous foreign missionaries will be present.—J. L. Whittaker, Pastor.

OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL

CORVALLIS, ORE.—Oregon District Council will convene Jan. 16—18; Dwight McLaughlin, guest speaker. Monday evening C. A. Rally and Farewell to Heath Lowry family, enroute to India. Tuesday evening, C. B. A. night. Wednesday evening, ordination.—Atwood Foster, District Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Leon Iowa, have entered full-time Evangelistic ministry. Will also teach Teacher Training Courses.—G. R. McGhghy.

NEW ADDRESS—"Have accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God church at Boswell, Okla. All ministers passing through are welcome to attend."—Joe E. Dube (formerly of Safford, Ariz.)

NEW ADDRESS—Evangelist David Speight (and co-worker, Charles Oswalt), 3541 Parkchester Drive, Columbus, Ga.

NEW ADDRESS—After 2½ years on the evangelistic field, my wife and I have accepted the pastorate of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 831 E. 2nd St., Duluth, Minn.—Martin H. Baxter.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Waves of Life" now heard on Sundays, 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., over 5000-watt WHBO, 560 kc., Memphis, Tenn.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

RADIO PROGRAM—"Gospel In Song," heard daily Monday through Friday at 9:45 a.m., station KFGO, 790 kc., 5000 watts. Our mailing address is Box 322, Fargo, N. Dak.—Milton Barfoot, Director.

WANTED—Christian registered nurse with managerial ability to work in Full Gospel nursing home. Man and wife acceptable under certain circumstances, if both can work. Please send photo and pastor's recommendation with application. The Horton Rest Home, 525 3rd St., Council Bluffs, Ia.—C. B. Horton, Manager.

NEW ADDRESS—After working on the field for 2½ years we have accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God, Westernport, Maryland. Mail will reach us at P. O. Box 382. Our residence at present is 60 Paxton St., Piedmont, W. Va. Friends welcome.—E. W. Welford.

NOTICE—After pastoring in Clay City, Ind., for over three years and building a new church there, we have accepted the pastorate of Bethel Assembly of God Church in Elkhart, Ind. Ministers and friends passing this way are welcome. We are on the air with the "Assembly of God Hour," every Sunday, 10:35—11:05, WTRC, 1340 on the dial.—Dale C. Zink.

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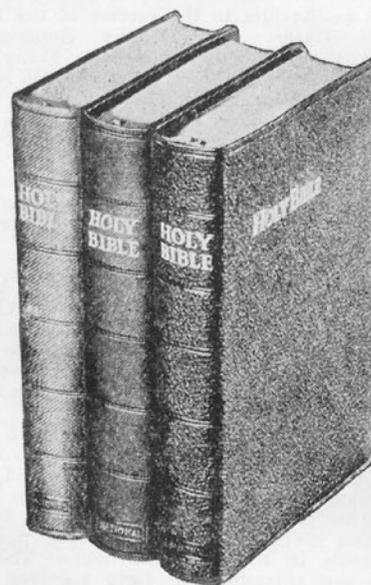
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[11] CHAPTER 11

The Tower of Babel

AND the whole earth ^{was} of one [']language, and of ²one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed [']from the east, that they found a plain in the land of [']Shi'när; and they dwelt there.

MLUKE 3:35
 1 Chr. 11:19
 1 Heb. lip
 2 Or, few words
 3 Or, eastward
 2281 →
 4 Or, come
 5 Bake, rather

12 And Är-phäx'ad and thirty years, ^mSä'lah:

13 And Är-phäx'ad he begat Sä'lah for and three years, and and daughters.

14 And Sä'lah lived ¹and begat È'bër:

15 And Sä'lah live

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