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



Inaugural Revival Follows Inauguration of Liberia's President

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Centennial Pavilion (above) in Monrovia where Liberian President William V. S. Tubman (right) was inaugurated, and site of the Inaugural Revival Campaign beginning January 8 with Ralph Byrd and Glenn Horst. (Photos by Griff Davis, Monrovia.)



The Lord's Power Is Present to Heal!

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An All-Important Decision

To every one there comes a moment of decision such as the Jewish nation faced so long ago. We face the scene of Calvary and on the middle cross we see a sign—"This is Jesus, King of the Jews." In that moment of decision we choose whom we will serve—either Christ, the Lord of heaven, or Satan, the god of this world. In that moment we decide whether our lives will be ruled by the divine law of love or by the carnal law of selfishness. We choose between truth and expediency, between righteousness and sin, between submission to God or rebellion against His authority. And our whole future, for time and eternity, hangs on our decision.

Many, like the Jews, refuse to give up the old paths and defiantly declare, "We will not have this Man to rule over us." Only a few will kneel at the Cross, or at the open tomb, or in the upper room, or on the road to Damascus, and crown Him as their King.

Yet there is no salvation apart from an acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ. If any think they may receive Him as Saviour in order to have a passport to heaven, and continue to live in their sins, they need to be warned. The Bible clearly says that in order to be saved we must confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9). We are not "born again" unless we wholeheartedly turn our back on all sin and surrender our will, our affections, our ambitions fully to Christ. Mere lip service will not do. The Saviour looks beyond our words to examine our hearts and lives. To many He will say, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity."

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

It is the work of the blessed Holy Spirit to soften our hearts and reveal to us the Saviour's love. The gospel comes to us, exposing our sin and showing us that we need a Saviour. A conflict then begins in our hearts. Shall we cling to our sins, our cling to the Saviour? We cannot do both. The Spirit helps us to make the right decision. He enables us to bow our hearts before Christ in deep repentance. He gives us grace to cast away our sins and plead for mercy. Then He gives us faith to claim the cleansing and pardon that the Bible promises to each repentant sinner. What joy springs up in our hearts the moment we surrender all to Christ! With the poet, John Newton, we can say:

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

"Now, Lord, I would be Thine alone,
Come, take possession of Thine own,
For Thou hast set me free;
Released from Satan's hard command,
See all my powers waiting stand
To be employed by Thee."

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*When Faith is
Operative . . .*

THE LORD'S POWER IS PRESENT TO HEAL!

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A REMARKABLE INCIDENT IS RECORDED in the life of our Lord (Luke 5:17-26). Verse 17 states, "And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by . . . and the power of the Lord was present to heal them." The Gospel of Mark tells us that this event took place in a house in Capernaum and that there was a great crowd present. The story itself deals with the palsied man who received his healing and forgiveness when let down through the roof by his four friends.

This outstanding miracle of healing happened in the life of a man who was not present at the beginning of the service. This meeting was not a healing revival nor an evangelistic service—it was a teaching meeting. We must learn that God is able to heal by His power in any service where His people gather to worship Him—whether it be a healing service, an evangelistic service, or a teaching meeting.

"As He was teaching, . . . the power of the Lord was present to heal them." The "them" of this verse refers to the Pharisees and doctors of the law who were sitting in the teaching meeting. Here is a remarkable truth—the power of the Lord was present to heal them, but they did not appropriate this blessing for themselves. How often we are

in services where the power of the Lord is present to heal, and we do not take our healing by faith. It is quite often that a visitor comes into the service and by faith avails himself of God's healing touch, and the regular attendants, like the Pharisees and the doctors, miss out. There are several important lessons that we can learn from this incident.

1. WHERE CHRIST IS, THERE IS POWER AVAILABLE FOR US

In the presence of the Lord there is power available for every need of life. Jesus gave us this promise in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." His presence is also the reason for this promise: "That if any two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19).

It is the Lord's presence that we need—not the presence of any particular man or woman. We must recognize His presence and the power that is available with Him. There is nothing impossible for Him to accomplish. No matter whether it was in a synagogue or the Temple, in the house of the rich or poor, on the highway or the seashore—His power was present to heal. It was on the streets of Capernaum that a little woman touched Him in faith, and Jesus said, "Virtue has

gone out of me." Christ never met one too sick or too sinful for Him to heal or forgive. His presence is the assurance that our needs will be met.

2. POWER TO HEAL IN SPITE OF HINDRANCES

The Pharisees and the doctors were there not to help but to hinder the work of the Lord. Later they objected to Jesus' forgiving the palsied man's sins. Yet in the face of their objections and oppositions, Jesus healed the man and forgave his sins. This healing silenced their murmurings and confounded their evil designs.

There are always agents of darkness to hinder the work of the Lord. On the day of Pentecost there were those who mocked and accused the newly filled believers of being "full of new wine." And yet three thousand were saved that very day. We will lose our faith if we quail before every hindrance. The power of Christ is omnipotent and "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against His church. Do not talk about hindrances—talk about His power.

3. POWER TO HEAL AFTER SIN WAS DEALT WITH

Jesus first forgave the man's sins, thereby giving the greater blessing first. Man's greatest need is spiritual health—not physical health. The four friends of

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Perpetuating Pentecost

THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN at the Annual Convention
of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Toronto



Scripture reading: Hosea 14

IN PERPETUATING THIS WONDERFUL Pentecostal revival I think we need to safeguard the elements that produce the Pentecostal blessing. We always rejoice in reading the second chapter of Acts, and justifiably so, for in this chapter we see an account of God's outpouring in answer to the promise of our Saviour. Approximately 120 assembled in the upper room and there waited day after day until Pentecost came and God filled the place with a mighty heavenly wind. I think if you will examine the background and setting for this manifestation of God's Holy Spirit, you will find that there were several distinct attitudes and conditions manifest there.

First of all, they had a keen spiritual appetite. They were intensely hungry for God. Jesus said, "Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Coupled with this appetite, there was also a wonderful anticipation. The Master had promised, "Ye [shall] be endued with power from on high." The thrill and the life and the challenge of this promise filled their hearts with anticipation. As they waited before the Lord, they momentarily expected God to come in a wonderful, spontaneous manifestation.

There was also a wonderful attitude. They were united—united in purpose, united in heart. They were varied in personality, to be sure, and varied in background, varied in a lot of things, but united in their desire for the best that God had.

Then because of this appetite and attitude, there came a wonderful atmosphere. I appreciate atmosphere. When God begins to come into a place, the very air seems to be charged with His presence. When the sinner walks into a truly Pentecostal church, he senses God there. And when we come into the holy presence of God, we sense the glory cloud that begins to settle down, and the fire that begins to burn, creating a wonderful atmosphere.

I believe, dear friends, that these same basic elements—appetite, anticipation, attitude—were essential not only on the day of Pentecost and in the early days of this latter rain outpouring, but that they are just as essential in our day.

I trust that we will never cease to

recognize the sovereignty of the moving of the Holy Spirit. I trust that we will never seek to pour God into our own moulds. We must never circumscribe the marvelous outpourings of the Spirit of God by a preconceived formula. I believe that the Holy Ghost is sovereign and that He can move at any time, in any way that He desires, to accomplish the purpose of Him who desires to pour blessings upon His people.

In many churches the people just fill eighteen inches of birch pew, serving only as spectators, wondering how they are going to be entertained in that particular service. As I interpret the New Testament Church and the moving of God's Spirit, God wants every last one of us to be a participating member of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. God wants us individually and personally to be filled and thrilled and set aflame with the mighty power of God, so that we can go forth under the moving of the Spirit of God and see signs and wonders done in the name of Jesus.

In order to perpetuate this supernatural manifestation of spiritual ministry, I believe that we must keep in an attitude of seeking God. The feeling that we have "arrived" is one of the most devastating conditions that could lay hold of us. Brother, when you begin to feel that you have reached the zenith in your experience, you are in a dangerous place. We need to keep seeking God, for we can never exhaust His limitless resources.

In the first two verses of Hosea 14 we have a divine call to repentance. We hear the Lord saying, "O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity." I am not suggesting that we have fallen by our iniquities, but I do think it is refreshing for us to learn the means by which God promised to bring spiritual blessing to His ancient people. God said to Israel, and He says to us tonight (v. 2), "Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips." I like the literal rendering of that last clause, "If the Lord will do this, the responsive soul will we render as bullocks, the offering of our lips."

Bring with you words of praise. The sacrifice that God expects from Spirit-

filled people is the sacrifice of praises from our lips and hearts. I think it is singular that among Pentecostal believers the manifestation of the Spirit is accompanied by a wonderful worship of praise to the living God. Praise is the supreme sacrifice that God desires from our hearts and lives.

Bring with you words of confession. Don't be afraid to say, "I am wrong." David said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." You can't pray through an accumulation of things that are displeasing God. You must have an open heart. You must have a clear conscience, a conscience "void of offence toward God, and toward men." When you have prayed until there is no longer condemnation in your heart, you can reach out with greater faith and greater expectancy for God to move in the marvel of His great power in your heart.

Bring with you words of petition. I am thankful we have a God before whom we can bring our petitions. But, you know, there are a lot of people who fail to get much of God's goodness, just because they limit their petitions to a few personal, temporal blessings. Some of God's greatest spiritual blessings may even lead us to a place of physical and economic privation. A lot of things are worse than to be devoid of earthly riches. We spend a lot of our time praying about comparatively trivial things. I believe very implicitly the promise of Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Too many of us squander our prayer time asking merely for things, when these ought to come as a natural consequence of our hearts being right with God. Too many today are trying to limit God to just one or two areas of blessing in their lives. God has wonderful areas of blessing which we have not yet explored. We must allow God, by the manifestation and ministration of the Holy Spirit, to bring those undiscovered blessings to our hearts.

Bring some words of petition; then bring some words of thanksgiving! "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

made known unto God." A lot of people want the walls to fall, and then they'll begin to shout. But the walls of Jericho didn't fall until after God's people had shouted. When you ask God for something, believe that He hears you and then thank and praise Him for it. Praise is the keynote that unlocks to us the resources of supernatural, God-given blessing.

I have been able to praise my way through some circumstances I had difficulty to pray through. I sought the baptism of the Holy Spirit in my late teens and early twenties. I sought and prayed, sought and prayed; and all the time the Holy Spirit was there to fill me. One night there came a marvelous, supernatural manifestation of God's glory; people began to sing under the inspiration and anointing of the Spirit, praising God in other tongues. And to my wondering delight, right in the midst of that wonderful outpouring I came to realize that I too was praising God in a language I had never spoken before. How my soul did magnify the Lord!

And I say to you, a lot more people would get more from God if they would develop the art of praising Him. May the sound of praises never die in our churches.

God says, "Take with you words." Don't just bury your head in the sand and go to sleep—get up! I heard a friend say, "Well, the Lord knows where I live. If He wants to bless me He knows where He can find me." Yes, He knows where you live. But God doesn't bless people till they want the blessing. You've got to get down to business with God. You've got to get exercised enough to bring words. Don't be afraid to hear yourself pray! Don't be afraid to become better acquainted with God. And I think we ought to seek the Lord at home as well as at church, at work as well as in the prayer meeting. "Rejoice evermore. Pray

without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Bring words—words of confession, words of petition, words of praise, words of thanksgiving.

God gave us some wonderful promises in this chapter, too. Among other things, He said, "I will heal their backsliding." I'm glad that if a Christian stumbles, God will forgive him if he confesses it. I'm glad that if we sin "we have an advocate with the Father." You don't have to live in condemnation. Every time you make a mistake you don't need to feel that you're lost and undone forever. But don't let that thing go on and condemn you until it does break your fellowship with God. Get it right. I think we ought to have a sensitive conscience. We shouldn't be able to do wrong and feel right about it. If we have a tender conscience, God will lay His finger upon

the thing that is wrong and let us see it. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." His blood cleanses not only when we get saved; but, thank God, when we walk in the light we have every day a new cleansing. Sure, you can walk the world in white. You can have an overcoming life. You can live above sin. Praise God, there is victory in the name of Jesus. Christ is the secret of victory over sin.

Then God promised, "I will love them freely." This is not a selfish, human, petty, natural love that loves for personal gain; but God says He will love us freely. He'll love us not for what we are, but for what we can be made in His mighty hand.

Now here is another wonderful promise: "I will be as the dew unto Israel."

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IT HAPPENED IN SOUTH AFRICA

A Story of Modern Miracles

Related by W. F. P. BURTON

TRAVELING ON A TRAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA I met a couple of Christian men and we had some good fellowship, talking about spiritual things. At one of the stations, a peppery little man came into the compartment. He began to say some things that were very much out of place. I spoke up and said that we were Christians, and that we believed, when the Lord Jesus saves a man, he cleans up his mouth. I saw that the man was getting hot under the collar and I realized that if I said more there would be an argument.

Then another man came into the compartment. He was a big fellow, and had been a football player. His shoulder had been injured. His arm had been in a plaster cast for a long time, and was now in a sling. He had been a patient in a hospital in Salisbury, but they could do no more for him, and he was being sent to another hospital. He was facing the possibility of an operation.

When mealtime came, I cut his meat, and helped him in every way that I could. As night came on, I said, "Now I am going to help you into your pajamas."

Then he said, "Pardon me, but have you an aspirin? I am in great pain."

I said, "No, I do not have an aspirin, but I have something better. I will pray for you, and I want you to believe that God will answer my prayer. Will you believe?"

He said he would try. So I prayed that the pain would leave. The man went to sleep and didn't waken until the steward came in the morning with his coffee.

The story went up and down the corridor. A little lady came saying that she had a migraine headache. Would the man of God do for her what he had done for this man? So, I prayed for her. Hours later she came back and said, "I have been sleeping since you prayed, and the headache is gone."

Soon after, the peppery little man reached over and touched me on the knee. He said, "My wife is a Christian. She reads her Bible, and prays. I could have thrown it in the fire. When she prayed, I felt as if I could knock off her head. But I have seen it work on this train, and I am going home to tell her that I have become a Christian, and I will read the Bible with her."

In a short time we came to the station, and he got off the train. There was the woman, and two lovely girls. He walked up to her and said, "Wife, I have been converted." They both were weeping, as they threw their arms around one another.

Some time later, I received a letter from the football player. No operation had been necessary. His shoulder and arm were healed. He said, "Now I want to join your Mission."

—The Pentecostal Testimony

RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT



IN HAMBURG, GERMANY, THERE IS A "BARGE CHURCH" MAINTAINED FOR THE USE OF THE SAILORS OF THE INLAND WATERWAYS.

A PERSONAL PENTECOST

For Present-Day Christians

AS ELEVEN DISCOURAGED DISCIPLES, AND those who were with them, reflected gloomily on the Crucifixion, Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you" (Luke 24:36). Jesus had already told them that He would send the Comforter, and again He renewed the promise, but on the condition that they wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to fall.

The Bible records that their expectancy was so high that even when they had been parted from their beloved Lord they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy..." (v. 52). Perhaps they realized that the coming of the Holy Spirit would make their Redeemer more real to them than He ever could have been in the flesh. Had not Jesus promised that the "Spirit of truth" would testify of Him (John 15:26)?

At Pentecost the Lord established a precedent, a pattern to be followed. Those believers who began to wait upon God in the Upper Room had no preconceived notions as to how the Spirit would come; no one knew what to expect. Hence, it is safe for us to go here for principles. On that Day, emphasis was placed upon tongues as the evidence, and upon power as the result.

At Caesarea, too, Cornelius and his kinsmen and near friends were without prejudice. Cornelius had been hungering after God, and so the Lord sent an angel to tell him where to find Peter, who would preach the Pentecostal message to him. Smith Wigglesworth said, "If some people... had an angel come and talk to them as Cornelius had, they would say they knew that they were baptized. Do not be fooled by anything. Be sure that what you receive is according to the Word of God." Cornelius did not jump to such a conclusion. He received the Holy Spirit in the same way as they did at Pentecost.

At Ephesus, too, the disciples of Jesus did not know what to expect. How could they—they did not even know that there was a Holy Ghost! But they received a Baptism just as mighty, and one that was evidenced in the same manner, as at Pentecost.

Then we hear the voice of critics. Such a Baptism was nothing new, they argue. God's people had the Holy Spirit long before Pentecost.

It should be remembered that in a sense the Son of God came to earth many times in the Old Testament. Though not yet made in the form of man, He appeared in the form of man as the Angel of the Lord (Ex. 23:20-23), the captain of the Lord's host (Joshua 5:13, 15), and in other ways. Yet these comings were only appearances; His true coming was not until He was eternally united to a body at His incarnation. Likewise, the Spirit came frequently before Pentecost, filling men with power for service, speaking through them in prophecy; yet these comings are never spoken of as the real coming of the Spirit. His real coming was when He was eternally united to the mystical body of Christ, the Church of Pentecost.

There are others who say, "Speaking in tongues as the evidence is not mentioned in the Epistles; therefore, the teaching of the Pentecostal people is false." But this is a ridiculous deduction; for, as Donald Gee points out, the Acts and the Epistles were written during the same period. If, then, the Baptism as an experience or tongues as the evidence are not mentioned it is because it was so obvious that it was unnecessary.

In fact, we might never have received the wonderful Pentecostal teaching of First Corinthians, chapters 12 to 14, if the believers in that church had not been ignorant of the gifts which they were exercising. Every bit of example in the Book of Acts is but a record of how other people received the Spirit. It is inconceivable that the Lord would have left us without some direction in the life of the Spirit if these situations had not required instruction. But the fact that the Lord taught about the Baptism in this way lends weight to the belief that the Christians to whom the Epistles were addressed were thoroughly Pentecostal.

And the outpouring of the Spirit did not cease at the end of the apostolic era, as some of our friends would have us believe, and as would be necessary if the Holy Spirit had come upon the Church in the beginning and then upon individual Christians automatically. In every age God has sought individuals in the Church who would listen to His voice, follow His leadings, and accept His gracious blessings. A few have allowed God to fill them. But He has come only to



God's promise is still the same today—
"I will pour out of my spirit upon all
flesh" (Joel 2:28).

those who would give Him a warm welcome; those indifferent folk who are only passively willing to have the Baptism never receive.

It is true that Pentecost was a dispensational event, and was to be fulfilled at an exact point of time. Yet it was also an individual matter. Every believer was responsible to receive for himself. Thousands followed the Lord during His ministry, and there were about five hundred who heard the Lord's command to tarry in Jerusalem for the Spirit. But for some the price was too great—they had to spend too many precious hours in seemingly fruitless effort in the Upper Room. When the Day of Pentecost was fully come, only those were left who could be in full accord and who were fully prepared to receive the Spirit. The 120 were filled that day and became the powerhouse for the Church. The other 380 had left the presence of God and perhaps never received the Baptism.

Do you want power for service? Do you long to know Jesus better? Are you desirous of a more fruitful life for Christ? Then you must obey the command of the Lord to seek for the Baptizer. Before long He will come, not to make an appearance only, but to live within you forever! Do not be fooled by the teaching of those who oppose this glorious experience. Follow God's Word, enter in, and receive your personal Pentecost.

—Glen D. Anderson

Healing Testimonies

BLIND EYE HEALED INSTANTLY

On June 16, 1948, I lost the sight of my right eye when I was crushed in a coal mine by a slate fall. I lay in the hospital for twenty-eight days between life and death. But much prayer was offered by the church, and the Lord brought me through.

On June 4, 1955, I was anointed and prayed for by Evangelist C. T. Chegwin and by my pastor, Ernest T. Edmonds. As they laid hands on me and prayed for me in the name of Jesus, I was instantly healed. I had been totally blind in my right eye for almost seven years, but praise the Lord, now I can see perfectly. I give all the praise to my wonderful Lord. I want to serve and worship Him the rest of my days.—James A. Ballard, Dorothy, W. Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ernest T. Edmonds, Dorothy, W. Va.)

FRACTURED RIBS MADE RIGHT IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

As a group of us Christians were returning from a worship service, our car was involved in a very serious accident. My ribs were fractured in ten places, jabbing painfully into my flesh. The nerves in one side were severely bruised; my breath became very laborious and painful; and one arm was made useless.

My friends asked me to go to the hospital for treatment, but I said, "No, I am going to trust God to heal my body." I carried in my purse a card which would have admitted me to the hospital without expense, but I didn't for one moment consider using it, for I wanted Jesus to heal me.

When we arrived at the home of a minister, Mrs. Ruby Davis, she and my other Christian friends prayed. The Holy Spirit came down and Sister Davis began to sing in the Spirit. His sweet presence was inspiring and gave me faith for my healing. The Lord touched me, praise His name.

We drove on to the home of other friends nearby, where they gathered around the car and prayed again. By faith in the name of Jesus Christ I got out of that car and walked into that home.

Together they prayed until the Lord set my ribs. What a perfect setting the Lord made of my ribs; they were as smooth as when He originally created them. Then they prayed for the Lord to restore my breathing to normal, and He did that. Next, they prayed for the Lord to remove nervous shock, and that prayer was answered. Then, in the name of Jesus, I walked from that house into

the car and traveled about seven miles to my home, where I walked into my home and went to bed.

This was on May 20, 1955. Never was any tape or cast put upon me for the setting of my ribs. My ribs were set by the miracle-working power of God and through faith in the healing virtues of Jesus.

Later I went to the hospital for X rays, to learn the extent of my injury. The physician recognized the work as divine healing and never once offered to improve upon the Lord's work.

After my healing, complications arose because of bruised nerves, and I would scream like a wild person. Then I would call on the Lord in faith and the pain would stop. During this affliction my pastor, John P. Hall, and the congregation at the church offered special prayer for me that God would deliver me.

The Lord in His infinite mercy completely healed my arm also, although no mention had been made of its injury. To Him be all the glory and honor.—Mrs. Sallie Emma Clark, 328 Brassie Drive, Orlando, Fla.

(Endorsed by John P. Hall, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, Winter Park, Fla.)

DEFORMED HIP MADE RIGHT IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

My life was full of pain and sickness until August 3, 1955, when Jesus healed me.

For over six years I had suffered with infections in my left kidney and spine. About three and one-half years ago my left hip began to deteriorate, and my back ached constantly. My left leg would swell, and I was losing weight fast.

My condition seemed hopeless. Over a period of twenty years I had had five major operations for abdominal growths and infections. Five years ago my doctor told me that he thought I had infection in my left kidney and spine, and that some other organs might be involved. He did not advise further surgery, however, for I had almost died after the previous operations.



Vernie Sipe

Last July 31 my pastor, Louis Hauff, and the church congregation prayed for me. When Brother Hauff anointed me with oil and prayed, it was revealed to me that I would be healed; but it was not until a few days later, when I promised God I would preach, that the healing came. (I had felt called of God to evangelistic work for many years.)

We had not been praying for my hip, but only for the healing of my stomach and the infection. However, when God dealt with me concerning my call and I gave Him my promise, I felt impressed to lay my hand on my deformed hip, and when I did the hip became normal. I was amazed. The Lord certainly did exceedingly abundantly above all that I asked or thought.

I thank God for saving me, baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, and healing my body. I am willing to do evangelistic work wherever He may desire.—Vernie Sipe, 457 Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, Calif.

(Endorsed by Louis Hauff, Pastor, First Assembly of God, San Bernardino, Calif., witnessed before a Notary Public by two neighbors who visited Sister Sipe and saw the deformed condition of her hip the day before God healed it.)

CANCER DISAPPEARS

I had been bothered in my left side for some time, and finally went to the doctor for an examination. The doctor thought my ailment to be colitis, but felt it best to take X-ray pictures to be certain. The X rays revealed a growth in the colon section of the large intestine. Three doctors examined me. Then they called in my wife and told her that the growth was cancer and that an operation would have to be performed soon. Eighteen inches of my large intestine must be removed, they said. I was to undergo surgery on May 10, 1955.

Many of God's people in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey began to pray for my healing. In obedience to God's Word I was anointed and prayed for.

On May 10 I was placed on the operating table, but to the doctors' utter amazement they found nothing of the cancerous growth. It had completely disappeared. God had healed me! To Him be all the glory. Today, some eight months later, I am still well. No recurrence of the former trouble has appeared.—Willard J. Williams, 205 Orchard St., Elizabeth, N. J.

(Endorsed by E. W. Lindale, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Elizabeth, N. J.)

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

Inaugural Revival Now Under Way . . .

LIBERIA for God



Ralph Byrd

Ralph Byrd and Glenn Horst Preaching in Monrovia

PRAY FOR LIBERIA! AN UNPRECEDENTED opportunity has been given the Assemblies of God for evangelism in that country which could result in a sweeping spiritual move of national scope.

President Tubman of Liberia has invited an American pastor, Ralph Byrd of Atlanta, Georgia, to hold a Salvation-Healing campaign in connection with the Presidential inauguration.

The wife of the Commissioner of Monrovia, a Spirit-filled child of God and a close friend of the President and his wife, heard reports of the great revival in the Philippines under Mr. Byrd's ministry. She carried these reports to the President and encouraged him to seek to have similar meetings in Liberia.

John Hurston, our representative in Liberia, had already desired to have Mr. Byrd come for special services; and although this seemed impossible, he had been encouraged to continue praying about the matter. A number fasted and prayed. They asked God to grant this request.

Unknown to Mr. Hurston, the friend of the President got busy following the time of prayer, with the result that a conference was arranged between the President and our representative. Copies of *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* and *THE WORLD CHALLENGE* carrying reports of the Philippine meetings conducted by Mr. Byrd were shown to President Tubman. The result was an official invita-

tion to hold the campaign.

The Presidential Inauguration ceremonies were scheduled for January 2 to 6, and the Inauguration Revival is to follow, starting January 8. The large Centennial Pavilion has been designated for the night services by consent of the President, who will be present at the first service to introduce the preacher of the Monrovia campaign. John Hurston, our representative in Monrovia, is in charge of arrangements.

The invitation has gone beyond the meetings in the capital city of Monrovia. Mr. Byrd has been invited to travel throughout the whole of Liberia. Glenn Horst, Secretary for Overseas Evangelism, will accompany Mr. Byrd and assist in the revival meetings.

Visitors from all over Liberia and other parts of Africa will be in Monrovia for the Inauguration. What a glorious opportunity to preach the full gospel! The outlook is very promising, and yet we know that satanic forces will hinder in every way possible. Therefore, we must by united prayer make sure that evil forces are defeated. If the entire membership of the Assemblies of God will pray fervently, revival is bound to sweep over Liberia. In this promising land of liberty, people will be set free from the bonds of sin and delivered from sickness by the power of God. Pray for this revival campaign that is now under way in Liberia.



Glenn Horst



John Hurston

A LAND OF PROGRESS

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN Liberia at present because of spiritual developments. It is a country of progress and its growth is interesting.

Liberia lies at the southern extremity of the western bulge of the African continent. It is the only independent and self-governing country on the west coast.

It has been called the land of evergreens and sunshine. Low mountain ranges and numerous rivers feature this rolling country of 43,000 square miles. The coast-line extends for about 350 miles.

Founded in 1822 by the American Colonization Society and other philanthropic organizations, Liberia became a home for freed slaves. For the first seventeen years it was governed by agents appointed by the Society in America. In 1839 a constitution known as the "Buchanan Constitution" was granted the colony, and it became a commonwealth with a legislative council.

The government of Liberia is of democratic, republican form, with its powers, authority and functions divided among three separate branches—Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

The Legislative branch consists of two houses: the Senate with ten members and the House of Representatives with thirty-two.

The President heads the Executive branch. He and the Vice-President are elected by popular vote for a term of eight years, and may be re-elected to one

or more additional terms of four years. A Cabinet is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, to assist in presidential duties. The Cabinet is composed of Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Attorney General, Secretary of National Defense, Postmaster General, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Public Instruction (Education), Secretary of Public Works and Utilities, Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, and Director-General of the National Public Health Service.

The Judicial branch is headed by a Supreme Court.

Economically, Liberia has a promising future, for it abounds in minerals and forests. A new harbor at Monrovia, an inland road system, and development of rubber plantations have speeded its economy.

The population is composed chiefly of the descendants of the original inhabitants and the first American-Liber-

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Liberia is an agricultural country. Bananas are one of the many crops raised there.

Aerial view of Monrovia, capital of Liberia, where a great Salvation-Healing campaign is being conducted by Ralph Byrd and Glenn Horst this month.



Cover Photo

Shown on the cover is President Wm. V. S. Tubman of Liberia who is being inaugurated for another four-year term of office this month. It is his third term. The ceremonies were scheduled for January 2 to 6.

President Tubman not only is popular with his own people but has endeared himself to the hearts of many Christians in America by his invitation to Ralph Byrd, pastor of Faith Memorial Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and Glenn Horst, Secretary of Overseas Evangelism, to hold special evangelistic meetings in Monrovia, capital of Liberia.

We are sure the whole family of the Assemblies of God will be much in prayer for these meetings and for President Tubman and his government.



THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

Churches Sponsor Ads Against Sunday Shopping

Churches of various denominations at Billings, Montana, jointly sponsored a series of advertisements in the *Billings Gazette* aimed at halting the practice of Sunday shopping. The first ad said, "If YOU don't shop on the Lord's Day, the retail stores will close on Sundays." The second ad was slanted indirectly toward the store owners. It said "The retailer who closes his store on Sunday is thinking of someone other than himself. He alone deserves your patronage."

Court Rules Against Sunday Business

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled that it is within a city's general police powers to prohibit business activity on Sunday. It upheld as valid a Sunday closing law of Evanston, Illinois, which had been appealed by eleven local automobile dealers. The dealers claimed the Sunday closing prevented them from competing with car dealers in Chicago and other neighboring communities; but the court stated that "Sunday has been observed traditionally as a day on which the normal, nonessential, nonemergency activity of the business world ceases."

Quakers Adopt Hymnbook

The Quakers have their first formal hymnal in a new 176-page book entitled, "A Hymnal for Friends." While it will not introduce music to the traditionally silent Meetings for Worship, the volume provides hymns for all other occasions, including Sunday School, youth meetings, conferences and family groups.

The Friends General Conference pointed out that one motivation for a modern, durable hymnbook was "the attempt to stem the loss of young Friends to other religious bodies."

New Postage Stamps in Israel

Postage stamps based on Biblical themes are being issued in Israel at an accelerated speed. The Post Office at Jerusalem recently issued four stamps, first of a new series of twelve to be known as "The Tribes Set" because each will depict the emblem of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Another group of four stamps, each depicting a musical instrument in the Bible, was released previously.

Realtor Specializes in "Homes in Heaven"

Alex Dunlap, a suburban Philadelphia realtor, made newspaper headlines recently as "probably the only real estate man in town who'd rather make sure you have a home in heaven than sell you one on earth." Dunlap has been testifying for Christ for sixteen years in the real estate business. His ad in the yellow pages of the local telephone directory contains a scripture reference: "In my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:1-6). A sign on his office door warns prospective clients, "Closed on the Lord's day." Inside the office a wall motto proclaims that "Jesus Never Fails." The bookcase against the wall contains at least 100 volumes, all on Bible themes. Few visitors leave the office without receiving a gospel tract. Because of his sixteen-year-long example, both the Delaware County and Main Line real estate boards are working out a Sunday closing code.

Teen-Agers and TV

In a survey of 663 teen-agers in the New York area, one out of three admitted that TV has had some detrimental effect on his life. Chief reasons named were: too many crime programs, interference with homework, and tendency promoted to mimic and imitate. Significantly, the commercials they found most interesting were those plugging cigarettes and beer.

General Speaks to Christian Businessmen

William K. Harrison, commanding general of the U.S. Army's Caribbean Command, told delegates to the Christian Businessmen's Committee International convention that they should not be deceived by "reports of increased church attendance" into thinking that a deep and genuine religious revival is under way. He observed that too many Americans are like the soldier in the foxhole, who ordinarily profanes God's name a hundred times day, yet in time of trouble calls upon a God who really is unknown to him.

He urged Americans to "repent and believe," warning that there is no hope that men can solve their social and moral problems "apart from God."

The convention, held in Washington, D. C., was attended by businessmen from many denominations, men who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and who testify for Him in their daily lives. They chose T. E. McCully, general manager of a Milwaukee bakery, to be executive secretary of their organization, replacing Donald MacDonald who is retiring from office this month. When Mr. MacDonald took office in 1947 there were 173 local committees in the U.S. Today there are twice that number. The organization now has 10,000 members in 19 different countries.

Meal-Time Prayers in California Public Schools

Prayers to God were ruled out of public schools in Marin County, California, following the complaint of a parent whose five-year-old son had been dismissed from kindergarten for objecting to saying grace. The superintendent of schools said that, as a result of the incident, a new grace had been adopted which makes no mention of God.

At San Francisco, however, the school authorities took a firmer stand on the side of religious training. The attorney for the San Francisco school board challenged the ruling by the California attorney general that banned prayers in the public schools of the state, and advised teachers they could continue to lead the children in prayer to God before their mid-morning snack of milk and crackers. He pointed out that an attorney general's opinion is not a law and that there are very good precedents for the recognition of God in public life. For example, the Pledge of Allegiance recited in public schools now contains the phrase, "this nation, under God." The prayer which the school children use is not sectarian or denominational. It goes like this:

"We thank Thee, God, for food we eat,
For family, and friends we meet,
For books we read and songs we sing;
We thank Thee, God, for everything."

Church Closes Its "Pub"

Christian Life reports that a parish church in England has finally decided to close the "pub" (tavern) it has been operating next door. Called "The Fox and the Goose," it has been dispensing ale since 1409.

The Turnpikes Are "Dry"

America's turnpikes are setting a good example for all the road builders in the country. Drivers cannot buy a drink of intoxicating liquor on any toll road now in operation. A survey of the 15 turnpike authorities in 14 states by the Methodist Board of Temperance showed that all, without fail, prohibit or will prohibit the sale of alcohol on toll roads under their jurisdiction.

Liquor Ads in "Time"

The December 12th issue of *Time* magazine contained 41 full-page ads printed in color, and 11 of these (over 25 per cent) were for whiskey. It seems that many widely-circulated magazines including *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune* are deliberately capitalizing on liquor advertising for reasons of financial gain. They glamorize liquor with the most beautiful ads they can print. The profit motive is understandable in some, but the strange fact about *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune* is that these magazines are published by Henry Luce, and both Mr. Luce and his wife, Clare Booth Luce, claim to be very religious people.

A recent issue of *Women's Home Companion* carried a life story on Clare Booth Luce which told of the unhappiness of her first marriage. Her first husband was a very rich man but he was an alcoholic. He drank more and more until he was in a daze most of the time and hardly knew what he was doing. Clare finally divorced him and later married Mr. Luce.

In view of the fact that liquor ruined her first marriage, how can Mrs. Luce refrain from urging her husband to "dry up" his magazines and stop advertising that which will ruin many other marriages? Liquor has broken more homes, stained more character, and sent more souls to hell than any other single evil on earth.

Neglecting the Children

According to *Washington Religious Report*, child neglect is one of the growing problems of the day. There are reported to be 40,000 mothers in Washington, D. C. who leave children to come to the city and work in government offices. They do not see their small children for three days in a row. There are 60,000 preschool children who are neglected in this fashion due to the fact that there are day-care facilities for only 1,795. This situation is serious in its effect on the rising generation. In many cases it seems unavoidable. Mothers find it necessary to work because the fathers are away in military service, or there is divorce, sickness, or some other problem. In some cases, however, it is merely a desire for additional family income beyond actual requirements that causes mothers to take a job and neglect their children. One day they may discover there are some things more important than dollars.

World Day of Prayer—February 17

Printed programs containing suggestions for observing the World Day of Prayer (Friday, February 17) are offered by the National Association of Evangelicals. Posters announcing the World Day of Prayer are available, too. "The Spirit of Power" is the theme, based on 2 Timothy 1:7—"God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Those desiring this material should send their request (with a free-will offering to defray cost) to the N.A.E. Headquarters Office, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

512,450 Christians in Japan

According to a recent survey by the Tokyo weekly *Christian News*, there are now 512,450 professing Christians in Japan. Of this total 285,022 are Protestants, 193,724 Roman Catholics, and 33,704 Orthodox.

The number of Christians is growing, but half a million is only a small proportion of Japan's rapidly expanding population. Heathen sects are growing too. The Buddhists claim to have more than 43 million adherents, while the Shintoists estimate their membership to be above 70 million.

U. S. Protests Attack on Missionary

The U. S. State Department delivered a strong diplomatic protest to the Republic of Colombia following an attack by Colombian police upon Julius Allan de Gruyter, an American Protestant missionary, in October. The State Department said that the National Association of Evangelicals (N.A.E.) had informed its office of the incident, and that the American Ambassador at Bogota had investigated and affirmed the N.A.E. report.

The missionary suffered a double fracture of the skull in the beating. Earlier in the month, he had discovered the dead bodies of eleven Colombian Protestants who evidently had been murdered in Meta Province in an outbreak of bitter religious persecution. The missionary said the bodies "had been mutilated and left on public display as a warning to the community."

The N.A.E. described three other incidents where Colombian Protestants were murdered in recent weeks, and asked the State Department to "do everything in its power to bring to a speedy end the vicious anti-Protestant sentiment which gives rise to such incidents." The State Department said it was "disturbed" by the report and promised to do "all we appropriately can" to remedy the situation.

Protestant churches in Colombia are preparing to celebrate the Centennial of evangelical missionary work in that country during 1956.



CHAMPION SHEEP SHEARERS ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S HELP

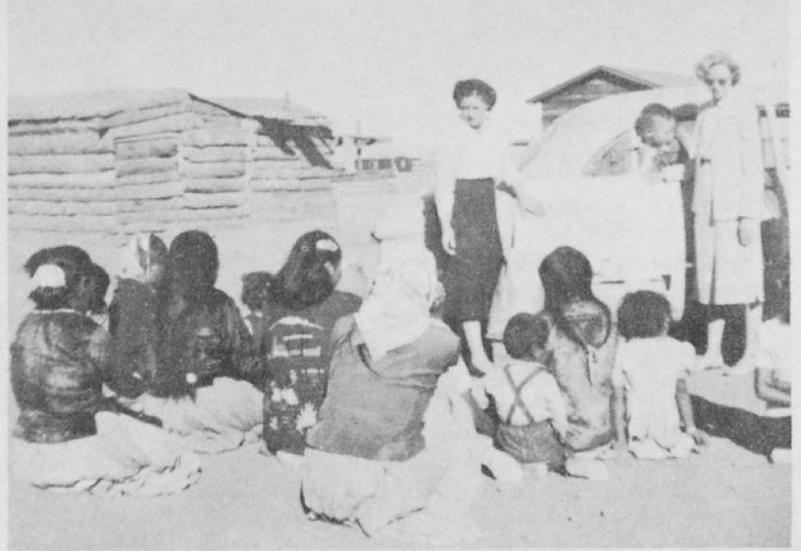
The picture shows Ivan and Godfrey Bowen chatting with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh during a royal visit to New Zealand. Ivan is the world's champion sheep shearer. He wrested the championship from his brother Godfrey by shearing more than 456 sheep in nine hours.

Since winning the championship, Bowen has been appearing at youth meetings testifying that he won the title because God helped him. He says: "It was a wonderful day when I found I had beaten the world shearing record, but it was a much more wonderful day when the Lord Jesus Christ came into my heart."

Both of the Bowen brothers give God the glory for their skill. Each says: "I am a humble Christian in my daily life and I set out to prove a man can be a Christian and a champion too. I prayed to God before I started . . . and was helped by a greater power than we find anywhere on this earth."



This Indian brother works alongside his pastor to see this Assemblies of God Indian church completed on the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico.



These Navajos in a New Mexico Indian village sit on the ground to hear the Word of life from our missionary, Eloise Jackson.

Will Our Indian Harvest Be

GARNERED OR SCATTERED?



THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH and development in the Assemblies of God missionary work among the Indians of the United States in the past few years. Missions that had small beginnings are now growing and becoming established churches.

In recent years God has called additional men and women into this field. As these too have gone forth in faith wielding the sickle of the Word, a harvest of precious souls has been reaped. Indian men and women long steeped in superstition and bound by evil habits, testify in increasing numbers to the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus. In this the missionaries rejoice, and we join them in giving thanks to God.

But even as the missionaries gather their newly saved Indians for worship in hogans or in wick-i-ups, or in some makeshift building, or even out in the open air in some cases, there are disturbing questions in their minds:

"What will become of this grain so joyfully reaped? Can we keep these converts together, or will they be scattered because there is no central meeting place? We went from home to home, and told them of Jesus, and won them to Him. But we want them to become now a strong body of Pentecostal believers, banded together to do service for God. We want them to become a local Assemblies of God church, a part of our great fellowship. But will they ever develop as we hope when we must go from home to home for services?

"Can evangelistic meetings have their

fullest effect under these handicaps?

"Can we teach them the Word they need so much, when we have no facilities for Sunday School classes, nor even the simplest building we can call a church?"

And well might the missionary ponder this matter. The National Home Missions Department has also been deeply concerned about this urgent need for buildings on our Indian reservations. We believe it is time for us as a denomination to rise up and make a united effort to meet the desperate need for church buildings for these new Indian believers.

If we do not conserve this harvest, much of it will be scattered. False cults are building attractive chapels on many reservations. Certain religionists are not sparing their efforts or money to take their beliefs and practices to the Indian people. Let us not nullify the sacrificial efforts of our Pentecostal home missionaries by failing to provide them with that which is a basic necessity if their work is to develop as it should.

Christian Indians on the reservations are doing their best toward building, working with their hands alongside their missionaries. They are not hoping for elaborate buildings, but simple ones in keeping with their way of life. An Indian church can be erected for much less than the cost of the average Assemblies of God church elsewhere. Shall we deprive them of even this?

Souls are at stake. This precious grain will either be garnered for eternity, or be scattered for lack of vision.

We are listing below the most urgent Indian building needs at present. You may designate your offering for one of these places, or simply to INDIAN BUILDING FUND.

SOUTH DAKOTA

In Rapid City, a large Indian Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center is under construction. Thousands of Indians will be reached through this center. Only \$2,000 is needed to finish this project.

At Noris, a young Shoshone Indian pastor is seeking to build an Assemblies of God Indian church. A large barn was given for this work, and much lumber salvaged. About \$1,000 would complete this project which is on a reservation.

Sisseton is seeing Indian crowds in the services too large to be accommodated in the homes where the services are held. \$3,000 would buy a lot and build a church in Sisseton.

A church large enough to accommodate our Indian people in St. Charles could be built for less than \$1,000.

IDAHO

At Fort Hall, about \$5,000 is needed to complete the church and living quarters for the pastor of the Indian work.

NEW MEXICO

Among the Mescalero Apaches, Brother F. W. Olson is seeking to complete a building. The tribe gave two acres of land in a good location. They have a basement completed and are working on the auditorium and classrooms. The Indians have given sacrificially, but Brother

Olson says they have an urgent need for outside assistance at this time.

At Grants, Eloise Jackson and her daughter hold services wherever they can get the people together in the villages. Sometimes it is out in the open air with Indians sitting on the ground or standing. When it is too cold, they have services wherever a hut is opened to them. They desperately need to build. God has been blessing them with souls and several have been healed.

NEW YORK

Missionary Thelma Miller writes that they have begun a building at Lawtons among the Seneca Indians on the Cattaraugus Reservation. About \$3,000 is needed to complete it. This is an urgent need.

Andrew Maracle at Hogansburg, on the St. Regis Reservation, held the first service in their new basement church on December 16. There is definite need of finishing this building as soon as possible.

ARIZONA

Our workers at Indian Wells lost the chapel they had been using to a false cult. They have land on which to build, and are hoping to build in the spring. They plan to use native cedar and rocks, keeping the cost of the building to around \$1,500. Their Indian people are helping by cutting rocks.

Canyon Day, six miles from White-river, is in a building program. Assemblies of God churches in Illinois and Indiana gave them some funds with which to start the building, but they do not have sufficient funds.

The Ted Johnsons at Tuba City have a burden to build a Navajo-Hopi Assembly centrally located so that it will serve both tribes in the area.

Rowena Chaves and Jewel Barnett at Winslow are using a building which is up for sale. They need money with

which to buy a lot and build a church. God has signally blessed this work with many souls and a good Sunday School. They have also had a Pentecostal outpouring.

At Tucson about \$1,000 is needed to complete the new building. This includes roofing, windows, and inside finishing materials.

WYOMING

The Indian work on the Shoshoni Reservation needs a building. A large plot of ground at Ethete, in the midst of the Indian population, can be purchased for \$2,250. As soon as the lot is purchased, a chapel will be erected.

On the Windriver Reservation, R. W. Smith is holding services in the home of a Christian Indian as they have no building of any kind in which to conduct public services. For only \$2,500 they can buy a piece of land and build a church there. Many of the Indians on this reservation still practice witchcraft and various forms of demon worship. They sorely need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

NEVADA

At Yerington, missionaries have had to close their Sunday School for the winter months even though the Indian people wanted to attend. The simple reason is that they have no building. They desire to build in the Indian village near Yerington, as so many are not able to get into the town for services.

CALIFORNIA

At Happy Camp about thirty souls have been won to the Lord, and the services are held in a small 14 by 16 foot tent. They have land on which to build, and need about \$2,500 for building materials.

The Auburn Indian Assembly has one small room in which their services are held in the winter. In the summer they have Sunday School out under a tree.

They could enlarge their present building for only \$300.

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There are other Indian building needs but these are the most pressing at this time. No one of us can lift this load alone, but as we each give what we can, God is able to make our offerings sufficient for these many needs.

Please send your offering for INDIAN BUILDING FUND to

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET
SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

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The Lord's Power

the palsied man were not concerned about forgiveness of sins but just wanted healing for him. They apparently did not realize that forgiveness of sins is a much greater need, even though the body may suffer. Jesus taught that it was better to lose a hand, a foot, or an eye rather than be cast into hell. Men are quick to seek help for physical needs but are not very concerned with spiritual needs. Those who are sick or suffering are open to the gospel, and ministers should deal with their sins before dealing with their sicknesses. After receiving forgiveness for sin, it should be an easy matter for people to have faith for healing.

4. POWER PRESENT TO HEAL WHEN FAITH IS ACTIVE

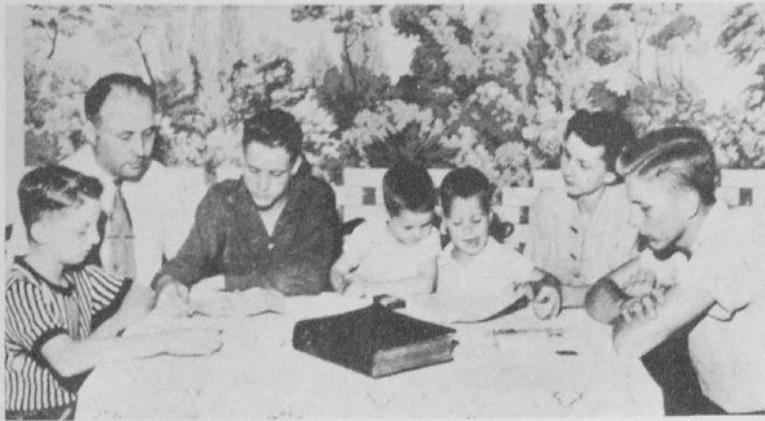
"When Jesus saw their faith," He was able to give salvation and healing to this man. Faith is what brings God to our assistance. There is a great difference between *power present* and *power appropriated*. There is power present in an electrical wall receptacle, but we get no light or power unless we come near it and make the connection. There is great power present in God to free from sin, sickness, sadness, weakness, and defeat if we will only draw nigh to God and make the connection—and faith makes the connection.

When you have a need, get to Christ at any cost or effort. The four friends did an irregular thing in breaking through the roof to get the palsied man to Christ; so you may have to break through custom, habit, or prejudice to receive God's help and healing. These men did not mind breaking up a roof to get healing for their friend. They knew that anyone could fix a roof, but only Christ could mend the palsied man's body. Where Christ is, there you will find His power present to meet your need. The Lord will give you perfect forgiveness and perfect healing. You, too, can go on your way—as did the palsied man—healed, forgiven, and glorifying God.

Sister Eddie Quick Bear, a Christian Sioux Indian at Norris, South Dakota, hopes there will be an Assemblies of God Indian church for her papoose to attend by the time he is out of the cradle roll.

This Indian Sunday School class in Yerington, Nevada has been disbanded for the winter because they have no building in which to have classes.





BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, January 9

JESUS TEACHES THE NEW BIRTH—John 3:1-16

Born again? How could that be? Well might Nicodemus wonder.

So might the clod wonder, if it could be told of the life of the seed buried within it—a life capable of responding to sunshine and shower until it grows up into a world of light and air. So might the tree wonder, if it could be told of the heartthrob of the bird in its branches and of the wondrous song with which the bird greets the morning.

And so every natural man wonders, when he is told of a world where God dwells—a world which is not subject to physical laws and is not understood through the physical senses. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

But the fact that the clod cannot see light is no argument against the sun. The fact that the tree cannot hear sound does not prove there is no song. And the fact that the natural man cannot know the things of the Spirit of God does not make the kingdom of God less real. It shows only that natural life is not sufficient, and that he needs spiritual life. Only through life received from God is it possible for any man to have fellowship with God. "Ye must be born again."

—D. G. FOOTE

TUESDAY, January 10

SONS OF GOD—1 John 3:1-10

"Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother" (v. 10).

Evidently righteousness (doing right) and love are basic evidences of true sons of God. The absence of these two manifestations of sonship declares that the individual is "not of God." Positive, isn't it? God leaves no ragged edges in declaring truth; His Word sets unvarying standards.

Why the emphasis on righteousness and love? Both are completely expressive of the nature of God—the nature He would impart to His redeemed children. His sons are called to be "partakers of his holiness" (Heb. 12:10), that they might yield their members "as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Rom. 6:13). Here is the norm for every redeemed individual, touching every phase of his living, thinking, serving. Calvary's fullness affords ample provision to know and show such righteousness through obedience to the Holy Spirit.

From such holiness the flower of love will certainly blossom, exemplifying the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians in daily living. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples [true sons of God], if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

WEDNESDAY, January 11

NEW CREATURES—2 Corinthians 5:14-21

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature . . ." (v. 17). J. B. Phillips translates verse 17 in this forceful manner, "If a man is in Christ, he is a new person altogether."

A new person altogether! That is the crowning result of the new birth. Everything is different. With inexpressible suddenness the miracle of miracles is wrought: the fallen nature of a sinner is swept away, and he is empowered to walk in newness of life. Sinfulness of the flesh and spirit are replaced with the divine nature of Jesus Christ.

Moffatt translates the verse thus: "There is a new creation whenever a man comes to be in Christ." Man, created in the beginning, fell because of transgression. Nothing in his nature could be found on which to base reconciliation with God. It is only through the merits of the Son of God and by the creative work of the Holy Spirit that fellowship with Him is restored and that a man may become "a new person altogether."

—MARK A. HINMAN

THURSDAY, January 12

THE LIVING HOPE—1 Peter 1:3-9

Life's way is strewn with the bleached bones of dead hopes. They punctuate the pathway of the perishing. But here is a hope that knows no death—it is a living hope. Espouse this

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In the words of Peter, the Author of this hope is "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Its object is "you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." Its ultimate will be "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." Its Executor is the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Now do you understand why this hope, your hope, is a living hope, imperishable? Since Jesus Christ arose, all things are possible. It was God who died—God in Christ. The disciples buried, with His body, all their hope. The world for them was an icy, bleak, death-ridden sphere—until the third day. Then, miracle of all miracles, Christ arose! Hope leaped

Death Strikes as Driller Strikes Oil

FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, L. A. HELMS worked diligently drilling for oil. The trail began in the oil fields of the west and continued through Texas and Nebraska, and finally into South Dakota.

At one time the driller said if all the dry holes he drilled were lined up, they would reach from Dewey, South Dakota, to the Nebraska line and back again.

Finally, at 57 years of age, success crowned his efforts. The first tank truck rolled up to his well one noon, and the first pay check was in the mail. Five and a half hours later he was dead—crushed beneath a pipe he was helping unload from a truck.

"I'm going to make some money from this field," Helms said as he watched that first truck grind out of the small valley.

His plan was to drill seven or eight wells in that field—one well for each ten acres.

"Sooner or later we should be producing 1,000 barrels of good grade, asphalt based oil daily in this field," Helms said.

Then, while lending a hand to get the second well on the way, tragedy struck!

The incident might well remind us that we should live our lives as though each day were going to be the last.

Tomorrow is not ours. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

Because of the uncertainty of that which the day holds for us, the first thing to settle is that of our eternal destiny.

That important matter can be easily and satisfactorily settled by a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour.

The great work that saves was accomplished by the atoning death and glorious resurrection of the Saviour. To receive Him by faith is to "strike oil" in the spiritual sense. Then, whenever death strikes, the believer will find that "to die is gain."

—Tom Olson, in NOW.

up, hope in Christ, never to die again. "Now abideth HOPE" (1 Cor. 13:13).

—W. RALPH HOBNEY

FRIDAY, January 13

THE NEW COVENANT—Jeremiah 31:29-37

Jeremiah in this chapter set forth the new covenant that God would make with Israel in the days to come. Not only was this to be a new covenant, but it was to be better than the Mosaic covenant—better because obedience would not spring from fear, but from a willing heart and mind. The writer of Hebrews declares that the new covenant is better than the old, because it is established on unconditional promises. The old covenant was a system of works, and demanded, "Do this—do that." The new covenant is a system of faith, and says, "The work has already been done."

Jeremiah says, "They shall all know me, . . . saith the Lord" (v. 34). In other words, God would give to the believer a personal revelation of Himself, which would not be hid in shadowy forms and ceremonies.

The sins and iniquities that God would remember no more are sins dealt with through the finished redemption of the Lord Himself. This purging of sin is the result of the shed blood of Jesus, and not of sacrificial animals.

The Lord then appealed to the settled and unchangeable order of the heavenly bodies to show that His covenant with Israel will never be broken and will never

end (vv. 35-37). What He has promised He will also perform.

—FRANK J. LINDQUIST

SATURDAY, January 14

A NEW NATURE—2 Peter 1:1-11

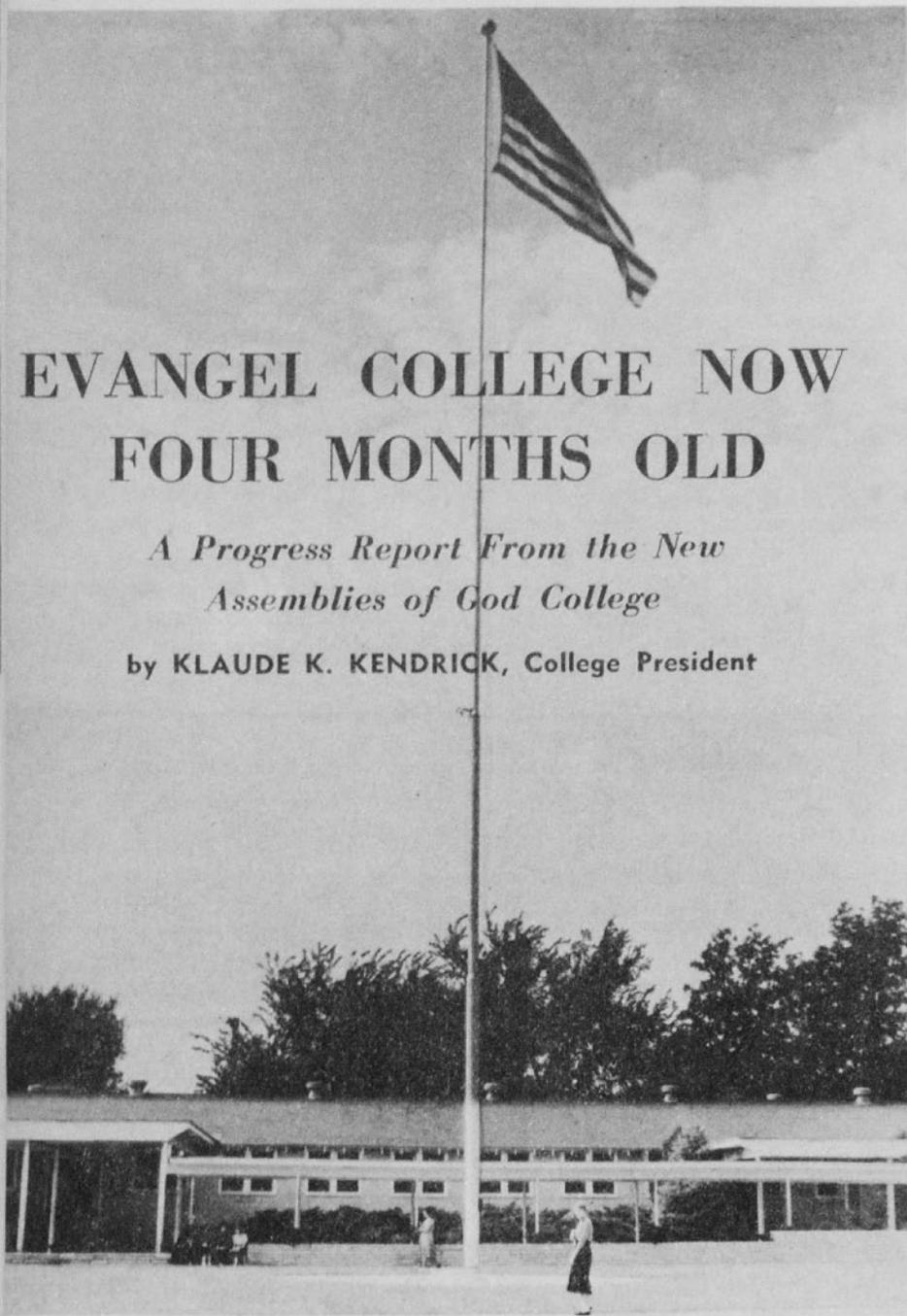
"... that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (v. 4).

Creatures born with the Adamic nature need more than anything else an impartation of the divine nature. Hear the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:50, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." The writer James tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (1:17). Clearly, the greatly needed, much desired new nature is a gift from God, to be secured from no other source. Again, we are promised that "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

In order for God to accomplish this miraculous transformation in us, it is necessary that we yield ourselves and our wills to God. "Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead... yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness" (Rom. 6:13, 19).

Thus, by obeying the divine command, the child of God will be neither barren nor unfruitful, but "he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season."

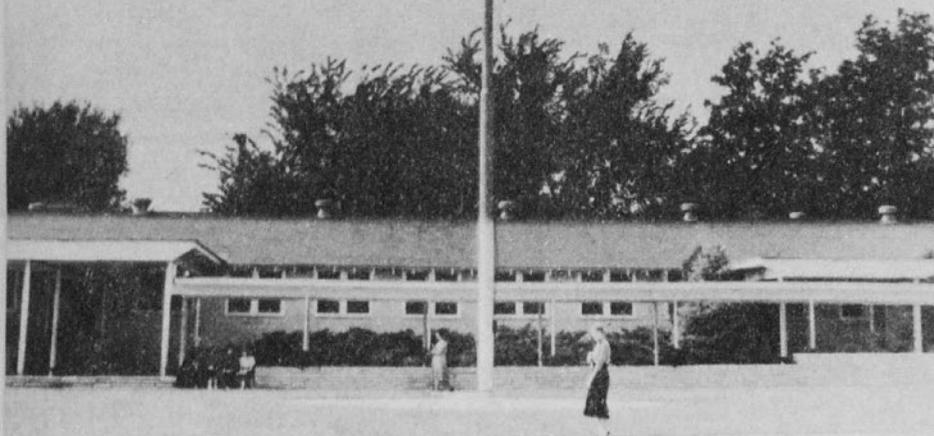
—WALLACE S. BRAGG



EVANGEL COLLEGE NOW FOUR MONTHS OLD

*A Progress Report From the New
Assemblies of God College*

by **KLAUDE K. KENDRICK**, College President



Administration Building

Visitors view some of the college buildings.



Part of the student body, staff, and faculty at

LAST SEPTEMBER 6 MARKED THE BEGINNING of the operation of the newest educational project of the Assemblies of God—Evangel College. To the delight of the staff, board of directors, and General Council officers the senior college has enjoyed an enthusiastic reception. This has been indicated by the favorable comments of persons from all over our constituency, and from the many visitors to the campus.

The student response was also creditable for the first-semester freshman class. The eighty-seven students that enrolled came from twenty-six states, Alaska, and British Guiana.

The development of campus activities has been very gratifying. The college has sponsored only those organizations that will contribute to the spiritual, moral, and professional growth of the students. These, however, cover a wide area so that the interests of all the students will be satisfied. Among the most active of the campus organizations are the Future Teachers of America, Future Business Leaders of America and the Camera Club.

The religious activities have received the greatest emphasis and attention. The daily chapel services have been blessed with God's presence. The week-night student service has often been climaxed with prolonged periods of prayer. The Chi Alpha (Christ's Ambassadors) and missionary prayer group have also contributed much to the spiritual life of the college.

One young man who had grown indifferent to his spiritual condition was wonderfully refilled with the Spirit the first weekend he was on the campus. Over half a dozen students have been baptized in the Holy Spirit since enrolling at Evangel College.



at the flag raising ceremony, December 16, 1955



At work in the college library

The administration has been careful to institute college work of the highest quality. In a recent meeting of members of the Committee on Accreditation at the University of Missouri, commendation was given to Evangel's program. At the same session we were given reason to expect accreditation by the state university in the very near future.

The expenditure connected with the equipping of the college plant has been great. Though no elaborate furnishings were purchased, yet every piece of furniture was selected with care so the youth who attend Evangel College will not be handicapped because of inferior equipment. This required a formidable amount! Most of this expense had to be incurred before the college had any regular income from tuition or fees. For this reason an appeal was made to all friends of our Pentecostal youth and Christian education to help meet this need. The response has been very gratifying. Hundreds have sent in contributions. Some have made annual pledges so the college can show a degree of financial stability. Still others have loaned their finances to the college. All of these generous gestures have helped to supply the need. Because God is faithful to complete the good work He has started, we believe that a substantial number of Pentecostal people will rally to maintain the proper support of the college.

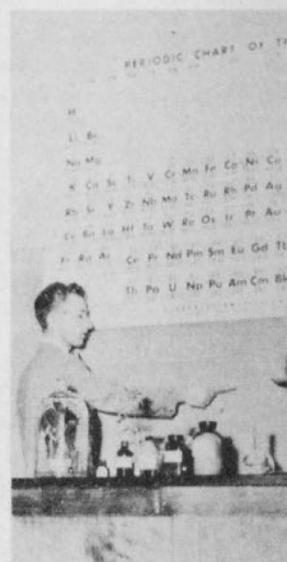
The second semester will begin January 23. A number of young people have already indicated that they intend to enter the college at that time. If you are interested in information about Evangel College, you are invited to write to:

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"Take Heed How Thou Buildest ..."

Convocation Sermon at Evangel College
by CHAS. W. H. SCOTT, Chairman of the Board

THE WORDS OF THE PSALMIST, "THE Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad," might well be used this morning to describe my personal feelings, and perhaps the emotions of most of us who have been vitally interested in establishing this institution.

Today we see a vision which has been realized. Something we had hoped and prayed for, has now become a reality in the opening and establishing of Evangel College as a liberal arts college of the Assemblies of God. The acquisition of this property and the development of the program is indeed a miracle of divine intervention. Just a few short months ago there was no Evangel College. There was no campus; there were no buildings. There was no student body; there was no faculty. But today we have them all.

John Harvard, when questioned by the king as to what he had been doing in the new world, replied, "I have planted an acorn, which when it grows into a sturdy oak God alone knows the extent of the fruit of it." I pray that the acorn which we are planting today shall always produce fruit that will redound to the glory of God, and the good of mankind.

The Assemblies of God have always majored in evangelism at home and abroad. Growth has followed; enlargement has come as our message has gone forth. It has been a message which appeals to youth, so that today we have over 85,000 young people in our Assemblies of God churches. Our Bible Institutes and colleges, located in strategic places across the nation, have done a magnificent job in providing educational advantages and ministerial training for these young people of our churches.

Today, we as a denomination present to the world Evangel College, as an institution where our young men and women may acquire an education that will equip them to take their place in the professional world, the industrial world, the business world; in the world of literature, art and science; the world of research, mathematics, and engineering. It

is a place where they may acquire an education in an atmosphere compatible with the Scriptures and the doctrines of this church. Until the last century most programs of higher education were sponsored by the churches, which have always been the advocates of education. Without this influence democracy could not have existed. Our forefathers, who founded this democratic way of life, were not only highly educated but extremely religious. Their idea of a system of education was founded upon religious beliefs and moral principles. Evangel College was formed for the perpetuation of this ideal. This is attested to in the "Aims and Objectives" of the school as published in the catalog, from which I quote:

"Evangel College holds that true education involves the balanced development of all the potentialities of the individual.

"INTELLECTUALLY, the college aspires to cultivate the powers of understanding and insight so as to produce constructive individual thinking.

"SPIRITUALLY, the college believes that a vital Christian experience is the foundation of genuine Christian character; therefore the entire resources of the college are devoted to encourage the students to realize and develop such an experience.

"VOCATIONALLY, the aim of the college is to help its students discover and develop individual skills that will enable them to make worthy contributions to society.

"PHYSICALLY, the college seeks to assist students in acquiring an appreciation of physical fitness and to encourage participation in a comprehensive health program.

"SOCIALY, the college purposes to provide experiences which will assist the students in attaining proper personal adjustments and thus equip him for participation in a democratic society."

Jesus said, "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37). May I quote from the college Bulletin—"Our Faith": "Evangel College has as its foundation



Chas. W. H. Scott
Michigan District Superintendent

stone the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is Truth and that all human knowledge is founded upon this revelation. Scholarly inquiry, whether in theology, the biological or physical sciences, mathematics, the arts or music, or any other field should reveal more fully this fact.

"History adds its weighty testimony to this conviction. Human expression in art, music, architecture, sculpture, building, and worship has always found this faith to be boundless in its inspiration. We sincerely desire that all students will be influenced by the college to discover this unchanging and timeless truth."

Evangel College must not be content with being an average Christian school. It must excel in its task of preparing our youth to be good citizens with God-fearing hearts and well-trained minds, capable of serving their generation.

A lot of factors will enter into the final development of the school; therefore I wish to address my remarks to the three important segments of our fellowship, who will contribute in making this a great college. The three groups are the student body—the faculty—and the denomination itself. I would preface my remarks with the words of Paul, as found in 1 Corinthians 3:10—"Let every man take heed how he buildeth...."

To the students, I congratulate you, the pioneers of the alumni of Evangel College. The very confidence which inspired you to begin your college work here, guarantees the future of the school. You are indeed youth with a vision.

Take heed how you build Evangel College. The road you make will pro-

vide the pattern for those who follow you. Choose wisely, for what you do today will affect tomorrow, and the youth of tomorrow, and your children too, should Jesus tarry.

The first lesson required for a good education may be described in the words of the Proverbs—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." "For whoso findeth me findeth life..." Therefore I say, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The more I study the life and teachings of Christ, and the more I reflect upon present-day problems, the more I am convinced that Jesus Christ is the solution to every problem, whether it pertains to the individual life or the collective life of the community, the nation, or the world. He has set forth the principles that yield the solution to the affairs of State, to the race question, the economic question, the social betterment question, as well as the national and international problems. All these may be solved by the application of the truths which He taught. Jesus Christ has clearly revealed the principles that underlie all true success. He is the great Teacher, the one all-inclusive Educator of the ages. He is the central flame at which every educator must light his torch. He is the Fountain from which every true statesman, reformer and teacher must drink. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last.

Students, if you wish to achieve the greatest success—if you wish to avoid difficulties and pitfalls on the pathway of life—if you wish to make the most substantial progress—if you wish to magnify your opportunities—if you want supreme satisfaction in all that you do, take Jesus Christ with you into your college career. You will contribute more to democracy by your forthright Christian character and high appraisal of integrity, as one day you will leave this school to become the Christian lawyers, Congressmen and Congresswomen, the governors of our States, the scientists, the mathematicians, the teachers and the writers of your generation. Thus, you will help preserve your nation and the freedom you enjoy, for "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

And now I direct my remarks to the faculty. Take heed how you build Evangel College. Here is a cross section of the finest youth of the land, who have come to sit in your classes and to receive the instruction you are to give them. Therefore, make your instruction so clear, your teaching so positive, your life so exemplary that these young people may be influenced by your godly example and

thus fortified against the ravages of this age and the materialism of the hour.

A good education is threefold. It is physical, intellectual and moral (spiritual). We, the members of the Assemblies of God, expect you to raise a standard of Christian living and create an appreciation for godliness. While you are developing the minds of our sons and daughters with your instructions in the three "r's," you must also see to it that they receive proper instruction in righteousness, for yours is the task of preparing the next generation. If you build wisely you will build a virile, dynamic and unafraid generation of strong men and women. You will be the producers of world leaders, if Jesus tarryes. Therefore I charge you with the responsibility that when they leave your classroom they will be wholly Christian and thoroughly Pentecostal. Build a strong academic school—and don't forget to make it a strong spiritual school also.

The third segment whom I would address this morning is the denomination itself. Repeating again my text, I say to our members everywhere, "Take heed how thou buildest."

The Board of Directors, the visitors, the guests, all of us who are here this morning make up a cross section of our fellowship. Please take my message back to our people everywhere across the land. Tell them that we all, in the north, the south, the east, and the west, have a responsibility to help build Evangel College into a great school with high academic standards, high moral principles,

and high spiritual objectives. Tell them that we have the responsibility of supporting its program with our gifts, our grants, our endowments and enthusiastic confidence in its program, and our backing and appreciation of the faculty; and by eternal vigilance of its curriculum, policies and practices; and by our constant prayers that God will ever bless and prosper this, the work of our hands, by keeping Evangel College true to our Christ and faithful to our testimony.

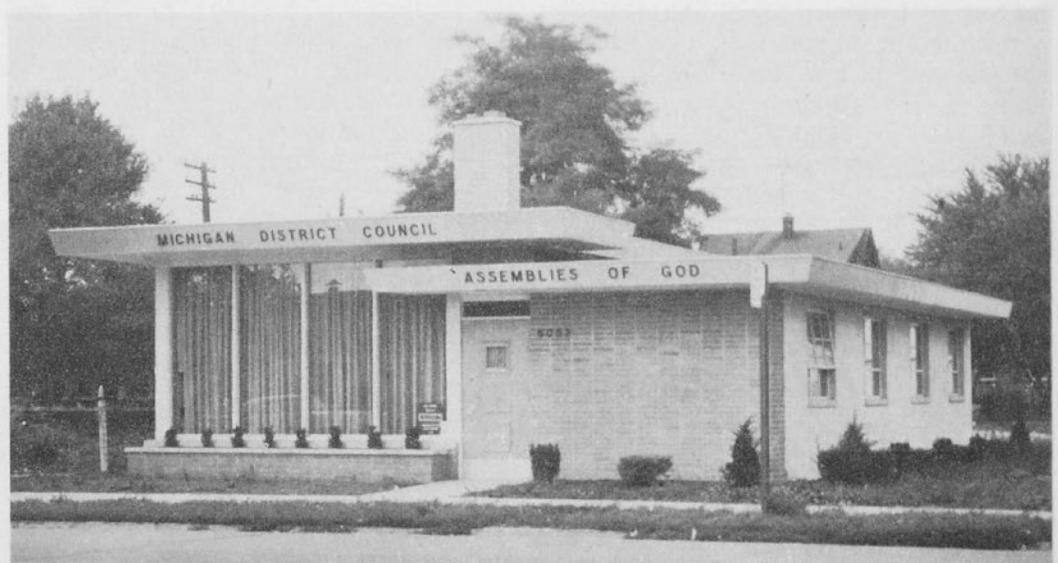
A Christian educator said recently, "Nothing short of the best is demanded by the urgency of the age." Let us then unite as student body, as faculty members, and the people of the Assemblies of God, to build Evangel College of the very best, in order that we may meet the urgency of this dying age.

THE NEW CONVERT

Be gentle with the sinner
Who seeks to change his ways,
A hesitant beginner,
And strange to prayer and praise.
The struggle may be bitter
With old friends left behind;
The past will hold less glitter
If folded sheep are kind.

His former foul condition
Of soul do not disdain;
The blood of our remission
Meets no unyielding stain.
And One may see there qualities,
Not seen by us at all,
Who found potentialities
In Magdalene and Saul.

—Ruth Van Gorder



MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS

This attractive new building is the headquarters office for the Michigan District of the Assemblies of God. It is located in the city of Dearborn, one half mile west of Schaefer Road and three blocks north of Ford Road (Michigan Highway 153). The building is on a large lot which affords ample space for parking.

The building houses a general office, a combination Board room and District Superintendent's office, three small offices, a large work and mailing room, two rest rooms and a large furnace room. The office staff consists of Chas. W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, Everett D. Cooley, District Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Irene White, office secretary.

A cordial invitation is extended to Evangel readers to visit the District Office while attending the Central Regional World Missions Convention at Detroit, February 28 to March 1

Jesus — the Baptizer

by DONALD GEE

EACH OF THE FOUR GOSPELS CONTAINS the direct statement that the Lord Jesus is the One who shall baptize with the Holy Ghost (Matt. 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33). After the Spirit had been poured out on the Day of Pentecost, Peter confirmed the exact fulfillment of John the Baptist's prophecy by saying that Jesus "having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost . . . hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). About eight years later, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Gentile believers in the house of Cornelius, Peter remembered the word of the Lord that "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11:16). It was God who gave them this gift, but it was God in the person of the risen and exalted Christ.

It is specifically the prerogative of God the Son to bestow the gift of the Spirit in this present dispensation. The Father, who delights to give the Holy Spirit to those of His children who ask Him (Luke 11:13), grants their petitions through the mediation of His beloved Son. Thus it is the supreme, royal prerogative of the Redeemer to give to men the greatest and best of all gifts that heaven has to bestow—for the Holy Spirit is something of the Godhead coming to dwell in human hearts. Paul prayed that his converts might be "filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19).

In order to have this high privilege, the Son had to wait until after He was glorified. When John the Baptist had predicted that the Mightier One coming after him would be the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost and when he had pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, there must have been a general expectation that Christ would begin immediately to baptize in the Holy Spirit. Yet the fact remains that Jesus baptized no one in the Holy Spirit while He was still on earth. The power for miracles that He gave His disciples for their temporary mission to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:6, Luke 10:19) was a fore-

taste, but it was not the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

There is the clear statement in John 7:39 (written long after the events recorded and in the light of exact experience) that even late in our Lord's earthly ministry "the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." The Spirit that He breathed into them on the evening of the day that He rose from the dead (John 20:22) was His own regenerating Spirit of a new life (compare Gen. 2:7). This was not the predicted baptism with the Holy Spirit. Forty days after this the risen Lord still commanded them to wait for the promise of the Father (Acts 1:4), thus proving that the baptism He had to bestow upon them was still in the future. Only "when the day of Pentecost was fully come" was the promise fulfilled.

Only our imagination can pierce the veil and follow our Redeemer's triumphant progress from His ascension until He gave the first mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit. We believe that the angelic cortege cried, as He ascended on high, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" (Psa. 24:9). We are told that having completed His redemptive work and "when he had by himself purged our sins, [he] sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3). Paul tells us that "when he ascended up on high, he . . . gave gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:8). Those excellent gifts for varied ministries that He gave, all spring from the one all-embracing Fountain-Head of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12). When our Saviour took the highest place that heaven affords, at God's right hand, it was then that He received from the Father the promised gift of the Spirit and began His ministry as the Baptizer of His waiting ones on earth.

Therefore, the Day of Pentecost was regarded by the apostles as the final evidence that Jesus was alive, that He had been received up into heaven, and that He was seated on the right hand of the Father's throne. Their continual message that this was so rings with exultant certainty—they preached it everywhere. The essence of this assurance lay in the baptism of the Holy Spirit which they had received from heaven at His hands. A living and glorified Christ had so baptized them. His physical presence was absent when He baptized in the Holy Spirit, but it was not unfelt. There were physical manifestations to attest the reality of the experience. And the Lord continued to baptize others in the same way—Samaritans, Roman soldiers, Greek converts, and others "afar off." This went on and on till the present day, and the glorious Pentecostal revival of the twentieth century testifies to the fact that

the very same Jesus still lives; and that, before He comes again, He is baptizing in the Holy Ghost "as at the beginning." Millions of Christians today, in spite of many shortcomings in themselves which they humbly confess, testify that Jesus has baptized them in the Holy Ghost. That baptism has revolutionized their lives.

How does a correct and scriptural doctrine of Jesus as the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost help the seeker for the promised blessing? Much in every way.

First, it shows that the seeker should turn definitely to Christ as the personal Baptizer, understanding that the Father will grant the petition through the Son. It is quite in order to pray directly to the Lord Jesus for the baptism in the Spirit. It is helpful to "turn your eyes upon Jesus." Get taken up wholly and entirely with Him.

Then, remember that it is a *glorified* Christ who baptizes in the Spirit. For that reason, and as our experiences have taught us again and again, it is by praising and magnifying and worshiping the Lord that the way is made most open for the Spirit to take possession of us in His fullness. All seekers, like those at the first, should be "continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

It was after our Lord had purged our sins that He began to baptize in the Spirit. Our sins must be dealt with first—not only dispensationally but also personally. Every seeker desiring that his body should become a temple of the Holy Ghost must first know the cleansing of the heart from all sin. This is made possible by the blood of Christ that was shed to cleanse all who truly repent and believe. Waiting times have their own deep value in providing opportunity for heart-searchings.

We must never forget that "he shall baptize you"—that is, it is the work of a Person, just as truly as is baptism in water by a minister of the gospel. The parallel between the two baptisms is especially vivid in Mark 1:8. To complete the act of baptism by immersion in water it is necessary that the candidate trust in the one who baptizes him. The body has to be utterly yielded to the minister before he can be immersed. In like manner a candidate for the baptism in the Holy Spirit must manifest perfect trust in the divine Baptizer, by wholly yielding his body, soul, and spirit to His control and His touch of power. "Let go, and let God!"

Every true baptism in the Holy Spirit is an act of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therein lies both the glory and the responsibility in our testimony of the Pentecostal revival. The truth must be defended at all costs both from attacks without and from abuse within. The glory of Christ is at stake.

CAN I BE A CHRISTIAN —AND NOT GO TO CHURCH?

by EVAN H. DAVIS

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

GOD HAS WARNED THAT IN THE LAST days there shall be a falling away; therefore, we need to take knowledge of this particular teaching of God's Word. In the twenty-third verse we read: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." And the next verse says, "And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works." If there ever was a time when people throughout the Christian world needed to receive this message, it is today. In the great cities of our country many churches are closed on Sunday evenings; and when the churches are dark, gross darkness must cover the people. But the theaters, night clubs and other places of entertainment are packed to capacity on Sunday nights. Should not our hearts be stirred and our prayers rise to God because of this condition that is upon us?

In our text we are told not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," but to exhort one another, and so much the more as we see these days approach. Surely this is the time for all Christians to exhort one another to assemble often. This is the will of God for us in these evil days—to separate ourselves unto Him and gather together in His presence to edify and provoke one another unto love and good works.

God must consider this one of the most important messages of His Word, for He adds a very solemn warning. Notice in the beginning of the very next verse the little conjunction *for*. This indicates that the scripture following is tied to the preceding thought of "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." It says, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." In other words, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ does not cover willfully committed sins. Repentance therefore is in order. If we willfully stay away, do we not transgress the will of God and become willfully disobedient?

The Word says, "There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery in-

dignation, which shall devour the adversaries." These are very solemn words. You not only destroy yourself when you willfully fail to assemble with God's people, but you destroy your profession of faith and of good works, and you lead others astray by your bad example.

Presumptuous or willful sins must definitely be put under the Blood by confession as provided for in 1 John 1:9. But surely the general cleansing from all sins by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7), of those who walk in the light as He is in the light, does not apply to sins committed willfully.

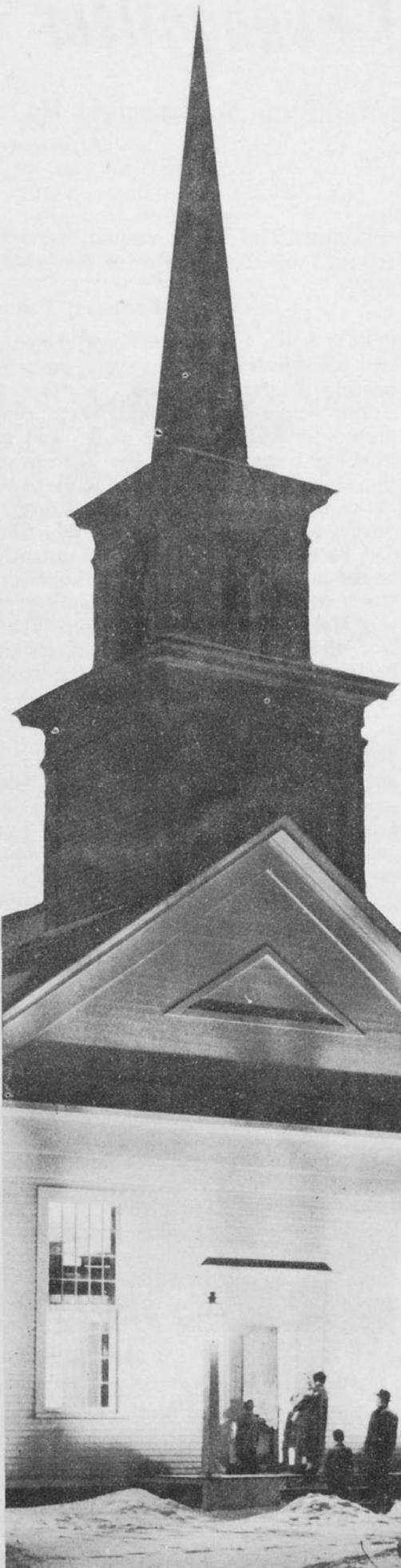
Continuing further in this same passage we read:

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."

Surely no one desires these judgments to fall upon him. Possibly you have never thought of treating the Son of God wrongfully, nor trampling under foot the Blood of the Covenant, nor doing despite to the Spirit of grace, but there is the danger that we might do so if we purposely forsake the assembling of ourselves together at the services of the church. Such remaining away from church would itself be willful sin after one is definitely warned, and God warns us that we must not do this.

Surely this is a serious matter. Just in the hour when God needs the full power of all of the churches, many think it does no harm if they stay away from the services. Some have even gone so far as to say, "I can be just as good a Christian without going to church as others are who go to church." That is not true, for God's Word expressly commands us to assemble ourselves together, and disobedience to His Word is sin.

May God help us to heed this admonition and to assemble ourselves together for worship, prayer, exhortation, and Bible study at every opportunity.





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—A real spirit of revival permeated the congregation of the Central Assembly of God as Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge, of California, ministered for a period of three and a half weeks recently. A total of 26 were saved and 11 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Three new families were added to the church and all Sunday School records were broken. The last week of the revival, there were 212 in attendance and the week following 203. People continue to be saved after the special meetings have come to a close, and two more have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

—R. L. Raymond Jr., Pastor

MONETTE, ARK.—Some outstanding results followed the ministry of Evangelist J. D. McVicker and his co-worker, Delton Mills, of Texarkana, Ark. A goodly number of souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. Many sick bodies were healed. One well-known man of the town who had been on crutches for the past three years was healed. He placed his crutches on his shoulder and walked around the church, crying out: "I'm the happiest man in the world." Brother Mills did an excellent work in bringing the message to the children.

—A. G. Thompson, Pastor

PRICHARD, ALA.—The Assembly of God enjoyed one of its greatest evangelistic meetings in recent years, when the Musical VanderPloegs, of Toledo, Ohio, ministered for two and a half weeks. From night to night, people were at the altar for salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In one evening alone, eight received the fullness of the Spirit. Approximately sixty souls knelt at the altar for salvation and a majority of these returned night after night to show the fruit of their experience. Many folk that had never been there before were attracted to the church. The church was filled even on week nights.

—J. D. Stevens, Pastor

SPIRO, OKLA.—Some 26 individuals were saved and 16 were filled with the Holy Spirit in recent revival meetings conducted in the Race Track Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. Cham

Livingston. The church took on new life with this move of God.

—Henson Dunn, Pastor

WOODBINE, IOWA—Evangelists Ruth Krouse and Joyce Stovall, of Des Moines, Iowa, have concluded a successful two-week meeting here. Many came to the altar for salvation and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several testified to physical healing.

—James B. Booth, Pastor

FRISCO, TEX.—Evangelist H. E. Morse, of Irving, Tex., was used of God in directing an old-fashioned revival in the Frisco Assembly of God. The church as a whole was revived, believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were healed.

—M. L. Milton, Pastor

CINCINNATI, OHIO—In the past 18 months, several good evangelistic meetings have been held in First Christian Assembly. The McColl-Gerard Trio, of Canada, proved to be a real blessing to the congregation. Evangelist William Barham, of Texas, inspired a goodly number to believe God for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother and Sister Vandermerwe, recently returned from South Africa, conducted a campaign just prior to the annual fall missionary convention. Evangelism must continue to be an integral part of our local church program. Through it continued progress shall be made.

—D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor

SILETZ, OREG.—Evangelist Johnny Hoskins, of Portland, Oreg., recently conducted a profitable four-week series of special meetings here. Many unsaved and backslidden people attended the meetings and approximately half of those who came sought the Lord for salvation in an old-fashioned, broken, and tearful manner. Messages on such subjects as the Crucifixion, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Second Coming stirred the hearts of the people.

—Donald J. Smith, Pastor

DOVER, PA.—In three weeks of special meetings under the direction of Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Pansler, of Centerburg, Ohio, six individuals knelt at the altar for salvation, and one was

reclaimed. The entire church was encouraged by the ministry of the evangelists.

—W. P. Berringer, Pastor

PORTLAND, OREG.—Evangel Temple has been experiencing a very gracious revival. Murray McLees, pastor of Trinity Assembly in Rawlins, Wyo., conducted services for three weeks, and at least one person received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in each service. A number of sinners were converted, and several people received healing. One lady who had been suffering greatly was instantly healed of heart trouble. A Catholic girl was saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the same night. Even after the special meetings closed, others have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Joseph Dunets, Pastor

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX.—There was good interest in the revival services held recently by Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Jones, of Fort Worth. The church was greatly blessed by the preaching of Brother Jones and the music of his wife.

—O. T. Killion, Pastor

AMERICAN FORK, UTAH—Two weeks of revival meeting have just been concluded with Evangelist Leland R. Markley, of Delta, Colo., in charge. Three souls were saved and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—E. C. Bailey, Pastor

MERIDIAN, MISS.—There was good interest and attendance throughout the recent meeting conducted in the First Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, of Grand Junction, Colo. Several knelt at the altar for salvation and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The children enjoyed the six o'clock service, which was in charge of Sister Walker each evening.

—R. C. Davis, Pastor

MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK.—Our fall revival was conducted by the pastor, and during that time five were saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit is continuing. Three more have been saved since then, and one re-filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Mrs. Glenna Byard, Pastor

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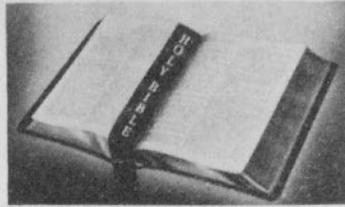
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SUNDAY'S LESSON



JESUS TEACHES THE NEW BIRTH

Sunday School Lesson for January 15

John 3:1-18

The important doctrine of the new birth is the crux of Christianity. Without it one cannot enter heaven, since heaven is for members of the family of God—and the only way that anyone can know God as his Father is to be born into God's family.

This essential truth was expounded by Jesus to an audience of one—Nicodemus. Yet the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, held in the hushed hours of the night, still echoes through the pages of the Word. All men everywhere can be restored to fellowship with their Creator through the new birth.

1. THE NIGHT VISITOR

Nicodemus was a man who needed help. Although he was a religious ruler in Israel, there was a hunger in his heart for a greater knowledge of truth. He started in the right direction, for he came to Christ. Christ is Truth and He alone is able to solve every problem of life.

But why did Nicodemus come at night? That is still a debated question. How often Nicodemus is berated and called a coward because he came to Jesus at night. Yet it is difficult for one person to analyze accurately another's motives. Too often those who pride themselves as character analyzers are only guessing—cataloging people by a personal appraisal without full knowledge of the facts. Our appraisal of the actions of others would be different if we knew all the circumstances. Let us not judge Nicodemus too harshly, saying he came at night because he feared the Jews. Could it not be that he came at night merely because he wanted to have time to talk to Jesus alone—away from the crowds who pressed Him during the day? Certainly we ought not criticize one who wants to spend time alone with Christ!

Nicodemus' statement in John 3:2 indicates he had a realization of Christ's divine commission. But more than that, Nicodemus had to realize his personal need of Christ. It was one thing for him to think of Christ as a prophet; it was quite another to accept Him as the Son of God. Today it is one thing to believe that Christ is Lord; but it is quite another to allow Him to rule as Lord in our hearts. Remember, "Unless He is Lord of all, He is not Lord at all."

2. THE NEW BIRTH—THE ONLY ANSWER TO NICODEMUS' PROBLEMS

Through the formality of Nicodemus' greeting, Christ saw the need of his heart. He took a direct approach by stating, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). The thought of being born again was a puzzle to Nicodemus. He could not comprehend such a thing. How like the unsaved person—he cannot by himself comprehend the things of God, for "they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). To know the things of God requires a spiritual awakening brought by the Holy Spirit (John 16:12).

In dealing with Nicodemus Christ removed the veil of mystery that enshrouded the idea of the new birth by explaining the method of it—"being born of water and of the Spirit."

Born of water. More than the natural element, water, is meant here. This becomes immediately apparent when we

remember the words of Paul, "That he [Christ] might sanctify and cleanse it [the Church] with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:26). In this same connection Peter tells us that the Christian is "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). Water immediately reminds us of cleansing, and the first part of the new birth is cleansing from sin. This comes through faith in the Word.

Born of the Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit is also essential in the new birth, for "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). The Spirit convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:7-11) by making the Word a "sharp, two-edged sword." The Holy Spirit is the divine Agent in the new birth.

When a person is born again, he becomes, according to 2 Corinthians 5:17 (margin), "a new creation." Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The new birth is synonymous with the new creation. He who is truly "born of water and of the Spirit" is no longer a child of the devil but is one of the "children of God" and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16, 17).

The new birth became possible and effective only through the Cross. The remainder of this conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus was a rather one-sided affair, with Nicodemus, in amazement, interjecting only the question, "How can these things be?" Jesus explained the new birth to him in its only proper perspective—its relationship to the Cross. Reminding this religious leader of the familiar story of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness (verse 14), Jesus stated, "Even so must the Son of man be lifted up." The divine imperative in this verse indicates clearly that Christ's death on the Cross was the only way by which men could be reconciled to God. The new birth is eternally tied to the Cross, for it became possible and is effective only as we accept the death of Christ for our sins and believe on Him as Saviour and Lord.

3. THE EFFECT OF THIS VISIT UPON NICODEMUS

There is no mention here of the conclusion of Nicodemus' conversation with Christ. The Scripture does not state plainly, "And Nicodemus was saved." In fact, it is rather difficult to evaluate his life properly. But Nicodemus does not go from this visit with Jesus into anonymity, for further mention is made of him in this Gospel. This becomes even more significant when we remember that the Gospel of John was written much later than the other three Gospels, thus indicating that Nicodemus did become a disciple of Jesus.

Let us notice those three references to Nicodemus. In this third chapter of John, he is shown *seeking Jesus*. In John 7:50, 51 he is referred to as *speaking for Jesus* among the officers of the Jews. The final reference to Nicodemus is John 19:39—where he came with Joseph of Arimathea for the body of Christ—*doing what service he could for Christ*. Nicodemus steps forward for Jesus at a time when even the disciples had forsaken their Lord. The wording of this verse, speaking of Nicodemus as the one who "at first came to Jesus by night," intimates very strongly that Nicodemus had by this time become a follower of Christ openly.

The three steps that Nicodemus took—seeking Christ, speaking for Him, and doing service for Him—constitute the proof of the new birth. It is not just a single experience; it is a daily growth in God. To be born again is to *seek Christ* as the answer to all your problems and accept Him as your Saviour; to *speak for Christ* is to tell others what He has done for you; to *do service for Christ* is to manifest your love for Him by your actions.

This greatest of all experiences, the new birth, is now available to all through the One who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

—R. G. Champion

FEAR NOT

by TOM WESTWOOD

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment; he that feareth is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18).

FEAR IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE most detrimental of all human impulses. Psychologists have labored on its solution down through the years with very indifferent success. There is more of it in the world today than ever. The Bible gives us a simple solution to all our spiritual and mental problems. There is but one great and effective antidote to fear in the human heart, and that antidote is the knowledge of the love of God.

It is generally recognized, both in psychological and in medical circles, that fear lies at the root of most of our troubles. If fear can be eliminated, most of our difficulties, both mental and physical, will often respond rapidly to treatment. Devil-ridden cults on every hand today have made use of this phenomenon to build up a pseudo-religion of mental healing, and miraculous cures by mental force and otherwise pass muster as being Christian. But there is one kind of fear which they have not been able to elimi-

nate, and that is the fear which is resident in every human heart relative to the results of our sins. Fear of death and what follows after is the one terror-laden cloud which hangs heavily upon all men until the light of the love of God, declared in Christ on Calvary's tree, dawns upon the human spirit.

The false cults of our modern age may present many panaceas for man's fluctuating fears by their make-believe mental attitudes, and their wishful thinking, but they have nothing to present with palpable encouragement relative to death itself. They may paint the face of the grim reaper with colorful grandeur, and use words of fondest hope in relation to it, but it remains inexorable in its terror to every one without Christ. "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment"—that is the terror-cloud that hangs heavily upon our life unless we have made Christ our Saviour and Lord. We may call death by whatever name suits the fancy—a transition from one life to another, a mere stepping into another room, moving from a lower to a higher plane—but these are only wishful terms. Death remains the arch enemy, a grim and ruthless destroyer of life striking terror to the sinner who knows not Christ.

The Scripture says "fear hath torment," and he who knows the pangs of a guilty conscience knows this. Conscience makes cowards of us all. It is very easy for us to find a religion by which we can live in respectability before our fellows, but we must have something substantial when death knocks upon our door. We want to be able to say with the Psalmist: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." It matters not by what name we may call the valley of the shadow of death, it is still too dark to walk alone. We want Someone with us, and that One is Christ. We dare not walk that valley alone. Only Christ can illumine it with His presence. The reason we must have Him with us is that He is the only One who has gone through death and conquered its power. He says: "I am the living One. I became dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and hell." He holds the keys of death, and why should we fear it?

Death strikes no terror to the one whose confidence is in a risen and glo-

rified Saviour. How wonderful to be a Christian upheld by the Shepherd's power when we come to death's portal! Voltaire, known for his disdain for Christ and the Bible, when he came to die, trembled on the brink of the grave, and spoke of death as "a leap in the dark." Many a Christian, when the shades of life are falling, bears evidence of being at rest in the quiet confidence of a Saviour's love.

I have stood by the bedside of quite a number of people as they departed from this life. I have seen Christian men and women who knew the Lord as a living Person, as One who died for them and rose again, pass into His presence with joy and delight. They knew they were departing to be "with Christ, which is far better." And I have seen sinners outside of Christ, who have never placed faith in that living One, go forth with a strange blankness, and sometimes a look of terror upon their faces. I have never known unbelievers to die with exultant joy such as I have seen sometimes in true believers. This to me is one of the greatest testimonies to the truth of the gospel ever to be witnessed.

What is your attitude, my friend, in relation to death and judgment that is coming? Does the truth of this Scripture come home to you: "Fear hath torment"? If so, may I point you to Jesus the Lord, and to His imperishable words: "He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent He, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed out of death into life." He it is who has delivered those who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

"There is no fear in love." If we have the least conception of the measure in which God loves us, how implicitly we will trust Him! Nothing will build confidence so much as the sense of love. We can see it in a little child. It trusts its parent because it knows of a mother's or a father's love. So there should be with the children of God an implicit trusting in the One who loves us. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" In the contemplation of that love the apostle Paul says, in the eighth chapter of Romans: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." A Christian who is walking in communion with the Lord, in the constant sense of a Father's love, will have no fear in his heart. "Perfect love casteth out fear," and surely the love of our Father is a perfect love. "Be overanxious about nothing." Love and fear are incompatible. Oh, for child-like faith to trust our God!

—Bible Treasury Hour

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ARE WE NEARING THE END?

by OSWALD J. SMITH

I BELIEVE WE ARE LIVING IN THE END time—in the last days of this present dispensation. Bible students who have studied the chronology tell us that the first 6,000 years of the history of this world will terminate in 1958. If they have figured correctly, what does it mean? It will mean there are 1,000 years left during which the Millennium, the Golden Age, will be in effect. It is “the Sabbath rest,” the last thousand years of earth’s history, so far as we have any record. I do not say they are right—it may be only speculation—but I do say that their findings ought to provoke thought.

I am amused when I hear scientists talking about “the end of the world,” saying we could “blow ourselves out of existence any time.” I have no doubt whatever that atomic and hydrogen bombs could annihilate mankind; but those bombs, I am absolutely certain, are not going to blow mankind off the face of the earth. For, according to the Word of God, this world cannot end for at least a thousand years yet. For anyone to talk about “the end of the world” in our generation is nonsense.

But this age may end in our lifetime. This age may terminate before many years are past, and the New Age, the Golden Age, be ushered in. You and I must face that fact. Even men of the world are saying, “Something is going to happen. Things cannot long continue as they are.”

Are we approaching the end of the age? You say, “Dr. Smith, I do not believe in dealing with dates!”

I want to say frankly that there is no date set anywhere in the Word of God as far as the “rapture” of the Church is concerned. But there are some other dates in the Word of God that are very significant.

Do you remember when God spoke to Abraham, saying, “Abraham, your descendants are going down into Egypt; they are going to be in captivity and will remain in captivity 430 years”? Now, God gave that date to him. The patriarch didn’t laugh and say, “Lord God, I do not believe in dates.” He believed God, and he knew his descendants of Israel would spend 430 years in Egypt. That prediction was literally fulfilled, at the end of which time Moses was sent as their deliverer.

God spoke to Jeremiah and told him the children of Israel were going to be taken captive to Babylon and remain in captivity for seventy years, but that He would visit them and bring them back to their own land. That prediction was literally fulfilled. The children of Israel were carried into Babylon, and for seventy years they remained there. Daniel read the chapter of Jeremiah’s prediction, and said, “The seventy years are up. It is time for God to deliver His people.” Daniel got down on his face and cried to God to deliver them. God answered his prayer, and delivered them, and at the end of the seventy-year period they returned.

One day Dr. Ginnis, a great prophetic Bible student, who had been poring over the pages of the Bible working out the chronology as carefully as he could, wrote this prediction: “The year 1917 is going to be a terminal year in the history of the Jewish people.” The book was published, and the readers in Great Britain thought, “Poor Doctor Ginnis is getting into his second childhood. How does he know that 1917 will be a terminal year?” So they shelved the book.

Fifty or sixty years passed by. As 1917 drew near, Bible students all over the world took down that volume from the

shelf and read again that prediction. And 1917 was the year Lord Balfour promised the Jews a national homeland in Palestine. When the pronouncement was made, Jewry was stirred as it never had been stirred in 1900 years. From that day to this the Jews have been hurrying back to Palestine.

In the thirteenth chapter of Revelation we see the two individuals who will govern the world in the end time of this dispensation. These two will be the Antichrist and the False Prophet. For the Antichrist must come and reign before Jesus Christ can take over the reins of government and establish the Golden Age.

“And I stood,” writes John, “upon the sand of the sea [of humanity], and saw a beast [Antichrist] rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

“And I saw,” John continues, “one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” It will be a world-wide rule.

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast.” They worshiped Satan. And I know of places today where they are worshipping the devil. They gather together and pray for him to appear.

“And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power

was given unto him to continue forty and two months [three and a half years]. . . . And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Will everybody worship him? There will be one group who will never worship him, those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life. All others will fall down and worship him.

You say, "Dr. Smith, that is utterly impossible! I am not a Christian, but I am not going to be deceived and fall down and worship Antichrist."

If you fail to worship Christ and do not accept Him as your personal Saviour, you will worship the Antichrist whether you think you will or not! Furthermore, there is no record in the Word of God that anyone who falls down and worships the Antichrist is ever saved. Therefore, the time to accept Jesus Christ is now before the Antichrist takes over the reins of government.

"And," says John, "I beheld another beast [False Prophet] coming up out of the [ecclesiastical] earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." The business of the False Prophet will be to persuade humanity to worship the Antichrist. He will have as much power as Antichrist.

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

How is the Antichrist going to compel the world to fall down and worship him? By means of deceptive miracles. There are agnostics, skeptics, and atheists, as well as modernists and liberalists today who refuse to recognize the miracles of our Lord Jesus Christ. But they will be the first to recognize the miracles of the False Prophet. They will accept them as authentic.

The False Prophet may be standing in some open square—not a cloud anywhere, everything peaceful. Suddenly he will raise his hand and speak a word of command. From the sky above there will

appear a flash of fire that will amaze every individual.

And then, to persuade those who are not yet persuaded, he will work another miracle. He will have an image of the Antichrist set up in the temple of Jerusalem (I believe the temple will be rebuilt). And every man will be commanded to fall down and worship that image.

Then, suddenly, in order to convince the whole world, he will do something no scientist has ever yet been able to do. He will give life to that inanimate object! As the multitudes gaze at the image, suddenly it will open its mouth and speak. It will answer questions and carry on a conversation. People will realize that what the False Prophet has done has never been accomplished before in history! And by the hundreds of thousands they will fall down and worship Antichrist. Thus the world will be brought into subjection.

The False Prophet will ultimately have a law passed that no one may buy or sell, unless he has the mark of the beast on his forehead or in his right hand.

Some years ago, when prophetic students were dealing with this passage of Scripture, people were skeptical. They asked, "How can it take place?" We don't ask that anymore—not since our governments have been telling us what we can and cannot buy. Since then it is easy to conceive how the Antichrist can make a law and can enforce it, so that no one will be able to trade, buy, or sell unless he belongs to the "party." The Antichrist will be absolutely supreme in four realms: the political, the military, the economic, and the religious. No man in world history has ever yet attained to that supremacy.

Whether or not these events will be in your lifetime or mine, I am not prepared to say; but I do know that every sign points to the end of this present dispensation, to the end of our age. When that day comes and we reach the end of this dispensation and our civilization, and the Antichrist and False Prophet take over for a time, woe betide any man who doesn't know Jesus Christ!

There is only one place of safety, and that place is in the Rock, Christ Jesus. If you are not sheltered in the Rock, you have no shelter. You must decide now. I beg of you, "Flee from the wrath to come" before it is too late. Otherwise you must be at the mercy not only of the Antichrist, but also Almighty God Himself, who will pour out His wrath upon His enemies.

God requires that each of us should stamp our prayer with the seal of praise before He impresses upon it the mightier seal of His fulfillment.

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WATER BAPTISM

by D. S. QUY

IT IS NECESSARY THAT OCCASIONALLY certain fundamental doctrines and practices should be re-iterated, so that any that may not previously have been acquainted with them should by obedience to the Word enjoy the consequent blessing. One such doctrine, obedience to which brings much blessing, is that of Water Baptism. It is to be regretted that this doctrine is neglected and so seldom practiced in the measure in which it should be.

The history of Baptism is interesting and significant. It goes back before the birth of Christ, and derives its significance from the formalities attending the entry of a person, other than a Jew, into the Jewish faith. The ordinance that God enjoined on the children of Israel was that of circumcision of the male child, but for those of other nationalities the prevailing practice, by which the sincerity of their renunciation of their heathen religion and embracing Judaism was shown, was that of Baptism. Thus we find the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:37 asking: "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" This happened after Isaiah 53 had been read, in which there is no mention of Baptism. Obviously, as an enquirer and seeker after truth, the Ethiopian knew of the prevailing practice of Baptism enjoined on those embracing Judaism and which also now formed part of the Christian gospel. We read of the "Jews and proselytes" being present on the day of Pentecost—the proselytes being those who had voluntarily accepted the Jewish faith. They, too, had been baptized. Baptism, then, which had been pre-Christian, was an ordinance which symbolized the renouncing of one religion or way of life and the acceptance of a better. We read of John the Baptist taking up the rite and preaching "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." John exhorted the people to renounce their sin and form of religion, and by the symbolism of Baptism confess that they had changed their minds (which is the meaning of repentance) concerning their Faith. Jesus presented Himself to be baptized, not because of any sin He had to confess, but to identify Himself with those earnest, believing people who were also baptized in that great spiritual move forward.

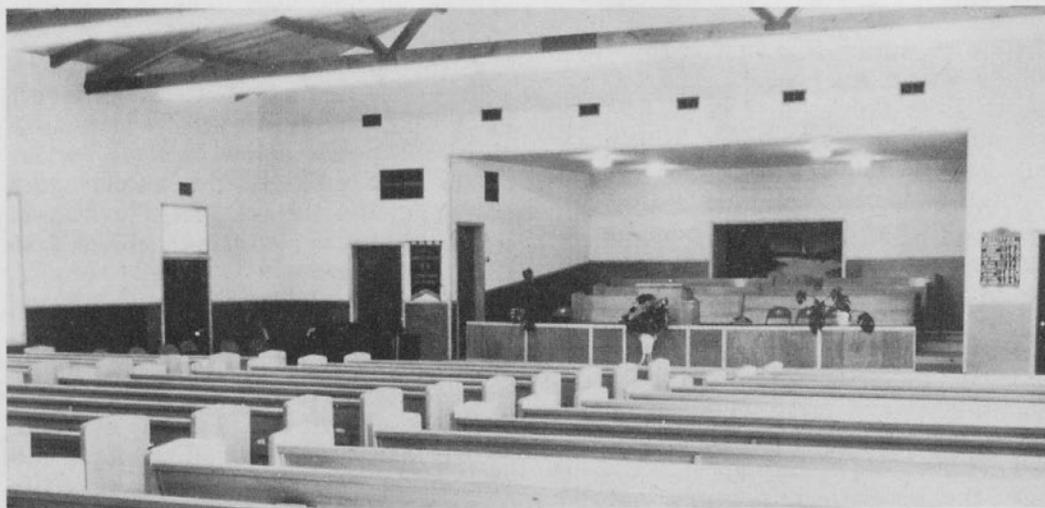
In the teaching of Jesus, Baptism meant the outward confession of turning right about face—forsaking sin—and by the act of Baptism the sincerity of a

believer's discipleship was proven. Thus Baptism is an ordinance having Divine approval.

Further, the methods of administering Baptism differ in various sections of the Church. Some practice the sprinkling of children and adults. Others pour water on the head of the individual being baptized, in the Name of the Trinity. Others immerse the candidate in the Name of the Trinity. It seems strange that controversy should exist about the correct procedure when there is no doubt at all among scholars of all denominations as to which was the original practice—that of total immersion. Reference to Hastings' "Dictionary of the Bible" will provide conclusive evidence on this point. The practice of sprinkling began, we understand, in the third century in North Africa. It was prompted by the fear that a child might die before it attained to the years of discretion. There is nothing in Scrip-

ture to substantiate this practice. Our concern is to adhere to the Scriptural method of administering the rites embodied in the gospel, and without hesitation we observe the rite of Baptism to be that of total immersion in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Scripture further furnishes us with the spiritual meaning of Baptism. Baptism is symbolic of the identifying of ourselves with Christ in His death and resurrection. "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4). Thus by Baptism, the believer declares his renunciation of the former way of life and his determination to walk in newness of life. He testifies to his acceptance of a new and better way of life. If Baptism was considered necessary in pre-Christian days to testify to an individual's sincerity, and was gladly obeyed, why not so today? The rite of Baptism contains symbolic meanings which, although simple, are vital, and to neglect the Truth is prejudicial to our walk with God. Jesus



INTERIOR OF NEW CHURCH AT CARMICHAEL, CALIFORNIA

We thank the Lord for the Assembly of God church He has raised up in this Sacramento suburb. It was our first experience as pioneer pastors. We opened the first tabernacle for services in January 1950. In little more than a year our Sunday School attendance was averaging nearly 100 and we were able to devote our full time to the ministry. Many have been saved, filled with the Spirit, or reclaimed in this place.

Five years after our first opening we broke ground for our new tabernacle at the corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. and North Ave. The accompanying photograph shows the interior. It is 50 by 100 feet in size with a side wing 28 by 16 feet having upstairs space. The new auditorium contains about 7000 square feet of floor space and seats about 400.

Brother and Sister V. J. Boutwell are assisting in the ministry and God is blessing the church. Recently we enjoyed an outstanding revival with our former pastor, Thomas Ming, Sr., and wife. The congregation has been revived, several have been saved, a number have been filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit during and since this meeting. Recently our Sunday School reached a new high with 184 present.

The ministry of Divine Healing has been emphasized in our church, and we have profited by the tent meetings held this summer in adjacent communities.

—Virgil E. Christian and wife, Pastors.

said Go: make disciples: baptize, teach (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Who are to be baptized? Not anybody: nor everybody: but believers, irrespective of age. Children are to be dedicated. When ought people to be baptized? When they repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Why ought people to be baptized? "We ought to obey God rather than man," and "If ye love Me keep My commandments." Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

—The Australian Evangel

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Perpetuating Pentecost

Water is a type of the Holy Spirit. In Isaiah 44:3 God says, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed." Do you feel dry? You're a candidate for a flood! Some people seem to think they have to be up in the third heaven before they can get blessed. But this wonderful manifestation of spiritual phenomena in the mighty avalanche of the flood, comes to those who feel like "dry ground." Now, the outpouring of the Spirit is not a devastating, destroying flood; it is the kind of flood that brings fertilizing nurture to our souls.

Once a year the Nile River overflows its banks, spreading over the valley, bringing life, fertility, and greenness everywhere. Were it not for this annual flood, Egypt would be just an extension of the Sahara desert. I believe we need a flood tide of God's Spirit. Let it come and sweep over all bounds! Let it just break up our forms and our concepts. Let it sweep over all our little puny limitations that we want to put on God. Just let the river of God's blessing come in flood tide, until it sweeps us all out of ourselves and into God's blessings, sweeps us out of complacency, indifference, smugness, into a place of intense service for God.

Joel 2:23 speaks of the outpouring of the Spirit as rain. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." Thank God, the rain comes more frequently than the flood. Some people have the idea that you don't have a real Pentecostal service unless you have a flood. I love a flood, believe me I do. But I'm glad that God has some other means of blessing too. God has some rain!

Rain is important to seedtime and

harvest. A lot of good gospel seed has been sowed which never germinated. There's nothing wrong with the Seed, but it hasn't had a shower of divine blessing. For that Seed to germinate there must be those manifestations of the Holy Ghost which Joel calls "rain." After a farmer finishes sowing his crops, there comes a rain and he goes out and can just about see those shoots beginning to push up through the soil. If you want that Seed to develop and mature, keep the rain of heaven coming upon it.

We have not only the figure of the flood and rain, but in Hosea 14:5 God also said, "I will be as the dew unto Israel." The floods come occasionally; the rain comes seasonally; but, praise God, the dew comes daily! You don't have to go through long, protracted dry spells. If you take time to pray and seek God, the touch of God upon your heart and life will be as the freshness of the morning dew. If you lose the dew, you begin to turn back to some of the things that God has delivered you out of. When you forsake the fountain of living waters, you begin to hew out other cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Brother, you must have fresh, daily, spiritual blessing.

There are four Pentecostal results that will come from having the dew of heaven, the daily touch of the Spirit upon your life.

1. "He shall grow as the lily" (v. 5). The lily is a symbol of purity, of holiness, of righteousness. Thank God, right out of the old, dark, drab background of human smog and dirt we can grow pure and clean for God. Our holiness and purity does not depend upon our environment or circumstances. It depends upon the touch of the Spirit upon our hearts. The lily is one of the fastest-growing flowers of the field; so ought we to grow for God.

2. God says we shall cast forth our roots like Lebanon. That speaks of stability and strength. Any child can pluck a lily, but a storm cannot uproot a Lebanon. We'll grow like the lily, pure and clean and holy, but we'll develop roots like Lebanon. We'll have the glory; we'll also have an anchor. The winds of persecution may touch our boughs, but our roots will penetrate the rock.

3. "His branches shall spread." Thank God, the branches of this Pentecostal revival are spreading. They can't be contained; they are international in scope. Spreading branches speak of increased possibility of fruitfulness; so we must bear fruit for the Lord. They speak of shelter for the wayside traveler. Pentecost has an inviting message for those who are hungry for God.

4. Here is another result of the dew of heaven, "His beauty shall be as the olive tree." I like that. The olive tree

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can grow in almost any shape; it can have knots, gnarls, twists, and all kinds of contortions; you can't predict the shape of an olive tree. Other trees derive their beauty from their symmetry or their beautiful foliage, but the olive tree has a beauty all its own. The beauty of the olive tree is to be found in its prolific fruitfulness. No tree produces so much fruit as the olive tree. There should never be a spiritual movement or revival that is not prolifically fruitful. The Pentecostal believer should never be without fruit. We have been given this treasure in earthen vessels that we might be used as a channel, not a container. Forget how much of God's blessing you can hold, and see how much can flow through you. The more you give out, the more God will pour out to you. Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." "By their fruits ye shall know them." I long to see a mighty harvest of Pentecostal fruit. It can be ours if we will take time to seek God. Get the dew of heaven upon your soul; then you can have these essentials of Pentecost which will cause you to grow and develop into the full-orbed believer that God intends you to be. Paul prayed, "... that I might

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SLAY THAT LION!

by L. E. CALLOWAY, Union City, Tenn.

THERE IS A MARVELOUS LESSON ABOUT Christian victory woven into the story of Samson in Judges 14. Samson started well, for verse 4 states that "it was of the Lord." A consciousness of being in the will of God is necessary for the Christian if he hopes to be victorious.

Samson drew near to Timnath, which was God's will and goal for him, and found rest and refreshment in its vineyards. After the long, tiring journey—in sight of the goal that God had set before him—he was startled by a lion that came out and roared against him. And that lion was no old, decrepit, toothless creature; he was young, strong, and ferocious. Poor Samson "had nothing in his hand." Satan strikes hardest when our ambitions in God are highest and when we seem the least prepared for it.

That lion stood between Samson and God's will for him. To advance apparently meant death; to retreat meant that he would never realize God's will in his life. Try another road into Timnath, Samson! But Samson knew that the devil has lions along every path. He knew this path led to Timnath; other paths led elsewhere. So Samson did the only wise thing to do—he approached that lion with courage and with a determination

to die rather than give up God's will for him. God came to Samson's rescue—just as He always does when a soul has that kind of determination—"and he rent him as he would have rent a kid."

A common practice among Christians today is to call the "lion" by another name. Our trends, habits, inconsistencies, and dispositions that rob us of God's best we are quick to justify. We even offer the "lion" a bit of bait to keep him in the bushes where others cannot see him; but when we try to slip past him, he always comes out roaring. Many pet him and call him a cute little kitten—but remember that he is a devilish foe if he is keeping you from God's best. Get that "lion" out into the open where you can see him—you can't keep him hid from others anyway. Call that ill temper, that unsanctified nature, that evil tongue, that devilish pride, or your besetting sin by its proper name—call it a "lion," sin. Approach that thing with determination, ready for the life-and-death struggle that will ensue. Purpose in your heart, as Samson did, that you will die before you will allow that thing to have victory over you. God will come to your rescue, giving you the strength to overcome; and then you can walk victoriously into your Timnath—God's will and goal for your life.

apprehend [lay hold upon] that for which also I am apprehended [laid hold upon]." Too many of us stop before we lay hold upon the things that God laid hold of us for. Let us purpose in our hearts that "Forward" shall be our watchword. Not "back to Pentecost," but on to Pentecost let us go, perpetuating the reality of spiritual vitality manifested in the hearts and lives of God's people.

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A Land of Progress

ians. There are many agricultural enthusiasts since the country is ideal for farming. The rainfall is adequate and more than fifty per cent of the land is fertile and arable. This means that about eighty per cent of the people are engaged in farming. These farmers are encouraged by the Department of Agriculture to use modern farm machinery, and there are numerous government experimental farms scattered throughout the land. The principal crops are rice and cassava (manioc). Tropical fruits and vegetables such as eddoes, yams, sweet potatoes, corn, bananas and pineapples are also grown.

The country's largest export crop, however, is rubber. Palm oil, palm kernel, coffee, cocoa, kola nuts and piasava are also exported.

But Liberia is interesting in ways other than that of good government organization and economic progress. In spiritual matters the land has been blessed. The Assemblies of God work in Liberia seems patterned after the Book of Acts. Spirit-filled evangelists on board ship were praying for guidance as to their location, while a young Liberian Christian was praying to God to send teachers to his tribe. Sensing that the Lord was directing him to a certain place where ships did not usually stop, this young Liberian went to the place and while there a ship did anchor and eight preachers landed.

Such providence was God's seal upon the Liberian work, and conversions and revivals have resulted in many places. Hundreds have been saved and many filled with the Spirit. Miracles of healing have

proved to the people that the Bible is up-to-date. Bible Schools have been established and a band of faithful national pastors and workers are spreading the gospel to many tribes which would otherwise be unreached.

Churches in Liberia are largely indigenous, the national Christians proving themselves capable of doing great things for God. It is a joy to see abundant spiritual progress among the people. The friendly attitude of the government toward the things of God encourages us to expect a great harvest of souls in that country, and in turn see the gospel spread throughout other parts of Africa by the zealous Christians of Liberia.

UNWORTHY

The Talmud throws interesting light on the words of John the Baptist, who said of Jesus, "Whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to unloose." It states: "Every office a servant will do for his master, a scholar should perform for his teacher, except loosing his sandal-thong." John looked upon Jesus as someone more than a teacher, and even more than a master; he bowed before Him as the Christ, the divine One, whom he was not worthy to serve.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

REVIVAL SPIRIT REPORTED

TYLER, TEX.—There has been a revival spirit in the Rose Center Assembly of God for the past 18 months. During the year the church has been blessed in revivals conducted by the following evangelists: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Noah, J. C. Hibbard Jr., Warren Litzman, and the B. D. Bennett Evangelistic Party. There has been a steady growth for which we praise the Lord. The average Sunday School attendance for October was 204. We have enjoyed a wonderful spirit of unity.

On October 3, we began our 8th year of weekly radio broadcasts each Sunday from 8 to 8:30 a.m. over station KGKB, 1490 kc. Last Easter we began a weekly telecast each Sunday from 5 to 5:15 p.m. over station KLTU, channel 7. These programs have proved a great blessing to the church.—D. D. Lewis, Pastor.

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PIONEER FIELD BLESSED BY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—We thank God for His blessings upon the Fellowship Meetings in this pioneer area. Home Missions offerings are on the increase. A greater Pentecostal fellowship grows from month to month among preachers and laymen alike. Each month brings together more hungry people to hear the Pentecostal message. New churches and parsonages are being built. More money is coming in for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Revivaltime. The Sunday School and the W.M.C. are also being promoted by the Fellowship Meetings. A Pentecostal revival is on its way.—A. T. Hickman, Presbyter.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us a full month in advance due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 23 days before the date which appears upon it.

AMARILLO, TEX.—Begins Jan. 15 at Assembly of God Tabernacle; George Evangelistic Team, Hobbs, N. Mex. (J. A. Bennett is Pastor.)

GARDEN CITY, KANS.—Began Dec. 31 at Faith Tabernacle; Evangelist and Mrs. Daniel E. Johnson.—by Richard W. Dortch, Pastor.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.—Begins Jan. 8 at Assembly of God, 524 N. Johnson; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (M. D. Miller is Pastor.)

TIPP CITY, OHIO.—Jan. 8-29 at Bethel Tabernacle, 4th and Plum Sts.; Evangelist Billy Wolfe, Davenport, Iowa. (E. P. Cooper is Pastor.)

EAGLE LAKE, FLA.—Jan. 17-29 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Carnell Bruce is Pastor.)

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Jan. 1-15 at Calvary Assembly, 11 W. Iowa St.; Evangelist Leonard Page.—by H. P. Vibbert, Pastor.

FLAT RIVER, MO.—Begins Jan. 17 at Assembly of God; Hastie-Hanley Evangelistic Team, Springfield, Mo. (Emerson Jones is Pastor.)

Near BAKER, FLA.—Begins Jan. 15 at Shady Grove Assembly; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. (Fred McGraw is Pastor.)

CALHOUN, LA.—Jan. 1-15 at Beulah Assembly of God, two miles west of Calhoun on Highway 80; Evangelist Marvin Gorman, El Dorado, Ark.—by Arthur C. Bristol, Pastor.

TRUSSVILLE, ALA.—Jan. 8-22 at Vann Valley Assembly of God; Evangelist Charles C. Robinson, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Bobby R. Smith, Pastor.

VERO BEACH, FLA.—Jan. 10-22 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe, London, England. (Franklin S. Taylor is Pastor.)

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.—Begins Jan. 12 with Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (E. Y. Olson is Chairman and Interpreter.)

MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.—Jan. 1-15 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsup, Oklahoma City, Okla. (N. A. Chambers is Pastor.)

TYLER, TEX.—Jan. 1-22 at First Assembly of God, Beckham at Ferguson; Smith and Rogers Evangelistic Party.—by R. R. Odom, Church Secretary. (B. L. Greene is Pastor.)

DOTHAN, ALA.—Workers Training School at First Assembly of God, Jan. 30-Feb. 3. D. J. Paglia, Slocumb, Ala., in charge. (Max McNab is Pastor.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Began Jan. 1 at Calvary Assembly of God, 4635 N. 16th St.; Evangelists Robert and Lillian Watters.—by Robert L. Watters, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Begins Jan. 8 at Brightmoor Tabernacle, 22420 Fenkell Ave.; Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed, Denver, Colo.—by Bond Bowman, Pastor.

IRWIN, PA.—Begins Jan. 10 at Pentecostal Assembly of God, 5th and Oak Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley Cooke of Nebraska.—by J. L. Pittman, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Missionary Convention at First Assemblies of God Tabernacle, 24th Boulevard and Grand Ave., Jan. 8-15. Russell Schirman, Carl Graves, and Melvin Jorgenson, speakers.—by James C. Kofahl, Pastor.

PRICHARD, ALA.—Jan. 1-22 with the McColl-Gerard Trio. (J. D. Stevens is Pastor.)

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Jan. 1-8 with Evangelist Christian Hild.—by Max Johnson, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Begins Jan. 8 at Richmond Assembly of God; Evangelist Allan Wood, Mountlake Terrace, Wash. (Herman Kazen is Pastor.)

MASON CITY, ILL.—Begins Jan. 10 with Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich.—by Kenneth C. Wallace, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Begins Jan. 3 at Riverview Assembly of God; Tom B. Myers Party, Antelope, Calif. (L. M. Vaughn is Pastor.)

BRADY, TEX.—Jan. 8-22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Fort Worth, Tex. (Chester Clark is Pastor.)

FOSTORIA, OHIO.—Jan. 1-14 at the Assembly of God, 671 Lynn St.; Evangelist Ray Hill.—by Joseph Ferrante, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Begins Jan. 8 at Stevens Park Assembly of God; Evangelist Lonnie L. Osborn, Tulsa, Okla. (William O. Dixon is Pastor.)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Workers Training Course at Bethel Temple, Jan. 16-20. D. V. Hurst, Springfield, Mo., instructor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Workers Training School at Bethel Temple, 210 E. Jefferson, Jan. 9-13; Paul Copeland, instructor.—by Albert Ott, Pastor.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.—Northwest Sectional Fellowship Meeting at First Assembly of God, Monday, Jan. 16; J. O. Savell, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. He will also speak at both services on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the local Assembly.—by A. L. Wolfe, Sectional Presbyter.

AKRON, OHIO—Jan. 3-22 at Central Assembly of God, Brown and Vine Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Kennedy, Austin, Tex.—by Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Began Dec. 31 at East Side Assembly of God; Evangelist Carl C. Haas, Springfield, Mo. (Aaron M. Wall is Pastor.)

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIF.—Begin Jan. 1 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ronnie Wiseman, Huntington Beach, Calif.—by E. L. Shaffer, Pastor.

EUFAULA, ALA.—Jan. 4-15 at First Assembly of God, 726 W. Union St.; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (J. H. Standifer is Pastor.)

PUEBLO, COLO.—Begins Jan. 8 at Central Assembly of God, 13th and Elizabeth; Evangelist Andrew Teuber, Springfield, Mo.—by C. F. Ferguson, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Workers Training Conference at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 5th and Peoria, Jan. 16-20. Around 30 churches participating. Paul Copeland, principal speaker. Instructors for departmental classes include Stanley Horton, J. Boyd Wolverton, Raymond Brock, Mrs. J. Roswell Flower, Mrs. Bert Webb, Mrs. Vivian Higgins, Mrs. Jim Copeland and Mrs. T. J. Noah. The textbook is "Into All Truth," by Stanley Horton.—by L. J. Underwood, Committee Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS

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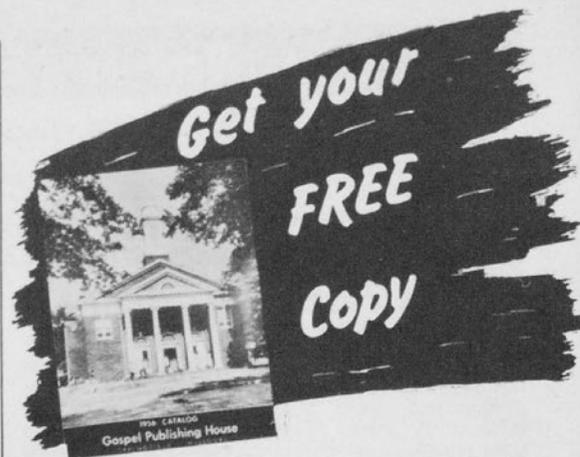
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