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MY SAVIOUR**

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# The Precious Blood

Some very strange theories about eternal salvation are being circulated today. One of the most popular ideas is that a person can make up for his evil deeds by doing some good ones. In other words, God won't let a few faults keep a person out of heaven if he's a decent sort of fellow. God will simply put all our deeds in His scales—the bad on one side, the good on the other—and if they come near to striking a balance we have no need to worry.

People who entertain ideas of that kind don't know much about the Bible. What a surprise they will get at the Judgment!

Then there is the slightly less popular theory of endeavoring to appease God by giving money to a church, or by building a temple. Giving money to a good church is a good deed, and a commendable one, but eternal life is not for sale. Simon the sorcerer once offered Peter money, and the apostle said to him, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."

In some lands the worshipers go on long pilgrimages, and some even lie on a bed of spikes, or hang by a hook from a pole, hoping thereby to obtain divine favor.

A respectable and refined method is to trust in one's character for salvation. That is, a person is born in a Christian country, and imbibes Christian principles at home, at school, at church. He lives and works in a Christian environment, is bolstered by Christian influences on every hand, and eventually he takes Christian standards and ideals into his mind and spirit. Then he calls himself a Christian. He decides he is good enough to meet God's approval. But if such were the case, Christ never would have needed to die on the Cross!

To all who, like the jailer at Philippi, are asking, "What must I do to be saved?" we would give the Bible answer. It is very simple, very clear, very definite—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." It is as simple as that. The fact is that eternal life is a gift from God. No man can manufacture it. No man can earn it. It was purchased for us at Calvary when Jesus died for our sins, and we obtain it simply by repenting of our sins and by trusting in His grace.

Have you ever tried to unlock a door that was already unlocked? You twist the key, and all you do is lock it. You shake the knob and wonder why it won't open. Don't try to unlock the door to eternal life with the key of good deeds. It is already open. Simply enter by faith.

A long time ago, on the night of the first Passover, the Israelites received a message from God. It told them exactly what to do in order to be saved. God told them to slay a lamb and sprinkle the lamb's blood on the doorposts of their houses. He said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." The New Testament says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." We are not redeemed with our good works, neither with silver or gold, but only "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb. . . ." Don't be fooled by man's ideas. Take God's way. Put your faith in His Lamb. Trust in the power of Christ's blood to cleanse you from all sin and to make you acceptable in the sight of God.

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# The Three CROSSES

THE TWO THIEVES MAY HAVE BEEN CRONIES IN SIN

BUT THEY REACTED IN OPPOSITE WAYS TO THE

CRUCIFIED CHRIST WHO HUNG BETWEEN THEM

**T**HE SILHOUETTE OF THREE CROSSES against the Palestinian sky has never been completely erased. Those forms are etched upon the horizons of time and are the key to understanding human behavior. To understand these crosses is to understand strife-torn history, solve the enigma of a divided world, and find the answer to human destiny.

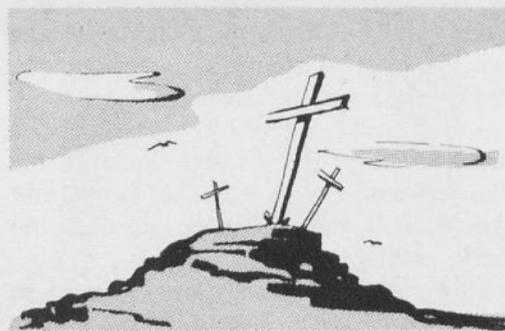
Calvary is a miniature photo of the world. Men who probably had been cronies and partners in sin react in opposite ways to the crucified Christ who hangs between them. Because of different attitudes toward Him, they no longer understand each other. They who were so much alike are now, because of Him, vastly different and eventually end up in eternity far apart. What happened at Calvary breaks down the ties of human brotherhood and draws the line between accepters and rejecters of the crucified Saviour. It also anticipates a future day of judgment when a permanent separation shall be made on that same line.

The three crosses were alike, but the men who hung on them were different. On two of the crosses were malefactors, and on the middle cross the Son of God. One was the cross of rejection, one of redemption, and one of repentance. The impenitent thief was losing his life, Christ was giving life, and the penitent thief was receiving life.

Until they came to Calvary, both thieves were very much alike. Both of them were sinners, and both were criminals. They had shared in planning and executing their unlawful deeds. Both of them needed to be saved, and both asked to be saved. In

spite of these common traits and actions, one was saved and the other was lost. One heard words of approbation, but the plea of the other received only haunting silence. It almost seemed as if the Lord were partial and responded to the one He liked but disregarded the other. The truth of the matter is that the difference of attitude on the part of our Lord was but a reflection of a difference of attitude shown by the two men. Even their eternal destiny was determined by their attitude toward the Saviour.

Having a desire to be saved is not enough. The impenitent thief had that desire but still was lost. He began his request with "if," which is a word of doubt. Even when asking for deliverance, he was uncertain of the power of Christ. Instead of petitioning, he reviled Jesus. In the throes of dying, and while cursing and struggling, he gave commands to the Lord in a sneering, contemptuous way. It was as if he was ordering around a lackey or slave. Christ did not even dignify his command with a reply. He just ignored him, and that was judgment in itself. He need not send calamity or a rebuke but just let the man stew in his own bitterness. The most horrible judgment a man can experience in this



life is when God says, "Let him alone."

This thief was not lost because of sins committed or crimes perpetrated. Those acts blackened his soul and started the whole downward spiral; but he perished because of his attitude of rejection toward the Saviour. In spite of his sins, he could have entered paradise, as did his companion, if he too had shown a penitence of heart. Even if the hardhearted thief had mouthed the same phrases as his companion, it would not have helped, unless those words were the true expression of the feeling of his heart.

The experience of the penitent thief is a noble example of salvation by grace. An unworthy sinner is suddenly changed to a glorified saint. From the blackness of a sinful past, he suddenly stepped into the white lights of the glory world. The very spear thrust that was the punishment for his crimes ushered him into the immortal realms of bliss. This sudden change came about because of his sincere call for mercy and the unfathomable grace of our Lord.

This thief had nothing to offer in return for his salvation. He could not be proud of his past, because the whole record spoke of plunder and debauchery. He could not make any vows for the future, or offer forthcoming years for service, for he had no future. Death was but minutes away. There was nothing he could do at that moment to merit salvation. He could do no good works, because he was nailed to a cross. He did not and could not merit the goodness of the Lord. He did the only thing he could do under the circumstances, and that was to call upon the Lord with a contrite heart and plead for mercy.

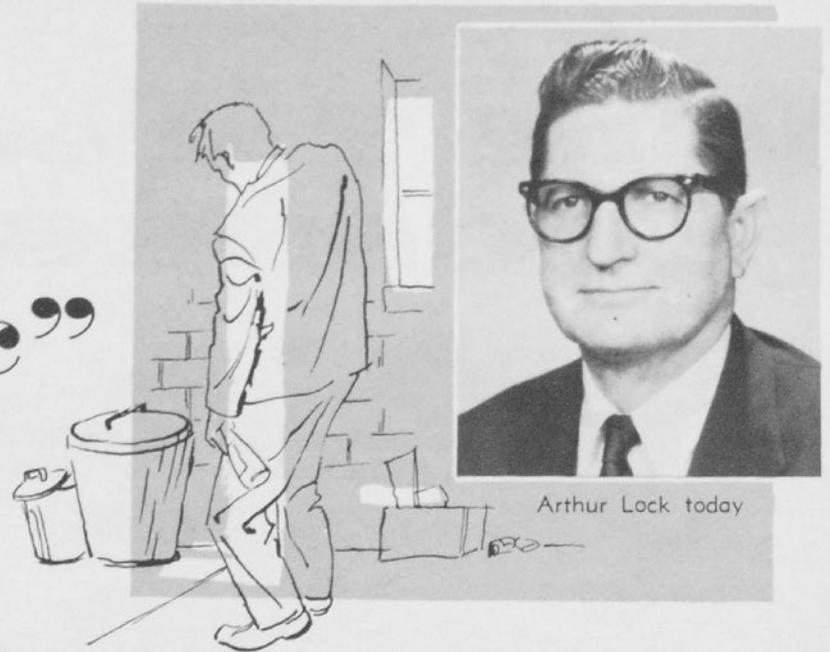
The experience of the penitent thief was thorough and genuine. His faith looked beyond circumstances, the failures of the disciples, the pain in his own body, and the mocking of the crowd. While hanging on that cross, he confessed his sins, acknowledged Jesus as Lord, and also prayed. What more could be expected than that? His was not a long nor flowery prayer. It was not eloquent nor punctuated with theological phrases. Only a sentence prayer fell from his lips, but it came from his heart. How poignant his petition: "Lord, remember me." He did not say, "Remember me IF thou comest into thy kingdom," but he said, "WHEN."

The heart of our Lord could not

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# "I Was an Alcoholic"

## A Personal Testimony



I AM ARTHUR LOCK. I AM 48 YEARS of age, 6 feet 2 inches tall, and weigh 200 pounds.

Five years ago I weighed 129 pounds, was dying with galloping tuberculosis in both lungs, was losing one-fourth pint of blood orally each day, was suffering with a dermatitis known as "the blotch of Egypt," and was lying in a convict's bunk on the city prison farm of Houston, Texas, just waiting for the end to come.

For a quarter of a century I had been a victim of the demon alcohol. For twenty of those twenty-five years, I had been in hiding—hiding from my mother, hiding from my own conscience, hiding from a society in which I had once moved as a successful businessman, and trying desperately to make myself believe that I was hiding from God.

I became a denizen of Houston's skid row. I was known facetiously as the "Mayor of Capitol Avenue." I had been arrested two hundred times, although the Houston police said, "'Bunk' Lock is not a criminal. He is sick in mind and body—but 'Bunk' is a police problem."

Yes, I was a police problem. The thing that I had said could never happen to me had happened to me, and I was on skid row for five of the years that I was an alcoholic. I suffered as a bum on the streets, a human derelict, lost in mind and body, and, what was far worse, lost from God our Saviour.

The story of the prodigal son is my story. I, too, went from riches to rags,

from respectability to dereliction, from comfortable living to the fields where the swine are fed. The liquor manufacturers and dealers advertise, "Come and we'll show you the finest product of the brewer's art." But I say, "Come with me to the skid row of any city—come and let me show you Arthur Lock five years ago on the skid row of Houston, Texas—and I will show you the final product of the brewer's art." *Ten thousand of our citizens are killed by liquor for every one killed by a mad dog; yet we kill the dog and license the liquor!*

I was considered to be one of the most successful oil field supply salesmen in America, but because of liquor I lost it all. My associate in business died drunk in my arms. My business dwindled to nothing and I knew I had come to the end of the road. I locked the door of my office in the Commerce Building, threw the keys out into the main street of Houston, and declared, "I'll go to hell the quickest way I can go!"

I rented a cheap room, bought all the liquor I could get with the little money I had remaining, and tried to drink myself to death. Soon the liquor was gone; my extra clothing had gone the way of the pawnshop; my baggage was being held by the rooming house because I could not pay my rent; and I was walking the streets looking for those friends who used to laugh and drink with me and slap me on the back, calling me a good fellow.

But those friends no longer cared to associate with me. At first, they didn't

give me up entirely but contributed to what they thought were my needs. They gave me their castoff clothing, some of the suits originally having cost from \$185 to \$200. They gave me money—a five, a ten, sometimes a twenty. Then they began to avoid me, for they knew that everything they had given me went for liquor, and that only caused me to be arrested and jailed repeatedly.

I knew that many wealthy oilmen frequented the Texas State Hotel, so I often went there for a handout. I became such a nuisance to the hotel clients that as soon as I entered the lobby of the hotel a policeman was called and I was taken off to jail again.

During those days of my human dereliction on Capitol Avenue, a young policeman by the name of Jack Heard patrolled that beat between 11 o'clock at night and 7 o'clock in the morning. Jack was a good policeman, a fine fellow. In a way he was my friend, although he had to arrest me frequently. Once I told him, "Jack, you're going to earn your way to the Chief's job by arresting 'Bunk' Lock." Jack Heard is Chief of Police in Houston now, but in a recent statement he said, referring to my prophecy, "I have that job now, but I do not have the job of policing 'Bunk' Lock, because today 'Bunk' Lock is Arthur R. Lock, gentleman, Christian, and a citizen of Houston, but not an inhabitant of skid row. Instead of a bottle, he now has a Bible!"

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While all this was taking place on skid row in Houston, another drama, unknown to me, was unfolding 1500

miles away in Lodi, California. For twenty years my mother had not heard from me. She didn't know whether I was alive or dead, although she never gave up hope that I was living. She could get no trace of my whereabouts or condition. However, she never ceased to pray for me.

Then, in 1950, she adopted a method of prayer which I honestly believe was the direct cause of my being saved. She began to pray for God to send some lost and wayward boy to her door so that she could feed him, attend to his needs, pray for him, and lead him to Christ in my stead. Like David who said, "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" my mother wanted to show that kindness of God to the tramps and bums who passed through her town for the sake of her own wayward son.

Soon after she began this method of praying, the bums began to find her door. That within itself was a miracle, because the town has rigid laws against vagrancy, and it has a reputation for enforcing those laws. But in 1950, the first one showed up. She met him at the door; she invited him into the house. To use her own words in describing the treatment she gave him, she said, "If President Eisenhower had called on me, he couldn't have been treated with any greater hospitality and consideration than that old bum. I seated him at the table, and cooked him a meal. I didn't just give him leftovers, I prepared him a meal. Then as he sat and ate, I talked to him about God, about his soul, and offered to lead him to Christ. Then after he had prayed and accepted Christ, and had given me his hand that he would serve the Lord, I sent him on his way with my blessing, and turned back into the room and prayed, 'Now Lord, I have led that poor man to Christ. Will you please send someone to my own dear boy that they may lead him to Thee?'"

Seven times in a little more than a year this drama was repeated in my mother's home. Every time she led a man to God she would send him on his way with her blessing and then go back into the house and ask the Lord to please send someone to talk to her boy.

Finally, in August 1951 the seventh man appeared. He was dirty, unkempt, sick, trembling in his weakness. Almost all of one hand had been cut off in an

accident. He received the same royal treatment that the others had received. She seated him at the table, cooked him a meal, spoke to him encouragingly, and talked to him about God while he ate his meal. It was a hard battle, but my mother never gave up. She won the victory, and then sent the man on his way after he promised he would live for God and give his testimony to someone else out on the road.

Next morning's paper brought the story of a tragedy. It told about a man having been found just out of town, killed by a train. The man carried no identification, but his description fitted that of the man my mother had led to Christ the day before. It had been his last opportunity, and she was so glad that she had led him to the Saviour before the end came.

As usual, she asked the Lord to send someone to me, and then send her another man to be good to for my sake. But the Lord never answered the last part of that prayer. Nobody else came to her door asking for help.

#### A MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

As the months wore on and Christmas approached, she began to think about what she would like to have for a Christmas present. Then she prayed, "O God, all I ask you for at this Christmas time is that I may receive just a penny post card telling me that my son is alive. Lord, either let me hear from him directly or let me hear from someone who has seen him. That's all I want for Christmas, Lord. Amen."

The days and weeks passed, and the penny post card did not arrive. Then on the twenty-fourth of December, my mother was at home waiting for the



Arthur Lock's mother, Emma A. Lock, of Lodi, California, who prayed for 25 years that God would save her son.

postman to come. When he arrived, her sister went to the box to get the mail. She came in carrying a card. She said, "Emma, nothing came but an old dirty post card. It's addressed to you, but it's written with a dim pencil and you can hardly read what it says."

Mother leaped to her feet. "Let me see that card!" she exclaimed excitedly. She seized the card and the eyes of love could read what even the eyes of youth could not read. It said:

*Dear Mother, your prayers have been answered. I have been saved, and I am coming home. Buster.*

Later my mother received a letter in which I said:

*Mother Dear, I am saved and healed, but a strange thing has come upon my speech. When I pray at night I stammer and speak in a strange language.*

With thanksgiving in her heart my mother answered my letter and told me that the Holy Spirit had taken possession of my body and was speaking through my lips.

God had heard my mother's prayers. Here's the way it came about:

Long before that time, alcohol had begun to lose its kick and its power to stimulate my racked frame and tortured mind. In desperation I had turned to the use of narcotics, adding them to alcohol to produce a stimulant that would lift me out of the pit of dependency. Delirium tremens resulted. One night, in my delirium, surrounded it seemed by red-eyed snakes, I thought I was leading a purple elephant on a leash down Capitol Avenue, when I was arrested for the two-hundredth time.

It so happened that night that Judge Harold Allison, called "the tough night judge of corporation court," was on the bench. When I was taken in before him in exasperation he sentenced me to pay a fine of \$100 for drunkenness or serve it out at the city prison farm. I couldn't have paid one hundred cents, so there was nothing to do but to send me to prison. And that was the beginning of the end of 'Bunk' Lock, "Mayor of Capitol Avenue."

#### "BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER"

It happened on a Sunday in October 1951. A group of Christians came out to the city prison farm to bring their testimony to the prisoners. The Spirit of God had led them there to minister to the souls of the lost and dying. A girl stood and gave her testimony of how God had healed her, and told of a

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# My Sin and My Saviour

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**T**HE MOST APPALLING STATEMENT in the whole Word of God, I think, is the first part of 2 Corinthians 5:21—"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin." Almost as terrible in its implications is Isaiah 53:6, in which the prophet, describing the vision given to him of the Man of Sorrows, tells us that "the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

The human mind cannot conceive any greater self-sacrifice than this. When the holy Father in heaven made His beloved Son to be sin, He plumbed the depths of sorrow and suffering to the full. Christ hated sin with all the loathing of His divine nature. He shrank from it as from a horrible and loathsome disease; and yet God made that holy Son to be sin for us. He placed all our wickedness upon Him.

It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that the Son of God met the ultimate demand of love and obedience to His Father. It was there He yielded to the Father's plan and drank the awful cup of human sin.

To comprehend the meaning of Gethsemane is to understand the splendor of God's holiness and the heinousness of man's sin. My special interest in Gethsemane goes back to the days when I received my first missionary appointment as city evangelist in Sialkot, India. Some of us undertook to do regular open-air preaching, and here for the first time in my life I was compelled to defend my faith publicly. Among many other scenes of our Lord's life, His experience in Gethsemane was often and vigorously challenged. In those days I read and heard many interpretations; but none of them satisfied my mind, and none of them did justice to the character of our Lord or to the depth of agony portrayed by the evangelists.

As the difficult questions were literally hurled at us by Moslems and

Hindus, I began to realize that my own faith was insecure. I was not sure of Calvary myself. I had not taken Gethsemane and its profound agony as anything more than a historical narrative. I was preaching Christ to others as the Saviour who through His passion and His resurrection gave eternal life to sinful men, and through that life gave victory over sin, but His passion did not affect me personally to the point of giving me a victorious life. Was I right in preaching the Cross? Were those preachers and writers correct who presented Christ as merely a great man and a martyr, or should I hold to the orthodox interpretation?

In those days of indecision the Lord drew my attention to the fact that the Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide into all truth. I asked God to give me the power of the Holy Spirit to teach me and to make me a true witness of Christ. I asked Him to make Gethsemane, Calvary, and the Resurrection of Christ real to me. God answered my prayer by taking me down into the dark valley for a time and eventually bringing me up again into a place of joy and victory.

By means of a most painful and horrible experience the Lord took me to Gethsemane and there He showed me how great is His concern over the condition of every sinner. Gethsemane means a wine-press. When Jesus took his disciples into that garden he took them there as representatives of sinful humanity, as grapes of wrath full of the wine of sin. That wine He must drink, for that was the cup which the Father had given Him to drink. He must drink the cup of iniquity in order that we might drink the cup of blessing. He must drink the bitter wine of God's wrath in order that we might have the sweet wine of God's righteousness.

It is impossible for any human being

to understand fully how a holy God feels toward sin. He hates it as we would hate leprosy. I have seen lepers in India and they are a loathsome sight. Some of them are so full of leprosy that they are disfigured and marred beyond the appearance of humans. What a terrible scourge it is! No wonder people everywhere fear it and hate it! Sin is a loathsome scourge in the sight of our Lord. When we get an inkling of how He feels about sin, we begin to understand why He prayed, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

Krummacher, in his masterly book *The Suffering Saviour*, takes us to Gethsemane and explains the Great Sufferer's agony in these words:

"Christ in Gethsemane loses nothing in our esteem by His being 'sore amazed and very heavy.' We do not stumble at seeing Him tear Himself loose from His disciples, and then, prostrate in the dust, hear Him exclaim, 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.' Even His thrice-uttered anxious petition, 'Father if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me,' and His taking refuge with His weak disciples, as well as His requesting them to watch with Him one hour for His consolation—nay, even the bloody sweat which flowed from His veins and dropped from His sacred body to the ground—however much we may feel astonished, whatever sorrow it may cause our hearts, and however deeply it may horrify us, it does not make us take offense, nor cause our faith to suffer shipwreck.

"In our view, brilliant stars shine over the darkness of Gethsemane. We possess the key to its mysteries and the depth of its horrors; and we find it in the sentiment which, in every variety of form, pervades the whole Bible: 'God hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made

the righteousness of God in Him.' As long as Christ's position as Mediator is not acknowledged, the events in Gethsemane will continue a sealed mystery. Every attempt to explain them otherwise than by the fundamental article of His vicarious mediation, must be forever unavailing. Only through the light which it affords us, is everything rendered clear and intelligible to us in that appalling scene. The most striking contradictions are then reconciled, and that which is the most strange and incomprehensible disappears, and seems perfectly natural. . . .

"Three causes lay at the basis of Jesus' sufferings—the one more awful than the others. His agony was caused, first, by His horror of sin, by amazement at the abominations of our misdeeds. The transgressions which were divinely imputed to Him, that He might suffer for them as the Representative of sinners, crowd into the sphere of His vision in the most glaring light. He beholds them very differently to the view taken of them by man in his darkened state. They present themselves to His holy eyes in their naked deformity, in their unutterably abominable nature, and in their soul-destroying power. In sin He sees apostasy from the Almighty, daring rebellion against the Eternal Majesty, and base revolt against the will and law of God; and surveys at one view all the horrible fruits and results of sin, in the curse, death, and endless perdition. How was it possible that the pure and holy soul of Jesus, at the sight of such horrors, should not shudder and tremble and be seized with a nameless abhorrence, of which we who are so deeply infected by sin have no conception. Only imagine personified holiness placed in the midst of the pool of the world's corruption. . . ."

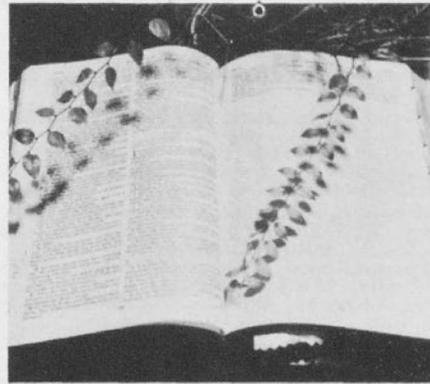
How could a holy Saviour react in any other way to the cup of sin? How could the pure and immaculate soul of Jesus not have recoiled in infinite loathing at the mere suggestion of having to drink such a horrible cup? But He loved us so much that He drank that cup. He took our sin upon Himself that night in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then He went on to Calvary and shed His precious blood on the Cross in order that you and I might be cleansed from all sin.

My attention was arrested by a newspaper headline which said, "Blood Change Saves Baby." The reporter said that weaknesses stemming from a

conflict between the blood types of the parents had claimed the lives of the mother's three previous children. Her fourth child was delivered in a Caesarean operation and it received a blood transfusion five minutes later. Blood was then drained from the infant and more transfusions were given. When the child was three weeks old the doctors said it was normal and healthy—thanks to the change that was made in its blood.

The nature we received from Adam is poisoned with sin. We must have that poison taken from us. The only remedy was a spiritual transfusion whereby our sin would be taken away and a new holy nature imparted to us. This was made possible by a union with Christ whereby we might become partakers of His divine nature.

Once upon a time I was a spiritual leper. How abhorrent I must have been



### In God's Light

Dear foolish heart that shuns God's cross,  
Shrinking from all the stinging pain,  
Sore grieving over all the loss  
Of cherished hopes now sadly vain.

How blind thine eyes to Love's sweet plan—  
How short thy knowledge of God's way!  
Thy tear-dimmed eyes see only man,  
And suffering of the present day.

God leads thee by the only way  
That reaches to unending light;  
View once the crown God holds for thee,  
The blessing of unmeasured weight.

Then wilt thou glory in thy cross,  
And kiss the hand that brings thee smart;  
No longer mourning o'er thy loss,  
Beholding God's eternal part.

—Alice Reynolds Flower

to God, worse than the people full of leprosy that I have seen so often in India. I was full of sin. As the Scripture says, my throat was an open sepulchre. With my tongue I used deceit. My mouth was full of cursing and bitterness. There was no fear of God before my eyes. I thought I could do as I pleased and speak as I pleased. From the sole of my feet to the crown of my head there was no soundness in me; I was full of wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores that had not been cleansed, or bound up, or mollified with ointment. I was disfigured and marred by sin. But there came to me a great Doctor with an only Son. He called me to Him and He said:

"If you will allow me, I will join your spirit permanently to that of my Son, and then you will be a partaker of His divine nature. He will take your sin and in exchange He will give you His holiness. You will be a moral leper no longer. But you will have to give up every bit of your old life. You must be willing for all the old things to pass away, and for your entire life to become new. You will have to give up your old pleasures and ambitions. This is the only way I can save you from a sinner's life and a sinner's death.

"My Son took your sin upon Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was the most difficult thing He had to do. It meant unspeakable agony and suffering and death when the poison of your sin entered into Him. But He was so mighty in holiness that when they laid Him in the grave His holiness consumed your sin, and He arose from the dead. Your sin died but my Son's holiness lived. You too must be joined with Him in the likeness of His death. You will have to go down with Him into the grave, and then you will rise with Him into a newness of life and holiness and victory and blessing. Thus you will walk with Him and live with Him in a new life of fellowship and partnership, joined forever with Him, a partaker of His joy and peace and love."

So I turned my life over to Him and He joined me to His Son. My leprosy left me and was all transferred to Him. The bruises and wounds and sores are not all perfectly healed, but most of them are gone, and as I partake more and more of His divine nature the remaining sores are healing up. It is wonderful to have His life in me instead of the old life of leprosy—the life I thought was so delightful until I met the great Doctor of souls and He turned His

searchlight on and showed me how terrible and dangerous and corrupt my condition was.

Dr. A. B. Simpson was called one night to go and minister to a dying woman. He found her to be one of the vilest characters he had ever met. Not only had she descended into the depths of infamy herself but she had also dragged countless others down with her. She had been running a house of prostitution when death knocked on her door to pay her off. Dr. Simpson found her awake and conscious. He prayed with her and then pointed her to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He urged her to call upon God as a sinner and to ask Him to have mercy upon her. But his words seemed to mean nothing to her.

Then he told her how the sinner in the Old Testament ceremony used to lay his hands on the head of the lamb and confess all his sins, so that his sins would be transferred to the lamb that was his sin-offering. He told her that Jesus, the Lamb of God, was beside her bed. He urged her to stretch out her hands and put them, by faith, upon the head of the Lamb. At first she seemed utterly unable to comprehend his meaning. Then the Spirit of God enlightened her poor dark mind and she seemed to see it all. She put out both of her hands as though she were indeed placing them on the head of the Lamb. Then Dr. Simpson said she poured out the most terrible confession of sin he ever had heard. She told of one unspeakable crime after another and another until she had fully emptied her soul.

Then her face, which had been so marred and distorted by the hardness and shame of sin, suddenly lit up with the glory of God, and a new clean spirit seemed to shine about her. The Lamb had indeed taken the load of her iniquity, and His blood had brought her newness of life. Another moment, and she was gone—freed from her terrible load because God had laid on His Son all her iniquity.

How well I remember when I went into the army in 1918 and recoiled from the vile language I heard in the barracks. My whole being loathed and revolted against the conversation I was forced to hear as I lay in my bunk. If the obscene and blasphemous talk of those young Americans who "gloried in their shame" hurt me, a human being, can you imagine how much more it must hurt the holy soul of the spotless Son of God? How much more would He

## COVER PHOTO

This week's cover photo features 38 District C. A. Presidents who attended the 12th annual District C. A. Presidents Conference held at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, February 26-28. D-CAP Walt Boring of Northern California-Nevada District is pictured in the foreground receiving a new GOAL plaque from Executive Director, T. F. Zimmerman, and National C. A. Secretary, Dick Fulmer. Brother Boring accepted the plaque on behalf of the Christ's Ambassadors group of the First Assemblies of God Church in Lodi, California, which was the first in the nation to receive a 100% grade on their GOAL Checkup forms. Goal is the new twelve-step C. A. program launched a year ago from the National C. A. office. Kelsey C. Prinzing is the pastor of the Lodi Assembly and Ivan L. Suess is the C. A. president.

**ROW 1**—G. A. Balius, Alabama; C. B. Kirsch, So. Idaho; Warren McPherson, Servicemen's Representative; Vernon McLellan, C. A. HERALD Editor; Grant A. Wacker, Promotional Director; Walter Boring, No. California-Nevada; T. F. Zimmerman, Executive Director; Dick Fulmer, National Secretary; Kenneth Short, Speed-the-Light Representative; Verne McKinney, Speed-the-Light Clerk.

**ROW 2**—Don Carroll, Georgia; Edgar Meissner, Illinois; Stanton E. Johnson, West Central; Paul W. Fenton, Montana; Chester Jenkins, Eastern; Owen C. Carr, Kansas; Leo Tomko, Michigan; Gene Putnam, So. Missouri; Wayne M. Adams, Oregon.

**ROW 3**—T. Burton Pierce, Jr., Potomac; Harris E. Lidstrand, Northwest; Melvin Sasse, New Mexico; M. F. Hankins, West Texas; Richard Dobbins, Ohio; Norman L. Correll, Nebraska; G. Lee Thomas, Wyoming; L. L. Miles, New York.

**ROW 4**—A. E. Shuttlesworth, Appalachian; Wesley Weekley, West Florida; R. E. Mulley, New England; LaVern Snyder, Kentucky; W. Clyde Powell, Arizona; Russell J. Cox, Rocky Mountain; Andrew Eytzen, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan; Ken Freiheit, Minnesota; W. L. Roset, North Dakota.

**ROW 5**—Douglas Karnes, Tennessee; John Deegan, New Jersey; Joe Wilmoth, Arkansas; Gardner Altman, North Carolina; Jim Morrison, North Texas; Laurell Akers, South Texas; Joe Bryant, Mississippi; James W. Jones, Indiana.

be grieved and wounded by the actual deeds of people like that woman who operated a house of sin! What agony He must have suffered when all the vile and vicious sins of the human race were transferred to Him and God made His soul an offering for sin! Think also of the great grief of the Father, of whom it is written that He could not bear even to look upon iniquity, when He laid upon His Son the iniquity of us all and made His sinless Son to be sin for us.

Christian friend, would you trifle with cancer? Then why do you trifle with sin, when the Great Physician, the Friend of sinners, solemnly warns you that the wages of sin is a death far worse than that of cancer? You who are parents would do everything in your power to rid your son or daughter of the last trace of a dangerous virus. Why then can you not understand the pas-

sionate desire of your heavenly Father to cleanse you from the virus of unrighteousness and from the leprosy of moral evil?

You say, "I am not a heinous sinner; I am a Christian." And yet you please yourself instead of pleasing your God. You indulge in pride and conceit and selfishness which are repugnant to the nature of the Lord. Unkind words hurt Him. Impatient outbursts grieve His Holy Spirit. God hates *all* sin, whether it is in you or in anyone else. All sin is the same in nature. The Lord warns us to avoid even the appearance of evil. He does not want us even to run the danger of exposing ourselves to this malignant enemy of holiness. "Take heed," the Word of God says, "lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin," and you "depart from the living God" who cannot bear to see any worldliness and lovelessness in His children. Beware lest you make a God who is merely a figment of your imagination, and think that He is indifferent to your little shortcomings, your so-called white lies, your prayerlessness, your love of pleasures and of ease. There are no white sins in His sight. Sin is black, deadly, and utterly abhorrent to the holy nature of God.

*O Spirit of God, demonstrate anew that sorrow and that anguish of the Father and the Son and the Spirit in power to Thy people! May we confess, as we behold Gethsemane and Calvary, that there is no sorrow like unto Thy sorrow, even that sorrow to which we brought Thee by our sin and shame. Then may we see the fountain that Thou hast opened for all sin and uncleanness, and be cleansed from all our iniquity. For Thou hast made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. O God, may we be joined to Him in spirit and in truth, so that Thy divine nature may be manifest through our lives day by day and hour by hour. Then shall we know the joy of the Lord, and enter into a victorious and abundant life.*

The cross is the great center of God's moral universe! To this center God ever pointed, and the eye of faith ever looked forward, until the Saviour came. And now we must ever turn to that cross as the center of all our blessing, and the basis of all our worship, both on earth and in heaven—in time and throughout all eternity.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Sale of Pork Banned in Jerusalem

Harking back to the dietary laws of the Old Testament, the Jerusalem Municipality has a bylaw completely banning the sale of pork in the Israel capital.

## JBS Sets Goal at 2 Million Scripture Sales

The Japan Bible Society is trying to find and train forty colporteurs to help achieve the goal of two million sales of Bibles or Scripture portions during 1957. The Society also hopes to get 500 Japanese stores to sell Bibles.

## Free Sunday Bus Rides for Churchgoers During Lent

Churchgoers are getting free rides on the public buses of Buffalo, New York, each Sunday during Lent. Anyone boarding a bus between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays need only tell the driver they are en route to or from church, and no fare will be collected.

## Michigan Prison to Have New Chapel

The world's largest walled prison is to have a new chapel. It is the Southern Michigan State Prison located at Jackson, Michigan. The state will build the new chapel, and church members of all faiths will be asked to donate funds to furnish it.

## U. S. Debt Near a Trillion Dollars

Americans owe nearly \$1,000,000,000,000 in both public and private debts, according to an estimate by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It said that if prosperity lasts, this load can be carried, but warned that "a burden which feels like a featherweight during prosperity may feel like a ton of bricks in a depression."

## Sunday School Contest Proves it . . .

### HARD WORK CAN BOOST ENROLLMENT

Churches competing in a six-week Sunday School attendance contest sponsored by **Christian Life** magazine reported a total gain of nearly 170,000 pupils as a result of the competition, according to Robert Walker, editor of the magazine. He reported that Sunday Schools from 47 states and several foreign countries entered this year's contest. They represented 40 denominations.

Grand prize winner was the First Presbyterian Church in Bremerton, Washington. The church will receive a 48-passenger bus, and the pastor will receive an expense-paid flying tour of the Holy Land.

A hundred churches won honors for their achievements in the contest. Many Sunday Schools reported gains of more than 200 per cent. One school recorded an increase of 1,649 per cent.

A number of Assemblies of God Sunday Schools participated in the contest. In Nigeria, one of our schools of 300 made 40,000 personal visits during the six-week period, rented 59 taxis, and had 2,560 come to church on the last Sunday of the contest. Four Nigerian Assemblies of God Sunday Schools (Aba, Uzuakoli, Egbeda, and Enugu) were among the prize winners. Three others received honorable mention.

First Assembly, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received sixth prize in its class. Five other U. S. Assemblies (Evangel Temple, Portland, Oregon; First Assembly, Lorain, Ohio; Central Assembly, Memphis, Tennessee; and the Assemblies in Mullah, Idaho; and Piqua, Ohio) received honorable mention.

## Mission Schools Lose 1,400 Jewish pupils

Israel's Deputy Minister of Social Welfare has reported that 1,400 Jewish children were removed from missionary schools in Israel last year. Four hundred of the children were placed in private schools, and the remainder in public schools. Jewish leaders are anxious to keep the children from Christian influence.

## Third Airline Offers Clergy Fares

A third airline has announced its intention to offer reduced fares for clergymen. It is Central Airlines which serves Denver, Colorado Springs, Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Tulsa, Wichita, Joplin, Kansas City, and St. Louis. The new rates will be in effect by early May.

Previously Bonanza Air Lines and Cordova Airlines had announced such rates. Clergy rates on a "space available" basis were authorized by the 84th Congress.

## Chicago to See "Martin Luther" on TV After All

The film, "Martin Luther," will be shown by a Chicago television station after all. It will be presented on Tuesday, April 23, at 10 p.m. over WBKB-TV, an affiliate of the American Broadcasting Company. Sponsorship will be by Community Builders, a home construction firm, at a cost of about \$10,000.

Because of the wide interest stirred up in the cancelling of the film by Chicago station WGN-TV through alleged Roman Catholic pressure last December, the film should reach a wide audience.

## Protestant Leaders in Israel Ask U.N. to Maintain Peace

Leaders of seven Protestant groups in Israel appealed to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations to press efforts for lasting peace in the Middle East. Their message said that delay in finding the way to a true and lasting peace increases the danger not only of an outbreak of violence in the Middle East but of a general war. They stressed that peace conditions must include guarantees of freedom from aggression for Israel and other nations in the area. One of the seven signers of the petition was H. B. Pencovic, representative of the Assemblies of God in Israel.

## Religious Freedom Expected in new Nation of Ghana

A missionary says that cabinet ministers of Ghana told him "religion would enjoy complete freedom" in the new nation. Ghana, formerly known as Gold Coast, is the newest country in the British Commonwealth.

However, Protestant leaders boycotted an independence celebration at Accra, in the new nation, because it included a pagan rite during which a libation was poured on the ground as an offering to the gods. The clergymen protested that the inclusion of any religious rite at a civic ceremony would offend the conscience of many guests.

Three million of the 5,137,000 population of the new Negro nation are pagans; about 800,000 are Moslems, 700,000 are Protestants, 525,000 are Roman Catholics, and 1,200 are Eastern Orthodox.

# The Old Cross and the New

WE STILL LOVE TO SING ABOUT THE OLD RUGGED  
CROSS OF CHRIST'S—BUT HOW RUGGED IS OURS?

BY A. W. TOZER

**A**LL UNANNOUNCED AND ALMOST UN-detected there has come in modern times a new cross into popular evangelical circles. It is like the old Cross, but different. The likenesses are superficial, the differences are fundamental.

From this new cross has sprung a new philosophy of the Christian life; and from that new philosophy has come a new evangelistic technique, a new type of meeting, and a new kind of preaching. This new evangelism employs the same language as the old, but its content is not the same and its emphasis not as before.

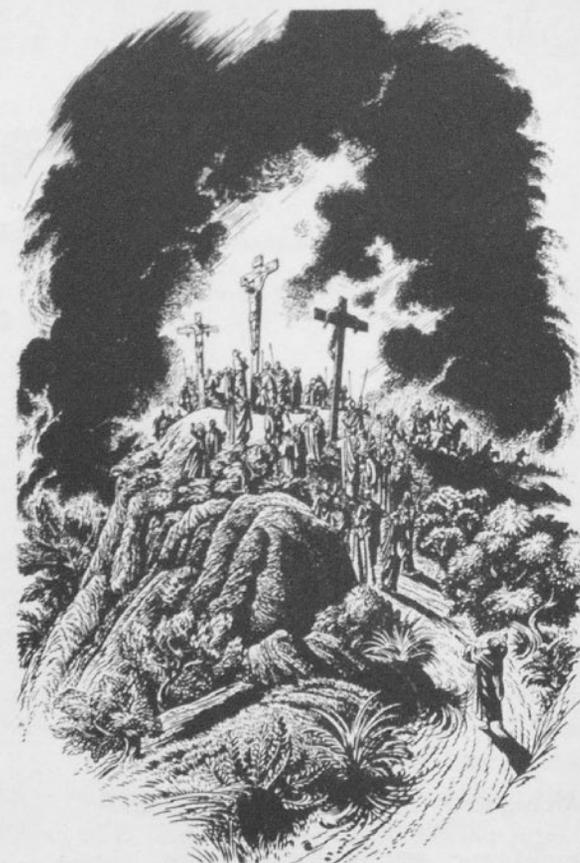
The old Cross would have no truck with the world. For Adam's proud flesh it meant the end of the journey. It carried into effect the sentence imposed by the law of Sinai. The new cross is not opposed to the human race; rather is it a friendly pal, and if understood aright, it is the source of oceans of good clean fun and innocent enjoyment. It lets Adam live without interference. His life motivation is unchanged; he still lives for his own pleasure, only now he takes delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies instead of singing bawdy songs and drinking hard liquor. The accent is still on enjoyment, though the fun is now on a higher plane morally, if not intellectually.

The new cross encourages a new and entirely different evangelistic approach. The evangelist does not demand abnegation of the old life before a new life

can be received. He preaches not contrasts but similarities. He seeks to key into public interest by showing that Christianity makes no unpleasant demands; rather, it offers the same things the world does, only on a higher level. Whatever the sin-mad world happens to be clamouring after at the moment is cleverly shown to be the very thing the gospel offers; only the religious product is better.

The new cross does not slay the sinner; it redirects him. It gears him into a cleaner and jollier way of living and saves his self-respect. To the self-assertive it says, "Come and assert yourself for Christ." To the egotist it says, "Come and do your boasting in the Lord." To the thrill-seeker it says, "Come and enjoy the thrill of Christian fellowship." The Christian message is slanted in the direction of the current vogue in order to make it acceptable to the public. The philosophy back of this kind of thing may be sincere, but its sincerity does not save it from being false. It is false because it is blind. It misses completely all the meaning of the Cross.

The old Cross is the symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of a human being. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said good-bye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going to have his life redirected; he was going out to have it ended. The Cross made no



compromise, modified nothing; it slew all of the man, completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck swiftly and hard; and when it had finished its work, the man was no more.

The race of Adam is under sentence of death. There is no commutation, and no escape. God cannot approve any of the fruits of sin, however innocent they may appear or beautiful to the eyes of men. God salvages the individual by liquidating him and then raising him again to newness of life. That evangelism which draws friendly parallels between the ways of God and the ways of men is false to the Bible and cruel to the souls of its hearers. The faith of Christ does not parallel the world; it intersects it. In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life on to a higher plane; we leave it at the Cross. The corn of wheat must fall to the ground and die.

We who preach the gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to Big Business, to the Press, or the World of Sports, or Modern Education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum. God offers life, but not an improved old life. The life He offers is life out of death. It stands always on the far side of the Cross. Whoever

would possess it must pass under the rod. He must repudiate himself and concur in God's just sentence against him.

What does this mean to the individual, the condemned man who would find life in Christ Jesus? How can this theology be translated into life? Simply he must repent and believe. He must forsake his sins, and then go on to forsake *himself*. Let him cover nothing, defend nothing, excuse nothing. Let him not seek to make terms with God, but let him bow his head before the stroke of God's stern displeasure. Having done this, let him gaze with simple trust upon the risen Saviour, and from Him will come life and rebirth and cleansing and power. The Cross that ended the earthly life of Jesus, now puts an end to the sinner; and the power that raised Christ from the dead now raises him to a new life with Christ.

To any who may object to this or count it merely a narrow and private

view of truth, let me say that God has set His hallmark of approval upon this message from Paul's day to the present. Whether stated in these exact words or not, this had been the content of all preaching that brought life and power to the world through the centuries. The mystics, the reformers, the revivalists have put their emphasis here, and signs and wonders and mighty operations of the Holy Ghost gave witness to God's approval. —*The Alliance Weekly*

## The Three Crosses

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remain unmoved by such a prayer. Had it only been whispered, Jesus must respond. He answered immediately by giving the assurance of eternal life. There was no delay, no suspense, no conditions. He said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Any other person who calls on the Lord with sincere penitence of heart will receive immediate pardon from past sins and the assurance of life everlasting. The poet has well described the possibilities:

"The moment a sinner believes  
And trusts in his crucified God,  
His pardon at once he receives;  
Redemption is full through His blood."

The three crosses are a constant reminder of a future event. At that time He who was crucified will sit as a judge. To one company of people He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." To another He will utter the sad words: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." The basic principle that prevailed at Calvary will continue in the judgment. The contrite soul who has called on the Lord will receive the mercy and smile of the Saviour, while the rejecter will reap the consequences of his sin. ◀◀

## The Artisan

*They called Him the prophet of Galilee,  
Son of an artisan  
Abiding in humble Nazareth—  
The bane and derision of man.  
And He was a sorrowing, lonely one,  
Despised from a lowly birth;  
And He labored a while in a weary land  
Till the day He hung by His gentle hands  
On a tree; between heaven and earth.  
Perhaps the child of an artisan  
In Nazareth's fading sun  
May oft have seen tomorrow's cross  
When the carpenter's day was done,  
As He would retire to His bed and lie  
Gazing at stars o'er Bethlehem's sky,  
Knowing His hour would come.  
Jesus, the son of an artisan,  
Maker of tables and stools  
Was truly the ancient, great I AM  
Who became the reproach of fools.  
Lord and Creator of Abraham  
Had come to earth to fashion man  
Into the image of God;  
Was hunted and hated and beaten sore,  
Hanged by nails on a cross He bore  
Near a city of "peace" and "love."  
Born in a manger of lifeless wood,  
Died on a lifeless tree,  
Jesus, the son of an artisan  
Was Holy Deity.  
He suffered and died for the thing He made,*

*Forgotten, alone, unsung—  
They lowered His form in the twilight shade,  
Ere the Sabbath bells had rung.  
What say the multitude passing by?  
What tell the tongues of man,  
As slowly and gently they bear away  
Jesus the artisan?  
"Oh, He was a king the world to rule;  
Died as a failure and a fool."  
He of the sad and loving eyes,  
Unmourned, except for shrouded skies,  
Unnoticed by the passers-by.  
So few there are who understand,  
And few there are can tell  
How He fashioned a door to a home above  
From the cross by which He fell—  
A narrow door that the humble find,  
And a narrow way as well—  
He fashioned souls for the courts of God  
With a skill no tongue can tell.  
Here I lift my eyes from a darkened room  
And a light-beam floods my soul,  
For secretly Christ speaks to me  
In a language few men know;  
I meet Him here in a trysting-place  
And behold the glory of His face—  
And He calls to mind an ancient day,  
And a cypress tree in a lonely place  
Where He suffered and died for ev'ry man:  
Jesus, my Lord—the Artisan.*

—L. W. Smith

# IDOLATRY INCREASING IN JAPAN

BY FREDOLF B. SONDENO

**S**INCE WORLD WAR II THERE HAVE been 700 new religions started in Japan, according to figures given in the *Japan Digest*. This shows a spiritual restlessness among the people and a yearning for something to satisfy. Most of these religions are based on healing for the body. What a tremendous challenge to the missionary! How can he hope to cope with this?

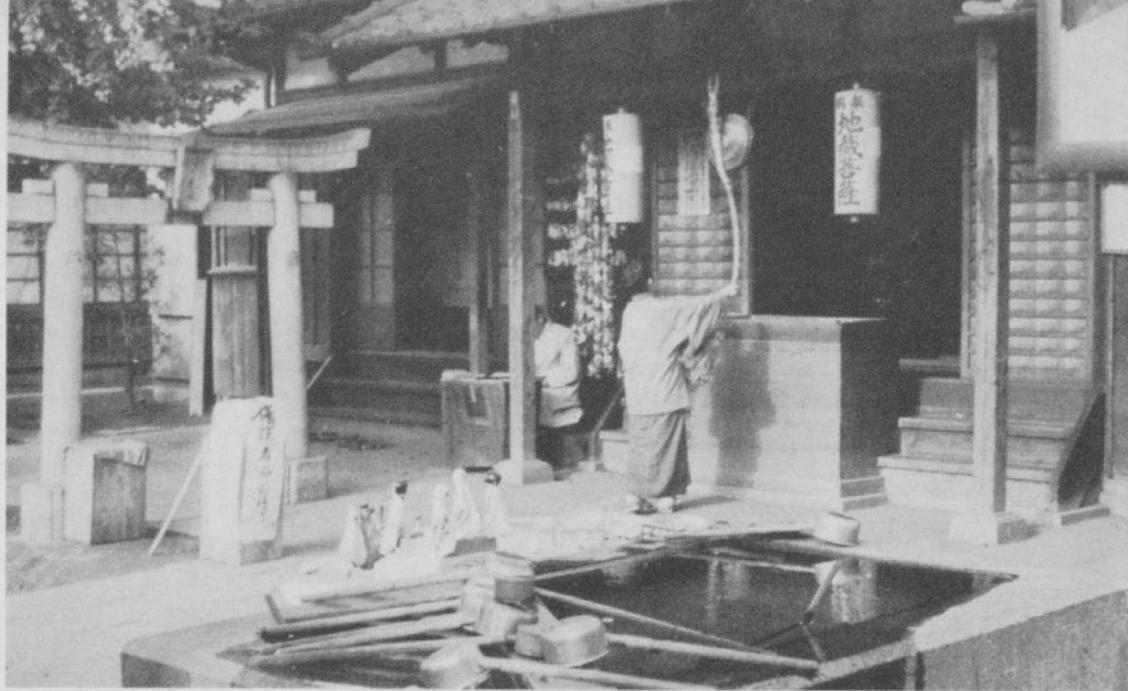
It does not seem possible that the missionary following the usual lines of missionary endeavor can meet this challenge of millions of souls longing for help for soul and body. However, a great and effectual door has been opened to answer this need—the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BROADCAST IN JAPAN!

Tokyo is a modern city, the third largest city in the world, yet here one can find the darkest heathen practices to be found anywhere. One does not have to go to dark Africa to find extreme superstition, or to India to discover frightful customs; for in modern Japan the people, longing for a better way of life, have sought in vain and in their ignorance have turned once more to useless, soul-condemning idolatry.

I have just returned from downtown Tokyo, where on the main boulevard, in the midst of modern department stores, a huge statue of Buddha sits. I saw an offering box on the altar,



Hoping for healing at the pot of the healing smoke



Ringing the gong to call the attention of the gods. Note the large offering box in front of the woman. Holy water is in the cistern in the foreground.

along with candles and sacred ornaments of all descriptions. All classes of people stopped to offer prayer to this idol of stone. There were the well-dressed and the poorly clad, the educated and the ignorant, the businessman and the ragpicker. What gross darkness exists in this intellectual center!

A few months ago, when an annual religious festival was in progress, it was almost dangerous to drive a car down some of the busy streets because of the recklessness of the excited "omikoshi"—*carrying crowd*. Once a year this god of the community is brought out in an ark and carried on the shoulders of men who are half-drunk.

What is all this about? It proves that in the heart of every Japanese there is a hunger to worship something—even though it be but a bird, a flower, a stone, a piece of paper, a can, or a lion. They will resort to anything they think will help them.

As one comes to a Shinto shrine, he will find in front of it a stone cistern where the worshiper will gargle his throat and wash his hands, symbolizing the purification of body and soul. With a prayer for the recovery of their sick children, parents place bibs on statues called "Jizo." Sometimes they take these bibs home and place them on the pillow of a sick child until they feel the youngster is cured; and then a new bib with the old one will be placed back on "Jizo."

Is this not enough reason for the broadcast, "Megumi no Kotaba" (words of grace), to go out over the air on Tokyo's most powerful radio station each week? The station reports that

we have a listening audience of about one million. Unbelievable? Yet it is true! In the U.S.A. it would take about thirty-five stations to reach that number, and it would cost far more than the amount we spend here in Tokyo. We are reaching the masses!

To see the throng heading for a Christless eternity with no knowledge of a Saviour; to note their pathetic, searching faces as they worship at the shrines and temples—how it pulls at one's heart. We must reach them with the gospel—their blood must not be upon our shoulders! About eighty per cent of the people in Japan have radios, and we find that many of the listeners are turning from their idolatry and accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Look at the women trying to cleanse their eyes with holy water in front of the shrines! Look at the questioning faces of those who try to appease their gods of stone and wood! The smoke from the great bowl in front of the idols is supposed to bring healing as the worshiper puts his head in the smoke. It is all in vain—they do not know the Great Physician!

Crouched under a table, covered with a big blanket to retain the heat from a small charcoal fire, a man writes to us:

"Praise the precious name of the Lord. Hallelujah!

"I had a symptom of tuberculosis in my body from the beginning of January 1955. Soon I came to be put in bed, was talking in delirium night and day, while assailed by high fever for forty days continuously. At the time I was treated like an obstacle; therefore, thinking I should be dead, I left my family of four, determined to com-

mit suicide. I was lying in a sick room in the third story of a hospital. While I was thinking how my wife would support the family, the high fever increased more and more.

"Then I recollected that my wife had believed Jesus Christ and had a Bible; so I, too, began to read the Bible.

"I began to spit blood once a week, and such condition continued for three months. Seeing me lean to skin and bone, no one thought I could live. In March 1956 I changed to another hospital. When I was waiting for the day of operation, spending days of restlessness and writhing, I had a chance to hear 'Megumi no Kotaba' through Radio Tokyo. As I was thereby encouraged of living, I asked them to send me a Bible. Soon I got a letter and Bible also.

"But beyond my expectation, one of the workers in charge visited me to guide me. Then I was full of thanks by receiving salvation and experiencing the cleansing of MY SOUL AND BODY. Now I am living with peace in my soul, led by the hands of our Heavenly Father in daily walk."

This is but one of the many letters we have received telling of the blessing of this radio ministry. We have a gospel of power for the soul and for the body. We trust that you will be moved upon to help in this important work. Pray with us about it. Do something for the sake of the millions here in Tokyo who have not yet heard the message of salvation and who are still steeped in heathenism. The persistence of the message will bear fruit. You can share in this.

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We are sending out the Word over eight stations, covering most of Japan. One of the stations in southern Japan reaches into Korea, where most of the people understand Japanese. On one



Washing her eyes in holy water in hope of receiving healing.

of these stations we have a potential listening audience of about twenty-five million. But unless help comes, we will have to drop this station because of lack of funds. Our funds have dropped to almost nothing. Many of our former sources have directed their help elsewhere, so that our need is urgent. Will you not make this a part of your missionary work for the Lord, so that you may be greeted in glory by Japanese who have heard the gospel through your prayers? Those wishing to help may send their offerings to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for "Japan Radio."

## Announcing Latin American Campaigns

Soul-winning and healing campaigns will be conducted by Ralph Byrd and Louie Stokes during April and May in the West Indies and South America. The prayers of God's people are requested for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit in these services.

The schedule of the meetings is as

## MISSIONARY News Notes

Beth Anne was born on January 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor in Japan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Davis of Ghana, West Africa, are home on furlough. They can be reached at 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pettenger and children arrived in New York recently from South Africa. Their address is 254 Main St., Butler, N. J.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haydus arrived in the United States on furlough recently. Their address is 416 N. Benton Way, Los Angeles 26, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Kessler of Ghana, West Africa, announce the birth of Benjamin Joe, who arrived February 10.

follows: They will hold two services in Puerto Rico and two in Rio de Janeiro. From there they will go to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Evangelist Tommy Hicks held such well-attended meetings a few years ago in collaboration with Brother Stokes and other Assemblies of God missionaries. After two weeks in Buenos Aires the next campaign will be in Motevideo, Uruguay, where they will be for ten days. Meetings will also be conducted in Asuncion, Paraguay, and then the party will return to Argentina to visit some interior cities where it is hoped churches can be established.

Please pray that these meetings will be blessed of the Lord and that permanent results will follow. The time is ripe for a mighty evangelistic move. You may have a part in this effort by being an intercessor.

Brother Byrd has been used of the Lord in preaching to very large crowds in foreign lands. In the Philippines his meetings were marked by a great sweep of revival power. The campaigns held in Liberia in conjunction with the inauguration of President Tubman were likewise blessed of the Lord. Pray earnestly for the Latin American meetings.

The Lawrence R. Larsons of Hawaii have a new baby girl, Carol Nanilei, born January 31.

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Jacquelyn Faith was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Blount on January 5 in Cebu City, Philippines.

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A cable telling of the safe arrival of Annie Bailie in Hong Kong has been received.

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Esther Olson returned to North India on March 8 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Heetebry returned to Suva, Fiji recently, and word has come telling of their safe arrival.



Mr. and Mrs. Heetebry  
Suva, Fiji

Esther Olson  
N. India

# Saved Through Revivaltime

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

A REGULAR LISTENER TO THE REVIVALTIME broadcast recently wrote, saying: "I have good news for REVIVALTIME. Our pastor says he has never seen such a stir among people as there is in our town now. The radio announcer has gotten saved, and also many more."

Letters like this are reason for rejoicing. Every week letters come as a result of the Spirit-anointed ministry of REVIVALTIME. Men and women have been saved while listening to the broadcast or as a result of united prayer of the REVIVALTIME staff and friends.

REVIVALTIME'S constant bombarding against the door of sin has produced results! Hundreds have found Christ as their Saviour, backsliders have been led back to Calvary, lives have been completely changed, and homes where sin once reigned have been completely restored to their *first love* and devotion—not only for each other but also for the Lord.

We share with you now some of the thrilling testimonies of those who have found Christ real and who now can say their names are written down in glory because someone cared enough to share their experience through REVIVALTIME.

**MICHIGAN:** "I heard your program for the first time, and it changed my life. I was in a backslidden condition, going down, down, down. God restored me."

**WASHINGTON:** "Every time I hear you preach, it stings my heart so. I gave my heart to the Lord last Sunday after hearing your broadcast. Oh, I love Him! He has done so much for me. I was a backslider."

**NEW JERSEY:** "Since hearing your program, my husband, mother

children, and I have taken Jesus into our hearts and will sincerely try to live for Him."

**OHIO:** "Back in March 1955 I just happened to hear your REVIVALTIME program, and because it was an Assemblies of God program it rang a bell somewhere back in my heart. I listened right on through and gave my heart to the Lord that night after being backslidden for nearly ten years.

"When I got saved, I was a slave to cigarettes. I tried to give them up, but I couldn't. I tried to hide them. I tried to quit gradually. I tried to quit all at once, but my nerves went to pieces. So finally, though I was ashamed to do so, I went to the pastor of the Assemblies of God church where I had started attending and told him all about it, and he prayed with me. The Lord delivered me, and I haven't had any desire for a cigarette in over a



Pastor William Tate of Chattaroy, W. Va. proudly displays the new REVIVALTIME sign. He says: "By placing the REVIVALTIME sign on the Assembly of God church here in Chattaroy, we feel that people will see that we are part of REVIVALTIME, one of the greatest Pentecostal Radio broadcasts of America and one that is reaching people with the gospel. We listen to REVIVALTIME regularly."

year. All of my old friends can hardly believe that I have quit smoking. I tell them I couldn't do it myself but Jesus did it for me.

"I've been unhealthy all of my life, but the Lord has healed me of several different things, including nerve trouble and circulatory condition.

"Before I was saved, I had a job of running a hillbilly fan club. Since I want to work twice as hard for my Jesus as I ever did for Satan, I've become class secretary for our adult class, and the Sunday School registrar, and a few weeks ago I took over the Sunday School secretarial work. I praise and thank God that He would pick me up from the miry clay and then in just a few months permit me to work for Him.

"When I got saved, I didn't know or care to know much about the Holy Spirit, but after attending church and learning all about Him, I desperately wanted my Baptism. So this past summer the Lord made it possible for me to go to camp, and I got my Baptism. I wanted you to know that I thank God for you and REVIVALTIME, for through you God reached down His hand to me. He saved me, healed me, baptized me, and delivered me from bondage. He has saved all of my immediate family, and they are now seeking for their Baptism."

**NEW YORK:** A pastor writes, "I was at home discussing salvation with a friend of the family who had not yet made a definite choice. Your message was all that was needed to complete the job. After the broadcast, they gave their hearts to the Master."

**CALIFORNIA:** "I heard your sermons on the radio and was much impressed. I was saved at one time, but had gone back. The Lord wouldn't let me sleep. So this morning I gave my heart to Him."

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And yet there are millions more who have not heard of His love, mercy, and grace. Millions who do not know that Jesus will take away their burdens and their sin. Your letter this week to REVIVALTIME may be just what God needs to send this inspiring and soul-saving message to a needy soul next Sunday. By writing, you will be joining hands with REVIVALTIME in reaching the lost for Christ.



Missionary Aviation Fellowship Pilots, making regular flights over the Auca village in the jungle of Ecuador, took this low-altitude photograph recently. The man bending over is eating a gift hamburger, and indicating with a basket that they want a "bucket drop."

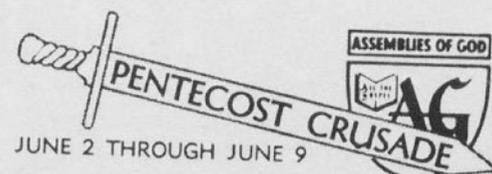
# The Aucas Show Friendly Response

The expedition to reach the Auca Indians, that resulted in the martyrdom of five missionaries in January, 1956, has been quietly continued as a cooperative effort of the evangelical missions in Ecuador. Using a two-fold strategy of aerial contact plus waiting at a fenced station near Auca territory, the missionaries report increasing evidence of renewed friendliness.

Tri-weekly flights over the Auca villages have included gift-dropping, broadcasting of Auca phrases, and—at the gestured invitation of the Aucas themselves—another "bucket drop," utilizing the technique developed by martyred Nate Saint. Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilots observe that the villages are smaller now and the young men appear to be in control, possibly confirming the conjecture that the older men killed the five martyrs—and indicating that these may have been driven out or killed by "George" and the other younger Aucas who sought friendship.

Particularly significant are the Aucas'

recent efforts to identify themselves with the missionaries and their airplane. "George" waved the yellow model airplane given him by the five fellows; others waved pieces of the stripped plane's fabric; and one Auca displayed a model plane of his own design, complete with propeller, landing gear and wheels. On one of the latest flights, a picture taken at low altitude revealed a small fence unlike any previously observed; in fact, unlike any built by jungle Indians. Its construction resembles a fence surrounding the nearest mission station (only utilizing jungle materials), suggesting that there has been visual eavesdropping which could lead to the long-prayed-for further contact.



Aerial reconnaissance after the martyrdom revealed that the Auca houses had been burned to the ground. (This is reportedly Auca custom following a killing expedition.) At lower altitude, three men were spotted nearby, and a gift dropped to them. On succeeding flights, new houses were discovered a mile farther upstream. At first, the Aucas made only small clearings around their houses, and tended to keep out of sight during the aerial visits. By April, they were coming out regularly to wave at the plane. In July they began to expand their clearings, apparently losing all fear of the airborne visitors. These clearings are still being extended, up the hills and along the tops of the ridges. This has greatly aided low-altitude reconnaissance.

Meanwhile, the McCullys' former station at Arajuno, on the edge of the Auca territory, was reoccupied. To avoid surprise attack, a large area was cleared of all brush and grass, while a tall barbed-wire fence was built around the compound.

Gifts dropped to the Aucas are designed to create a desire for further contact and lead them to Arajuno. These include rope, fire, a hammer and nails, complete with simplified how-to-do-it illustrations; also a hamburger with mustard, which "George" had evidenced a taste for when he visited the five fellows at "Palm Beach."

Nate Saint's missionary sister, Rachel, continues her linguistic study of the Auca language with Dayuma, an Auca girl who fled her tribe ten years ago. Last November, using phrases supplied by Rachel, veteran jungle missionary Wilfred Tidmarsh spoke to the villagers over a public address system rigged in the missionary plane.

Early this year, the pilot observed an Auca emerge from his house with a basket suspended on a cord. The way he raised and lowered it seemed obviously connected with Nate's famed "bucket drop." A few weeks later MAF pilots Hobert Lowrance and Johnny Keenan lowered gifts to the villagers in the bucket. And the Aucas made a return gift—a smoked monkey leg.

The evangelical missionaries of Ecuador urge Christians to continue praying for this project: for wisdom, for safety, but especially for the working of God's Spirit in the hearts of the Aucas.

—Missionary Aviation Fellowship



# Reaching Latin Americans in the U. S. A.



New Latin American congregation at Alice, Texas

**T**HERE ARE APPROXIMATELY THREE million Spanish-speaking people in the U.S.A. The majority of them are of Roman Catholic birth; nevertheless, more than twenty-three thousand of these are now a part of the Assemblies.

The foreign-language branches of the Assemblies of God are distinguished from other districts in that their boundaries are not geographical. Our Latin American District is scattered over no less than eighteen states of the Union, which is a tremendous challenge to our means and evangelistic personnel. Eighty percent of the Spanish population belongs to the laboring class and has to work hard in order to earn a livelihood. By this I mean that we have few people who are well-to-do, making it hard to reach the lost and to lift up the believers morally and spiritually. For all of this we have a definite need of well prepared workers. As our people advance in their means of obtaining a livelihood, they will be able to give more to God's work.

Every Sunday morning we have a missionary march in our Sunday Schools, in which an offering is gathered, to be used to open new fields of gospel work. The district is divided into four conferences, and they into sections. The conferences are presided over by superintendents and the sections by presbyters. With all of us working together, and with the help that we occasionally receive from the National Home Missions Department, we have been able to open new works in California, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Illinois, New York and other states.

## TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO

This new work was started toward the end of 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Perea felt the call of God to open up this place. The churches of the Santa Fe section got together to help them build the church, and have finished the building, dedicated to the glory of God and the salvation of the lost. Some of the help for the erection of this church came from the limited funds of the Home Missions Department of the Latin American District.

## SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

A lay member of El Templo Cristiano, where Josué Cruz is pastor, took the initiative and started the work in San Marcos. A church building has now been erected there to the glory of God. Brother Cruz and his church gave impetus to this work through personal and monetary assistance. The work there now has a good building and a good number of active members. Josué Sánchez, superintendent of the Texas Conference, who is also an architect and builder, was in charge of the construction work and has also had a great part in the spiritual leadership of the new work. But the mother church is El Templo Cristiano. This church provided the financial help as well as labor.

## RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Roberto Avitia and his church at Rio Hondo initiated the work in this south Texas town. Today we have a good-sized congregation pastored by a young minister, Cruz Grando, a graduate of our Bible Institute at Ysleta,

Texas. The mother church in this case is at Rio Hondo, Texas.

## YOUNGSVILLE, NEW MEXICO

High in the mountains of northern New Mexico, several years ago, God began to work in a large family by the name of Morfin; but due to the scarcity of work they migrated to the neighboring states in search of employment, and apparently nothing was left of the organized work. But today, up in these same mountains, a small place of worship has been erected, where a group of faithful worshipers come together. Sister Cecilia Morfin Velasquez, a graduate of Ysleta (Texas) Bible Institute was at the head of this church, until recently, when Brother Sosten Carter took over as pastor.

## OXNARD, CALIFORNIA

Evangelist Eliás Chamorro, together with Demetrio Baz'an, Jr., pastor at Santa Paula, California, started a meeting in this place in the summer of 1956. Later Evangelist Luis C. Gordiany pitched his gospel tent and for three weeks had a good gospel revival with excellent results. We now have a new church in this place, pastored by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio López. They have an average of about 45 in attendance at Sunday School. The work seems promising. Now Lázaro Martínez, who is a graduate of Central Bible Institute, and his wife are taking over as pastors.

## HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

1956 was a year of many victories for the church in this city. We cite this

case, not because it is a new field, but because of the victory they obtained after an apparent failure. Two years ago, the pastor, John Akino, with his congregation, went through the sad experience of seeing their old church devoured by fire. Not a few of the spectators called it a punishment from God for being Protestants. A new and beautiful building has just been dedicated, built at a cost of more than a hundred thousand dollars, proving the truth of the Word, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

#### ALICE, TEXAS

Pastor Felix Beccera has been successful in establishing a good work at Alice, Texas. Several have accepted Christ during the last four or five months. Since the church has been growing, Brother Becerra and the new converts are now quite busy building a nice little church.

#### LA VACA, TEXAS

Brother Diego Gonzales of San Antonio, Texas, felt an irresistible urge to open a work at La Vaca. With practically no financial help, he tackled the task during the latter part of 1956 and within a very short time he has been most successful in establishing a good work. There is a good spirit of cooperation among the new converts, and the present prospects are indeed encouraging.

There is not enough space to tell of many other new fields which were opened in 1955 and 1956, but these were very good years of harvest. We trust that the next two years may be even better.

The District Home Missions fund is small, but the income is distributed equally among the four conferences into which the district is divided. Into

this fund, the monthly offerings of the Christ's Ambassadors Department are sent, and what is sent from Springfield is also added to this fund. Our C.A.'s, besides participating annually in the Speed-the-Light program, take up a monthly offering for Home Missions for use in new fields in our District.

The National Home Missions Department of Springfield has been a valuable and effective help in opening up these new fields, by loans as well as donations. We are truly grateful for the help given to our District by G. F. Lewis, Victor Trimmer, and the entire staff of the National Home Missions Department. Without their financial help, moral support, and wise counsel we could not have accomplished all that we have thus far accomplished.

Surely, the best and greatest investment that we can make is in God's work, both Home and Foreign Missions. Let us evangelize our own towns and cities as well as those in foreign fields.



Annette Wirick

healed, and I have not had kidney trouble since then.

Now I go to the Assemblies of God church all the time. I am so thankful that Jesus has made me well, and I pray that He will heal all the other sick people the way He healed me.—Annette Wirick, P. O. Box 11, Moss Point, Mississippi.

*(Endorsed by Otha E. Gordon, Pastor, Assembly of God, Escatawpa, Mississippi.)*

## Child Healed of Kidney Trouble

I am seven years old. I go to Charlotte Hyatt School in Moss Point, Mississippi, and I'm in the second grade.

For about a year and a half I was real sick with kidney trouble. This made me miss school a lot. Part of this time I was in the hospital.

One night I was prayed for. Brother Gordon, the pastor of the Assembly, asked Jesus to heal me. Two days after he prayed for me I was entirely

#### GROWTH DISAPPEARS

I had a growth in my throat and was scheduled to have an operation. However, before going to the hospital I was prayed for by Evangelist W. F. Patterson. This was in March 1955.

I entered the hospital, and the next morning was given a pre-surgery exam. They were amazed with the result. The doctor said I didn't need surgery. God had already done the necessary work on my throat!—Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Pimento Avenue, Griffin, Georgia.

*(Endorsed by John F. Moore, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Griffin, Georgia.)*

## are you laying foundation plans ?

Many Assemblies of God Sunday Schools will be conducting Loyalty Campaigns this spring. Will **YOURS** be one of them? It's time now to begin your initial planning for a successful campaign which will build both loyalty and attendance in your School. For further information and helps, write to

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Springfield 1, Missouri

**BUILD WITH LOYALTY** April 28 -- June 9



# Presenting Christ in the Home

BY WILLIAM J. JONES

“CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS Home”—such were the words we used to see on placards or mottoes of felt. But *was* He the Head? *Is* He the true Head of our homes—our Christian homes *today*?

We think so; we may say so with the lips—but in our minds and in our hearts *is* He? Are there unpossessed areas of our lives, unyielded territory over which He, as King, does not hold sway?

The home—tremendous potential for either good or evil influence! Your home, my home, *any* home is that—morally, ethically. And for the Christian home, the principle still holds true—a great and mighty potential for good or evil.

Heredity tells in our lives, individually. It tells in our homes as well. But

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we can reckon on Christ to transform the past with its dark and doubtful record. We can trust Him utterly to make radiant our sinful and sinning past. And we may, as father or mother, son or daughter, reckon on the goodness of God and His merciful dealings with us in the past to make our homes what they ought to be in the present.

We present Christ in many different ways in life, and may do so in our homes. Our homes are as much subject

to the rule and dominion of Christ as our lives themselves, as our professions, our play life, our school life. Does it seem difficult to live for the Lord Jesus in the home?

Are there problems which hinder our testimony there and elsewhere? Christ is sufficient! We may reckon on His guidance—His dealings with us, in grace, in times past assure us of His continued guidance and gracious dealings with us in the present—and in our homes, too. As God has directed our paths in times past in the home, so He will do here and now in our homes! He will sovereignly, surely, wondrously lead our children in plain paths, lead them in Christ.

Yes, it takes faith, abounding faith, and trust, and hope, to present Christ, as children, to our parents. In short, we must have what it “takes” (as the world puts it) to present the Lord Jesus in the home!

We shall quail, we shall falter, we shall crumble, we shall utterly and miserably fail, if we do not have that high, and strong, and noble faith in Christ which will survive all attacks thereon. We shall fail, when decisions must be made for and by our children, if we have not that faith.

With that faith, we shall be “strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16), as the great Apostle once declared. With that faith we shall sweetly, graciously, yet firmly present Christ both in and out of the home.

Testings, trials, sorrows, bitterness? They will all come. Privation, physical and material needs—they may come, too! But faith, as an anchor, can hold firm and fast. With old John Newton we can sing:

## Code Message . . . for our junior readers

Here is another important message for you in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

### CODE

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(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 24:17, 18.)

Though dark be my way,  
 Since He is my Guide,  
 'Tis mine to obey,  
 'Tis His to provide;  
 Though cisterns be broken,  
 And creatures all fail,  
 The word He hath spoken  
 Shall surely prevail.

And wherefore have we the right to think that that "word" (as Newton put it) "shall surely prevail"? Because of God's nature and Person—and because of His mercy and love. John Newton helps us again here with this lovely word:

His love, in time past,  
 Forbids me to think  
 He'll leave me at last  
 In trouble to sink:  
 Each sweet Ebenezzer  
 I have in review  
 Confirms His good pleasure  
 To help me quite through.

That's it! He'll help us, help *you*, help *me* "quite through"! Not somehow, but triumphantly—so runs another motto.

And so, by God's grace let us meet trials positively, triumphantly, victoriously. Let us present Him by lip and life in our homes!

## Restored After Heart Attack

Over two years ago on a Thursday afternoon I had a serious heart attack. My neighbors called the fire department, and my husband called our pastor, E. L. Shaffer, and our former pastor, M. E. Edmunson. There seemed to be little hope for me, and I was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

My husband and the two ministers continued to pray, and at three o'clock in the morning they got victory. Since that time I haven't had any of the ailments that I had before the heart attack. I came home from the hospital in three days. I have been and am doing all my work, besides helping my husband with our berry farm.

Several months ago my feet swelled, and when Brother Shaffer prayed for me the swelling completely left. Though I have passed the "three score and ten" mark I am well and very active. Praise God!—Mrs. Ed Lyon, 874 South Tenth Street, Grover City, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Shaffer, Arroyo Grande, California.)

April 14, 1957



## Our Family Altar

### Monday, April 15

**Read:** John 8:1-11

**Learn:** "Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (v. 11).

**For the Parent:** Point out that the scribes and Pharisees brought this woman to Jesus to trick Him. Stress (1) Jesus does not condone sin; (2) in His great mercy He is ready to forgive the sinner; (3) His command to "go, and sin no more," means that once we are forgiven we should not return to that sin.

**Question Time:** Why did the Jews bring this woman to Jesus? (v. 6) What penalty did Moses' law require for adultery? (v. 5) How did Jesus answer them? (vv. 7-9) What did Jesus say to the woman? (vv. 10, 11)

### Tuesday, April 16

**Read:** John 8:12-30

**Learn:** "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

**For the Parent:** Review yesterday's lesson. Then point out how Jesus showed He was the Light of the world, able to deliver men from spiritual darkness and sin. If we do not believe that Jesus is the Saviour and trust in Him, we shall die in our sins because He is the only way of salvation.

**Question Time:** What could Jesus say about His relationship with God which would be good for all of us to say? (v. 29) What do you think is meant by Jesus being the Light of the world?

### Wednesday, April 17

**Read:** John 8:31-45

**Learn:** "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

**For the Parent:** Review the events of the last two days' lessons. Point out (1) the qualification for those who follow Jesus is continuing in His Word after we have believed on Him, v. 31; (2) the only person who is truly free is the one who follows Jesus; (3) we become children of God by spiritual birth, not natural birth, vv. 41-44.

**Question Time:** What is one qualification for discipleship? (v. 31) How can "truth" make us free? (John 14:6) Are all persons the children of God? (v. 44)

### Thursday, April 18

**Read:** Matthew 28:1-9; Acts 5:29-32

**Learn:** "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:6).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "The Risen Christ" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of the crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ. Discuss (1) why the Jews urged Pilate to place a guard at the tomb; (2) why the women came to the tomb; (3) what they found; (4) the assurance the disciples had that Christ had risen from the dead, Acts 5:29-32.

**Question Time:** Why did the Jews want a guard at Christ's tomb? (Matt. 27:62-66) How did Christ's resurrection affect the guard? (v. 2)

### Friday, April 19

**Read:** John 20:1-29 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they which have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

**For the Parent:** Review the events in the Resurrection story. Then point out (1) His appearances to the disciples; (2) the unbelief of Thomas; (3) the revelation that convinced him of Christ's resurrection. When we believe Christ arose from the dead, then we too are called blessed, v. 29.

**Question Time:** Why didn't Thomas believe? (v. 24) How was he convinced? (vv. 27, 28)

### Saturday, April 20

**Read:** Mark 16:1-20 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20).

**For the Parent:** Review again the events of the resurrection. Stress (1) the unwillingness of the disciples to believe that Christ had arisen from the dead, vv. 11-14; (2) the commission of the resurrected Christ to His disciples, vv. 15-18; (3) the effect of the resurrection upon the disciples, v. 20.

**Question Time:** Why did the women go to the tomb of Jesus? (v. 1) What did they find there? (v. 5) What message did they receive? (vv. 6, 7) Did the disciples at first believe Jesus was alive? (vv. 11-14)

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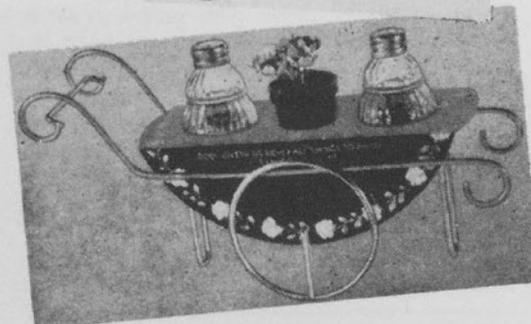
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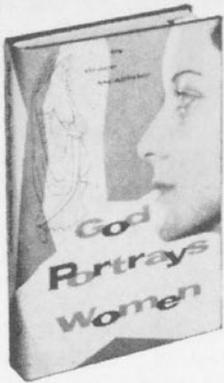
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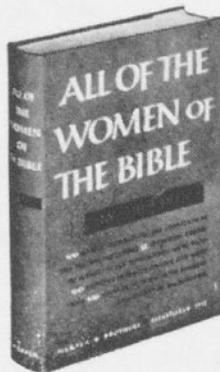
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## THE RISEN CHRIST

Sunday School Lesson for April 21

MATTHEW 28:1-9; ACTS 5:29-32

Christianity is the only religion which bases its claim to acceptance upon the resurrection of its founder. No other religion dares to do that! Furthermore, Christianity depends for its very existence upon the resurrection! Hence, it is worth while to consider both the doctrinal and practical aspects of this great subject.

### THE FACT OF THE RESURRECTION (Matthew 28:1-9)

*The empty tomb.* Matthew tells us that the two Marys found the tomb empty. John tells us that he and Peter both saw the empty tomb as well as the graveclothes lying within. How did the tomb come to be empty? The only answer is that Jesus rose from the dead and forsook it!

*The testimony of the angel.* "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." The presence of the angel on this occasion intimates that an event of unprecedented importance had taken place. The Roman soldiers saw the angel as well as the women. Thus God sent heavenly voices to attest the great fact that Christ had risen!

*The appearance of Jesus.* "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him." Luke tells us that Christ "shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days" (Acts 1:3).

In the courts of our land seven is the greatest number of witnesses ever required. But Christ was seen after His resurrection on at least ten different occasions and by at least 515 witnesses! See 1 Corinthians 15:4-6. That many witnesses could not have been deceived!

### THE PREACHING OF THE RESURRECTION (Acts 5:29-32)

In the verses comprising the second half of our lesson, the disciples who witnessed Christ's resurrection are seen in action! For the second time they have been brought before the Jewish council and reprimanded for having preached the gospel. "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine."

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sin. And we are his witness of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."

The disciples were conscious that Christ was alive, not just because they had seen Him, but also because they had been filled with the Holy Spirit. The mighty baptism in the Spirit had brought them—as it does anyone—into a new consciousness of Christ's living presence. Having, then, such proof and consciousness of Christ's living presence, it

is no wonder that these men said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

If Christ had not risen from the dead, the story of His life and death would have remained buried with Him. His followers would have gone forlornly and shamefacedly back to their former occupations. Surely it is not conceivable that these men who, after Christ's death, were so fearful and disconsolate, could of their own accord have invented the resurrection story and gone forth to proclaim it. Surely these men would not and could not have endured what they did in years to come in order to preach something they did not themselves believe in! But when Christ *did* appear indeed to them, He restored their faith and hope, sent them "the Comforter" to take His place, filled them with His Holy Spirit, and thus gave them something to preach and write about!

But where do we come in? We, too, are witnesses of His resurrection. We did not see Him rise, but we have "a more sure word of prophecy"—the witness of the Word (2 Peter 1:19); and we also have the witness of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling and filling Christ is made gloriously alive! By the power of His resurrection we have victory over sin, Satan, and circumstances. See Romans 6:1-14; 8:31-39. Because of His resurrection we are assured of our acceptance with God (Romans 4:25). We are sure of an interceding High Priest in heaven (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1). We are assured of our own future resurrection and immortality (1 Thessalonians 4:14; 2 Corinthians 4:14; John 14:19).

In view of these things let the ruling passion of our lives be—as it was with Paul—to "know him, and the power of his resurrection," and to make Him known to others! (Philippians 3:10-12).

—J. Bashford Bishop

### PROOF OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION



# EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Booneville	A of G	April 14—	Eldon Bryce	Earl Teeter
	Van Buren	First	April 14-28	Glen Shinn	Edwin Burris
Calif.	Covina	A of G	April 21—	Bob McCutchen	J. B. Lindsey
	Delano	A of G	April 21-May 5	Jerry Fry & wife	Lloyd J. Cagle
	Harbor City	Revival Tab.	April 7-21	Watson Argue, Jr.	Fred Martin
	Merced	First	April 21—	N. L. Ballew	Earl C. Gould
	Reedley	* A of G	April 16-21	Virgil Warens & wife	George Brown
	Woodland	Full Gospel Ch.	April 2-14	Maurice Contreras	R. A. Wilson, Jr.
Colo.	Colorado Springs	First	April 21—	George Gospel Team	Milton A. Newman
Conn.	New London	A of G	April 14—	Ronald Hudson & wife	Ove Pettersen
Ga.	Cairo	First	April 8-21	Fisher-Chaffee	Allen E. Davis
Ill.	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	April 21—	Velmer Gardner	Loren D. Doss
	Granite City	First	April 14-28	Bill Sharp & wife	James C. Kofahl
Ind.	Elkhart	Calvary	April 16—	David E. Gans	Dale C. Zink
	Greenfield	A of G	April 7-21	George Flora & wife	James Rowell
	Terre Haute	First	April 10-21	Christian Hild	Allan G. Snider
Iowa	Mount Ayr	A of G	April 21-May 5	LaVern Goldbriht	Clifford Gerard
Ky.	Henderson	A of G	April 21—	J. D. Middlebrook	Wayne Hemphill
	Davenport	West Side	April 21-May 5	E. C. Lagmay & wife	C. A. Weaver
	Des Moines	First	April 14-28	Arnold Segesman & wife	A. M. Alber
	Marshalltown	First	April 14-28	Andrew S. Teuber	M. E. Parlotz
Mich.	Three Rivers	Full Gospel	April 21-May 5	James West & wife	D. C. Manley
Miss.	Columbia	A of G	April 16-28	Nelson Palmer & wife	R. G. Hardy
	Jackson	First	April 16-28	Joel Palmer & wife	Coy H. Nicholson
	Meridian	First	April 21—	Laurell L. Akers	R. C. Davis
N. J.	Newark	Bethel	April 17-28	Watters Gospel Team	Fred Eide
Ohio	Cleveland	First	April 14—	W. M. Stevens	M. M. Brewer, Jr.
	Youngstown	Calvary	April 16-28	Eddie Roush & wife	Anthony DePolo
Okla.	Sayre	A of G	April 21—	Billy Wolfe	Nath Franks
Oreg.	Salem	A of G	April 21-May 12	Jimmy Mayo, Jr.	Chester Schaberg
Pa.	Quakertown	First	April 21-May 5	Steve Bogdan & wife	Wesley Clark
Tex.	El Paso	First	April 21—	J. F. Pepper & wife	Wm. Hageman, Jr.
Wash.	St. John	Pentecostal	April 21—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Ben Taylor
Wis.	Beloit	A of G	April 7—	John Timm	Earl Scharnick
	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	April 21—	E. T. Quanabush	John Congelliore

\* Children's Revival

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH DEDICATION**—April 14 at First Assembly of God, Rapid City, S. Dak. Dwight McLaughlin, speaker.—by Bernard B. Ridings, Pastor.

**DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH**—April 19 at First Assembly of God, 16th and Ferry Sts., La Crosse, Wis. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. G. Raymond Carlson, speaker.—by Darwin H. Heuser, Pastor.

**WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION**—Apr. 22-25 at Christian Assembly, Wausau, Wis. E. C. Sumrall, guest speaker; LeRoy Sanders, Sunday School speaker. For reservations write E. L. Cleveland, 211 Williams St., Wausau Wis.—by Lyle E. Curtis, District Secretary.

**NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**—Apr. 29-May 2 at Bethany Church, Broadway and Summer Sts., Paterson, N. J. C. M. Ward, speaker. Ministers' Institute at 9:30 a.m.; business session at 2 p.m.; W.M.C. nickel march on Wednesday night; ordination on Thursday night. Services with Brother Ward will continue each evening through Sunday, May 5, with Revivaltime released directly from the church.—by R. J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

## THIRTEEN ASSEMBLIES CO-OPERATE IN WORKERS TRAINING

**JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**—Thirteen Assemblies of God Churches in the Jacksonville area co-operated in a Workers Training Course held here January 28 through February 1 at Calvary Temple. At the close of the five sessions, 175 had earned certificates.

This was the first united Workers Training Course held in the Jacksonville area. It was unanimously decided to make this an annual event every January. Harold Bullock, District S. S. Director for South Florida, and his wife were present for the final session.

J. Robert Ashcroft, Springfield, Mo., was the instructor for the course which was based on the book "The Spirit Himself" by Ralph M. Riggs. On many occasions the Holy Spirit fell in such power that Brother Ashcroft was unable to minister. The climax came the last night when it was impossible to give the examination for the course, as so many came to the altar to tarry for the baptism of the Holy Spirit or to be refilled.

—by J. Russell Mayhew,  
Sectional S. S. Representative

## "I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC"

(Continued from page five)

prayer she had prayed whereby God had received her into His kingdom. She told of praying the sinner's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner, and save my soul." That testimony and that prayer were used of God to produce a miracle in my life.

In my dying condition, I crawled out of bed and got on my knees on the cold concrete floor of the prison. I lifted my twisted hands, racked with pain, and turned my red, bleary eyes up toward heaven and cried out, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner, and save my soul and let me die—for I am too sick to go any farther!"

A loving God in tender mercy reached down into the depths that day and lifted my soul from despair to heavenly heights. He saved my soul in answer to my prayer. The old "Bunk" Lock was dead forever, and a new creature in Christ Jesus had begun to live. Getting back into bed, I fell into a deep and blessed sleep such as only those who know Jesus can enjoy.

Soon my sentence at the prison farm was ended, and again I was on the streets of Houston, dependent upon the contributions of others for my needs. But it wasn't long until the good news spread around that "Bunk" Lock wasn't drinking any more, wasn't taking any more dope pills. I had been completely delivered from old habits when Jesus saved me. Although I still had to frequent my old haunts on skid row, because I knew nowhere else to go, my companions knew that I was not the same. They didn't offer me liquor any more, but they offered me milk and soup.

Then the Veterans' Administration learned that I was in a dying condition and they put me in McCloskey Veterans' Hospital at Temple, Texas. There I began to read the Bible provided by the Gideons. As I read, faith began to grow in my heart and the healing process started. The blotch of Egypt, the galloping tuberculosis, the crippling arthritis all left me and on July 23, 1953, I was pronounced

completely cured and dismissed from the hospital.

I went to Lodi to see my mother. Through those long, dark, discouraging twenty years when she didn't know whether I was living or dead, she had been faithful to pray for me. Can you imagine the joy that was in our hearts when we met that day, mother and son, bound in a tie even greater than that of the love of a mother for her child, of a child for his mother. Jesus Christ was the Saviour of both of us.

I returned to Houston, and the Texas State Hotel gave me a job because I knew so many of their wealthy oilmen clients. I, who had once been such a nuisance that the hotel management had me arrested and taken to jail, was now a valuable man because the Lord had transformed my life.

Later I got a job with an oil firm, and I was on my way back up the ladder to success again, when I felt the call of God to leave the business and go out and tell others what God had done for me. I do not claim to be a preacher. I have no sermons to preach, but I have a testimony. I am a witness. I can tell them that the story of the prodigal son is true, that God is alive and still in business, that the days of miracles are now!

I think that the influence of the miracle of my deliverance has been summed up best by newspaper columnist Sigman Byrd who wrote in the *Houston Chronicle*:

"All my life I have wished that I could witness a miracle. Now I am convinced that I have seen one. I've seen a man transformed from a chronic, acute alcoholic, a stumble-bum, dying of galloping tuberculosis in the depths of skid row, into a handsome, robust man with a magnetic personality, and an eloquent, inspiring public speaker. That man's name is Arthur R. Lock."

And that is just what my Lord has done for me.

—ARTHUR LOCK  
P. O. Box A  
Bellflower, California

# TONIGHT

# ALL



**TONIGHT** tens of thousands of youthful voices will be raised in a solemn dedication to Christ—a dedication of **ALL**. Some who never before have been brought face to face with the claims of the gospel will kneel in complete committal. This is C. A. Day, and tonight thousands of Assemblies are joining in a simultaneous **RALLY**. Your church—your C.A.'s—need you tonight. Come, and bring someone. For the C. A. motto is not only a motto of dedication, it is a motto of evangelization: Christ for **ALL**; **ALL** for Christ.

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**COME** to the rally tonight. Support your church with your presence. Support your national youth program with your gift.

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# RALLY