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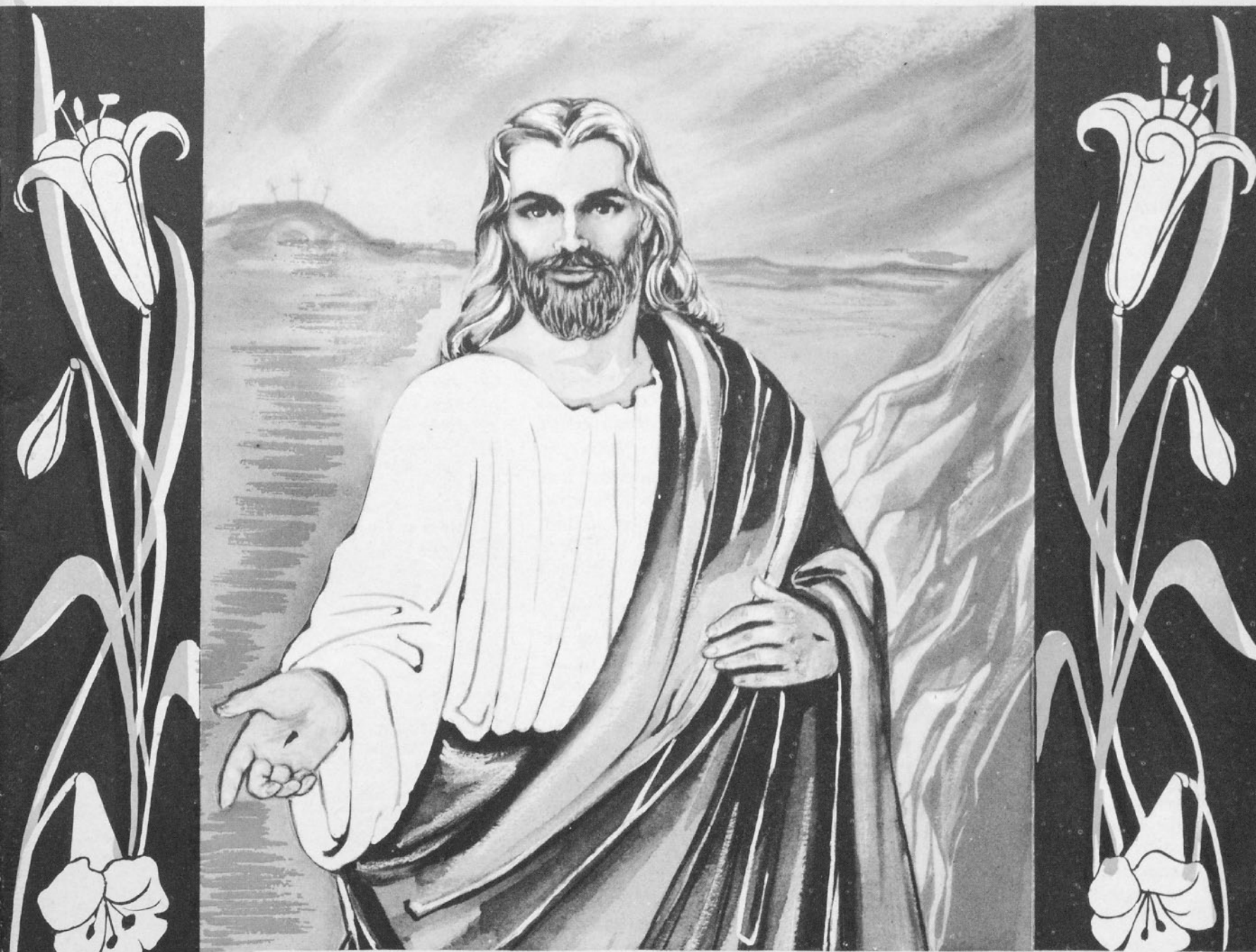
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



"Because I Live, Ye Shall Live Also."

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Have You Met Him?

Jesus is alive today! The same Jesus who was crucified, and whose lifeless body was laid in the tomb, arose from that place of death and appeared repeatedly to His disciples. Furthermore, He is still making Himself known to men and women who desire His companionship. Have you met Him?

The miracle of the Resurrection is the foundation of our Christian faith. The Lord Jesus had said He would die and rise again. He said the world would not see Him, but His followers would . . . and "because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). That is precisely what happened. Following the Crucifixion, His body was placed in a new tomb, and a great stone was rolled against the entrance. The stone was officially sealed, and a Roman military guard was posted there. But neither stones, nor Roman soldiers, nor death itself could keep the Prince of Life a prisoner. He vacated the tomb, and showed Himself alive unto His disciples "by many infallible proofs."

What was the nature of these infallible proofs? Was it merely the material evidence, the open tomb, the rolled stone, the angel's message? No, it was the personal revelation of the risen Christ to the hearts of His disciples. The women who visited the tomb that Sunday morning were not satisfied with the material evidence only. They saw the empty tomb and heard the angel's voice—but they had to meet Jesus Himself and hear His voice before the Resurrection had real meaning for them.

Recently an airplane crashed, and it was generally supposed that the pilot had been killed. The bereaved wife was crushed with sorrow, until a message came one day saying her husband had been found. She rejoiced over the good news. There was every reason to believe the report, so she did not doubt it. But when he actually returned to her, and took her in his arms, she had the best kind of evidence; she had the evidence in her heart. She felt just a bit of what Mary Magdalene must have felt when Jesus spoke to her. Mary had tarried at the empty tomb weeping, in spite of all the material evidence of the Resurrection that was before her. But when Jesus came and spoke her name, her tears vanished and she was filled with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Even after Christ ascended into heaven, He made Himself known to sincere men and women who had a spiritual hunger. Paul said it was by this personal revelation of Jesus Christ to his own heart that he became a believer. Many can say the same. Don't be content with a mere mental knowledge of the Resurrection. You can meet the risen Christ and know Him by revelation in your own heart. May this knowledge come to you today, so that you can sing with all the happy host of true believers:

*"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today;
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way:
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."*

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We have a living hope because
we have a living Saviour.

Peter's Great Sermon

BY DAVID McKEE

ONE OF THE MOST STARTLING COMMISSIONS ever given to mortal man is recorded for us in Acts 5:20. Peter had just been dragged out of prison by the delivering angel, and as he stood confused and bewildered in the gray morning light he heard these words; "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

The words of this life! What a definition for the gospel of Jesus Christ! In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." And so we read, "Jesus Christ... hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Jesus Christ has brought life. This is the record—that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

Peter was told to speak *all* the words of this life. He was commanded to preach a *full* gospel. He was to preach in one sermon, to unresponsive non-Christians, *all* the words necessary to make them wise unto salvation and lead them to life eternal.

I found myself wondering how he would prepare such a sermon, what points he would use to emphasize such a truth, what illustrations he would employ to help his hearers understand. Then the Holy Spirit led me to see that the sermon has been recorded for us just as it was preached, so that we also in our day may preach "all the words of this life." This great sermon of Peter is recorded in verses 30-32.

CHRIST EXALTED

"Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree... hath God exalted."

"Christ crucified" is a needed emphasis, but it is not the whole gospel. "Christ risen again" may bring hope to the brokenhearted ones who have lost a loved one, but this message alone will not revolutionize the world. "Christ crucified, risen again, and exalted to the right hand of God" is the message with all the words of life for the people of every age.

Tradition tells us that the early Christians, recognizing this as vital truth, would greet each other, "The Lord is risen indeed." And the other would respond, "And sitteth at the right hand of God."

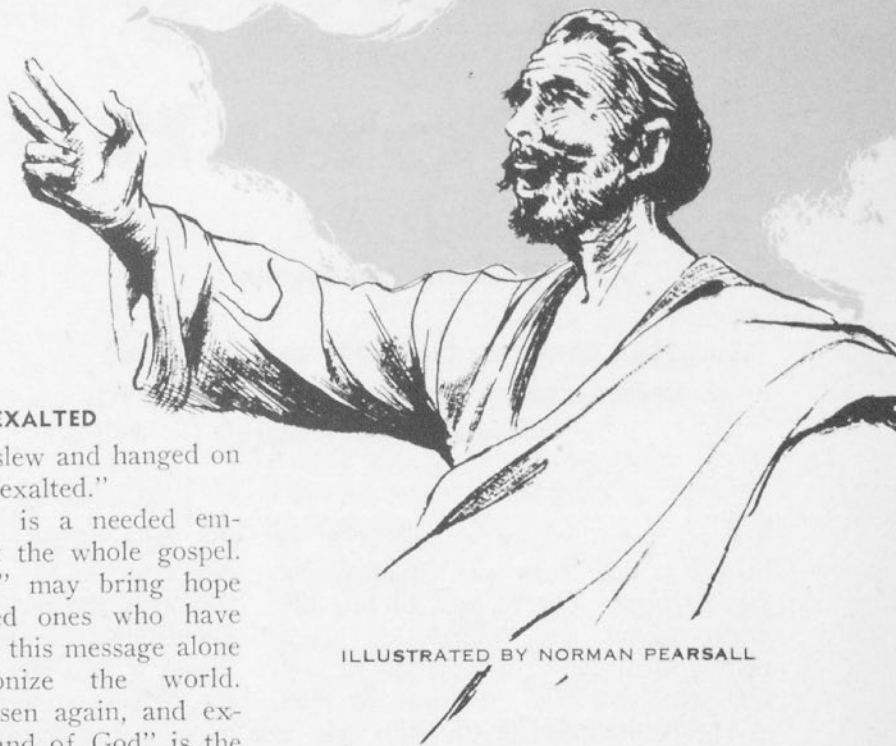
Christ is exalted to be a Prince (v. 31). When Christ came,

*"They all were looking for a King,
To smite their foes, and raise their
standards high:*

*He came, a little baby thing,
That made a woman cry."*

But that "little baby thing" is a Prince! He is the Prince of peace. The government rests upon His shoulders, and of the increase of His government there shall be no end. While the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things, His throne abides eternal in the heavens until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

He is exalted to be a Saviour (v. 31). He is exalted, not to condemn the world which refused His claims and led Him to Calvary, but to save the world.



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"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Our God is here revealed as One exalted to give. "Him hath God exalted... to give." I have visited the sacred shrines in India and have seen the gods who *take*. I have seen the tired despair in the eyes of the aged priest as he poured water on the face of his stone god. I have felt the indignation burn within as I watched the poor and undernourished bring daily offerings of rice, oil, coconuts, and flowers to greedy gods who take. Then I have knelt with new love and devotion at the feet of Him who said, "I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.... If I were hungry, I would not tell thee."

Love is always giving; and God, who is love, is ever giving, ever expending Himself upon the unloveable. God the Father so loved the world that He *gave*. God the Son came to minister and to *give*. He loved me and gave Himself for me. "God's way of pos-

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The Empty Tomb

By D. H. McLaughlin

FOUR GREAT RELIGIONS ARE BASED DIRECTLY
UPON PERSONALITIES, BUT ONLY ONE HAS ITS
FOUNDER'S EMPTY TOMB.



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ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN IN history is that there was a man named Jesus Christ. The records of His life, death, burial, and resurrection are a matter of available information to anyone who will take the time to read.

The resurrection of Christ is just as much a fact as any of the other details concerning Him. Though the meaning of the resurrection is a theological matter, the fact of it is a historical matter. The nature of the resurrection body of Jesus may be a mystery, but the fact that the body disappeared from the tomb is a matter of historical evidence.

There can be no resurrection until someone has died. Christ actually died and was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea. On the third day He arose from the tomb and was seen to be alive (1 Cor. 15:1-8).

Jesus staked the entire future of His Church on His prediction that He would rise from the dead. "*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up*" (John 2:19). Since Jesus said that He would die and would rise again from the dead, it was positively demanded that such events should happen.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the principal fact in the believing and the preaching of the early apostles. There was no question in their minds as to whether this was the same Jesus or whether He was alive again from

the dead. They were absolutely certain that He had risen from the dead. To them, the resurrection of Jesus explained the meaning of His death. To them, it was the principal basis for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The proofs or evidences of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead are many:

1) There is the silent testimony of the empty tomb. The tomb where He was buried was found to be empty on the third morning.

2) There were a number of persons who witnessed the fact that the tomb was empty—Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, also Peter and John (Matt. 28:1-6; John 20:1-8).

3) The angel attendant at the tomb testified to His resurrection when he said, "*He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay*" (Matt. 28:6).

4) The clothes in which He was buried were found after His resurrection lying in the tomb, and were identified to be the exact clothes in which He was buried.

5) There are a number of people mentioned in the Bible, whose character we have no reason to doubt, who, though they did not witness His actual resurrection from the dead, saw Him after He was raised. The Lord's appearances were many. There are at least 14 post-resurrection appearances

of Jesus that are recorded in the New Testament.

Jesus Christ said He would die. He was fastened to the cross and there He died, and was buried. But Jesus Christ rose again. Our faith is based upon the truth that One died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He rose from the dead. The entire Christian religion teaches of His death, burial, and resurrection. We most emphatically believe that if Christ be not raised from the dead we are yet in our sins and we are lost.

Joy unspeakable and full of glory cannot be found by faith in a dead Christ. These fruits come only from faith in One alive from the dead and living forevermore. Peace of conscience comes only by faith in a living Christ. The Holy Spirit and all kindred blessings come only by faith in a living Christ.

A modernist said: "If the bones and dust of the body of Jesus were found somewhere today in a grave, it would not make any difference to my faith." We answer that if the bones and dust of the body of Jesus were to be found, and if it could be proved that they were genuine, it would destroy the faith of all Christendom. A positive, hopeful, objective faith can only be found in the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is because He lives that we expect to live also. How glorious is the truth of the empty tomb! ◀◀

God hides His secrets from the wise and reveals them to simple believers.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS RECENTLY carried an article by Dr. Selman A. Waksman, in which he discussed from the point of view of a biologist the possibility of life after death, "without considering the religious and supernatural beliefs." Dr. Waksman is a Nobel prize winner for his part in the discovery of streptomycin.

Beginning with a physical definition of natural life and a list of six conditions for the existence of this life, he proceeded to show to his own satisfaction that any belief in life after death is contrary to "all the accumulated wisdom and knowledge of modern biology."

But is it? I would not expect to be able to prove the fact of life after death by scientific methods, for this subject is not within the realm of scientific investigation. There are no instruments by which we can detect or measure spiritual qualities.

Great men are great only in their respective fields, and Dr. Waksman's specialty is physical and material research. Any study of man that leaves out his psychic, emotional, religious, and spiritual qualities is incomplete, for they are as much a part of him as his blood or brain. The doctor ought not to reject them because he can't see them in a test tube or examine them through a microscope. Neither can he see a thought, an emotion, a pain, a mind, or even the air he breathes.

These spiritual qualities don't originate after birth—so why should they end at death? These qualities are inherited. You don't have to teach a baby how to cry when he is hungry or how to laugh when he is pleased. Human behavior starts in our ancestors. Environments accentuate, modify, and promote growth of our innate or inherited qualities—but the spirit of man is eternal, whether we understand it or not.

The Bible calls the body the house or temple in which the soul lives during its physical lifetime. The soul does not have to die with the body, any more than a tenant needs to die when his wooden house burns down.

My study of biology proves to me that all life forms and everything in nature show plan or design. It is all

The body cells and protoplasm that Dr. Waksman talks about live briefly and die. How thrilling it is for the Christian to realize that his soul will live on forever in heaven. He really has something to live for, and he knows it is no delusion.

Does Man Have An Immortal Soul?

BY MIKE BUTLER

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I was once an atheist. I knew very little about the Bible but studied a good deal of atheistic and agnostic literature. I read the books by Ingersoll, Paine, Darwin, and other skeptics as far back as Voltaire. I wrote articles for a free-thought magazine ridiculing religion and the Bible.

But I had no peace of mind. Dissatisfied with atheism, I studied Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Spiritism, and

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too complicated and co-ordinated to have come about by accident, natural growth or evolution—which for a tall story beats any ever told about Paul Bunyan.

Where there is design, there must be a designer. This designer is God. If the doctor thinks the limitless universe is too big for God to handle, it seems to me it is too big and too complicated to handle itself without all-powerful and all-wise supervision.

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The Thir

By James W. Van Meter



And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected (Luke 13:32).

THE THIRD DAY IS SYNONYMOUS with triumph. Every phase of the Scripture relating to the ministry of Jesus emphasizes the importance of the third day. Matthew 16:21 gives us the message of Jesus Himself to His disciples, telling them of the coming sufferings and the victory of the third day. Matthew 27:63 records the reaction of the Sanhedrin to these statements relating to the third day when they asked for a guard and a seal for the sepulcher. Thus the third day became a very important symbol—it represented the ultimate in Christian victory and triumph.

Jesus was indicted by perjured witnesses and one of their accusations was that He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." This constantly haunted the minds of the religious clique, and rightly so. The cross, too, is now a glorious fact of victory, and we view it with clarity and certainty, but to the disciples and onlookers on that day it raised some grave questions and posed some very real problems. Jesus Himself seemed to express this when He cried from the cross, "My God, My God, why?" All of us sooner or later go through trials and tests that pose the same problem and raise the exact question, "My God, why?" There is, however, a divine philosophy and an eternal principle in regard to this that, if we understand it, will help us through the difficulties of our own experiences.

Evil seems to have its day. Iniquity does abound. Matthew 26:40 records the tragedy of treason—Judas, the traitor, at that moment the toast of the Sanhedrin, the popular man with the Roman guard and the rioting mob. The

perjured witnesses were acclaimed as doing service to God and country. Treason and lies were in the ascendancy. Truth was forsaken, but only for today and tomorrow. This can be seen in our own time. Every vile and evil thing—Communism and all the sins of our time—seem to be gaining. Persecution, ridicule, and mob violence all seem to hold the upperhand. But we are only in the first and second day. There will be a "third day" of victory for the believer—for the Church.

"They did spit on his face and buffet him." Sacrilege reached a new low when they challenged, "Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, who is he that smote thee?" Christ was calm, composed, confident; for He knew about the third day.

Israel's history illustrates this principle, for although there were times when it seemed that evil and tyranny and persecution would overwhelm the entire nation, God always had His "third day" of triumph. Righteousness ultimately prevails.

Concerning Judas, we read that when he realized he had "betrayed innocent blood" he destroyed himself. He couldn't destroy the truth; he was broken on the truth. The thing that he valued most—30 pieces of silver—when viewed in a new light became loathsome and worthless. It is true that false witnesses and half-truths sufficed to indict our Lord on those two dark days, and seemed to succeed, but notice the third day. "Truth rises from the grave resplendent in its victory." Truth will always prevail, for Jesus will prevail. There is an old German saying, "Lies have short legs."



d Day

*When all the lies' work is done it
will rot;
The truth is mighty and will prevail
When none care whether it prevail
or not."*

Dr. Charles Beard, a modern historian, is reported as saying he learned four lessons from history. (1) When it's the darkest, the stars come out. (2) When a bee steals from a flower, it always fertilizes that flower. (3) Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. (4) The mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceeding small.

There are personal problems, trials, and difficulties that overwhelm us until it would seem there can be no victory, but "thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus

Christ." There will come a "third day"! The soldiers, who with the crowd laughed and jeered, were able to gamble for His robe before His dying gaze. But they became like dead men on the third day. Their bravery was suddenly dissipated by the brilliance of a conqueror who broke the governmental seal of men, rolled away the stone of religious persecution, and triumphed over Satan himself. Truth came forth on that day untarnished in the brilliance of divine glory. This was victory! It was the third day!

The Church and the believer await with absolute certainty the ultimate victory of the "third day." We may now be going through the trial of our faith; the threats of evil and the darkness of our time may attempt to obliterate our confidence and composure; but we await with absolute certainty the victory. Though now we may look through a glass darkly, on that day we shall see face to face. Though now our knowledge is partial and our prophesies are incomplete, on that day we shall know as we are known, and with unfettered rapture shall glorify Him who loved us and bought us with His own precious blood. These may be the darkest moments of the second day, but be of good cheer: because He triumphed on the third day, we also shall triumph!

Now Is Christ Risen

So ever present is the word

"Now": this moment that is ours!

We own no future and no past,

We cannot count our time by hours,

But in this brief and fleeting while

Is compassed all the hope of heaven:

"Now" is Christ risen from the dead;

"Now," and the word itself holds leaven

To lift our drooping spirits up;

For though the world is mad with hate,

And war is rampant, still the Christ

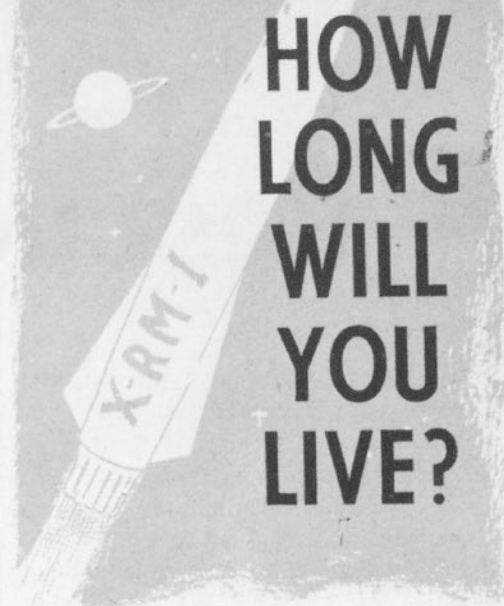
Is risen NOW, nor soon, nor late.

He stands to meet our desperate need:

The Christ, the Christ is risen indeed.

Grace Noll Crowell

**WILL ROCKETS HAVE REACHED
THE MOON BEFORE YOU DIE?**



Will rockets have reached the moon before you die? Perhaps a better question would be—will your income hold out if you should live that long? While many young people would be amused at such a fear, there are older people who are afraid they **may** live too long. The man or woman who has saved a modest sum to live on in old age must face facts and wonders, "Will I outlive my savings?"

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by R. L. Brandt

(Recently appointed to be
National Home Missions Secretary)

*All are under the cruel whip of Satan until Christ,
the Mighty Conqueror, liberates
them from sin and its dread penalty.*

Rescued From the Death

EVER SINCE MAN FIRST SINNED HE has marched perpetually toward death and the grave. From then until now death has reigned over mankind; and it will continue to reign in a very real sense, for the Scriptures declare, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Cor. 15:26). Thoughts of death are not pleasant; but since it

is the heritage of all, it is important that we concern ourselves with the facts relating to the subject. There is nothing to be gained by a "head-in-the-sand" attitude. On the contrary, one can suffer eternal loss by refusing to consider what God has revealed concerning this matter.

The Source of Death

Consider first: From whence came this irresistible foe of mankind? Is death merely an accident, or can it be accounted for? In Romans 5:12 Paul, writing under divine inspiration, provides an unequivocal answer: "...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin."

Sin is the seed of death. None can successfully contradict that fact. Plant sin—reap death! The inevitable result

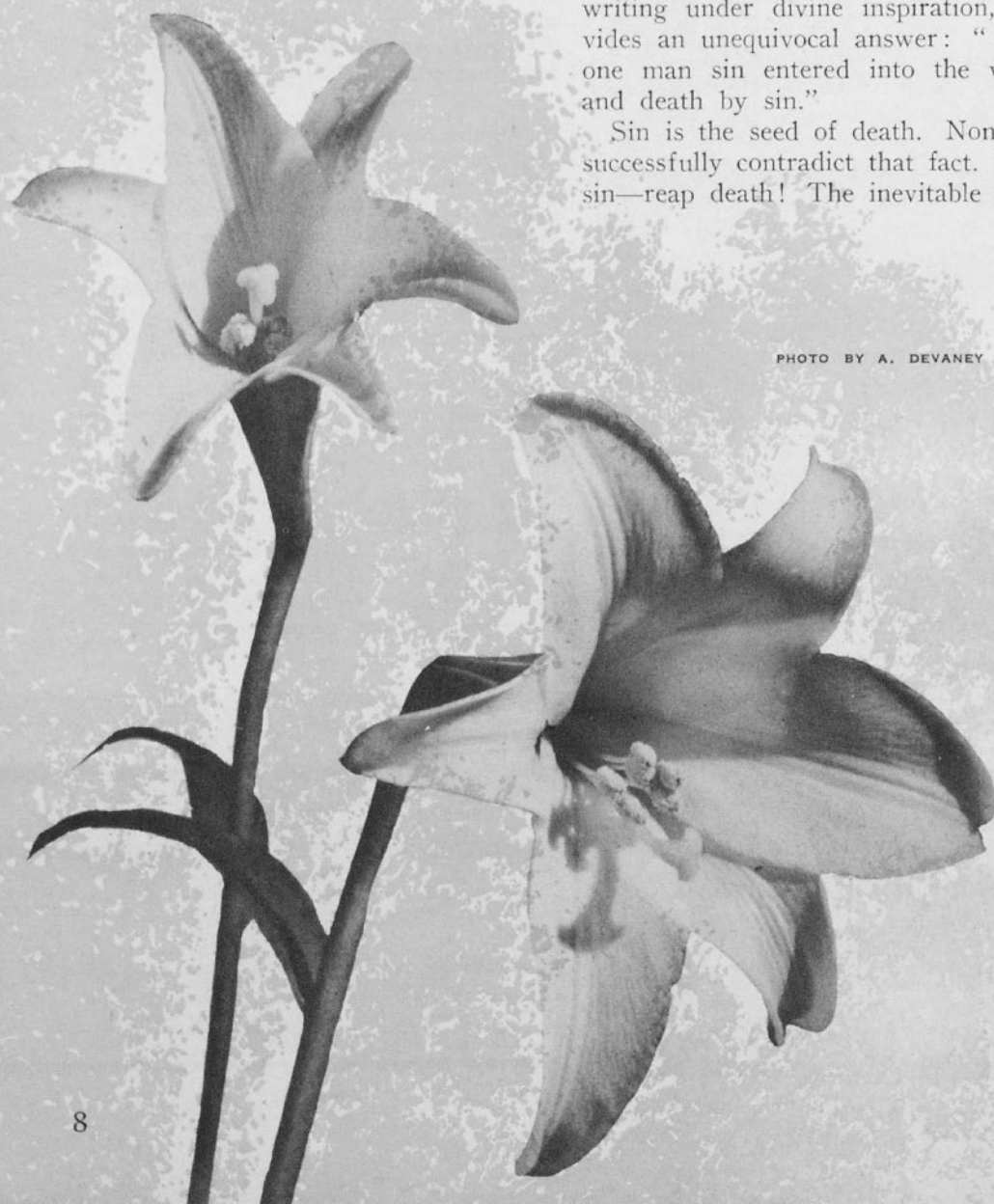
of sin is death! Sin always ends in death! Let none be deceived into thinking otherwise.

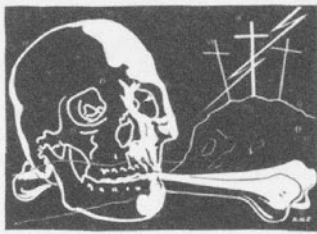
Death is first mentioned in Genesis 2:7: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Satan was the first to contradict God's Word regarding death. He said to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). Thus he persuaded the woman to disobey God by partaking of the forbidden fruit.

Did God keep His Word, or was Satan right in saying she could eat and not die? Consider what happened that day. Adam and Eve, conscience-smitten for their sin, sought to hide from God, but to no avail. In short order God sought them out and expelled them from the garden and from His blessed presence. That was death in terrible form—a thousand times more dreadful than physical death. Actually death means separation. Therefore spiritual death is separation from God, and it was in this sense that Adam and Eve died in the very day they sinned. Beside suffering spiritual death they also began, on that day, their trek toward the grave. When they sinned, death was enthroned.

The Scriptures leave no uncertainty as to the outcome of sin. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20). "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death" (Romans 6:20-21). "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15). Thus we are forced to conclude that the unalterable law of God makes death the finishing point of sin.

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March

The Subjects of Death

Consider now: Who are the victims of this dread enemy? Can any avoid him? Again we appeal to the apostle Paul for light. "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). All men are sinners; therefore, all are victims of death.

In the first chapters of Romans is to be found what might be termed "THE GREAT COURT CASE OF THE AGES." There mankind is given a just and fair trial, and all the evidence is carefully examined. Finally, when every energy has been expended in the interest of justice, the verdict is given "that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19).

I conducted a funeral for a man who had committed a terrible murder. After he had committed the crime someone led him to Christ, and several years later he died, a sincere Christian. While I preached the funeral sermon it occurred to me that here before me in the casket was the body of a man who could have received the death sentence for his crime, had he lived in a state where capital punishment was practiced. But, at the same time, I was reminded of the fact that there was not one person in the living audience before me—nor in all the world—who had escaped the sentence of death made by God Himself. Think of it: every one of us has a verdict of "guilty" pronounced against us, and with it a final edict of "death."

The Solution of Death

Consider finally: Since all men are guilty before God and consequently the victims of death, is there any solution of the problem? It must be observed at this point that death could not be dealt with directly, because death is an EFFECT and not a CAUSE. God could

not lightly abolish death and still be just.

When a medical doctor discovers a deadly cancer in the bosom of a patient he knows that death is lurking not too far down the road; but does he, with surgical instruments in hand, set out in hot pursuit of death so that he can rout him and thus save his patient? No! He knows that would be futile. Instead he deals directly with the cause—the cancer. He is assured that if he can successfully handle that, death will be no problem. So it is with God. Death was not His leading concern. It was sin that constituted the major difficulty. "The sting of death is sin" (1 Cor. 15:56).

Sin is like a poisonous serpent. Its sting spells certain death. Would to God that men feared sin as they fear serpents. Once, on a warm fall day, I was climbing a small mountain in southeastern Montana. As I moved slowly up the incline, all of a sudden I heard a rattle right under my feet. In utter horror I leaped away, just in time to avoid the fangs of a rattlesnake already coiled to strike. Why the excitement? I knew, without any question, that a strike might spell death.

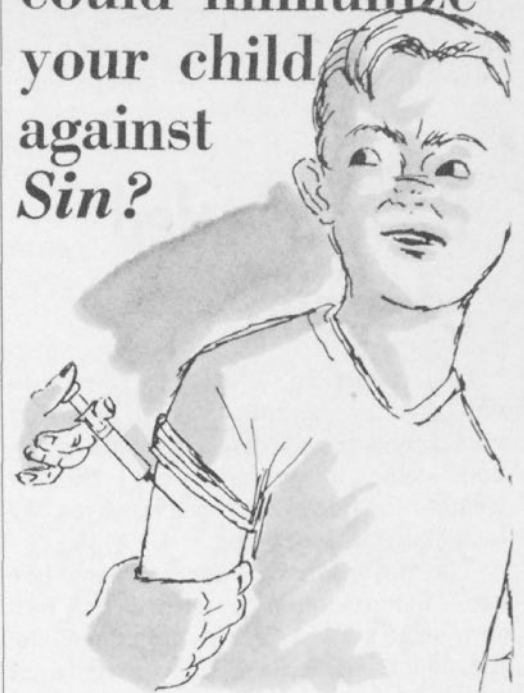
Since all men have become victims of the sting of death, which is sin, by what means could God save the sinner from eternal doom? There was only one way—the poison of sin must be removed from the sinner if he were to escape the certain consequences of that sin. And God found a way. "He hath made Him [His own Son] to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). What love! What condescension! What provision! Here is a double transfer. The sin of the world is transferred onto the Son of God, and the righteousness of the Son of God is made available for transfer to the sinner.

It happened in Gethsemane. There it was that Christ, the holy, sinless Son of God, drank the awful cup. There it was that He was made sin for us. There it was that "the Lord... laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). Although He was verily the Son of God, yet now He became sin personified. "He hath made Him to be sin." And it was at this point that sin began the death march. Let it be forever remembered that sin always ends in death.

From Gethsemane "sin" marched to Calvary where it was nailed to His

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What wouldn't you give if you could immunize your child against Sin?



Unfortunately the virus of sin contaminated mankind with Adam. We cannot bargain at the counter for remedies or preventatives. We need not, for Christ paid the price once for all.

But we need to do everything possible to bring our youth to the Saviour. Even the free remedy of salvation avails nothing if our boys and girls ignore it and yield to the extreme pressures of sin in our day.

It stands to reason that the more active the C. A. group in your church, the greater the likelihood your child will join his fellows in seeking Christ.

It stands to reason that the more active the youth program in your District, the greater the likelihood your church will have an aggressive youth program.

It stands to reason that the more active our national youth program, the greater the likelihood your District and your church will reach your child.

It stands to reason that you will give generously for the support of our national C. A. Department on National C. A. Day. To do so is to guarantee that more and more young people—yours perhaps included—will find the eternal remedy for sin, Christ Jesus.

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Healing Testimonies

Baby Healed of Polio

On August 16, 1956, our 17-month-old baby boy became very ill. At first we thought it was just a common childhood complaint brought on by the hot weather. After three days, however, we took him to a doctor.

The physician told us our baby boy had inflammation of the eardrum, as well as tonsilitis. We gave him the medicine the doctor prescribed, but by the next evening he was paralyzed from neck to feet. The doctor said it was infantile paralysis.

We took our boy to a hospital at Wausau, Wis. During that 50-mile drive my husband and I cried and poured out our hearts to God in prayer. We confessed our faults, asking God's forgiveness; we pleaded with Him to heal our baby. I believe God heard our prayers, because the specialist later brought us the wonderful news that only one leg was completely paralyzed and that the other one was only partially paralyzed.

Our pastor, Adam Biffert, accompanied us to the hospital. He brought



Mrs. John Eldridge holding son who was healed of polio.

along with him Elmer Hoff, pastor of the Antigo (Wis.) Assembly. These men of God laid their hands on the baby and prayed the prayer of faith. God healed him of polio.

He was discharged from the hospital on November 11, 1956. He is a healthy, happy boy today, a walking testimony of the power of God to heal. We are so thankful for the many Christians who were praying for our boy's healing. We cannot praise the Lord enough for what He has done.—Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge, White Lake, Wis.

(Endorsed by Adam Biffert, Pastor, Four Corners Assembly of God, White Lake, Wis.)

Healed of Stomach Trouble

In the Spring of 1952 I began having terrible pains in my stomach and was unable to keep any solid food down. The doctor said I should go to the hospital for X-ray examination and other tests. I did this, and was in and out of the hospital for a year, and still they could not tell me what was causing all this pain.

After losing over eighty pounds in weight I decided to go to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to see a doctor there. He took more X-ray pictures and made some tests, and then told me I must

have an operation at once for the removal of a growth.

I went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where I underwent surgery in the Spring of 1953. I was in the hospital there for over four weeks, and the doctors finally told me there wasn't anything more they could do for me. They had removed the growth, but my stomach had become paralyzed.

I would have to live on baby food and gelatin dessert for the rest of my life, they said, and take liver shots.

At times I became so hungry that I would try to eat something different. But each time I would have severe pain and was unable to keep the food down. I was in such misery that many nights I was up all night long, and even after I had taken several pills the pain was almost unbearable.

In November 1957 I was told about the salvation-healing services that were being conducted by Evangelist A. I. Siczko at the Assemblies of God church in Marinette. I went to these services, and Brother Siczko prayed for me. I was healed instantly! The pain in my stomach and side left. For five days after this healing I could feel the pressure leaving as my stomach began functioning again.

Now I am able to eat all kinds of food without ill effects; nothing hurts me. I have gained over thirty pounds, and feel wonderful! I can never praise and thank God enough for His healing power!—Mrs. Edwin Yeske, Menominee, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor M. E. Hayes, Marinette, Wis.)

Healed of Nervous Tension

Before I was saved I was a victim of much anxiety. This brought about a state of confusion, so that I was in continual torture with nervous headaches. I sought relief by taking large doses of aspirin and drinking whiskey. The amount of aspirin and whiskey I was taking was being increased all the time.

I might have become a real alcoholic, but then the Lord stepped in, and by His great mercy I was saved. I was not only cleansed from my sin, but also healed in my body. Confusion and worry were gone. I could eat anything I pleased, whereas before many things would make me very sick.

With a new heart and a well body I now can go through the day with the joy of the Lord in my heart and the peace of God in my mind and soul. I might have become a helpless drunkard, but when Jesus Christ saw my great need He stooped down and rescued me. Surely Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.—Mrs. Virginia Ucci, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Edwin Waldvogel, Assistant Pastor, Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y.)



Mabel Irene in Sunday School. She loves to hear about the Christ who healed her.

Baby Healed of Stomach Trouble

When our little Mabel Irene was born, she was immediately placed in an incubator. Although she was not born prematurely she was very weak and delicate. Successive feeding formulas were tried, yet she regurgitated them all. Her little body became very much emaciated. The doctor said the opening into her stomach was restricted. A terrible odor came from her; and at times a rigidity, as of death, would come upon her. We were up with our baby night and day.

On the day that our little girl was four weeks old Sister Marjorie Loomis, pastor of the Corbin Assembly of God, called on us. God heard and answered her prayer that day for little Mabel's recovery. Immediately afterward, Mabel laughed for the first time, responding to attention as normal babies do. She took her milk formula without regurgitating, and has continued to do so.

Mabel was completely healed that day and now, at the age of four years, is a healthy, happy child. She loves to

be told of the Christ who healed her body.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Corbin, Ky.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Marjorie Loomis, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Corbin, Ky.)

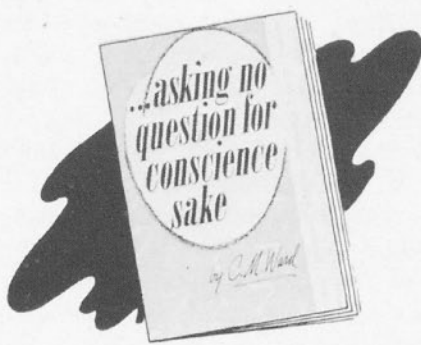
Heart Healed

I work in a hospital. About three months ago my heart ached so bad I asked one of the doctors about it. He had me go to his office for a cardio-

gram, and then sent it to San Francisco for analysis. When the report came back it was bad. The doctor told me I could no longer work, that I must take it easy.

I went to our new pastor, Brother Raiford, and asked him to pray for me. God healed me. Now I am working every day without pain, thanks to God's mercy.—Mrs. R. A. Beezley, Selma, Calif.

(Endorsed by W. A. Raiford, Sr., Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Selma, Calif.)



BY C. M. WARD
REVIVALTIME Evangelist

Stacks of mail have come to my desk inquiring about this phase of the Christian life. And I have felt for a long time that God would have me set down in clear, plain language just what the Bible teaches concerning this vital part of the Christian's daily living.

I am now ready to send our REVIVALTIME friends a copy of this unique little book dealing with the Christian conscience. How free can a Christian be? Is there anything wrong with it? Can a Christian go? Is there a difference between recreation and amusements?

What about billiards, cards, dominoes, checkers? Is it wrong to attend concerts? The theater? What about hunting, fishing, boating, bowling, sports? *Do I have to give up amusements and entertainments to find Christ?*

As far as I know, I have never read a book just like it anywhere. This information should be helpful to every Christian. This book will answer a lot of questions for the youth as well as the adult. *Every young person should have a copy of this book. Every parent ought to read it.*

This little book will be sent to everyone who requests it this month by sending the coupon below with an offering for the expanding ministry of REVIVALTIME. Thousands of new people are being

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Foot high figures of Christ and the saints were carried through the streets at night.

and top were of glass; and inside could be seen another image—the lifeless body of a dead Christ. There in the shadows a red robe lay across the figure. The end of the coffin was open, so that the devout could kiss the feet of the image. Here again the paint was worn away—even the toes had been worn down by the many kisses they had received. Gloom and sadness reigned in the place. What darkness and despair must fill the hearts of those who do not know the joy of singing, “Christ is risen, Hallelujah!”

Out on the street a man went along, masked so that his identity could not be known. He had a long whip, fashioned with a rope handle and with several short pieces of bamboo which rattled as he beat his own back, vainly trying to re-enact the sufferings of the Saviour.

A crown of thorns was on the man's head. At times he staggered and nearly fell, but kept up the rhythmic beating of his back through it all. A colorful statue of Mary stood in a small shrine at the side of the road, and the man

were led in to kiss its feet. A small girl lingered longer than the others. She had a black veil over her hair. Reaching up, she caressed the wooden arm of the image and kissed it many times. Then she started away but, returned to kiss the figure again.

At the entrance to another church, a smaller one, a crowd had gathered. The familiar sound of beating could be heard. A man lay prostrate on the cement porch, while another beat him with a wooden slat with leather strips at the end. Open gashes on his back let the blood pour out, but he made no sound.

Later a long procession passed along the road, following a man wearing a crown of thorns and carrying a cross. Another helped shift its weight from time to time. These men had vowed to suffer as Christ suffered.

These ceremonies are repeated each year. Usually there is some reason for a person's doing this—some sickness in the family or some unhappiness. Once making the vow, the person is afraid to quit.

If Christ Be Not Risen...

IN A LAND WHERE THE RISEN CHRIST IS KNOWN BY SO FEW, THERE ARE PASSIONATE CELEBRATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EMPTY CHURCHES ON EASTER

by Mrs. Riley Kaufman, Manila, P. I.

WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED, BY what we have witnessed here in Manila, of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus Christ. But there was no triumphant cry, “He is risen!” Let me describe the Good Friday scene:

Inside the cool, ornate cathedral the halls were lined with interesting old paintings. The chancel was lit by large crystal chandeliers, which hung from the high vaulted ceiling. Niches in the wall contained images; lighted candles glowed in front of them. Two young girls knelt in the attitude of prayer.

At the rear, where it was rather dark, there were steps leading to a small bridge; and on the other side of the bridge was a large wooden cross with a life-size image of Christ on it. The dark brown paint on the toes was worn where many kisses had been planted.

Farther along, at the next corner, a coffin was placed on a table. The sides

turned and fell prostrate in the dust before it. His arms were outstretched and he lay, in the form of a cross, in the hot sun. The blood and sweat mingled on his back.

From inside the shrine or shelter, loud speakers were blaring forth. There were doleful sounds of wailing, singing, and reading in a monotone. Candles burned before the image. The man raised himself, renewed his beating, and was off down the road. Others carrying out the same procedure came along, with a crowd following.

On the corner down the road, the huge doors of a large church stood open, revealing at the entrance a decorated carriage with flowers surrounding the statues within. In the evening it would be drawn through the streets with a life-size image of the crucified Christ.

Inside the church was another tall statue of Christ; groups of children

How sad that these poor, suffering souls do not know that Christ suffered so that they would not have to suffer. They do not realize that they could add nothing to the sufferings of Christ on their behalf, and that their own suffering could never approximate that of the One who bore their sins in His body on the tree.

As night wore on, the large procession neared our mission compound. Processo Marcelo, the guard at the gate, explained to us the meanings of the pictured banners carried by. Seven of them portrayed the suffering Christ.

Small boys dressed in pina barong tagologs carried lighted candles, as did the little girls dressed in long gowns who followed, their faces bearing bright lipstick. Then came the young “queens,” wearing shimmering crowns and lovely mestiza gowns, each costing many days' supply of rice. A little girl, quite fatigued, sat down in the

dust, unmindful of her pretty dress.

Foot-high figures of the "saints" were next in line, borne on the shoulders of men who had made vows. The figure of Mary led the way, followed by that of Christ. Unintelligible music from a blaring brass band concluded the parade.

As the myriad little lights from the candles disappeared and all was dark, Processo was deep in thought. Then he spoke, "When I was in the service during the war, I made a vow. It was that if I survived, I would crawl on my knees from the back of the largest church in Manila, Quiapo (The Church of the Black Christ) seven times to the front, each time kissing the feet of the figure of Christ before starting again. I fulfilled that vow!" Then, his face brightening, he said, "Now I am saved! Hallelujah!"

Places of business were closed on this Good Friday. Churches were filled. But when Easter Sunday came, there was no celebration. Markets were crowded and the Post Office opened as usual for business. Churches were almost empty. The dead Christ was exalted, but the risen Christ was unknown.

In the face of this dark scene there is the consolation that from sixteen to twenty hours every day the Philippine service of the Far East Broadcasting Company sends out a signal of light and hope. The gospel of the risen Christ is broadcast not only to the Islands but also to the entire Orient. It was the burden for these in darkness that prompted my husband to write the words of a song, to which our daughter Kay put music:

"O gospel light, shine brightly out,
Let every searcher see
God's only Son who died to save
All humanity!"

BIBLE VERSE



Therefore said he unto them,
The harvest truly is great, but the
labourers are few: pray ye there-
fore the Lord of the harvest, that
he would send forth labourers
into his harvest.

An Appointment With THE RISEN CHRIST

There is only one recorded instance in which the risen Christ appeared to His disciples by special appointment. The other meetings came almost unexpectedly, but *this* appointment had been arranged for even before His crucifixion! For He had said to His disciples, "After I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." And then the angel instructed the women, on the morning of His resurrection: "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

What did our Lord have to say on this special occasion, this special pre-arranged meeting with all of His disciples? It is most remarkable that Jesus made this meeting the *first great Missionary Convention* that the world had ever known! What a solemn emphasis it gives to the Great Commission and to the glorious work of evangelizing the world, to realize fully the dignity with which Christ invested this great occasion!

The last hour at length arrived! The forty days were ended. He who had lingered so tenderly on the threshold

of earth was ready now to depart upon that journey from which some day we shall see Him return! Perhaps He had tenderly chosen the sacred spot from which He took His last look upon the little town of Bethany, maybe even saying farewell to the little home circle. He had just finished His last message.

That message was still lingering upon their ears: "Unto the uttermost part of the earth!" "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," He had told them.

Then, lo! His form began to rise, and He was gently borne upward without an effort. As He rose, His hands were still extended in the benediction which He had just pronounced upon them. He had left them a farewell message which would never be forgotten.

Let us realize, as we dwell upon this scene, that the message was given not only to the eleven, but to the entire company. He included all who gathered around Him and would take up His commands—even to the end of the age! And this includes us—if we will meet the conditions of His promise and the responsibilities of His great command.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Word has been received of the safe arrival of the Ken Robison family in Manila, Philippine Islands.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Formosa have a new baby, Linda Joyce, born January 21.

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Daniel Paul was born February 15 to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilkie of Bolivia.

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Ruby Johnson writes: "I arrived safely in Ghana on February 4."

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A cable from Eloise Smith states that she has arrived safely in Southampton, England, after a rough voyage.



The Paul Schoonmaker family

The Paul Schoonmaker family sailed for India on March 4 for another term of missionary service.

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John J. Clement wishes to inform his friends of his new address: 535 S. 15th St., Sunnyside, Washington.

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A son, Rodney, was born December 29, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Johnston, who are on furlough from Bolivia, South America.



Drawing by G. Dore

went into the grave, and rose from the dead. He grappled with death, and overcame it; He conquered death; He robbed it of its sting. "The sting of death is *sin*." It was imperative that sin be put away before death could be conquered. How can we get rid of an effect before the cause is removed? Our Lord therefore put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

It is a noteworthy fact that the Greek rendered, "who hath abolished

The Abolition of

BY J. NARV

death," is not in the past tense (although Moffat renders it, "who has put down death," and Conybeare and Howson, "who has put an end to death"). The last mentioned rendering is in harmony with Weymouth who renders it—"He has put an end to death." A more recent translation which appears to be more true to the original Greek renders it—"who, indeed, *abolishes* death." The word means causing to cease or a complete destruction of.

A part of the work of abolishing has been done; the task has not yet been completed; the work is still in progress.

Connected with the great plan of human redemption is the first advent, culminating in the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord; also our Lord's present ministry of intercession, and His coming again in great power and glory at the end of the present age.

As certain as is the fact that the work has been begun, is the fact that the task will be finished.

Redemption is by blood and by power. The blood has been shed, and the power will be exerted. Christ came the first time, and He will come the second time. His coming the first time was that He might shed His blood, making "a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for

WE READ IN 2 TIMOTHY 1:10 that our Lord "hath abolished death." But death is still active; death is still claiming its victims. They are dying every day, every hour. Every tick of the clock marks the death knell of some member of the human family. Funeral services are being held, funeral processions are wending their way to the cemetery, and preachers are saying, "Dust to dust, earth to earth, ashes to ashes." It is taken for granted by the average man that every one of us will have to die. Longfellow wrote these familiar words,

*"Art is long, and time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."*

Men fear death more than they fear anything else in this world, and fortunes are being expended in efforts to prolong life. The physician's supreme task is to alleviate pain and stay the hand of death. What then can the Scripture mean when it says that Christ "hath abolished death"? Various explanations have been offered. Perhaps

the one herewith suggested may be new to many. I am convinced that it is the true one.

The Greek text rendered, "who hath abolished death," is *katargesantos men ton thanaton*. Reduced to its elements, it may be rendered, *down-unacting indeed the death*. The same root is used in Rom. 3:3 where it is rendered, "without effect." There the English text reads, "What if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God *without effect*?"

Our Lord came from heaven, and took upon Himself the flesh of humanity, and went to the cross, and died. He

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the sins of the whole world," redeeming humanity out of the hand of the enemy, and taking all the initial steps for the final destruction of the works of the devil. He will come the second time that He may complete the work. The devil is to be bound, and cast into the abyss, and ultimately is to have his place in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. The earth will be rid of him forever, and rid, at the same time, of all his works, and one of the

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works of sin is death. "The wages of sin is death." "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

I remember that when I was a child a bee stung me, and I cried. I remember it as distinctly as though it had happened yesterday. My sister and I were out in the woods, and my sister tried to comfort me. She found the sting had been left in my hand, and she pulled it out, and showed it to me. She told me that a bee has only one sting, and that this bee had lost that one sting, and could never sting *me* again, or anybody else. She said, "You can see its sting right here; it lost its sting when it stung you." And I was comforted by the thought that there was no danger that that bee would ever sting *me* again or *anybody else*. The poet says that "each loss has its compensation," and my compensation in that moment was that the bee had left its sting in my hand.

Sin stung my Lord when our iniquities were laid upon Him, when He bore our sins in His own body on the tree. But when sin stung my Lord it lost its sting, so far as believers in Jesus Christ are concerned. They who are complete in Him need not fear it now. This is in harmony with what we read in Heb. 1:14, 15—"Forasmuch

then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Death, through the sacrifice of Him who died for us and rose again, has been deprived of its sting, so far as the believer is concerned. Hence saints die triumphantly, shouting with Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Some day complete deliverance from death for the whole world will be wrought, and death will no longer, as now, bereave households and trouble hearts. But even now, ere the redemption which is to be wrought by power is achieved, and before our Lord reigns upon the earth and puts all enemies under His feet, we can rejoice in what has already been wrought, and in our completeness in Him who is the Head of all principality and power.

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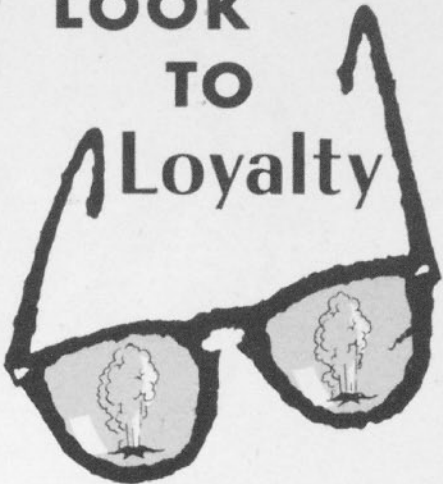
I NEVER SHALL DIE

by S. S. Scull, Mesa, Arizona

I am not old;
The jubilant psalm of life
That bubbled in my breast, a barefoot boy,
Is singing, flowing still.
I never shall grow old,
The little stream that tumbled, laughing and
crying through youth's uplands
By rocky, rough and devious sylvan ways,
Debouches now upon the plain—
A stream of life both deep and wide,
With many burdens on its bosom borne,
And fruitfulness on either shore.
Thank God, I need not live in vain.
I shall never die, I feel within my breast
A hope that's like an anchor to the soul,
Of blessed immortality.
I never shall die. Some day I'll fall asleep
And sweetly wake in the presence of Him who
is my life.
Amen! Or, hearing His compelling voice
Resounding from the clouds of Heaven,
I shall transfigured rise to meet Him in the air,
To be forever with my Lord.
I never shall die, the ever-deepening stream of
life
Flows out to God's eternity,
To meet and mingle with the stream of life
Sourced in Divinity!
Thank God, I shall never grow old, I never shall
die.

Brother S. S. Scull will be
95 years old in July of this year.

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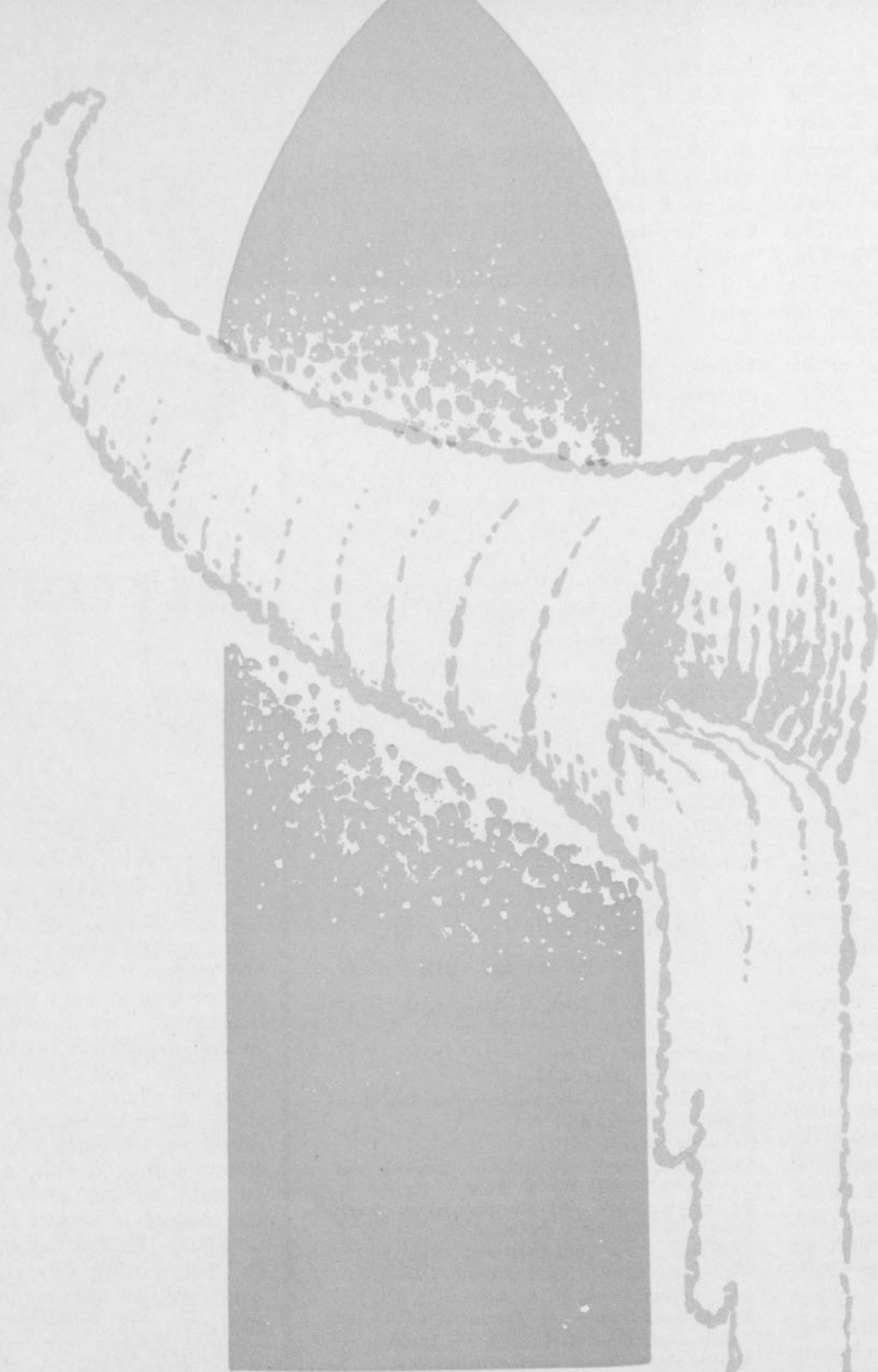
A Loyalty Campaign in your church will awaken men, women and children to their need for more consistent Christian living. This campaign will foster in each individual's heart strong devotion to the Master, firm allegiance to the local church and Sunday School, and unwavering steadiness in Christian beliefs and standards. As a result the church will grow spiritually and numerically. Every Assemblies of God church needs a Loyalty Campaign!

"Always Faithful" is the theme for the 1958 Loyalty Campaign which begins April 13 and continues through May 25. The subthemes for the respective Sundays are: Prayer, Testimony, Service, Missions, Family Devotions, Stewardship and Attendance.

Loyalty and faithfulness are stressed throughout the Bible. Daniel was faithful to the Lord in spite of adverse circumstances and the Lord richly rewarded him for it. In Daniel 6:4 it is stated concerning him, "... they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful. ..."

During the coming Loyalty Campaign strive to become as faithful as Daniel. Remember—"look to loyalty for better Sunday Schools!"

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Literature

EVANGELICAL SCIENTISTS TO PUBLISH ANTIEVOLUTION BOOK

A new book on Christianity and evolution composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixer, professor of biology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. (The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith, by means of a quarterly journal, local section meetings, national conventions, and the publication of books. Founded in 1941, the organization now has more than 700 members.)

PUBLISHER APOLOGIZES FOR ADVERTISING LEWD MOVIE

In a front-page editorial signed by its publisher, William Loeb, the *Daily News* of Burlington, Vermont, apologized for having run an advertisement for the film "Peyton Place." In his editorial he said that, while life had its unpleasant aspects, "degeneracy should not be raised to a cult."

"One of the terrible things in these days is the filth that passes for literature," Mr. Loeb wrote. "For weeks 'Peyton Place' stood at the head of the best seller list of the United States. Such writings have always existed, but generally they were confined to scribbles on bathroom walls. Never before has the patronage of Americans pushed such writings to the head of the best seller list."

Loyalty

1958 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN TO FOLLOW "FAITHFULNESS" THEME

Each year the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God sponsors a Loyalty Campaign stressing regular attendance at Sunday

School. The 1958 Loyalty Campaign begins on April 13, the Sunday after Easter, and continues through May 25. "Always Faithful" is the theme.

The subthemes for each Sunday are: April 13—Faithful in Prayer; April 20—Faithful in Testimony; April 27—Faithful in Service; May 4—Faithful in Missions; May 11—Faithful in Family Devotions; May 18—Faithful in Stewardship; and May 25—Faithful in Attendance.

A handbook of ideas and suggestions for the campaign is provided free of charge by the National Sunday School Department. A program book containing seven skits—one for each Sunday—is also available at fifty cents per copy.

COLLEGE REFUSES GIFTS FROM GAMBLING AND BREWING INTERESTS

A Methodist college in Kentucky has returned a \$1,000 gift to the Kenneland Foundation at Lexington because of the foundation's association with Kenneland race track. The college also rejected a gift of \$333 from a Louisville brewery.

Dr. Oscar W. Lever, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College at Owensboro, said the college "stands at variance with gambling," and that its trustees had forbidden the acceptance of gifts from those engaged in gambling and the liquor business.

Miscellaneous

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Some 200 churchgoers marched into Trinity Episcopal Church at Portsmouth, Virginia, along with their pet animals which ranged from a waist-high English bulldog to a tiny cockatoo. The rector and curate conducted a "blessing of the pets" service which included hymns, a litany, and a sermon, followed by a double-line procession of people with their pets who were "blessed" by the minister. News of the unusual service met with mixed reaction among the people of the community. There were those who thought it would have been much more pleasing to the

Lord if the people had brought their neighbors, instead of their pets, to the house of God.

CATHOLIC BISHOP IN ITALY FOUND GUILTY ON DEFAMATION CHARGE

Roman Catholics throughout Italy were reported shocked by the action of a three-judge court in Florence which convicted a bishop of criminal defamation of character. The bishop had branded as "public sinners" a couple who had married outside the Catholic Church.

The Italian cardinals showed their displeasure in various ways. Some ordered the churches to drape their doors in black and toll their bells in mourning. Others spoke out most indignantly against the very thought that a bishop should be called into court like a common citizen! They felt it was a grave public insult to the entire church. The Pope himself was reported to be hurt so deeply he cancelled the plans for an elaborate celebration of the anniversary of his "coronation."

Reverberations of the case were heard throughout the world. Dr. Glenn L. Archer of Washington, D. C., said the conviction of the bishop was "one of the most significant victories of religious tolerance in our times." He suggested that there are many Americans who ought to follow the example of the Italian atheist and sue their local priest or bishop for "libels or slanders" arising out of Catholic teaching that civil marriage for Catholics results in "low and abominable concubinage."

He said his organization (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State) would back any "bona fide Catholic or ex-Catholic" who wishes to instigate such a suit.

Dr. Archer said the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. "teaches the same discriminatory gospel" that led to the court case in Italy. He said that although "marriage in our society is regulated by the people," Catholic leaders are frequently charging "reputable married Catholics with illegal and im-

moral conduct simply because they have chosen to be married in good faith by American public officials or non-Catholic clergymen."

"Surely there should be as much freedom from clerical slander in the United States as in Italy," he said.

Meanwhile, legal authorities in Rome were instituting proceedings against a French writer, a former diplomat, for alleged slanderous attacks on the Pope and the Vatican. He had accused the Pope of meddling in the internal affairs of Italy. Writing in a pro-Communist Rome newspaper he had said, "The people of Rome cheer the Pope without understanding the true and frightful meaning and the political tyranny involved in the expression 'Our Rome' often repeated by the Pope," and he reportedly cast aspersions on the Pontiff, his nephews, and some members of his entourage. He was charged with violating an article in the Italy-Vatican Concordat which makes insults to the Pope punishable in the same way as insults to the Italian head of state.

CONTROVERSY IN NORTH CHINA OVER MISSIONARY FILM

The fact that a certain film actress will star in a missionary film being made in Taipei, Formosa, has stirred up a great controversy among Christian leaders. The film will depict the life story of Miss Gladys Aylward, who went to inland China as a missionary in the early thirties "by faith" and had some amazing experiences. The story of the "Small Woman," as she was called, was recently featured in *The Readers' Digest*. The film version will star Miss Ingrid Bergman, an actress much criticized for her questionable morals.

Although the choice of Miss Bergman to portray Miss Aylward has been widely protested, the missionary herself has dedicated the entire project to the Lord. She has personally visited every location where the shooting of the film will take place, and has "claimed the ground for God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

With sparkling eyes, the "Small Woman" told a reporter: "We're setting people to praying all over that Miss Bergman may be converted as a result of being in the film." Other Christians, while agreeing that it's a good thing to pray for Miss Bergman's conversion, are convinced the film starring such an actress will do more harm than good.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE NATION'S MOST NOTORIOUS MURDERER, recently paroled, has arrived in Puerto Rico to take up work in a missionary hospital. He is Nathan Leopold, 53-year-old Jew. After serving 33 years in prison for the "thrill slaying" of a 14-year-old boy, the brilliant convict was paroled on the condition that he would spend the rest of his life serving humanity. As a medical technician at a remote hospital in Puerto Rico operated by the Church of the Brethren, his pay will be \$10 a month plus room, board, and clothing allowance. The Brethren Service Commission said Leopold volunteered for the hospital assignment and was accepted for two reasons: (1) the hospital needed a medical technician; (2) the church agency is basically committed to "the Christian doctrine of the redeemability of human nature."

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, sponsored annually by the National Sunday School Association, will be observed across the country May 4 to 11. The theme this year will be, "Put Christ in His Future ...NOW!" Emphasis will be placed on the imperative of establishing strong Christian homes now to insure the future of our children and our nation. Said Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the NSSA: "Sunday School and church must be a family affair if the church is to make an impact upon the home life of America. The churches must become more concerned with the families of their neighborhood."

"THE BOOK THAT LIVES" is the theme chosen for 1958 by the American Bible Society for its Worldwide Bible Reading program. This will be the fifteenth annual observance of the Thanksgiving-to-Christmas program of daily Bible reading. It was during World War II that an unidentified mother called the Bible Society and told how she and her son, a young Marine on Guadalcanal, had agreed to read the same Bible chapter each day. The Worldwide Bible Reading program was inspired by that incident. The Bible Society has endeavored to trace that original telephone call, but so far all efforts to that end have failed.

OUR MAINSTAY OF DEFENSE--The Bible is the spiritual mainstay of the defense of America, Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker declared. A Lenten meditation appearing in a Washington newspaper quoted the cabinet minister's views as to the "tremendous role" the Bible has played in the life of our country. He said he is confident that a nation which "practices the principles encompassed in the Bible" will survive, but that a nation which spurns them "will not long endure."

ONE OF THE RAREST BIBLES IN THE WORLD has been acquired by the Free Library at Philadelphia, Pa. It is the Ferrara Bible, printed in 1553 in Ferrara, Italy. It was the first edition of the Old Testament ever published in Spanish and only 48 copies were printed. The volume measures 15½ by 10½ inches. Its existence was not generally known until an Oxford book dealer purchased it from an Italian family which had been its longtime owner.

JOHN ALDEN'S BIBLE--Dartmouth College at Hanover, N. H. has been presented with a "Breeches Bible," once owned by John Alden, for its Baker Library. John Alden was a Pilgrim who came to America on the Mayflower. About three hundred years ago he gave the Bible to his grand-daughter, Sarah Bass Thayer, and it has been in the Thayer family ever since. Officially this 1560 version of the Scriptures was named the Geneva Bible, but it was commonly called the "Breeches Bible" due to the translation of a passage in Genesis stating that Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together to make themselves "breeches."



TO THE JEW FIRST . . .

WHY Missions to the Jews?

BY MONTY GARFIELD

THE JEWISH NATION IS KNOWN as "The People of the Book." It is written of the Israelites that to them "pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises" (Romans 9:4).

The Jews of the Old Testament

Often they were punished for their sins, because as a father chastens his son, so the Lord chastens all whom He loves. The history of their sins and consequent punishments is recorded as an example to us Christians, that we should not fail as they failed (1 Corinthians 10:6).

The Jews had no previous examples to follow, as we have. It took great courage on the part of the Jewish prophets of old to record the history of a gainsaying people with their powerful but wicked kings.

Many—like Moses, Daniel, the three Hebrew children, and Mordecai with Esther—stayed true to God's call. Of Moses it is written, "When he was come to years, [he] refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Yes, these Israelites or Jews were the *people of God* and are still His beloved, according to the New Testament.

The Jews of the New Testament

In spite of their punishment, persecution, and wanderings—homeless, torn, and driven by every Gentile nation—they lived and wrote the blessed Book that we Christians hold so dear.

Many knowingly, and some innocently, sealed the testimony of the Scriptures with their blood. When King Herod saw that he was mocked by the wise men, he was very angry and slew all the children in Bethlehem of two years and under, so that this scripture might be fulfilled: "In Rama there was a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (Matthew 2:18). Remember, it was *Jewish blood* that was spilled, that the



Mr. and Mrs. Monty Garfield portray Jewish feasts and customs. The young girl is Diana Loomis of Corbin, Kentucky.

Scriptures Might Be Fulfilled

Knowing the sufferings of her people and the stigma that would befall her of having a child born apparently out of wedlock, Mary still said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." This brave little God-fearing virgin was a Jewess. And her husband Joseph, a just man, was willing to be scandalized. He obeyed God's request to take Mary as his wife. This man was a Jew.

All Christ's apostles were Jews, and all the multitude that followed Him were Jews. We read, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues" (Matthew 9:35). When a Greek Syrophenician woman besought Him to heal her daughter, Jesus said to her, "It is not meet to

take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs!" Yes, they were all Jews who followed Christ!

On the Day of Pentecost one hundred twenty Jews received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Three thousand were added to the Church that day, and they were Jews. And the writers of the New Testament, as well as of the Old, were Jews.

The Jews of Today

The question may well be asked, If all this came about by the Jewish nation, why aren't the Jews Christians today? Why don't the Jews, rated as one of the most intelligent races in the world, attend our churches? Why is it that in many Jewish homes which have a large library, there are many books on philosophy and religion, including

the Old Testament, but no New Testament or fundamental Christian writings? Varied reasons are given, but I would rather have a true answer which comes from God's Word, wouldn't you?

The Jews Made Enemies of the Gospel

It is written in Romans 11:28, "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes." The Jews are made enemies for the Gentiles' sake! And verses 30 and 31 tell us why: "For as ye [Gentiles] in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their [the Jews'] unbelief: even so have these believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."

How Were They Made Enemies?

The Jewish nation were made enemies of the gospel through Roman persecutions, the Spanish inquisition, and by anti-Semitism in Russia, Hungary, Poland, and Germany. It seemed that in the countries where there were most churches, there the Jews suffered most.

Few Jews know the difference between Catholicism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, or a fundamental group. They believe that all white people who are not Jews are Christians, and that all Christians hate the Jews. They blame all their troubles on Jesus and the Christians.

Some even believe that Hitler and his Nazis were Christians. Insignias on the belt buckles of the Gestapo agents, when they came to take away the Jewish children from their parents to place them in labor camps, and to put the old folks to death in gas chambers, read "Gott Mitt Uns" (God With Us). All this did much to turn the Jew away from any Gentile religion.

Millions of Jews were killed and many tortured by people like this, and no nation came to their rescue. It is no wonder, when refugee families hear me preaching about Jesus, their blood drains from their faces and they ask the question, "How can a nice Jewish man like you preach about the hated name of Jesus, our enemy?" It is a privilege to be able to tell them of the real Jesus, who said we should love our enemies. It is wonderful to see the light of life and hope come upon their fearful and sorrowful countenances. Many of them even come into our Mission House.

The Jews' Plight and Hope

Paul said, "There is no difference

between the Jew and the Greek.... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? How then shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? Most Jews have never heard the truth about Jesus. "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:13-15) The Jew needs spiritual mercy, and the only one who can give it is the born-again Christian. Remember, only through your mercy can the Jew obtain mercy! You must send preachers to the Jews!

Paul said, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." As we see the end of this dispensation coming in, the scales of blindness which were on the eyes of the Jew are beginning to fall off; his eyes are being opened and he is spiritually hungry.

The Jew will listen more readily today to the claims of Christ than he would have five years ago. Today is the best opportunity to win many Jews to Christ.

The Jews Can Be Won!

We have been in Philadelphia barely three years. We came here as strangers, knowing only the Highway Mission Tabernacle which sent for us to be

*Apostles of the risen Christ, go forth!
Let love compel.*

*Go, and in risen power proclaim His
worth;
O'er every region of this dead, cold
earth
His glory tell!*

*Tell how in weakness He was cruci-
fied,
But rose in power;
Went up on high, accepted, glorified;
News of His victory spread far and
wide,
From hour to hour.*

*Tell how His kingdom shall through
ages stand,
And never cease;
Spreading like sunshine over every
land;
All nations bowing to His high com-
mand,
Great Prince of Peace!*

—Horatius Bonar

missionaries to the Jews. Today we praise God that we can report that many Jews have knelt and accepted Jesus as their Messiah.

We have had over fifteen Jewish souls immersed at Highway's baptismal pool; about nine have received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. All these Jewish folk are adults. Most of them had never been in a Christian church until they met us. It is not unusual for us to take over twenty Jews to our Assemblies of God church at one time.

The Jews Need a Sheepfold

After the Jews are saved, they need shepherds to tend, feed, and lead them into green pastures and beside still waters. Since they have no past Christian education, experience, or background, and no semblance of Christian environment at home, they are exposed to every onslaught of the enemy. Some fall into the error of philosophical religions; others, because of family ties and persecutions, will try to go back. But God is faithful. Jesus is not defeated. And as we stay true to our call we see nearly all of our wandering sheep return.

To win the Jews for Christ, the workers must have some training and understanding of them. There must be some kind of Mission House where the Jew can come and go. Eventually the Jewish convert will join some church.

Please remember us and pray that God will give us more Christian workers, and that many of the Jews who attend our mission will become stalwart witnesses for Christ by the time the summer activities begin. Several are already openly testifying for Jesus.

As Christian friends have shown mercy by supporting our work, we have seen these many Jews obtain the mercy of salvation. With the right attitude on the part of Christians, missions to the Jews can be established in many large cities in the U.S.A. and throughout the world. Then we can share the burden with Paul, as he says, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

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Your offerings for Assemblies of God ministry and witness to the Jews are needed now. Please send them, designated for *Jewish Missions*, to—

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

Sunday School Lesson for April 13, 1958

EZRA 1:1-8; 2:64, 65

Our next twelve lessons continue the study of Old Testament history. During the third quarter of 1957 we surveyed the period of Israel's exile in Babylon. Now we concentrate upon the post-exilic period, noting particularly the great leaders of this period, Ezra and Nehemiah. Their consecration, self-denial, courage, faith, and victories over stern opposition and discouraging circumstances provide many a practical lesson for us all.

AN AWAKENED KING (Ezra 1:1-4). How marvelous it is to behold the accuracy of the clock of God's eternal decrees! Seventy years of captivity for Judah had been predicted by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:10-14). At the end of exactly seventy years there came forth a proclamation from Cyrus, king of Persia and conqueror of Babylon, whereby the Jews were free to return to their land.

Not only did Jeremiah predict the return of the Jews seventy years before it occurred, but Isaiah, nearly 200 years before the birth of Cyrus, called that ruler by name and predicted that he would issue a proclamation liberating God's people! Compare Ezra 1:1-3 with Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10-14; 33:7-13; Isaiah 44:26-28.

How was it that Cyrus made such a decree? "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus"! What a significant statement!

(1) *The human spirit needs stirring up.* We shall never do the will of God, unless we are inwardly moved to do so by the Holy Spirit.

(2) *God alone can stir the spirit.* Human persuasion never would have moved Cyrus to act in behalf of the Jews. Likewise, it is God alone who is the source of all spiritual life, power, and action.

(3) *Nevertheless, we are exhorted to stir ourselves.* "Awake, thou that sleepest." "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee." Such exhortations are plentiful in God's Word. Thus God stirs us, and we stir ourselves. God calls, challenges, and speaks to us. We, in turn, hear His voice, respond, obey, and act in obedience to Him.

(4) *The evidence of a stirred-up spirit is consecrated action.* Cyrus not only gave the Jews permission to return to their land; he also ordered their neighbors to help them by contributions and free-will offerings. He also returned to the Jews the sacred vessels which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Temple. Likewise today, the Christian whose spirit the Lord has "stirred up" is ever on the alert for opportunities to help God's work and God's people!

AN AWAKENED PEOPLE (Ezra 1:5, 6; 2:1, 64, 65) *Who returned to the land of Israel?* Not all the Jews who were in Babylon, by any means! Only about fifty thousand responded to the invitation and challenge. Thousands of others yielded to the temptation to stay in Babylon. Many of them had prospered there. They enjoyed comforts

and had made friends there. They liked the security of being a part of a great nation which, they felt, was unconquerable.

Is there not a pointed lesson here? The Christian is not to settle down in this world. He is a pilgrim and a stranger here, seeking "a city . . . whose builder and maker is God." See Hebrews 11:8-16. He is called upon to rise above the indifference, ease, and self-indulgence of the natural life, to rise above self-pleasing, in order to build the kingdom of God. He may yield to the temptation to live an ordinary and carnal life. But he also has the privilege of accepting the challenge of his day and reckoning himself dead to sin, self, and the world, in order that he may please his Lord and extend His kingdom on earth in the hearts of men.

Why are we given the record of those who returned? Chapter two is almost entirely taken up with a record of the name and size of each family that returned to Israel. Why should so much space be devoted to that which is of so little interest to us? (1) This record of names was preserved that coming generations might know from whom they were descended and to whom they were allied. (2) This record is preserved as an honor roll of those whose consecration was equal to the challenge of their day! We are reminded that records are still being kept in heaven—a record of the deeds of every Christian. Is our record one of honor, or one of shame? The need of the world is appalling. God is still looking for men and women with lives of all-out devotion to His cause. Will we respond to the challenge of the Cross, so that the love and power of the living Christ may be released through us?

—J. Bashford Bishop

BUILDING GOD'S TEMPLE

ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE;
AND TO VIRTUE KNOWLEDGE;
AND TO KNOWLEDGE TEMPERANCE;
AND TO TEMPERANCE PATIENCE;
AND TO PATIENCE GODLINESS;
AND TO GODLINESS BROTHERLY KINDNESS;
AND TO BROTHERLY KINDNESS CHARITY.

2 PETER 1:5-7





Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

How can there be a resurrection of the body if the body returns to dust?

I think our best answer to this question is to quote from the apostle Paul: "Thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body." See 1 Corinthians 15:35-38.

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After the resurrection some saints came out of their graves (Matthew 27:52, 53). Were these angels, or were they people?

They were people, in order that the type which set forth the resurrection of Jesus might be fulfilled (Leviticus 23:10, 11). We do not know how many came forth at that time, but it was enough to assure us that we also shall have a resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20, 21).

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A man tells me it was Gentiles who crucified Jesus. I always thought it was the Jews. Is this man correct?

Jesus was crucified by the Roman soldiers, who were Gentiles (Matthew 27:26-38). But this was done against the inward desire of the Roman governor, Pilate, who submitted to the pressure of the Jewish leaders (Matthew 27:11-26).

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Christ prophesied that He would be dead for three days. How could this have been fulfilled if He was crucified on Friday and rose on Sunday?

Some excellent exponents of Scripture believe that Jesus was crucified on Wednesday and rose on Sunday. I have given the subject some thought, and it seems to me the evidence is more in favor of the crucifixion on Friday. The women rested on the sabbath, which immediately followed the crucifixion (Luke 23:54). I know of no place which forbade the Jews traveling on the Passover sabbath. Even we today might say, "He was crucified yesterday and will be raised tomorrow."

This would indicate three days, although it might not include three whole days.

The fact that Christ arose and has "become the firstfruits of them that slept" is of more importance than the exactness concerning the time of His death and resurrection.

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Was the resurrection body of Jesus a body of flesh and blood, such as He had before His crucifixion, or was it spirit?

The nature of the resurrection body of Jesus is shrouded in some mystery. He said to the disciples, "Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). Yet He was able to appear and disappear, and to enter rooms through

closed doors. His body must therefore have been supernatural, rather than natural. We have the promise that "when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). We will understand this glorious mystery better when we are changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump."

* * *

My son who was saved has died. I feel bad when I pray for my other children if I do not pray for him. Is it wrong to pray for him?

If your son is saved, this is cause for thanksgiving, not for prayer, since he is with the Lord. After a person has died, whether saved or unsaved, I believe our prayers cannot help him. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." This life is the time to prepare for the life which is to come.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

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The Golden Glow of Easter

BY DOROTHY C. HASKIN

Loretta Bingham dried her eyes and, with her husband's arm about her shoulders, walked away from her mother's bedside. Through the mist of her tears she said, "As long as mother had to go, I'm glad she went at Easter time."

"Why, darling?" he asked.

"Because that makes it easier to explain to the children. The only time during the year that one can really face death is at Easter."

"Yes," he nodded, "in the light of the resurrection."

"Because I live, ye shall live also (John 14:19)," Loretta murmured.

She and her husband went home and gathered their three children around

them. Though the cry was "How's Gram?" Loretta reminded them first of the coming Easter season and of the joy of the resurrection. Then she told them, "In a couple of days you will see men put your grandmother's body in the grave, but though you will miss her you need not grieve. She is with the Lord."

It was a solace which comforted the hearts of the Bingham family through the days to come. They attended the Easter services on Sunday, and on Monday they carried the spirit of Easter over into the memorial services of their grandmother.

It is unfortunate that all deaths do not occur at Easter time, when death

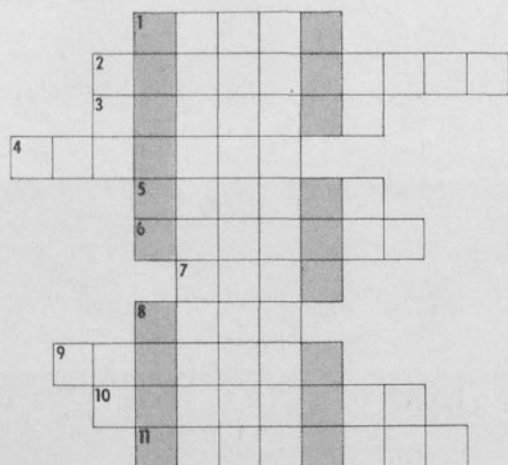
wears its golden robe of resurrection. But inasmuch as that cannot be, all parents can take advantage of Easter to sit down sometime during the day and explain to their children the meaning of death and of resurrection.

Admit the inevitableness of Death. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Let your children realize that death may come at any minute, because it comes equally without warning to both the young and the old. A realization of the possibility of death has had a salutary effect on many people, encouraging them to walk closer to God.

For the Junior Reader:

The Easter Message

Fill in the blanks in this puzzle by supplying the missing words from these verses. All words go across. If you have



solved the puzzle correctly, you will find a message vertically in the shaded squares which will give you the reason for the events of the first Easter.

CLUES

1. "When the morning was come, all the priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death" (Matthew 27:1).

2. "Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, I shall kiss, that same is he" (Matthew 26:48).

3. The disciples said, "Where wilt thou that we for thee to eat the passover?" (Matthew 26:17)

4. And [Judas] said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will him unto you?" (Matthew 26:15)

5. "When Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see

him of a long (Luke 23:8).

6. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life his name" (John 20:31).

7. "Now from about the sixth there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour" (Matthew 27:45).

8. "Go quickly and tell his disciples he is risen from the (Matthew 28:7).

9. "Some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief all the things that were done" (Matthew 28:11).

10. "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a of her" (Matthew 26:13).

11. "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a over all the earth until the ninth hour" (Luke 23:44).

ANSWER

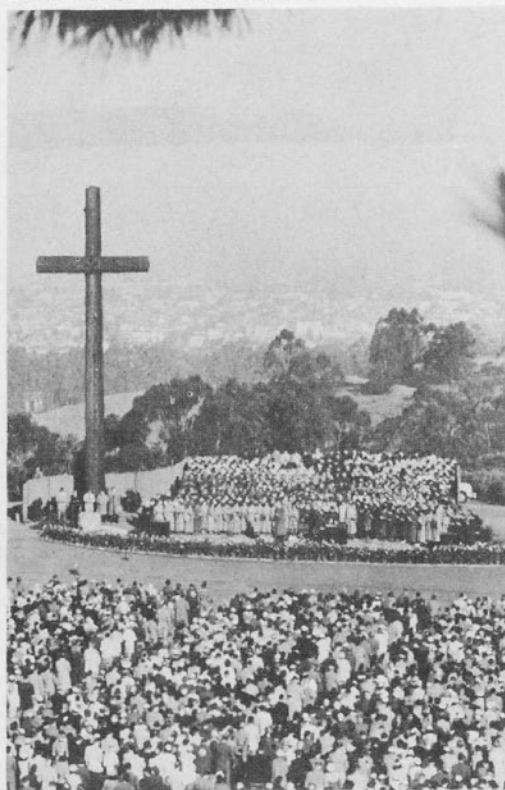
read: CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SIN. If you have solved the puzzle correctly,

Stress the joyousness of being with Christ. The apostle Paul wrote from his prison cell in Rome, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain... having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Philippians 1:21, 23). As greatly as Paul cherished serving the Lord, his heart looked forward to the day when he would be in the actual presence of his Saviour.

Avoid misrepresentation of Scripture to prove your point. Some parents, in their endeavor to teach their children about heaven, quote, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9) as if it referred to heaven. Actually the next verse says, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit," so the verse must be speaking of something of which it is possible to know here on earth.

Teach the information to be found in Scripture. It is true that there is not enough in Scripture to satisfy our curiosity. We would all like to ask a thousand questions about heaven. But we can know the most blessed thing possible about death, and that is that it means "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). ◀◀

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Many Easter Sunrise services are held throughout the nation. This service was at Oakland, California



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, April 7

Read: Matthew 12:22-32

Learn: "Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him" (Matthew 12:32).

For the Parent: There is a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the unpardonable sin. Emphasize: (1) the background that brought this statement from Christ, vv. 22-30; (2) the nature of the unpardonable sin—giving Satan credit for the works the Holy Spirit does, vv. 31, 32. Most Bible teachers agree that as long as there is a desire on the part of an individual to be saved, that person can be saved.

Question time: What is the unpardonable sin? (See above) What incident caused Jesus to give this teaching? (vv. 22-30)

Tuesday, April 8

Read: Matthew 12:33, 42

Learn: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

For the Parent: It is important that we guard our speech. Point this out from vv. 33-37, noting especially the warning of judgment in v. 36. Also, from vv. 38-43, show the folly of not obeying Christ and not recognizing Him as our great King—greater than earthly prophets (Jonah) and kings (Solomon). In these verses Christ also foretold of His death and resurrection.

Question Time: What is the warning of v. 36? Verse 33 says, "The tree is known by his fruit." How does this apply to us?

Wednesday, April 9

Read: Matthew 13:1-23

Learn: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 13:11).

For the Parent: Have the group review the parable of the sower. Explain the interpretation of the parable by pointing out: (1) the seed is the Word of God; (2) God's Word is received in various ways by different individuals; (3) it is important for us not to let things, circumstances, or people rob us of our relationship with God; (4) it is necessary that we bear spiritual fruit.

Question Time: What is the meaning of the parable of the sower? What is the fruit which the Christian life should bring forth? (Galatians 5:22, 23)

Thursday, April 10

Read: Ezra 1:1-8; 2:64, 65

Learn: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise" (1 Kings 8:56).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Return from Captivity" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) As time permits, review some of the reasons why the Israelites were taken into captivity (2 Chronicles 36:15-21). Show: (1) God is faithful to His people in spite of their failures; (2) God always remembers His promises; (3) God uses rulers to work out His will.

Question Time: Why had the children of Israel been taken captive? (2 Chronicles 36:15-21) What are some important lessons in this account of the Israelites' return from captivity? (See above)

Friday, April 11

Read: Mark 16:14-20; Acts 1:4-11 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

For the Parent: When Jesus arose from the dead, He intended that His work on earth continue even though He went back to heaven. Point out: (1) His commission to His disciples, Mark 16:15; (2) His description of the power which would come upon them and its effects, Mark 16:16-18, Acts 1:4-8; (3) the return of Jesus to heaven and the promise of His return to earth, Acts 1:9-11.

Question Time: What did Jesus say the power of the Holy Spirit would accomplish through His followers? (Mark 16:16-18; Acts 1:4-8)

Saturday, April 12

Read: 2 Kings 4:38-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom" (Job 36:5).

For the Parent: Here are recorded two more miracles in the life of a great prophet of God, Elisha. Have the group review each miracle. Then emphasize that God can do anything. He wants us to bring our needs and desires to Him and trust Him to supply them according to His will. Stress the importance of faith in God.

Question Time: How did it happen that the pottage for the sons of the prophets became poisoned? (v. 39) What happened? (vv. 40, 41)



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **CALIPATRIA, CALIF.**—The church here just closed a wonderful and soul-stirring revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Five were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. God blessed in every service. The singing ministry of Sister Byard was a blessing as well as her preaching.

—Charles H. Miller, Pastor

► **TYGH VALLEY, OREG.**—The Assembly here enjoyed a very profitable three-week campaign with Evangelist Melvin Stockwell of Prineville, Oreg. The meetings were well attended and six were saved. One received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Harlan Taylor, Pastor

► **BUNKER, MO.**—Seventeen souls came forward for salvation and many were healed during the 10 nights of revival with Evangelist Cecil Welch of Licking, Mo. The miraculous power of God was present in each service.

—Winford P. Anderson, Pastor

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—Over 40 professed to have accepted Christ during the three weeks of meetings in the First Assembly of God with Evangelist Tommy Barnett. The meeting was a great success from the very beginning. The midweek crowds were exceptionally good with gratifying results each night. Although the music and singing was a great feature of the evangelist, his anointed messages and altar service were a distinguishing asset of his ministry as well.

—James Kofahl, Pastor

► **FARMINGTON, MO.**—On January 19 there was a beginning of a spiritual outpouring which lasted through three weeks of revival services. Each night the presence of God was real as the Christians filled the altars and sought God for a deeper walk with Him. The Spirit-anointed preaching of Evangelist Othel Nall of St. Louis, Mo. stirred the hearts and the whole Assembly moved to a higher plane in God. Seven souls were saved and two believers filled with the Holy Ghost. Many others were blessed and refilled.

—J. W. Allen, Pastor

► **HONOLULU, HAWAII**—The First Assembly of God here was signally blessed of God in a two-week evangelistic crusade conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue. The messages met with enthusiastic response among these people of many nationalities. In the 14 services held in the church, 60 were converted and 20 reclaimed. In the Sunday School rally some 80 children came forward to make their decisions for Christ, and at the Waimanalo outstation 12 more accepted Christ as Saviour. At the Honolulu Youth for Christ rally 45 were moved by Brother Argue's anointed

message to make decisions for Christ. At Hale Mahalo, the Honolulu Leprosarium (the largest leper colony in Hawaii) 11 lepers accepted Christ.

—Eldon Vincent, Pastor

► **CLOVIS, N. MEX.**—Evangelist E. C. Briggs and family of Fort Worth, Tex. just completed three weeks of revival here in the First Assembly of God. At least 20 adults were saved or reclaimed. Many of those were young married couples. There were also several children saved, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The church was revived and built up.

—Cecil D. Holley, Pastor

► **JEFFERSON, OREG.**—Recently Evangelist Don Gossett of Salem, Oreg. ministered here for two weeks, and every night there was a spiritual refreshing resulting in the salvation of souls. One little girl who had a clubfoot was healed by the power of God and made able to walk. Mrs. Dorothy Hurley had suffered greatly with an affliction in the back, hips, and legs, causing constant and excruciating pain, and could hardly walk. The Lord instantly healed her and she is now completely well. Eighty-one-year-old Brother Bennett was bound up with severe arthritis pains, and was unable to raise his arms or get up without real strain. The Lord set him free, and it is a joy to see him so well and happy ever since. On

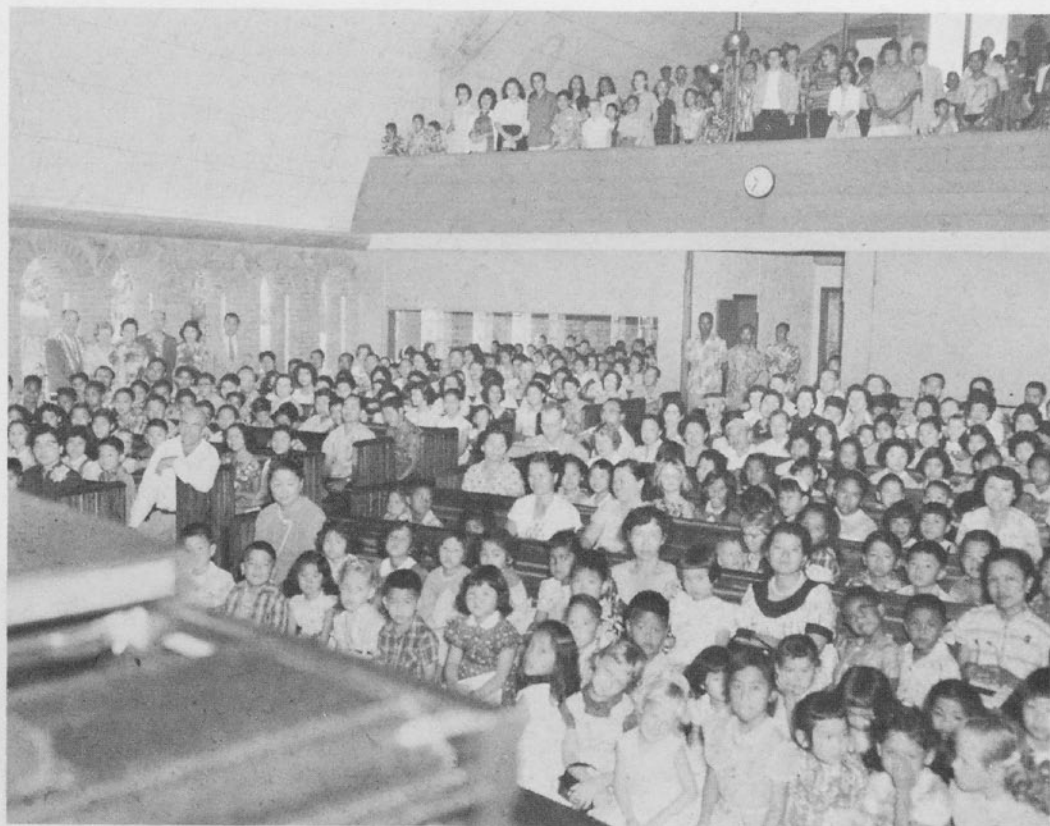
the closing night of the meetings the altars were filled with sinners and backsliders coming to Christ. At least five adults, as well as children and young people, gave positive testimony of salvation. Praise God for this spiritual moving.

—Bob Roberts, Pastor

► **LAKE DALLAS, TEX.**—The church here enjoyed a mighty visitation of God's Spirit in a recent three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. M. L. Milton of Denton, Tex. Large crowds came night after night to hear the anointed preaching. The entire church was stirred, and the revival spirit continues.

—Carl Lambert, Jr., Pastor

► **MALONE, WASH.**—Recently Evangelist Paul Slaughter held evangelistic meetings in the Assembly of God here. Aside from the evening meetings there were Bible studies every morning, and during that time a study of the Book of James was undertaken. The theme of "Submission to God" proved most interesting. There was much heart searching among the Christians, and everyone testified to feeling closer to God since the meetings. One lady received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during a morning Bible study. There were also those who felt the call of God in their hearts during the meetings. The meetings began on December 3 and continued to Christmas. During Christmas week there were no services, but the meet-



There were 480 present at the Sunday School rally at the First Assembly of God in Honolulu, Hawaii, during the Watson Argue campaign. (Eldon Vincent is Pastor.)

ings began again on December 29 and continued through February 2. There were eight glorious weeks of spiritual refreshing. Edwin J. Torgerson is our pastor.

—Mrs. George Robinson, Secretary

►PAWNEE, ILL.—The Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio, just concluded three weeks of revival here. There was a very good attendance, and a goodly number of sinners and backsliders came to God. Everyone enjoyed the music and messages of the Vanderploegs.

—M. C. Johnson, Pastor

►NOCONA, TEX.—The Assembly of God here recently experienced a glorious revival without any special evangelist. Twenty-five were saved, and most of them also filled with the Holy Spirit. All of this happened since January 1. Of that number some 15 were saved during one week. The church is aglow for God, and there are great expectations for the future. M. W. Wertko is our pastor.

—Mrs. C. E. Russell, C. A. Secretary



A group of deaf people who received the gospel through the sign language in the church in Lebanon, Oregon. (H. D. Robeson is Pastor.)

►LEBANON, OREG.—Evangelists Frederick and Sarah Byers recently held a five-weeks meeting here (the third time they have conducted services in the church). Much good was accomplished for the Kingdom. At least 25 were filled and many refilled with the Holy Spirit. Several people were saved or reclaimed. The young people experienced a marvelous move of the Spirit. Among those filled with the Spirit were five deaf mutes, who spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, some speaking audibly enough to be heard throughout the entire auditorium. One of the board members interprets the service for the Deaf. In addition, a special Sunday School class for those who are deaf is conducted regularly. The effort to help the Deaf has proved to be a great blessing to the church.

—H. D. Robeson, Pastor

►OLNEY, TEX.—Evangelist W. M. Dunn conducted two weeks of revival meetings here recently. In spite of bad weather, snow, rain, freezing, etc. there were good results. Some nine individuals received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evangelist suffered from influenza but went right on ministering the Word, and God honored his faith. The Sunday School attendance went up in every department. The church was blessed and the revival continues.

—C. G. Owen, Pastor

►ARLINGTON, TEX.—The Holy Spirit greatly used Evangelist Lois Ann Cockerell to conduct a Deeper Life Meeting in the First Assembly of God here. The whole church was made to search for the deeper things of God. Several backsliders returned to the Lord and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. New families were won and began to support the church with their tithes and offerings. The anointed messages went straight to the hearts of the listeners and surely bore fruit.

—Harry H. Engel, Pastor

►CULPEPER, VA.—The Gospel Tabernacle experienced an old-fashioned revival under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead, Winter Garden, Fla. There were several saved, many refilled, and ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Two deliverance services were held separately on Friday nights and proved a great blessing. There were many testimonies of definite victory. The church has taken on new life as a result of this visitation of the Lord.

—Paul E. Boyce, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Warrior	A of G	Mar. 29—	L. Calvin Bacon & wife	John Broxson
Ariz.	Phoenix	First	Mar. 30—	Thomas B. Don Carlos	V. E. Shores
Ark.	West Fork	A of G	Apr. 13-27	Max Francis & wife	Don Smothers
Calif.	Bakersfield	Niles	Mar. 30-Apr. 6	Benny Sapp & wife	E. L. Friend
	Bellflower	First	Apr. 6-20	Hildreth Ethridge	David Pearce
	Compton	Trinity	Apr. 6-20	H. C. MacDonald	Paul Schoch
	Garden Grove	First	Apr. 6-20	Musical Mathans	R. G. Markey
	Hanford	Glad Tidings	Apr. 6—	Arthur Arnold	Gene Forrest
	Keyes	A of G	Apr. 6—	Gene & Ruby Davis	C. J. Brown
	Santa Ana	First	Apr. 8—	J. F. Pepper & wife	Roy Sapp
	Visalia	A of G	Apr. 13—	C. Donnell-M. Holler	O. H. Mitchell
	Yucca Valley	Trinity Full Gosp.	Apr. 6-20	Wm. T. Holcomb	J. R. Williams
Colo.	Derby	A of G	Apr. 13-May 4	O. E. Gaddis & wife	Dwight Chaffin
Fla.	Niceville	First	Apr. 6—	Forrest Whaley	R. F. Hudson
	Stuart	* A of G	Apr. 8-11	Dick Stevens Party	Wayne Neal
Ill.	Olney	First	Apr. 8—	Walter D. Lascelle	Marvin L. Doolin
	Peoria	First	Apr. 8-20	Bobby Ray	Lloyd Shoemaker
	Zion	Christian	Apr. 2-13	Watters Gospel Team	T. R. Brubaker
Ind.	Kokomo	First	Apr. 15-27	Ada E. Lear	Cecil Enochs
	La Porte	A of G	Apr. 1-20	A. F. DiMusto Party	W. R. Wainscott
Kans.	Lawrence	A of G	Mar. 30—	R. Alan Davis	J. J. Krimmer
La.	Westwego	A of G	Apr. 9-20	Jack Pruitt	J. C. Seymour
Mich.	Detroit	Polish Full Gosp.	Apr. 8-13	Bill Sharp	N. Stecwicz
	Three Rivers	A of G	Apr. 6-20	James West & wife	Donald Manley
Minn.	Minneapolis	Evangelistic Aud.	Apr. 9-27	Watson Argue	Russell H. Olson
Mo.	Mexico	* A of G	Apr. 7-13	Fred & Gladys Voight	Warren LaRose
	Rolla	First	Apr. 8—	S. J. Colburn	Carl Roberts
	Tarkio	A of G	Apr. 9-27	N. Stout-N. Elliot	Lee Roy Rogers
Mont.	Kalispell	A of G	Apr. 6-20	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Walter Buck
Nebr.	Kimball	A of G	Apr. 13-27	Billy D. Guthrie	R. L. Courtney
N. J.	Rockaway	First	Apr. 13-27	John & Olive Kellner	Levi Storms
N. Y.	Bethpage, L. I.	A of G	Apr. 13-May 4	Harry Hampel	Walter Radawski
	Jamestown	Salem	Apr. 8-20	Eddie Lowmaster	Joseph Vitello
	Kingston	Bethel	Apr. 9-20	Giannattasio Team	E. J. Klaus, Jr.
N. C.	Dunn	Glad Tidings	Apr. 8-20	Joel Palmer & wife	Robert E. Palmer
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	Apr. 6—	Wendell Reed & wife	R. R. Wiley
Okla.	Bartlesville	First	Mar. 26-Apr. 13	Mark A. Hinman	H. P. Holdridge
	Drumright	A of G	Apr. 8-20	Gene Jackson & wife	M. A. Malone
Oreg.	Hood River	A of G	Apr. 8—	Johnny Hoskins	Ernest Bedwell
	Klamath Falls	First	Apr. 8—	Don George	Silas H. Jones
Pa.	Brave	A of G	Apr. 8-27	H. A. Christopher	Irving Howard
	Freeport	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 6-20	Richard Owens & wife	Chas. M. Shaffer
	Harrisburg	A of G	Apr. 4-6	Byron D. Jones	Carl S. Butler
	Wampum	A of G	Apr. 6-20	E. C. Damiani & wife	John Roush
S. Dak.	Aberdeen	A of G	Apr. 6—	Bonetta C. Rabe	D. J. Geist
Tenn.	Elizabethton	Faith	Apr. 6-20	Earl E. Blythe	H. W. Tinsley
	Memphis	First	Apr. 13—	Gene Martin & wife	James E. Hamill
	Memphis	Hollywood	Apr. 7-20	H. Syvelle Phillips	T. E. Scruggs
Tex.	Denton	First	Mar. 30—	A. C. Bates	J. Curtis Carlin
	Eules	A of G	Apr. 6—	J. W. Farmer	E. E. Pendergrass
Va.	Portsmouth	A of G	Apr. 8-20	T. J. Kerfoot	Homer Peterson, Jr.
Wash.	Kittitas	A of G	Apr. 8-20	Warren D. Combs	Mark Flathers
	Mossyrock	A of G	Apr. 8-27	Carl & Edna Goodwin	George H. Mitchell
W. Va.	Clarksburg	A of G	Apr. 8—	Homer Peterson, Sr.	Russell W. Harvey

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cross. John the Beloved, in his Gospel, draws back the curtain and reveals a significant thing. "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30). Those words, "It is finished," should not be overlooked, for it was James who said, "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin had run its full course and now, when it was finished, it yielded a full harvest of death, both physical and spiritual. No wonder Paul, who fully understood this glorious truth, could lift his voice and triumphantly cry, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

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Who fought our fight alone;
Triumphant saints no honor claim;
Their conquest was His own.*

*"By weakness and defeat
He won the mead and crown;
Trod all our foes beneath His feet
By being trodden down.*

*"He slept, in hell laid low;
Made sin, He sin o'erthrew;
Bowed to the grave, destroyed it so,
And death by dying slew.*

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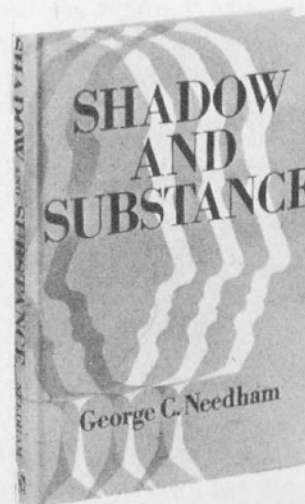
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Peter's Great Sermon

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sessing us is to give Himself for us, and thus only can we possess after His similitude. To give all for love is a most sweet bargain."

EXALTED TO GIVE REPENTANCE

The privilege of repenting is the first blessing that proud, sinful man can receive from the exalted Christ. Repentance is not a human virtue. A sinful man can no more repent than an insane man can be rational, or a blind man can see. It would be a contradiction to his nature. And we are called meekly to instruct those who oppose themselves, "if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth" (2 Timothy 2:25).

Christ gives repentance by revealing our need. Satan robs us of repentance by giving the false security of a past experience. He will permit us to have religious name tags and religious experiences if these rob us of the broken and contrite spirit. Christ gives repentance by revealing us to ourselves in the burning white light of His Holiness.

Augustine wrote of his experience in these words: "You took me from behind my back, where I had put myself all the time I preferred not to see myself; and You set me there before my eyes that I might see how vile I was. I saw myself, and was horrified."

As someone has said, "When I survey those around me I am as good as they. But when I survey that wondrous cross, I pour contempt on all my pride."

Christ gives repentance by making us willing to repent. We do not want to repent! Self does not want to expel self, to sign its own death warrant; and the carnal mind cannot subject itself to the law of God. The Bible gives many examples of "repentant" sinners who went to a lost eternity with unbroken hearts. Cain, Pharaoh, King Saul, Herod, Judas—all these repented, but not unto life.

The honest soul must cry to God, "Lord, I cannot repent, and even my desire to be religious is selfish. I want an accommodating Christ who will bless my work, give me peace, and, in the

end, save me from perdition. I do not desire Thee for Thyself alone, but rather am seeking myself in Thee. God, help me to rebel against myself. Help me to repent, that I may say, 'After that I was turned, I repented.'"

As such an honest soul stands before Calvary, God's miracle takes place. He begins to take God's side against himself. And God, who works within men causing them to will and to do His good pleasure, says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

EXALTED TO GIVE FORGIVENESS

There can be no forgiveness which is not preceded by true repentance and brokenness; but where true repentance is found it is *always* followed by full forgiveness. The two are inseparable.

Is forgiveness necessary? G. Bernard Shaw is reputed to have said, "Forgiveness is a beggar's refuge—I will pay my own debts." But the awakened soul knows his need of a *gift*! As the Spirit reveals to us what we were, fresh from the hand of God; what we could have been, fully surrendered to His control; then shows us what we are, in actual experience, each of us is moved to plead for forgiveness and we long to hear His Word, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

Is forgiveness possible? Can a man live a life of sin and hope to be forgiven? The world replies with a blunt "No." The angry word spoken cannot be unspoken. The impure deed cannot be unwrought. The harmful influence cannot be negated. There is but dead despair in the words—

*"The moving finger writes, and
having written, moves on.*

*Not all thy piety nor wit can lure it
back*

Or cancel out a line of it."

"Not so!" says the Scripture. In Christ's name the forgiveness of sins is preached to us. The Son of God, who prayed with His expiring breath

for the forgiveness of His enemies, has power on earth today to forgive sins. In Him we have "redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

Is forgiveness moral and right? Is the doctrine of forgiveness a slur on the nature of God? Can God wink at my sins and still remain moral, true to His holy nature? The question is misleading. The message of life is not, "Behold a God who winks at sin," but rather it is this: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

God's forgiveness turns the forgiven one away from sin and enables him to loathe it. Sin which is not forsaken is not forgiven—no matter how many accommodating teachings we may have to the contrary! And God is moral in forgiving sin, because by forgiveness He turns the forgiven one from sin to a life of holiness and conformity to His will.

EXALTED TO GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Because Peter was commanded to preach *all* the words of this life he could not omit this emphasis! Christ has given repentance; He has given forgiveness; now He waits to give the Holy Spirit to those who obey! "A new heart... will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you"—this is the New Birth, the miracle of regeneration as the Holy Spirit recreates us in the image of God. "And I will put my spirit within you"—this, a subsequent work, is the coming of the Holy One to fill the cleansed temple.

The Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask—but only those already in His family can call Him Father.

The Spirit of Truth the world cannot receive, but those who are born again, who have been separated from the world by Christ, can receive Him. The promise is for us; it is the gift of the ascended Christ, who, "being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, ... hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

Christ is exalted, *exalted to give!* May we be made worthy to *take!* To take brokenness for all our hardness, forgiveness for all our sin, the Holy Spirit for all our inadequacy and need—and, in taking all, may we yield our all to Him. ◀ ◀

"All thy garments smell of myrrh and aloes" (Psalm 45:8).

Aloes means bitterness all the world over; and when Christ comes with garments bearing that particular odor, they suggest to me the bitterness of a Saviour's sufferings. . . . Oh, was it not all aloes? Our sins, sorrows, bereavement, losses and all the agonies of earth and hell picked up as in one cluster and squeezed into one cup, and that pressed to His lip until the acrid, nauseating, bitter draught was swallowed. . . .

All this for Himself? All this to get the fame in the world of being a martyr? All this in a spirit of stubbornness, because He did not like Augustus? No, no. All this because He wanted to pluck you and me from hell. Because He wanted to raise you and me to heaven. Because we were lost and He wanted us found. Oh, ye in whose cup of life the saccharine has predominated; how do you feel towards Him who in your stead and to purchase your disenthralments took the aloes, the unsavory aloes, the bitter aloes?

—T. DeWitt Talmage

Does Man Have an Immortal Soul?

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other false religions in search of truth.

Then God, in answer to the prayers offered by my mother on her deathbed, brought me in contact with spiritual reality. We rented a house from Zelma Simpson, and she invited my wife and me to attend her church. It was the Gospel Gleaners Assembly (now known as Niles Assembly) in Bakersfield, California. Brother C. D. Spencer was the pastor at that time. My wife received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I was not greatly impressed with the "speaking with tongues"—I thought it was gibberish, until one day I heard her saying words which sounded like Chinese. Then the language she was speaking changed to Spanish, and she spoke some words that I knew. I heard her speak in German, too. Inasmuch as she had no natural knowledge of these

languages and could speak these words only when she was "in the Spirit," I decided that "speaking in tongues" was genuine.

I attended Brother Spencer's Bible studies and was amazed to find the Bible such a deep and interesting Book. It was not long until nearly all the questionings of my mind were answered, and I was converted.

It is said that only one in five thousand ever change their minds about religion after they are sixty years of age. I was converted when I was past seventy. Today, at last, I have peace of mind. God has delivered me from the tobacco habit after I had used it for forty-eight years. It is wonderful to be saved and to have the assurance that this life I have found in Christ Jesus is eternal—it will never end. ◀◀

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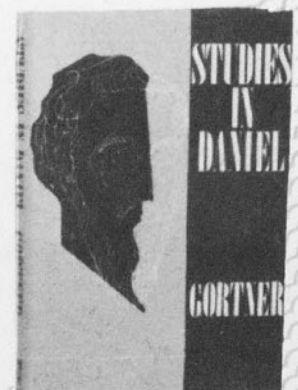
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Jenny Lind Could Say—

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

by Christopher Knapp



ALMOST EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF JENNY LIND, "THE Swedish Nightingale." She was born in Sweden in 1820, and was called *nightingale* because of her "very lovely voice." Her name itself, in its musical simplicity, suggests the modest, silver-throated thrush or linnet. She was known the world over as the Queen of Song; from the time she was seventeen she was known everywhere as "The slim girl with the marvelous voice."

Queen Victoria went often to hear her, and twice did her an honor which she never before or after showed to anyone else—threw flowers to her. Jenny Lind received decorations and honors from nearly all the crowned heads of Europe, and the money paid to hear her wonderful gift of song was enormous. Yet all this fame and wealth did not make Jenny Lind either vain or haughty. She wrote to Professor Blaike, "My unceasing prayer is that what I give to my fellows may continue to live on through eternity, and that the Giver of the gift, and not the creature to whom He lent it, may be praised and acknowledged." This sweet humility reminds us of the bird after which she was called, hiding in the deep woods and dense thickets, and there from its shy retirement pouring out its soothing melody in the darkness of the night.

One writer says, "Nothing is more astonishing about the career of Jenny Lind than its comparative shortness. She sang in opera in England for only two years. She retired practically five years after her first appearance in

London, though she sang occasionally during the next few years, usually on behalf of charity." Why did this remarkable young woman retire so quickly from her public performances, and till the day of her death in November 1887 remain in the comparative seclusion of a quiet English home? She was sitting one day on the sand by the seashore, with her Bible open on her knee, when an admiring friend said to her, "Oh, Madame, how is it that you ever abandoned the stage at the very height of your success?"

This was her beautiful reply: "When every day it made me think less of this"—laying a finger on her Bible—"what else could I do?" What a conclusive reason, to give up for conscience' sake a career so brilliant and full of promise.

She was evidently a true Christian, as the words, *I know that my redeemer liveth*, inscribed on her tomb in the Great Malvern Cemetery, indicate. In the great oratorio, "The Messiah," this is the part she loved so passionately to sing. She knew that Jesus had died for her and was risen again.

Do you know that your Redeemer liveth? Is He your Saviour? If so, follow Him, as did Jenny Lind, and separate yourself from everything that makes you think less of Him. But if you are a stranger to Him, lose no time in acquainting yourself with Him, and receiving Him in your heart by repentance and faith.

—Messenger of Peace

