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Crimes Against Women

Most women are horrified over the "horror comics," if and when they see them, but few seem to realize what these uncomical "comics" are doing to young people. If they realized they would rise up and abolish them. Dr. Lois L. Higgins, the nation's chief of police-women, says the 30,000,000 crime and horror comics that are printed each month are lessons in crime, and every woman ought to fight against them if only for self-preservation.

"Crimes of violence against women are at an all-time high," she states. "So are brutality, sadism, filth and the whole pornography racket." She says the same vice rings that push dope are pushing the horror comics. Dr. Higgins is in a position to know. A veteran of the Chicago police force, she is director of the Illinois Crime Prevention Bureau and President of the International Association of Women Police.

When interviewed by a St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* reporter last month Mrs. Higgins had this to say:

"According to F.B.I. figures, there was a 19 per cent increase in cases of rape last year, and a 16 per cent increase in robberies involving attack. Some people say, 'So what—we've always had crime.' Yes, we've always had crime and juvenile delinquency—but never so much, and never with so much brutality and sadism."

With women being stripped and whipped on magazine covers, or brutalized and beaten in movies, Dr. Higgins is not surprised that women have become a major target of criminal attack. "A Senate group has estimated that 30,000,000 crime and horror comics are printed each month—and that these are virtually short courses in murder, mayhem, robbery, rape, sex, sadism and every form of degeneracy, bestiality and horror," she says. And it is being offered even to children, she adds. "Is it surprising that the F.B.I. reports a 23 per cent increase in crimes by youngsters? Some of these kids kill for kicks and mutilate for fun. Juvenile delinquency, like other crime, is becoming more and more aggressive and violent."

Dr. Higgins does not mention the other factors that feed the monster of crime—liquor, lack of discipline, broken homes, and departure from the Word of God—but emphasizes the enormity of this one phase of public evil. "The whole pattern of increase in crime follows the increase in pornography and filth," she says. "I mean all types of filth, but especially the sex and sadism magazines that have come up from under the counter. Sexy covers, sadistic stories, sexy movies, crime horror books, TV brutality—all these are lessons in crime and sadism." It seems that we are living in a day like that of Noah when the earth is "corrupt before God" and "filled with violence." Jesus said it would be just such a time when He would return. Even so, the people of God ought to rise up against the tide of evil to protect their young people—and their women—from this violence. Either we raise our voice against it or we give consent to it by our shameful silence.

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Courtesy Without Flattery



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WHEN I WAS BUT A YOUNG MAN someone gave me an old copy of "Lord Chesterfield's Advice to His Son." My senses as a Christian were not mature enough to comprehend that it expressed only the essence of worldly wisdom, but I was old enough to grasp the value it placed upon flattery as a means of winning favor. I was also mischievous enough to try it on some elderly ladies of my acquaintance, and I found that *it worked*.

Quite recently I came across a scathing indictment by Webb B. Garrison of Dale Carnegie's theory on "How to Win Friends and Influence People." "It is," he says, "a terrific temptation to perform socially approved acts for the sake of group commendation. . . . Part of the danger of the business is that it actually *works* in a rather significant fashion. Men who seek to impress others are likely to succeed." But, he comments, they lose their heavenly reward in the process.

Is it therefore wrong to seek to win friends and influence people? Certainly not, if the motive is right. To be a successful soul winner I must be winsome, and to desire to influence people for Christ ought to be one of our highest ambitions in seeking the power of the Holy Spirit. To understand purity of heart in this matter of desiring to win social approval we must consider both motive and method.

As to motive: It is easy to see the snares when we seek popularity for its own sake. To want the praise of

men more than the approval of God is to come under the emphatic condemnation of the Lord Jesus. But He never meant to teach that we should seek *unpopularity* for its own sake, or imagine that if all men detest us and shun our company it can be counted as a proof that we are of the Truth. Such an idea is foolish.

One of the first results on the Day of Pentecost was that the believers had "favour with all the people" (Acts 2:47). The important thing to notice, however, is that their popularity was *incidental*. They did not seek it. Ultimately, in a large measure, they lost it. Those who were true constantly sought to please God rather than men. It could be stated that their attitude toward popularity was neutral; they neither sought it nor shunned it. They had more important business at hand. If they had sought to be popular above all things they would have lost their Pentecostal anointing. Truth is almost

always the first casualty in such a policy.

As to method: If the motive for seeking to win friends and influence people is right, then the ways we adopt to achieve the results may be many and varied. They will certainly include observance of the usual social courtesies. But that is a different thing from unadulterated flattery, which is always regarded with suspicion if not with loathing. The deliberate flatterer actually insults the one flattered, for he infers that he is fool enough to be deceived. Moreover, flattery is morally wrong, for it almost always and of necessity contains an element of untruth, even if only in exaggeration. Flattery of audiences or of individuals is a common enough trick in trying to win favor. There is a fine line between seeking to win a hearing for the truth and sacrificing truth itself in the attempt.

We have known those so anxious to be free from flattery that they have gone to the opposite extreme of rudeness in word and deed, and then counted it to themselves for righteousness. But offensiveness is not necessarily holiness. The scriptural answer to the problem of right behavior for a Spirit-filled Christianity is found in understanding the apostolic injunction to "be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8). We shall not go far wrong if we interpret this to mean having manners that are courtlike; that is, fit for the residence of a king.

Paul gave us a classic example of the difference between flattery and courtesy in his language before Felix

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BIBLE VERSE



The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer. PSALM 6:9



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COMPELLED TO BEAR THE CROSS

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SIMON THE CYRENIAN IS A NEW Testament character who grips the imagination of the reader. Possibly a Negro proselyte, he was "coming out of the country" on his way to worship in the formal tradition of his day, when rough Roman soldiers forced a cross upon his unwilling shoulders—an unexpected cross which transformed his life and made his name immortal.

Simon is a type of the true Christian, for although the wooden cross has long since decayed, the eternal Cross is still life's supreme symbol—"not because it relieves us in its historic aspect from the disagreeable responsibility of guilt, but because it is an ever-present rallying point."

*"All through life I see a Cross,
Where sons of God yield up their
breath:*

*There is no gain except by loss,
There is no life except by death."*

THE COMPULSION TO CROSS-BEARING

To compel means "to drive by force, either physical or moral." What are the forces today which compel us to leave the well-trodden paths of formal religion and "bear the cross after Him"?

The Compulsion of Conscience. No honest conscience can ever be satisfied with the attitude, "Christ bore it for me, and I go scot free!" There is a sense in which Christ's cross is unique, when He must tread the winepress alone, but "no vicarious atonement will satisfy the instinct of the true lover of

reality." The conscience can only be purged by the Blood of the Cross when we are willing to go forth without the camp to bear the reproach of the Cross!

The Compulsion of Circumstances. The Bible tells us that the Word of the Cross is the power of God unto salvation, but evidently that power is not operative in our midst. In spite of our best efforts, the unreached masses are dying without Christ. There are more unconverted souls alive today than ever before. In India alone an estimated 27,000 die every day, most of them without Christ and the hope of His gospel. Must we not then conclude that either the Cross has lost its power or the Church has lost its Cross?

The Compulsion of Christ. Christ never offered His followers a crossless Christianity, nor did He teach that the philosophy of the Cross would die at Calvary. His words are clear, emphasized in three of the four Gospels, "Whosoever does not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

"Weep . . . for yourselves," He commanded the spectators, who offered Him their tears instead of their willingness to go with Him. As E. Underhill comments, "Weep for yourselves, because you are cowardly and stand on one side while your Creator treads the Way of the Cross. He does not accept the sentimental grief of the bystander—He grieves for all who will not go with Him. Weep for yourselves, all ye who stand by, while the great mourning procession of the universe streams up to Calvary."

THE COST OF CROSS-BEARING

A religion which costs us nothing is worth nothing, and a "cheap Christianity without a cross will in the end prove to be a useless Christianity without a crown." It is difficult to estimate what the cross cost Simon—what a change came into his carefully-ordered life when the cross cut across it all. It meant the hindering of his plans for formal worship at Jerusalem; it meant scorn and perhaps even buffeting from the jeering mob; it meant, literally, "bearing it [the cross] after Him," and although Simon's feet were not pierced by nails, they were pierced by every sharp inch of that way of shame. So for us also, it is a costly way!

*"As the Master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me."*

It Will Cost Us Ourselves. Not the true self, which we are to love as our neighbor, but the false self which has usurped the throne. A. E. Day wrote, "The first step, therefore, is the hearty recognition of the fact that the ego must die, and you must participate in the execution. Pronounce the sentence! As long as you merely dally with the idea you will make no progress."

It Will Cost Us Our Laziness. Of all the reasons advanced to explain our failure to walk in holiness, why is this one, the love of ease which plagues us all, so little considered? There is no such thing as a lazy saint; we can no more take a holiday from spiritual things than our hearts can take a holiday from beating. "We secretly wish we could be good by proxy, and have

everything done for us. Anything that requires exertion and labor is entirely against the grain of our own hearts." But the call of the Cross leaves no room for misunderstanding. "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never fall."

It Will Cost Us the World. The world has not turned from its implacable hatred of Christ, for, as Luther wrote, "Cain will go on murdering Abel as long as the Church is on earth." The Cross will involve us in this struggle, bringing us to say with Paul, "The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ means that the world is a dead thing to me, and I am a dead man to the world—dead to its wisdom, which is foolishness with God; dead to its fashion, a fashion which is rapidly passing away; dead to its things, which war against the soul who would travel on, 'Still upward to the Highest.'"

John Wesley's mother gave him a standard for examining the things of the world when he was in the university, in these words: "Whatever impairs in tenderness your conscience, weakens your reason, obscures your sense of God, or takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that thing to you is sin."

THE COMMUNION OF CROSS-BEARING

Communion means "the participation of something in common," and it is a beautiful word to describe the Cross-life shared with the Son of God! The cross for Simon brought rich blessings which encourage us all to follow after.

It Meant Seeing Christ. The mob thronged Jesus; they watched Him with eyes full of passion and hatred, but they could not see Him! Simon saw Him in another perspective—when he stooped to put his shoulder under the cross of the tormented captive, he looked up to see the face of the Son of God!

A missionary to India tells of visiting the cathedral in Copenhagen in which is Thorwaldsen's famous sculpture of Christ. As he stood gazing up, his friend remarked, "You must fall at His feet if you would look into His face." When he did so, he looked up into a face of exquisite beauty. When we are willing to get under the cross we see Him, the one hidden from the mockers, and we sing from adoring hearts,

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since Jesus rebuked those who stand to pray, why do we stand when prayer is offered in the church?

Jesus rebuked the hypocritical prayers which were offered for the purpose of attracting attention to the piety of the one who prayed. Such prayers do not come from the heart (Matthew 6:5). But Jesus pronounced His blessing on praying while standing when the purpose is sincere. "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any" (Mark 11:25).

Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret" (Matthew 6:6). Why then do people pray in public?

The Bible speaks of "all prayer and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18). This may include both public and private prayer. When Jesus gave instructions concerning going into one's closet He was speaking against public prayers made to be seen of men. All the church "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" as they sought the Lord before Pentecost (Acts 1:14). They "lifted up their voice to God with one accord" in Acts 4:24. And Paul knelt and prayed with the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:36).

We speak of our old nature received through Adam and our new nature received when we are saved. Did Adam have both these natures before he sinned?

Before his fall Adam did not have the new nature, the nature of Christ which we receive when we are saved. He had a sinless nature, needing no redemption, while the new nature which we receive in salvation comes through redemption.

When Adam sinned, his human nature became defiled and he no longer had a sinless nature. Through his fall, the nature which he had after his sin (spoken of as the "old man" or "the law of sin and death") has been passed down to us. This is shown in Romans 5:12-20.

In Matthew 7:1 and 1 Corinthians 4:5 we are told not to judge. In 1 Corinthians 6:1-5 we are told to judge. How do you harmonize these?

Matthew 7:1 should be read with the verses which follow. It is directed against our having a spirit of condemning judgment, looking for motes of inconsistency in others while overlooking our own inconsistencies (vv. 2-5). The next verse shows that there are judgments, or discriminations, which we need to make; otherwise how could we avoid giving that which is holy unto the dogs or casting pearls before swine? (v. 6)

The Bible teaches that we are to "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Paul pronounced judgment against the sinful offender at Corinth (1 Corinthians 5:3, 4). If we follow the example of the Scriptures we will have any difficulties judged and decided within the church rather than go to law one with another before the ungodly (1 Corinthians 6:1-5).

That we are to judge nothing before the time (1 Corinthians 4:5) means that we are to defer the decision as to the success of our lives or the services which we render until the time when God will weigh us and reward every man according as his work shall be.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



THIS WE BELIEVE

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BY P. C. NELSON



PART EIGHT

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

NOTICE IT IS NOT, "THE BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit" for that would make the Holy Spirit the agent; but John said, "He [Christ] shall baptize you *in* the Holy Spirit," as the Greek reads. The Holy Spirit is the element into which we are baptized.

1. *Many Believers Have Mighty Anointings With the Holy Spirit Who Have Not Received the Fullness of the Baptism.* In John 20:22, we read of the risen Christ, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, *Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*" It is certain that they received some very special endowment of the Holy Spirit; but this was not the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, for in the last visit of our Lord with the eleven He commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, saying, "Ye shall be baptized in the Holy Ghost, not many days hence" (Acts 1:4, 5). If the disciples had been baptized in the Holy Spirit before this, our Lord would not have commanded them to wait for this promised gift.

You may heat water to one hundred fifty degrees, then one hundred seventy-five, then two hundred, then to two hundred ten, but still it does not boil; but if it reaches two hundred twelve, it will boil. So you may

be anointed with the Spirit almost to the fullness, but until there is actual fullness you do not have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

2. *The Baptism in the Holy Spirit Is Not to Be Confused With Sanctification,* as it is by many; for in John 15:3, we read, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." The Baptism in the Holy Spirit presupposes that the believer is clean in the sight of God, and sanctification differs from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as the cleansing of the vessel differs from the filling of the same. At the Baptism in the Holy Spirit we are filled to overflowing with the divine Presence.

3. *So Definite and so Wonderful an Experience as the Baptism in the Holy Spirit Is Accompanied With Supernatural Evidence Now as It Was in the New Testament Times.* As our doctrinal statement declares, it is witnessed by "the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance" (Acts 2:4). The mere experience of exuberant joy and abandonment to the will of God is not sufficient evidence, for these things may be experienced frequently before we receive the Baptism. But when the Holy Spirit comes in His fullness to abide in the believer

(John 14:16, 17), He takes possession of the spirit, soul, and body, which are then completely subjected to His will and power, and He uses the tongue in a supernatural way. This evidence is usually very convincing to believers and unbelievers alike who are present when one is baptized in the Holy Spirit; but whether it is accepted by all who are present as full evidence, or not, to the one who actually receives the Spirit the speaking in tongues is an incontrovertible evidence, for *he knows that his vocal organs are under the control of the Spirit.*

4. *When Peter Preached at the House of Cornelius* and the Holy Spirit fell upon all that heard the Word, the Christian Jews who were present had to admit, though reluctantly, that on the Gentiles also was poured out the Holy Spirit, "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" (Acts 10:46). To Peter and the rest of the Jewish Christians who were present this was all-sufficient evidence that God had given these Gentiles the same gift that He had bestowed upon the hundred and twenty at the beginning. The brethren at Jerusalem called Peter to account for preaching to the Gentiles, but they acquiesced when Peter said, "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized in water, but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit." (So reads the Greek, Acts 11:16.)

5. *When Paul Came to Ephesus and Met Certain Disciples* he asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" His question implied that some believed without receiving the Holy Spirit, and also that the reception of the Holy Spirit was

The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. Acts 2:4. The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

—Statement of Fundamental Truths, adopted by the Assemblies of God

so wonderful and was accompanied with such evidence that the recipients were able to answer the question definitely. The answer indicated that they were in the dark in regard to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, as many Christians are today. And after Paul baptized them in water and laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and *they spoke with tongues and prophesied* (Acts 19:1-7). Suppose somebody had come along shortly after this and asked these twelve men the same question, do you suppose they would have been confused and unable to answer it? If they had been asked how they knew they had received the Holy Spirit, would they not have answered, "We spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave us utterance"?

6. *In the Account of the Great Revival in Samaria* there is no mention of the believers' speaking in other tongues but *something so wonderful happened to them that Simon the sorcerer offered a considerable sum for the power of bestowing the Holy Spirit*. If there had been no more evidence than the feeling of joy, it is not likely that Simon would have offered money for this power rather than the gift of healing. Moreover, *they had "great joy" before they received the Spirit* (Acts 8:8). Hence we believe that the

experience of the disciples at Samaria in receiving the Holy Spirit was the same as that of the disciples at Jerusalem and Ephesus.

7. *In Acts 9:17 We Have the Account of Paul* receiving his sight and being filled with the Spirit when Ananias came and put his hands upon him saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus . . . hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight and *be filled with the Holy Ghost*." There is no mention of Paul's speaking in an unknown tongue, or of any other manifestation, at that time; but in 1 Corinthians 14:18, Paul says, "I thank my God *I speak with tongues more than ye all*." It is reasonable to suppose, therefore, that he began to speak in unknown tongues when he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

8. *In Hebrews 2:4 We Read, "God Also Bearing Them Witness*, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will." In Mark 16:17, Jesus says, "They shall speak with new tongues." We have no record of any disciples speaking with new tongues before the day of Pentecost, but it is evident from 1 Corinthians 14 and other scriptures that speaking with tongues was a frequent manifestation among believers; so frequent, in-

deed, that it was necessary for Paul to limit its use (1 Corinthians 14:27) in public meetings, as is now the case in some Pentecostal assemblies. The writer preached for thirty-one years before hearing anyone speak in unknown tongues and never found it necessary to refer to this scripture to limit the exercise of this gift.

Through misinformation about the people who are filled with the Spirit and speak with tongues, and through ignorance of the Scriptures on the subject, many Christians in our times are prejudiced against "tongues" and forbid the exercise of this wonderful gift of the Spirit, contrary to the specific command of Paul, "Forbid not to speak with tongues" (1 Corinthians 14:39); "I would that ye all spake with tongues" (v. 5); "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (v. 18).

The emphasis that we place upon the gift of the Spirit, upon the scriptural evidence of His coming in to abide, and upon the necessity of following our Lord's command to "tarry until," distinguishes us from other bodies of believers. We esteem this gift so highly that we are willing to suffer reproach and loss for the sake of the wonderful privilege of receiving the Holy Spirit in the way the hundred and twenty did at Pentecost.

COMPASSION

BY CATHARINE TATUM WEINAUG

THE WORD "COMPASSION" INDICATES a feeling which goes beyond either pity or sympathy. Compassion means being sorry enough about the need of another to *do* something about it.

There is an expression used by some, "I feel for you, but I can't reach you." That is the case with the sympathy extended by many. It is necessary either to have had an experience similar to the misfortune of another, to really help him in his need—or else to have a divine compassion which can only come from close association with God. Jesus was tempted in order that He could better understand our temptations.

We must put ourselves in the place of the one in need in order to help him. One must "go down into the need" with him in order to bring him

out of it. No doubt you have read of mountain climbers who slipped and fell as they attempted to scale some peak. To rescue a fallen companion, other climbers have to risk their lives by going down to the injured man and bringing him back to safety. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life [including his reputation, his time, his money, his prayers] for his friends."

Many feel that a person is needy only if he lacks finances. They fail to recognize the poverty of the one who lacks friends, or health, or mental stability, or God.

Can you *feel* the loneliness of the one who has no friend, and by your love give him back that element of confidence he so desperately needs?

Can you *feel* the hopelessness of the one who is physically weak? Or do you shrug it off and remark, "Oh, she always has something wrong with her"?

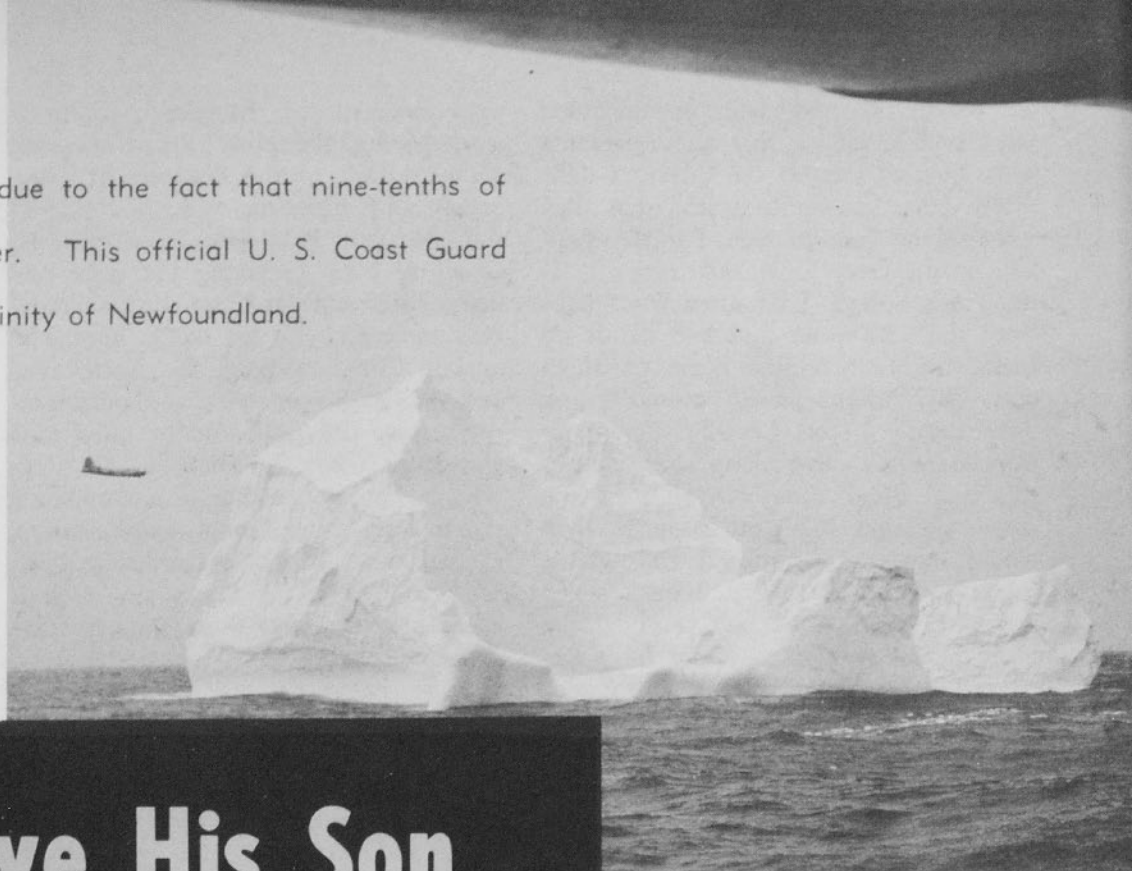
Can you *feel* the frustration of the one who is struggling frantically to get his mind back on the right track—like a lost child trying to find his way home? Can you give him love when it seems there is nothing left to love, and can you by your own sure faith inspire his faith in God?

Does your compassion cause you to try to do something about the needs all around you, even at a sacrifice to yourself?

Can you recall the fear of death which haunts the soul who has never heard the Saviour say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and can you, by your giving, light the way into eternity?

You may not be able to give much, but your prayers, your life, and your love can reach out to those in need. You can demonstrate the compassion that should be a part of the life of every child of God. ◀◀

Icebergs are a menace to shipping due to the fact that nine-tenths of the mass is hidden beneath the water. This official U. S. Coast Guard photo shows a large iceberg in the vicinity of Newfoundland.



God Gave His Son

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WHEN JESUS SAID, "GOD SO LOVED the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," He did not begin to reveal all that was involved in our redemption.

We are told that only one-ninth of an iceberg shows above the surface. Eight-ninths of it is hidden beneath the surface. Likewise, the most acute suffering of Calvary was not that which was seen, but rather the unseen heart anguish of the Son and of the Father.

We are prone to overlook this because, like the bulk of the iceberg, it is hidden from the casual observer. Christ's physical suffering quickly captures our attention and sympathy, but a careful study of the account of the crucifixion will reveal the great unseen mental tortures of God the Father and God the Son during the last hours of Christ's earthly life.

First, let us examine what actually happened in Gethsemane. Consider the Cup. What was it? Where did He drink it? It was not in the Garden. He drank it *after* He had prayed in Gethsemane. As He faced the soldiers who came for Him, Jesus calmed Peter with the words, "The cup which my

Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18:11)

What was the Cup then? The first bitter taste of the Cup is suggested in Matthew 26:45, taken with the context—BETRAYAL! How keen the pain, how deep the wound inflicted by an untrue friend. This "friend" betrayed Jesus while He was beginning the process that would make possible Judas' redemption (although the records do not indicate that Judas ever appropriated this redemption). But worse yet, Judas chose the arch deceit of a kiss to betray his Lord. This heinous act of darkness is worthy of any and all the condemnation heaped upon it. But how many are the sinners who time and again reject Christ's love today even as Judas did?

Another acrid ingredient of the Cup was DENIAL. Peter, one of His most enthusiastic disciples, contributed to this element. Some of the sting was deadened by the compassionate understanding of this great Teacher. He knew so well that sometimes a man must fall hard enough to make him realize that he needs help. This type of lesson is often a source of pain to others associated with the one learning. It was this very deep and under-

standing love of Christ, however, that made many of the sufferings of the cross a little more bearable to both Father and Son.

The next bitter draughts from the Cup must have caused excruciating pain in the heart of the Saviour. The chilling sin of INGRATITUDE could be nowhere more accentuated than during these hours. One after another the thankless segments of society offered their ingratitude—with a whip, the plucking of His beard, spittle, a crown of thorns beaten into the quivering flesh by spiteful rods, myrrh, nails, and a cross. Again, a source of aid was that ever-energizing love that cried with undreamed-of compassion, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

But nothing of the physical pain—nothing in eternity—could be compared with the last dregs of the Cup. The Son, who "became sin" for us, must pay the price of sin—SEPARATION! It meant an actual separation from the Father Himself. There is nothing like being alone. After three lonely hours of separation, hours of exposure to the unparalleled vengeance of hell totally unprotected, the broken voice of

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UNAFRAID . . .

*Mother—
Don't Let This
Happen to You!...*

A letter from her boy in a modernistic college says:
“ . . . and I have decided that the old fashioned beliefs in the Bible are not for today. I have been reconsidering the idea of the Bible being inspired. . . . How can it be infallible when men wrote it . . . and the virgin birth was a fable made up in the imagination of some Hebrew peasants. . . . Now I believe Jesus was a good teacher, but surely he could not have meant that souls would burn in hell forever and ever. . . . So you see, mom, college has made a few changes in me, but I still love you. . . .”

As ever, your son,

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You need never be afraid that your son will lose his faith at Evangel College. The Bible is the underlying strength of the Institution. The college is dedicated to: CHRISTIAN GOALS—CHRISTIAN IDEALS—CHRISTIAN PRACTICE—AND STRONG, GODLY INFLUENCE.

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- 2. Pentecostal Environment*
- 3. Christ-centered Education*

GOAL-- \$150,000

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Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A.

Please send me “**The Story of the Miracle College.**” I am enclosing the amount of \$..... to help meet our financial goal for VICTORY YEAR. I wish to pledge the monthly amount of \$..... for a period of three years—or as the Lord shall lead me.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, TOWN STATE

Give **EVANGEL COLLEGE
VICTORY YEAR!**



THIS PRESENT WORLD

United States

NEW CHURCH ATTENDANCE RECORD SET IN 1958

Church attendance in the United States hit an all-time high in 1958, according to a copyrighted report from the American Institute of Public Opinion.

Statistics released by George Gallup following his organization's annual church attendance audit showed that approximately 50,500,000 adults attended church or synagogue during an average week this past year. This amounts to 49 per cent of the total adult civilian population. The previous high was 49,600,000 in 1955.

Gallup pointed out that "no other predominantly Protestant nation surveyed comes close to the United States in terms of church attendance." He cited the case of Great Britain where only 14 per cent of adults questioned said they had attended church during the week of the poll.

The Gallup Poll showed that the Midwest, long famed as "the Bible belt," had the best church-attendance record—and that the far-western states again were at the bottom.

Sweden

SWEDES QUESTIONED ON CHURCH PREFERENCE

There was a question in many minds as to how many citizens of Sweden would belong to the State Church (which is Lutheran) if they had any choice in the matter. At present all Swedes are members automatically by birth.

The Swedish Institute of Public Opinion conducted a poll and came up with some interesting facts. It found that 72 per cent of the people would apply to join if membership were voluntary.

In a copyright newspaper article the Institute said that 24 per cent of this group gave religious views for desiring membership in the Lutheran Church.

Some 34 per cent said their motive would be a desire for "reassurance" or security, and 30 per cent said the reason they would join was that they were unwilling to break with tradition.

Nineteen per cent of the Swedes said they would not apply for admission. The reason most gave was a lack of religious interest. One-sixth of the 19 per cent explained they belonged to Free Churches.

Nine per cent of the adults interviewed said they were "undecided" as to whether they would take the initiative to join if they had a choice.

China

A THOUSAND CHRISTIANS ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI

The China Post, an English-language newspaper on Formosa, reports a "wave of arrests in Shanghai" following the announcement that Mao Tze-tung was relinquishing his position as chief of the Chinese Communist government.

According to "well-informed sources" which the paper did not identify, Red soldiers and police have arrested more than 1,000 persons on charges of being "underground reactionary Christians." Some were reported executed.

CHINESE PUPILS TAUGHT RED LEADER IS "SUPREME GOD"

Broadcasts from the Peiping Radio monitored in London disclosed that a song hailing Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese Communist Party, as the "Supreme God" is being taught in the schools of the new China.

It quoted the song's lyrics as follows: "No supreme God is in heaven; no dragon God under the earth. I am the supreme God, and the dragon God. Tell the mountains and the cliffs to make way, for I am coming." The song lauds the "virtues and power" of Mao.

Israel

EXPULSED ADVENTISTS MIGRATING TO ISRAEL

Twenty-seven families from West Texas and a smaller group from Miami, Florida, will migrate to Jerusalem where they hope to establish an agricultural and religious community as an "ark of safety" against the end of the world which they believe is near.

A leader of the Texas group, Mrs. Ben L. Roden of Odessa, said the families were expelled from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1952 because of their belief that the world "is nearing the end of 6,000 years of probationary time in which people can be saved."

She said the group intends to found a large settlement of people sharing the same beliefs to protect them from pestilence and destruction before the Millennium. "Like Noah's Ark during the first destruction of the world," she added. They plan to set out for Israel in March.

Norway

NORWAY TO BUILD MODERN PRISONS

Modern jails are to be built throughout Norway and prisoners will get single cells to give them individual privacy under a new law which comes into effect this year.

IT'S A FACT

ONE OUT OF EVERY 3 ALCOHOLICS IS A WOMAN.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASS. OFFICIAL

The changes in prisoner treatment are the result of a seven-year study carried out by a reform committee which visited prisons all over Scandinavia.

Evidently the committee believes that better jails make better prisoners. Probably this is so, but the best thing for all "prisoners" would be that they would turn to Jesus and be set free from sin.

Switzerland

TROLLEY TOTES GOSPEL MESSAGE INSTEAD OF PASSENGERS

Representatives of the Scripture Union, Swiss Bible Society, and the Basel (Switzerland) Evangelical Alliance teamed up for a ten-day gospel rally recently in Basel.

An unusual method of advertising was reported by a tourist. He saw a street car in Basel clanging along a busy thoroughfare without passengers. Instead, large placards on both sides of the car announced the series of meetings under the title: "Christ the Saviour of the world—in spite of everything!"

Brazil

BRAZIL WELCOMES "OLD BELIEVERS"

Five hundred Old Believers, traveling by plane and ship, have arrived safely in Brazil where they will start life anew and will try to forget the tears, toils, and tests of their flight from Communism. Two hundred of their sect remain in Communist China, anxiously awaiting the day when they can be reunited with their group in South America. Originally all these devout people lived in Russia but fled eastward in search of religious freedom. Thanks to the assistance of church agencies in this country and the United Nations, they now have a new home in Parana where they and their families can establish their own way of life in full freedom and amid wide opportunities.

The Old Believers gave the immigration hostel staff a number of surprises by refusing all stimulants and cleaning their own dormitories and dishes. Despite these surprises and the catering problems they created, the director said: "In our many years of experience with hundreds of thousands of immigrants and refugees from all parts of the world, we have never had such decent, well-mannered, well-behaved people. They will be a great asset to Brazil."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

EVANGELICAL LEADERS IN THE U. S. took a dim view of the Pope's announcement that an Ecumenical Council would be called soon in the interest of church unity. They recognized that it will be a historic event, the first council of its kind to be held in ninety years, but they interpreted it merely as an attempt by the Pontiff to win some Eastern Orthodox groups back to the Roman fold.

A LUTHERAN MINISTER is a member of the new Congressional Committee on Science and Aeronautics (familarly called the "Committee on Space"). He is Representative Walter H. Moeller of Ohio, a minister of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket.

SEVERAL BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS to give income tax credit for tuition paid for higher education in either public or private schools. The purpose is to encourage student enrollment at all schools.

A NATIONAL FAMILY DAY has been proposed by Representative George Meader of Michigan. The Congressman introduced a resolution at Washington which would authorize the President to designate an "appropriate date" each year "in recognition of the importance of the family to the happiness and well-being of all men."

FEDERAL LAW MAKES BINGO ILLEGAL even though the game may be voted into legal status in certain states and communities. Post Office Department officials at Washington warned that no mail concerning bingo, such as announcements or other advertising, can be deposited. Officials maintain that bingo "has all the classic elements" of chance that meet the Supreme Court's definition of a lottery.

ANOTHER RADIO STATION has banned liquor advertising. Station WCRB, Waltham, Massachusetts (which has a large Boston suburban audience) has stopped accepting hard liquor advertising after a three-month trial period. It is the third station to announce this decision in recent months.

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION laid the cornerstone of a new \$4,500,000 headquarters building in Nashville, Tennessee. The new building, located on seven acres of land, will house the denomination's Sunday School Board. It is expected to be occupied in May. One section of the new building will be twelve stories high, a second five stories.

THE PARLIAMENT OF INDIA was told by a government spokesman that Americans supply over 80 per cent of the money for Christian missions in that country. Of \$37,000,000 received by Christian missionary schools, hospitals, and other projects over a recent extended period, he said, over \$30,000,000 came from people and organizations in the United States.

MARTIN NIEMOELLER, the German pastor who was imprisoned by the Nazis for defying Adolf Hitler, is in danger of going to prison again. The Defense Minister of the Bonn Government has instituted legal proceedings against Dr. Niemoeller for allegedly insulting the West German army by saying that military training is "a higher school for professional criminals."

BY VERLIN STEWART

Missionary to Cuba

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, BECAUSE OF the conflict between government and rebel forces in Cuba, I had been prevented from visiting three of our precious churches in the mountainous region of Sagua de Tanamo. Communications being severed, it was impossible to know how our brethren were faring or to advise them of my coming. I presented myself at the "Cane Curtain" and stated my cause. By explaining our completely neutral stand and my purpose, I secured a pass which gave me permission to leave the



Typical country houses in Cuba

Churches Progress in Mountains of Cuba

city of Sagua de Tanamo and to start my journey. How wonderful to have the assurance that He who has all power in heaven and in earth is with us all the way.

Leaving the city on foot I traveled toward the people that I so loved. Sweet peace was my portion even when I encountered the rebel patrol soon after leaving the city, and it was a thrill to show to them the "Sword of the Spirit," the weapon of the ages. I was kindly treated and soon on my way. Proof that the Lord was with

me came after having crossed the river and about two hours of walking in the burning afternoon sun. How beautiful the plan of the Lord!

I met a friend on horseback, the messenger of the Lord for the occasion. I learned that the churches were in a joint revival and were so far distant that it would be impossible for me to reach them on foot, but my friend was anxious to take them the message of my coming. The mountains ahead were very steep but I plodded on, up and down the steep slopes, to reach the home of the local work.

My heart leaped with joy as I heard the rumble of horses' feet and the creaking of saddles. Ramon Gomez was arriving. Ramon was one of the faithful local workers. What a thrill to see him again! He had come with an extra horse for me.

I suggested that we rest that night and start early the next day, but he answered, "Oh, no, *hermano* (brother), they are in a watch service and expect us tonight." We were tired but I could not discourage such zeal on the part of this worker. We had our supper and prepared for the journey. Little did I realize the value of such an experience. The darkness was impenetrable, but as we rode along I began to appreciate the brightness and glory

of my mission. It was the testimony of Ramon that I was hearing and he began like this:

"I was away from home in boarding school when I first heard the message by radio, *hermano*, and it so thrilled my soul that I continued to listen as often as possible. I acquired a New Testament, but on returning home my Spiritist mother took it from me. Many, many were my struggles, but real victory came when the Pentecostal message was preached in Canoa, where my parents live. My father was the mayor of the vicinity, but my home could not be happy with my mother so troubled by demon power.

"*Gloria a Dios* (glory to God), I was with the first group to receive the

Cuban War Victims Need Help

Word has been received from Cuba since the fighting terminated and the brethren are rejoicing that our pastors are unharmed and the churches are returning to normal. The plea comes to us for financial help for victims of the revolution who have been left homeless and destitute as a result of the recent conflict.

Our missionaries desire to buy clothing and food for some of the most needy cases. Offerings for this need may be sent to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated for "Cuban Relief."



Bible Book Room at fair in Havana, Cuba

Pentecostal Baptism long after midnight one night! How glorious to see my three sisters saved by the power of God! How marvelous to know that my mother is free from the power of Satan and with her nerves restored! My father now is a Christian as well as my brothers-in-law, and by His grace I am carrying the message of salvation to community after community of my countrymen who would not otherwise hear that Jesus saves!"

Our experiences of the night were varied. We rode past rebel camps, los-

ing our way, and finally arrived at our destination, Los Granadillos, to find an anxious host at that past-midnight hour. There it was my pleasure to enjoy great blessings with my brethren and to see some of those relatives of our Brother Ramon baptized in water.

I still rejoice in the victories of those days, the heart-warming fellowship among newborn Christians, and the glorious water baptismal service. I yearn for many more opportunities to share the blessings of an all-powerful and loving Lord with others. ◀◀

California Pastor Visits Mission Fields

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD OF San Bernardino, California, sent Pastor and Mrs. Louis H. Hauff on a visit to Assemblies of God mission stations in Central America and the Caribbean in January. They visited in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba. A number of former members of First Assembly are ministering in these areas including Paul Cooper, Lois Stewart, Wayne and Doris Turnbull, Robert

Turnbull, and Floyd Woodworth. Pastor Hauff was guest speaker at annual conferences in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Dominican Republic.

Brother Hauff came to First Assembly in San Bernardino in July, 1947, after twelve years of ministry in Arizona, the last four as District Superintendent. In 1951 a new sanctuary and Sunday School building was completed with 17,000 square feet of floor space. In 1956 a new parsonage was built. In 1958 the youth educational and fellowship hall was completed and off-street parking was provided for 140 cars. The total valuation of the church property is \$250,000.

During the church building program missionary giving increased constantly. The total giving for the year of 1947 was \$2,754. The first annual missionary convention was held in January of 1952, at which time \$6,000 was raised in cash and pledges. The total giving

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. K. Weigel and family of South India have reached the United States for furlough. Their address is 2 Iriquois Road, Levittown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Triplett on furlough from Nicaragua, Central America announce the birth of a son born Jan. 18.

Pearl Philipp sailed on January 3 via SS *Queen Mary* en route to Pakistan.



Pearl Philipp

for 1952 amounted to \$9,862. The total giving for 1956 was \$13,462 and a record high of \$22,090 was reached in 1957. Also in 1957 the Christ's Ambassadors received the Speed-the-Light national awards for second place in per capita and total giving with over \$5,000.

Former Assistant Pastor Melvin Harrel and his family are now missionaries in Accra, Ghana. At an annual missionary convention in the church they felt the call to Africa. The present assistant pastor, Claude E. Rediger, and his wife have applied for missionary appointment.

Brother Hauff served as secretary for the General Council special Foreign Missions Study Committee in 1958. The Hauffs returned home February 6 for the annual missionary convention at First Assembly, February 8-15. Missionaries at this convention included Evangelist Hal Herman; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crabaugh, Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. Everette Devine, Chile; the Fred Merians and the Robert Merians, India; Mr. and Mrs. David Irwin, Egypt; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klahr, Japan; and Evangelist John McPherson, representing the American Indians.



First Assembly of God in San Bernardino, Calif. Pastor and Mrs. Louis H. Hauff (inset)



HATS OFF TO THE WMC

COMPILED BY RUTH LYON

THE RESPONSE FROM DISTRICT LEADERS to requests for information concerning the value of the Women's Missionary Council organization to their districts has been overwhelming. We quote excerpts from some of the enthusiastic letters:

"From the national office, through district and sectional organization, into the local assembly, there is a smoothly operating, co-operative effort by all our WMC's. The national office channels out ideas, projects and information; from the local groups money, clothing,

and services are channeled around the world. The Southern Missouri District is proud of the tremendous contribution of the WMC's through the years."—*N. Cleo Tapp, District Superintendent.*

"As a district superintendent, I appreciate very much the fine work of our national office. As for me, I would not want to pastor a church or superintend a district without an active WMC organization!"—*Lester W. Dickinson, Nebraska.*

"I have noticed greater advances and better organization since the WMC's were organized nationally. The workers at headquarters are to be commended for their originality and production."—*Ernest P. Pruett, Home Missions Director, Georgia District.*

"We are grateful for the splendid helps and co-operation from the national WMC office in Springfield. They always have an ear open to our plans and needs and can be counted upon to assist us in our local endeavors."—*William Van Winkle, Home Missions Director, Indiana District.*

"As a district superintendent, I sincerely appreciate the tremendous work our national WMC office staff is doing in providing suggestions, practical advice, directive counsel, and willing help whenever needed. Our district is defi-

nately a pioneer area. Used clothing supplied by our district WMC's for many of the families located in home missions areas where the wage scale is low and the people are extremely poor has resulted in gaining the attendance of many large families in our new churches."—*Grady Fannin, Northern New England.*

"The leadership of the national organization at headquarters is appreciated for its vision and emphasis on missions to the whole world until Jesus comes."—*D. H. Browne, Home Missions Director, Alabama District.*

"The national WMC office has helped the North Carolina WMC leaders tremendously."—*Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.*

"Words of commendation are in order for the inspiration and leadership of the national office. They have instituted a well-balanced program of world missions—home and foreign—and have provided information and assistance to our local groups so that they have been able to meet the challenge of 'such a time as this.'"—*Everett D. Cooley, Michigan District Superintendent.*

"The WMC groups over our nation have proved a great blessing to the Alaska work and particularly in reaching people of our native villages."—*B. P. Wilson, Presbyterian, Alaska.*



Michigan WMC's display their "Pennies to Purchase Plots for Pioneer Places"



Indiana (section 9) WMC groups gave a Christmas shower to Home Missions workers



Church pews purchased by WMC's for the Northland project at Novato, California



WMC's of First Assembly (Wichita, Kansas) sponsor tepee project for the Don Binders



Mrs. Fred Sorrells, sectional leader of N. C., presents WMC message with visual aid.

"We thank the Lord for our good WMC ladies both here in South Florida and at our national headquarters who have served us so well and demonstrated genuine interest in missionary work everywhere."—*Harold E. Bullock, Home Missions Director.*

"The Women's Missionary Council has proved to be a wonderful blessing in the Eastern District. I believe it has been responsible, to a great extent, for the increased missionary zeal and vision in our churches."—*Russell Williams, Home Missions Director.*

"The WMC's of the Kansas District are to be commended for their untiring home and foreign missionary efforts. The same can be said of our national organization under the capable leadership of Mrs. Edith Whipple."—*Claude J. Utley, District Superintendent.*

"North Dakota is a great Home Missions area. The district has very few churches that fully support their pastors. Many pastors could not exist if it were not for the gifts of food and the occasional showers of the WMC ladies."—*Kenneth E. Olson, District Superintendent.*

"The WMC's of Northern California and Nevada have made a tremendous contribution to the whole missions program of the district."—*R. A. Wilson, Missionary Secretary.*

COIN COLLECTIONS

Most of the district WMC organizations have some project for collecting cash which eventually may be used to help purchase property for new Home Missions churches and for general district needs. Georgia lays claim to originating the coin collections to purchase lots and help new churches. The Home Missions director writes:



WMC's of Minnesota present map covered with dollar bills at Lake Geneva camp



Mrs. E. Adamson
District WMC President



Thomas E. Trask
Pastor

Minnesota WMC's Help Build Church

THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT WOMEN'S Missionary Council contributed approximately \$1,375 toward the purchase of lots for the Bethel Assemblies of God Church of Hibbing which was dedicated last June.

R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, was guest speaker at the dedication. District Superintendent G. Raymond Carlson conducted the dedication, with Presbyter D. H. Mapson, Pastor Thomas Trask and his father, Waldo Trask, assisting. A good number of pastors from northeastern Minnesota and about two hundred friends were in attendance.

Brother and Sister Trask went to Hibbing in April, 1957, to pioneer the work. A building was rented and soon a fine group of people were coming together for services. Later a prefabricated church building was dismantled in Duluth, brought to Hibbing, and erected in remodeled form, the roof being completed just as the snow began to fall in early winter. Work con-

tinued on the interior during the winter months. Fourteen months after the opening of Bethel Assembly the attractive new building was dedicated.

Wherever a new church is being built the WMC is there to lend a helping hand. If it is a pioneer church, the lot or part of the building may be paid for with WMC nickels, dimes, or pennies. In one district \$15,125 in pennies was collected by the WMC's during seven years (1951-1958) giving assistance to 27 pioneer churches.

Also the National Home Missions Department has been able to help many of the needy districts in church extension through the **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND**, thanks to your generous contributions. The department receives many urgent requests for assistance, and at the present time this fund is low. Your offerings sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, for **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND** will be gratefully received. ◀ ◀

"Hardly a church in Georgia has been built without the help of the women."

Minnesota WMC's have raised money for church extension with penny collections which were converted to dollar bills. This story appeared in the March 1958 *World Challenge*. North Texas WMC's use their coin collection to help the Home Missions program in general. From it, they also have supplied appliances and equipment for foreign missionaries.

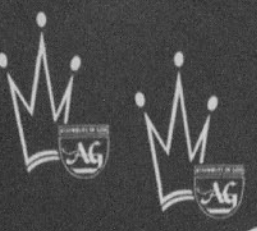
The Northern California-Nevada District has a "Penny Parade" at the district council. On the annual WMC Day, sectional leaders bring their money to the district president in prepared floats. Competition between sections as to the amount given excites great enthusiasm. A trophy is given for the best decorated float. The money is

given to district churches which have been built under the Church Extension Plan.

The 130 WMC groups of Michigan have a slogan for their coin collection: *Pennies to Purchase Plots in Pioneer Places*. They have contributed a great deal to the district home missions department. South Florida plans to fill two washtubs with pennies at the spring council meeting.

The Nebraska District WMC's began a "Dimes for Souls in Nebraska" project in 1953 for church extension and have a victory march at camp at which time the dimes are tabulated. Each year, the WMC's ask the district presbytery to designate a certain project. Two churches are then recipients of WMC aid. West Texas

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FIRST NIGHT SPEAKERS

PRESENT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IDEA!



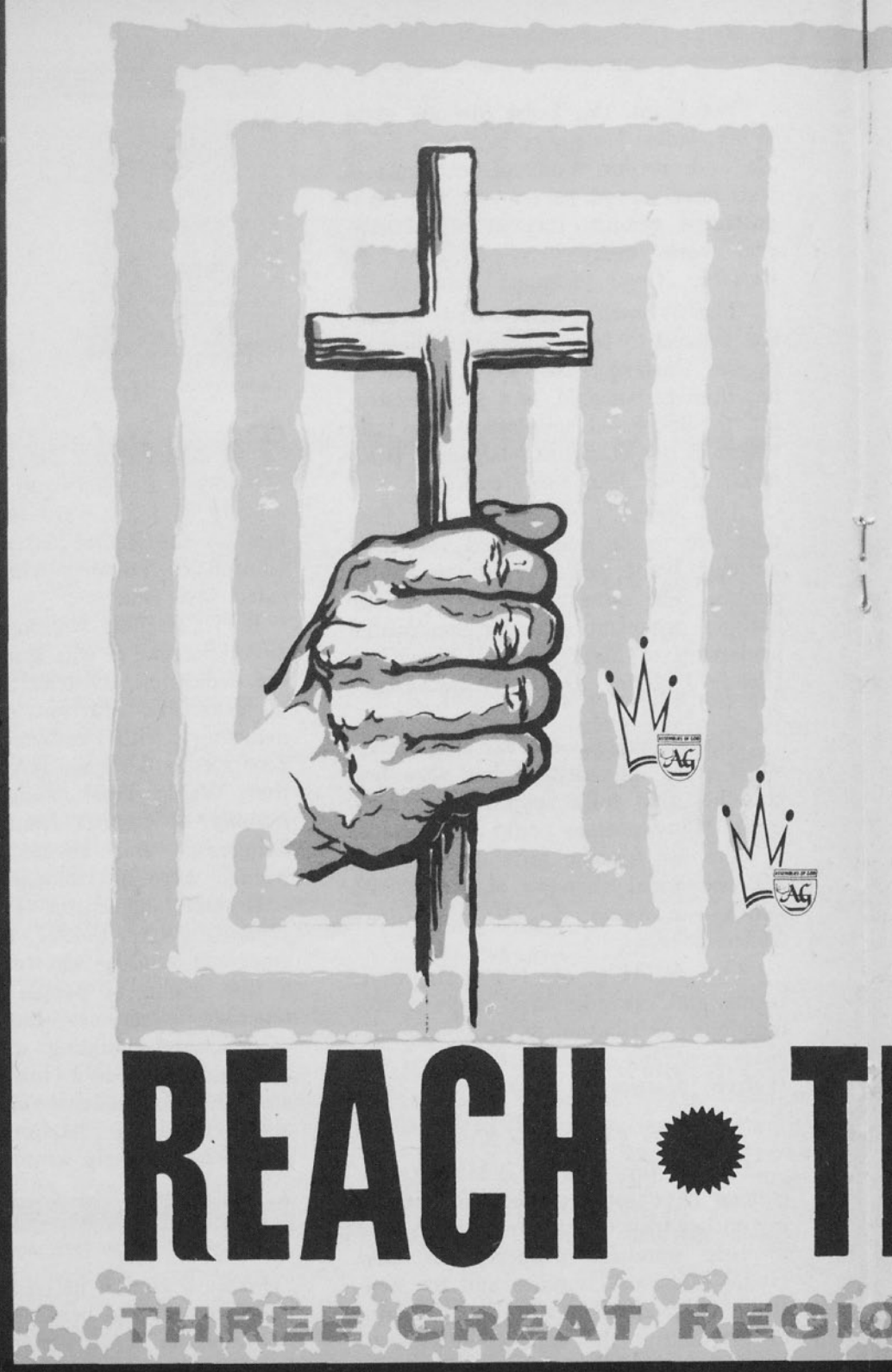
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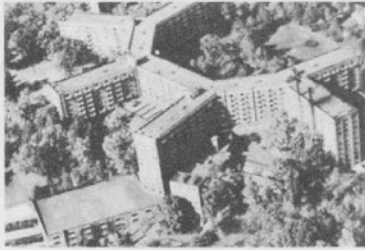


Brooks Hays, congressman from Arkansas for 16 years, will speak the first night in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hays, who has given many outstanding years of service to his country, is a well-known churchman and an active supporter of the Sunday School.

Philip Gaglardi, first night speaker in Springfield, Missouri, is Minister of Highways for British Columbia Canada. In addition to this responsible position, he pastors the Pentecostal Church in Kamloops, which has experienced remarkable growth under his ministry.

Roger Arnebergh, city attorney of Los Angeles, is the first night speaker in Stockton, California. Mr. Arnebergh, noted for his broad experience in municipal law, is active in church activities and is a member of the board of Directors of the Los Angeles Youth for Christ.

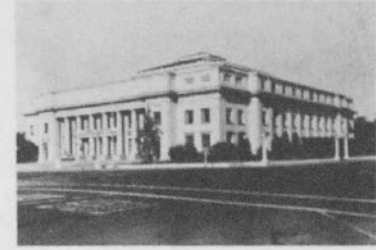




SHERATON-PARK HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
MARCH 9 TO 11



SHRINE MOSQUE AUDITORIUM
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
APRIL 21 TO 23



CIVIC MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 28 TO 30



CONVENTION PERSONNEL

Convention personnel will conduct workshops, supervise exhibits and participate in the visual demonstrations. These men and women are leaders in their field and energetic Sunday School workers.

A total of 29 workshops are planned for each convention. Information on the latest Sunday School methods and techniques will be presented in these "show-how" sessions.



NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PERSONNEL: 1. *C. W. Denton*, National Secretary; 2. *Harold Burris*, National Representative; 3. *Edith Denton*, National Standard Supervisor; 4. *Bill Eastlake*, Promotional Director; 5. *Paul Fenton*, National Representative; 6. *Alex Hunter*, Workers' Training Supervisor; 7. *Gwen Jones*, Associate Editor of the *Counsellor*; 8. *L. B. Keener*, National Representative and 9. *Billy Reeves*, Child Evangelism Supervisor.

ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL: 10. *T. F. Zimmerman*, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; 11. *Edwin P. Anderson*, Supervisor of Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House; 12. *J. Robert Ashcroft*, President of Central Bible Institute and Evangel College; 13. *Robert Brandt*, National Secretary, Home Missions Department; 14. *Carl Conner*, General Council Public Relations Representative; 15. *Dick Fulmer*, National Secretary, C. A. Department; 16. *Ralph Harris*, Church School Editor.

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

William Kirschke, the second-night speaker for all the conventions, is pastor of Calvary Tabernacle, Chicago, Illinois. He has also served as national representative for the Sunday School Department and executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association.



Morning Speaker: Washington, D. C.
Pastor David W. Flower
Bethany Assembly of God
Springfield, Massachusetts



Morning Speaker: Springfield, Missouri
Pastor Randall Ball
First Assembly of God
Cushing, Oklahoma

Bert Webb, the third-night speaker is assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. He is known for his interest in the Sunday School and his work with the field includes serving as executive director of the Sunday School Department and president of the National Sunday School Association.



Morning Speaker: Stockton, California
Pastor Murray McLees
First Assembly of God
Eugene, Oregon



We Will Serve the Lord

BY R. S. BEAL

Tucson, Arizona



IN JOSHUA 24:15 WE FIND THE consecrated attitude of a great man of God in relation to his own house: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." As a responsible father he established God as the center of his home. Joshua knew that whatever upsets a home is sacrilegious because it profanes a sanctuary. Irrespective of what others did, this man also knew the course he would pursue and was fully aware of what would be best for his children.

I am confident that the reason so many homes *go on the rocks* is because they are not *built upon the Rock*. Parental neglect of spiritual training is one of the greatest causes of juvenile delinquency which is plaguing our country at this hour. The reason so many children are growing up with a satanic scale of values is that we have not assumed the responsibilities of parenthood with more of a desire to glorify God.

The *duties* of parents need to be examined in the light of divine revelation. The Bible has much to say about fathers and mothers and also about the rearing of children. Home life is not neglected upon the pages of the sacred Guide Book. God would not be so cruel as to expect parents to rear children for His glory without teaching them how to do it and providing the necessary wisdom for it.

David wrote, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:59). With carelessness many have plunged into parenthood and given little consideration as to what God has to say to them. The father needs to take stock of himself and, like David of old, stop and think on his way. Fatherhood must be the greatest thing in the world since God reveals Himself in this highest and most sacred of all relationships.

Christianity exalts motherhood as no other religion in the history of the

world. In His incarnation our Lord entered our humanity through the portals of a woman's life and thus in a special sense sanctified motherhood. To be a mother is to hold the reins of a nation. This being true, every mother is called to utmost consideration of her high office.

The most precious bundle ever laid in human arms is that tiny child. Parents who do not feel an overwhelming sense of responsibility before God with the advent of that little spark of life are not worthy of it.

Earnest heed must be given to *parental diligence*. God has not left parents in the dark as to that which must diligently concern every one of us. Possibly the reason we have on our hands an unruly, unsettled, and ungodly generation is because we have been loathe to do what God has commanded us to do. We read, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt

FOR THE JUNIOR READER



PRAYER IN THE SKY

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

High over the China Sea, somewhere between Hong Kong and Tokyo, a lone airplane streaked through the night sky. Inside, most of the passengers were asleep. But Robert Baker, who is twelve, sat beside his mother and

thought of the future. He had already made up his mind to be a flying missionary when he grew up. But meanwhile there was plenty to do for the Lord at Singapore where his parents were preaching the gospel.

Suddenly there was a sputtering sound and one of the plane's starboard engines conked out. Then a port-side engine quit.

The airliner bucked like a bronco as another engine sputtered and screamed under the extra load. The clock indicated it would be three hours before they could reach land.

Things didn't look so good. Robert buckled on his safety belt and thought of his Bible, but it was locked in his suitcase. He prayed, and kept repeating Psalm 91:11, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

"Weren't you scared?" someone asked later.

"I was real scared at first," Robert admitted. "But after praying and saying Scripture I wasn't nearly so afraid."

Since Robert was already a Christian he wasn't praying that he would be saved. "I asked the Lord to help the pilots keep calm and unafraid so they wouldn't make a mistake. Most of the people on the plane were asleep. I prayed for them too. I knew we were all in the Lord's hands."

When the plane finally limped into Tokyo Airport, Robert didn't forget to thank God for His help. "I thanked the Lord good and hard," he said.

If your heavenly Father has helped you when you were in danger, did you remember to thank Him? If not, will you do it right now?

—Elva M. Johnson

teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7). The pity is we give greater diligence to a hundred nonessentials and neglect the Word of God.

The New Testament is equally clear concerning our parental responsibilities. Paul wrote, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). This is not the task of a day. It is line upon line, precept upon precept, day by day and hour by hour. Every sensible parent realizes it takes time and patience to comply with these divinely-given instructions, but our diligence will be well rewarded in the end.

Next, as parents we need to give serious thought to the matter of *parental discipline*. The problem of discipline is a difficult one and calls for careful and prayerful consideration in the light of God's Word. The modern theory is that a child should not be restricted nor restrained, but must be allowed to make his own choices. Corporal punishment has been ruled out and is looked upon as a relic of the dark ages. But God said, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18).

The chastening of children by their parents must be the correct method of dealing with them since it is the method pursued by our heavenly Father for the well-being of His children. "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" (Hebrews 12:5-7). God Himself sets the example and reveals the nature of discipline.

The apostle Paul wrote, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). To deprive children of that discipline which will bring them to obedience is to do them irreparable harm for time and eternity.

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Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, February 23

Read: Psalm 9:1-10

Learn: "And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psalm 9:10).

For the Parent: Christians have always found that the Lord is a refuge for them in difficult times. Emphasize this truth from this passage, showing how God judges the wicked and takes care of His own. This should cause us to praise Him (vv. 1, 2), and to remember always to put our complete trust in Him (v. 10).

Question Time: Who does this psalm say will put their trust in God? (v. 10) What do you think this means? For whom is God a refuge? (v. 9)

Tuesday, February 24

Read: Psalm 9:11-20

Learn: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Today's passage continues the same theme but stresses the judgment which will come upon those who refuse to trust in God. Stress: (1) God remembers both the good and the bad, v. 12; (2) God is known by His judgments, v. 16; (3) hell awaits all who refuse God, v. 17. Stress also God's care for His own.

Question Time: What will happen to the wicked and all the nations that forget God? (v. 17) What snares the wicked? (v. 16) Can you illustrate this?

Wednesday, February 25

Read: Psalm 10

Learn: "The Lord is King for ever and ever" (Psalm 10:16).

For the Parent: This Psalm carries a good description of what the wicked are like and why they are wicked. Point out some of these qualities, stressing them as sins to be avoided in the life of the Christian—such as pride, deceit, lying, cursing, etc. Also point out that though the wicked may seem to prosper, God is King. He controls all things and ultimately He will punish the wicked and reward the righteous.

Question Time: What are some of the characteristics of the wicked? (See above) How do we know the wicked will perish? (v. 16)

Thursday, February 26

Read: Matt. 27:57-61; 2 Tim. 1:7-12

Learn: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Joseph of Arimathaea" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This continues the series of lessons on "Men Who Met the Master." Discuss Joseph of Arimathaea, pointing out the service he performed for the Lord—a service which required a great deal of courage. Stress the importance of serving God courageously and fearlessly, letting all know of our love for Him.

Question Time: What service did Joseph of Arimathaea perform for Jesus? How would you evaluate his life?

Friday, February 27

Read: Genesis 42:1-3, 25; 45:1-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "God did send me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:5).

For the Parent: Review the events in the life of Joseph, stressing especially how his jealous brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. From this lesson emphasize that God has a plan for every life, and the importance of finding and following that plan. Because Joseph trusted and believed God, God used Joseph's seeming misfortunes to bring glory to Himself and to help Joseph save his family from starvation.

Question Time: How did Joseph happen to be in Egypt? (See above) What was he able to do? (See above)

Saturday, February 28

Read: Luke 15:11-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive" (Psalm 86:5).

For the Parent: The parable of the Prodigal Son is very familiar. Use it to: (1) review the importance of respect for parents and obedience to them; (2) emphasize the need for forgiveness. Those who do wrong will be unhappy. God is always ready to forgive us when we do wrong. We should be ready to forgive one another. Show the folly of holding grudges, of trying to get even, etc.

Question Time: What two important truths does the parable of the Prodigal Son teach? (See above) How can we avoid grudges?



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Prayer will raise you.
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We Will Serve the Lord

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Theodore Roosevelt said, "If you are going to do anything permanent for the average man, you must begin *before* he is a man. The chance of success lies in working with the *boy* and not the man."

We are neither to hamper nor pamper our children but to deal wisely with them and, when necessary, discipline them for their own good as well as for the glory of the One who entrusted them to us. Far better would it be to spoil any possession we have than to spoil the child.

All of us need to give heed to *parental demeanor*. Paul's injunction in 1 Timothy 4:12 applies just as much to parents as it did to the young preacher of the gospel. "But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." We must never get away from the fact that our children will talk as we talk, they will

walk where we walk, and they will act as we do. "Mom and Dad did it," is an excuse often upon the lips of children, and if not expressed audibly it remains in their thoughts.

Finally, we need to consider *parental devotion*. All of us need to stop and consider the unconscious influences at work either for or against the home. A little motto which hung on the wall of the kitchen in my boyhood home made a profound impression upon me. It was a simple statement, "God is love," ornamented with little blue forget-me-nots and framed in gold. If I repeated that text once it must have been hundreds and hundreds of times. A wise and godly mother placed it there, not merely as a decoration on the wall, but as a testimony for the spiritual well-being of her brood.

Thoughtful Christian parents will accept the challenge of instructing children in prayer both privately and through family devotions. It is a grave responsibility to be a Mom or Dad. It is a wonderful privilege, too; and it is a most blessed experience for the parents who can say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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Compelled to Bear the Cross

(Continued from page five)

"O Christ, who once has seen Thy
visioned beauty,

He counts all gain but loss:

All other things are naught if he
may win Thee,

And share with Thee Thy cross."

It Meant Walking With Christ. Simon bore the cross, but he bore it "after Jesus." When our shoulder is under the cross our feet are kept following on in the way of holiness after the One who suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps.

It Meant Working With Christ. We must take the shoes off our feet to see the spectacle of the mighty Son of God accepting help from stolid Simon as He redeems the world. The Christ who came to this hour, for this purpose, could not fulfill it without the help of an obscure peasant! And

the cross of shame which spoiled all of Simon's plans, gave him a place in the eternal plan of God. So today, we cannot drink His cup, but we can watch with Him an hour. We cannot share in His passion—but we can share His compassion. We cannot take *His* cross to redeem the world—but we can take *our* cross to go and preach redemption, so that we can say, with a humility known only to those who walk the Calvary road, "We are workers together with God, as though God did beseech you by us."

Today no Roman soldier confronts us with a wooden cross, but the Spirit of God would bring us under compulsion to take up our cross—to follow the Christ who says, "He who does not welcome the Cross, does not welcome Me." May we be given grace to respond with George Matheson:

"O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms
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Life that shall endless be."

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Installation of WMC Officers and circle chairmen



North Circle at work in member's home



Members of South Circle pause for picture

WE DIVIDE AND

DURING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF CALVARY TEMPLE, DENVER, COLORADO, HAS GROWN UNDER THE "CIRCLE PLAN" FROM ONE GROUP OF 55 MEMBERS TO ITS PRESENT ORGANIZATION WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 150.

By Mrs. Russell Byrum

FOR LARGER CHURCHES THERE ARE many advantages to the plan of dividing the WMC into several groups, commonly called circles.

In our church each circle is organized to carry on its special activities. Each has a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and chaplain. Each works out its own program with the co-operation of the pastor and the WMC president. The missionaries in whom the church has a special interest are divided among the circles. Thus one or more missionaries become the responsibility of a circle, whose duty it is to learn their particular needs.

In this way the WMC can be more helpful. Boxes of gifts are sent to the missionaries at Christmas and for birthdays—clothing, food, household items and other such supplies. Also the circle sends friendly letters and makes their missionaries the subjects of special prayer.

Each circle meets once a month in a home convenient to the ladies in their part of the city. Then once a month all the circles meet together at the church. At these mass meetings the circles take turns in providing the program and serving the lunch.

The circle plan offers a number of

benefits as compared with the one group method. It utilizes the leadership ability and initiative of a much larger number of persons. It provides a flexibility and diversity that fits a wide range of conditions and personalities, especially as to place and time of meeting, and as to type of activities. In addition to the regular meetings some circles have Bible study sessions. Some visit rest homes, others assist at a rescue mission, some at a servicemen's center, besides a number of other projects—all having a gospel objective.

Calvary Temple of Denver has twelve circles including an active Missionette group and an evening group (business-women) that usually meets at the church. The circles are located in widely separated parts of the city and



Mrs. Russell Byrum

Calvary Temple, Denver, WMC's Prove a Blessing

Charles E. Blair, Pastor of Calvary Temple, Denver, said: "The Women's Missionary Council has proved as great a blessing to our church as any single project—a spiritual force, making a great impact for the Kingdom of God."

Of the WMC President, Mrs. Russell Byrum, the Pastor says: "Not only is she spiritually qualified, but having served as international president of the Gideons Auxiliary for a number of years she is qualified in leadership as well."



Charles E. Blair



Church Circle displays sewing project



Quilting project of East Circle



West Circle WMC's enjoy devotional period



Energetic workers of the Thornton Circle

MULTIPLY

in several of the adjoining suburbs.

The general officers of the WMC and the circle chairmen make up an executive council which is called together from time to time by the WMC president. In these meetings plans for the coming months are discussed, assistance is given in problems that may arise in the various groups, business matters pertaining to the WMC are cared for, and there is a season of prayer in which all the groups' missionaries are brought before the Throne.

An important adjunct to the WMC work of Calvary Temple, in which all circles participate, is the commissary department. Here are accumulated supplies of food, clothing, literature and other materials which are prayerfully distributed to missionaries around the world as well as to local needs. For 1957 the value of such materials given out along with money contributed through the circles came to \$4,609. An additional \$520 came in through the monthly joint meetings of the circles held at the church.

The various circles also gave out nearly 17,000 pieces of literature, in-

cluding tracts and EVANGELS. They made 972 sick calls, 1,680 telephone contacts, mailed 600 cards and made 400 church visitation calls. Among the items distributed were about 30 baby layettes, 109 bed jackets for hospitals, and 23 large Thanksgiving baskets.

The evening circle, known as "King's Daughters," is filling a valuable place for businesswomen and others unable to get out to the daytime meetings. Among the first accomplishments of this circle were: the purchase of an accordion for the George Davises in Central America, gospel tracts mailed to names selected from the telephone directory (to the extent of about \$300 for postage), gospel scrapbooks, bandages rolled for leper colonies, boxes of cookies and candy sent to students and servicemen away from home, gospel meetings in convalescent homes, and Christmas gifts for a mission where several circles assist.

As needs continue to multiply and circle memberships increase, we will keep on dividing and go on multiplying under God's blessing until we must divide again and again. ◀◀



North Heights Circle rolling bandages



Mothers of Lakewood Circle bring their children



"King's Daughters," the business women's circle



Refreshment time at Aurora Circle



Southwest Circle has variety of projects



Enthusiastic group of Missionettes.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Sunday School Lesson for March 1, 1959

MATTHEW 27:57-61; 2 TIMOTHY 1:7-12

Among the more famous personalities associated with Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea does not stand. Yet in the hour of crisis there came to the surface of his life the love, loyalty, and courage which was latent within him.

JOSEPH'S CHARACTER

A comparison of accounts in the four Gospels (Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42) reveals the following facts concerning Joseph of Arimathea: (1) He was a "rich man." (2) He was "an honorable counsellor" who refused to consent with the others to the death of Christ (Luke 23:50, 51), which undoubtedly means that he was a member of the Sanhedrin. (3) He was "a good man and a just," "a disciple of Jesus."

JOSEPH'S WEAKNESS

John says he was a "disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews." Much has been made of this defect that marked Joseph's character up until the time of Christ's death, so much, in fact, that all the nobility of the man is disregarded. So it often is. We condemn a man utterly and entirely if we see one fault in him. We say he cannot be a Christian and do so-and-so; and in so saying we judge and condemn ourselves, for who of us is without fault? God judges more tenderly. A man may indeed lose many golden opportunities to witness for Christ by secret or silent discipleship, yet for all that he may be a Christian. Furthermore, a weak Christian in a time of crisis may show more strength than he has been credited with having!

JOSEPH'S STRENGTH

Christ is on the cross. Roman custom would leave His body to be picked to pieces by vultures and devoured by wild animals. Jewish law decreed (Deuteronomy 21:22, 23) that dead bodies should not be left hanging overnight. Yet who among the Jews cared enough to attempt to give Christ decent burial?

"When even was come... a rich man... named Joseph... went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus." It was providential that Joseph was rich and influential; otherwise he would not have had access to Pilate. Mark tells us that he "went in boldly unto Pilate." Here is the man who had been a disciple "secretly for fear of the Jews," boldly risking his safety and even his life in order to claim the body of his Master!

"Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered." Just as Queen Esther found favor with the king when she risked her life in the will of God on behalf of her people, so Joseph found favor with Pilate, received Christ's body, reverently wrapped it and laid it in his own new

and unused grave. Thus the Scripture was fulfilled (Isaiah 53:9), "He made his grave with the wicked [dying between two thieves] and with the rich [in Joseph's tomb] in His death." It was fitting that He who knew no sin nor corruption should repose in an unused tomb.

Consider the following practical truths which are illustrated in this portion of the lesson:

(1) Joseph "had not consented to the counsel and deed of them," that is, of the other members of the Sanhedrin, when they had decreed the death of Christ, even though he knew his refusal would not change matters. So ought we always to refuse to consent to wrongdoing even though our refusal may not change matters.

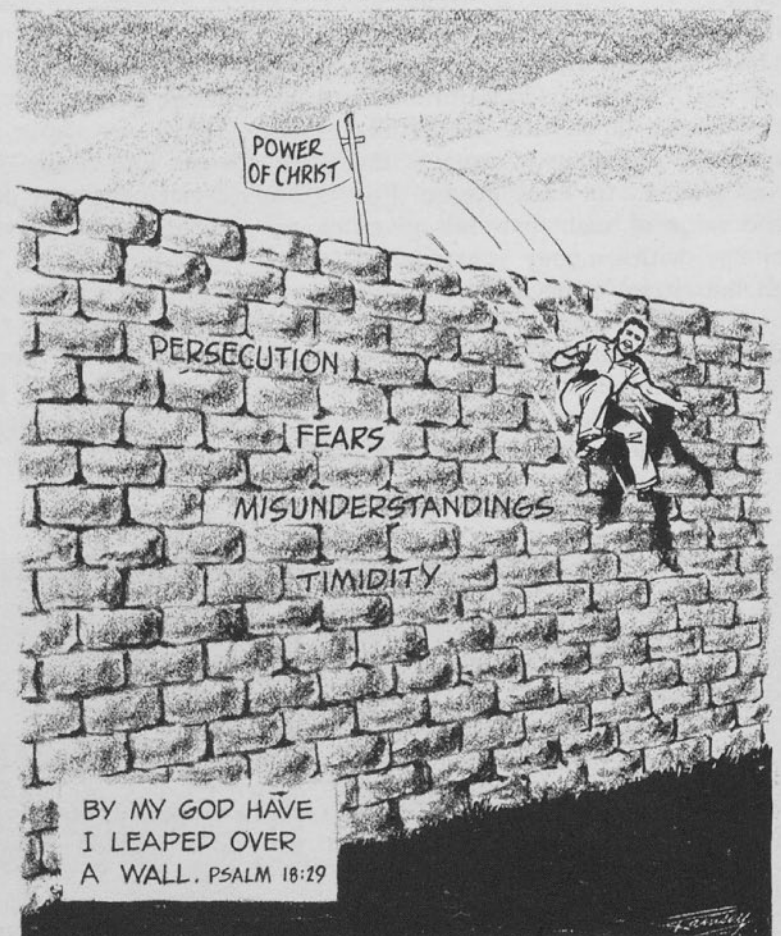
(2) To ask for the body of Jesus was a risky matter, and may have seemed a futile thing, yet Pilate's acquiescence was complete and amazing! Similarly, when we do the right thing, obey God, yield to the Spirit, our action may accomplish far more than we have anticipated!

(3) It often requires a crisis to show what men really are, and to discover the good or evil possibilities within them. And one's actions and decisions in times of crisis may be the turning point of one's life.

(4) What was it that caused the timid and fearful Joseph to become so courageous, self-denying, and loyal? Was it not that he was transformed as he beheld Christ's supernatural conduct on the cross and the supernatural signs around the cross? Did not the majesty, power, and love of Christ as it was demonstrated in His death move Joseph to do what he did? Is it not true that the power of Calvary is still the greatest power to change men's lives and produce right thinking and conduct today?

—J. Bashford Bishop

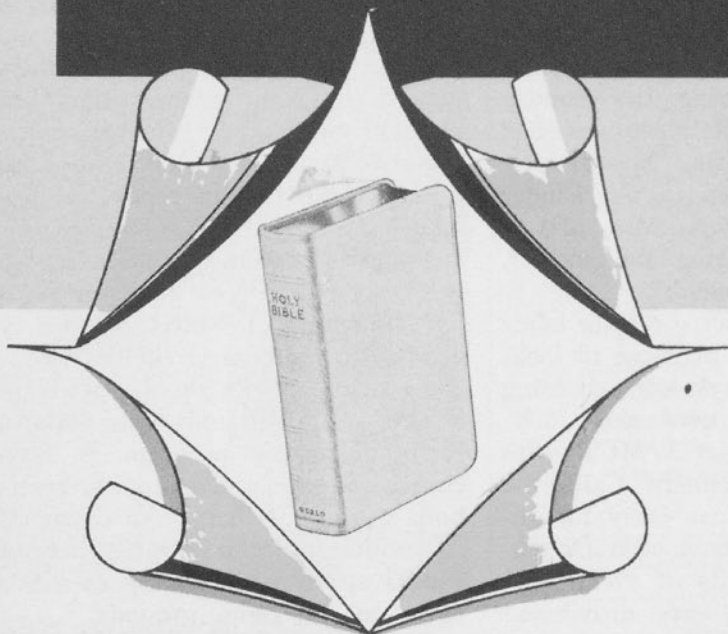
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Hats off to the WMC

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WMC's have undertaken a project to give \$500 to the Spanish work in Morton, Texas, by April, 1959. The pastor of this church is working to support himself. The congregation has bought an old church building.

TREASURE CHEST PROJECT

Many of the districts participated in the "Treasure Chest" idea suggested by the national office. As an example, the Southern Missouri District WMC groups came to their last district council with treasure chests filled to overflowing—more than \$3,000 worth of gifts for missionaries. Each missionary present was invited to take whatever he needed most. From the surplus, parcels were sent to the Clifford Geedys in Alaska and a large van load to the National Children's Home. On WMC Day at camp meeting this year, Marcia McCorkle from the Indian work in Arizona was presented with linens, bedding, etc., from the Treasure Chest. The Indiana WMC's provide linens and bedding for home missions workers from the Treasure Chest.

OTHER PROJECTS

(Not including church extension or foreign missions activities)

Most WMC groups are very active in providing equipment, clothing, food, and other items for home and foreign missionaries, so these will not be listed separately here. Also, most groups contribute such things as clothing and bedding to different Indian works over the nation and to the Alaska children's homes. Some groups have adopted missionary families and send them Christmas and birthday gifts. Thanksgiving and Christmas showers are given for Indians. Some districts which have no Indian works contribute to those which do have.

The West Central WMC's clean up the pioneer churches and living quarters prior to occupation by new workers.

The Southern California WMC's bought a much-needed air cooler for Sunday School rooms for Lyle Wolverton, missionary to the Indians, Parker, Arizona.

WMC's of First Assembly, Wichita, Kansas, sponsored a Christmas shower for the Don Binders of Sells, Arizona. Also included were gifts for Indian Sunday School students.

Mrs. Edythe Eskelin, vice-president of this group, made a large tepee which was placed on the church platform. "Little White Cloud" (a primary child in Indian dress) sat in front of his tepee, played his tom-tom, and accepted the gifts as they were brought in each Sunday during the Sunday School hour. The little tepee was soon filled with useful gifts. Special personal gifts were given to the Binder family and their helper. Also, \$50 in cash, brought in during the shower, was sent to the Binders.

The Eastern District gives its home missions workers the privilege of looking at WMC displays and choosing whatever items they need most.

The Arizona District WMC's, with the help of the Southern California ladies, have a Christmas party for Indian workers at Phoenix each December. Many useful gifts of every kind—food, clothing, etc.—are distributed among the missionaries. An interesting account of the 1957 party was published in the December 21, 1958, *Pentecostal Evangel*.

South Florida WMC's, as well as many other district WMC groups, serve delicious meals to those who work on church buildings in pioneer efforts.

Mrs. Earl Vanzant, New Mexico district president, promotes quarterly projects. This WMC group contributed \$650 for improving the district camp

tabernacle. They also supplied money for a new roof for the Albuquerque Indian Mission.

South Dakota reports that at the Tri-State WMC Rally they took an offering to help purchase material for the ceiling of the tabernacle on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. Also \$1,200 in cash was given to the children's homes in Juneau, Alaska, and Hot Springs, Arkansas.

WMC's of North Dakota have financed the camp ground utility building and made other valuable contributions to the camp. They always clean up the camp buildings prior to camp. The Lakewood Park Bible School receives gifts of canned foods every year.

The Northern New England WMC's have provided Christmas gifts for children attending pioneer Sunday Schools. They plan to clean up the newly purchased camp ground. The Alabama Home Missions program is largely church extension. No Indian reservations are located here. An outstanding contribution of the WMC's here was \$1,000 toward the building of a tabernacle on the camp grounds.

The North Carolina WMC's are a thriving auxiliary of this young and growing district. The work of the WMC's is confined somewhat to local projects for new churches and parsonages. However, the Indian churches receive some help. The camp grounds have benefited from the WMC donations and labor.

The Northern California-Nevada WMC's have contributed to Alaska orphanages, prison work, etc. The Southern Idaho group cleans up the buildings for camp meeting and contributes many useful items for the camp kitchen, etc.

ALASKA

Brother B. P. Wilson, presbyter in Alaska, tells us that the prayer ministry of the WMC, in his estimation, transcends all other help they may give. The WMC's of the nation have adopted Alaska missionaries. Tons of clothing have been received in Alaska from WMC groups all over the States—for the children's homes, missionaries, and general relief in the villages. These gifts open the hearts of the village people to the gospel.

It is evident that the national and district home missions offices find the Women's Missionary Council organization an invaluable right arm in helping them to carry out the Great Commission. Hats off to the WMC! ◀◀

PLAN TO ATTEND

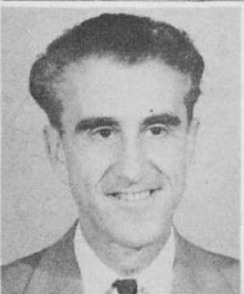
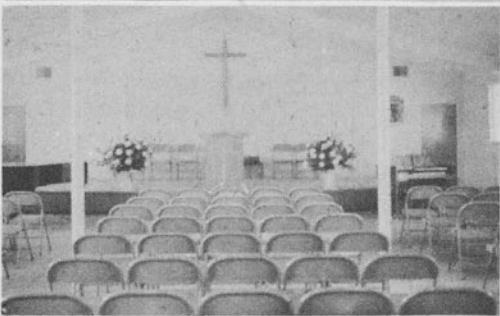


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NEW CHURCH IN SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA

Three years ago Pastor and Mrs. Edward Gomes (above) accepted God's call to open a church in Santa Clara, California. On October 12, 1958, Neighborhood Assembly of God (shown above) was dedicated by District Superintendent Leonard Palmer.

Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Don Carlos held a revival in which several were saved and some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit has remained in the church, and they recently set an attendance record with 190 in Sunday School.

NEW YOUTH HANDBOOK RELEASED

The first public presentation of the brand new C. A. Leaders Handbook will be made this week at the annual D-CAP (District Christ's Ambassadors Presidents) Conference in Springfield, Missouri. Receiving the first copy will be Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and Executive Director of the National C. A. (youth) Department. Copies will also be presented to each D-CAP by Dick Fulmer, National Secretary of the Department.

The new Handbook meets a need which has been felt by local, district, and national youth leaders for a long time. It is filled with helps, ideas, and plans for a successful youth program in the local church. Completely indexed, the 128-page book contains 12 chapters, each dealing with a specific phase of youth work. The Handbook is closely allied to GOAL, the national program for local group achievement.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Huntsville	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	Calvin Melton	Melvin M. Byron
Ariz.	Miami	A of G	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	John Everett & wife	Ray McMillan
Calif.	Canoga Park	First	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	H. Ralph Love	Samuel Eubanks
	Richmond	Full Gosp. Temp.	Feb. 25-Mar. 15	Gene Martin	J. Boyd Wolverton
	San Diego	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	Jerry & Peggy Fry	Elton G. Hill
	Strathmore	Full Gospel	Feb. 15—	Paul Smith	R. I. Johnson
	Walteria	A of G	Feb. 15—	Billy Guthrie & wife	O. W. Fish
Del.	Dover	Calvary	Feb. 24-28	R. Owen	R. L. Lafferty
Ill.	La Salle	* La Salle Theatre	Feb. 22-Mar. 8	Joseph De Grado	A. J. Wells, Chmn.
Kans.	Wichita	First	Feb. 11—	The Vander Ploegs	R. R. Morrison
Mich.	Detroit	Eastside	Feb. 15—	James Weaver	Leroy Morgan
Mo.	Kirkville	A of G	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	Paul Sandgren	Donald Rich
Nebr.	Hastings	A of G	Feb. 8-22	Ivan Christoffersen	H. W. Lebsack
	Naponee	PleasantGreen	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Jerry & Louise Snavely	Marion Anspaugh
Pa.	Windsor	Pent. Lighthouse	Feb. 25—	Ralph A. Creider	John S. Palmer
S. C.	Greenville	Cedar Lane	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	John Eller	J. Hollingsworth
Tex.	Corpus Christi	Faith	Feb. 11-22	W. A. (Bill) McCann	Warren Piersol
	El Paso	First	Feb. 15—	K. E. Hagin	Wm. F. Hageman
	Houston	Calvary	Feb. 22—	E. R. Winter	C. D. Johnson
	Sunray	A of G	Feb. 15—	Charles L. Ogdon	W. F. McCleskey
	Green Bay	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	Wm. T. Rourke, Jr.	R. S. Peterson
Wis.	Marinette	** A of G	Feb. 22-27	Bob Olson	Morris E. Hayes
	Toronto, Ont.	Lake Shore GT	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	John H. Bostrom	A. W. Ness

* Union Revival

** Children's Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

The volume is the work of a number of well-known youth leaders of the Assemblies of God. Compilation was done by the National C. A. Department's editorial staff.

The C. A. Leaders Handbook will be released to the public next month. It is available for \$1 per copy. (See the advertisement on page 32 of this issue for more information.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL WORLD MISSIONARY CONVENTION AT E.B.I., Feb. 26-28. Representatives from seven world areas present. Program includes open forum, children's services, curio display, slides.

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WITH CHRIST

JANNIE B. SMITH (Mrs. E. B.), 72, Bakersfield, California, went to be with Jesus December 5, 1958. She was ordained in 1935. Sister Smith founded and pastored Faith Tabernacle, Bakersfield, from 1939 until she was superannuated eight years ago.

WILLIAM F. A. GIERKE, 82, Los Angeles, California, passed to his reward January 11, 1959. Brother Gierke was ordained in 1922. He spent much of his time as an evangelist besides distributing gospel literature to English-speaking people in many parts of the world. He also carried on wide correspondence aimed to comfort and counsel. Brother Gierke was superannuated in 1951.

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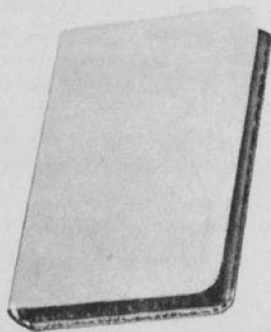
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25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

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God Gave His Son

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the Son finally cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" meaning, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Have you wondered what went on in the heart of the Father at this moment as He turned His back on His only begotten Son for your sake and mine? Can mortal words describe the infinite anguish brought about by the breaking of the eternal fellowship of the Godhead as a ransom for the sin-bound spirits of men? This was the Cup—its first sip, a murderous kiss; its last, the bitter myrrh of separation.

What price did the Father pay? The writer stood by the hospital bedside of his own little two-year-old daughter who was being destroyed by the rampages of spinal meningitis. God later raised the child to perfect health, but no words can describe the helpless feeling that sweeps over one at such a moment. The mental anguish, the desire to exchange places, is consuming. If an earthly father could love so strongly, what must have been the pain that God, the heavenly Father, suffered from divine love as (by the act of extending the Cup) He gave His own Son to a wicked world?

It staggers the ability to understand when we consider these great, infinitely perfect attributes of God. Any small comprehension of what happened first at Gethsemane, then at Calvary, to reconcile sinful man with perfect God leaves one weak.

God's love for us cannot be measured. Knowing every pain from Gethsemane to Golgotha, feeling every step that led to Calvary, hating every sin that made it necessary, God was willing to sacrifice His Son to restore us to harmony with Him. It is little wonder that there is a hell prepared for those who reject such love. It overtaxes the imagination to think of what is prepared for those who accept this love.

Very truly, "God so loved the world, that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my ALL!"*

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Will You Be—

RICH OR POOR?

By M. M. Johnson

WHAT GREAT CHANGES TAKE place at death! When a new baby is born into the world there is a definite change from its former state, but its faculties of perception are so undeveloped that it adjusts gradually to its new surroundings without shock or surprise.

But when one goes from this life to the next, the fully developed faculties apprehend the difference, and the impact on the intellect and emotions are profound. For some there awaits the most ecstatic joy; for others, consternation and woe.

In the account of the rich man and Lazarus, the Lord Jesus lifted the curtain which separates us from the life to come (Luke 16:19-31).

Note that when Lazarus died he was "carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom." This was language the Jews could understand, for Abraham to them was the highest example of faith and righteousness. To be where he was, to the Jewish mind, was to be in heaven.

The rich man also died. He had a lavish funeral, but he did not see it. An expensive casket, but he could not enjoy it. A splendid eulogy, but he did not hear it. An imposing tomb, but actually *he* was not in it. Banks of flowers, but all he smelled was brimstone. He opened his eyes in hell

and found that though he had been rich for a time he would be a pauper for eternity. His first plea was for water, "for I am tormented in this flame."

What a contrast! What a change from the days when he had been a rich man and a lowly beggar waited hopefully for crumbs at his gate!

There is nothing said in the story about the righteousness of poverty or the wickedness of riches. Jesus put no premium on either wealth or want. The heart attitude is the important thing.

It is doubtful that Lazarus was especially noted in religious circles, or that the rich man's name was in the local rouges' gallery, but their final destinations revealed their true spiritual state.

It is evident that at some time Lazarus had realized his spiritual poverty, and turned for help to God who was the only one who could help him. Feeling condemnation for sin, he accepted God's mercy and forgiveness. Battling his weaknesses, he looked to God for power to live victoriously. He realized he was unable to prolong his own life and believed God for eternal life after death. His final destination proved that these things had taken place in his life. When the great change came he welcomed it and entered into a more glorious life than he had ever known before.

But the rich man, having all he could ever need or want in this life, may never have considered his spiritual poverty. If he did, he apparently put it aside and turned back to the enjoyment of temporal blessings. When the great change came for him he realized with horror and anguish that he was an eternal pauper of the first magnitude!

Friend, the big question facing us today is not what our present economic or social status is, but rather, will we be rich or poor throughout eternity?

Decide now. In eternity it will be too late. ◀◀

Character is like the foundation of a house—it is below the surface. So is God's work obscure. Ninety per cent of every harvest is God's work and only ten per cent man's. The farmer's work is all above the sod; he plows, sows, cultivates, where all can see what he is doing. God's part of the work is under the sod, where no one can see it. Whether visible or not, character is the one thing that endures.—D. Carl Yoder

Flattery and Courtesy

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and Agrippa (Acts 24:10 and 26:2, 3). He complimented without sacrificing any truth, and studiously avoided being deliberately offensive or disrespectful. A glaring example of the flattery of the worldling in contrast to the manly courtesy of the Christian is seen by comparing the opening remarks of Tertullus (Acts 24:1-4). We need not suppose that Felix was deceived by the trick. The story makes it plain that he was favorably impressed by Paul's uprightness and innocence, as was Agrippa two years later.

As to courteous language, Paul was careful to say "King Agrippa" and "most noble Festus." Whatever the private lives of these men might have been, the dignity of their office was to be respected as the basis of orderly government. We should give "tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Romans 13:7).

A half-humorous apology has been made to me sometimes for lack of courtesy in speech on the basis of *geography!* I am asked to believe that coarse language and rudeness are indigenous to certain parts of the country, and more polish to others. If this really be so among men of the world (and I would not altogether refute the idea) it still seems a very poor excuse for discourtesy among Christians, and particularly among Christians who claim to be filled with the Spirit.

Surely cultural differences between north and south, or between east and west, are burned up in true Pentecostal fire. One of the loveliest things I have seen (and I have seen it often in this Pentecostal revival) has been the transforming power of divine grace which changes naturally uncultured people into God's ladies and gentlemen.

Where there is a continual and glaring lack of courtesy among Christians, it is plain that the root cause is spiritual. There is a grievous shortcoming in love as a fruit of the Spirit.

The truth as it is in Jesus will never descend to servile or artful flattery simply in order to cultivate doubtful friendships or achieve an unworthy

type of influence. But neither will it cause unnecessary embarrassment through lack of the accepted courtesies in either public or private life.

The excellent oil of courteous language and courteous action, even in reproof, may not be quite identical with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but

it is closely enough related to it to be expected as a gracious accompaniment. Only when sin and pretense demand from us the utmost plainness of speech in condemnation can we justifiably cast all courtesy to the winds and call men vipers—*before we die for them!* ◀◀

heart arose in prayer, "*Lord, quicken my spiritual sense of taste this day!*"

I followed the Spirit further in my thoughts. Was my spiritual sense of feeling alive to God? Or was I allowing the rush and bustle of this age to keep my inner being in a state of turmoil? His Word says clearly, "Who-so keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing" (Ecclesiastes 8:5). Undue concern, worry, fear—these were tricks of the evil one to keep me from feeling God's care! Deuteronomy 33:27 tells me that as God is my refuge, underneath are His everlasting arms. In Him is protection from the enemy. I, as His child, should only feel serenity in my soul.

There is no need to let the wrongs of others ruffle my spirit! What though it seems that something should be done to right a certain situation? I can rest in the protection of One who is well able to take care of all that needs attention. As I keep in that place where I can feel His abiding peace, my life should bring only blessing to those who touch me. Again my heart poured forth in prayer, "*Lord, keep my spiritual sense of feeling ever alive to you!*"

What about my spiritual sense of hearing? How often had I taken time to listen to His voice? True, I had come to Him in prayer, but in His ears might it not have been a continual clamor, as I talked incessantly! I often arose from my knees without knowing which way to turn because I hadn't waited to hear from Him! "And thine ears shall hear a word behind... saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21).

I had heard Him speak to my soul before. Just as certainly as I knew when the will of the Lord for a certain matter was *not* revealed to me, so surely I had known, without a trace of doubt, when His will *was* revealed.

My prayer continued, "*Lord, keep my spiritual ears keen. Let me know Thy guidance always—day by day!*"

Is there within me a quickening of that spiritual sense which recognizes the fragrance of His presence? "Christ... hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." He became my sacrifice. I asked myself, "As I draw near to my Sacrifice, is there a response within my heart?"

The savour of this Sacrifice reaches to the throne of God. It is sweet to

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Are We Sensitive or Callous?

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IT WAS SPRINGTIME. TWILIGHT drifted quietly over the landscape. The air was rich with the smell of freshly turned earth and plump buds which had basked in warm sunshine throughout the day. Now God was painting a masterpiece across the western horizon. The glow of heaven had broken through in rosy tones which gradually diminished to shell-pink and pearl.

Above, the Master's brush had pierced through the soft curtain of dusk into the distant glory and a diamond-bright star peeped out. Close by rested a silver moon, its outer edge fringed with the lacy silhouette of maple tree branches. Each twig of the maple was heavy with buds, and nestled among them were the puffy shapes of little birds, settling down for the night. Softly they chirped among themselves. They seemed to be holding their evening vespers, thanking the heavenly Father for His care throughout the day. The gentle touch of the breeze brought calm to my soul. How wonderful was God's world! My heart swelled in worship. It were as if God Himself had come down to walk in the garden in the cool of the day!

But there were tasks awaiting, and I tore myself from my reverie.

When I talked of the scene to those inside the house, it irked my friend who declared that she seldom even noticed the sky. She had too many important things to occupy her in working for the Lord.

This came as a blow to my soul which had been opened wide to the

tender dealings of my Maker!

But as I thought of this, I also became aware that God has given us not only natural but spiritual senses which many of us have neglected; perhaps completely ignored. This must bring Him sorrow!

I questioned myself. While my physical senses might be alert, could I be grieving His heart by my spiritual coldness? Were my spiritual eyes open; my spiritual ears unstopped? As I pondered, I cried out for a new place in Him where I would completely satisfy the desire of His heart; where there would be a rounding out of every part of my spirit in His presence; where my soul would be alive to Him!

In Psalm 34:8, His Word says, "*O taste and see that the Lord is good.*" Do I enter God's house and sit at His banquet table with an "I'm not hungry" attitude? How He must long to see me come into His presence with my spiritual appetite whetted! His Word is nourishment for my soul. I would not glance at any earthly table at which I am a guest, grab a piece of celery and leave with a hasty goodbye. Yet how often the Lord has seen the need of my spiritual life and has placed before me the very Bible portion which He knew would best nourish me for the trials of the day. Yet I have read carelessly with my thoughts upon the activities ahead. Is it any wonder that I hungered throughout the day, and suddenly fell prey to an earthly desire for satisfaction from that which was not meat to my soul? My

His nostrils. And yet, as I come into His presence, can it be that I have become so insensitive by the cheap perfumes encountered in my daily routine that I do not even realize that He is there! While others worship at His feet, can I sit by unmoved?

"Lord, waken this spiritual sense—keep it alive in me," I prayed.

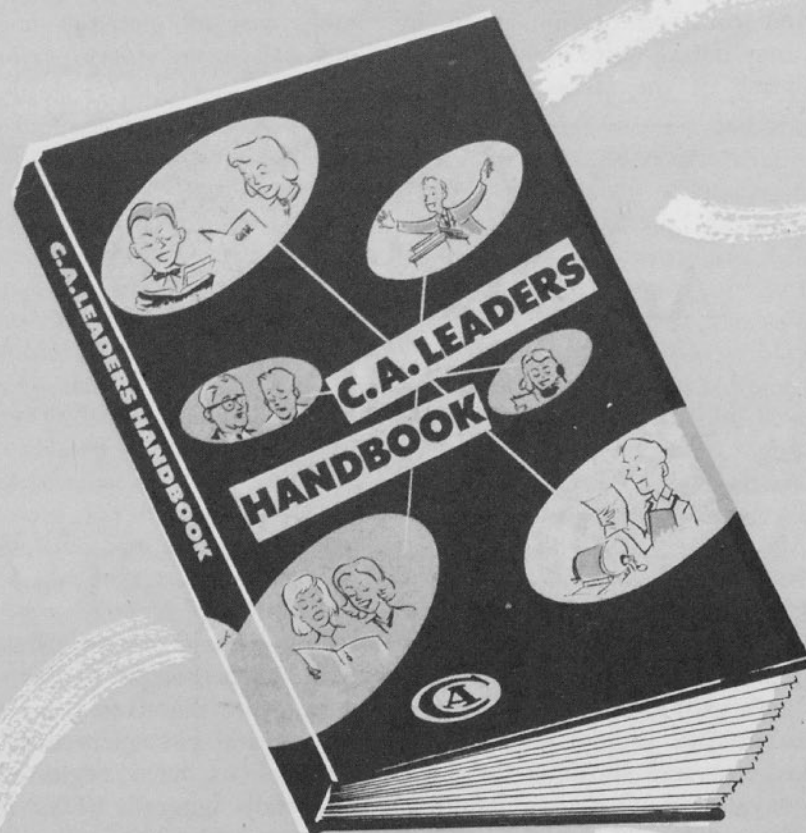
How do I stand before my Maker when I examine my spiritual sense of sight? I asked myself, "Have the eyes of my soul been opened to Him?" If I would be among those who "shall see the king in his beauty," should not I be seeing, spiritually, *now*? Should I not be in that place where His ways are so much a part of me that my vision has become one with His?

I long for the day when I shall see Him break the clouds and come for His own, but will I see Him then if my spiritual eyesight is beclouded by lethargy and unconcern now? I desire a new revelation of His power and glory, but can I behold it when I am so short of sight that I cannot see the suffering of my neighbor's soul?

I bowed before Him. *"Lord, give me Thy vision. Keep me so close that I shall sense Thy every desire because I have caught Thine expression—I have seen Thy face!"*

"And while, in the glow of the sunset, the touch of the breeze, the song of the meadowlark, I find a leaping response of my physical senses to the messages of Thy love, may I become as vibrantly alive in my spiritual being!"

"May I be quickened by Thy Spirit to know the abiding satisfaction of feeding on Thy Word; the peace of Thy protecting care; the guidance of Thy gentle voice; the nearness of Thy presence as I wait; and Thy desire as my vision is one with Thine!" ◀ ◀



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