October 31 is Reformation Day

Martin Luther, the priest who dared to exalt the authority of the Scriptures above the authority of the Church.
AUTUMN BEAUTY

As the trees don their brilliant robes in October they seem to say to me, "Cheerful colors are not for youth only; old age, too, can be beautiful."

Only God can make a tree and give it such elegant garments; and only God can save a life from sin and make it beautiful. Each season, I think, has its own particular beauty. Spring has its bright green freshness; summer its verdant fulness; autumn its regal splendor. Who can say which is the loveliest? The young or middle-aged Christian need not waste pity on the aged, for the ever-ripening years bring their own special blessings. The aged Christian can view life in its fuller perspective. He is released from the cares of this life to contemplate the glories of the life to come. He has time to explore the depth and worth of the Saviour's love.

Life's autumn can be the most colorful years of all. Joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness . . . all the fruits of the Spirit ripe in this time of harvest. Let those who wish to stay young and to be on this earth forever have their desire; for me there has come a grander goal: I choose the blessed privilege of enjoying the precious sunset years when God draws near with His gracious brush and tints the soul with golden hues. I pray that as heaven comes closer my soul shall catch a reflection of the glory of that celestial city and shine increasingly in sunset beauty.

—MRS. GARNET SKILES

CULTIVATING FAITH

I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I closed my Bible, and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.

—DWIGHT L. MOODY

POLISHED BY THE WAVES

On Pebble Beach, California, the waves dash upon the stones with a ceaseless roar. They toss and grind the stones together, and hurl them against the rugged cliffs. Day and night, the wearing down of the stones continues unabated. Tourists from over the world gather the beautiful round, polished stones for ornaments on mantels.

Near Pebble Beach is a towering cliff which breaks the force of the dashing waves. In the quiet cove, sheltered by the cliff, is a abundance of stones. These are unsought, unwanted. They have escaped the turmoil and attrition of the waves. As a result they are rough, angular, devoid of beauty.

Billows of sorrow and trouble polish and refine the soul. They give to us the opportunity to prove the genuineness of the Saviour's comforting, healing words.

—Gospel Herald

LOOKING—NOT JUST SEEING!

We are looking unto Jesus, not at Him. There is a world of difference. F. B. Meyer says something to the effect that if we cannot see Him we can look in the direction where we know Him to be. Alexander Whyte puts it: "He does not say, 'See'; He says only 'Look.'"

The snake-bitten Israelite, far to the rear in the multitude, may not have been able to make out clearly the outline of the serpent, but he looked that way. What matters most is not how clearly we perceive Jesus, but the utter dependence of our look.

—VANCE HAVER, in Day by Day

INSTINCTIVE GUIDANCE

The Golden Plover flies away to the Hawaiian Islands for the winter and leaves its young to grow strong enough to follow. When their wings are developed, these young rise into the sky and set their course over the Pacific. For two thousand miles they fly across the trackless sea, sometimes through storms, yet unerringly to those tiny islands.

How can you explain the flight of those birds? Surely God has provided for them something akin to our radio beams. And I firmly believe God has made the same provision for His children. When our lives are in harmony with His will, we have "insight," an instinctive sense of the right direction, and we move steadily ahead without fear.

—CHARLES L. ALLEN in Healing Words

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**Luther and the Bible**

Never has the truth of Psalm 119:130 ("The entrance of thy words giveth light") been demonstrated more clearly or forcibly than during the Reformation. It was the shining of the written Word of God into the hearts of mankind, more than anything else, that led Europe out of the Dark Ages. Formerly the Scriptures were buried beneath the twisted traditions of men and the empty ritual of a decadent church. The common people had no access to the Book of God for it was written in languages they did not understand.

Then came translations into their tongues, and the invention of the printing press. As a result, the common people were able to possess and read the truth that sets men free. As long as we hold to this Book we shall have spiritual liberty.

As a young man Martin Luther had never seen a Bible. It was while attending university and browsing in the library his eyes fell upon the sacred volume for the first time. He recognized in it fragments used in church worship and was thrilled as he turned the pages. Here was the very Word of God—complete. His eyes lingered particularly on the moving story of Hannah and Samuel. Yet the church was giving no more prominence to this blessed Book than to the ordinary writings of men.

Luther entered a monastery and there, by studying the Bible, he endeavored to find a cure for his restless soul. One day God spoke to him in Paul's words to the Romans, "The just shall live by faith." He saw it was not by church ritual, nor by works of penance, or charity, but by simple faith in the atoning work of Christ that men are saved. From that time forward he was a man of the Book. He preached it; he wrote about it; he defended it in debates; he translated it from dead languages into the tongue of the German peasants and made it a living Book.

"The Holy Scriptures," said Luther, "are the Word of God, and they are, as it were, lettered (written letter by letter) even as Christ, the eternal Word, is wrapped up in humanity. And as Christ was treated here on earth, so also the written Word of God. It is a worm and no book when compared with other books. It is not honored, studied, read, meditated upon, memorized, and used as other books, the books of men. It may consider itself fortunate if it finds a place under the desk.

"Others tear it, crucify it, scourge it, torture it, until in accordance with their own interpretations they make it comply with their heresies, their wantonness, that in the end they might destroy it, kill it, and bury it, so that it might be cast out of the world and forgotten. In its room sits the harlot with the golden cup, decrees and grasy edicts, and other trash. Nevertheless it must remain, it must appear again in spite of all cautionness and resistance.

"Therefore it is a good sign if any one be endowed with this precious gift, the gift of love toward, and delight in, God's Word; if he gladly reads it, and values it as a great and precious gift. Him will God also honor by bestowing upon him the seal of a called and chosen saint, and placing him into the circle of apostles and saints who do not teach, as the cursed world teaches, that Christ is a worm and no man, a reproach of men and despised of the people, but who confess with St. Peter that He is Christ the Son of the living God, and that the Scriptures are written by the Holy Ghost."

—R.C.C.
The Baptism With the Holy Spirit

Must this experience always be accompanied by speaking in other tongues?

By HARDY W. STEINBERG

"IF THE PENTECOSTAL POSITION CONCERNING THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE CORRECT ONE, WHY DOESN'T EVERYONE ACCEPT IT?" This question is asked by many who are not fully persuaded that this position is right.

A thoughtful appraisal will soon show that in almost every area of life there are people who do not accept demonstrated truth. Some let others do their thinking for them. Others find it difficult to be objective because of prejudices. In some instances, people may never have had the occasion to consider the facts.

For those who have been wondering if the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience subsequent to regeneration, and if speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, here are a few Biblical facts to consider.

The experience of believers in the Early Church indicates that regeneration and the baptism in the Spirit are two different experiences. When Philip went to Samaria (Acts 8:5-17), he preached Christ to the people. As a result, many people believed and were baptized. We are safe in assuming that the Samaritans were born again, for Philip would hardly have carelessly baptized unbelievers. Following this, Peter and John were sent from Jerusalem to Samaria. They prayed for the believers, and they received still another experience—subsequent to their conversion.

After Paul had been blinded on the Damascus Road (Acts 9), he acknowledged the Lordship of Christ. When Ananias was sent to the home in which Paul was staying, he referred to the former persecutor of the Church as "Brother Saul." In spite of these two indications that Paul had been born again, Ananias prayed that Saul might be filled with the Holy Spirit—an experience subsequent to his conversion.

When Paul came to Ephesus, he found a group of disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19). After Paul learned that they knew nothing of the Holy Spirit, he told them about Christ (verse 4). "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (verse 5). It was after water baptism had been administered that Paul laid hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came on them. Here again we must either admit that Paul baptized unregenerated people, or that there was an experience which they had after they professed faith in Christ and were baptized in water.

There are two other scriptures that should be considered in this regard. In 1 Corinthians 12:13, Paul said, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body." John the Baptist said, "He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Matthew 3:11). These verses indicate two experiences—one in which we are baptized into the body of Christ and another in which Christ baptizes us in the Holy Spirit.

The second proposition concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit is that the Biblical record indicates that believers spoke with other tongues when they were baptized in the Spirit. There are two types of scripture to consider here—those where the phenomenon is mentioned and those where it is implied.

In every case where the details are given of people being filled with the Spirit, speaking in tongues always is mentioned. On the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." There was a twofold reaction to this miracle. Those who understood the speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4, 7) were amazed and marveled. Others (Acts 2:13), who evidently did not understand the different languages, mocked.
teachings and argued very skillfully against them. Luther himself then took up the debate, which was what Eck wanted. The two strong opponents faced each other at Leipzig—the skilled Eck and the bold Luther. The debate lasted several days.

Eck went into the debate with the avowed purpose of leading Luther, in his spirit of bold defiance, to make statements which in the eyes of the people would mark him a heretic. The church already had condemned him as a heretic but the people had stood by him. Luther, for all his differences on doctrine, still considered himself a true follower of the church.

They debated the authority of the pope. Luther did not deny the pope to be supreme, but he insisted that the pope could err, being human, and that one’s salvation did not depend upon submission to the pope. This struck at the heart of Catholic doctrine. Even so, many people were glad to see Luther take this stand. But Eck then made his master stroke. Without arguing whether one could be saved without submitting to the pope, Eck pointed out that Luther was agreeing with John Huss who had been condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake!

This had a shocking effect on the people, for they also had considered Huss a heretic. Luther then was forced to maintain his stand as advocating “heresy” or else yield to the church and renounce his doctrine. Luther did not yield! He believed he was right according to the Bible. But from this time forward Luther knew, and all knew, that he could no longer contend that he was a faithful disciple of the church, for he was upholding what the church condemned as heresy.

The pope ordered Luther expelled from the church if he did not retract his views in sixty days. At a trial in the city of Worms, presided over by Emperor Charles V, Luther was asked to take back his writings. His dramatic refusal is one of the great episodes of history. He was banished and condemned by both the emperor and the pope.

Luther found safety at Wartburg Castle. There with the help of Philip Melancthon and others he translated the Bible from Latin and Greek into the language of the German people. This became the foundation for his teaching and preaching. Soon he had many followers. New churches were formed. The Reformation movement had taken root.

Thank God for the stand Luther was enabled, by God’s grace, to take at Leipzig. He saw that he must turn away from the church to a complete dependence upon the Scriptures for the knowledge of salvation. Because of this we have freedom of the individual conscience today.

LOVING AND TRUSTING

When a man puts the great question to a maid, and asks her to marry him, he does not have to offer her a blueprint of the future, with all the details filled in. He may have plans; they both know that they are far from infallible. He is asking her to trust herself to him; to make a personal commitment to himself, on the basis of what she knows of his character and his personality. And there is the foundation of the whole transaction. And in that way, too, we have to rest our souls in God.

—A. Morgan Desham, in The Mature Christian
(Fleming H. Revell Company)
You're sprinkling down that last shirt and musing wearily on how fast this morning's washing turned into tomorrow's ironing. The kitchen door slams. Tommy's flying feet and excited yells announce the end of another school day—and a fresh assault on the cookie jar.

You brush back his ornery cowlick and kiss his warm-from-running cheeks. Unscrambling the wadded papers in his sweaty little fist is also part of the welcome-home ceremony. Hit the jackpot this time! "Three papers!" How does the alphabet ever survive Tommy's murderous printing, you wonder. Another notice to send money for the Weekly Reader. So soon? And what's this one? "The regular meeting of the PTA will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the school gym."

You don't bother to read on. PTA doesn't interest you. You went once, years ago, when your Sally started to school. You didn't understand what was going on. So many reports—all of them dull to you, a novice. An obvious waste of time. After all, you reason, there's only so much time in a day for raising a family and performing the odd jobs required of a modern housewife (twenty-two skilled jobs at the latest official count). Then, too, you do have your Sunday school and church obligations. PTA seems relatively unimportant.

Is this a familiar picture? You have carefully and methodically planned your children's homelife to include all the physical, mental, and social advantages. You have sought the best for them spiritually, both by example and precept. But what have you done in that all-important third area of your child's life, school? Has it occurred to you that your child spends roughly one third of his day in the hands of the school system? Surely not, or you would not be content to leave that aspect of his life uncovered.

What does your child learn, and why? What is his teacher like? What are the aims of the school administration? Criticism is hurled at our schools from every direction. Is it merited? Do you know? If not, how can you find out?

Your local PTA is your best information-receiving center, for it is there that both parents and teachers come together with the welfare of children as their ultimate objective. It is at PTA that you really get to know your child's teacher. You find out

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**To PTA or not To PTA**

—that is the question

By MIRIAM JACKSON

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**CODE MESSAGE FOR JUNIOR READERS**

**BY DICK CHAMPION**

Here's another of those code messages. See how quickly you can decipher it.

**CODE**

A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4; E-5; F-6; G-7; H-8; I-9; J-10; K-11; L-12; M-13; N-14; O-15; P-16; Q-17; R-18; S-19; T-20; U-21; V-22; W-23; X-24; Y-25; Z-26.

**MESSAGE**


(The message is something God said about His Word. You can look up your answer in Isaiah 55:11.)
about your child's progress and understand his problems. Furthermore, when you begin to realize that whereas you are primarily thinking in terms of your own Sally, the teacher is obliged to think in terms of the welfare of the entire group, then you can be tolerant, understanding, and even helpful.

Local parent-teacher unit officers prepare programs that are of special and current interest to parents. It's at PTA that we find out more about the aims of our school system. We discover other things too: What have PTA units in other sections of the country done to improve local education? Are there conditions in the community that contribute to juvenile delinquency? Is there a need for a local program for recreation? Do traffic laws favor the school child? If so, are they strictly enforced? What do you know about the school lunch program? (Did you know that it was the PTAer's who campaigned for hot school lunches in the early 1900's?) What are the prospects or need for special subjects being taught in your schools?

We certainly can't disagree with the objectives of the PTA, which are printed on the back of every membership card:

1. Promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
2. Raise the standards of home life.
3. Secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
4. Bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may co-operate intelligently in the training of the child.
5. Develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Christians should be PTA-minded for several reasons.

First, PTA provides opportunity to be an influence for God. In this troubled world, the importance of a strong Christian influence in all phases of life is becoming increasingly obvious. We, as Pentecostal people, have often unexplainably taken a back seat in secular and community affairs (PTA included) and by so doing have passed up a good opportunity to exert a desirable influence. We need not be the strong-leader type who cuts a wide swath before him, but our quiet influence can also be very effective. In either case, we must show interest in these worthwhile things, for obviously we cannot influence for God or for good in absentia.

Second, character and spiritual education form an intrinsic part of PTA work. Every unit has a character and spiritual education chairman. To the uninformed, this means that after the president has called the meeting to order, he or she (Mom's only is a thing of the past) asks the character and spiritual education chairman to give a devotional talk. Most PTA presidents agree that this is one of the hardest chairmanships to fill. Undoubtedly, it is due to the fact that many people feel shy about speaking on religious matters in public. But for many parents, the only contact they have with religion is through the PTA.

Your local PTA would undoubtedly welcome your help. Join. Become informed. Make it plain you would be interested in taking a chairmanship. You may be able to serve in a capacity such as character and spiritual education chairman where you could be of tangible help through your devotional talks. Of course, special denominational issues must be avoided for PTA is based on a non-sectarian policy. But people are not necessarily saved or helped through deep theological lectures, and since there is a wealth of spiritual truth that can be presented, this can be a real opportunity to help others.

Third, we owe it to our children to participate in PTA activities. Teachers are quick to notice which parents are interested in their children's school. It is only natural that they will take an interest in a child whose parents are so obviously interested as to attend PTA. And for a fringe benefit, what is more rewarding than the happy glow on Sally's face when she eagerly scans the registration list and finds that her folks came too.

Fourth, PTA affords an opportunity to witness. An "I'm a Christian" badge need not be displayed like a political candidate's button. Actions speak. The highest praise one PTA member can give another is "She's so easy to work with. I love to be on a committee with her, for she takes her half of the load." Once earned, a reputation of this sort can give us confidence and a right to speak when

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California PastorBoosts Neighboring Assembly

By T. C. CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Superintendent of the Southern California District

"LET'S BORROW $60,000 ON OUR OWN church property to finance the building of the Charter Oak Assembly of God," proposed Pastor Judge B. Lindsey, addressing the church board of the First Assembly of God of Covina, Calif.

The men looked at him in wonder. First Assembly itself was right now confronted with the problem of providing additional facilities adequate for a growing congregation; and the board had suggested building a new auditorium seating 1,200. They could then increase the Sunday school facilities from the present 800 capacity to a maximum capacity of 1,500 by remodeling the old auditorium and making other additions. Such a plan, coming from a board that was willing to carry it through, should thrill any pastor.

Pastor Lindsey, however, had a different vision. "Brethren, the work at present is far more than my assistant and I can possibly administer. Why increase this load? I suggest that we serve as mother church to the small assembly struggling to get started in the Charter Oak community.

"If we will give them help now, they can in time assume the full financial load. We can then reinvest our money in another neighboring community. Should the Lord tarry, we will be able to assist in the establishing of several churches in this area."

This startling proposal was made more than a year ago. Pastor Lindsey was able to convince the board of the wisdom of the plan. "I would rather help establish three churches with an attendance of 250 to 300 each, than to be the pastor of the combined total in our present church," he assured them. The result was the groundbreaking for the Charter Oak Assembly of God church, April 8, 1962.

Pastor Edward Hughes and his small congregation, assisted by the mother church, are making decided progress in their building program. When completed, this church will have a seating capacity of 299 and Sunday school facilities for 300. It is located three miles from the mother church in the thriving Charter Oak community.
Home Missions from a New Viewpoint

By PAULINE MASTRIES

We were driving through beautiful pines on Highway 60 when we approached a narrow road with its marker pointing the way to our destination. Turning from the good highway onto a gravel road, we traveled along for about fifteen miles over hills, around mountains, and through valleys, with the road becoming worse with each mile. Suddenly, we entered a valley that was like dropping into another world.

All around us we saw strange-looking houses that resembled haystacks. Each had only one door and there were no windows or chimneys. Women wearing colorful “squaw” dresses that swept the ground were walking along the road or near their wickups (homes). Many of them were carrying their babies, who were strapped in cradleboards, on their backs.

We were entering one of the settlements on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona, our destination. The Bert Parkers, our home missionaries who had pioneered the Indian Assembly at Cibecue, were going to take a much-needed rest after eight long and hard years. We had been invited to serve as supply pastors for them while they were away.

I had seen many sights as a missionary-evangelist that had caused me to know I was on “foreign soil” when I ministered in South and Central America. But, in these present surroundings, the sights I witnessed made it difficult for me to realize I was still in the “good ole U.S.A.” Could it be possible that such a place existed so near to our modern civilization?

And for only such a short time had the truth of God’s Word—with power to save and to deliver them from sin—been preached among them? Could it be possible that we, in our comfortable homes, have so much and they, our neighbors, have so little? As we minister among them, we notice their eagerness and hunger for God’s Word and their keen response to an invitation to pray which would cause many of our “established” Christians and churches to blush with shame.

My heart goes out with a new sense of gratitude to our home missionaries who are pioneering in a foreign atmosphere in our own homeland. These “first Americans,” to whom they minister, are almost a forgotten people, as far as many Christians are concerned. May we “pray and give that these may live,” in the knowledge of the love of God and be set free from the chains of tradition and superstition that have so many of them enslaved.

As I sit here writing, I realize this place is only one of the many “valleys of foreign atmosphere” in our own country, I cannot reach them all for I am only one. However, what I can do I ought to do and, by the grace of God, I will do; for I am “my brother’s keeper.” I am “dearer to both the learned and the unlearned.” What about you?

Note: Sister Mastries served a short term as a missionary-evangelist in Honduras.

WHEN YOU’re ALONE IN A CROWD-

It’s so nice to be remembered...

No loneliness is so keen as loneliness in a crowd; no privation so painful as that endured amidst plenty. One of our home missionaries (they so often find themselves in such circumstances) responded to the special Christmas check we always try to send by saying, “It’s so nice to be remembered... I just thank the Lord for my many friends who are so loyal and kind.” Their overflowing gratitude makes us wish we could do more. The National Home Missions Department is preparing now to make up the annual gift checks. If enough of you send a gift, perhaps we can do more. In the past it has been nip-and-tuck to make our limited fund go around for all our 335 home missionaries. Send your offering to Christmas Fund for Home Missionaries, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. Do it now, for the checks must be processed early!

October 21, 1962
Scientist Saved After Prayer at Last Year's World Prayermeeting

By HARRY M. KROLL

For last year's Revivaltime World Prayermeeting 27,342 requests for prayer for unsaved loved ones were sent to the Revivaltime office as a result of the theme, "and thy house."

Many unusual answers to prayer have been reported since. Among these is this thrilling story of a young man at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, reassuring us that God does answer prayer today and that He saves the sinner far from Him.

Just before last year's Prayermeeting Barry M. Kroll was saved. Listening to Revivaltime he heard the announcement of the Prayermeeting and sent a request to pray for the salvation of his father, a research scientist. Barry tells of his experience below.

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Our family situation before any of us was "born again" was not extremely unhappy. We were just an "average American family." We thought that we were getting the best that life had to offer.

Then on August 31, 1961, God broke into our family by graciously saving my soul. I found Christ so real and very dear to my heart that I naturally wanted to share it with my family. My mother and sister were open to my experience, but they seemed to doubt that it was for them.

However, there was one big stumbling block to my witnessing. That was my highly intellectual, scientifically minded father to whom everything had to be proved. In addition, there were things in his life he could not give up.

I praise God that I was saved before Thanksgiving 1961; for over the radio I heard the announcement of Revivaltime's Thanksgiving Prayermeeting. I felt God leading me to send my father's name to be placed on the prayer list. At the same time I interceded with several of my friends on behalf of my father.

God's first answer to prayer came in January when God baptized me with His Holy Spirit, enabling me to witness with greater power. Two weeks later my sister was saved and also filled with the Spirit, making two Spirit-filled intercessors in the family. God was moving by His Spirit. The best answer to all the prayers came in May when my father accepted Christ as his Saviour and received the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness.

Here I shall let my father give his own testimony of what the Lord has done. For although it means much to me, it is certainly most precious to him.

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Mr. A. Edgar Kroll, Barry's father, said:

"I was a skeptic! After spending about eight years in various colleges, I was well grounded in science and mathematics, but I did not know a word of Scripture. In fact, some of the things I heard about Christianity I found extremely hard to believe. My greatest stumbling blocks were the 'miracles'; because, like many who study natural phenomena, I rejected the supernatural.

"As a youth I remember going to church on Christmas and Easter, but I never attended Sunday school. And when I left home for college, I just never attended church at all.

"During my college years I played an instrument in a 'jazz' orchestra and was involved in drinking, smoking, and gambling.

"After getting married, settling down, and working as a research scientist for a large chemical company, I began to think about metaphysical things. I began to wonder about the answers to questions like: What is man? What is he born for? After death, what? I read books on philosophy, psychology, psychiatry—just about everything except the Bible—and of course did not get any satisfactory answers.

"When my son was about five years old we decided he should be attending Sunday school. My wife stayed in the nursery with our baby daughter, and I took our boy on to his class. As I did not want to drive several miles back and forth, I decided to stay and attend the men's Bible class. What I heard in this class about Jesus and Christianity made me think. The more I learned about the Bible, the more I was convinced that I would have to commit intellectual suicide to believe its teachings.

"By this time I was a well-seasoned drinker. Not a drunkard—but I drank every day, and I was a chain smoker. I continued to go to Sunday school and became a church member.

"In recent years I have been a Sunday school teacher and an officer in the church. I considered myself a Christian, but I was not completely happy. Something was missing! I was still searching for something satisfying.

"In April of this year my children took me to a Saturday night prayer and praise meeting at the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, Pa. Three Saturday evenings later, when the altar call was given, I gave my life to Christ.

"While still on my knees with my

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hands lifted to God in praise, I began speaking in an unknown language. I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"After this glorious experience my son told me that he had written to Revivaltime, requesting prayer for my salvation. I know now that through intercessory prayer I was led to the meeting at Parkesburg.

"The Holy Spirit is now guiding and directing my life. I have no desire to drink or smoke. There is joy in everything I do and all my fears, anxieties, and frustrations have left me. I am truly born again and would not go back to my old life for anything in this world. Christ is the answer to all our problems."

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In summing up the reformation that took place after A. Edgar Kroll received Christ, Barry Kroll says:

"When Christ came into our home, He ruined us! Ruined us for the world, that is. Truly 'old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new' (2 Corinthians 5:17). Families without Christ do not have the slightest idea of how glorious life can be with Him.

"I firmly believe in family salvation. I know it is God's will, for He said, 'and thou house' (Acts 16:31). I know He can do it in every home no matter how good or bad the situation may seem to be. Thank God for a group of consecrated, Spirit-filled believers who lifted up my father and our family to God in prayer during the 1961 Thanksgiving Prayermeeting."

This witness to answered prayer fulfills our theme for this year's World Prayermeeting—"...but prayer was made...and his chains fell off." What an encouragement this story is to pray this year!

If you have needs of any kind, there is deliverance for you in the Lord. Send your prayer requests on the coupon (page 12) and the requests will be included for prayer in the Revivaltime World Prayermeeting, November 18, at San Bernardino, Calif.

Why should the use of tobacco be condemned when the Bible does not say anything about tobacco?

The Bible is a book of principles. It does not mention opium or other narcotics by name, but none of us would think it right to use these drugs.

While the Bible does not mention tobacco by name, it does admonish, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness [defilement] of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1). The use of tobacco is certainly a defiling habit; medical doctors warn of its harmful effect on the human body. The tobacco habit also enslaves those who use it. God wants his people to be free, not bound by tobacco. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Is it wrong for a Christian sixty-five years old to accept Social Security payments?

One who is eligible for Social Security benefits has been earning them through the deductions taken out of his wages over a period of years. They are, therefore, his—as much as if he had been laying aside similar monies in a bank during those years, hoping to have the benefits when he became sixty-five.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away..." (Matthew 24:35), while Ecclesiastes 1:4 says, "but the earth abideth forever." Can you explain this contradiction?

Various scriptures speak of the end of the earth (e.g., Hebrews 1:10-12). Peter tells us when and how this will happen (2 Peter 3:7-10). In Ecclesiastes 1:4 the writer makes a comparison between the life of man and the continuance of the earth. He says that one generation passes away, another generation comes, but the earth lives on.

"We have been taught that after the Church is caught away, men will be unable to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast. We are wondering if this is true.

If we have a correct understanding of the Bible, what you have been taught is right. All left on the earth will be required to take the mark of the beast (Antichrist). See Revelation 13:16, 17. This indicates that both business and labor will be subject entirely to the will of the beast—or to the government which he will head.

It stumbles me when I see members of the church, including the wife and daughters of the minister, dressed and made up in such conformity to the world. Ought there not to be a difference?

We are sorry there is not more separation from worldliness in some places. If you are grieved at this condition my recommendation is that you live conscientiously before the Lord. Peter was able to walk on the water as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. When Peter took his eyes from Him to see other things, he began to sink. A scripture which helps me is the words of Jesus to Peter, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me" (John 21:22).

We are admonished by Paul, "Be not conformed to this world..." (Romans 12:2). Let us live to the glory of God.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonsville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).
Newaka, Liberia

Come with me on a Speed-the-Light tour in southern Liberia. Our Speed-the-Light Volkswagen is loaded with as much gospel literature as the sagging springs can carry—Gospels, tracts, Bible study booklets, new and used Sunday school quarters, Bibles of all sizes, New Testaments, songbooks, and the ever needed dictionary for new literates. We leave at 7 A.M. to avoid the traffic and to take advantage of the morning coolness. A thermos of cold water and some fruit should tide us over until our return in mid-afternoon.

We are not going far—only to Kronweaka, Myaka, and Karloko. Of course, we follow a dirt road which has the usual quantity of rocks, gullies, branches, goats, sheep, cows, and chickens. Before we reach our destination, 45 miles away, we become weary from the intense heat and bright haze.

When we arrive at Kronweaka, we check the accounts of our colporteur. He has his small table attractively arranged with a display of books. Since he receives a ten per cent commission for his sales, he has his accounts in good order. We show him the new supplies we have in the Speed-the-Light Volkswagen and the colporteur replenishes his stock of literature and Bibles.

Business is over, but we do not leave. The colporteur gives us the latest news. If someone needs medical attention, we reach for the first aid kit in the glove compartment and minister to the physical needs that are presented. Then, after prayer and a word of encouragement to the faithful Christian who is making the printed Word available to his own people, we leave in a cloud of dust.

Next stop: Nyaaka. Here we repeat our transaction with Mrs. Jones, a retired Methodist school teacher who likes to sell small items.

At Karloko we repeat the routine with the national pastor who serves as our distribution agent.

Returning home, with the tropical sun beating down mercilessly, we stop along the way to leave tracts at homes where we see people resting in the shade to avoid the intensity of Liberia's noonday heat.

When we come to a market, we stop to buy fruit and vegetables for our delayed meal. We are tired and hungry, but we are happy. We have left the gospel where people live and in the hands of Christian colporteurs who can support the printed Word with personal testimonies of how Christ will transform a pagan's heart.

Thank God for the Speed-the-Light vehicle that has made it possible for us to make this excursion today! Tomorrow we go to the Firestone Rubber Plantation where we have eight camps waiting for a new supply of gospel literature and Bibles.—Norma Johnson

Kobe, Japan

How I thank God for the C.A.'s of the Eastern District who sacrificed and prayed to provide a Speed-the-Light station wagon for the evangelization of Japan! The Japanese-made Toyopet is ideal for our work. It has just been delivered and will provide transportation for many who otherwise would not be able to attend full gospel services. Also it will provide transportation for the orphans in God's Love Children's Home and will carry the many supplies needed to maintain our orphanage in Kobe.

—Florence Byers

Bible school students in El Salvador distribute gospels and tracts made available through Speed-the-Light ministries.

Feloka, Liberia

We recently flew with Charlie Hinson in our Speed-the-Light plane to Palipo country for three days of evangelistic services. It would have taken us 18 hours of fast walking to reach our destination overland but it took only eight minutes by Speed-the-Light plane!

Flying over thick undergrowth, with clusters of tiny villages dotting the jungle vastness, is an inspiring but challenging sight. How vast is our harvest field in southern Liberia! It could never be reached without our STL plane, for there are few roads leading to the interior villages.

Descending toward the mass of green jungle rapidly coming toward us, we didn't see the small air strip until we were directly over it. It had been laboriously carved out of the jungles and is just long enough to accommodate our Cessna. We came to a halt so near the trees at the far end of the strip that we asked the Paramount Chief to have the bush cut to extend the strip. This was done the next day, a new witness to the welcome of the "airborne" missionary.

Palipo is a primitive tribe. As we surveyed the crowd that surrounded the plane, we noticed that clothes were at a premium.

A Japanese-made Speed-the-Light station wagon transports a tent to the site of a new evangelistic campaign.—Norma Johnson

Our Speed-the-Light plane in Liberia makes it possible to evangelize interior villages.
Someone gave a signal to the women, and every woman took off her colorful head tie and tied it around her naked body. The men were less modest.

After the nationals danced the ritual dance of welcome and presented us with gifts of native fruits, rice, and a chicken, we settled down in a native house that had been vacated for us. Later, we started our services.

From the beginning of the first service we felt the powers of evil. Our work is new in this tribe. Even though large crowds attended our services and listened to the Word, every service was a battle with evil forces.

For the time being we will have to leave the glowing reports to someone else. This is sowing time in Palipio. Pray with us that God will send an abundant harvest.

We will continue to visit Palipio in our STL Cessna until another indigenous church is brought into being.—Ralph Hollandsworth

San Salvador,

El Salvador

Our Speed-the-Light truck with its 8½-foot camper was loaded to capacity. It was still dark when we left Pacific Grove, Calif. Destination: San Salvador, El Salvador, and another term of service in Central America.

Crossing the Rio Grande to Cuidad Juarez, we stopped for four services in our Mexican Assembly. We emphasized the need for contacting people who are presently beyond the reach of the church. As a result, six homes were opened for branch Sunday schools and nine young people volunteered as teachers.

Having our Speed-the-Light vehicle to drive to the mission field also made it possible for us to participate in the national Sunday school convention of the Mexico Assemblies. We were also able to lend our encouragement at the Light for the Lost victory rally in Mexico City which climax ed several months of aggressive literature saturation and personal evangelism campaigns in Mexico's capital city.

Now we are again on our way to El Salvador to renew our ministry in that densely populated little country.—Arthur Lindvall

Manila, Philippines

Much of the work we do would be impossible if we did not have Speed-the-Light equipment. Our Speed-the-Light public address system is not only useful each Sunday morning as I teach my large Sunday school class, but helps reach hundreds of people who would not otherwise hear the gospel.

On the Speed-the-Light typewriter, stencils are cut which are to be run on the STL mimeograph machine. These are the lessons for our five correspondence courses. Each Sunday morning from 7 to 7:30 we broadcast the “Sunday School of the Air.” Speed-the-Light has provided much of the equipment we use for the broadcast: an Ampex recorder and speaker, turntable, and microphone and choir boom.

Our Volkswagen microbus helps us spread the gospel throughout the Philippines. It takes us to and from the office, to and from the radio studio, to the post office to pick up our large volume of mail and send out gospel literature, and to the printers.

This is why I say that much of the work we do would be impossible if it were not for Speed-the-Light.—Kenneth McComber

Bouloua, Upper Volta

Speed-the-Light made it possible for four Mossi ministers to accompany me recently to villages where the gospel message is being introduced.

We drove in our STL Renault to Tougere where Philippe Savadogo is pastor. A man and several children were saved at the close of the morning service. The change in this man has been remarkable. He now wears a happy smile and has invited me to preach in his home village which is some distance from Tougere.

Our next stop was Yaolago. It was market day, so we had a large crowd. Even the chief attended the services and encouraged his people to accept the gospel. Many villagers responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their Saviour. The response at Yaolago has been so encouraging that we have sent Job Savadogo, assistant pastor at Bouloua, to minister in Yaolago. We have been able to arrange with the chief and government officials for a building site. A pastor's house is now being erected. Until the parsonage is completed, Pastor Job is living in the chief's house.

Without our Speed-the-Light car, we would not have been able to open the work in Yaolago. With our Renault, we will be able to return periodically to Yaolago and encourage the development of another indigenous church.—John Peck

Instead of walking hours in the tropical sun, the superintendent of Upper Volta can accompany the missionary in the Speed-the-Light car to minister in the villages.

Speed-the-Light radio equipment makes it possible to broadcast the "Bible School of the Air" in the Philippines.
THE DISCIPLINED LIFE

Sunday School Lesson for October 28, 1962
Ephesians 5:1-8, 15-18; 2 Timothy 2:22-26

In observance of Temperance Sunday we depart from our series of Old Testament lessons and consider a lesson taken from Paul's epistle to the Ephesians.

The first three chapters of the epistle give us a glorious revelation of the Christian's wealth—what he possesses in Christ, his position in Christ, and its tremendous possibilities.

The last three chapters describe the Christian's walk in the light of the dignity and wonder of his spiritual wealth, his divine calling, and his exalted position. As used by Paul, the word "walk" relates both to the Christian's personal progress and to his behavior and conduct in relationship to others. The word occurs eight times in the book and three times in our lesson text.

A WALK IN LOVE

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us" (Ephesians 5:1, 2). Love is the very essence of God's character. "God is love." We are God's children and ought to bear a family likeness to our heavenly Father.

A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN

"Be imitators of God" is the more literal translation and is so rendered in The New Testament in Modern English, Berkeley Version. And, indeed, children do imitate their parents. But the child of God can only imitate his heavenly Father by virtue of the indwelling Spirit of God; we actually work out in experience the love God Himself works out in us. (See Philippians 2:12, 13.)

Walking in the love of God means we will "let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away..." and will be "kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (Ephesians 4:31, 32).

"As Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us," is the pattern of our love. He loved us when we were yet in our sins and did not love Him. His love was completely selfless and sacrificial. It is thus that we are to love others. Impossible? Yes, if we ourselves try to produce such love. But it is perfectly attainable if we cease from self-effort and allow Christ Himself to be our source of love!

A WALK IN LIGHT

Ephesians 4:17 reminds us to walk "not as other Gentiles [the heathen and they that know not God] walk." Paul further says: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). In the intervening verses he describes the conduct of those who walk in darkness. The works of darkness—fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, and jesting—are to have no place in "children of light."

"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). As His children, we ought resolutely to avoid these things which put out the Christian's light.

A WALK IN WISDOM

"Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). Circumspectly means "exactly, accurately, carefully." Paul presents a contrast between the wisdom of those who live as God intended them to live and the folly of those who live without God or eternity's values in view. Those who walk "as wise" will:

1. Redeem the Time. (Or, as the Amplified New Testament puts it, "making the most of the time—buying up each opportunity.") The wise will invest their time in the light of eternity. How precious time is when we realize that in the few years of our earthly pilgrimage we are settling our eternal destiny and our eternal reward!

2. Be Filled with the Spirit. The verb translated "be filled" signifies continuous action. Here Paul does not refer to the initial infilling of the Spirit but to a constant state. Only as we keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit do we find it possible to live overcoming, joyous, fruit-bearing, useful lives.

The succeeding verses deal with our relationships to others. As we keep filled with the Spirit, we shall be able to obey all these important exhortations. In view of the appalling evil of our times—in view of the fact God offers us Himself, His Spirit in fullness—shall we not allow Him to have absolute sway as sovereign over our lives?

—J. Bashford Bishop
2,000th STL VEHICLE GOES TO FORMOSA

On May 23 Speed-the-Light purchased its 2,000th vehicle. It was a Ford Falcon Club Wagon bought with money from the Peninsular Florida District C.A.'s for their missionary, James J. Andrews, Jr. The car arrived in Formosa in July ready to join the fleet of 1,999 other vehicles, including 390 other station wagons, 507 cars, 522 bicycles, 172 motorcycles, 141 trucks, and scores of jeeps, boats, trailers, buses, airplanes, and other items.

Brother Andrews is in Formosa for his first term as a missionary. The son of missionary parents, he himself was born in China. He will be doing general evangelistic work, assisted by Bible school students in and around Taipei. He says: "Thanks to the young donors for their vision. Our vehicle represents a lot of hamburgers and milk shakes that were sacrificed so that we could have wheels under us. May God bless the C.A.'s."

AT RIGHT: The 2,000th Speed-the-Light vehicle, with Missionary James Andrews in the driver's seat, pauses before a heathen temple. BELOW: James Vigna joins Chinese C.A.'s in dedication of the 2,000th Speed-the-Light vehicle. They place on the vehicle a cloth representing the Peninsular Florida C.A.'s. In a district C. A. convention last Thanksgiving at Lakeland, Fla., the youth laid their hands on this cloth and prayed in an act of dedication as they raised money for the vehicle. Thus those who gave join with those who receive in dedicating the vehicle to Christ's service in Formosa.
Twentieth-Century Acts of the Holy Ghost

By STANLEY M. HORTON

Three years of continuous revival filled the Azusa Street mission night after night with men, women, and young people who were hungry for God. Many ministers from practically all denominations came to see what God was doing. But no one man ever dominated the scene. A consciousness that this was the Holy Spirit’s revival permeated the very atmosphere.

Three churches in the area had a real move in their own congregations but definitely rejected the full-gospel message and the Pentecostal experience. As far as this writer knows, not one of these churches has ever had a genuine move of the Holy Spirit from that day to this. They have grown in numbers and prestige, but all three are worldly, modernistic, liberal. One of them now advertises smoking rooms in its basement.

Nothing stopped the move of God at Azusa Street, however. The altars were always filled. Many were saved and healed. Many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit without ever having seen anyone receive. Not until late in 1908 did the crowds begin to diminish.

The multitudes who came to Azusa Street did not stay long. The power they received sent them out. From the very beginning people began gathering back in their home communities. My grandfather, Elmer K. Fisher, left the Azusa Street Mission in 1908 to start a new work in an upstairs hall at 327½ South Spring Street. This was soon filled with about 350 people. By 1908 hundreds of storefronts, upstairs halls, and gospel tents became new centers for the spread of the full gospel of salvation, divine healing, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the second coming of Christ.

In 1906 my father, Harry Horton, heard about the Azusa Street revival as he passed a street meeting in Oakland, Calif. He was on his way home to Winnipeg, Canada. When he reached Winnipeg his first desire was to find someone who could tell him more about this experience. Soon he found a home where someone had brought the good news and had started cottage meetings. There, my father received a mighty baptism, and he became another link in the chain that was spreading the message in every direction.

Azusa Street was not the only place that saw Pentecostal revival in this period, nor was it the first. God moved in many places all over the world, beginning about the turn of the century. But Azusa Street was the first to become the center of world-wide revival.

The Azusa Street Mission was soon in contact with believers all over the world. Workers and encouragement flowed from it in all directions. Unquestionably, the eight to ten million Pentecostal believers all over the world have received a heritage that comes in part from the little group of believers that first gathered on Bonnie Brae Street and then in Azusa Street. They made Azusa Street a Jerusalem from which waves of glory encircled the globe.

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(This is the last of a series of three articles, reprinted from Team, the monthly magazine for men. Previous articles on the Azusa Street Revival appeared in the October 7 and 14 issues of the Evangel.)
PTA

(Continued from page nine)

A word of testimony is needed. An
undependable worker or an unwilling
dishwasher will not be an effective
witness.

Fifth, witnessing not only benefits
fellow PTA members, but it is also
a tonic to our own spiritual lives.
How many of us, particularly the busy
mothers, have a chance to witness?
Often our small circle of church
friends and our own families occupy
all our time. Each word of witness-
ing strengthens our spiritual fiber.
This is not meant to encourage waging
a little campaign to get in a "loaded"
remark at every opportunity. This
method of attack is not wise in any
situation. But the chances to witness
will be there.

Since every issue has its negative
side, there are things well worth re-
membering.

1. Not every PTA unit is alike.
Some will be much better and more
effective than others. If your local
unit is not the efficient, upstanding
organization you and others feel it
should be, the district and state of-
oficers of the PTA are always willing
and able to lend a hand when help
is requested.

2. In PTA, as in any organization,
there is a danger of becoming too in-
volved in too many projects, to the
detriment of home and church life.
This can apply equally to the PTA
as it can to the dedicated minister
who may become too busy for the
good of his family and his own spiri-
tual life. A word to the wise is suf-
ficient.

3. In our zeal to come in contact
with others to witness for the Lord,
we must remember to keep our closest
friendships with people who are truly
born-again Christians. This will help
keep the proper perspective and avoid
conflict of interests.

To PTA or not to PTA. That's
strictly up to you. But remember, "to
PTA" offers Christian parents an ex-
cellent opportunity to do something
for the Lord. At the same time they
will be contributing to the welfare
of their children and of the com-

—Sunday School Counselor

A Mother's Testimony

During the past school year I vol-
unteered to be a grade mother in the
first grade for the PTA and accepted
the position of chairman. My prayer
during the year was, "Lord, help me
to be a witness for Thee in any way
Thou canst use me." Many times I
wondered if my life was able to bear
fruit for my Lord.

Then one Wednesday the PTA
chairman over all the grade mothers
of our school came by to see me. As
we talked, the conversation turned
to our plan of reading the Bible
through this year. Soon she was telling
me of her own spiritual needs.
She said she was unsure of her sal-
vation and wished she could know
for sure that she was saved. Praise
the Lord, by the help of His blessed
Holy Spirit dealing with her heart,
she was able to accept the Lord Jesus
Christ as her personal Saviour there
in my living room.

Had it not been for my participation
in school activities I never would have
met this friend. I am glad I volun-
teered to serve in the PTA.

—Mrs. Hal L. Cooper, Decatur, Ga.

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Pearl Harbor Attack Leader Now a Christian Evangelist

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until she again treated the Japanese prisoners with Christian love and kindness.

Fuchida was amazed. Instead of atrocities, he found a story of Christian love. He could not understand how Margaret could be kind to the Japanese prisoners when she knew the Japanese had killed her parents. He could not understand how the missionaries’ prayers possibly could have changed Margaret’s life. “What did they pray?” he wondered.

As he returned to Tokyo after meeting the lieutenant, Fuchida met a Gil- leon preacher, Timothy Pietsch, who gave him a printed tract to read. The tract told of Jacob DeShazer, an American bombardier who hated the Japanese since the December 7 raid on Pearl Harbor.

DeShazer, who flew in the Doolittle squadron, was forced to parachute into Japanese territory, and was taken prisoner. The Japanese tortured him and starved him. His hatred grew until one day a prison guard gave him a Bible to read. The tract said that DeShazer’s life was changed when he read of Christ’s love, and that he promised God he would return to Japan after the war to serve as a missionary.

After reading the tract, Fuchida decided if the American could find God by reading the Bible, maybe he too could know who God is by reading the Bible.

He purchased a Bible and began to read it every day.

“When I read Luke 23,” Fuchida said, “my mind immediately flashed back to Margaret Covell’s parents. Then I understood what they had probably prayed before their execution.” In Luke 23 he read of the crucifixion of Christ, who prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

“Now I understood, for I met Jesus that day. He came into my heart, and now He lives in me,” Fuchida said.

“From that time on,” he said, “I dedicated my life to serving God.”

Fuchida discovered, as have thousands of others all over the world, that “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Each of us may be “in Christ” if we will permit Christ to be in us. Will you let the Lord Jesus come into your life? He will transform it from a life of sin to the life of a Christian.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Missionary Virgil F. Smith wrote from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to request prayer for his wife who was hospitalized after a hip fracture. Sister Smith had been suffering greatly for twenty days, he said, and was totally helpless. She received several blood transfusions and injections. Please pray for her recovery from this injury and from Parkinson’s disease.

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Mitsuo Fuchida

While many were still eating breakfast on December 7, 1941, Commander Mitsuo Fuchida fired one “black dragon” into the clear blue sky from the window of his bomber high over the Pacific. This was the signal for the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor which brought Japan and the U.S.A. into armed conflict. Fuchida was the commanding officer who led the 360 planes in that sneak assault.

Today Fuchida is a born-again Christian. He turned down the highest military job in the Japan Air Force to organize a five-member evangelistic association in Japan. Now 59 years old, he loves to tell others of his conversion to Christ. He often participates in evangelistic efforts of the Pocket Testament League in various lands.

When World War II was over, Fuchida was the only one of the 70 officers who led the attack on Pearl Harbor still living. All the others were killed. At least six times during combat he faced certain death, but always escaped miraculously.

Fuchida was in Hiroshima the day before the atomic bomb leveled the city, killing thousands. Fortunately, he was summoned to the Japanese military headquarters in Tokyo for a conference the day before the bomb was dropped.

When the Japanese warlords in Tokyo heard about the A-bombings, Fuchida and eleven other Japanese military leaders flew to Hiroshima to inspect the damage. They were there for two weeks, knowing nothing of the danger from the deadly radioactive fallout blanketing the area. All of the twelve military leaders except Fuchida died because of radiation sickness. Fuchida suffered no effect whatever from the radiation!

Instead, Fuchida was told the story of an eighteen-year-old girl named Margaret Covell who had been an angel of mercy while the lieutenant was in the hospital. Margaret was the daughter of missionary parents in Japan. When the war began, the Covells fled to the Philippine Islands, taking refuge in Manila, and later in the mountains of Luzon.

When the Japanese invaded the Philippines, the Covells were captured because they had with them a small radio receiver; the Japanese soldiers mercilessly shot the missionary couple as spies.

When Margaret first learned of her parents’ death, her heart was filled with hate for the Japanese. Later she learned that before her parents died, they prayed for nearly thirty minutes. Margaret’s attitude gradually changed (Continued on page twenty)