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# THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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

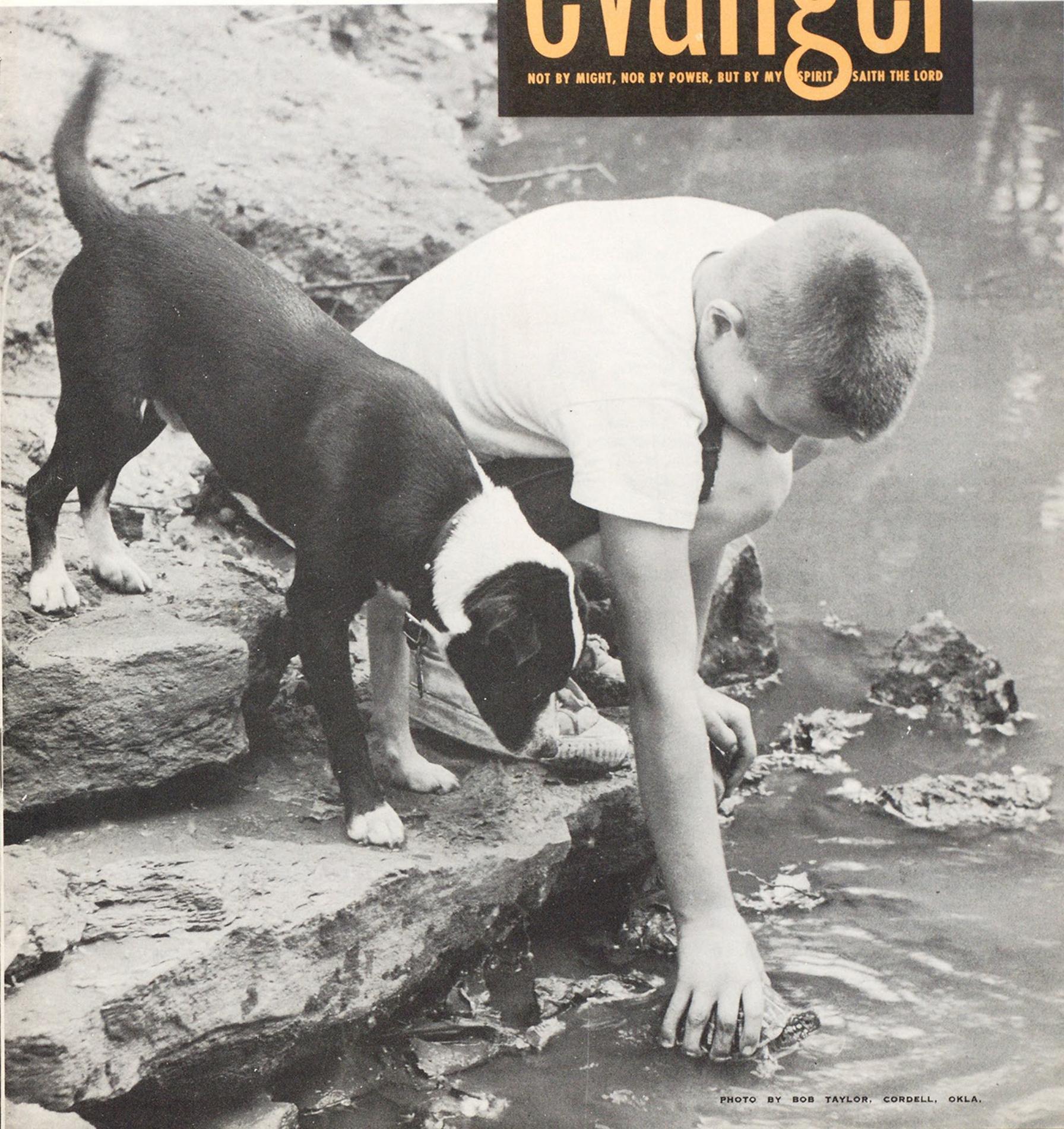


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ON THE DAY AFTER the Jewish sabbath following Christ's crucifixion, the priest in the temple at Jerusalem was waving the sheaf of the early harvest before the Lord. And while this was taking place, Christ came forth from the tomb in resurrection power and glory.

Every year at that time a sheaf of the firstfruits of the harvest was waved ceremonially in God's presence, and every time its message declared that Christ would rise from the dead.

Life out of death—that was the message of the sheaf of firstfruits. The sheaf contained the resurrection life of grains which had been sown in the ground and had died the year before. In dying, the seeds had given birth to sheaves of grain.

Similarly, they had put Christ into the ground after that ignominious scene on Calvary, and for three days He was buried. But "on the morrow after the sabbath" Christ fulfilled the oft-repeated type. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. . . . But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits" (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23).

Fifty days later, again on the first day of the week, came another type. It was the Feast of Pentecost (the word *Pentecost* simply means *fifty*). On this occasion there was more waving. The priest waved two loaves, which God described as "the firstfruits unto the Lord." These loaves were the firstfruits of the firstfruits, prepared from the early harvest. In other words, they were formed from the resurrected grain. These were not now separate and individual grains of wheat but were blended together into the unity of a corporate body.

Again, type coincided with antitype. While the priest in the Temple waved the loaves before the Lord on this the Day of Pentecost, in the Upper Room, 120 disciples—men and women who had received new life as a result of the death and resurrection of their Lord—were formed into a mystical body by the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Thus the resurrection of Christ and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit are inseparably linked. There can be no bread without first the sheaf. The sheaf of the firstfruits was in a sense part of the bread of the firstfruits. There could have been no Church apart from the triumphant resurrection of Christ.

## I

*The outpouring of the Spirit was infallible proof of Christ's resurrection.*

The disciples were convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead and was now alive forevermore. Had they not walked with Him, talked with Him, handled Him, and eaten with Him—not once but several times? Had they not beheld His body leave Mount Olivet and rise majestically into the air until He had been lost to their view in the clouds? The disciples had personal proof that Jesus was alive. But what proof could they bring to an unbelieving world, especially to a religious nation that had absolutely rejected His claims?

The Holy Spirit was proof indeed. Listen to Peter, fresh from his deliverance from prison by the angel of the Lord, as he addressed the high priest and the members of the council. "Him [Jesus] hath God exalted with his right hand. . . . And we are witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:31, 32).

# Pentecost's Relationship to the Resurrection

The outpouring of the Spirit, the tongues, the miracles, the healings, the signs and the wonders—all these were indisputable proof that the One whom Peter's listeners thought was dead was indeed alive and at the Father's right hand. The presence and operations of the Holy Spirit bore eloquent testimony to the disciples' witness that Jesus was no longer in the tomb but in heaven.

And what was true then is true today—the supernatural presence and power of the Spirit in the Church is proof that Christ is alive forevermore.

## II

*Christ's resurrection was indispensable to His sending forth the Holy Spirit.*

What happened on the Day of Pentecost and in the house of Cornelius depended upon the resurrection and ascension of the Saviour.

God had spoken many promises in the Old Testament concerning the advent of the Spirit. Through the mouth of the prophet Joel had come the announcement: "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh"—a universal outpouring accompanied by prophecy, dreams, and visions. Isaiah also had declared: "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

Centuries rolled on, however, and still these glorious promises awaited fulfillment. Then came the Redeemer, but still the promised outpouring of the Spirit tarried. What was the reason for the delay? The Saviour told the people that rivers of living water would flow from the inner life of the man who believed on Him. Then there is recorded this explanatory note: "This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:39). This explains it all. There could be no Pentecostal outpouring until Jesus had risen from the dead and had been glorified at God's right hand. When the Lord went up from



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earth to heaven, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven to earth.

### III

*Christ's resurrection guaranteed the disciples that He would send forth the Holy Spirit.*

They had been sad and troubled when they learned that Jesus was soon to go away, and the Saviour had sought to comfort them. Twice He had said: "Let not your heart be troubled." Then He announced the coming of the Comforter who would never leave them. "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). "If I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). They began to realize it was expedient for Jesus to go away, or this other Comforter would not come.

The departure of Jesus, therefore, guaranteed that He would send the Holy Spirit. After He had left them, He promised He would pray the Father on their account. That meant He would be raised from the dead—a dead Saviour could not "pray the Father."

As soon as the Lord took His place at the right hand of the Majesty on high, He remembered those disciples waiting in the Upper Room at Jerusalem and He proceeded to do as He promised—He prayed the Father to bestow the promised Comforter. In answer to His high-priestly prayer, Jesus "received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:33). Christ then began to pour out the Spirit upon the waiting company in fulfillment of His promise: "I will send him unto you."

### IV

*At God's right hand, Christ still continues to baptize believers in the Holy Spirit.*

The amazed onlookers on the Day of Pentecost heard a group of 120 men and women magnifying the Lord in new tongues, and they exclaimed in wonder: "What meaneth this?"

Thereupon Peter, not now speaking in tongues but in a language they all understood, proceeded to give them an explanation of these strange happenings. He told the crowd that the One whom their rulers had crucified seven weeks before was responsible for these events. "He [whom God raised up] hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

About five years later, some godly Jews accompanied Peter to Caesarea. They were astonished because they heard some Gentiles speaking in tongues and magnifying the Lord. Peter also was greatly surprised, but there came to his mind the words of Jesus: "Ye shall be baptized in the Holy Ghost." In describing the scene afterward, Peter told the rest of the apostles: "God gave them the like gift as he did unto us" (Acts 11:17).

The same thing happened again, some 20 years later, this time at Ephesus, when a group of 12 men received "the like gift" and spoke in tongues.

And in this twentieth century, when sincere followers of the Lord Jesus all over the world are speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, the question is still being asked: "What meaneth this?"

The answer is the same as was given two millenniums ago: "This Jesus hath God raised up. . . . Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted. . . he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33, 34). An ever-living High Priest is still baptizing His people in the Spirit, with the same scriptural evidence. 

# LATTER-DAY 'RAIN'

There is a definite connection between the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the time of Christ's second coming. The apostle Peter reminded the Jews on the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit was to be poured out upon all flesh *in the last days*. "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," he said. "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." He said, "This is that." This was a *sample* of that. It was not *all* of it. The Spirit was to be poured out *upon all flesh*, and the fullness with which that promise will be fulfilled still lies in the future.

In this twentieth century, however, there has been a new outpouring of the Spirit. It is difficult to estimate how many millions of people living today have received this Pentecostal baptism. They are scattered throughout many denominations and many lands. Their number is growing constantly and we may expect it to multiply more rapidly as the Lord's return draws nearer. The "former rain" came at Pentecost. The "latter rain" is falling today.

When the prophet said the Lord "shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain" (Hosea 6:3), the people of Palestine knew what he meant. The former rain fell at seedtime; the latter rain came when the crops were grown, to mature them for harvesting. Among Palestinian farmers there was a great longing for the latter rain to come in its season ("they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain"—Job 29:23). And there is a great longing among Christian people today for an abundant rain of the Spirit. God puts this longing in our hearts because He wants us to open our mouths to drink in an abundant supply of the Spirit so that when the Lord of Harvest comes to gather His precious "grain" into the heavenly granary, He will find it spiritually mature.

The prophet Joel, whom Peter quoted, linked the latter rain with the latter days. In the second chapter of this prophecy (verse 23) he said the Lord "hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." This was rain that falls upon the soil. But right after this he said, "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. . . Upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit" (verses 28, 29). God promised to pour out, first, the natural rain, and then the spiritual. He said the former rain would be given "moderately" but not the latter rain.

Today there is a pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon members of all denominations. Every evangelical sect is affected to some extent, some more and some less. We know of many churches which, though not Pentecostal in name, are Pentecostal in preaching and practice. Their names are still Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, Reformed, etc., but their ministers and members speak in tongues as the disciples did on the Day of Pentecost.

Undoubtedly it is God's desire to pour His Spirit upon the members of *every* church, regardless of its denominational status. The second coming of His Son is drawing near. The closer we come to that blessed event, the more abundantly He will pour His Spirit upon those who are thirsty. Therefore, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1). Ask for *your* share of the outpoured Spirit, that you may be ready at Harvesttime.

—R.C.C.

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IN ONE OF THE HOSPITALS of New York City a brokenhearted father and mother were watching at the side of their little dying baby. They knew there was no hope for her except death. They had talked it over and decided between them to ask the doctor a favor. Soon the end came and the little eyes closed forever.

The father called the doctor and said, "Doctor, Mother and I have talked it over and we feel the same about our little girl. Isn't it true that the cornea of her eyes could be used to give sight to some blind person?"

"Yes," was the reply, "it is perfectly true."

"Well, then Doctor, if you will take her little eyes and use them for that purpose, both her mother and I will feel that her short life was not utterly in vain. It will be a comfort to us to know that her coming into the world did help someone."

The doctor assured them that the little eyes would be used as the parents desired, and that they would give sight not only to one but to two or three blind persons.

At the same time in another place in New York there was a blind man. For years he had been deprived of his sight and had been compelled to walk in darkness. But he had heard of the new corneal operation that would give him sight and now he was waiting for someone to give his or her eyes for him. The eyes of the little baby girl were sent for his benefit; and the doctors took two pieces from the cornea of her little eyes and grafted one into each of the blind man's eyes. Today that once blind man is no longer in darkness. The light of the sun has come into his life because of the gift of one who died that he might see.

As far as that man's physical sight is concerned, the most important thing that ever happened for him was the death of that little baby girl and the gift of part of her broken body by her father. Through that gift his whole life has been transformed.

What a true illustration of the most important event that ever took place for you and me. Once we were blind. Once we were utterly dead to the things of God. Once we walked in gross darkness. We were born blind and without hope of sight.

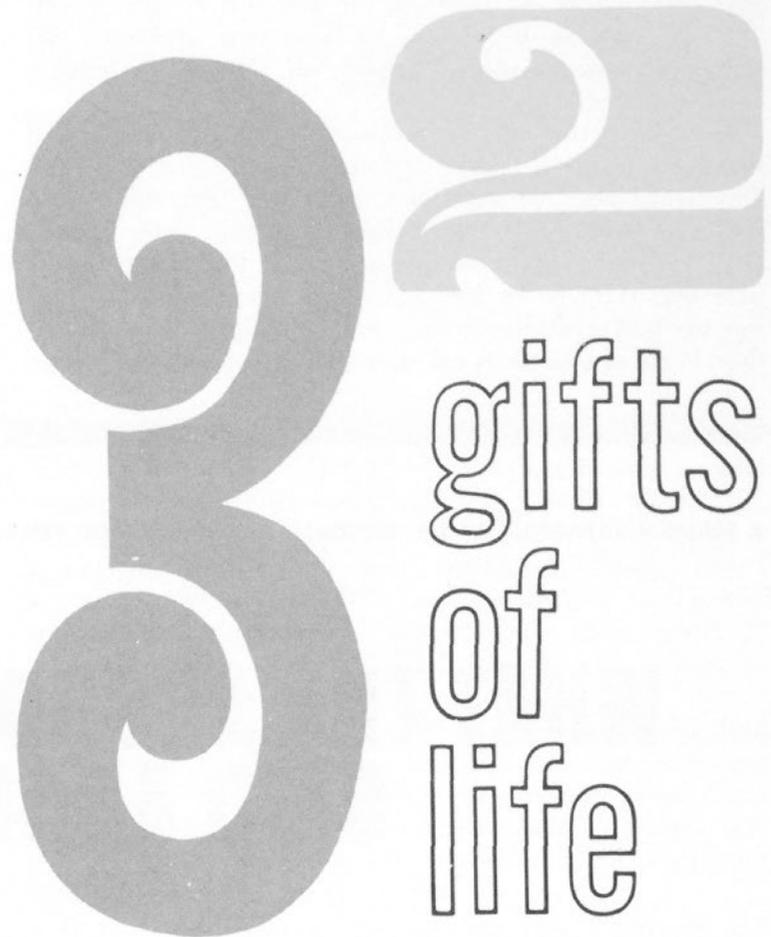
But God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our "blindness pitying saw." He sent His beloved, only begotten Son into this world to be born of a woman that we who were blind might be delivered from the power of darkness.

Only a few short years He lived and then He laid down His life for us. Just before He died He called His disciples around a supper table, and there they found a table spread with broken bread and poured-out wine. "Now, my beloved ones," He said, "I have longed to have you eat this Passover supper. Thus will you remember my death. Thus will the purpose of my death be fulfilled. This is my body broken for you. This is my blood shed for you."

Still He calls men to that table. He is calling you, saying, "Child, your eyes are blind. Your eyes have never beheld reality. You look upon the world and you don't see it for what it is. You do not see it lying in the lap of the evil one. You look upon self and you do not see that you are a leper and unclean, filled with sin and death. You look upon men and women and you do not

see them in reality dead in trespasses and sins, perishing in hideous and ugly moral degradation and corruption. Take my eyes that you may see the light of the world and not walk in darkness but have the light of life. These are my eyes given for you that you may see.

"On the cross of Calvary My Father gave My body to be broken. Sacrifice and burnt offering He did not desire, but a body He prepared for Me; and that body I gave to Him that He might prepare it and break it for you."



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## gifts of life

By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

In a village in England two children had been born to a young mother. Each of them had died within a short time after birth, and the doctors had ascertained it was because of some discrepancy in the blood of the parents. Then another child was born to that mother. The doctors knew it too would die if they did not give it proper blood, so they gave it a blood transfusion five minutes after birth and drained its own blood a little at a time; and then gave more transfusions. Thus they poured into its veins blood of a different type. It was alive and flourishing as any normal healthy baby within three weeks.

The most important event that ever happened as far as that baby was concerned was the giving of blood of the right type by willing blood donors. The blood had been given, and in the hour of her extremity it was provided by the doctors and poured into her veins so that she did not perish.

You and I were born in sin, conceived of corruptible seed, and were without God and without hope in this  
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world. The blood we received from Adam and Eve was filled with sin and death. So God who is rich in mercy, for the great love with which He loved us, sent His Son into the world so that He might pour out His blood and let us have an entire change of nature if we want it. There is no other way of life. Except we (by faith) eat the flesh of the Son of God and drink His blood, we have not life. Those who receive this change of nature will live.

It is possible to have new life because Jesus Christ gave His blood on Calvary for the life of the world. "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).

How may this life be received? By faith. We go to the Lord Jesus in prayer and tell Him, "Lord, I believe Thy word that 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of living water springing up into everlasting life. For my blood is drink indeed.' So, Lord, I come to Thee to drink. I believe

Thou dost mean what Thou hast said, and I come to accept Thy blood to be my life. And I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou wilt make Thy promise good. Amen."

If feeling comes, thank God. If feeling does not come, thank God by faith alone. Stand firmly upon God's Word and refuse to be moved away from His promise and His provision.

But at the same time there is another accompanying step. To make room for His life, you must give up yours. We have to lose our lives for Christ's life. We do this also by faith. We say, "Lord Jesus, I take Thy life to be mine; and I give my life to Thee. I renounce self and my own will and opinions and desires, and I claim Thine in their stead." Thank God, if we are sincere and mean business, He will meet us more than halfway.

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Some prisoners were locked in a concentration camp. Instead of being free Americans, they were slaves of the Japanese. One day they began to hear that a certain man had come into the camp who called himself "The Door." He would come to one of the prisoners and say

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## WHAT THE ARCHBISHOP SAID ABOUT THE

# HOLY

**A** NOISE LIKE THAT OF A STRONG DRIVING WIND... tongues like flames of fire, dispersed among them and resting on each one" (Acts 2:2, 3, N.E.B.).

How very alarming! Nature's two most devastating agents—wind and fire. Have you ever seen a beautiful structure razed by fire? If you have, you will not easily sentimentalize about these elements; and maybe you will think again before you sing:

*"And His that gentle voice we hear,  
Soft as the breath of even,  
That checks each thought, that calms each fear,  
And speaks of heaven."*

"Gentle?" It was a gale! "Soft?" It blew to pieces their old and most cherished patterns of life! "Checks each thought?" It stimulated them to such furious thinking that they could scarce get down on papyrus the ideas that came rushing to them! "Speaks of heaven?" Maybe—but first of earth, with its pain and sin and ignorance.

They found themselves blown into a perfect vortex of problems, to share them, to wrestle with them, to master them in the name of their Lord. True the wind renewed, revived, freshened—but it also blew away the cobwebs and broke down the barriers. There was pain as well as joy in the experience of Pentecost.

And the fire—while it warmed the chill, it had an

awesome way of burning the dross and of bringing about union by heat, as when in welding two hitherto separate pieces of metal are made one. Fire rages and ravages. It is an untidy element, an unpredictable one. Like the wind it "bloweth where it listeth, and thou feelest the heat thereof, and canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth." If you are playing for safety, do not play with fire.

### AN ANEMIC DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

For the last half century or more in the sphere of Christian doctrine, our attention has been focused on the doctrine of the Church more than on any other subject. We have been busy pondering on, writing on, conferring on the Church—its nature, its unity and disunity, its glory and its shame, its function in society as the body of Christ, and so on. This has been good. But have we been so occupied with the doctrine of the Church that we have given little thought to the Person and work of the Spirit? Have we concentrated on the body and neglected the breath?

If the answer to these questions be "Yes," we may excuse ourselves by recalling there is a certain self-effacingness about the Holy Spirit. It is of the essence of His work to take of the things of Christ and show them to us—"He shall not speak of himself." And we

to him, "Now trust me absolutely; do everything I tell you, and I'll get you out of this prison into freedom."

Some were afraid he was a spy and shied away from him. But every prisoner that really trusted and obeyed him was freed from that camp. The most important thing that ever happened for those men was the coming of "The Door" into that camp.

You are a prisoner of self and sin. You were not made to be a selfish slave of sin, but a free child of God. You never can know the joy and peace of true freedom as long as you are in the concentration camp of sin. But have you not heard that a Man has come among us? He says, "I am the Door." Trust Him. Do as He says implicitly. Have faith in His cross and in His blood. Accept Him by faith and you will be set free from prison and become a child of God. Then you will agree with me that the most important thing that ever happened was the coming of "The Door" into our prison.

I used to believe the devil's lie that I was the freest having my way. Then I heard "The Door" say "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." 

# SPIRIT

remember that in the early centuries of the Church's history attention is fastened on the work and Person of the Holy Spirit only after the Church had dealt with the doctrine of the Person of Christ. All this is true, but it is no excuse for twentieth-century Christians having a feeble and anemic doctrine of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

## OBEDIENCE TO HIM WHO IS WIND AND FIRE

I turn to another aspect of the life of the Church. We have been accustomed to think, in discussions about unity, of the two elements which can generally be characterized as Catholic and Protestant. But there is a third element which we can neglect only by shutting our ears to the facts which are shouting at us. I refer to what can roughly be called the Pentecostal element. Its roots are in the New Testament, even if some of its fruits are, to our thinking, not always in strict accord with New Testament teaching. If we do not see a great deal of it in this country, let me remind you that in Latin America four out of five non-Roman Christians are Pentecostals.

We may complain that they are deficient in many of the things we hold dear. We may complain that their worship is at times noisy (a complaint that cannot be leveled at most Anglican congregations!). But to pass

by on the other side and neglect what is one of the most extraordinary features of religious life in the twentieth century is to show lack of responsibility or an unreadiness to face evidence.

## WHY THIS PHENOMENAL GROWTH?

Why is it that these sects are growing at such a phenomenal rate? Is it possible they have gifts of the Spirit which we have not? Do we need to heed the reminder of Bishop Stephen Neill that "not infrequently true religious life is to be found in the sects when it has died in the orthodox; the nonconformists have been from time to time the salvation of the Church?"

And if this offends you, as well it may, remember that one of the effects of the Holy Spirit on the members of the Early Church was that they were so joyful that people thought they were drunk. And if I may be allowed to press the point, may I ask when that accusation, for identical reasons, was leveled (a) against you as an individual, (b) against the church where you worship, and (c) against the Church of England?

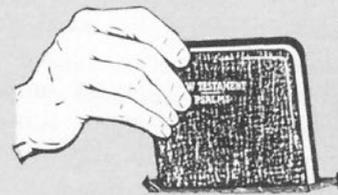
## NEW THINGS IN A NEW WAY IN A NEW AGE

Do not run away with the idea that I want to see the Church of England engulfed in a wave of emotionalism. Far from it. I recall that the marks of the Holy Spirit as outlined in Isaiah 11 are primarily intellectual. Perhaps the first thing He is calling us to do today is to engage in some clear, hard, antiseptic thinking. But I am asking for an openness to new ideas, a willingness to experiment which will not stifle the Holy Spirit if, as I believe He does, He wishes to do new things in a new way in a new age.

This means that, if we give Him a chance, He will make Jesus real to us so that we shall see Him not as a figure of ancient history but as our great Contemporary; and the results are not likely to be less disturbing than they were 19 centuries back when He walked among us in the flesh.

It is recorded of Christ that He was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. The word *driven* is a forceful one. St. Paul says they are sons of God who are driven by the Spirit of God—the word is identical.

Wind is a driving force—"a strong driving wind" was the Early Church's description of its first experience of Pentecost. Is God trying to say to the Church today: "Less toiling and moiling at the oars; greater willingness to set our sails to the wind of the Spirit. Less trust in organization; more attention to the mind of the Spirit."  
—Pentecost



## Walking with the WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST 15-22

Sunday—Psalms 95, 96	Thursday—Galatians 2
Monday—2 Corinthians 12	Friday—Galatians 3
Tuesday—2 Corinthians 13	Saturday—Psalm 97
Wednesday—Galatians 1	Sunday—Psalms 98, 99



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PROMOTION?

**B**ARUCH WAS A YOUNG SCRIBE, promising and ambitious, the amanuensis of Jeremiah. He recorded the prophecies of Jeremiah and read them before the assembled princes in the king's house (chapter 36), after he first had read them publicly to the people from the chamber of Gemariah.

We do not know what Baruch thought the outcome of this might be; but if he had hopes of recognition and promotion, they were blasted. After King Jehoiakim destroyed the book, he ordered the arrest of both Jeremiah and Baruch. Instead of promotion, the young scribe was faced with prison.

The 45th chapter of Jeremiah is a message to Baruch alone. After the mighty prophecies concerning many nations, how encouraging to find the Lord turning to one solitary, discouraged servant!

Baruch was a young man, starting out in the world. He was gifted with abilities that might easily lead him to the honors and preferments. He was fearless to declare the truth in public and before princes, and his was the pen of a ready writer. He was willing to line up with Jeremiah and be a mouthpiece for God in a decadent generation. Let us give Baruch his due: his kind are not found around every corner.

Nevertheless, there was within him the play of mixed motives. The Word infers that he sought great things for himself. Had he hoped, as he set down the divine message, that it would establish him among the writers of the realm?

When he read the roll to fast-day throngs from Gemariah's balcony, was there the inner ambition to make his own bow to the general public? When he repeated the reading before the princes, was there within him the pride of being noticed and invited into the higher circles? How easy it is for red-blooded youth to mix its own

dreams with the ministry of the Word, to use the message of God to pave the way for a personal triumph.

But now, poor Baruch was in deepest despair. God's answer to his misery was threefold. He reminded him it was a day of judgment: "Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land." Ruin was coming upon the nation. This was no time to be aiming at success and promotion. Then the real cause of all his trouble was revealed: "And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not." When all around you are headed for ruin, when everything is uncertain and perishing, you have no business courting the favors of earth.

Baruch was promised his life: "Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." He need never expect to be recognized, to sit among the mighty, to wear the laurels of popularity. For him there was left the reproach of God's minority, to be a friend of lonely old Jeremiah.

But it appears that Baruch chose the hard road, for we find him persecuted in chapter 43 and then in Egypt with the prophet. And, after all, it was the way of success; for wherever the Word is read, he is known as the scribe of Jeremiah, and his name has been carried to the ends of the earth! It was the way by which, losing life, we find it.

We live, as did Baruch, in perilous times with judgment fast approaching. These lines are written for any Baruch who may be preaching or teaching the Word with mixed motives.

What does it matter in these last days whether the world notices us or not? What matters it whether you are an "outstanding" figure or just "among those present"? "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not!"

For all our platitudes on the subject, not many believers really die to self, not many arrive at that utter willingness to be plowed under. Indeed, very often the message of the "victorious life" gets perilously near a success talk with visions of personal triumph rather than that self-denial and the fellowship of His sufferings to which our Lord calls us.

After coming away from a rousing address on mountaintop living, the real test is often very sobering. It runs like this:

Can you see others preferred and not be envious?

Are you willing to talk to small congregations and not chafe because somebody else up the street is packing the aisles?

Can you live on in a humdrum community and let your light shine among unappreciative souls while someone with less consecration takes the town by storm?

Have you learned to expect nothing from this world, promise yourself nothing from earth, and therefore not be disappointed?

Are you wholesome, unsoured, unspoiled amid a multitude of unromantic things?

Have you learned not to try to force results, but to

give the Word and pray and trust the Spirit for results?

Poor Baruch's expectations were from the wrong quarter. Had he been looking toward the Lord he could not have been disappointed—for God does not fail.

Someone has said, "Not wanting a thing is comparable to possessing it." Better than possessing the things of earth is to be independent of them. Besides, it takes away all the strain and fever of seeking great things.

Are you free from any desire to advance self, to put yourself across? Then if someone slights you, if another is exalted over you, it doesn't matter. Only then are you really fit to be promoted. God lovingly withholds promotion sometimes because we are seeking great things, and promotion in such a state as that would be a catastrophe.

—The Harvester.

## DESTROY EVIL THOUGHTS BEFORE THEY DESTROY YOU

ON LONGS PEAK IN COLORADO are the ruins of a gigantic tree naturalists say stood for over 400 years. During that time it was struck by lightning at least 14 times. Innumerable storms and avalanches beat upon it, but the towering giant survived them all.

One day an army of beetles attacked it. Eating their way through the bark and gradually into the trunk of the magnificent tree, they destroyed its inner strength. The king of the forest crashed down, felled by beetles so small a man could crush one with his fingers.

Men who have weathered fierce storms of life have in a similar manner been brought low by the insidious invasion of evil thoughts. Physicists and educators, cab drivers and housewives, none of us is immune to this hidden danger.

Without careful discipline all of us tend to think the worst instead of the best about life. Thoughts we would not want televised make seemingly insignificant inroads into unguarded minds. For every person corrupted by temptation to outward sins, a thousand fall prey to evil thoughts which sap their moral strength.

Christ, who knows human weaknesses better than we do ourselves, placed this deadly foe at the top of the terrible catalog of "things which defile a man": "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19).

*"Sow a thought, reap an action;  
Sow an action, reap a habit;  
Sow a habit, reap a character;  
Sow a character, reap a destiny."*

There is a simple way to guard your mind against evil thoughts. Fill it in waking hours with constructive ideas and inspiring hopes.

Paul gave us the formula for successful thinking and living in Philippians 4:8:

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

—MAURICE ALLAN



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Was Jesus born with a divine or with a human nature?*

Jesus was God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). Humanity alone could not provide salvation for all. There must be added to His humanity the quality of Deity. In Christ, Deity and humanity were united. He who had been "in the form of God," took on Him "the form of man" (Philippians 2:6, 7).

*I am doing research on the right way to worship God in the sanctuary. Can you help me?*

Jesus said, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). This implies that acceptable worship must be from the heart. It must be sincere and it must be scriptural.

Different people have adopted different forms of worship. Any of these may be good if they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. There are numerous examples of public worship in the Bible. Worship may be expressed in song, or in prayer, either silently or audibly. It is not the form of our worship as much as the spirit of our worship that makes it acceptable to God.

*I read in the Bible that those who came to a prophet for advice made it a practice to bring a gift (1 Samuel 9:7-10). I love to attend church but feel condemned when I am unable to give in the offerings. Ought I to go when I have no offering, or should I stay away?*

We go to church to worship. The Bible tells us not to neglect "the assembling of yourselves together." If we cannot give an offering of money every time we go to church, we can still love and worship Jesus. The greatest gift we can take to church is the gift of our devoted hearts. We can give God our love.

*Jesus taught that if a person took his gift to the altar and there remembered that his brother had something against him, he was to leave his gift and first be reconciled to his brother before offering his gift (Matthew 5:23, 24). Can you explain this?*

Jesus used Jewish terms. If a person brought his sacrificial offering to the temple to be offered in his behalf, then remembered that someone held something against him, he was first to seek reconciliation, then come and offer his gift.

The meaning for us is that if we have injured anyone, or if there is anyone who *thinks* we have injured him, we should seek understanding and reconciliation, then come to God for mercy. It is hard for a person to pray effectively and get forgiveness and blessing for his soul if he knows he has hurt or offended someone and will not seek forgiveness from such a person.

No doubt there are many in the churches today who go to the altar, who are unable to pray through because they know they have injured or hurt the feelings of others.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

EVER SINCE THE EARLY DISCIPLES of our Lord were taught to pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," this prayer has become the testimony of all of God's true followers. The earth, though under a curse, will someday emerge as the center of peace and blessing. This period is termed "The Kingdom Age." Notwithstanding, in this day of grace we believe what Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Isaiah declares: "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

Occasionally we have been challenged by our Jewish friends who have read the New Testament. They question, "How do you account for the fact that angels appeared to the shepherds, announcing, 'Peace on earth,' when since that time we have witnessed more wars and more bloodshed than ever before?" And they conclude: "Certainly there is no peace on earth; therefore the Messiah has not yet come."

But we, who have been born of the Spirit, rejoice that a Child has been born, a Son has been given; the world's government is upon His shoulders, and His precious name is "Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." We can gladly say: "It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done." It is still more wonderful what He is going to do, as it is written: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

Let us then consider some of the major events leading up to the time when wars shall cease and universal peace will be ushered in.

1. After the rapture of the Church, Satan and his angels are to be cast out of heaven into the earth (Revelation 12:9).

God permits Satan to execute his judgment and wrath against the world in its sin and rebellion (Revelation 16:13, 14). This marks the beginning of a time of trouble such as has not been from the beginning of the world (Matthew 24:21).

2. The great and final deception sweeps through the earth by the appearance of the "man of sin," also called the Antichrist. The trinity of evil will then be at its peak (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 9-12; Revelation 13:16, 17).

3. As to the nation Israel we note the following:

(a) A covenant will be made with the Antichrist and Israel will occupy her land in a false security for which the chastisement of God will painfully fall upon her (Isaiah 28:18).

(b) Certain occasions will move the Antichrist to break this false covenant at the beginning of the last half of the tribulation period. The day of "Jacob's Trouble" will then be breaking in on the defenseless nation (Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1; Revelation 12:13).

(c) Jewish unbelievers will be deceived by the false prophet and manifest their apostasy (Daniel 12:10; Hosea 13:9).

(d) Jewish believers will be set apart by God to herald the coming of the Messiah (Revelation 7:3, 4). Because of this and in spite of great persecution, a vast multitude of Gentiles will be saved out of all nations (Revelation 7:9).

(e) God's Holy Spirit will be poured out upon repentant Israel in great measure (Zechariah 12:10). This will be followed by a great mourning in Jerusalem; a nation shall be born in one day (Isaiah 66:8).

(f) The Lord Jesus will return with His own, with power and great glory to destroy the wicked, to forgive and to restore the remnant of Israel, and to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace (Isaiah 45:17; Matthew 24:30; Isaiah 33:20-22). Let us therefore continue to pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Our Lord promised, "I go to prepare a place for you..." (John 14:3).

*The heavenly Jerusalem has mansions far and wide,  
Where Jesus now prepares a place for us His chosen bride.  
A perfect place, O praise His name, our treasure is on high;  
In that eternal, happy land all true possessions lie.*

*Up yonder no more tears shall flow, no crying shall be heard,  
All sorrow, pain and woe be gone, through Him, the living  
Word.*

*No need there is of sun and moon, the stars need not to  
shine;  
For He Himself, our glorious Lord, shall be the Light divine.*

*The crystal sea and golden streets cannot attract as He,  
Whom never having seen we love and praise on bended  
knee.*

*The wonder longed for most of all is kept for us in store;  
With endless joy we shall behold our King whom we adore.*

*The heavenly Jerusalem descending from above,  
Shall be adorned to fill the earth with righteousness and  
love.*

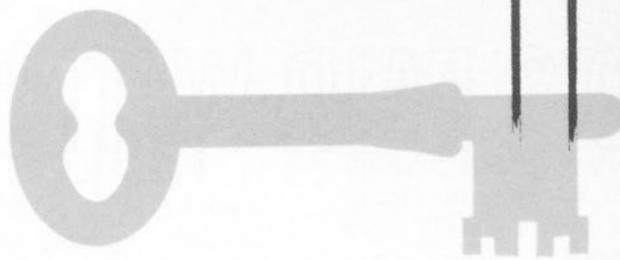
*And happy songs revived again shall sound, no more to cease,  
For there, within the pearly gates shall reign the Prince  
of Peace.*

# WHEN WARS SHALL CEASE

By LOUISE KAUFMANN



The author, a missionary under appointment by the Home Missions Department, is now evangelizing among the Jewish people in Miami Beach, Florida.



## DELINQUENT DELIVERED

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

BEING THE BIG POLICEMEN in the front seat of the police car, Don squeezed the wad of money in his hand. *He had to get rid of it!*

"Your parents have been mighty worried about you," one officer growled while writing something down.

Suddenly the police station loomed into view.

Quickly the boy moved his hand behind him and stuffed the money between the crevice of the seat. *The diamond rings in his shoe would have to stay there.*

His mom and dad were at the station. Mom was crying, but both were overjoyed to see him. He had been gone three days and had brought shame to his parents. Don felt terrible. Even with \$200 from a recent burglary, he and his pals had become lonesome.

This was only the beginning of a series of crimes and reform school hitches which led 12-year-old Don into nearly becoming a dope addict.

But Don Hall knew better. He was brought up in a Christian home and had gone to church regularly.

The money in the back seat of the police car and the rings were not discovered, and Don was given probation for running away from home. Because he succeeded with his first crime, he was spurred on.

Regular pranks made him brazen and reckless. One day when he was ransacking the upstairs of a house, he heard someone come in downstairs. He froze. There was no other way to get out of the house. As he descended the stairs, the horrified woman shrieked with fright.

"I was told to wait here for a friend," Don said. "I must have the wrong house," and he walked out the door.

Don's pals stole cigarettes from their parents, and he began smoking when he was 11 years old. By the time he was 14, he was smoking and drinking regularly.

In one of his burglaries he picked up a gun. It didn't fire right, so he took it to school for a friend to fix. A teacher saw him holding the gun outside his locker, explaining the difficulty. She called the principal and the police were summoned. The authorities questioned him until he admitted taking it from a home. The police tied in other burglaries, and reform school was his doom.

After six months, he ran away and was sentenced to another detention home where he stayed another six months.

When released, Don began smoking marijuana and taking barbiturate pills called goof balls, red devils, and yellow jackets. The narcotics gave him a feeling of excitement, ecstasy, and superiority.

But the letdown after the pills lost their effect was terrible. His stomach felt as if it were tied in knots. He couldn't sleep. He began taking another pill to put himself to sleep until the hangover was over.

In his subconscious was the stabbing reality he was away from God. If Christ should come or he should die, he knew he would be eternally lost.

He dreamed about being on a journey. He couldn't go on and he had come too far to turn back. The

journey seemed endless. It became eternity—forever and forever—and he woke up screaming. He dreamed the same nightmare over and over.

The boys began selling narcotics to other students.

One day when sitting at a school assembly with the gang, three plainclothes detectives and the vice-principal walked up. "Come with us," the vice-principal demanded sternly.

The boys denied using narcotics or "pushing" them. But narcotics were found in their pockets and in their car. Don was in deep this time. It was January 6, 1955, and he was 17.

"Don," his mother sobbed as she visited him in jail, "we've tried to do our best to bring you up right—to teach you the things of God. You have rebelled and decided to go your own way. Your only hope now is Christ!"

His father slid a tract to him. Drooping and defeated, they left.

Don went back to his cell. He knew his mother was right. They had done their best. It was his fault. Christ was the only One who could untangle the mess of his life.

He sat down on the cot and began to read the tract. The words of Christ and the Scriptures came alive and pierced the depths of his soul. Suddenly he felt it was the end of the line for him. He realized his need of Christ. He felt if he didn't accept the Lord right then, he'd never have another chance.

He got down on his knees on the cold cement floor in front of the other prisoners. His whole being cried out to God. He sobbed out a prayer asking God to forgive him of all his sins. He promised the Lord he would live for Him from that day on. Immediately he knew he was saved. He felt joy and peace in his heart.

The fear of being behind bars or in prison, however, depressed him. "Lord, if You want me to go to prison, I'll still live for You," he promised. He now had something to live for. What he had found in Christ far surpassed anything he had ever tried.

He began testifying to his friends and fellow prisoners about the joy he felt. He testified to his probation officer. His testimony was so convincing the judge and probation officer felt he had made a real change. He was granted probation.

"God saved me just in time," Don says. "I was on the verge of trying heroin. If I had used the needle, I would have become an addict. But God delivered me.

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# OUR WORLD'S FAIR WITNESS

By CHAS. W. H. SCOTT, Executive Director



Edward Spinola (right), coordinator for the Assemblies of God World's Fair booth, explains the picture panels to a visitor.



The major doctrines of the Assemblies of God are presented continuously through a 10-minute film, projected at the left. This is a new feature at the Assemblies of God booth this year.

THE WORLD'S FAIR WITNESS BOOTH of the Assemblies of God continues to attract thousands of visitors as the 1965 season of the World's Fair progresses. Located in the Protestant Center, our booth is the only full-gospel, Pentecostal witness among the Protestant denominations presenting their cause to the 329,000 people who have passed through the center thus far this season.

The hundred or more volunteer counselors who direct activities at our booth are members of our churches in the metropolitan area. They are testifying to members of all denominations together with those who have no church affiliation. Many of these inquire about the way of salvation, and some have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour right in the booth.

Daily reports received from the counselors also tell of inquiries about the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of speaking with other tongues. Some visitors from other churches testify of having received this experience, while many others indicate an intense hunger for it. An Episcopalian nun said she wanted "something more vibrant in her life in the realm of the Spirit of God." She left the booth with an expression of gratitude for the spiritual help she had received.

Another counselor told of a Buddhist monk who stopped at the booth. He seemed to be open to our message and indicated an interest in the truth which was shared with him.

The friends who visit our booth receive full-gospel literature including a special World's Fair issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, tracts that deal with the subjects in which they are interested, and New Testaments and other Scripture portions. This literature program is meeting a definite need among nationals from overseas as well as our fellow Americans who want to know who we are and what we believe.

General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent Bert Webb, General Secretary Bartlett Peterson, and Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward have prepared a film covering our fourfold message of salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit, Second Coming of Christ, and divine healing. This 10-minute message is projected continuously on the new Cine-Matic projector installed in the booth this year.

The five panels at the rear of the booth continue to present a testimony of the work of the Assemblies of God by the beautiful backlighted transparencies which picture all aspects of the ministry of our church. These are illuminated at all times and prove of interest to our visitors.

An offering from interested friends and from each of our churches is urgently needed for this world outreach of evangelism which presents a personal testimony to all who stop to visit. Only eternity will reveal the scope of ministry which our World's Fair Witness Booth has had to about 100,000 visitors who have stopped at our booth. Will you and your church respond to the challenge of this quest for souls with a substantial offering for this last-hour full-gospel testimony? Send all offerings to: World's Fair Witness, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. 

# MY JOURNEY INTO LIGHT

By **MINNIE LEE SHEPARD**  
Austin, Texas

THE LONG, LONG JOURNEY OF MY SOUL into the light of life began, as I recall, at the age of nine. One day while swinging and musing, I paused, suddenly aware of a bright light shining all around me. I wondered if this meant I was one of the "elect," as I had been brought up on a stern predestination doctrine, but I told no one.

In early adolescence I went to the "mourners' bench" in a little Methodist church and surrendered my heart. Several years later I united with this denomination.

There followed college, teaching, marriage, bereavement, graduate study at home and abroad, honors, retirement. Somewhere along the way, despite intervals of illumination, the oil in my unattended lamp became low, and the light dimmed. I groped, searching, seeking.

Then in God's providence I was asked to serve as spiritual life chairman of the women's society of which I was a member. I was to give a program on "The Spirit is Lord."

Teacher-like, I began a diligent research not only on the nature of the Holy Spirit and the many aspects He revealed to the New Testament writers, but also on His symbols and their representations in art. I reviewed John Wesley's "heart warming" experience and the outflowing power that resulted in revival that spread throughout England and America. I mentioned also the more than 240 healings recorded in his *Journal*.

At the close of the talk I asked two questions of my audience and of myself: "Is the Spirit Lord in your life?" "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" To my silent audience I had to admit that I could not answer an unqualified "yes" to either question.

My talk was made, but I was unmade. At long last I knew. But where to find the Holy Spirit and how to receive Him as Lord in my life? I read some 40 books on prayer and the Holy Spirit, only to find that reading about prayer was not praying, and reading about the Spirit was not the same as receiving Him in my heart. I attended many services but, though spiritually blessed, I did not receive the fulfillment I craved.

Finally a friend, learning of my interest, suggested that I visit a prayer group at the Central Assembly of God not far from my home in Austin, Texas. I was hesitant, but finally on an extremely cold morning I ventured to go. That day, January 6, 1964, I shall never forget. Only Pastor J. Paul Joyner and his father were there. No, God was there too, and I felt His healing touch. Day by day, week by week, I was drawn back to that altar of prayer until the hard crust of doubt and reserve was dissolved in tears. Then it was that the Holy Spirit blessed me with His presence and His sign.

*O stammering tongue, O words so rich and strange!  
My soul knows what you mean, I need not know;  
I only need my thoughts should never range  
Beyond the source of your divine love's flow.*

A few weeks later I was baptized in water by immersion and received the youthful assurance that the "latter rain" of the prophet Joel (2:21-28) was also mine. It was then that I poured forth my soul's thanksgiving to God in the following poem for having so richly blessed my late search for the Light of His Holy Spirit.

## LATTER RAIN

*O latter rain, blessed latter rain,  
How wondrously you fall on me!*

*O Jesus, how could I deserve of Thee  
That Thou should'st bless me with this latter rain?  
I had not served Thee with my heart and soul  
To merit this late hour such fruiting grain.*

*Thy Spirit, poured upon my hungry heart,  
Compelled from drouth-parched lips through prophecy  
A hymn of strangely stammering words of praise  
For all the locust-years restored to me.*

*O wondrous grace, down flowing with the rain;  
O healing love, reviving mind and soul;  
O Holy Spirit, surging in my breast,  
Help me unceasingly my Lord extol.*

*O latter rain, blessed latter rain,  
How wondrously you fall on me!*

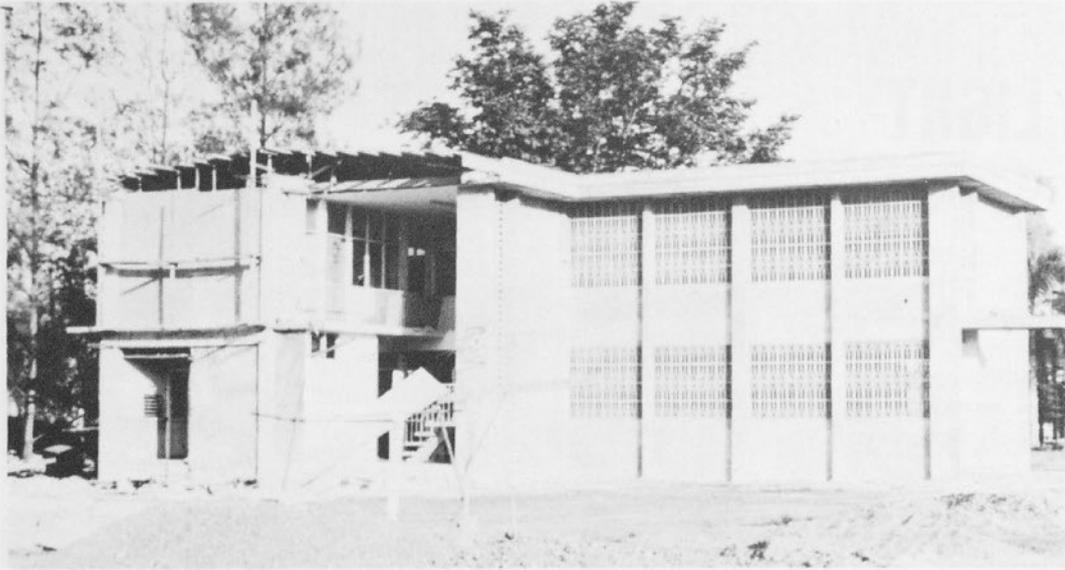
## MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

# 21 PEOPLE

By **Robert S. Willett**

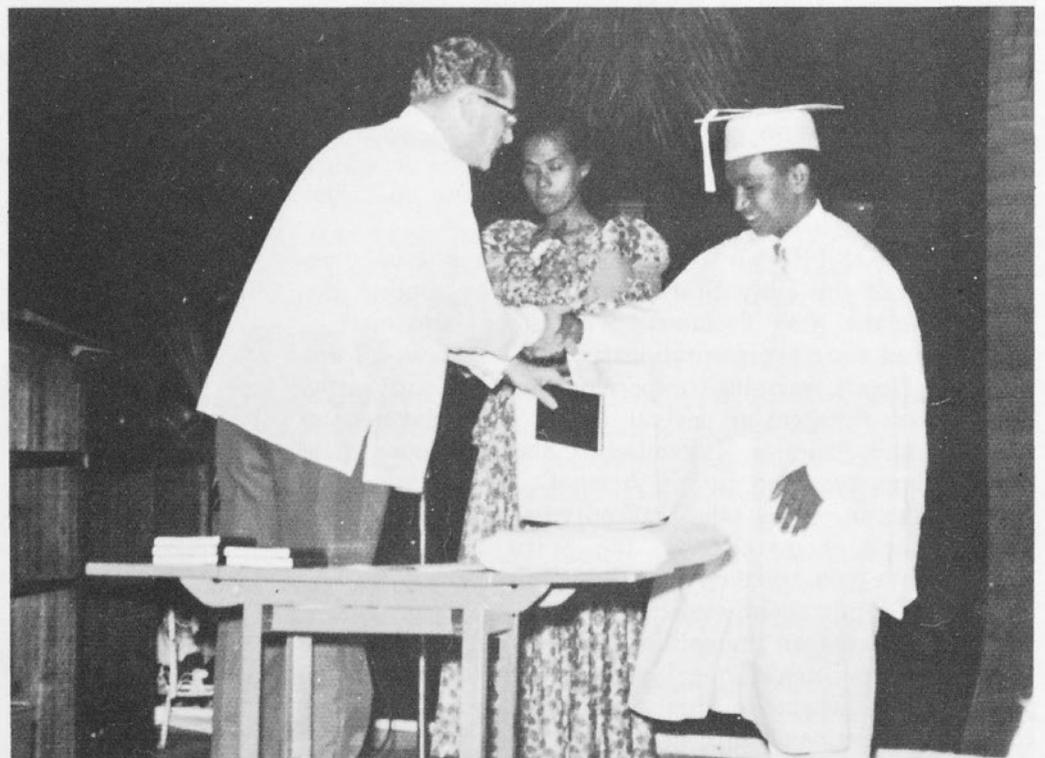
TO COMPLETE EACH WORD, look for the answer in the verse of Scripture given.

- T \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Naarah (1 Chronicles 4:6).  
H \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Abdon (Judges 12:13).  
E \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Helon (Numbers 2:7).
- P \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Reuben (Genesis 46:9).  
E \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:3).  
N \_\_\_\_\_, the sister of Tubal-cain (Genesis 4:22).  
T \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Jahaziah (Ezra 10:15).  
E \_\_\_\_\_, one of Solomon's scribes (1 Kings 4:3).
- C \_\_\_\_\_, the younger son of Elimelech and Naomi (Ruth 1:2).
- O \_\_\_\_\_, the sixth son of Jesse (1 Chronicles 2:15).  
S \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Zimri (Numbers 25:14).  
T \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite (1 Samuel 1:1).  
A \_\_\_\_\_, the father of Jonah (2 Kings 14:25).  
L \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Haran (Genesis 11:31).
- E \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Shedeur (Numbers 2:10).  
V \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Haman (Esther 9:9).  
A \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Gad (Genesis 46:16).  
N \_\_\_\_\_, a son of Attai and father of Zabad (1 Chronicles 2:36).
- G \_\_\_\_\_, the wife of Hosea (Hosea 1:3).  
E \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Seth (Genesis 4:26).  
L \_\_\_\_\_, the husband of Deborah (Judges 4:4).
- Answers: Temeni, Hillel, Eliah, Phailu, Eliam, Naamah, Tikvah, Elihoreph, Chilion, Ozem, Salu, Tohu, Amittai, Lot, Elizur, Vafezatha, Arodi, Nathan, Gomer, Enos, Lapidoth.*



Completion of the first building is a major step in the program of the Far East Advanced School of Theology.

Missionary Harold Kohl, assisted by Registrar Rosina Corpuz, presents diploma to one of 18 graduates of Bethel Bible Institute.



# MANILA MILESTONES

By HAROLD KOHL ■ Missionary to the Philippines

ON MAY 6, 1965, two milestones of progress were reached for the Assemblies of God in Manila, Philippines. First, 18 students were graduated from Bethel Bible Institute, and then the first wing of the Far East Advanced School of Theology

(FEAST) building on the BBI campus was dedicated.

As the 71 members of the student body marched to their places for the graduation service, they made an impressive sight. Everyone thanked God for calling these young people to His

work. Derrick Hillary, Dean of FEAST, delivered the commencement address, and the Spirit of God blessed the congregation.

With this year's graduating class, the BBI alumni reached a total of 337. Earlier the same day the new

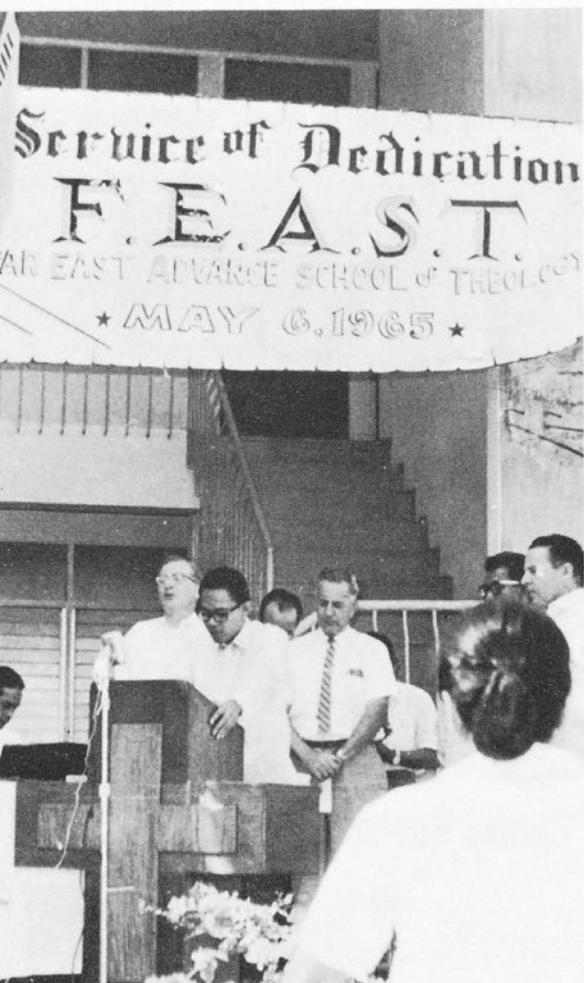
FEAST building was dedicated. Speaker for the occasion was Rudy C. Esperanza, General Superintendent of the Philippines Assemblies of God. He traced the development of FEAST and stated its purpose: to train leaders and Bible school teachers for the Orient.

After the message, appreciation was expressed to all who had contributed toward the erection of the building. Then a letter of congratulation from Maynard L. Ketcham, Assemblies of God field secretary for the Far East, was read.

The completion of this unit is a major step toward better training for students in the Far East. But it is only the first step. We prayerfully hope that, as God lays this need on the hearts of His children, it will soon become possible to begin the second wing which will provide dormitory space.

If you would like to help in this vital project, send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802, designated: FEAST Building.

Missionaries and national leaders participate in dedication ceremony.



By **LORNE F. FOX**  
Missionary-Evangelist

# Letter From A Witch Doctor



Joyce Mbiri

**I**MAGES ... FETISHES ... symbols ... jujus—we laugh at these things, but to many an African they spell good luck or bad, sickness or health, life or death.

It is impossible to portray the unreasonable fears that clutch at the African heart! These people know no other way until they are reached with the gospel. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!"

I will always remember Joyce Mbiri, masterful witch doctor of her tribe in East Africa. And I will always remember the deliverance that was hers when the Lord Jesus Christ broke the bonds, and set her free.

Soon she wrote the following letter. Dear Brother Fox:

It is with much joy that I report to you of my complete salvation!

Before your visit I was a slave to the devil, serving him as a leading witch doctor among my people. My tribespeople came to me with everything; an evil spirit would come over me as I tried to help them. I used many articles to weave the devil's spell, to work good or evil. This placed me in a position of great influence. My people feared and respected me.

I would have lived and died a witch doctor, but in great mercy God has saved me and delivered me from the spirits of witchcraft. Now I am filled with the Holy Spirit! I will never forget your coming to us in accord-

ance with His plan so that we might be saved...

(Signed) Joyce Mbiri

We have spent over four and one-half years in 15 countries of Africa in the ministry of missionary evangelism. Whether in West, East, Central, or South Africa, the story is the same. Christ saves, heals, and fills with His Spirit. Joyce Mbiri's testimony is one example from hundreds.

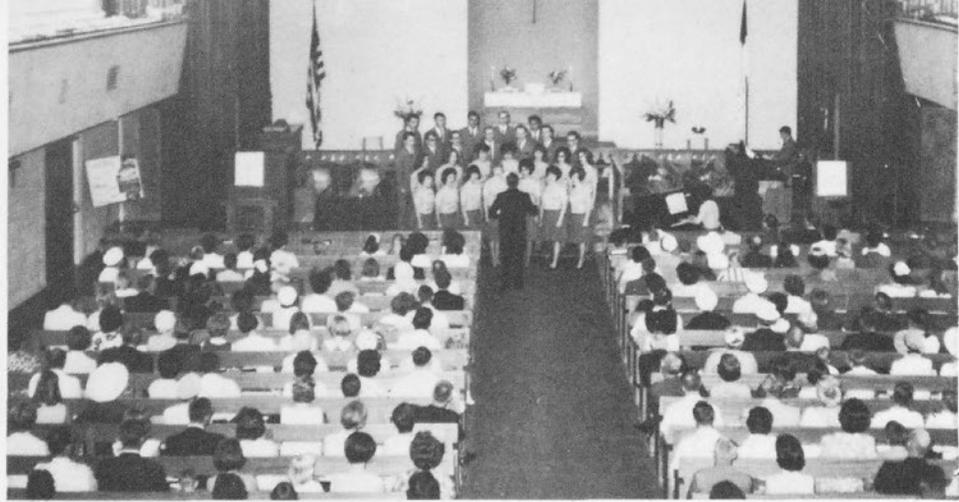
In some places we found people so eager they would trek many miles to hear the gospel. Some of our services have lasted seven hours, and still the people call for more. But the work is amply rewarded when we get testimonies like this one.

The work of missionary evangelism cannot be done in a few days. It often requires weeks or months in an area, working shoulder to shoulder with missionaries and nationals. I pay hearty tribute to missionaries who constantly go the second mile to follow up and help the new converts become established in Christ. Nowhere are there more faithful ministers of the gospel. They give the best years of their lives to establish His work on foreign fields.

We saw conversions like Joyce Mbiri's happen again and again. This is the reason we are planning our third safari of missionary evangelism to Africa. This woman once led her people into darkness. But thank God after her salvation she could say, "I was a witch doctor."

# MANY INSPIRED BY CHOIR TOUR SERVICES

By **STAN MICHAEL**  
Revivaltime National Representative  
as told to **RON ROWDEN**



TRAVELING 6,400 MILES via chartered bus, the 30-voice *Revivaltime* choir recently completed its fourth annual summer tour.

During the choir's 29-day tour of seven southern and southwestern states, 179 persons made decisions for Christ and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. The choir appeared in 33 special services singing before a total of 13,000 persons. Serving as tour director, my heart was inspired and blessed as I traveled with the choir and Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director.

Highlighting the summer tour were prison services in Fort Worth, Tex., and Vacaville, Calif.

The Fort Worth facility—the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital—cares for more than 700 criminals, suffering from either dope addiction or mental illness. More than 180 men attended the service.

At the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, more than 200 of the 2,200 inmates attended the choir's concert. The service was also broadcast over the public address system in several of the prison cell units.

Both prison services were held with the cooperation and assistance of Paul Markstrom, Assemblies of God prison chaplain.

Food and lodging throughout the trip were provided by the local churches. A fellowship dinner provided by the Assembly in Ridgecrest, Calif., will especially be remembered, for that meal climaxed an unforgettable service at the Naval Ordnance Testing Station, China Lake, Calif.

The choir was extended an invitation to visit China Lake, the world's largest naval testing station, by Chaplain Robert O'Dell, a Presbyterian minister and senior chaplain at the

base who had expressed great personal interest in the radio ministry of *Revivaltime*.

More than 500 of the 12,000 navy personnel and their families, scientists, physiologists, and other professional people residing at the base attended the morning service, including Captain John Hardy, commander of the naval station. Also participating in the service were M. E. Fite, associate chaplain, and Norman Erickson, pastor of the Ridgecrest Assembly of God.

Attendance was high in every service, reaching 1,000 in both Dallas, Tex., and San Jose, Calif. Most surprising was the crowd of 500 tourists who attended the outdoor concert at the church bowl in Yosemite National Park.

With the assistance of Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada district, arrangements were made with Wendell Otter,

assistant traffic manager, and Glenn Willard, program director of the park, for the *Revivaltime* choir to conduct a special sacred concert in the park. Don Baldwin, park minister said, "This midweek service at the church bowl was an experiment with us because of the many conflicting entertainment activities elsewhere in the park each night. We really didn't know how many might attend, perhaps only 100."

Approximately 400 seats were set up in the outdoor theater, but people began to arrive an hour before the service, and by 8 p.m. they were scattered throughout the clearing, sitting or leaning against trees and boulders! It resembled a reenactment of Biblical days when people gathered and stood to hear the Word of God.

Every appearance of the choir included selections from their repertoire of best-loved songs, climaxed with a challenging sermon in song "The Liv-



**Top photo: Revivaltime choir sings at the All-Faith Chapel at the China Lake Naval Testing Station in California. Right photo: Choir poses in front of chartered bus in Yosemite National Park.**

ing Word" or "Saviour and Friend." The singing of *Revivaltime* soloist, Denise Power, was featured in these services.

In each service, time was taken to explain the choir's summer project—support for the "prime" time on station WNBS in Ibadan, Nigeria. Air-time and tape costs amount to \$84 per Sunday in Ibadan, but the radio station reaches a potential listening audience of 11,500,000 persons in Western Nigeria alone. More than \$2,300 (enough to sponsor this *Revivaltime* release for approximately six months) was raised by the choir. Additional support for this release will be welcomed.

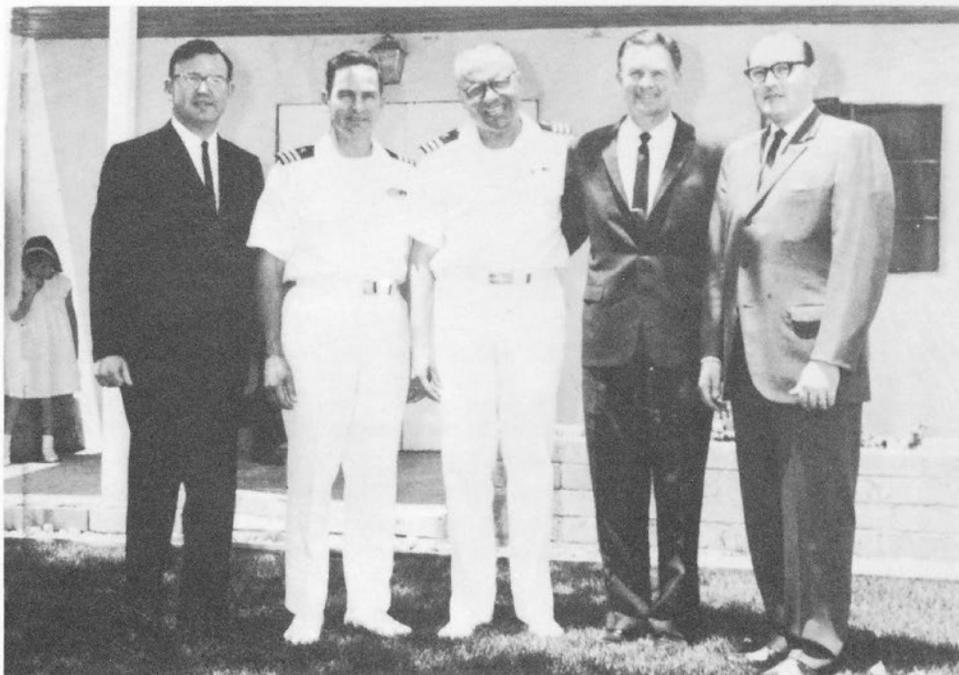
A special feature of the month-long journey was a tour of the Capital Recording Studios and pressing factory in Hollywood, Calif., conducted by Alex Bruce, an executive of the firm. Capital Records handle the pressing and shipping of all record albums produced by Word Records, Inc., of Waco, Tex., the company which has produced eight *Revivaltime* albums, including the latest record featured on the tour, "Happy Jubilee."

Already testimonies are reaching the *Revivaltime* office expressing appreciation for the choir's ministry while on tour. A pastor in Stockton, Calif., wrote: "We heard the *Revivaltime* choir at Bethel Temple in Turlock, and wish to let you know we did so enjoy their ministry in song and testimony. We appreciated the spirit in which the music was presented, and are so glad we went."

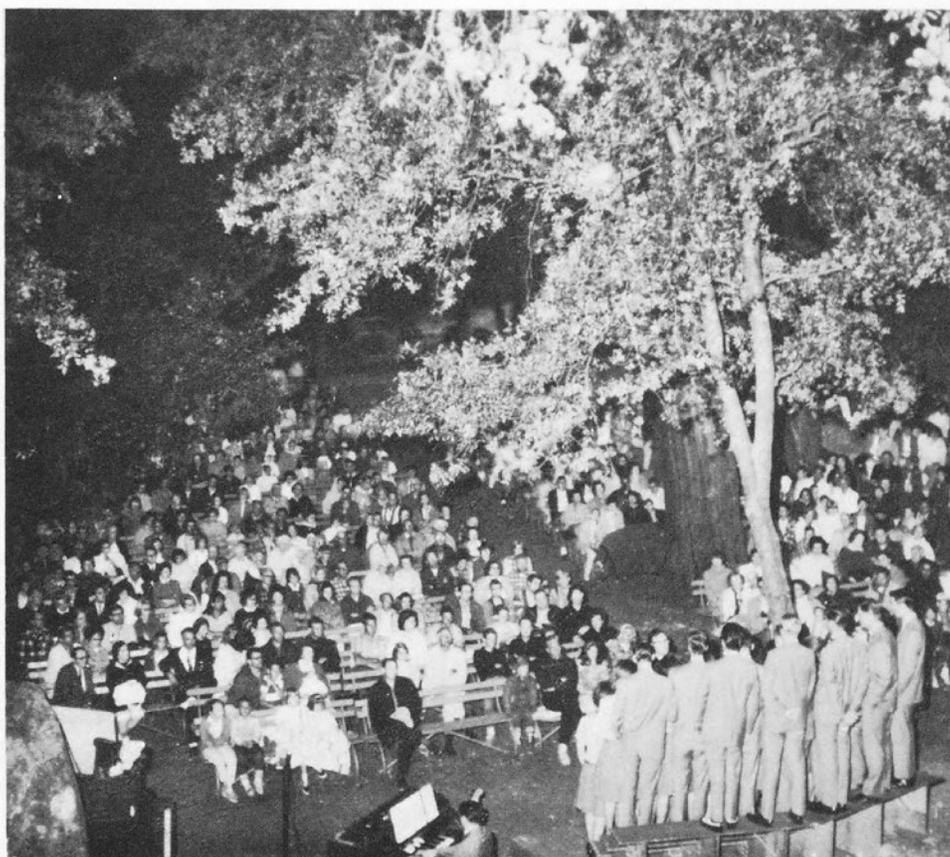
This testimony reached us from a woman in Carlsbad, N. Mex.: "We enjoyed the *Revivaltime* choir so much. It was a blessing to our church and town. We had a couple of the choir members in our home, and they were perfect Christians in attitude and actions. I say hurry back!"

Wherever the choir appears, church friends are inspired by the personal ministry of the young people. Every choir member is planning to enter some phase of Christian work, and all have a burden for lost souls. Special prayer precedes every choir presentation.

With 179 decisions made for Christ, and a month of singing and witnessing behind them, the choir returned to Springfield filled with a happiness found only in young people on fire for God. They are anxious to embark on their next journey—perhaps to your hometown.



Top photo: Cyril McLellan (left), choir director, and Stan Michael (right), choir tour director, stand with Chaplains M. E. Fite and R. W. Odell of the China Lake Naval Testing Station, and Pastor Norman Erickson of nearby Ridgecrest, Calif. Right photo: Chaplain R. W. Odell receives new choir album from Stan Michael. Lower photo: Choir singing at the Church Bowl in Yosemite National Park, Calif.



# THE HOLINESS EXPRESSWAY

By CHARLES HODGE ■ Instructor, South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida

ON MODERN INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, minimum speed limits spur the flow of traffic and only emergency stops are permitted. Progress is the key word. A motorist is reassured only if he has an adequate supply of fuel, for service stations seem far between.

God's children travel the holiness expressway but sometimes they are caught between scriptural standards of

Benevolence Is

## MORE THAN A MATTER OF THE HEART

Good acts begin in the heart, **but they may also die there.** Sympathy can swell into good intentions, but unless action is taken the good intentions remain as if they were never born at all. They die with nothing accomplished. The goodness and the generosity of benevolence is reality only when it reaches out beyond the heart birthplace into actual service to others.

It is easy to pity homeless and neglected children and to wish them good fortune. There is no trick at all to aching with the suffering of the aged. But this alone does nothing to relieve suffering and deprivation.

Sympathy must be activated by deed—by practical aid. And this costs. Sometimes it costs a great deal, and even may require sacrifice. But any cost is small when compared to the price we pay when we know that we could have helped, and didn't. And it is small when it is compared with the results our benevolent acts achieve.

Empower your sympathy and good intentions by contributing to the benevolent ministries of the Assemblies of God Department of Benevolences, including:

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holy living and the lack of personal ability to measure up. The initial experience of salvation is the interchange that gets us onto the superhighway, but one is soon made keenly aware of the demand for progress and his dependence upon a renewal of power from a source outside himself.

Since Jesus taught that only the Father is good, the highway-of-holiness traveler knows he does not qualify in himself. But he is encouraged by Hebrews 12:10, "that we might be partakers of his holiness." This is the answer. Holiness is God's, but He shares it with His children.

In Revelation 15, John saw the overcoming ones and heard them singing the song of Moses and of the Lamb. Their song addressed our Lord in these words: "Thou only art holy." In their strictest sense, the basic words translated "holy" in the Bible can apply only to God. Various forms of these words are used in reference to things and people, such as "the holy place" and "holy men." But places and people cannot be called holy within their own right. The description is valid only by virtue of the relation to God, the source of holiness. It is His holiness which makes them holy.

The closer one gets to God, the more he is aware of his own personal defects in the light of God's holiness. But God is a self-sharing God. He shares His righteousness through Christ. He shares His holiness. The Christian en route to heaven via "interstate holiness" need not despair. He has **contact** with the Source of holiness, and that Source freely shares Himself.

The Bible, the divine Handbook on holiness, abounds with statements requiring men to be holy. Both testaments affirm that because God is holy, His people should be holy. The prophecy of Zacharias quotes God's promise to Abraham, reiterating that God's people should "serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness . . . all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74, 75). An apostolic admonition is the "perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

If it were not for the grace of God displayed in the self-sharing of His holiness, His standards for saintliness could be frustrating. But God does share! He does empower us to travel the expressway of holiness without stalling.

Pentecostal Christians know that enablement for holy living comes through the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ. Through Christ we know that men can be filled with the Holy Spirit. The inner man is made holy when we are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. And it will show in our manner of living, but at no time should we regard this as personal holiness—it is imparted by God. This holiness is manifested in our lives only by

virtue of the fullness of the Spirit within. It is Christ's righteousness exemplified in personal living.

According to Hebrews 12:5, sharing in the holiness of God comes, in part at least, by the chastening of the Lord. Every parent has a mental image of what he wants his child to be. When necessary he will discipline the child in love to guide him toward the positive attainment of that image. Similarly, it is sometimes necessary for the Father to discipline His sons. He wants them to conform to the image of His only begotten Son. He may want the Christian to avoid something, or to exert spiritual effort in a certain direction. It is through the channel of discipline that the Bible assures a clear image of His holiness.

It is not all unpleasant, however. The latter part of Hebrews 12 reveals that worship, too, is vital. The writer makes it clear that we no longer stand before Mount Sinai. No longer do we approach the holiness of God through a list of "do's and don't's." It is true that the traveler on the highway of holiness will do some things and refrain from others—but these are the effects of holiness and not the causes. The writer of Hebrews draws us aside from Sinai and its legalism and takes us to Zion with its glory and grace. Here we are surrounded, not by vapor and smoke, but by the cloud of His glory.

We stand not on desert sands at the foot of a mount of horror of the manifest holiness of God, but we are in the presence of the "general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven." We come not to Moses, but to God. We depend not upon animal sacrifices, but on that of the glorious mediator—Christ Jesus. Here we stand in the gloriously wonderful newness of relationship to God. Here we worship. Here we lift our hearts in intimate spiritual devotion. And here the river of His Spirit flows down upon us and out through us. Continuous spiritual communion gives the traveler on the highway of holiness access to the necessary resources to travel this way. By the flowing of His Spirit, the power for travel on the holiness expressway is assured.

By His indwelling, by His discipline, and by communion with Him, the child of God can travel the limited access highway of holiness. There is no need for frustration and confusion. Though man is incapable of holy living within himself, he can travel this way because of his relationship to the Divine Enabler. The holiness is His, but we are made partakers of it through His grace.

## GOD KNOWS

Philip J. Cleveland tells of a time when he was preaching in Nova Scotia. A lean fisherman led him to a small burying ground and pointed out a modest grave.

"A child lies there," he said simply. "Body was washed ashore after a storm. Couldn't get a clue about her, the ship or anything. We did all we could for her."

Looking closer, the minister noticed the small stone at the head of the grave. On it were carved these words: "God Knows."

In those two short words lies much of the calmness and assurance that distinguishes the believer from the man who faces life without faith in Christ.

—Pentecostal Holiness Advocate



## Healing . . . Will God Answer?

Please excuse this personal matter, but I'm slowly dying . . . three to six months at the most to live. I'm 34 years old. . . ." Thus wrote a young man to a church magazine recently. The case was touching and immediately made you ask, "Wouldn't God heal that person?"

Opinions differ as to whether God will heal today or not. He *did* heal when he was on the earth but some people believe this was part of His earthly ministry which ended with His ascension. "The day of miracles is over," these individuals contend.

The prophet records in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, "But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."

God's Word outlines conditions for every blessing. If we want healing we are told (among other things) to confess our faults (James 5:16), pray through to real faith (Hebrews 4:16 and 11:6), read God's Word (Romans 10:17) and forgive those who have wronged us (Mark 11:25, 26).

Perhaps you are ill and need a touch from God, or you may have friends who need supernatural help. Write for additional information on how you can receive healing from God.

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Men's Fellowship groups may wish to sponsor the ads locally. For further information, contact the Public Relations Office, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

# FIVE

## STEPS TO A JOYFUL LIFE

By DON MAINPRIZE

ARE YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTIAN? You can be. The overwhelming testimony of the New Testament is that believers may possess a joy that survives the pressures of daily life—a joy that the world cannot take away.

For the past five years I have experienced a daily joy I had come to believe was impossible. Out of my night of searching, struggling, and sighing has come the dawn of a new day: a life of rejoicing. As I enter the sixth year in that new life, I long to share with other disciples the "things which I have seen and heard."

*As the first step toward a joyful life, I suggest cultivating a genuine friendship with God.* If you recoil slightly at such a simple guideline, it comes as no surprise. Deep, abiding friendships are hard to find today even on the human level. How many truly intimate and satisfying friendships can you call to mind? Possibly three or four, excluding relatives.

I talked with a man one day whose relationship with God was something short of friendship. He was piqued at God for "letting him down." He had asked God to make his wife agree to applying for missionary service. She had not changed her attitude, and this dear brother put the blame on God. Surely friendship is made of

sterner stuff than this! Because of his improper attitude, this man lived without benefit of the joy of the Lord.

We have neglected the truth expressed so well in one of the creeds: "The chief end of man is to glorify God and to *enjoy Him forever.*" To enjoy friendship, there must be mutual respect and trust.

For almost five years I squirmed under the illusion that my God and Father was *provoked* with me each day that I neglected reading His Word. Since I missed many days in those early years, it seemed that I lived under a constant frown from heaven. I failed to comprehend that God is *grieved*—not angered—when we forget Him.

When we neglect to turn to God's Word each day for spiritual sustenance, we weaken the ties of our friendship; God longs for His friends to turn to Him daily. We can cultivate our friendship with God by recognizing that His love for us is steadfast, irrevocable, and pure. It does not falter even when we fail. "He keeps faith, for he cannot deny himself" (2 Timothy 2:13, N.E.B.).

To know God is to enjoy Him but you will never know Him intimately unless you practice step number two: *Take time daily to exercise yourself unto godliness* (1 Timothy 4:7). This involves both time and effort. Joy comes to those who use the means of grace provided by God. There is a popular teaching which holds that true spirituality is passive surrender to God. God acts on the person, it claims, much as light acts on film or as sap flows through a branch. The secret of fruitfulness is to abide in the vine or to expose yourself to the light—and God does the rest. Could be. But how does one *walk* in the light? And how long would a branch survive without the hidden work that goes on within the bark and inside the leaves?

Unless we feed our soul regularly on the Word of God and talk with our Friend of friends, we will suffer from spiritual malnutrition: sluggishness instead of zest, weakness in place of strength, misery instead of joy, and barrenness instead of fruitfulness. Our Lord said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full," and, "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 15:11; 16:24). Following this prescription for spiritual healing has worked in my own life; it will meet your need too.

Once you begin living in the Word from day to day, its light may expose blemishes in your life which you

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would rather deny than face. At this point your friendship with God is extremely vulnerable. To maintain it the third step in joyful living must be practiced: *No known sin must be allowed to remain in our lives.*

The Bible says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," (Proverbs 27:6), but few of us relish criticism. Yet reading the Bible daily calls for accepting its rebukes as well as finding in it courage and strength.

The joy of forgiveness, the experience of mercy received, and the blessing of a clean conscience are the experience of those who accept the rebukes of God's Word and repent.

Companionship with God leads to a set of values determined by that special kinship. *As a fourth step to joyful living, a Christian should set out to build his own value system based on the Word of God.*

I remember listening one day when a friend of mine related the thrilling experience of falling in love; or at least of realizing that he was truly in love. With great fervor and enthusiasm he held forth. It was impossible for me to identify with his excitement, for I had never experienced such a relationship. Yet embarrassed by my seeming lifelessness, I found it easy to act as if I understood.

A similar situation exists when a believer absorbs a doctrine without its becoming a part of his experience. In accepting it, we manage to act as others do who have made this great discovery and cherish this noble doctrine. Thus we don a costume of custom, a robe of orthodoxy, a holy garment of hypocrisy.

Such self-deception robs us of the joy of discovering the truth of God for ourselves. We accept "the faith once delivered"; but we don't bother to examine it and make it our own. If it is to be to us what God wants it to be, we need to examine it personally and then to establish a value system on it for ourselves. Without a personal faith and experience, our God is secondhand; our knowledge of God is sterile because He has become a composite of a few familiar Bible verses; and our borrowed standards break down under pressure.

Why not spend as much time as possible meditating on the Word of God and, in the process of fellowshiping with our Friend, let His Holy Spirit teach us His words. As we realize what is truly important, it will be reflected in the standard of values we set for ourselves.

*The final step to a joyful life is to share our discoveries with others.* As we meditate day by day on the Word of God, we will receive guidance, rebuke, comfort, warning, and encouragement. What a joy to share these discoveries with others!

Paul's converts saw a man committed to his Lord, rejoicing in his faith, and a living example of what he taught. As he shared the things he had seen and heard, many were convinced of the reality of his experience and wanted to meet his Lord.

The joy of the Lord is a many-splendored thing. It includes an intimate, continuing friendship with God, who is "our exceeding joy" (Psalm 43:4); it involves fellowshiping with Him through the living Word, visiting Him in prayer; it leads to building our own personal faith on the Word of God and sharing our discoveries with others. These steps have led me to a path of joy and gladness. I trust they may lead to a turning point in your life also.



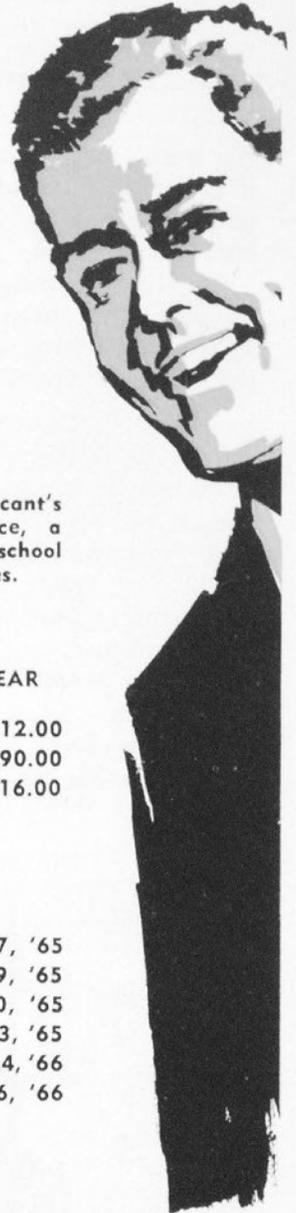
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# THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

Sunday School Lesson for August 22, 1965

JOHN 16:7-15; GALATIANS 5:16-23

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

NO SERIES OF LESSONS on the Christian life is complete if it does not include teaching on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Apart from Him there is no experience of salvation, sanctification, and service for God.

To His sorrowing disciples Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." How could they possibly benefit from His departure? By the coming of the Comforter, the promised Holy Spirit!

## THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN RELATION TO THE WORLD (John 16:8-11)

"When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The word *reprove* may also be translated *convict* or *convince*.

(1) *The Spirit convicts men of the sin of refusing to believe in Jesus.* Men do not go to hell because of sins but because of the great sin of rejecting the love of God as revealed by Christ's atoning death in behalf of lost men.

(2) *The Spirit convinces men that a life of righteousness is possible for the despairing sinner.* How? Because

Christ died, rose again, and returned to the Father, thus proving His acceptance as the Saviour of men. His acceptance in heaven is further demonstrated by His sending the Spirit as He had promised. (See Acts 2:33; compare John 16:7.)

(3) *The Holy Spirit convinces men of judgment.* Jesus did not say the Spirit would convince men of a coming judgment—that is, of coming wrath. He convinces men that sin has already been judged; "that the devil has had judgment passed upon him. Thus, it is the work of the Spirit to enable men to enter into a life of victory over sin through union with the indwelling Christ.

## THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER (John 16:13, 14)

(1) *Through His active agency we are saved, born again* (John 3:5, 6, 8; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Titus 3:5).

(2) *The believer is indwelt by the Spirit.* (See Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14.)

(3) *The Holy Spirit guides the believer into all truth* (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit is the only Teacher who can bring to our hearts the revelation of Jesus Christ in His reality. Truth, in our text, has to do with spiritual truth. And spiritual truth can only be known as the believer is empowered by the Spirit to discern, know, and appreciate what He has taught (See 1 Corinthians 2:9-14.)

(4) *The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ.* Everything the Spirit does in and through believers is calculated to make the glory, love, power, and majesty of Christ more real to them. When Christ said of Him, "He shall not speak of himself" (John 16:13), He meant that the Holy Spirit would not bring to the believer revelation which originated with Him, but rather that which came from Christ.

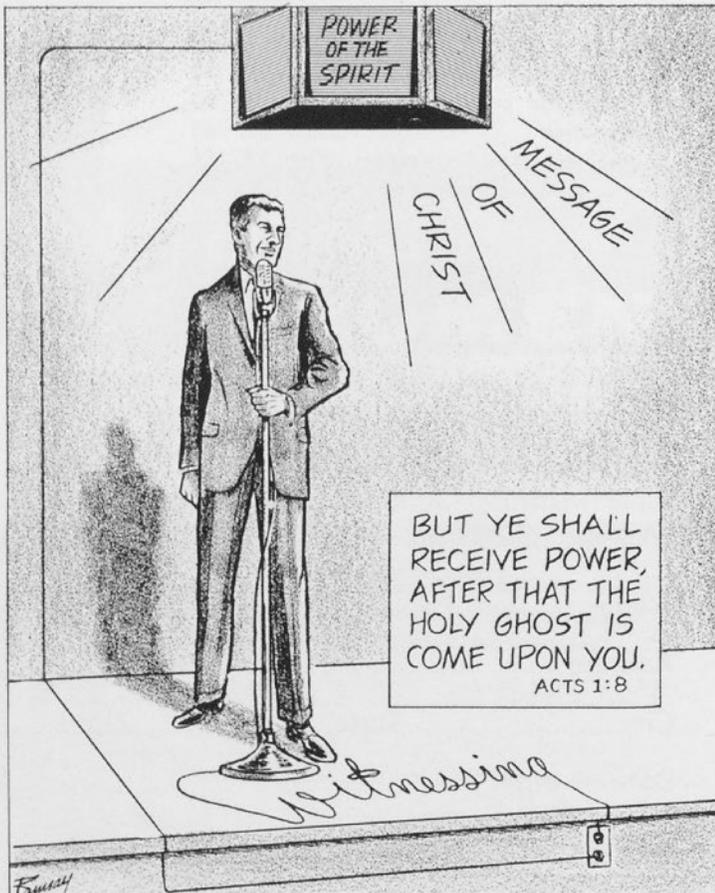
## THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN ENABLING BELIEVERS TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY (Galatians 5:16-25)

Two natures are present in the believer: the divine nature received in the new birth; the human nature which, though redeemed, is capable of sin. The believer is conscious of the warfare between the two natures. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh." Paul lists the actions and conduct which spring from *flesh* when one responds to its demands. Then, in glorious contrast Paul describes the "fruit of the Spirit"; that is, the kind of conduct which is the result of what he calls "walking in the Spirit."

How then does the believer avoid "the works of the flesh" and live the life from which the "fruit of the Spirit" develops? Paul gives the simple answer: "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (v. 16). To "walk in the Spirit" means to live one's life in the power of the Spirit, depending upon the Spirit through prayer and feeding on the Word.

"Walking in the Spirit" means obeying the check, promptings, and leadings of the Holy Spirit; it means mortifying (putting to death) the desires which spring from the fleshly nature. And this the believer can do, not by human determination, but by faith and obedience to the indwelling Spirit, for "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

### THE AMPLIFICATION WE NEED



## BABIES AND BATTLES

A century ago men were following with bated breath the march of Napoleon, and waiting with feverish impatience for news of the wars. And all the while, in their own homes, babies were being born.

But who could think about babies? Everyone was thinking about battles.

In one year, midway between Trafalgar and Waterloo, there stole into the world a host of heroes. Gladstone was born in Liverpool, Tennyson at the Somersby Rectory, and Oliver Wendell Holmes in Massachusetts. Music was enriched by the advent of Felix Mendelssohn of Hamburg.

But nobody thought of babies; everybody was thinking of battles. Yet which of the battles of 1809 mattered more than the babies of 1809? We fancy that God can only manage His world with big battalions, when all the while He is doing it by beautiful babies. When a wrong wants righting, or a truth wants preaching, or a continent wants opening, God sends a baby into the world to do it.

—FRANK W. BOREHAM, in *Youth Leaders' Digest*

## NO HANDS BUT OURS

Shortly after the culmination of World War II, a devastated city in England began its heartbreaking and wearying work of restoration. In the old city square had stood a large statue of Jesus Christ, with His hands outspread in an attitude of invitation. On the pedestal were carved the words: "Come unto me."

In the process of the restoration of the statue, with the aid of master artists and sculptors, the figure eventually was reassembled, except for the hands, of which no fragments could be discovered anywhere in the surrounding rubble. Someone made the suggestion that the artists, since the former hands could not be found, would have to fashion new hands.

Later came a public protest, couched in the words, "No, leave Him without hands!" So, today, in the public square of that English city, the restored statue of Christ stands without hands, and on its base are carved the words: "Christ has no hands but ours."

—*Pilgrim Holiness Advocate*

## DELINQUENT DELIVERED

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The desire for goof balls, marijuana, and cigarettes was gone when I gave my life to Christ."

A few months after he was saved, two of his best friends were traveling down a mountain highway at 85 miles per hour when the car went out of control. One fellow was thrown out of the car and killed. The other received a broken back and was completely paralyzed. Don probably would have been with them if he had not given his life to God.

Don finished high school, and God led him to Bible school. He became student body president of Southern



Don Hall

California College (Costa Mesa), established jail services and street meetings, and later became associate pastor of the First Assembly of God in Santa Monica, Calif.

Don and his wife Patti, whom he met while attending Southern California College, were appointed home missionaries by the Home Missions Department in March 1963. After ministering to teen gangs in New York City, they returned to Los Angeles where Don directs the Teen Challenge Center.

Don says, "The greatest thrill a young person can have is to serve Christ and know Him as his own personal Saviour."

God made Don Hall into a new person. "Therefore 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). —© 1963, C. A. Herald



**IT IS NOT PRETENTIOUS TO MAKE A WILL;  
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*"Ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).*

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# WHAT BOOTS TAUGHT US ABOUT PRAYER



By EVELYN SHERIN

OUR FAMILY HAS A PUP. That isn't unusual; nearly every family owns a pet. But how many have one that has taught the family valuable lessons about prayer?

Boots joined our household as a consolation gift to our six-year-old daughter, Anita. She had been so disappointed in not getting to go with her father and nine-year-old brother Bill on a fishing trip that we had promised her a puppy. The Saturday after the fishing trip she and her father headed for the Humane Society's animal shelter and brought Boots home with them.

Nervous and puzzled when he arrived, the beautifully marked little black-and-white hound nevertheless played with the children until dinner time.

It seemed hours before we could settle the children into bed for the night. Instead of asking for the usual drink of water, the children centered their questions on Boots. "Is my dog asleep?" "Is he still there?"

At 11, all was serene. I decided to let Boots out for a little run in the yard. This was what he was waiting for. I was to learn there was no fence too high for him to jump. The pup simply disappeared.

Early next morning, two sets of eager feet came parading into the kitchen, each owner calling, "Bootsie!" I confessed what had happened, and the comments were loud and critical. I had to agree I had made a foolish mistake, but I said, "God knows where your dog is. We'll have to ask Him to help us find him."

In childish faith they prayed, ate breakfast, and left for school. I prayed. I called the dog pound. I called the Humane Society.

Noon came, and Anita bounded into the house. "Mommy, is my doggy back?" she asked.

Right behind her came Bill, calling, "Bootsie! Bootsie!" Then his voice dropped in agony as he said, "He's not here, is he?"

"Not yet, son, but keep on praying. God knows where Boots is." My positive faith found an echo of confidence in each troubled heart.

Again my children went trustingly back to school. I knew I couldn't do anything more, but I knew God was faithful. I wanted my children to learn this by experience.

I went about my housework and at 2 the telephone rang. A woman's voice said, "I have your dog." I breathed a prayer of gratitude. Boots had returned to his former home—10 miles away over streets he had never traveled.

Anita and Bill came in from school calling, "Is he

home, Mommy?" I praised God for answered prayer and explained the situation. Dinner over, all four of us went to bring Boots home. The dog accepted what he was unable to change at the moment, but he was always watching for an open door.

We were especially careful to keep him in, for there is a \$5 fine if a pet is picked up by Canine Control in our city. In our budget there never seems to be a spare five.

One Saturday Boots made it to freedom. I missed him in the afternoon. The children toured neighboring streets on their bikes, but no dog!

Bill suggested we had better pray, and we did. The children left again on their bikes to "put legs to their prayers." While they were gone, I heard a scratch at the door—and there was Boots.

Ten minutes later Bill returned with a big complaint: "God didn't help me find him. I prayed, but I didn't see him."

"Well, Son, God doesn't always answer our prayers the way we expect. You wanted to find Boots yourself, but God sent him home while you were gone. He's right here."

This added to our prayer lessons, by showing that God always hears our prayers, but we mustn't predetermine how He will answer. My children came to understand this vividly because of this incident.

And there was yet another lesson for *me* to learn. The law in our district says no dogs are allowed to run loose. But one night about midnight I let Boots out, thinking, "It won't hurt to let him run, especially since it's late and I know he will come home now." I broke the municipal law—and Boots didn't come home!

The next morning I very innocently asked the children if they had seen the dog. I added to this deceit by asking the children if their father had taken the dog out or if the door had been left open.

After the children left for school, I read a Bible passage for the day, Matthew 3:1-17. It told of One who knows the hearts of all and separates wheat from chaff. It wasn't hard to figure out which category I was in.

In my prayer time, I confessed my sin, thanked God for His love and mercy, and then asked that He not hold my failures against those I desired to bring into His presence.

After prayer I called Canine Control and told the man my dog *got out* last night. As I hung up the receiver, my sense of shame was very real. I confessed this greater sin. Then what I did next was not theological-ly correct, I guess, but God was merciful. I told the Lord I would attend the Lord's Supper service at 10:30 that day, giving the amount of the fine to missions, if the dog was back before this time.

At 10:25 the dog arrived at the front door. I pulled on my hat and coat, took the \$5 and went to the Lord's table. Tears filled my eyes as I realized God's great goodness and my incredible weakness. He restored my soul with the knowledge that if He asks us to forgive each other seventy times seven, how much more is He ready to forgive us who come in true repentance.

As we walk God's great earth, all His creation is here to help us learn the truth of His Word. Boots has certainly furthered our understanding of God's mercy and how He answers prayer.

# COME AGAIN

By HARRIET SCHOONMAKER

I WAS SORTING THROUGH some old manuscripts one day when an elusive and strange sadness fell over my spirit.

Here was a title, "Must the Boss Get Mad?" written 15 years ago and never published—indeed, never even submitted for publication but filed away for my own benefit. Another, "Scolding Is for Fishwives," written a year ago, had been stored away in the same manner.

The subject matter of both was much the same—the history of the long, long struggle for self-control and poise of spirit; the story of lessons learned, and the whisperings of the Spirit to the heart with the new resolve and determination resulting.

Then I remembered when I was receiving communion in a community church. Tears sprang to my eyes because of that desperate longing for love to fill our lack of love. Those tears had to be hidden lest some unmoved, yet sympathetic soul, seeing red eyes and hearing sniffles would inquire how my cold was. (Blessed Pentecostal services where we can weep in an understanding atmosphere!)

The tears had come with the remembrance that the

lesson so fresh in my heart that morning was the exact one the Spirit of God had brought to me when He had come in fullness to my heart when I was 11 years old! And I had not learned it yet—in fact, in that morning's experience there was the same repentance and sorrow for failure, the same yearning for perfection not achieved, the same Spirit-prompted determination to walk in newness of life.

Shall all this cast us into despair? Shall it *again* bring us into those black tunnels of defeat and discouragement from which the only escape is to head for the light *again*? Our hearts strain with those of countless others who have pressed toward an experience of sanctification from which there are no lapses.

This is not a doctrinal treatise. I am only writing out of my heart and my experience to say that for me there has been no finality. But here a little flower of joy springs up. Jesus whispered to me this morning, "Come; *come again*."

His is the age-old invitation to the weary in spirit, the frustrated, the sore of heart, those who have wept out their hearts over the failure in their own lives or the unconquered sin in the lives of loved ones. The invitation which He held out to you in the beginning is still there. If it said to you then, "Come!" it says to you now, "Come again!" From any depth of self-abasement and condemnation we still must cry with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

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**There IS GOOD NEWS**

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You might never guess it from the paper or radio, but there *is* good news. Reports reaching our Foreign Missions Department regularly tell of revival, of real missions progress. We thank God for every victory. Every life unshackled from sin and superstition is GOOD NEWS!

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Remember when we played question games? Someone would give an answer—a wrong one. The leader would reply, half-laughingly, half-mockingly, “Come again!” You were wrong, but that was not the end. We learn, if we are observant, what pitfalls to avoid. Our progress toward holiness is not a straight line but a spiral.

After a thousand experiments on a new invention, Thomas Edison said cheerfully to a discouraged aide, baffled and ready to quit, “Now we know a thousand ways how *not* to do it.”

The way is not closed yet as long as your heart cries

out for release and you turn your face toward the light. If those of us who have walked a long time in this way have learned anything, we have learned to rise a little sooner, to flee a little faster. Temptation will never cease to come, but when we have learned to turn so suddenly to our Helper that the fall does not occur, then we have won.

There is progress, but it is not related to time but to the essence of being in the realm of eternity into which we have entered. “Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”

**“And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not” (Ezekiel <sup>3</sup>23:31).**

# ENCHANTED YET UNCHANGED

By OSWALD CHAMBERS

THERE ARE MANY who like to hear the Word of God spoken straightly and ruggedly. They are delighted with the stern truth on holiness, on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and deliverance from sin. They say to one another, “Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh from the Lord.” They are enchanted with the truth of God, but they remain unchanged. They take up a pose of religion, but they are not penitent; they change the truth God requires into a mere attitude. God not only requires us to have a right attitude to Him, He also requires us to allow His truth to react in us so we are actively related to Him.

These people flocked to Ezekiel like disciples to a new teacher. They looked exactly like God’s children; the difference was not on the outside, but on the inside—and it would take the penetration of God to see it. But it was all pose; they were not real. The real attitude of sin in the heart toward God is being without God; it is pride, the worship of self; that is the great atheistic fact in human life.

I wonder if any of us are among the enchanted but unchanged crowd? We follow any man or woman who speaks the truth of God. In fact, we are so enchanted that we say, “If you hear this man or woman, you will hear the word of God.” But has it ever altered us into an active, living relationship with God? Or is it merely pose? If any of us are posing as the people of God but are not real, may God deal with us until He brings us into a right relationship to Himself through the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“With their mouth they show much love.” They had the right pose, the right religious attitude, but they had no desire to be changed. “They hear the words, but do them not.” They come and listen as to one who is amazingly skillful in playing on an instrument, but they don’t do what you say.

This attitude is spreading amazingly; people are enchanted with the truth, but unchanged; sympathetic with the truth of God, but remaining in sin. Repentance is not in their vocabulary, only regret; there is no confession of sin, only admitting. Religion is turned into education, and the Christian life is made to mean a happy life instead of a new life.

Has God been convicting us of a spiritual pose before Him? Have we taken the great passion of the Atonement and made it mean that we must have a right attitude to God? We need to have much more than a right attitude; we have to get into an active, living relation to God. And the inspiration for that is a great, deep, true penitence.

Have we forgotten all about penitence these days? Or have we only known regret? Have we ever known what it is to confess our sins, to unfold our lives before God until there is nothing folded and God’s penetrating truth has its way? If not, we shall find, as these verses reveal, that it is perilously easy to have amazing sympathy with God’s truth and remain in sin.—*World Conquest*.

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# IS LOVE BLIND?

"PLEASE BE GOOD, BROWNIE," six-year-old Timmy said as he hugged the stray dog. "I love you so much.

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Timmy's mother softly closed the door and delayed calling Tim to dinner a few moments longer. No one called the dog pound that day or later about the stray mutt which the small boy loved as his gentle friend.

Love has that quality which can see or not see a multitude of things. This phase of love was quoted recently by a newspaper columnist:

"Is love blind? Our cynical friends tell us it is, but I do not agree. Love is the only thing that sees. Where would you be today if someone who loved you had not seen things in you that nobody else saw?"

"Who but your mother thought you were the finest baby ever born? And why did she have faith in you when no one else did? Because love saw.

"Then the best girl in the world said she'd marry you even though her friends asked one another, 'What did SHE see in HIM?' Love saw.

"When things were so black you lost faith even in yourself, a great-hearted man or woman became your friend and pulled you through—because love saw.

"There is something fine and big in every one of us,

but only those who love can see it. Who can say love is blind?"

A child's love, a mother's love, the love of lovers, and the love of friends—all are necessary phases of love in a person's life. Without love as a motivating force, the person becomes self-centered and unlovely. It is the love that *sees* that brings out the finer qualities and characteristics in the human life. However, without the love of Christ the most essential love is lacking.

Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The love of God saw us worthy through the redeeming love of Christ. God is love and Jesus Christ proved it.

Sin has separated man from God's divine love, but Jesus, through the efficacy of the Atonement, brought man back into the love of God. Not only at Calvary was this love manifested, but throughout the life of Christ the highest divine love is exhibited.

Oswald Chambers expressed it like this: "God's own love is so strange to our natural conceptions that we see no love in it; not until we are awakened by the conviction of our sin and anarchy do we realize God's great love toward us—'While we were yet sinners.'"

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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—JEAN M. SMITH

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There were 162 delegates at the Christian Day School Institute held on the campus of Southern California College.

# Christian Day School Institute Held

A RENEWED INTEREST and enthusiasm for their work was felt among a registered 162 administrators and faculty members of Christian day schools as a result of the one-day institute held April 24 at Southern California College, Costa Mesa.

William H. Robertson, director of the Education Department of the Southern California District, was director and coordinator for the institute. Brother Robertson and other leaders in the district have felt the importance and challenge of this phase of Christian education for some time.

Chas. W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent and executive director of the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God, spoke

on "How the Christian Day School Fulfills the Educational Program of the Church." He emphasized the need for sound, Biblical training of our young people in this day of "de-Christianizing of America." This, he said, was being done by our Christian day schools, thus "fulfilling a great need in the church today."

Speaking on "The Development of the Christian Day School on the National Level," was Hardy W. Steinberg, National Secretary of the Department of Education.

"A Third Dimension in Education" was the subject of Professor Frank Powell, chairman, Department of Education, Azusa College, guest speaker for the evening banquet. Special mu-

sical selections were provided by the Westminster Christian Day School choir directed by Principal Paul Kienel.

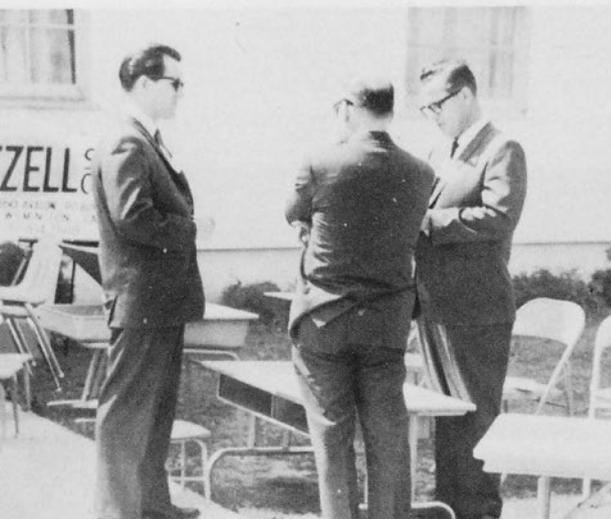
President O. Cope Budge discussed "The Role of Southern California College in the Christian Day School," explaining the special program SCC has set up for training Christian day school teachers.

Ray Schoch, pastor of Maple Chapel Assembly of God, Glendale, Calif., discussed "The Parent-Teacher Fellowship."

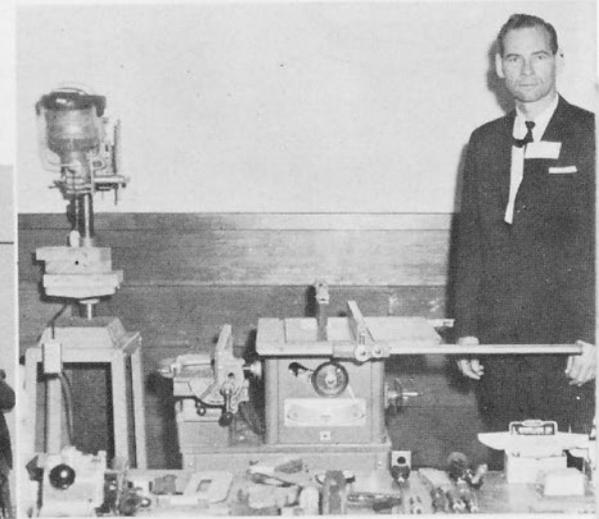
Speakers for the workshops included representatives from several districts, a number of faculty members of SCC, as well as personnel from day schools. They discussed the following subjects: Administration and Finances, Teacher Recruitment, Modern Math, Foreign Languages, Religion in the Christian Day School, Pre-Schools, and Kindergarten and Phonics.

Christian day school work is not new in the Southern California district. Of existing schools, Wilmington Christian School is the oldest, having been opened in 1946. There are now 14 elementary schools, one high school, two nurseries, and one school offering kindergarten through grade 12. At least two new schools will be opened this fall.

A reaction survey form filled out by the registrants indicated their great enthusiasm for the institute. Although this was the first institute of its kind held in Southern California, the district plans to make this an annual event. They also hope to encourage other districts to initiate an institute of this type to promote Christian day schools and to benefit the administration and faculty.



Delegates (at left) look over one of the displays of school equipment. William H. Robertson (lower photo), director of the institute, welcomed the Christian day school delegates. John Madala (right), principal of Garden Grove Christian School, displays shop equipment used in their school.





# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

## HEALING CANCELS DISCHARGE FROM ARMY

BEFORE LEAVING TO RECEIVE MY MEDICAL discharge from the U.S. Army because of spinal injuries received overseas, I asked for prayer at the Assembly of God in Port Huron, Mich., and the Lord healed me instantly.

Now I am back doing my duty in the Army the way I should, and will be discharged when my time is up.

Until Pastor Gunnar Kars prayed for me at Port Huron on August 30, 1964, I had an L.3 profile consisting of: no field duty, no marching, no standing more than 15 minutes out of an hour, no lifting of anything over 10 pounds, no physical training and no kitchen duty.

After he prayed for me he asked me to bend over, and I found I could. He asked me to pick him up, and I did. After that, he asked if my back hurt, and it didn't. There has been no pain since that day.

On October 20 I went to the hospital at Fort Riley, Kans., for X rays. When I returned three days later they told me they didn't know which X ray to believe: the one taken overseas or the new one. The ones taken at Fort Riley show no evidence of injury!

My back is now normal. I cannot thank my Lord and Saviour enough.—Vernon M. Woodard, Junction City, Kansas.

*(Endorsed by Gunnar R. Kars, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, Port Huron, Mich.)*

## MOTHER'S FAITH IN GOD CANCELS AMPUTATION

ALTHOUGH MY MOTHER WAS not a Pentecostal woman, she believed strongly in divine healing. Mother refused to allow my leg to be amputated at the hip when I was five

years old and suffering from a bone disease called osteomyelitis.

She prayed one day at my hospital bedside after I had been in and out of the hospital for two operations and on crutches for over a year. Doctors had said I wouldn't live through the night. But soon after her prayer my fever broke and I was discharged from the hospital.

That was over 20 years ago. My leg didn't bother me beyond occasional leg aches until three years ago. But this was more than a leg ache. The muscles contracted in the back of my leg to the point that I had to walk with a bent knee. There was also much pain around the old scars.

On Sunday night I asked for prayer. I could straighten my knee immediately after prayer. Before I got home, however, I could feel the muscles pulling and the pain returning. On Monday my leg was as bad as ever so I left work and went to the doctor. He had no doubt that the osteomyelitis had returned. He prescribed penicillin and spoke of hospital treatment and possible surgery if there was no improvement.

The next Sunday night I went to church (though the doctor had warned me to stay off my leg) and again asked for special prayer. Pastor Harmon and the congregation prayed for me. Praise God, this time I was healed—neither the pain nor the draw-

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ing of the muscles came back.

I thank God He has healing power for all who will call upon His name!—Mrs. Blanche Frerichs, Dalton, Nebr.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Gordon W. Harmon, Assembly of God, Dalton, Nebr.)*

## TOBACCO SLAVE FOR 26 YEARS INSTANTLY FREED

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU the wonderful news of my deliverance from tobacco.

For 26 years I smoked over two packs of cigarettes a day. I tried in my own strength to quit but that was not enough.

On November 1, 1964, when the pastor was inviting sinners to accept Christ, he suddenly said, "The Lord has told me to change the order of the service, as someone needs deliverance from a habit." A lady went to the altar, but I stayed at my seat. As the pastor was praying for her, God spoke to me and said, "Your deliverance was purchased at Calvary. All you have to do is accept it." I raised my hands right where I was and claimed my deliverance. From that time I have had no desire to smoke.—Houston Reed, Clovis, N. Mex.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. W. Pinkston, Bethel Assembly of God, Clovis, N. Mex., who writes: "I know it to be a fact that Brother Reed has not smoked cigarettes from that day to this.")*

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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR—As many as 27 were saved at one altar service during the revival at Evangelistic Center here with "The Ceylonese Evangelist," Lloyd Perera. Many were healed. The nationality of the evangelist was a drawing card which packed the building from night to night. The Sunday school record of 826 was broken with an all time high of 1,000 the last Sunday of the meeting.

The People's Church of Fresno, Calif., purchased the round-trip ticket to Central America for Evangelist Perera.

—John Bueno

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ADRIAN, MICH.—The Musical Vann's (Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg) conducted a five-week meeting at Bethany Assembly here in which 144 made

decisions for Christ. A follow-up program called the "Big Brother Plan" was developed to encourage the new converts and establish them in the faith. Many of them have followed the Lord in water baptism.

In spite of the inclement weather, the Sunday school attendance record was broken twice with 504 and 530 present. There were 200 first-time visitors. Sunday school attendance is running 100 more since this revival last January.

—Arthur G. Clay, pastor

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SIDNEY, OHIO—Evangelist Ray Bockman of Hammond, Ind., conducted services at the Assembly of God here which stirred the hearts of the people. There were two definite healings. One lady, unable to use her limbs, was healed instantly when prayed for.

—Charles C. Schie, pastor

G. L. Johnson, pastor of the People's Church in Fresno, presents Evangelist Lloyd Perera a check for round-trip fare to San Salvador. In photo below, the Sunday school officials, Missionary John Bueno, and "The Ceylonese Evangelist" show the record-breaking Sunday school attendance of 1,000. In the lower photo the WMC's of the Haven of Rest Assembly, San Leandro, Calif., display baby clothes sent to the Buenos of El Salvador for their new arrival.



The Bethel Assembly Sunday school in Adrian, Mich., broke its attendance record twice during the meeting with the Musical Vann's. Pastor Arthur G. Clay, inset.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT—Aug. 20 at Mount Holly Assembly of God, Mount Holly, N. J. Men's quartette and instrumental trio from Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.—by James Occhipinti, pastor.

HOMECOMING—Aug. 29 at First Assembly of God, Opp, Ala. All former pastors and members invited. Dinner served at 1 p.m. Old-fashioned sing at 2:30 p.m.—by Hayward T. Chapman, pastor.

HOMECOMING—Sept. 4-5 at Assembly of God, Lone Wolf, Okla. (First service on the evening of the 4th.) Would love to have all the folks back home.—by O. L. Blackwell, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

ROBERT E. CULL, 56, of Medford, Oreg., went to be with the One he served May 31 following a heart attack. Brother Cull was ordained in 1937. He was serving as a district presbyter, vice president of Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Oreg., and director of youth for summer camp, as well as pastor of First Assembly in Medford, at the time of his death. During his 33 years in gospel ministry he pastored in Half Moon Bay, Salyer, Trinidad, Lincoln, Jamestown, and Dunsmuir, Calif.; Payette, Idaho; and Medford, Oreg. Several of these churches were constructed under his ministry. While in Southern Idaho he served as presbyter and general presbyter for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife Beulah, one son, and six grandchildren.

ELMER H. TIGNER, 70, Tacoma, Wash., went to his eternal reward May 25 after suffering a heart attack. Brother Tigner was a member of the Northwest District and was ordained in 1942. He served as a pastor and evangelist. Pastorates include Grandview, Tacoma, Mossyrock, and Kingston, Wash. He was a member of the Northwest District Presbytery for a number of years. Survivors include his wife Melvina and six children.

SAMUEL W. NOLES, 75, of Marianna, Fla., went to be with the Lord June 4. Brother Noles, an ordained pastor and evangelist in the Assemblies of God, served as superintendent of the Georgia District for several years. He is survived by his wife Docia (an ordained minister), a daughter, and six grandchildren.

MAYNARD ROLAND McCARTY, 62, of Eight Mile, Ala., went to be forever with Jesus May 13. Brother McCarty, ordained in 1964 was a member of the Alabama District. He was pastor of the Assembly of God Jushla, Ala., for three years. Previously he ministered in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Florida as well as numerous Alabama cities. Survivors include his wife Marie and one daughter.

HENRY PENN HINES, 73, of Grass Valley, Calif., went to be with the Lord May 15. Ordained in 1933, he was a graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, San

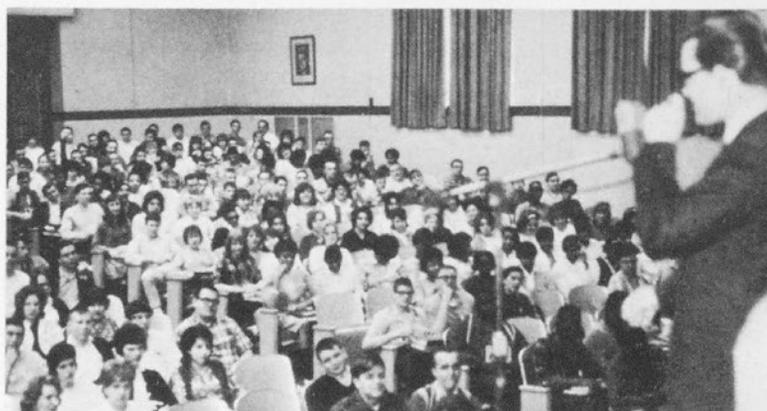
Francisco, and a member of the Northern California-Nevada District. Brother Hines served for 35 years pioneering and building churches in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Nevada, and Arkansas. The last two years he ministered in jail services. He is survived by his wife Viola, eight children and 10 grand children. David Hines, a son, is a missionary to Liberia (at present in Europe).

GEORGE W. GAMLEN, 65, of Eugene, Oreg., went to be forever with Jesus May 27 after a heart attack. Brother Gamlen, ordained in 1953, served as an evangelist. Surviving are his wife Nina, four children and 11 grandchildren.

THOMAS JEFFERSON GOTCHER, 72, of North Little Rock, Ark., went to be with the Lord on June 29. He was ordained in 1925 and served as a pastor and evangelist. Brother Gotcher was a member of the Arkansas District and had served as its assistant superintendent. He was pastor emeritus of First Assembly in North Little Rock, having been pastor there for 25 years. Other pastorates included Pine Bluff, Paris, Hector, Wesson and Moreland, Ark. He was also a founder and board member of the Hillcrest Children's Home in Hot Springs, Ark. Survivors include his wife Donas Ruth, three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

FRANK CAPTAIN, 69 of Wyandotte, Okla., went to his eternal reward on May 15. He was ordained in 1948 and a member of the Oklahoma District. Brother Captain founded the church and pastored in Wyandotte. He is survived by his wife Anna.

AMOS R. FARLEY, 70, Bazine, Kans., went to be with the One he served May 18. He was or-



INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Evangelist Neil Eskelin reached beyond the church during a crusade at Westside Gospel Tabernacle here. The outreach included special high school assemblies (left), radio interviews, newspaper feature articles, and television (right). Visitors were attracted to the church, and souls saved.—Thomas Paino, Sr., Thomas Paino, Jr., and H. W. Duncan, pastors.

ained in 1919 and a member of the Kansas District. Pastorates include Moberly, Mo.; Colby, Ness City, Hugoton, Kingsley, Hoisington, Garden City, Bazine, McCracken, Dodge City, Dighton, Corwin, and Sharon, Kans. He served as an evangelist and also pioneered many churches in Kan-

sas. He served his district as Sunday school director, home missions director, and presbyter.

He is survived by his wife Opal, three daughters who are married to Assemblies of God ministers, and one son, Forrest L. Farley, minister to the deaf of First Assembly in Joliet, Ill.

STANLEY PUGH, 66, of Reading, Pa., went to his eternal reward April 17. Brother Pugh was ordained in 1939. A member of the Eastern District, he served as pastor in several places including Dickson City, Clarks Summit, and Hamburg, Pa. He is survived by his wife and five children.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Beebe	First	Aug. 8-22	Bob & Huie Barney	James Morris
	Dover	A/G	Aug. 16-29	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Audrey C. Booher
	Ft. Smith	Evangel Temple	Aug. 21-22	Jerry Knibbe	B. Owen Oslin
	Little Rock	Central	Aug. 9-22	R. C. (Keetah) Jones	B. H. Campbell
	Little Rock	First	Aug. 15-22	R. A. & Mrs. Thompson	Basil Edwards
Calif.	Newport	First	Aug. 10-22	Leonard Negrin	W. E. Joice
	Garden Grove	First	Aug. 8—	J. Barton-M. Lasky	R. G. Markey
	Hoopa	A/G	Aug. 15-22	William A. Younger	Gene Huffman
	Lamont	* First	Aug. 15	Bill & Lona Robertson	Roy Lee
	Lodi	First	Aug. 18	Lloyd Perera	Gene C. Forrest
	Oakdale	Bethel	Aug. 22	Lloyd Perera	Gordon Swanson
	Sacramento	County Centre	Aug. 15-20	Loretta Kaupanger	J. P. Grams
Colo.	Ventura	A/G	Aug. 18—	Paul R. Keeth	Dwight McLaughlin
	Greeley	Glad Tidings	Aug. 15	Bob Wilson	N. L. Bascom
Ga.	Camilla	First	Aug. 18	Nettie Parham	Shelvie Summerlin, Sr.
	Canton	A/G	Aug. 18-22	Neil Eskelin	James Snodgrass
Ill.	Hartford	A/G	Aug. 15-20	Norman & Evelyn Hays	J. Carmack
	Peru	Faith	Aug. 15-29	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	A. J. Wells
	Rochelle	Hillcrest	Aug. 15-29	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	Noah V. McDermott
	S. Roxana	A/G	Aug. 16-30	Bill & Pat Heady	C. M. Twente
	Springfield	First	Aug. 15-20	Victor Etienne	G. E. Mandel
	Gary	Brunswick Gos. Tab	Aug. 16-20	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Vernon F. Miller
	Little Falls	* A/G	Aug. 15-22	Christian Hild	Robert Abbott
Minn.	Wells	A/G	Aug. 16-22	R. S. Peterson	Everett L. Lord
	Hattiesburg	Victory	Aug. 21-Sept. 5	E. Mathers-T. Pharr	Iva T. Harris-T. Denney
Miss.	Independence	Susquihanna Village	Aug. 8—	Robert Mackish	James R. Odem
	Summersville	A/G	Aug. 16-29	Loyd Middleton	Otto Boyet
Nebr.	North Platte	* A/G	Aug. 15-20	Kathleen Jennings	Clyde King
	Carthage	* Calvary	Aug. 22-27	David & Patricia Johnson	Bruno Glodkowski
N. Y.	Rochester	* Glad Tidings	Aug. 16-22	Bettie Jane Wessman	David Carlson
	Kent	A/G	Aug. 17-29	Duane M. Wessman	E. D. Speich
Ohio	Cushing	First	Aug. 16-22	Bob Winford	Keith Belknap
	Cushing	First	Aug. 16-22 (a.m.)	Jeri Winford	Keith Belknap
	Frederick	First	Aug. 16-29	E. Mathers-T. Pharr	Charles E. Mains
	Oklahoma City	South West	August	Al Davis	H. H. Palmer
	Rogue River	A/G	Aug. 17-29	D. L. Nultemeier	Charles Fuller
Oreg.	Lancaster	** First	August. 15-Sept. 5	Paul Olson Party	Ira Stanphill
Pa.	New Tazewell	Bethel	Aug. 15-29	Knott-Olson Team	Jerry Smith
	Athens	First	Aug. 16-22	Robert Bowden	C. E. Wilson
Tenn.	Bridgeport	First	Aug. 20-22	Buddy Hicks	
	Houston	Oak Lawn	Aug. 18-22	Glen & Faith Shinn	Hardie G. Weathers
	Trinity	A/G	Aug. 16-29	James & LaVerne Sartor	H. C. Cockrell
	Wichita Falls	First	Aug. 15-22	Winford Mack	S. E. Eldridge
	Hopewell	*** Faith Tabernacle	Aug. 16-29	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Clyde Lee
Va.	Chelan	A/G	Aug. 15-29	Clifford W. Phillips	C. M. Kruse
	Adams	A/G Tabernacle	Aug. 10-22	Dave & Mona Lewis	Louis Boucher

\* Children's Revival

\*\* Tent Revival

\*\*\* Youth Revival

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### PLAN TO ATTEND

the 31st  
**GENERAL COUNCIL**  
of the  
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August 25-31

Des Moines, Iowa

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Rev. David L. Houghton  
Berean Chapel  
Assembly of God  
1431 E. 32nd St.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

# ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES

By **DAVID W. FLOWER**  
Newly Elected Superintendent  
Southern New England District

**A**DAM AND EVE HARDLY HAD A CHANCE to get acquainted before Satan plotted a substitute program in place of that which God had given them. He came with his lies and false religion—and he has continued this defilement throughout history. He tries to substitute his deceptive plan for the true plan of God—the straw for the wheat.

God has always proved His presence by inner reality and outward evidences. Fire was His method of proving that He was real to the minds and hearts of His followers in Old Testament history. When there was no fire, there was no God. When there was no fire, there was no acceptance of the sacrifice. Fire was God's method of showing His approval.

On Mount Carmel, God's prophet Elijah said to the false priests, "And the God who answers by fire, let him be God." All agreed to this. But while the substitute priests called on their god Baal from morning to night, there was no answer. False religion has no fire or divine witness. It is all carnal and human. But when Elijah prepared the sacrifice and prayed, the true and living God answered by fire in a matter of moments.

Just before Christ ascended back into heaven, He said, "Tarry until. . . ." One hundred twenty faithful followers of Christ went to the Upper Room and there waited upon God until the fire from heaven fell upon them. There was reality. God was truly with them.

Substitute religions make excuses, while truth and reality do the work of God. The devil is a deceiver, a liar, and the father of lies. He is subversive and an accuser of the brethren. His trademark is substitution. He does

not want us to have reality. He wants us to have everything but the truth and the presence of Christ.

There is the matter of idolatry. Here is the substituting of things made by hands for faith in the true and living God. Paul very pointedly said, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the uncorruptible God into an image" (Romans 1:22, 23).

The trick of Satan is also seen in sacramentalism. This is the effort to substitute the performance of religious rites as a means of salvation for the Word of God which plainly teaches salvation by grace through faith. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Many rites of the church have benefit. But when religious performance is made the means of forgiveness and salvation, we are in error. The same is true of confirmation and water baptism. The Bible says, "Not of works, lest any man should boast." Here is blatant evidence of the sin of substitution and God's disapproval of it.

Then there is the effort to substitute human and fleshly endeavor for the work of the Spirit. The Bible says, "The flesh profiteth little." The Church is to be Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, and Spirit-inspired. Anything short of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and through our churches is missing God's will.

The world has no need for a cold, formal, and lifeless religiosity. We cannot allow ourselves to substitute reason for faith, education for experience, piety for truth, and pomp for power when a full and genuine life awaits us in God through Christ. 

