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EVERYWHERE  
EVERYWHERE  
**CHRISTMAS  
TONIGHT!**

Christmas in the lands of the fir tree and pine,  
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine;  
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,  
Christmas where corn fields lie sunny and bright;  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,  
Christmas where old men are patient and grey,  
Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight,  
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ child who comes is the Master of all;  
No palace too great, no cottage too small.  
The angels who welcome Him sing from the height,  
"In the city of David a King in His might."  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let ev'ry heart keep its Christmas within,  
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,  
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,  
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light.  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

So the stars of the midnight which compass us round,  
Shall see a strange glory and hear a strange sound,  
And cry, "Look! The earth is aflame with delight,  
Oh, sons of the morning, rejoice at the sight."  
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks



## SERMON OF THE MONTH

# He Gave Us The Best That He Had

By Harrol Waterbury



Was it merely the son of Joseph and Mary who crossed the world's horizon nineteen hundred years ago? Your own heart must answer.

The Old Testament had foretold the coming of a great and wonderful king in the family line of David who would bless the whole world. This king had been named long before he appeared, but in our world of sin and unbelief, there are many stories told by word of mouth and printed page endeavoring to discredit the miraculous conception and virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His birth was announced by an Angel of God, who said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12. With this angelic proclamation, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, was announced. Thus, God gave us the best that he had.

Luke and Matthew both state plainly, explicitly, and unmistakably that Jesus was born of a Virgin. From the beginning, in unbroken sequence, it has been held as a doctrine of the church, till the rise of modern criticism, which is commonly known as modernism. Why not accept it just as God's record states it? Why the high-brow aversion to believing it? If we believe in the Deity of Jesus and his Resurrection from the dead, what is gained by discrediting the Virgin Birth? The Resurrection is the greatest of miracles. If we do not believe that, why concern ourselves with Christ at all? If we do believe it, then why discredit the other parts of the miraculous story? His

supernatural exit from the world presupposes a supernatural entrance into the world. If he was not born of a virgin, how then was he born? How else could he have been born? Certainly it ill becomes any Christian to peddle the old Jewish slander that Jesus was an illegitimate child. Such a thing is unthinkable. To say it is nothing less than foulest blasphemy. Jesus was and is the Son of God, the Son of David, the Eternal King, making us assured that God gave us the best that He had. Would it not have been strange that so much supernatural heavenly evidence was given just to announce the birth of a common child? The angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The visit of the Wise Men also emphasized the importance of the birth of this babe in Bethlehem. Their visit took place sometime during the first two years of Jesus' life, for Herod, in order to be sure, took the outside limit in the slaughter of the children. It is strange indeed that one who knew that the Christ was to be born, Luke 2:4, would be stupid enough to try to intercept His coming. The Wise Men belonged to the learned class, advisers of kings. Perhaps they were familiar with the Jewish Scriptures,

and were expecting the coming Messianic King. No doubt, they knew of Daniel's 70 week's prophecy, and also Balaam's prophecy about "A Star out of Jacob," Num. 24:17. They were men of high standing, for they had access to Herod. Their arrival in Jerusalem was of sufficient show of importance to stir the entire city. Aside from paying homage to the new-born King, and calling the attention of Jerusalem that the Christ had arrived, the Wise Men supplied the means, by the presents which they brought, for the escape of Mary and Joseph and the babe into Egypt. They didn't realize this for it was God's way of protecting the Christ, and to fulfill prophecy concerning Him. Also in order to fulfill Scripture, on their return from Egypt, the Angel directed them back to their Galilean home.

Again we draw the line at the bottom and add up the supernatural, wonderful works of God, and we are reassured that God gave us His Son—the best that He had.

What joy we share when we once again hear that Angelic Chorus, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

"Tidings of glory! All the sky aflame, all Heaven hymning one imperial Name! Radiant glimpses of a throne, a crown, all splendor focused on one little town! Tidings of joy, good tidings of great joy, Supernal ecstasy without alloy! The death of sorrow and the end of pain, the bliss, bliss eternally to reign! News of Salvation! Jesus, Saviour, Christ, bearer of mercy, ample and unpriced, herald of freedom from the chains of sin, come to our hearts, Lord Jesus, enter in! Tidings to all the people, yea to all! To kings and shepherds, to the



**LEAKY, TEXAS—**

Brother Austin Morgan writes that the revival there started off with a Bible School Service conducted by Brother and Sister Wooster. In part he wrote, "My heart is heavy for the lost. There is so much to do and so little time. I have had to turn down some revivals because of time. Brother Gail urge every evangelist and Gospel worker to get out on the field **NOW**. To wait is only victory for the Devil. The Lord willing I will be in Baxter Springs about December 7 and stay until time to go home for Christmas. Our next revival is to be at Alvin. Please pray for us. We have a wonderful Gospel party."

**LIBERAL, KANSAS—**

A recent report from Brother and Sister Aubery Murray, pastors of the Apostolic Faith church, that the work is growing. They had 66 in attendance in Sunday school. They are asking prayer that the Lord will make it possible for them to secure a place of worship. (At present they meet in the Seventh Day Adventist church).

great and small, to rich and poor, to ignorant and wise, to each his blessing from the liberal skies! O for the ready eye and quickened ear, the Advent light to see, and song to hear! To every man and woman, girl and boy, in all the world, **Good Tidings of Great Joy.**" (A. R. Wells)

Let the One who touched the manger that night in Judea, touch your life and change it. Either He has touched your life and changed it or He has not touched it. Being a Christian means personal contact with the Saviour Who was born in Bethlehem. You say that you have had that saving contact with Him? Then make this joyful Christmas season the occasion to put someone else in touch with your transforming Lord, who is Jesus, conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a Virgin, my soon coming King, the best that God had.

"Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared." Neh. 8:10.

**GUATEMALA CITY,  
GUATAMALA—**

Dear Brother and Sister Schultz; Greetings to you in Jesus precious Name:

As you can see, now we are in Guatemala. We had a very nice trip, everything worked out just fine. Our car was extra good, the roads were not as good as we expected but we came through easily.

Since we got here I have been busy day and night in revivals here in the city of Guatemala and also out in the country. The mighty power of God has been manifested in our meetings as we have seen many souls coming to the altar each night. We realize more the need each day of the glorious Gospel among the millions of our dear people that have never had the chance to listen to the Word of God. We will be holding several tent meetings the next five months which is the summer here. We expect, God willing, to have at least two new churches at the end of the dry season. Pray much for us that we may do the perfect will of the Lord in all we do. We have not been, as yet able to buy the lot for our first church, but we trust that very soon, the Lord will make it possible as it is a great need in our country.

Through this letter we want to express our most gracious thanks to everyone of the faithful Christian friends that made us feel at home in their homes and churches in the U. S. A. We have learned to love everyone and keep in our hearts remembrances of each one very deeply. We would like to write everyone personally, but our task here is so heavy, and our time is fully taken up in God's work, yet we want to write, and we wish to hear from everyone that loves in the work in Guatemala. Our address is Box 665.

We want to take advantage of this opportunity to wish for all our dear friends in the Lord, the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours to Exalt Him,  
Isai, Shený and Jr. Calderon

We cannot trust God too much, nor ourselves too little.

**DONIPHAN, MISSOURI—**

The Lord has been blessing in the services at the Mill Creek church, near Doniphan, Mo. Sister Alice McLeod of Hardy, Ark., did a splendid job of caring for the services while we were gone, for almost four weeks. Her labors were appreciated by all. We are praying that God will give us an old time revival here soon. Preachers and gospel workers of the faith are invited to come by and give us some services. Schedule of the services are as follows: Thursday night and Saturday night at 7:00, Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., Morning Worship at 11:00, Young People's and children's meetings at 6:30 p. m. and the evangelistic service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Lord has heard and answered prayer and supplied us with another piano player. We surely do thank Him for all of His rich blessings.

Brother and Sister George Hintergardt, pastors.

Ed. note: We understand that Brother and Sister Paul Clanton of Joplin, Mo., will go to Doniphan in the near future for a revival. We surely praise the Lord for all His faithful workers and that the harvest is still in progress.

**AMARILLO, TEXAS—**

Work has begun on the new church here in Amarillo, Texas at the corner of Binins and Sonborn. The foundation and floor are completed, also the plumbing. Everything is in readiness for the walls to be constructed. Plans are now being made for immediate work on the walls.

Brother and Sister John Modrick, pastors, greatly appreciate everything that has been done to assist in the church building program thus far. Thanks for the many prayers too.

**ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—**

The church is progressing with due interest. They are praying for a revival. The Sunday school sent an offering for the Apostolic Faith Report (thank you, and other Sunday schools that are doing the same thing.) Brother and Sister Jerry McClenagan are the pastors.

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## From My Viewpoint

### EDITORIAL

By Gail Schultz

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you one and all — we are thinking of so many — praying for you — and rejoicing with you — for this is Christmas — and we are just like one great big family. We wish we could pay you a Christmas call for a friendly chat. We are all bound so close together, knit by the bonds of this great common salvation, given to us by Jesus, in One in whose honor Christ is celebrated. Knowing Him, loving Him, and serving Him are the things that we have in common, and it makes a strong link.

It has been a pleasure to come into your home each month of this year. We have tried to be a blessing to you. Many have brought cheer to us in word and letter that the Apostolic Faith Report was a blessing to them. Most of the sermons, articles and announcements have been of your choosing. Every month adds to the mailing list. Thank you everyone. Your letters, articles and comments are solicited as well your

### BROTHER AND SISTER LLOYD SCHRIMPF WRITE:

We have enjoyed the paper a lot and feel it fills a great need for us all. We came to King Mill, Texas to be near our daughter and family (Bonnie June and Paul Allen Pletcher) as they were preparing to go to Mexico City, Mexico. There was much preparatory work, assembling provisions; food for babies, clothing for a long period, sewing, and getting everything in tip-top shape. They took a house-trailer to live in and are parked at a trailer court now in Mexico City. Because of the terrible storms in Mexico this summer the roads are in terrible shape so they were forced to go by El Paso, Chi Scuahua and down the west coast of Mexico, many hundreds of miles out of the way. Took a week and they encountered many difficulties. Brother and Sister Roy Franks went with them, and flew back to Texas.

We are now laying plans again for Gospel work. We are praying about new field work, missionary in character, but not out of the U. S. A. There are so many places where the Full Gospel is needed. The message of and for the last days. Pray for us. Home address, Pineville, Mo.

Christianity is a battle, not a dream. —Wendell Phillips

voice of recommendation for the Apostolic Faith Report. Thank you all, too, as individuals and as groups or Sunday schools for your offerings for this work. Don't forget this important item, for without funds we cannot reach you. Thank you for placing this publication on your budget and giving list.

Naturally we are all Christmas minded now, and I am glad that it is so. Next will be the two grand convocations to be conducted during Christmas week. Of course we don't want to forget the many, many watch night services that will be kept over our movement. Be sure to attend one somewhere and in sermon and song, prayer and praise bid 1955 adieu and welcome 1956 as a happy New Year. May God grant you victory and success in His kingdom for His glory.

### MODESTO, CALIFORNIA—

Contact Brother and Sister Robert Wayne Girouard for further information about the new work and the new church now under construction in Modesto. The building is almost completed and the folk there are very grateful, and all help is greatly appreciated. Brother and Sister Harold Bolling have assisted in the work there since the later part of July. Make this church your church home. The Apostolic Faith way is a good way for whosoever will.

Their address is 308 Crockett, Modesto, Calif., Phone 4-0096

### BOOKER, TEXAS—

Our Sunday School here at Booker has reached 47. Our church has been helped so much lately by Brother Roy Wooster's visit. Then Brother Marcus Adair had three services here, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 17 through 19. That was a great blessing to all of us, and to several of the town. We are inviting all the ministers of the Faith to come by for services. Regular nights are Wednesday and Sunday.

Love to all,  
Bob Russell, Pastor

### MR. AND MRS. HAROLD McCANCE WRITE:

We received the Apostolic Faith Report today and enjoy it very much. I am glad to hear of the work God's people are doing in His Name. Surely a life spent for Him is well spent, and the reward of eternal life at the end of the race will be worth all our efforts while here — And to be with Christ — How glorious! While the world is searching for peace, they know not, that there is no peace (except in the hearts and lives of men who know God) until the Prince of peace comes. I thank God for the peace that passes understanding. For He has not revealed it unto the wise and prudent but unto babe's in Christ. Pray for us that God's will might be wrought in our lives at all times.

Avoid the occasions of sin and you will find it easier to avoid sin itself. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." —II Thess. 5:22



## Jesus The Miracle

The greatest phenomenon of all ages, or of any record is found in the miraculous conception and birth of Jesus. He who ruled the universe and had all power, but the above act took upon Himself the form of man.

In Isa. 9:6-7 we have a most gracious prophecy and promise which reads as follows: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." 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."

It is only folly and stupid to try to deny or denounce Christ, or any miracle that was ever performed by Him or for Him, or to doubt or challenge the plan of salvation.

The time of His birth — the place of His birth and the surrounding of His birth were all of promise. The scribes that read should have known and investigated. They were content and blinded to be disturbed. We must take warning and be not like they. The child indeed has been born. The Son has been given, first to the Jews and to the Gentile and to who-so-ever will.

The plan of redemption was His to inaugurate and propitiate. The peaceful kingdom of righteousness is His now and always, the consummation of it being during the Millennium when He shall reign from the Throne of David.

Jesus is wonderful, for its beyond compare that He will do for those that call upon His name. To millions He is chief and counsellor — not as a high paid lawyer, but as a friend who loves at all times and works miracles, His grace to bestow and His love to show.

He is a mighty God of power to all that call on His name—and a Father to the ones that are His children. No kin-ship is as close as His. He walks with the ones that

believe, be that king or priests, or common folk like you and me. The rich need Him, the poor seek Him — they all follow Him and great is their reward now and forever.

We have Christmas because Jesus came to us. His birth changed the world, exalted the low and forgotten, brought to naught the lofty and pretentious. It made paths of righteousness, and broad plains of salvation, with oceans of love to all that follow on to know Him. Waves of healing engulf sick bodies and grace sufficient greets each Believer on the wings of faith and wings of hope. Justice is His to give — meted out in truth and mercy, with "no respecter of persons" as the yard stick. Boundary lines of race or color or creed cannot bind Him nor change His decisions, for the heart is the seat of His jurisdiction.

How does all this come to us? By the zeal of the Lord — that set times, confounded nations, builded kings, and led prophets to perform His will — so that Jesus might come to us — as Lord and Saviour. It makes glad the heart, and strong the will to serve Him and in this 1955 again we can proclaim, Merry Christmas to one and all in His name whose birthday we now celebrate.

The number of miracles Jesus wrought are many and they cover wide range and scope of display of power.

He turned water into wine (John 2:1-10).

He healed the nobleman's son (John 4:46-54).

He caused the disciples to have a great draught of fishes (Luke 5:1-11).

He healed all manner of diseases (Matt. 4:23, 24; Mark 1:34; Luke 4:40; 6:17-19).

He delivered the demoniac (Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37).

He healed Peter's wife's mother of a violent fever (Matt. 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41).

He healed a leper (Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26).

He healed the impotent man (John 5:1-9).

He healed the withered hand (Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11).

He healed the centurion's servant

## PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA—

The Lord has been good to us here. Our services are blessed with His presence. We do not have a large congregation, but the Lord provides our needs.

Brother Wiles has a chart on, "God's Plan of the Ages", which we are now studying. He and Sister Wiles have been with us, but a few months, yet in that time we have learned to love and appreciate them. They are indeed consecrated workers for the Lord.

We are doing some remodeling on the inside of the church. Both the church and the parsonage were painted on the outside during the summer months. We are praying that the Lord will make a way for class rooms.

We appreciated Brother and Sister Roy Wooster coming by for a service. We do not have many visiting ministers, but they are highly enjoyed when they do come.

Georgia Mohler

(Matt 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10).

He raised the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17).

He wrought cures before John's messengers (Matt. 11:4,5; Luke 7:21).

He stilled the tempest (Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:49-55).

He healed a woman from an issue of blood (Matt. 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48).

He gave sight to two blind men (Matt. 9:27-31).

He cast out a demon and healed a dumb man (Matt. 9:32, 33).

He fed five thousand (Matt. 14:15-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-13).

He walked upon the water (Matt. 14:24-27; Mark 6:45-51; John 6:19).

He healed the Syrophenician woman's daughter (Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30).

He cleansed ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).

He raised Lazarus from the dead after his body had gone over to decomposition (John 11:17-44).

He cursed a fig tree (Matt. 21:17-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20).

He healed Malchus' ear which Peter cut off (Luke 22:50, 51).

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## "WAKE UP" "IN GOD WE TRUST"

There was a wonderful article in the September 20 issue of the Look Magazine, asking the question, "Is the religious boom a Spiritual bust." Friends, the test of every religious, political, or educational system is the man that it forms. Also men are not to be judged by their looks, habits or appearance, but by their character of their lives and conversation, and by their works, tis better that a mans own works than that another mans words should praise him. Even great church men seem to forget the words of our Lord, "It isn't by power nor by might, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

Here only can man find power to do these things that this man is questioning. In the first place religion is not what this sinful world needs, but it does stand in need of the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said to one great leader when He was on this earth, "Ye must be born again," His same message goes out today. Not a religious boom, but a spiritual birth, brought about by the foolishness of preaching, not foolish preaching. Some men are so highly educated until they lose the power to feel; the simple things are forgotten, such as "Ye must be born again." So this is the blame for this lack of vision. Where in this "Move of God" seems to them a religious boom. There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behoves all of us not to talk about the rest of us, (A man must stand erect not to be kept erect by others).

The great standard of literature as to purity and exactness of style, is the Bible. The world cannot know that by **one** man this world could be changed, only by the foolishness of preaching. So lets preach the unsearchable riches of His grace, nothing to hard for God. The world doesn't know of that day nearly two thousand years ago when God, in answer to the prayer of His Only Begotten Son, sent the Holy Ghost to the then known world. How can they know when

they cannot see too many being able to receive His Power. But the apostle Peter after that he was filled with this power, stood in the streets of Jerusalem and preached, yes friends he preached, and three thousand were saved. Why? "The foolishness of preaching." The older I grow, and I now stand on the brink of eternity, the more comes back to me the sentence I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes, "What is the chief end of man?" To glorify God and enjoy Him forever. The soul of man createst its own destiny of power, and as the trial is intense here, his being hath a nobler strength of heaven, if he has been born again. I wonder if these great church men ever search the scriptures as God tells us to, I think if they did, they would not have to ask. "What is this." We are living in perilous times of Gods word. Immorality was high in the day of Noah, and God says, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall in the day of the coming of the Lord, to many eating and drinking places today, where immorality is being fostered, youth being exposed to every foul and unlawful spirit that is in the world, and it's full of these demonic forces.

What does it mean? The gospel should be preached with power as the great Apostle Peter preached it. Folks, lets stop, look, and listen at our own cross roads, what do we see? Youth so abandoned, so crazed by drink, by dope, car racing, boys and girls not seeming to know where they are going. Some to the grave, some to the great hospitals for such cases, we call it neurotic, its nothing more than the evil forces of the enemy. When will it stop? When men of God preach the gospel in its full force and power against the devil. Where is the power of the Holy Ghost? when there is a need for Christians to cast out demons, when you say lets go pray, they answer I am afraid. Why? Because we have let down our experience in the Holy Ghost. God, veiled in Majesty, alone gives light and life to all, bids the greatest systems move, and changing seasons in their turns, advance unmoved, unchanged Himself. My faith hath

no bed to sleep upon but omnipotency yes, Thou are ever present, power divine, not circumscribed by time, nor fixed by space, confined to alters, nor to temple bound, in wealth, in want, in freedom or in chains, in dungeons or on thrones, the faithful find Thee. Tell me said a heathen philosopher to a Christian, where is God? First tell me said the other, where is He not? God oft descends to visit men unseen, and through their habitations walk to mark their doing.

Are we afraid? We cannot too often think there is an ever seeing eye which reads the heart and registers the thoughts. Its good we cant see them, we sure would be surprised, wouldn't we? In all our actions, think God sees thee, and in all His actions labor to see Him. What can escape the eye of God all seeing, or deceive his heart. Differences of opinion should give us little concern, but it is a real pleasure to be brought into communication with any one who is earnest, and who really looks to Gods will as his standard of right and wrong, according to their greater or less conformity. It is the inclination tendency of the heart which finally determines the opinions of the mind. To form a correct judgement concerning the tendency of any doctrine, we should rather look at the forms it bears in the disciples, than to the teacher for he only made it, they are made by it. Nothing stands so obstanately in the way of all sorts of progress, as pride of opinion, while nothing is so foolish and baseless. If a man is born of the Spirit he is a child of God even if he does not conform to our exact view. Peter was a lowly fisherman until the Holy Ghost made him a man of Power with God. And God has not changed, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God will put the oil of the Holy Spirit on our dimmed armour and make it shine, and He will fill the cruise with oil, so we can meet the challenge, heal, cast out, do the works told you that you can do because I go to my Father, and greater works because the body of Christ is in all the world. No, I nor you can do them all, but the body of Christ can and will fulfill this pro-



**KINGS MILL, TEXAS—**

The Kings Mill Community Church recently closed a two-week's revival conducted by Brother Bob Palmer which proved a great blessing to the church. Two back-sliders were reclaimed, one sinner was saved, at least one person was sanctified and several of our people were healed in answer to prayer. The church in general was encouraged and strengthened in the Lord.

phesy of Jesus. Praise His name, I love Him, don't you? As charity covers a multitude of sins before God, so does politeness before men, true politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists of treating others as you love to be treated yourself. Can any good come out of Nazareth? This is always the question of wise ones, and knowing ones, but the good, the new, comes exactly from there, where it is not looked for, and is always different from what is expected. Everything new is received with contempt, for it begins in obscurity. It becomes a power unobserved, Ye must be born again. If God reveals anything to you by an instrument, be ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth by any minister, for I am fully persuaded the Lord has more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy word. Thou shalt be a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. Isa. 58:7. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17. Behold I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev. 3:11. Commit thy ways unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass. Let us not quench the Holy Spirit for it is He, not me, that saves, heals, fills with His power, bestows His precious gifts of the Spirit. How we need this manifestation of His power because, "He said these signs shall follow those that believe."

Oh God; help our unbelief, for in God we can trust.

Yours in His service,  
Mrs. Robert E. Feagin,  
Box 251, Hempstead, Texas

**HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—**

Brother George Polvado, pastor of the Apostolic Faith church in Big Spring, Texas, started a revival in the Apostolic Faith church of Hempstead, Texas on November 1. The meeting was announced to November 13, but continued longer, due to good interest. The meeting has been a real boost to the church and a goodly number have been seeking the Lord for the deeper blessings. We thank the Lord for favoring us with a good Spirit filled minister and good Spiritual services during these past two weeks.

Donald D. Dibbens, pastor

**RE-ENTERING THE GOSPEL FIELD AND MINISTRY—**

Brother and Sister Harold Willis, who have been residing in Houston, Texas for some time, have both resigned their positions there. They felt a definite burden to re-enter the Gospel work. They have moved their trailer home to Katy, Texas, and may be reached at this address, Box 163 or called to the Winston Barker telephone, which is number 404-J. Their first revival began November 27, with Brother Winston Barker at Hinton, Alabama. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Willis in this move for they are both talented and used of the Lord.

**BROTHER T. S. ABRAHAM—**

May be reached at: c/o The Gospel Herald Office, Lallagude P. O. Secunderabad, 17, India.

He writes in part: The same Lord that is with you is with us down here in India and He is blessing us too. Praise the Lord for His manifold blessings. I am now in the southern most part of India and am in charge of the work that my Daddy was doing here. (He is editing a paper and doing Youth work) From Secunderabad I will try to send you a general letter for the Report, may not reach you until the January issue. Please continue to remember us and the work here in your prayers.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.  
—Martin Luther

**YOUTH RALLY OF THE SNYDER-BIG SPRING, TEXAS REGION—**

The last Youth rally was held at Snyder, November 4. We had a good rally. Everyone enjoyed the special songs and readings which were furnished by the young people. We had two features other than songs and readings. One was flannelgraph picture by Gladys Oliver of Big Spring, accompanied by Brother and Sister Clyde Clanton in song. The other feature was a skit entitled, "Dr. Know Nothing With His Know It All Book." Those taking part in the skit were: Truman Summerford, Jay Wawak, Yvonne Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McClenagan, Bobbie Bishop and Thelma Clanton.

We were very proud to have Brother and Sister Jerry Clanton with us in the rally. Brother Jerry was the speaker for the Rally, and he brought a very good message.

We were also very happy to have Brother and Sister V. E. Blythe of Leroy, Kansas and Brother and Sister George Allen Head of Des Arc, Ark., with us in the rally.

Our next rally will be December 2, at Ralls, Tex.

With Love and Prayers,  
Thelma Clanton.

**SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—**

The work is still going forward at Spring Valley. This is a very needy work, in that only a few with limited means see the need of a new church. They had to buy a lot which cost \$2,000.00 and could use more land. They are now conducting Wednesday night prayer meetings in the home of Sister Mable Worth who has moved to this district from Las Vegas, Nev. Her address is 3015 Washington St., Lemon Grove, Calif. Pray lots for this undertaking, for when the Lord moves there is victory ahead. Brother and Sister Allen Long, pastors.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT—**

A son, Alvin Royce, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Buschman, Oct. 10th, '55. The family lives at Dumas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. John Buschman of Spearman, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. George Hintergardt of Doniphan, Mo., are the grandparents.

## REDEMPTION

by Harold Crane

(Continued from last issue)

Taking this subject from another standpoint, we find that God has divided time into seven days. In the beginning He worked six days creating the earth, man, beast, etc. Even now our days and weeks are based after this order. Our days are twenty-four hours long. II Peter 3:8 reveals an important fact unto us. When we endeavor to interpret, divide, and place the plan of God into its rightful order, we should always consider this thought. One thousand of our years is as one day with the Lord. Two days or two thousand years after the transgression of Adam and Eve, the flood came upon the earth to destroy all evil and wickedness. Two more days passed after the flood until Christ our Lord came and died for all that we might be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life. This ushered in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, sometimes called the Church Age, the Gentile Age, and also the Dispensation of Grace. This is the age we are now living. It will also last two thousand years. We know that we are living very close to the end of that two thousand years because of the signs of the times. When this is completed, it will add to the other four thousand years above and become six thousand, which is also the amount of time God labored in creating the earth and all upon it. With the closing of this six thousand year period, Redemption will take place. On the seventh day will again be a rest day of one thousand years, commonly known as the Millennial age. This will be a day of rest, peace, and joy without any perplexity or sorrow. Jesus will reign during this time. This will be a period of rejoicing.

There are many angles in which we could refer to, but we would, with your permission, turn to Rev. 12:1-5 for a description of Redemption. We have here a sketch or an outline of the Church and of the fast coming Rapture. Beginning with the first verse, John speaks of a woman clothed with the sun. It is a well established fact that the woman represents the Church of God. Many times it is used in the

Bible as a symbol. There is no particular branch or organization that this refers to. It is the Church of God as a whole or the ones who have been washed by the Blood of the Lamb and free from all sin. She is clothed upon with the Son of righteousness without spot or wrinkle. The Church stands upon the moon which is the law or the commandments. We might say that this is the foundation upon which she rests or the commandments that she abides by. She bears the emblem of the twelve stars. We find that this represents the twelve apostles. Secondly to Christ, they carried this wonderful gospel. If it had not been for their faith, vision, and strength in Christ, we may not have this gracious truth which we possess today. We are not trying to build up the Apostles above Christ, but the Bible plainly states that we are to give credit to whom it is due (Matt. 22:21, Luke 20:25). For this reason we could call them the head under Christ. (Revelations 12:2) "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

Here is the scene of the whole Church struggling through great trial and harsh persecutions. With humility and miraculous faith in God they will fulfill the desire of Jesus Christ, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith." (Eph. 4:13). Unity is a long discussed matter even today. Even now the world is looking forward to peace and unity between the nations and kingdoms of the world. The Church world is also debating upon the matter, but until Jesus the Son of God returns to earth again there will be no peace for He is the prince of peace. (Rev. 12:3) There appeared a great red dragon in heaven, which is Satan, accusing the Church before God, trying his best to destroy and tear down, because he knows he has but a short time to work. His powers and workings will grow stronger as we near this time. The seven heads represent the Catholic Church. Rome is built upon seven mountains, which symbolizes the seven heads spoken of in the previous statement. Even today we realize that Rome is the head or the capitol of the Catholic religion. Also the ten horns are ten nations or ten rulers who will be a united kingdom. These have seven crowns upon their heads. In the

uniting of these there will be ten, but three give way unto the Anti-Christ; therefore, seven remain. We know that all is shaping up, even today, in the form of the United Nations. (Rev. 12:4) "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth." Here we find a very grave condition or a great falling away from God which involves one third of the Saints that are alive at that present date. This is a condition of apostasy. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8). (Rev. 12:5) Here we find the Church bringing forth or revealing the manchild class, which is the Redemptive class. This will be a group of people that rule with a rod of iron during the Millennial age. These particular ones will be over the number of cities according to the reward which they have earned while here in the flesh teaching of Christ and striving to do the will of God in all things.

How many will make the Rapture? (Rev. 14:1-4) We find that the scripture distinctly expounds the number of one hundred and forty four thousand. These are spiritual saints whose names are written in the Book of Life through the Grace of God. They're also the ones who have followed the Lord in every respect. They sing a song that even the angels can't sing, because the redeemed have overcome Satan through the Blood of the Lamb.

We also want you to view the literal seating of the twelve tribes of Israel to avoid confusion between these two different occasions. This event is found in Revelation 7:1-8. The people here are a chosen race, according to the promise given to men of old back under the law of Moses to the ones who gather in Jerusalem in the last time, who do not have the promise of the Spirit, but are of the literal lineage to the promises of God, will be given a literal seal. Again we find this is in Ezekial 9 which speaks of the man with the ink horn, who gave a seal as he was commanded of God. This will also be a literal seal and will be the only protection for a natural people during the Anti-Christ reign. Remember there are two — one hundred and forty-four thousand — groups, one being literal and the



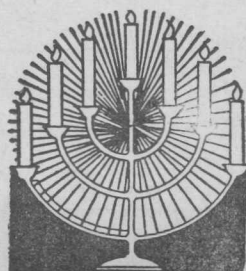
other spiritual. The literal involves Israel only, while on the other hand the spiritual includes anyone who will follow Christ with obedience.

Along with all which we have already explained to you, we would like to bring to your attention the seal of Redemption. A seal is a sign or proof of anything to what we might call unbelievers. (Eph. 4:30) "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." To obtain this seal one must be saved and sanctified. The Holy Spirit will not come into an unclean vessel. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19). The seal of the Holy Ghost is a must if we intend to make Redemption. (Eph. 1:11-14). Only the purified, sealed, and the first fruits will make the Rapture. There is a difference in obtaining the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which is within us, and having the anointing that abideth. Both are brought out in II Cor. 1:20-22. On the day of Pentecost the disciples received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other languages. (Acts 2:4). This is a down payment on our coming Redemption. Turning to a parable spoken of by Jesus in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, we observe ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. This is a representation of ten Christians who have been sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. Five were wise and five were foolish. The wise had a fresh supply of oil, but we might say the foolish had grown to the point that their oil had run low. At the midnight hour there was a cry that the Bridegroom was coming. All arose, trimmed their lamps, but the foolish virgins' lamps went out. The wise virgins entered into the marriage with the bridegroom. This is symbol of the Rapture. The bridegroom, which is Christ, could come at any time. It will pay us to be ready, not growing slack nor unconcerned lest when He does come, we will not be found lacking for that which we need to enter in. Redemption is only for the ones who are living at the time when it moves into action. The ones filled with the spirit who have gone to their graves will come forth in the first resurrection.

The whole church will not make

Redemption, only the firstfruits. The Christian that is just saved will not make Redemption but will be the ones in the martyred class who give their lives for the sake of Christ. Neither will the sanctified class make the Translation, but will be the Bride class that will flee into the wilderness which God will prepare for them (Rev. 12:14). As Redemption takes place there is something that has to occur. Whoever gains this wonderful goal will be changed from this mortal or human body to an immortal body in the moment of a twinkling of an eye, (I Cor. 15:51-54), just as Christ's body was changed at His transfiguration. This immortal body is not subject to sickness or death as our mortal body we now possess. In case of misunderstanding there is something that we would like to clarify. The one hundred and forty-four thousand redeemed are not the same class as the bride class. They, too, put on immortality at the second coming of Christ. The dead in Christ that arise in the first resurrection also put on that heavenly body. When Christ breaks through the blue, the ones that were caught away at the beginning of the tribulation will be with Him. The Christians that are in the grave will rise to meet them in the air. (Matt. 24:28) "Where the carcass is there the eagles will be gathered together." Some day this old body will be like the body of Christ. "When He shall appear we shall be like Him." (Phil. 3:21) We now have a greater need of drawing closer to the Lord than ever before. Let us strive toward that eternal destination where there will be no sickness, pain, nor any sin, but all will be gladness when we shall live with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our sacrifices for God are our greatest investments.



### OBITUARY

Miss Dora E. Farley, daughter of L. A. and Eda Farley was born in Boone County, Arkansas, February 26, 1902 and passed away at Granby, Missouri, November 20, 1955. She moved to Newton County, Missouri in 1920 and lived near Granby, Mo., since that time.

She was converted in early life and lived true to her conviction until the end. Funeral services were conducted in the Granby Full Gospel Tabernacle, with Brother Bob Cooper in charge, assisted by W. O. Nunn and Gail Schultz.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Bill Patterson, Granby, Mo.; four brothers, Glen Farley of Stark City, Greeley Farley of Granby, Clyde Farley of Neosho and Roy Farley of Springfield, Mo.

### LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO—

The folk in Lovington are making big headway on the new church there. They did some buying, and selling, and are moving and changing the old church into a home to sell. Then on new lots they have started a completely new building. On the first of November they had the frame work up and the roof on. They had their first service the preceeding Sunday in one of the Sunday school rooms. The Lord has been good to them in providing in every way and they are looking forward to a nice new church that will bring honor to His name.

Brother and Sister Dale Hiel are the pastors.

Ed. Note: We want a complete story and picture as soon as possible. It is grand to know that the work of the Lord is going forward, and thank God for new churches and worthy people such as these that work unceasingly.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT—

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris, a daughter whose name is Janae Lyn. She arrived November 4th and weighed seven pounds. These fine people are the pastors of the Bayard, Nebraska church.

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#### LEAKY, TEXAS—

Dear Brother Schultz:

How are you? We are doing fine and enjoy the paper very much. Everyone in the church has expressed the same opinion about it.

At present (Nov. 10) we are in a revival conducted by Brother Austin Morgan and party consisting of Brother Larry Welsh, Brother and Sister Stephen Welsh, Sister Martha Lou Ferguson and Sister Shirley Fish. We have been having some good services, with the presence of the Lord abiding. We also have enjoyed some wonderful singing and preaching. We have had one saved in regular service and four children saved in the Children's Services.

Please, remember to pray for us and the church here. All Apostolic Faith ministers are welcome to come by and be with us. May God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim and Yvonne Morris,  
pastors.

Some people are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

DAY STAR AND DAWN—Our fair morning is at hand; the day star is near the rising, and we are not many miles from home, what matter, then, of ill-entertainment in

the smokey inns of this worthless world? We are not to stay here, and we shall be dearly welcome to Him to whom we are going.

—Samuel Rutherford

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