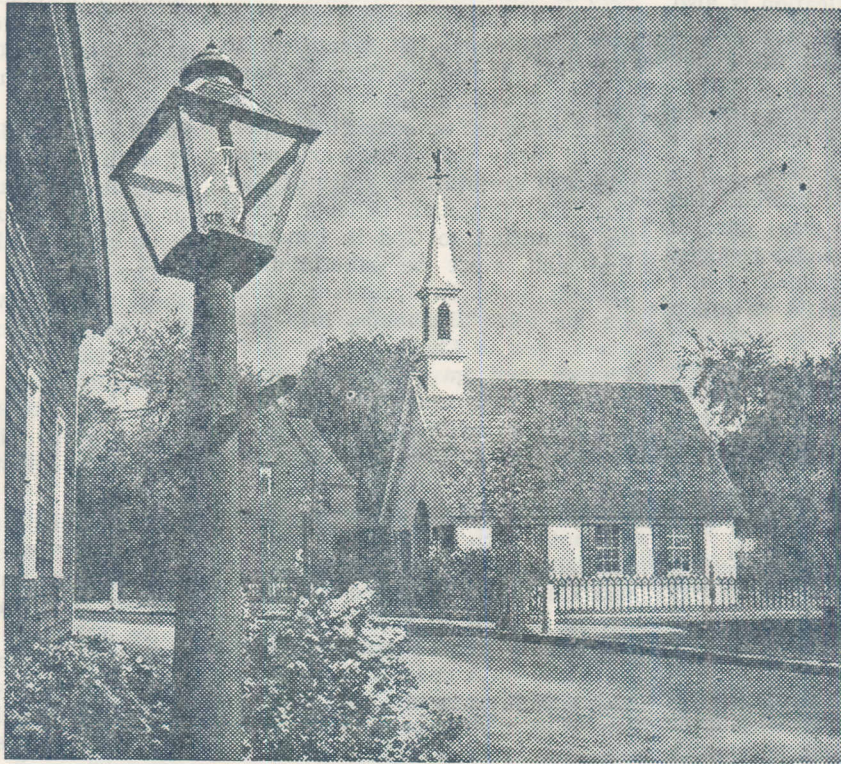


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Psalm 9:1, 2

I will praise thee, O Lord, with
my whole heart; I will show
forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in
thee: I will sing praise to thy
name, O thou most High.

STANDING GRACE

By Jacob C. Regier

The Bible teaches that the Christian should live a life of holiness. A study of the Bible will reveal that this holiness is obtained through the blood of Christ by the Word of God, Jesus said, **"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."** He spoke to those that believed in him. There was a freedom that they did not have. This shows that there is a difference in Conversion and Sanctification. Conversion is a definite work of God's grace. Sanctification is also a definite work of God's grace. If one can understand the difference in "sins committed" and "sin nature", then the difference in the two works of grace is not difficult to understand.

When Nicodemus visited the Lord one night, he was puzzled when Jesus said, **"Ye must be born again"**. The Lord explained to him that God loved the world so much that He gave his only begotten Son to save the world from sin. Nicodemus understood the story of Moses and the brazen serpent. Jesus said, **"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up"**. This explained to Nicodemus that God gave his son for man's salvation. This explained God's gift to the world.

It is not difficult to understand that Jesus, the son of God, was God's gift to the world for Salvation. Jesus said, **"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life"**. This is conversion! This is redemption! This is Salvation! This is life through Christ! Neither is it difficult to understand that man does not obtain this salvation, redemption, or conversion against his own will. It is understood that the individual must believe. It is understood that he must repent of his past sins. It is understood that he must follow the Lord in water baptism as the Lord instructed. But this salvation is the gift of the heavenly father. This Salvation comes through faith in the sacri-

ficed Son of God.

The Bible tells of another gift of divine love. This is Christ's love-gift to the Church. The grace that comes through this love is Sanctification. The grace of Sanctification is equally as definite, equally as genuine and equally as precious as Conversion. There are many facts concerning true Christian living that show us that in order to live the life that God expects a Christian to live, he must be sanctified. In order to overcome Satan's temptation, he must be sanctified. In order to stand the criticism from the world, he must be sanctified. In order to endure the trials of hardship and privations that often come, he must be sanctified. There are so many things that are possible only through the grace of God, that the Christian believer must be submitted to God in consecration and must be sanctified by Christ's blood. In Ephesians 5:25-27 we are told. **"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the Word. That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be without blemish"**. This was Christ's gift to the Church . . . giving himself to sanctify it. Then in turn he will be able to present unto himself a church that is cleansed, without wrinkle, spot or blemish. God, the heavenly father gave His Son for our Conversion, but Jesus, the Christ gave himself for our Sanctification.

Christ's gift to the Church is further explained in Hebrews 13:12-13, where we read: **"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach"**. Here we see Christ suffering for the Church so that the Church could be sanctified through his blood. This is Christ's contribution to God's plan for the salvation of

mankind. In God's plan of Salvation we see, first, Conversion from Sin through God's gift of His son, and secondly, Sanctification through Christ's gift of Himself. How much did Christ love the Church? He loved the Church so much that he gave himself for it. He was not compelled to do this, but he did this because of his love for the Church. He could have been freed from this suffering. It is understood that just one word from the Lord, during his great trial, and angels would have rallied to his defense. But he did not call the angels. He went all the way through the suffering, all the way through the shame, and all the way through the agony to fulfil God's plan. Why? So that He might sanctify the Church and present it to himself. This Church will come forth a glorious Church. This Church will come forth a pure Church, without spot, or wrinkle, or blemish. Jesus gave himself that he might sanctify the Church.

The Church is composed of all those that follow Jesus. The Church is composed, not by any group that isolates itself and makes claims of being The Church, but by those that follow Christ. This includes every Christian. Christ suffered that every Christian could be Sanctified.

Christ died that every one might be saved. Not every one is converted, because not every one has repented. In order for any one to receive Salvation through Christ, he must first repent. By the same token, not every Christian is sanctified, although Christ suffered that every Christian could be sanctified. There are certain things that precede this sanctification. These things that precede Sanctification can come under the general heading of Consecration. The Christian presents himself to the Lord in a complete surrender of dedicated service in Consecration to God's will. Paul once wrote that we were workers together with Christ. Whenever the Christian cooperates with Christ, the work is done. This was true in Conversion also. When the sinner cooperated with God . . . when he came with repentant

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heart . . . when he came believing in Christ . . . the work was done. We are workers together with Christ in the experience of Conversion. Likewise, we are workers together with Christ, in the work of Sanctification. As we dedicate, surrender, and consecrate ourselves to him; as we believe in the work of His cleansing blood; the work of Sanctification is wrought.

The question is often asked: "Must every one be sanctified? Do I have to be sanctified? Many Christians try to convince themselves that Sanctification is not required. This is a trick of Satan. Satan attempts to convince Christians that a holy life is not possible. Satan attempts to convince Christians that they must sin every day. But Sanctification is required. God requires Sanctification, without doubt. In Hebrews 12:14 we find the word "holiness": **"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the**

Lord". Again in I Thessalonians 4:7 we find the word, "holiness": **"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."** Let us take special notice how the word "holiness" is used in Romans 6:19: **"I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness and holiness"**. In each of the cases mentioned here, holiness is the exact word as "sanctification" in the original Greek. Holiness or Sanctification is the kind of life that God demands of His people. We cannot say that holiness is an alternative or choice . . . that we can take it or leave it . . . accept it or reject it at will, but that it is a requirement. To reject Sanctification would carry the same consequences as it would to reject God's grace for Conversion. If Salvation is necessary, then by all means, Sanctification is also necessary.

Conversion deals with sins committed. Conversion deals with change from death unto life. Conversion brings about the new birth and a record of one's name in heaven. Conversion is redemption from our mortgaged state. Conversion brings the first love and the joys of Salvation. Conversion is the state where man has passed death to life.

Sanctification deals with the SIN nature. Sanctification brings about the change of the carnal mind to the spiritual mind. Sanctification gives the standing grace that helps the Christian to overcome temptation, trial, and hardship. Sanctification frees the Christian from bad habits and appetites. Sanctification enables the Christian to hold his temper and "turn the other cheek".

Romans, chapter seven, paints a word-picture of the Christian that is unable to live the holy life he knows he should live and the life he really wants to live. Paul mentioned the "law of sin warring against the law of the mind". This law of sin is the carnal nature (or carnal 'fleshly' mind) that Paul testified was enmity with God. He said, **"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life**

and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God".

Romans, chapter seven is answered in Romans, chapter eight, verses one through four: **"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit"**. The bondage to the law of sin no longer exists in the Christian's life, if the "law of the Spirit of life" has made him free from the law of sin and death. This must be the work of Sanctification. In any generation, any honest Christian will admit his inability to do God's will without God's aid. God's grace is administered to man in the work of Sanctification.

Conversion is the grace that justifies the Christian before God. This is explained in Romans 5:1, **"Therefore being justified by faith, we have . . . peace . . . with . . . God . . . through our Lord Jesus Christ"**. This does not justify the sinner for sinning. This shows God's grace to the sinner to forgive him and put him in a position, as far as guilt is concerned, as though he had never sinned. We believe God's forgiveness is so definite that no remembrance is ever recalled of it again. The verse immediately following explains the grace wherein we stand. Let us call it "standing grace." This standing grace is Sanctification: (Romans 6:2) **"By whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."**

If we understand the difference in sins committed and inherited nature to sin, we can also under-

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BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

Lines From The Superintendent's Desk

As I write this the students are taking their mid-term exams. These tests show to we teachers how well the students have been applying themselves, but we all know the real test of what they have learned may not come for months or even years, and to fail then would mean more than just a grade - - - it could be their very life.

There is something thrilling, and exciting about the study and teaching of the Word of God. It satisfies the quest for knowledge better than any other field of learning. Praise the Lord for the **Living Word**. I am thankful we are not bogged down in centuries or even years of traditionalism. We can therefore approach our studies with a fresh and objective look, knowing the Holy Spirit will illuminate our understanding, just as he has for others in centuries past.

Therefore we can testify as those new converts from Sychar in Samaria "Now we believe, **not because of thy saying; for we have heard Him ourselves**, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." John 4:42. This does not mean we cannot profit from the labours and studies of others, past or present.

May I close with this admonition; whether or not you ever get to attend Bible school, it still does not relieve you of the obligation to study and know "what sayeth the Word of the Lord".

In Christian service,
F. E. Waterbury

Did you know that a smile goes further than most men realize? All the ability in the world won't make other people want to work with you, or under you, or over you, if you fail to control your temper and emotions.

MESDEMOISELLES' HOUSE NOTES

JUDY WOOSTER

Living in the girls dorm is quite an experience. There is never a dull moment, from the first alarm bell in the morning to the last giggle at night.

The morning is started in the dorm with one of two things. Either the great concert pianist Carolyn Long starts the morning off with her selections from the new album "Music To Sleep By" (at 4:00 a. m.); or you are awakened to the melodious singing of Dorothy Kinser, Wilma Glidden, Ginger Raney, and Lois Riley.

Speaking of sleep, some of the girls in the green room are in tip-top condition; they are never tired, although they are always last to bed and the first to get up. One of the girls known as "Granny Bard" is the healthiest of all.

We are always eating between hours in the dorm. You just haven't lived till you taste some of Judy Anderson's hot tea, or better yet

some of Eva Neff's instant breakfast. These girls really have a talent for cooking.

Every Tuesday and Thursday that famous author, Texanna Messner, writer of the new book "Things to Improve Your Bible School Manners", comes and speaks to us on charm and etiquette. Man, do we need it.

I could not exclude the most important part of the dorm life—Sister Helen. If you haven't heard, Sister Helen Arnold is our dorm mother and, all kidding aside, she is a great one. She is always there to help us out when we need her; and we never hear her utter even one unkind word.

There are a few quiet times in the dorm. These are our study hours. At this time we try to learn as much as possible; so that when we leave Bible School, not only will we leave with memories of our good times; but also leave with God's Word hidden in our hearts.

BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES DECEMBER 14 AND 15

Standing Grace—

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stand the difference in Conversion and Sanctification. When the individual is saved, God deals with the sins of his past, the sins committed. When the individual is sanctified, God deals with the inbred nature to sin. Conversion is forgiveness and pardon, while Sanctification is cleansing and purification.

God forbids the continuance in sin. He considers us dead to sin if we have been sanctified by the blood of Christ. Many a Christian can testify that the things that once were his masters, no longer impede his progress because of the grace of Sanctification. Romans

6:1-2, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein".

Puzzle Answer

ACROSS

1. God
3. For
5. The
7. Ate
9. Get
10. At
11. Us
12. His
13. Thanks
17. East
18. To
19. S S
20. On

DOWN

1. Gift
2. Dare
4. Oh
6. Be
8. This
9. Gates
10. Ask
11. Unto
14. Has
15. As
16. St

ARTICLE II—

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel's Prophecy

By Robert Girouard

DANIEL 9:24-27

The commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem was not given until many years after the second temple had been built in Jerusalem.

In A. D. 538, Cyrus, king of Persia, in the first year of his reign made a decree giving the Jews in his kingdom permission to return to Palestine and to build "the house of the Lord God of Israel" in Jerusalem. Despite the fact that at that time the city of Jerusalem was in ruins, positively nothing was said in the decree of Cyrus about rebuilding the walls of the city. II Chronicles 36:22, 23; Ezra 1:1-4.

Pursuant to the decree of Cyrus nearly 50,000 people returned to Palestine. Ezra 2:64, 65. Before the foundation of the temple was laid an altar was erected for the offering of sacrifices to God. Ezra 3:1-6.

The foundation of the temple was laid in the second year of Cyrus (Ezra 3:8-11), but the work was hindered and suspended because of the opposition of enemies. Ezra, chapter four.

About seventeen years after the decree of Cyrus the Jews at Jerusalem were still without a temple. But at that time the Spirit of God moved upon the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, to urge the people to build the temple. Ezra 5:1, 2; Haggai, chapter one. In the second year of Darius the foundation of the temple was again laid. Haggai 2:10, 15, 18. This temple was finished four and one half years later. Ezra 6:15. It will be remembered that the temple was finished about twenty-two years after the Israelites returned to Jerusalem.

This second effort to build the temple met with opposition from the governor of the king of Persia for that area. He wrote to the king and told him what the Jews were doing and asked him what his pleasure was concerning this matter. Ezra 5:3-17.

In answer to the governor's letter, King Darius made a decree reaffirming the decree of Cyrus for the building of the temple. He also

told the governor to help expedite the work by giving the Jews tax money and needed supplies for this project. Ezra 6:1-13.

The decree of Darius said nothing about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Like the decree of Cyrus its contents dealt only with the building of a temple. So we must search elsewhere for the decree that gives us the beginning of the period of the seventy weeks.

In the seventh year of the reign of King Artaxerxes, which was about 80 years after the decree of Cyrus allowing the Jews to build their temple, and 58 years after the temple was actually built, Ezra the scribe came on the scene. Ezra 7:6-10

The King and his seven counsellors made generous offerings of silver and gold, also the Jews in the province of Babylon gave generously for the house of God. Ezra 7:14-18. The sum of the free will offerings in silver and gold amounted to well over four million dollars. Ezra 8:24-28. A vast fortune in gold and silver vessels and vessels of fine copper were also entrusted to Ezra for the house of God.

Some of the gold and silver that was given was no doubt used to buy animals and supplies for the daily sacrifice, but I am sure that we are justified in believing that a large part of the offerings was used TO BEAUTIFY THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. EZRA 7:27, 8:36.

Please read the decree of Artaxerxes in Ezra's behalf. Ezra 7:11-26. In addition to teaching the law of God and to oversee the beautifying of the house of God, he seems to have served as governor for a while. Ezra 7:25, 26. Absolutely nothing is said in this decree about restoring and building Jerusalem and its wall. Daniel 9:25. One looks in vain in the book of Ezra for a commandment that would signalize the beginning of the seventy weeks of years decreed upon the Jews and Jerusalem before they are restored to divine favor as a nation.

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THANKSGIVING MEANS—

If you would ask boys and girls in the United States of America what the word Thanksgiving made them think of, they would probably say a holiday from school, a big dinner, or maybe going to a football game. Many people seem to forget the real reason for a day of thanksgiving.

Some of the first people who came to America from Europe were called Pilgrims. Pilgrim means wanderer, or someone in a strange land. They had come to the new land because being able to worship God as they believed the Bible taught them meant more to the Pilgrims than their comfortable homes, families, and friends. In the land where they had lived, they had even been tortured because of their faith.

The first year the Pilgrims were in America, many died from cold and hunger, and other hardships. But the next summer they had good crops. When harvest time came, they were so thankful they decided to have a special day to offer thanks and praise to God for His goodness and blessing to them. They had a wonderful feast of good things to eat, but God Himself was the One they were thinking about. They turned the word thanksgiving around and called it giving thanks. Surely the Lord was pleased to have His people thank and praise Him and tell Him of their love for Him.

But you know, this was not the first thanksgiving that God's people ever had. Before the Lord Jesus was born into the world, the only people who worshiped the true and living God were the Hebrews. They were also called the children of Israel. In the Old Testament, these are the ones whom God called His people.

Many, many years before the Lord Jesus was born into the world, God told His people to have a week of thanksgiving. It, too, was in the fall, after the harvest of the fruits of their land. It was to be a time of feasting and great joy before the Lord.

Children's Hour . . . — Kathryn Cornell

Thanks For A Special Friend—

Ephesians 5:20—“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father”.

“OH, MUM! Here they come”. Susan called excitedly.

Ever since she had heard that new people were moving into the house across the street, Susan had waited anxiously for their arrival. And she had prayed that there would be a girl her age—a lovely, lively girl she could play with. Someone she could write notes to, and share secrets with.

“But — but I don't see any girl”. Susan's face fell.

Mother smiled as she gave a final stroke of the dust cloth over the end table. “Is that so bad? Aren't there plenty of children around already?”

“But, Mum,” Susan sighed reproachfully. “There's not one girl in the whole place the right age for me. Brenda thinks she's so grown up, just because she's a year older than I. And Janice and Ruth are just kids—”.

“Yes”. Mum's eyes twinkled. “They are a whole year younger than you. But you always seemed to enjoy playing with the boys”, she teased.

“Huh! Boys!” Susan flopped down on a chair. “I'm getting too big to play games with messy old boys. I want a special girl friend my own age”.

Mum turned to look out the window. “Oh, look, Susan. There is a girl with them. I'd say she's about your age. And she's certainly pretty”.

Susan ran to the window. “She does look nice, all right. Oh, Mum, I'll go see her this very afternoon and —” Susan hesitated. “Mum, she acts funny — I mean, it looks like her mother is leading her—”.

“Or, dear,” Mum sort of whispered. “The poor child is blind”.

“Blind!” gasped Susan. “And I thought God had sent me a special friend”.

“Being blind shouldn't stop her from being your friend”.

“But, Mum, she can't play games with me. It wouldn't be any fun leading her around”. Susan grunted in disgust. Why can't Mum ever understand? she thought.

“If you prayed for a special girl friend, then likely this is the girl God wants you to be a friend to”.

“But, Mum,” Susan started to protest, when she heard Jerry call from the front walk, “Coming to play ball, Sue?”

“May I, Mum?”
“Run along,” Mother laughed and gave her a little pat. “You have nearly an hour before lunch.”

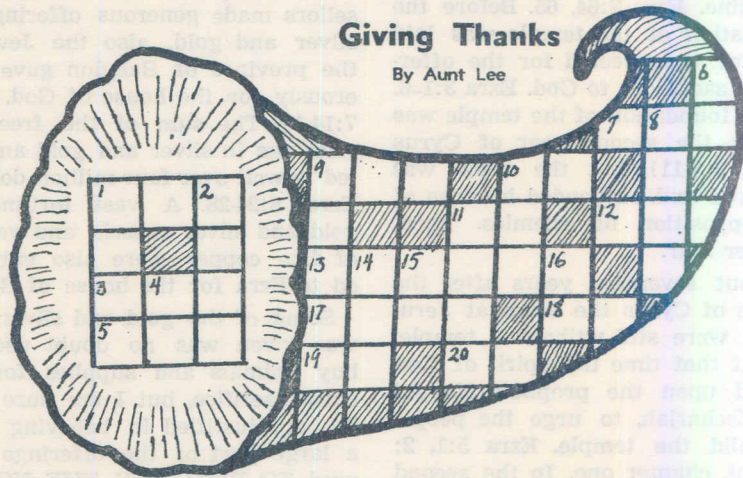
Susan ran out to play and fogot about the girl across the street, or that she didn't like boys any more.

But that night when she went to bed Susan began to wonder about the new girl. She tried to

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Giving Thanks

By Aunt Lee



ACROSS

1. Offer unto thanks-giving (Psalm 50:14)
3. the Father loveth the Son (John 5:20)
5. That person or thing
7. Past of eat
9. Obtain
10. Near to
11. You and me
12. Belonging to him
13. Oh give unto the Lord (Psalm 105:1)
17. Opposite of West
18. Toward
19. Secret Service (abbr.)
20. Upon

DOWN

1. The of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23)
2. To venture
4. An exclamation
6.ye kind (Ephesians 4:32)
8. And is life eternal (John 17:3)
9. Enter into his with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4)
10. and ye shall receive (John 16:24)
11. Him that loved us (Revelation 1:5)
14. Possesses
15. While
16. Street (abbr.)

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All of the words of II Corinthians 8:15, except one, are in this puzzle.

pray. Ever since she had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, Susan had felt that He was very near and that she could talk to Him whenever she wanted to. But tonight she didn't feel like He was near at all. She just couldn't thank Him for sending a blind girl when she asked for a special friend. . . Finally she fell asleep.

The family hadn't begun to move about yet when Susan woke in the morning. For a while she lay wondering about the heavy feeling she had inside.

"I guess maybe it's because of that girl", she said to herself. "But surely God doesn't expect me to be a special friend to her and never have any fun".

Rising quietly, Susan went over to raise her window shade. She looked out at the bright yellow chrysanthemums beneath her window. They looked so sunny in the gray November morning. Susan almost felt cheerful for a moment.

Then she looked over across the street. "Wonder what it feels like to be blind", she murmured.

Suddenly Susan turned and picked up her heavy scarf from a chair. She tied it around her eyes so tightly that not a tiny crack of light showed through.

Now, she thought, I'll keep this on until Mum calls me to get up.

Maybe I'll even get dressed with it on.

The darkness seemed to push in on her as she tried to feel her way back to bed. She bumped her shins on the chair. Then she fell over on the bed.

"It's too horrible," she muttered, reaching up to pull the scarf off.

"No, I won't," she said out loud. "That other girl has to live like this all the time. I'll keep it on".

Gritting her teeth, Susan decided to try to get dressed. She groped around the room to find her clothes. It was hard to figure out what was what. And everything seemed to tangle up. Nothing felt quite right.

Finally she gave up. Feeling her way back to the bed, she sat down on it and cried.

Then she prayed, "Please, dear Lord. I'm sorry I didn't want to play with her. I will try to be friendly. Thank you, Lord, for letting me be able to see. And — I'll go see that girl today".

The light's so nice, she thought as she pulled the scarf from her eyes.

It wasn't quite ten o'clock and the shades of the house across the street were still down when Susan finished her morning chores.

"It's too early to visit now", she told herself. "I'll go this afternoon.

Right after lunch Susan thought,

I'll go play ball with Jerry for a while. Then I'll go over.

She paused at the gate and looked across at the other house.

"Susan", she told herself, "you're just trying to put it off."

Without giving herself time to think again, she walked across the street, up to the door, and knocked.

"Yes?" questioned the smiling lady who answered the knock.

"I've come to play with your girl," Susan explained. "My name's Susan and I live right across the street. I saw you move in yesterday".

"Cathy will be glad to have you, Susan. She misses her old friends".

Cathy's mother led Susan into the kitchen where Cathy was carefully washing dishes.

Susan gasped. "How can you wash dishes when you can't see?"

Cathy laughed softly. "It's not so hard. I'm used to it. I can do a lot of things, and I like helping Mother". She turned toward Susan as she spoke.

"I'm slow today because things are all different here. But I'm nearly done now.

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Send your name for our birthday calendar on our children's page to Kathryn Cornell, Box 278, Foltlett, Texas.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR November

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Gaylon Lee Schultz		Kevin Cornell		Gay Lyn Spencer	Vickie Jo Morris	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Jonna Welsh		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Dava Lynn Neff						
28	29	30				
		Kayla Waterbury David Wofford				



CRADLE ROLL

By Mrs. Lillie Spencer

The cradle roll is the ministry of the church to the home. The home is the greatest influence in the life of the child and it is our responsibility to help the home be a Christian home.

Through the cradle roll, the out-reaching arm of the church, while reaching for babies, in turn bring mothers, daddies, and grandparents and others into the church. The cradle roll is a ministry of the church that brings results. By going into homes of unsaved parents it gives the worker an opportunity to show the love of God and be a witness. Often the home will be opened to show off a new baby where otherwise there would be no welcome. After the arrival of a new baby, most often the parents' hearts are more tender and receptive than at other times. Even a sinner wants his child to grow up to be good and no parent wants their child to be lost.

A visit in the home by a Christian worker can help the parents realize their responsibility to this baby that God has given in their home. The worker should be able to give godly advice to the parents and encourage them. Many Christian young people fail to realize the importance of family altar and need to be encouraged to establish this practice in their home. What greater heritage can we leave our child-

ren than the blessings of God received around the family altar!

Through an active cradle roll, the church has opportunity to influence the training of the child. Often this is the means of reaching unsaved parents and helping them grow spiritually. The church needs to help young parents get a vision of raising their child to the glory of God.

An announcement in the church bulletin of the arrival of a new baby and a special card of congratulations from the church, is a good way to begin opening the door of the home and the hearts of the parents. After a few days, the cradle roll worker may call on the parents and possibly present a small gift. During this visit the parents may be invited to enroll the baby in the cradle roll.

There is a wealth of cradle roll material available from the various publishing companies. Some have complete packets that furnish all the materials that will be needed for a child from birth to two years. In some there are suggestions for contacts in the home once a month for the first year and every two months for the second year. Through the cradle roll, the church is in continuous contact with the home for two years, up until the child is ready to enroll in the nursery class.

There are thousands of babies born into the world every year. Many of these little ones are unloved and unwanted, but, Jesus died for them, too. Let's do all we can to make our motto: "A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR EVERY BABY".

Teacher's Notebook

Special Friend—

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When the dishes were done, Cathy took Susan into her bedroom. "Do you mind," she apologized, "if I go ahead and straighten up my bed?"

"Why—a—no—a—can I help?" Susan stammered.

"If you wish," Cathy laughed.

From her side of the bed Susan watched in amazement as Cathy smoothly straightened the other side.

Then Cathy showed Susan her big Braille Bible. She read a few verses aloud. Susan couldn't understand how Cathy could read by feeling the raised dots on the pages, even though Cathy explained it to her.

"I'm glad I can read about God and the Lord Jesus", Cathy said. "But I wish I could read other books too".

"Oh, I'll read to you", Susan promised. "I've got lots of books. And I'll read you the Sunday school papers, too". She paused. "Could you come to Sunday school with me? Daddy takes us in the car".

"Thanks, Susan. We go to Sunday school in our car, too. I'll ask Mum and Daddy to go to your church. And we can trade riding with each other".

Soon the afternoon was gone. As Susan ran home, she almost hummed her thoughts. Cathy can do lots of things better than I. And Cathy is special. And, thank you, God, for sending me a special friend.



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: How can I overcome the daily temptations of Satan?

ANSWER: Many times teen-agers say, "It's no use! I'll just call it quits and throw in the towel! I have no success in overcoming temptations—even though I want to."

Temptations are many in many forms today as sex idols, glamorized Hollywood scandals, publicized corruption in public offices, dramatized fraud of TV personnel, trashy literature, suggestive film and TV diet, plus the old sinful nature handed down from Adam.

Only Christian teen-agers who have built **CONSECRATED CALCIUM** into their spiritual backbones can overcome this constant deluge of temptation. The formula for this is understanding the source of temptation, themselves as the ones tempted, and what God's Word says about overcoming temptation. In other words submit your life **wholly** to God.

The source of all temptation is Satan. Repentance is necessary for an overcoming life because a person cannot live victoriously as long as he allows himself to be ruled by sin and Satan. It is by being an overcomer that a person reveals that he is saved. When a Christian commits an act of which God convicts him, he should repent, confess, and **forsake** that sin. If one fails to do this immediately and continues to trifle with sin, he suddenly finds himself a slave to sin

once again.

Even though it may be a close friend, classmate, or teacher who presents the temptation Satan is the source of it . . . only using people as tools.

You—as a teen-ager—are the one being tempted by Satan. He is a tricky enemy. Knowing that most Christians will shun obvious sins, Satan chooses indirect and subtle methods of temptation. He sometimes masquerades as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14); he blinds the mind as stated in II Cor. 4:4, "In whom the god of the world (satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them"; he lies as John 8:44 tells us he is the father of lies.

Human strength is not sufficient to overcome Satan and sin. You must have superhuman assistance for this superhuman enemy. Christ is the source of power you need. Though the power of Satan is strong, Christ's power is stronger as stated in I John 4:4, "because greater is he (Christ) that is in you, than he (Satan) that is in the world."

An overcomer cannot be a person who merely understands with his mind what is right. An overcomer is a person who actively engages sin in battle and defeats it in his life.

When a person becomes a Christian, he does not give up his freedom of choice. Therefore, if you

choose an alternative that is sinful or in the direction of sin, you cannot expect to be an overcomer nor to remain a Christian if you continue with wrong choices. After several such choices, spiritual life is choked out. We must realize that **ONE** act of rebellion against God may be the first step in a path which leads us away from God forever.

It is not a sin to be tempted unless we purposely seek temptation. It is not sin to have an impure suggestion come to one's mind (unless it is purposely sought). **It is sin not to reject the suggestion when it comes to mind.**

The Christian young person must avoid those things which lead to impurity either of the mind or body. Magazine stands and bookstores often peddle material rightfully called "dirty". To fill your mind with such trash is to ask the Holy Spirit to leave, for He cannot stay in such surroundings.

You say, "how can I have courage when I'm among a crowd?" Joshua 1:8 tells us, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success". Then Matthew 10:18-20 tells us not to take thought what to say as the Lord or Holy Spirit will give the words to speak. However,

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NEWS from the CHURCHES

GALENA, KANSAS—

We're still rejoicing over the MANY blessings received during our recent 3 week Revival with Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell. Five souls found the Lord in salvation with 3 or 4 praying through to sanctification. Others sought the Lord each night for the Holy Spirit and we're looking for these to receive their blessing as they continue to wait upon God. We can see the fruits of others that received a revival in their souls as they are more faithful in their service to God and the Church. Our Revival spirit has not ceased but others are seeking God in our weekly services to deepen their lives in Him. God did send us a REAL REVIVAL and for this our thanks will never cease. Continue to pray with us that we might see a spiritual growth among all our people.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

Work is progressing nicely on the building program. The brick work is finished and much of the inside work has been completed. The church was recently blessed with a very good Revival held by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cooper. Three souls were saved, and all the church was drawn closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Bill Cornell, reporter
O. A. Busch, pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

Surely the Lord has been good to us to give us one of the best Revivals in many years with Bro. and Sis. Geo. Palvado as the evangelists. We know that two or more were saved, and several sanctified

and six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Besides all of this the Lord opened the eyes of many to the glory that the Lord could bestow, and to be alert to the pauky tricks of the enemy of our souls. There is great unity among the believers and such freedom in worship. Indeed we can say, "Thank you, Jesus," and how blessed it is for brethren to dwell together under the watchful eye of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Come worship with us.

Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz, pastors

NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—

Since accepting the pastoral duties the first Sunday in October we have been very encouraged by the progress that has been made here and the way that the Lord continues to deal with individuals.

We are now in the process of building a parsonage and making improvements on the church building.

There are several good prospects here in Nettlesboro, and with the Lord's continued blessings the church has a bright future here.

Dennis Huff, pastor

GRANBY, MISSOURI—

We enjoyed a good Revival in September with Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick. The church is still progressing in the things of the Lord. Bro. Billy Patterson is in charge of our young people's services on Sunday evening and the attendance has been very good with 20 to 25 each evening. The young people's class is the largest class in our Sunday School now and we are very proud of them. Several

young people from the Bible school have been with us recently to help in our services. Our average attendance in Sunday School for the past year is 98.

Earl Morgan, pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

Our church enjoyed a Revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker during the month of September. The messages were outstanding and made us more aware of the day in which we are living. Crowds were not as good as we would have liked; nevertheless some deepened their lives in the Lord and gained ground on which to stand. Recently we have enjoyed having Rev. and Mrs. Bob Cooper by for a service. During the Blythe-Sellers reunion we were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Hap Blythe. Those who come by are always a blessing and encouragement to us.

Sermon and Louise Sutton, pastors

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH LOGAN, TEXAS—

Our church will begin a Revival October 31st with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon. We are praying for a harvest of souls. We know God has the blessings in store for us if we will wait before Him. Pray for our church that all will be done to God's will.

We will be glad to have our Bible School students home for a few days during their vacation. There are wonderful reports coming from our young people there. We are so glad we have such a school for people to enjoy.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

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PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

We were so very happy to receive the last issue of the paper. We look forward to it coming each month and it is a real blessing to us.

The presence of the Lord has been very precious in our services lately and we do praise Him for all He's been unto us. Bro. and Sis. Jerome Crowhurst were with us for mid-week prayer services recently and we appreciated them being with us so much.

The parsonage is almost completed and we hope to be moved in by Nov. 1st. We do thank God for allowing us to see the parsonage completed.

We desire each of your prayers for our labors here. We need the guidance of the Lord as we labor for Him.

Jim Arnall, pastor

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord's blessings have been good and our services especially good of late. We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. James Hosler with us Sunday evening, Oct. 10th. Bro. Hosler preached an inspiring message on the "assurance in the Lord" which we have and truly it is marvelous to dwell in that assurance!

Our Sunday School attendance has been running in the high 40's to middle 50's. We are happy with that but not satisfied because we know there are several hundred people in our city that don't attend church at all. Pray with us that the Lord will grant a real Revival in our church before long.

Lowell Long, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLAHOMA—

Faith Country Church in Shattuck, Oklahoma was blessed with a 2½ week Revival with Rev. Roy Wooster recently. Much was accomplished. Since that time attendance has been on the increase. Last Sunday (Oct. 3rd) we had 27 in Sunday School. We are hoping to get in the thirties before long. Pray for our new work here.

L. J. Ehrlich, pastor

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

The Lord has richly blessed in

our services the past few weeks. We have enjoyed the ministry of some visiting ministers. Mrs. E. A. Greever was with us for a Sunday morning service. We enjoyed the message she brought and the good spirit that was present. The following Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Francis Dearing, who have just returned from Alaska, were with us. We enjoyed their ministry with us both in song and sermon.

We ask an interest in your prayers for our church that we may see both a spiritual increase and an increase in attendance.

Jack Cornell, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

November 3rd is the date our Revival with Jimmy Wallis begins. We request your prayers that God will send us a real Revival. We thank God for His many blessings He gives to each of us.

Robert Girourard, pastor

12 Inch Answer

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It must be clear to you concerning these scriptures, that you must have His Word hid in your heart from daily Bible reading and study so it (the Word of God) is there for the Holy Spirit to use.

To have this courage, you must die daily to sin, placing your life in God's hand for the day. As you awaken, commit the entire day to Him. Invite His gracious presence to be your day-long companion. Learn to rely on him when Satan tempts you, quietly breathing a prayer asking God for strength and courage. He will give it to you quickly as you call on Him. Put on the whole armour of God as found in Ephesians 6 that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. This is just as important for you to do as for the adults that you know. I found in my teenage life that when I prayed at church during the altar services, that I found strength when I had trials at school. Don't become careless about praying at church as well as home as when you go to the altar to pray, you are again testifying to your stand for Christ and

and thereby you receive additional strength from God.

Satan likes to urge people to act without thinking about the results. He knows the damage a harsh criticism can do, and he would like to spoil your Christian witness by getting you to make some chance remark that you would never have made if you had taken time to think about it.

Teen-agers in a crowd are sometimes tempted to act against their better judgment too. So if you find yourself in such a situation, where your conscience tells you to refrain, **make yourself stop** and think about the consequences. Is a moment of excitement worth the regret that will follow? **No!!!** And it is just such impetuous acts that cause teen-agers to transgress the will of God. You will be a thousand times better off if you will discipline yourself to stop and think about the outcome of your plans. Hasty actions will bring a great many more heartaches than carefully decided steps.

Each time you say "No" to a temptation to attend a movie, dance, or do something you know hinders your Christian testimony, it is that much easier to say "No" the next time. As a young high school girl said, "it's much easier now as they are beginning to realize that I meant what I said and what I will do and won't do. They don't ask anymore and they don't tell me dirty jokes now so I don't have to say "no" on the same things".

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves toward the goal to true maturity". Romans 12:2. Phillips.

GEM OF TRUTH

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the Saviour of his knowledge by us in every place."
II Cor. 2:14

FAITH STUDENT CENTER

Student life is buzzing around the West Texas State Campus. We hope to report to you monthly to inform all the readers of the Report on activities at WTSU and Faith Student Center.

First let me mention that our new youth directors are Rene and Margaret Heil. They are hard working witnesses for the Lord. This is the desire of all of us who attend the Center.

We have vespers every Tuesday night. This is a short devotion period to inspire and encourage young people to live a Christian life. We are striving to increase the

number of attendance to our youth group.

We have elected officers to serve the Center this semester. They are Nolan Brown, Follett, junior, president; Pauline Batt, Logan, junior, vice-president; and Janie Fisher, Canyon, freshman, secretary-treasurer.

We have set up a 'Whing Ding' after each home ballgame. The purpose of these are to provide Christian fellowship and entertainment to those desiring it.

Our group had a bake sale to earn money to sponsor these 'Whing Dings' and car washes are planned for the near future.

Members of the student Center

make up the Youth Choir directed by Rita Conn and sing special numbers every Sunday night. The young people also take charge of some of the Sunday night services for Marcus Adair, Pastor.

The Student Center is open to all young people who wish to study, play ping pong, or other games.

Our main purpose is to witness for Christ on Campus and to live a life that is rewarding because we know our lives are being watched constantly. We would ask all of you who would to please remember us in their prayers, as well as our pastor and youth director.

Sincerely, Faith Student Center
Janie Fisher, secretary

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