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New Chapel Dedicated

On Sunday afternoon, December 31, 1950, the new chapel of the Apostolic Bible School was dedicated unto God. A large crowd attended the dedication — all seats were occupied and several people were standing.

Ben Barker, chairman of the board of directors of the Apostolic Bible School, was master of ceremonies.

Congregational singing was directed by Albert L. Durham with Grace LaMunyon and Wilbur D. Fullbright at the two pianos. Songs included "Faith of Our Fathers," "Amazing Grace," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The convocation chorus sang two numbers, "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Bless This House of God." These numbers were arranged and directed by Wilbur D. Fullbright, accompanied by Grace LaMunyon.

The dedication message was given by Rev. Roy Wooster of Alvin, Texas. Rev. Floyd LaMunyon offered the dedicatory prayer.

J. M. Scott anointed the door at the entrance of the chapel, and Rev. Charles Mahan offered prayer. Otis Wade anointed the door at the rear of the building, and Rev. John Modrick offered prayer.

The board of directors of the Apostolic Bible School announced that the \$45,000 structure was free of debt. The chapel was built by free-will offerings and practically all of the labor was donated.

The people of the Apostolic Faith are very grateful to God and the board of directors for the lovely chapel. It is a landmark of faith!



On January 14, I began a revival campaign in Stockton, California. The Lord has been blessing in a special way, and there has been great revival spirit in the church. The week before I arrived in California, five souls were saved in the church prayer meetings.

The campaign has been advertised by press and radio. Many new people have been coming, and more seats have been added to the church. Eleven souls have been saved in the meetings, and the entire church is being revived.

The Brocks are to be commended for their work in the Stockton church. They are laboring faithfully, and they are winning many souls to Christ through personal evangelism. May God bless their untiring efforts.

I have received hundreds of requests for copies of the last issue of THE APOSTOLIC FAITH from people of all churches and faiths. Requests have come from all over the world asking additional information concerning the Apostolic Faith Movement and Bible School. I am considering publishing a special souvenir edition of THE APOSTOLIC FAITH in the near fu-

ture. The special edition will include the Dec. - Jan. issue and additional information concerning the Apostolic Bible School and the Apostolic Faith Movement. This special edition will be published as God supplies the need. I am very anxious to meet the demand for this special edition. Pentecostal movements of the world are now recognizing the outpouring of the Latter Rain in 1900 under the ministry of Chas. F. Parham. Please make this "Special Edition" a matter of prayer.

You can't take your money to heaven with you, but you can send it on ahead.

"He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

I WILL BE WITH THEE

When through the deep water
I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee
overflow;
For I will be with thee thy
trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy
deepest distress.

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PRAYER LIST

Your prayer request will receive personal attention. Blest and anointed handkerchiefs will be sent on request. Whatever your need may be, trust in God. He is ready to hear and answer prayer for you.

Mrs. C. Shepherd
H. L. Watkins
Mrs. Tommie Jeffries
Joy Jeffries

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned Godward. — Phillips Brooks.

PRAYER is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan. — Bunyan.

HELL is truth seen too late.
—Adam.

FAITH is the soul riding at anchor.
—H. W. Shaw.

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In Non-Essentials, Liberty;

In All Things, Charity.

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Water Baptism

Robert Girouard

The question is sometimes asked, "Is water baptism essential to salvation?" Our answer is yes; it is necessary to obey the Lord in order to be saved. The scriptures declare that "he is the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Jesus himself came to be baptized of John. But John, feeling that he was in the presence of a superior, said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and cometh thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus had never committed any sins, never at any time had he displeased God, but he felt that it was fulfilling righteousness to submit to water baptism. This act on Jesus' part brought forth a public expression of approval from God. Likewise today the Lord blesses those who are obedient to Him. The writer of this article is personally acquainted with a lady who some years ago was in need of healing but was unable to exercise faith for her deliverance. In questioning her, the evangelist to whom she came for help, discovered that although she had been saved for several years she had not been baptized in water. She was told by the evangelist that in order to obtain the blessings of the Lord, one must keep his commandments. When she obeyed the commandment to be baptized in water, the Lord healed her body.

In the days of the apostles,

water baptism was taught wherever the gospel was preached, and when people repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus, there was no delay in administering baptism. However we do not believe the Bible teaches that water baptism is a prerequisite to receive the forgiveness of sins. The household of Cornelius was saved, cleansed, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit before it was baptized in water. But we must not overlook the fact that the question



of water baptism was immediately brought up, even though these people had received their Spirit Baptism. It was not a question of being baptized in water in order to receive forgiveness of sins. This they had already received, as all do who truly repent of their sins and fully trust in Jesus. But there was still the commandment to be obeyed. When the Philippian jailor asked what he must do to be saved, he was told to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Faith or a personal trust in Jesus was the prime essential but the plan of salvation was fully explained to him and he was baptized that night, not in order to receive the for-

giveness of his sins, but because he had already believed or trusted in Jesus.

We must not make the mistake of believing that all that Peter preached in his sermon on the day of Pentecost has been recorded, or all that Paul preached to the Philippian jailor is in the Bible. A careful reading of what is said in each instance will lead us to understand that we are given only a synopsis of each message. The synopsis of the sermon that Peter preached on the day of Pentecost says little or nothing concerning faith as being essential to salvation, but we may be sure that Peter would not leave out of his message so important a condition to right relationship with God. Peter told Cornelius at Caesarea that "whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Did Peter, on the day of Pentecost, tell the people that they must be baptized in water in order to receive the remission of their sins? Some people believe that he did, but we do not. We do not believe Peter would contradict himself in his teaching concerning the place of water baptism in the plan of salvation. It is true Peter tells us that baptism saves us. We believe that. But remember, he tells us we are saved, figuratively (not actually) by water baptism. We believe that also. He tells us that water baptism does not put away our sins — the filth of the flesh he calls them — but is the answer of a good conscience toward God. I Peter 3:20, 21. Peter in his epistle makes it unmistakably clear that water baptism is the outward sign of an inward grace, and is not a condition to receive the forgiveness of sins. What did he mean then on the day of Pentecost when he said, "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins?" We believe he meant what he said, but he did not say what many people think he

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