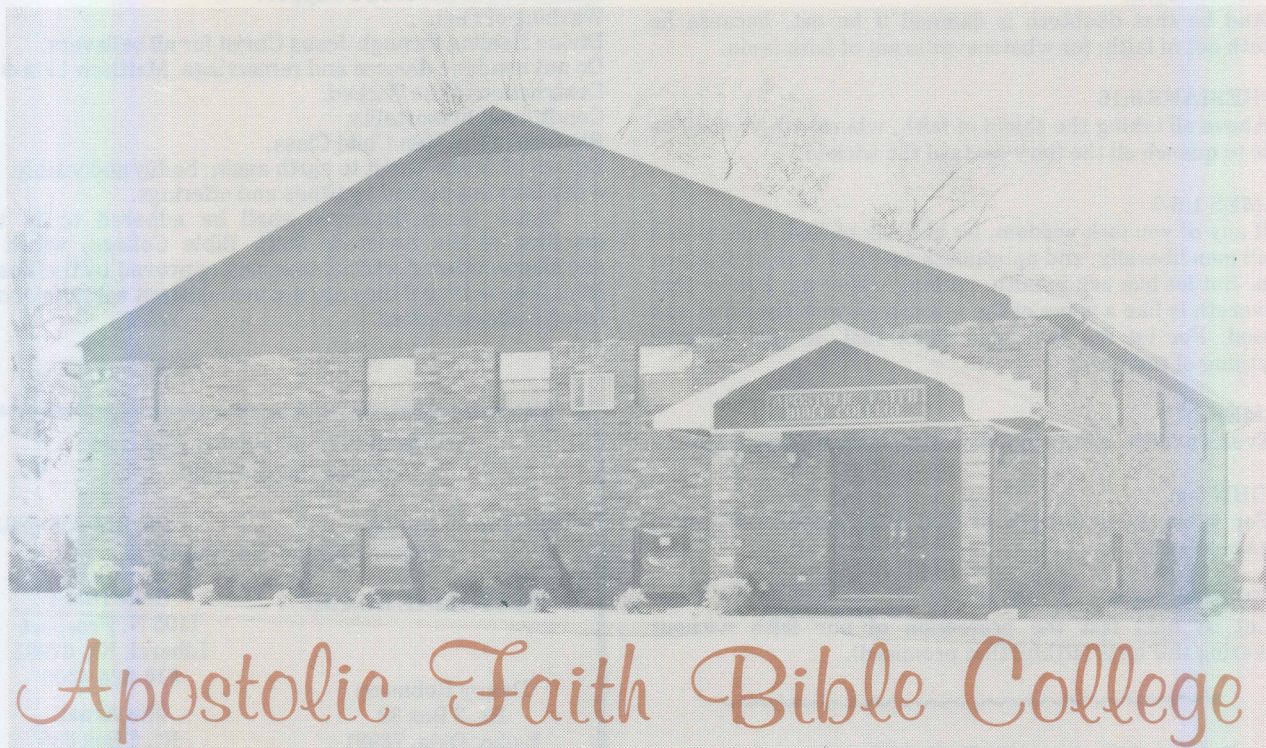


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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

FAITH

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

ROMANS 10:17

So the faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 14:23

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

EPHESIANS 6:16

Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

JAMES 1:5-7

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

JAMES 2:17

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

I JOHN 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, even our faith.

HEBREWS 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised).

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one

another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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VICTORY

By Mrs. Elma Alicia Greever

We hear Jesus paid it all. He certainly did by his suffering and death on the cross that we as creatures of dust, by repenting with a godly sorrow for the many sins that we have committed, can have peace with God. Then by a surrender of spirit, soul and body to his will we receive that Jesus gave himself for a people making a Holy Church, a born again experience set apart or sanctified by his blood. A new creature in Christ Jesus, saved and sanctified. In the world but no longer a part of it.

Oh the joy and peace that is ours when our sins are forgiven and our lives are cleansed from the carnal nature in which we were born. This making us ready for the battle for the life that is now and that is to come (Eternal). And if we feel we will make it on flowery beds of ease the scriptures have not been revealed unto us.

Study the story of our Fathers, the Old Testament prophets, the Apostles of the early church age and our dear Saviour that we may know that ahead of us in the race for immortality, eternal life.

Marvel not that the world hate you. I John 3:13

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. John 15:18

All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution II Timothy 2:12

If we suffer we shall also reign with him. II Timothy 3:12

Dear friends let us remember or reckon through all of our trials, sufferings, persecutions and such in body, soul and spirit of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 find as a servant trials and severe testings befall us, and the word says the disciple is not above his master nor the servant above his Lord. Matthew 10:24

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master and the servant as his Lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub how much more shall they call them of his household? Matthew 10:25. Hear the promise of the Lord by Isaiah chapter 40 verses 30:31. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint. We soar above all that may come our way. For the joy that is ahead of us we endure our cross and despise the shame as did our Lord and Saviour. II Thess. 3:13 But ye brethren be not weary in well doing. Heb. 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. We wait for orders from the Lord. We wait for his deliverance so often needed. And we are waiting for his shout when he returns for us. What a day that will be!

Now some questions. When trials, sufferings or persecutions come our way how long do we wait for his relief! When sickness or demon forces he permits Satan to inflict lays us low how long how long do we wait for deliverance? To be sure until he knows we have fully stood the test and can say as Job, "Though he slay me yet will I trust in him." Job 13:15

Please now may I give some of my experiences. The last half of the 1980 year and two months of 1981 I had a severe test of spirit, soul and body, also mind. I have fully trusted the Lord since he sanctified me and this was a long wait but

by his grace I did not become weary because of his promise. He set me free. Faith was the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 Of late I had a real tormenting skin trouble on my hand that has lasted for weeks. One night in a conversation with my Lord I said dear Lord you could deliver me right now and continued by saying and Lord to be honest with you I would be glad if you would. Well he didn't, but as a song I have heard, "Heaven came and glory filled my soul" and for some time my cup ran over with joy. I was made to know he was with me.

And now you will read of an experience that means more to me than the wealth of the world.

A PROMISE

My dear child you are made of clay
So bravely walk with me each day.
I have bought you with my blood
All your problems I now know
So while on this earth below
Completely put your trust in me,
Day and night my eyes are ever o'er thee
My ears are ever open to your cry
For I have bought you with my blood
Your every need I will supply
On my Word you can rely.
Never doubt, my promises never fail.
You are weak but I am strong
And to me you now belong.
Your life is covered with my blood
For soul, spirit and body I'll supply
We'll walk together, you and I
Every passing day, yea forevermore.

An explanation:

Every morning when waking my thanks goes out to the Lord for keeping me through the night and we visit together for awhile. On Tuesday morning Nov. 23, 1982, our friendship to me was somewhat special so I wanted to write it down that I might tell others and this is what you've read.

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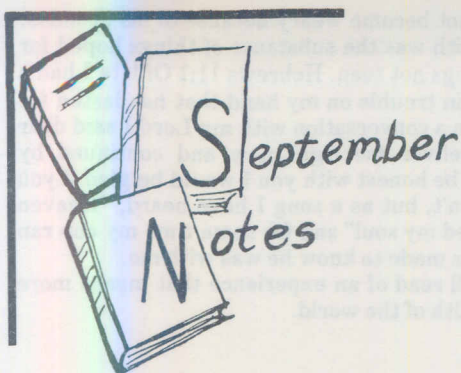
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Tapes Available

Tapes are available of the music and preaching of Camp Meeting 1983. If you are interested in these please contact; Rev. Eugene Webster, Box 68; Hudson, Wyoming 82515; Phone: 307-332-2609.

If any tapes that have been purchased are faulty they will be replaced by contacting Brother Webster.

Thank you Brother Webster for taking of your time to do this great work.



Midway Country Church

Just want to say Praise the Lord for our little Church and for our Pastors, Bro. and Sister Taylor that are consecrated to the work of the Lord, and they are going to be with us another year.

The Lord has been blessing in some Bible lessons that Bro. Bob has been giving us on Wednesday nights, as well as good Services on Sunday morning and night.

Bro. and Sister Taylor went to the Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs, as well as some others of our Church family. We missed them all from our Services. Bro. and Sister Lowell Long had our Wednesday night Service, and it was a real blessing. Thanks to Bro. and Sister Long. Come back and see us anytime you can.

Sunday morning while our Pastors are in Baxter Springs, Bro. Leonard Elston and Bro. Ezra Simpson had our morning Service, and then sister Georgia Bridges had the Sunday night Services. They are very capable lay members, and very willing workers for the work of the Lord.

God has been so good to us in everything, we can't begin to Praise Him enough. Just want to say a big Thank you Lord for all.

Pastors,
Bob and Hazel Taylor

Joplin, Mo.

The Original Apostolic Faith Church of Joplin, Mo., invites ministers and laymen of the Apostolic Movement to come worship and visit with us when you are in our area. You are welcome to our services anytime. Bro. Onal Nunn has been conducting Sunday services and Bro. Paul Clanton has the Wednesday night services. We appreciate these men and their wives helping us out until we can obtain a pastor. So you pray with us that the Lord will send us a pastor. This church was established some 30 years ago and we continue to preach the doctrine of the Apostolic Movement. Come by and worship with us.

Yours in Christ,
Congregation and Trustees of the Original Apostolic Church

Spearman, Texas

Greetings in the name of the Lord! Things in Spearman are about the same as always and the Lord is good to us. The first Sunday in June, Bro. Jake Regier filled in for us, giving us the privilege to see one nephew get married and another nephew graduate as a Dr. of Medicine. On June 12 Bro. Howard Whiteley began a revival for us and he preached the word each service. We really appreciated Bro.

Howard's willingness to use a weeks vacation from his job to be with us. Bro. Howard's family and some of his in-laws were with us for Father's Day and last weekend of the revival. The church was blessed and encouraged during revival. In July the services were good but uneventful. After being ask by Benny and Leola Bushman to help them cook at Camp Meeting I began to make plans to go and help. God blessed us for doing what we could for Him.

Speaking of the Bushmans, they have answered the call of the Lord to cook for Bible School this year and we will miss them while they are gone. However the Spearman Church will be praying for them while they are obeying the Lord.

As we feel that it is God's will for us to stay at Spearman for another year our address will be the same as last year. We invite the ministers and workers to come by and visit us whenever you can.

Yours in His Service,
Pastors Lealand and Edna Lee Grimmer

Kingman, Kan.

The Lord has been gracious to the people of Kingman. We are happy to welcome a little newcomer, Christopher, born to Rick and Nyla Myers.

We are burdened that we might see the birth of spiritual babes in the Lord. We are praying for a revival.

We are thankful that needed repairs on our church are gradually being accomplished. If only God's people could see the palce where we need to allow the Lord to "repair" our spiritual lives that we may bring glory to His name.

Pastors,
Bro. Mike and Peggy Brening

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP

Greetings from the South Summer Youth Camp of Pine Crest, MS. We are exceedingly proud to announce the enrollment of 73 with all dorms and cabins filled to capacity. There was record attendance each night for the campmeeting style services.

Our evening service speakers included Bro. Jim Arnall, Bro. Jim Boyd, Bro. Marvin Boyd, Bro. Johnny Scruggs, and Bro. Leon Smith.

In Christ we are rejoicing over the fact that 41 people were saved and 35 were baptized. Our choir was directed by Bro. Leon Smith of Fayetteville, Ark.

Each class and rally was of excellent quality because of the superb dedication of the camp staff, personnel, and the churches.

And as usual, we praise God that He provided abundantly for each meal which was served. Our head cooks were Mrs. Evon Lambert and Mrs. Bessie Morgan. We wish to THANK EVERYONE for the hard work and faithfulness which was given unto the camp and God.

Much hard work, preparation, and maintainence has gone into the campgrounds and facilities since February. The first Saturday of each month was set aside for a work day. This was well attended by both men and women of the local churches which has resulted in many projects being completed.

Several of these projects include: 36 beds purchased for the boys dorm; pouring of cement in boys dorm for the floor; a new boys bathroom; new siding for the girls dorm; new roofing for the little girls dorm; rewired approximately half

of the camp; updated the kitchen's power supply; and each building on the grounds received a fresh coat of paint.

All bills are in and paid in full. We PRAISE GOD for a balance that will enable us to do much further improving of our campground by next year.

We THANK GOD for our camp facilities here in the Southlands and we would like to extend invitations to our brothers and sisters in Christ to visit us. We would like to also thank those who support us financially and prayerfully.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to our committee members: Bro. Frank Arnall, Sis. Myrtle Carney, and the chairman, Bro. Earl Morgan, for the labor of love which has been given through you. May God richly and abundantly bless you.

Our camp committee and board of trustees says "Thank You!"

Earl Morgan, camp chairman, 1983
Donna Pearson, reporter

OPEN FOR CALLS:

Since Oct. 1, 1982 I have been working with Missions to Mexico in Raynosa, Mexico, and other parts of Central America.

I feel it to be the will of the Lord to be open for Bible Lessons and Revivals for this next year. Write me at: 4914 Leigh Ave. Amarillo, Texas, 79110, or call 806-358-3444.

Love and Prayers
Winston J. Barker

PASTOR NEEDED

Bro. Elmer Christensen has announced his resignation as of Camp meeting as pastor of The Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church at Galena. The Board would like to ask our Ministers who are moving at this time to pray about this with us. We desire that The Lord will send the right one for our church. You may contact our Church Board by either calling or writing to them. Herbert Toppings, 1714 Galena Ave., ph. 783-5340. Wayne Collins, 2114 Galena Ave., ph. 783-2342 or Rev. Ted Jackson, 1524 Galena Ave., ph. 783-5389. All at Galena, Kansas, 66739.



Mr. & Mrs. Brad Busch of R. 3, Grove, Okla., announce the birth of their first child Amy Diane on August 2, 1983. Amy weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ray Walton of Riverton, Ks. Paternal grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. O.A. Busch of Baxter Springs, Ks.

Rick and Nyla Myers of Murdock, Kans., announce the joyous birth of their second child, Christopher Joel. Christopher arrived July 3, 1983, at 4:19 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and measured 18 and one-half inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith of Englewood, Kans., and Barbara Myers of Galena, Kans. Christopher has an older brother, Jeremy.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

A silver wedding reception was held on June 5, 1983, for Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes at their home on route 4, Joplin, Mo. Their daughters Carla Wilson, Tammy Oakes, Lisa Dorris, Valerie Oakes and Vanessa Oakes were the hostesses.

The reception table was decorated with a three-tiered cake baked by Mrs. Vivian Bard of Joplin, a floral arrangement and pictures of their wedding. The cake was cut with a Japanese samari sword which was also used at their wedding reception. Tony Bartel and Donna Kinser served at the table.

Many friends and relatives came to be with Dennie and Karen on this very special occasion.

JIMMY COOK OBITUARY

Jimmy Dale Cook was born April 29, 1947, to Ora and Ena Cook at Anderson, Missouri. He departed this life on July 3, 1983, at the age of 36 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Jim was married to Dorothy Kinser on November 24, 1975, at Miami, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ora and Ena, and one infant brother.

Jimmy Dale is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of the home; his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinser of Laverne, Oklahoma; five brothers, Darrell of Mansfield, Texas, and Jody, Jerry, Larry and Floyd, all of Anderson; and one sister, Dixie Taylor of Anderson. Also included in those who loved and cared for him are a host of church family, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Written on July 5, 1983, in memory of my darling husband: JIMMY DALE COOK, April 29, 1947 - July 3, 1983.

Just for a moment
As brief as it may be,
I write from my heart
What this man was to me.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS

by
Dorothy
Cook

Not so tall in stature
Or so big in frame,
But, because he filled my life
I'll never be the same.

To recall all the memories
Would take more than time can give,
But, never more than I'll remember
As long as I shall live.

So thoughtful, loving, kind and gentle
Are the things first on my mind,
Then I quickly go to other things
That only God will find.

Life was short and sometimes rough
Yet there always were those times,
They filled our days with hope and love
That rang like heavens chimes.

Trials, yes, we had our share
Sometimes few and sometimes many,
But, right at this moment dear
If I tried, I couldn't think of any.

To borrow from the words you said
And told me tenderly,
Regardless of what this life brings
You'll always be a part of me.

From the Superintendent's Desk



Greetings from the opening of the Fall 1983 term of Bible College. Monday August 22 was our day of enrollment and setting the wheels of activities in motion.

On our opening day of school we began with 28 students. This is an increase of 10 over last semester. They all seem excited and eager to study the Word of God. I believe the Lord has sent us the cream of the crop as I look this group over. We of the faculty believe they will be a group we will enjoy working with. Please keep this student body in your daily prayers.

The faculty send their greetings to you and ask also for your prayers. We need the wisdom of God to instruct His Word. As Superintendent of the school I deeply appreciate the people who have come to work with us in this term of school. They too are the cream off the top. Many have made great sacrifices in order to be here. Please remember they are worthy of your faithful monthly support.

We have opened school and the usual expenses are under way. I remind you to stand with us in prayerful support of the needs here.

My thanks to all who remembered us through the slow summer months. We couldn't have made it without you. God bless and repay you.

We are doing our best to move all classes and activities into our new building. This will help shut off some big utility bills of the Chapel building. When you come to visit don't come to the Chapel, you won't find us in our old classroom. We will be found in our lovely new building. Praise the Lord!

JACK CORNELL
SUPERINTENDENT

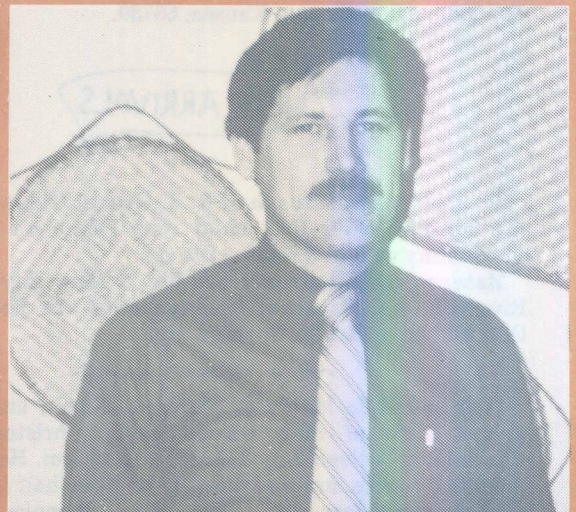
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Tony Bartel-Dean of Women

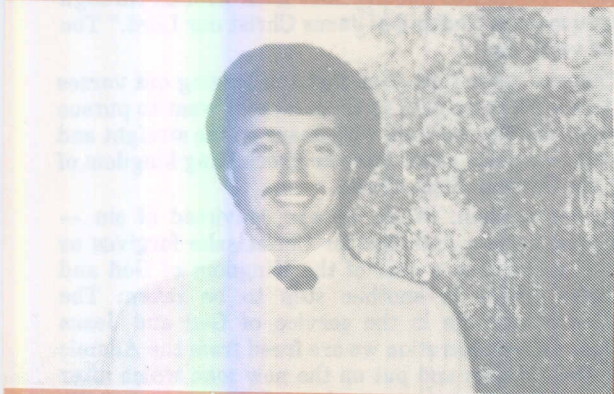


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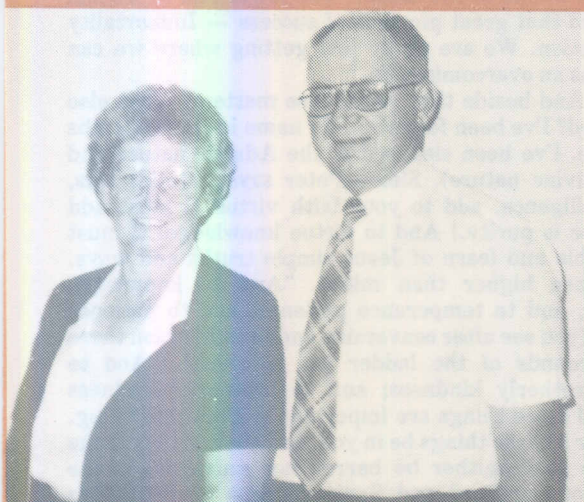
Danny Mac Robinson-Dean of Men



Naomi Busch-Evangelism



Donna Phelps-Nursery



Bushman's-Cooks



Janae Harris-Choir, Piano, Organ

WE TITHE

We tithe, primarily, not because we're supposed to, but because we joyfully want to.

We tithe not necessarily to help the church, but through sincere gratitude to God for entrusting us with the glorious privilege of life.

We tithe not to soothe our consciences, but because we have found that our relationship to God is much closer than it would otherwise be.

We tithe not to receive anything in return, but somehow we find that the law of sowing and reaping is a vital part of God's plan for abundant life.

We tithe not as an ultimate or final goal of our giving, but as another step, a springboard toward increasingly generous sharing of our God-given resources.

We tithe not because we are commanded to but because we are committed. We tithe because we can do no less.

We tithe because we have never seen a regretful tither or a remorseful tither.

We tithe because we have discovered that it is a great and creative adventure, and because its spiritual rewards are surprising, enriching, increasing, and unending.

—William Athur Ward in "Quote"

ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE

II Peter 1:1-(3)-11

By Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord,

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am considering a human life (your life and my life: any life) and our path into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First you must enter the door or gate into the straight and narrow way. Jesus is the door. He is the entrance to the straight and narrow way. Simon Peter wrote this epistle "To them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord." The last part of verse one.

Now I skip to verse four. Not that I'm leaving out verses two and three. I'll come back to them later. I want to pursue what we should do as we walk with Jesus on the straight and narrow way so we can enter into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Now let me explain. When we are convicted of sin — repent in true sorrow and God for Christ sake forgives us our sins — we become a part of the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ. There is another step to be taken: The consecration of our life in the service of God and Jesus Christ. Upon full consecration we are freed from the Adamic nature or the old man and put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph. 4:24. This allows us to live in the spirit while in this flesh. This is explained by Paul in Romans 8:1-15. Specifically verse 14 reads "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Although we can be in the kingdom of God now there will come a time when we shall enter into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in a literal and specific manner.

Here are some of the things Jesus purchased for us to help us live an overcoming life here in this present life. "Whereby are given unto us (the Sons of God not to everyone) exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, - (have you partaken of the divine nature?), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." We can be more like Jesus and less like ourselves and we will be better and the world will be better because we are more like Jesus and less like ourselves. We are born again. Endowed with the divine nature. True Sons

This does not bring us to the top of the ladder. It does bring us to the end of the ladder. The lower end so we can climb toward that great pinnacle of success — Immortality or in-corruption. We are really just getting where we can live for Jesus an overcoming life.

Verse 5 "And beside this, (what else matters? what else can be gained? I've been forgiven. My name is on the Lambs Book of Life. I've been cleansed of the Adamic nature and given the divine nature). Simon Peter says, "Beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue (I must add more. Virtue is purity.) And to virtue knowledge. (I must read the Bible and learn of Jesus simple truths and ways. His ways are higher than mine). "And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;" (you see after conversion and sanctification there are many rounds of the ladder yet to climb). "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." All these things are important to Christian living. Verse 8 "For if these things be in you, and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This doesn't say we will advance to great heights politically, socially or financially. We will be in high esteem in the

knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and He is to rule the world in righteousness. So we can be important in His Kingdom.

Back to verses 2 and 3. We can have grace and peace multiplied to us again through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. That is much better than if added by an eye dropper. Instead of one drop we get a cup full. Verse 3 is especially precious - "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

You see Jesus purchased a complete plan for the human - spirit, soul and body. Hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Praise God. How wonderful are His doings and His ways past finding out. I can live an overcoming life here on this earth through Jesus Christ my Lord.

By adding, as verses 5, 6, and 7 admonish, I can be assured that I can abound and not be barren and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us look at the other side - verse 9 "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." God always shows the possibility of the good and the bad. We have to choose.

The admonition again in verse 10. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure." I am persuaded more and more this is an individual race. You cannot run with the crowd unless there is a crowd running an individual race. Let us see in closing what is the reward to the overcomer.

"For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Pray for our Apostolic Faith Bible College

Secrets To A Better You

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think.
2. Make promises sparingly, but keep your promises faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to someone.
4. BE CHEERFUL. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a pleasant smile.
5. Keep an open mind on all issues. Discuss but don't argue. It is possible to disagree in a friendly way.
6. Let your virtues speak for themselves and refuse to talk about another person's vices. Make it a rule to say nothing unless it is something positive.
7. Be careful of other people's feelings.
8. Don't be too anxious about getting what you deserve. Do your work faithfully, and you will be respected and rewarded.
9. Go "In the name of the Lord" and He will reward you!

MY EARNEST PRAYER

By Frances Speicher

When I come to life's journies end,
And my bark sails beyond the bend.
I want Christ for my guide and stay,
To be with me all the way.

When I cross over Jordan's swelling tide,
I want Christ by my side.
I want Him to hold my hand, when I
Enter that blessed promised land.

That land where no sorrow ever comes,
Where no tears ever fall,
For Christ will be King and rule over all.
All will be peace and Eternal bliss
For Christ freely purchased for us all of this.
He is the author of peace for all mankind
With this he will fill our hungry hearts and minds.
He is the God of the universe, —
Yet He is mindful of the likes of us.
He loves us more than we can fathom
So, by faith we receive the promise given.
If we dare to believe His word, —
Our every prayer is always heard.

He is the master of all good deeds, —
He loves and cherishes us
When we answer His pleas.
He is faithful and true and will always stand by you.
Those He loves, He chastens still
Because He wants us in His perfect will.
The chastening comes because We are His.
So, — trust Him when shadows fall,
For His eyes are over all
He loves us, — loves us still.
So trust Him and do His perfect will.

Then when we come to life's journies end
And our bark sails beyond the rivers bend,
Christ will be our guide and stay,
And will be with us all the way,
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THE SABBATH

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The Sabbath was of divine institution and is shown to be so in scriptures where ceasing to create is called "resting." Let us read where it is first recorded of God resting. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He rested from all His work which God created and made." Genesis 2:3. Then we can turn to the New Testament where the writer of Hebrews, in 4:4, refers to the same scripture. The Sabbath though, as such, was instituted at the time of Moses when they were to gather manna from day to day. "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And He said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that which ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning. — And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a sabbath unto the Lord: today ye will not find it in the field." Exodus 16:22-25. This seems to be the first institution of the day, as one given to and to be kept by the children of Israel. Grotius gives the opinion that the day may have already been known and may have, in a measure, been kept as holy but that the rule to abstain from work was given then.

When God gave the ten commandments to Moses, the fourth one says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8. But to keep this commandment wholly unto God the people of Israel had to also look at other parts of the law. Exodus 31:15 says, "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, shall surely be put to death." Then we read in Exodus 35:3 that no fire could be kindled. This would mean no fire for cooking on the day of rest. Acts 1:12 records the words "a sabbath day's journey." Though the distance is not called by that title in the Old Testament but it was approximately three-fifths of a mile. It is supposed to have been founded on the command, "See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." Exodus 16:29. The measure of distance was fixed by the Jewish legislators at 2,000 cubits; supposed to have been suggested by the space between the people and the ark of God. "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests and the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: —" Joshua 3:3-4. When we put all of this together we understand that keeping the seventh day was more than just keeping a day of rest and worship but they must also keep the restrictions that went with that commandment. In Galatians 5:3 Paul says, "For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law." Paul has repeatedly told them that anyone taking up any part of the law (in this case it was the circumcision) is obligated to keep all the law.

Galatians 3:10 reads, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Here Paul is pointing to the limitations of the law. In this verse the emphasis is not in doing or keeping the law but is in the essence of legalism. A person who keeps the law is a product of that law and his character comes out of his obedience to the law by which he lives. But no law can save a person's soul. No one is justified by law. Paul said as he continues in Galatians 3:11-14, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." The way of the law and the way of faith are direct opposites. There is no middle ground. A person lives by one or the other and cannot combine the two. We read again in Galatians 3:24-25, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." The term schoolmaster really means custodian or guide and referred to the man, usually a slave, whose duty it was to conduct a boy to and from school and to superintend his conduct in general while the boy was in his custody. He was not a teacher. Paul describes a person under the law as that of a minor child under the supervision of a slave attendant.

When Jesus came no doubt many of His hearers thought He was revolutionary in His teaching and perhaps they may have been like the Epicureans when they wanted to hear the new doctrine Paul was preaching, Acts 17:18-21. But Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17. In this very meaningful declaration Jesus indicated His relationship to the Old Testament. He was to fulfill all its commands, its promises, its prophecies and its symbols. What happened to the law? Jesus did not destroy nor violate it nor did He come to dissolve the connecting reference to the good things it promised. But He came to complete or fill it up. In itself it was only a shadow and He added to it that which was necessary to make it perfect by giving Himself, the perfect sacrifice, without which the law could neither satisfy God or sanctify man. That was the beginning of the new covenant. The writer of Hebrews refers to the prophecy in Jeremiah 31:31-33 when he writes, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws in their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." Hebrews 8:10.

In Jesus' completion of the Mosaic law and bringing into effect the grace dispensation, many things had to be amended, or changed. The Jews supposed their access to God through the temple worship was the high-water mark of possibilities. But the writer of Hebrews says, "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar." God made the Aaronic priesthood

obsolete or out-dated the system of the law by which the Aaronic priesthood received its authority. Throughout the book of Hebrews we find comparisons between the Mosaic law and the dispensation under the law of grace. The new covenant brings that reformation of something better, a new and living way.

Now that we have seen that the keeping of the sabbath belonged to the Mosaic law also that the coming of Jesus fulfilled that law, let us look at that fulfillment. We all know the story of the first passover. It was a tremendous event which will be remembered for all time. The blood of a lamb sprinkled on the door posts of the houses of the Israelites was a sign for the death angel to see and pass over their houses. This offering of a lamb was to become an annual event as a reminder of their great deliverance, not only from the death of their first born that night but also of their deliverance from Egypt. Only in Christ could this ordinance be truly fulfilled. Leviticus 17:11 says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Then in Hebrews 9:22 we read, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." But we need also to read Hebrews 10:3-9, "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said He, Lo I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second."

Since God first made the promise of a Saviour to Adam and Eve He had been preparing the way for that Saviour to come. Then He sent John the Baptist "preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" Luke 3:3. One day as He was preaching he saw Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29b. After Jesus preached for three and one-half years, He was nearing the time when He must be crucified to complete that plan made so many years ago for a Saviour for mankind.

It was time for the preparation of the passover and, "The first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, unto Him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And He said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. Now when the even was come, He sat down with the twelve. — And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, take, eat; this is my body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:17-20, 26-28. At this time Jesus instituted the ordinance which we call the Communion. It takes the place of the passover. After Jesus had this first Communion service with His disciples, and after that night of trial first before the sanhedrin and

priests, then before Pilate, they led Him away to be crucified. The only Lamb of God hung on the cross during the time the priests were killing the sacrificial lambs. When His suffering for the redemption of man was completed Jesus said, "It is finished." John 19:30. God's plan for the salvation of man was completed. Man had not only been created by God but he has now been purchased by the blood of the Lamb of God. When Jesus said, "It is finished," He was not only meaning the completion of His suffering but He also completed the dispensation of the Mosaic law and the law of grace had come.

Then came the resurrection and the hope of life beyond the grave. Jesus had said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25. Then later when talking to his disciples He said, "—because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19c. But through all the sorrow and disappointment at the time of Jesus' death and burial, His followers failed to remember these promises. "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments; and as they were afraid and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." Luke 24:1-6a. All four of the Gospels give this same account and all say it was the morning of the first day of the week. Imagine the joy among His followers as "He lives" was quickly told among them. It was a day never to be forgotten. The natural thing to do was to declare it "The Lord's Day" and make it a holy day. The early church fathers did just that. This day of grace marks the beginning of the week with a day of privilege, whereas the Sabbath came at the end of the week of labor, an order expected under the law.

Because of the privilege we have to serve a resurrected Christ, we give Him first place in our thoughts, our worship, our lives and our time by not holding to the last day of the week but giving Him the first day. The sabbath under the law has been replaced by the first day of the week by our Lord's resurrection.

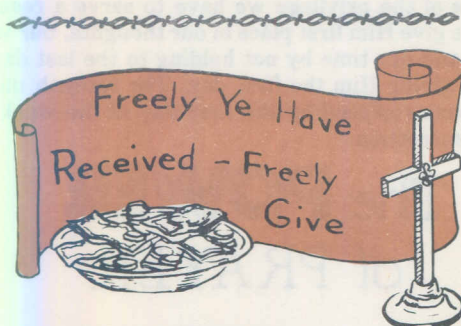
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