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Apostolic Faith

Report



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Peace in the Storm

A few weeks ago our eleven month old grandson, Brady, was in the hospital with pneumonia. At the same time our daughter, Tammy, was in the hospital about 120 miles away with complications in her pregnancy. We had been praying for months about her problems and now it seemed things were getting worse. On Sunday morning I went to the hospital to stay with Brady. The Dr. had placed him under a mist tent to help break up the pneumonia and he sure didn't like to be in it. He was so scared, yet he needed to be in it as much as possible. I was having trouble convincing him that it was okay to be in there, so I decided that I would just get under that tent with him and we would play with his toys. I kept telling him it was okay, and while we played he was getting the treatment he needed. While I was playing with Brady the Lord spoke to my heart and said that he would be in the midst of our trial and worries just like I was with Brady. He gave assurance that he'd be with us all the way and told me not to be afraid of what things looked like. He reminded me that the three Hebrew children went into the fire- not around it- and he was with them. They came out conquerors and victors because they stood firm and faithful.

Every one of us have problems we face and we don't know the outcome but we know one thing; God will not fail us nor forsake us if we are faithful to Him.

Brady is home now and acting just like any normal healthy boy his age should act. Tammy and Joel have their new son who is perfect and healthy and God has again proved himself faithful and true.

Praise be to God who still answers prayer and calms our fears, giving peace that this world cannot take away.

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He maketh the storm
a calm, so that the
waves thereof are still.
Psalms 107:29

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. These 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.

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

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3:15

The Peace of God

by Viola Venters

Many times we have heard, also quoted...the scripture found in Phil. 4:7. "The PEACE of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." K.J. Version, What does this verse actually mean? "The Peace of God that passeth all understanding?"

Let us consider the word PEACE and what it means. Do not we Christians want that peace which will harmonize relationships between God and man? Also that sense of rest and...contentment, the absence of war, freedom of mind from fear, anxiety etc.

There is a natural peace, and there is spiritual PEACE. The PEACE OF GOD that passes all understanding is that spiritual peace, only God can give it. We can be at peace with our neighbors in the natural, but should they do something against us, it takes the Peace that God gives for us to act in Love toward them. If we do not find that Peace within us, then we need to search our heart and soul and see if by chance there may be deep hurt, anger...malice etc within.

How do we obtain this Peace of God? That wholeness in Him? It does not come all in a moments time, it is a process.

Isa. 9:6 tells us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, He is our Wonderful Counselor, He is our Mighty God, The Everlasting Father. We must follow the instructions of our Lord, for He is our deliverer.

Let us talk about the wars within, for there is a struggle between the spirit and soul. You can read what Paul says about it in Romans 7. Our soul (mind) is what controls this flesh.

What I am saying is...the flesh is controlled, for the most part, by the mind rather than the spirit. After Christ comes into our hearts, He wants to guide us and help us to put on His nature. We find in Gal. 5:19-21 some of the...works of the flesh: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like. If we are practicing these...in our lives we cannot enter that first fruit Kingdom of God realm. Fullness in Him is Peace.

This Peace of God does not come all at once. The Lord may show us through a testing that if we lean on him, He will cleanse us from our evil thoughts and give us Love and Peace. If we keep that Peace we have, it will be easy for us to go through the next testing with victory. This will cause us to develop a Love that makes us Love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them which despitefully use us. Matt 5:44

While meditating on a testing of a brother and sister one day the Lord spoke to my spirit and told me there was Bread in the valley. In other words this brother and sister in Christ would receive bread, which is spiritual food, in this testing. This was Peace to me.

If we will listen to Jesus in the valley experiences we learn many beautiful Godly ways of his Peace and Love. He is teaching us how to subdue this flesh man and bring it in subjection...to the spirit man. When this is accomplished there will be rest from our own works and be willing to do what Jesus tells us. If we live after the flesh we shall die, but if we through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live. Romans 8:13.

How do we come into this Peace that passes all understanding? Yes, God's Word has the answer. Paul the apostle taught there is a goal in life. In Phil. 3:8 he said, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them rubbish in order that I may gain Christ." Then we go to the 20th and 21st verses. "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His Glory, by the exertion of the power He has even to subject all things to Himself." New American Standard Version. If our goal in life is to be transformed into His glorious Body, then the rubbish within us which wars against the spirit, will have to go, to have that Peace that passes all understanding. Be blessed and read Phil. 3rd Chpt.

In Phil. 4th chapter, Paul urges the brethren to help those that shared the struggle in the cause of the gospel and there were those he urged to live in harmony with the Lord. This will bring the Peace of God, for Peace is harmony with God and man.

It is easy to talk about the fleshly desires but another thing-to be cleansed from them. We must be honest in wanting to be rid... of all things that hinder our growth in Jesus. We must pray and believe that God can do anything. Phil. 4:6 tells us: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and... supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Then verse 7 says, "And the Peace of God which surpasses all comprehension (mind) shall guard your hearts (spirit) and your minds in Christ Jesus." () my adding to. N.A.S.

When we know there is rubbish in our minds which controls the flesh, then we must go to Jesus in prayer and supplication and don't forget with thanksgiving, letting Him know we want to be cleansed, He will guide us in deliverance. The Peace of God will come.

The way to keep that Peace is also found in this same chapter (Phil. 4) "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are HONEST, whatsoever things are JUST, whatsoever things are PURE, whatsoever things are LOVELY, whatsoever... things are of good REPORT; if there be any virtue, and if there be any Praise, think on these things." K.J.V. It is so necessary for us to keep our minds on the good things of life rather than seeing the evil. We can overcome evil with good. In fact Paul told the church at Rome, "Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good." Ro. 12:21.

We can do all things through Christ Jesus... which strengthenth us. Praise the Lord.

May we take the advice of Paul and DO that which we have learned, received, and heard, and the GOD OF PEACE SHALL BE WITH US.

Peace

With eager heart and will on fire,
I fought to win my great desire.
"PEACE SHALL BE MINE," I said;
but life
Grew bitter in the weary strife.
My soul was tired, and my pride
Was wounded deep: to Heaven I cried,
"God grant me Peace or I must die."
The dumb stars glittered no reply.

Broken at last, I bowed my head,
Forgetting all myself, and said,
"Whatever comes, His will be done,"
And in the moment PEACE was won.

Henry Van Dyke

A.F. REPORT

OCTOBER

Follett, Texas

Greetings from the Texas Panhandle! We have an abundance of rain, thanks to the good Lord.

We want you to know how much we enjoyed having camp meeting in our area this year. The Lord was with us and He gave us a deeper walk with Him.

The people of the Chapel and area churches worked hard but the joys in the Lord were worth it. The word of God was refreshing and an encouragement to us all.

Revived by Camp Meeting, the Chapel has been working to improve our mid-week services. Laymen are conducting the services and pairs are calling on and inviting others to meet with us. The lessons have been very good and enlightening. Our attendance, for the last two weeks, has grown.

The Bible says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart..Then in Jer. we find"-ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein..."

The Lord is guiding us into a deeper walk with Him, not only in our Wednesday night services but in Sunday services also. Praise His name!

Alberdine Wilhite, reported
Bro. M.D. Methvin, Pastor.

ASHLAND, ALABAMA

God has been blessing our church family and we are so thankful for his goodness. We had Parent Appreciation Day Sept. 7 and had 104 present in our worship service. Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Williamson had the largest number of their family present with 16 members there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Packer have added a new sound system and video room to our sanctuary and Hank videos each service to share with the shut-ins. This has been a great blessing and a helpful ministry.

Oct 1st we had our homecoming and singing. We are praying for revival soon. Remember us in your prayers and we are always delighted to have visitors in our services.

Bro. and Sis. Jim Arnall-Pastor

Galena, Kansas

Give ear to my prayer O, God, and hide not thyself from my supplication, Ps.55:1. Well, summer is over. It has been a very busy year so far at our church. A lot of work has been done and there is still more to do. God is still blessing in our services. The Holy Spirit has been convicting precious souls of fine men and women. Our young people have been very busy. They entertained the church family with a supper on Sept 13th. Sept. 7th we were glad to have J.C. Morrison and Todd Allen from the Bible College. Also in the night service Sis. Margaret Yeakle and Sis. Emma Bell Ashley of Wichita, Kansas were with us.

Remember our shutins and sick in prayer. We welcome our Christian friends to come by and visit and worship with us at any time.

Howard Whiteley-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

Hot Springs, AK

Greetings from Hot Springs, Ark,
and all the people of Soul's Harbor church:

Yes, we are new in the movement, but we are just pilgrams on our way home. And we have joined our self to a band of people traveling the same way, so we thank God for the Apostolic Faith Movement.

God's Spirit is real in these days of trouble and uncertainty. We are sure of this one thing-He is faithful and will not leave us or forsake us, but will come for us.

Please pray for the folks and Soul's Harbor that we will continue in the fellowship of God's love. Any one that wishes to come by and visit us at Soul's Harbor are welcome. Ministers-come by and minister for us. As I don't know many of the ministers of the movement, you should call or write me so I will know you are coming. Call (501)767-6856, or write to Rev. Charlie Chambers, 101 Raithwood Dr., Hot Springs, Ark. 71913.

REVIVAL IN WASHINGTON

August 24 through 31, 1986

The Lord gave us a very good revival at the Bethel Community Church in Cowiche, where Brother Don Baughman and his wife are pastors. Brother James Hosler was the evangelist. Brother Don is a very humble man and very easy to work with. Brother Don and the congregation gave me the right hand of fellowship. This is where Brother Carl and Sister Pearl Forbes attend church and help in the services. They sang a special song every service before I brought the message. The theme song of our revival was "Little Is Much If God Is In It."

The precious Lord gave me good liberty and freedom and a very good anointing to preach his wonderful and glorious Gospel each night.

Remember this precious people and me in your prayers.

In His loving service

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Deaton

John and Betty Deaton of Alvin, Texas announce the birth of their son, Jordan Lee Deaton, born July 25, 1986. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. he has two brothers, Jeff and Jon.

Phillips

Jason and Roseanne Phillips announce the birth of their first child, Ezra Dan-Michael on Aug 7, 1986 at the Oakland Hospital, Oakland, California. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 and three-fourths inches long. Jason is a former student of AFBC and is now serving in the U.S. Navy.

McCleary

Charles and Diana McCleary of Granby, Mo. announce the arrival of their new son, Thaddeus Braden, born Aug. 7. He weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. He has an older brother, Matthew. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCleary, and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Neff, all of rural Neosho. Great grandmother is Mrs. Geneva Cook of Granby, Mo.

Backstrom

Randy and Noveta Backstrom, of Siloam Springs, Ark. announce the arrival of their new daughter, Kimberly Ann. She was born on Aug 15. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Kimberly has a brother, Joel, 6 yrs. old, and 2 sisters, Brianne, 4 and Holli, 2. Grandparents are Carl and Edna Scroggs of Waka, TX., and E.H. and Ima Lou Backstrom, of Fayetteville, Ark.

Dorris

Joel and Tammy Dorris, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church, Crosses, Ark. announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Mark, on Sept. 12, 1986. He weighed 5 lbs 6 oz and was 18 inches long. Benjamin has an older sister, Charity Dawn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorris, Jasper, Mo and Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes of Joplin, Mo. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dorris, Galena, Kansas and Wanda Allgood, of Joplin, Mo. Great great grandmother is Faye Allgood of Commerce, Ok.

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Mrs. Eugene (Elmagene) Stump
Bill Brock

No gifts, please

Obituary

Marguerite Barnes

CAMP WOOD, TX: Marguerite Mamie Barnes, 65, of Menard, died Friday August 22 in a San Antonio hospital after a long illness.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Camp Wood Cemetery, directed by Nelson Funeral Home, on August 25.

Mrs. Barnes was the wife of the Rev. Murphy Barnes of Menard, an evangelist and owner of the Navaho Inn. The Barnes' were married July 24, 1938, in Uvalde. She was a native of Camp Wood, having been born there on March 30, 1921.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Murphy Barnes of Menard; one son, Phillip Barnes of Menard; three sisters, Willie Storey and Katherine Hohonsfelt, both of Madras, Ore., and Wandarene Sheedy of San Antonio; and one grandson.

The Missionary Tombstone

A missionary tells this story of how he came to serve God in a foreign land.

"When I was a little child I used to walk through a certain church yard.

"One of the gravestones had this inscription on it, to the memory of an eight-year-old boy.

"Mother, when I grow to be a man, I want to be a missionary; but if I die while I am still a little boy, will you please put it on my tomb, so that someone passing by may read it, and go as a missionary instead of me?"

The missionary continued to tell the story by saying that he read this inscription each time he passed, and soon told the Lord, "I must go in the place of that little boy." And he did!

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World Conquest

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU"

In Deuteronomy 31:6,8..God comforts Israel at a time when Moses was drawing near his death, telling the nation that God, Himself, will cross the Jordon before them, and destroy the nations there, that they might posses the Land.

Knowing the struggle before them, God encourages them by these words, spoken through Moses, saying..."I will not leave you nor forsake You." These very words are a comfort to us today, knowing that God is near us, even in our heart..

In the Gospel of John 14:15-18..Jesus is quoted by saying,

"If you love Me, keep My commandments, And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever..Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you...I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

God has always been close to those in need, comforting them In His Love, with good reason..It's called loneliness..

As we look into the gaze of a young child, his eyes coated with a thin layer of tears, empty and alone, we can begin to cry with such a child, feeling his very heart's beat, not able to understand all that is happening around him. All that he knows is he is hurting inside, a throb that comes from deep within. In pain, emotions only are shown through a look that can pierce the very heart of God.

This is a picture of a child that is left alone. Silenced by the fact that many such young children today face a life without the love due them.

Orphans of a sort, through broken homes, and institutions ranging from correctional to shelters, created for the protection of abused or battered children. Even mentioning those who never know father or mother, put in a place hoping someday someone will care enough to open a child's heart, accepting them as one of their own.

It's sad to find such children in a place they have little or no control over. Born into a world only to find it being one of disappointment and hardship, not to have opportunity to know what it really is to be loved, cherished, and wanted, in an environment that speaks different.

Many have never known the touch of a mother or the smile from Dad. Their ability to respond to such love is limited, creating a void in their heart, a silent and empty cry, only caring to be loved and not left alone.

The same can be said for the aged, being shut out many times for reasons being, too old, or not able to care for themselves in a way without it interfering in the lives of their loved ones. These often times find themselves surrounded by the thing they feared the most--being left alone.

The heart's cry is not one of living in an institution or nursing home as much as it is for lack of genuine companionship.

Even those who are at home and still able to get around, so often times are left with an empty house, void of those who mean the most to them. Sitting at their kitchen table, their eyes washed with the tears which flow from their cheeks, blaming themselves for something they really have no control over. Their heart beating irregularly, hoping to end their life in sorrow so that ours can go on.

A life of empty feelings, convinced that without them things could be better.

Again we have a picture of an orphan, abandoned by their very thoughts of value and worth, becoming something less

than a nuisance, or bother. Again we hear from their heart the same silent and empty cry to be loved and not left alone.

You see, loneliness effects everyone. Even to those who are considered middle aged or in the prime years of their life. It is these too that are left many times in an empty room surrounded by memories that only add to their plight. A condition that creates the state of loneliness, empty and solitude, without the company of those who should mean so much, only to care so little. Their heart's throb is one of lack, sad and left alone to work out for themselves something many times their is no strength left in them to fight, for who they are, and for what they are. Many tears come through their eyes, being the only fluid of life in emotions that say I'm still alive, yet adding to their wish of death, fearing that if life as they know it now, continues, will be one of heart break and anguish. Being crushed by the very by the very thought of loneliness, without husband or family, and even friends, they lose hope.

The teenager is not exempt either. In fact many times the teenager faces what they call a generation gap. Thinking that no one cares or can understand what goes on in the heart of an individual that is no longer considered a child, yet not old enough to be an adult.

These many times face walls of empty emotions, wanting to be loved yet surrounding themselves in a cell, which will not let anyone come in or go out. Their stare is one in need to be loved and understood, despite the differences, hoping that the ones they care for the most will enter the room with a loving arm, surrounding them not with mere words, but a caress which says, We Love You..

We Love You...Words that mean so much to all of us that have faced times as these. Words that made the difference when nothing else could.

It is an expression of thought, created in the heart, from the very throne of God. It is the cure, through actions shown, that give hope to all of us. Being the key to freedom from moments which question our existence. It is the very life of God, entering into an individual, in his or her deepest and darkest hour of need, comforting the soul, hearing the still small voice, "I Love You".

In the gospel of John, it was Jesus who said, "I came so that you might have life, and that more abundantly." It is this same Jesus whose sacrifice released the comforter, knowing that without Him our lives are all but hollow, left totally alone.

It is this comforter that fills our heart with hope, and a purpose to go on in life, knowing that He will never leave us or forsake us. Yes, this is the God whom we serve...and it is this Jesus who's compassion is shown with His arms outstretched still, to a people in need, to a people that cannot exist without the touch of God. His gentle touch is on that cares for you, and in no wise is one to destroy, and through His words, our Heart's beat continues knowing that there is a God, the only God who's concern is for every man and woman, the aged and very young, Mother and child, that can meet your every need at any time. A living God that we can turn to, casting all our cares upon Him, for He cares for us.

It grieves me today, to know that we live in a world which claims to know so much about human behavior, yet rejects one that has everything to do with life, fact, and reality. The reality being felt at times, knowing we are not alone, but in truth, is written, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you," Only believe...

We are a people formed in such a way that our need of love and companionship have everything to do with how we respond to life. Without the touch, or caress of a gentle hand; without a smile that says more than words can buy; without the communication of a friend; isolated from God, our maker, we are lonely and afraid. Left in a state of mind, if

allowed to continue, will totally destroy an individual. Thirsting for companionship, they die.

If we could only but hear our God's cry in moments of dieing need, even in the lowest pit of loneliness, that still small voice can break the silence, saying again..."I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." Giving life and hope at a time most needed and most wanted.

This is truly a friend. This is the God we know. The living God who is always there, never to fail us. His arms stretched out still, to meet our every need.

A sermon, by
Lee Nelson
AFBC Ministerial
Student

Deadline!

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How thankful we should be when the Lord takes the natural happenings to teach spiritual lessons!

One night recently, our dog started barking incessantly. That was not unusual since he barks a lot at night. He barks and we ignore, knowing it is probably a wild animal. Also there has been some skunks taken up squatter's rights in the barn.

But I had been burdened and the barking started me to thinking. Bo was doing what he was supposed to do, barking to let us know something was wrong. He was doing his job but we were uncooperative, ungrateful and sometimes aggravated at his noise. The more I thought the more I felt compelled to investigate and to scare the animal away. So I should do my job since he was doing his. But as I went, the Lord began to show the spiritual lesson He wanted to give me.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls" Isa. 62:6, Jere. 6:17, and Ez. 3:17-21. Often when people hear warnings against sin, the coming of the Lord and judgement they react as the ones in Jeremiah, "We will not harken" and they close their ears to the truth. Their stubbornness and rebellion trouble and hurt but God has given each of us the task of warning, if they heed a life is saved but if they rebel their blood is not required at our hands. BUT if we warn not and they are lost their blood is on our hands.

Another beautiful thought came to me as encouragement to me and I hope to others. God has called us to do His will, little or big place, that it might be. But we must be faithful. There may be discouragement and outright opposition and you feel such a failure. Nehemiah 6:3 came to me that thrilled to my heart. Nehemiah had met so much opposition, trickery from the enemy, selfishness and sin from his people of Israel. At this time Sanballat and Geshem tried to trick him to stop his work. "I am doing a great work so I can not come down. Why should the work cease while I come down to you?" Some might say that is boasting or rude. NO, Nehemiah was doing what God had given him to do in the place and manner God wanted. Can we look at our work as a great work even if others ridicule? The work is a Great, Important, and Good if it is God's work. "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men. Your labor is not in vain if done unto the Lord.

Opal Wimer



THE YEAR ROUND GOBLIN

If the Halloween tales we are told are all true,
Then the witch on a broom brews a horrible brew..
And the spell that she weaves would cause one to shudder,
Not a word against her would any dare utter!
But this is all fiction, and we've cause to be glad;
There is trouble enough, without her, to be had.
For there IS an old man who honors no season
Of whom we all must beware and here is the reason:
His business is damning the souls of all men,
For he works every hour tempting Christians to sin;
he follows no pattern, gives respect to no man,
So you's better watch out, he'll trick YOU if he can!
His methods are many, he's the father of lies,
He'll cause you to find fault, your neighbor despise;
He originates malice, envy, and strife..
He'll make you neglect your daily prayer life!
He knows failure to study your Bible each day
Will make you, for him, much easier prey,
So he makes sins of commission look worse in your eyes
While the sins of omission mount up great in size.
A gossipy tongue and gossipy ears..
One tells his tales, the other hears:
Each is a trait that is born in hell;
These weapons serve the devil well!
Unstableness, unbelief and fear..
These he'll put in your heart if you let him come near.
He'll whisper to you, "Skip church, don't go!"
And the failure to duty will soon take its toll.
At Halloween time and all through the year,
This foe of all Christians is hovering near,
So be sure you don't take any spiriual naps
Or he'll have YOU ensnared in one of his traps!

Barbara Waterbury

**Our responsibility is...
Response to His ability.**

BABY-SITTER,

OR

TEACHER?



BY DOROTHY COMPIN

The nursery class? That's just a baby-sitting job!" I remember well my friend's reaction when I accepted appointment as a nursery teacher.

At the outset I purposed in my heart that by God's help I would make it more than a baby-sitting job. Now five years later, have wonderful memories of my pupils.

Too young to learn, these nursery children? They are little lives - fresh, clean, an eager to hear about Jesus. For example on one particular Sunday only three of my usual six were present: Juanita, a tiny dark-skinned Puerto Rican girl; Christin, fair and blond; and Jimmy, all boy. Juanita was restless and very mischievous that day. Sensing their uneasiness, I gathered the three of them close by my side and we sat in front of the picture board. As we looked at the many figures on the board, Juanita's little brown hand reached out and touched the flannel-backed figure of Jesus on the cross. She looked up at me, her large dark eyes full of bewildered compassion, and asked, "Teacher, why are Jesus' feet bleeding?" As I unfolded the simple story of salvation, they listened to every word. Scarcely a muscle moved in their little bodies; their eyes were fixed on Jesus, drinking in the fact He loved them. When I had finished, I asked them if they would like to tell Jesus that they loved Him.

Clearly and distinctly, tiny voices told Jesus that they loved Him.

There were the times when we gathered "manna" from all over the room, careful to get just enough for our day's use. And as we drank from the rock at Horeb, how good the water tasted. On other times we shared the little boy's lunch when Jesus fed the five thousand; we felt the rock of the boat and the spray in our faces when we were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. I can still hear little Joli exclaim as we were about to have a cookie treat, "Teacher! Let me pray."

Just a baby-sitter? No, friend, much more than that. A teacher! Their first teacher. When Garth was burned accidentally, his mother looked in on him while he was sleeping. He awoke to say, "It's all right, Mommy. My teacher was here and she prayed for me." Next to mother, the nursery teacher is the first to see them respond to God. In some cases, when the children are from unsaved homes, she is the first one to hear them pray, "Dear Jesus, bless my mommy and my daddy - and my teacher."

Dorothy Compin

Cults Are False Prophets

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

by Yvonna Whiteley

Jehovah's Witnesses are, by their own definition, "servants of Jehovah, the Almighty God and active witnesses to his sovereign supremacy." They reject any association with the religious hypocrites of organized Christendom. Anti-Christ is defined as any organization or individual that is against Christ or Christianity. This includes those who say that Christ was God incarnate; deny Christ actually came to earth as a Perfect Man of Flesh; The Collective Clergy of Christendom; pagan Religions; Communistic Red Religion, and supporters of the United Nation.

God's sovereignty, they say, was impugned when Adam and Eve rebelled. Therefore, the major issue before all heaven and earth is the vindication of the name and sovereignty of Jehovah. This is more important than the salvation of men, and will be completely settled at the coming Battle of Armageddon. The faithful members of this organization are demonstrating that there is a group of persons dedicated to do God's will and thus are vindicating his reproached and misrepresented name.

Their endless production of books are all written in an authoritative tone, very convincing to uninformed readers. They teach strongly against the Trinity doctrine. The essential deity of Jesus Christ is denied as well as the personality of the Holy Spirit.

The efficacy of the atonement is vitiated by the demand for continued faithfulness in witnessing, and any degree of assurance of salvation is virtually impossible. There is unscriptural stress on the 144,000 followers of Christ who only will go to heaven. The mass of the Jehovah's Witnesses work incessantly with the hope of eternity on an earthly paradise and continuance even there seems contingent upon faithfulness.

This organization was legally incorporated in 1884 by Charles Taze Russell. It was then known as The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Nicknames heard for the organization are Russellites, Millennial Dawnist, and Rutherfordites (after Russell's successor). In 1931 the official name became Jehovah's Witnesses based on Isaiah 43:10 and 44:8.

Sources of Authority

"Let God have the say as to what is the truth that sets men free". "Accept His Word, the Bible, as the truth." By these and other similar statements the group purposes to reveal their devotion to the Bible. It is Jehovah's, God's written word to mankind, revealing himself and expressing his purpose.

Actually the ultimate source of authority is the Word of God is translated and interpreted in voluminous writings of the organization. Pastor Russell stated that people CANNOT see the divine plan by studying the Bible itself. "Be it known that no other system of theology even claims or has ever attempted to harmonize in itself every statement of the Bible, yet nothing short of this can we claim." It is titled The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures and the title page states that the translation is rendered from the Original Languages. It is a biased translation made to verify predetermined doctrines. Many of the peculiar teachings of the Watchtower Society are smuggled into the text of the Bible itself. Unwarranted liberties are taken in the English translation to substantiate teaching which is not in keeping with that of historic Christianity but is DOGMATICALLY stated in Jehovah's Witness writings.

In the book, *Make Sure of All Things*, it is categorically declared that the Holy Spirit is NOT a person and again the deity of Christ is denied. John 1:1 is translated, "In the beginning the Word was..and the Word was a god." In Colossians 1:15-17 the word "other" has been inserted without warrant, 4 times. This is done in order to put Jesus on a level with "other" created things. Phil. 2:6 is another false translation; "Christ Jesus) although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God." The obvious meaning is that Christ was not equal with God, and did not choose to be. These examples reveal that the source of authority for Jehovah's Witnesses is not the Bible but the Bible as interpreted by Russell, Rutherford, and their successors. Russell's sanctified common sense rejected the mystery of the Trinity, and with it he eliminated the very person of the Holy Spirit who convicts of sin (John 16:8) and denigrated the deity of the Son, without which there can be no atonement.

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Their Doctrine of God

The name Jehovah means "the purposer". he is the only true God, and is now working out his purpose of vindicating his name and sovereignty and blessing all faithful mankind through his kingdom. he is NOT a triune god, which "false doctrine would deny his slmighty supremacy. "The doctrine of the Trinity originated in "ancient Babylonish paganism." (MS 386).

They believe that Jehovah is one person with principal attributes of love, wisdom, justice, and power. At one time all alone the universal space, He was self-contained and never lonely. he is omniscient, but NOT omnipresent although His power extends everywhere.

The Holy Spirit is NOT a person; rather, He is subject to God and is defined as Jehovah's invisible energizing force..that produces visible results..experienced by men. Gen. 1:2 was translated to read, and God's active force was moving to and fro over the surface of the waters."

Their Doctrive of Creation

Jehovah God created all that exists. he, the great First Cause, brought into existence all that is material and spiritual in the universe. There were 3 stages of creation:

A. The only-begotten Son was the first creation. He was given "priority and preeminence among all God's cretures." By this creation, God became a father. Jesus became the master workman, the co-worker with Jehovah.

B. Angels, of different ranks, were created next. First Lucifer was created. He and Jesus were the princes and were called morning stars, and worked together and sang together. Then all other spirit sons of God (seraphim, cherubim, and angels were brought forth "perfect, glorious, holy.

C. Finally, the heavens and earth were created. At Jehovah's command Jesus brought the rest into being..the material creation. They believe that each of the Creator's workdays was 7,000 years.

Their Doctrine of Jesus Christ

Jesus is a created individual and is the second greatest personage of the universe. Jehovah God and Jesus together constitute the Superior Authorities. They vehemently deny the deity of Christ and say that is an ancient heresy known as Arianism. Jesus was a Jew whose life and teachings have affected the course of all human history. He was one who had a wonderful past before he appeared on earth and was known as Michael, the archangel. The following are written in *Make*

Sure of All Things.

A. First-born Son of God, a spirit..the most loved and favored. He was the Word, or the Logos and so was a god but does not possess immortality or deathlessness.

B. lesser than Jehovah. Refer back to their translation of Phil. 2:6. He did not follow Satan or plot and scheme to make himself like or equal to the Most High God.

C. Born as a human Son of God. Oct. 2 B.C. At the time the young woman conceived by the miracle-working power of Jehovah and then the life of the Son of God was transferred from heaven to the embryo of a human. To call this an "incarnation of God" is unscriptural for the Son of God laid aside completely his spirit existence. He was born as a mere human creature.

D. Became the Messiah Seed, in fall A.D. 29. By his water baptism, Jesus indicated his submission to do God's will. God thereupon consecrated Him by His holy spirit and acknowledged Him as His beloved Son. Jesus was anointed to be the long-promised King in God's kingdom..and to be the Messiah.

E. Died on Stake as Ransomer in springs, A.D. 33. By definition, the cross is a symbol falsely used to represent Christianity. Jesus was NOT crucified on a cross; rather he was impaled on a stake. (single upright pole)

F. Resurrected Immortal on 3rd day. Jehovah raised Jesus from the dead, not as a human son, but as a mighty immortal spirit Son. He showed himself for 40 days to his disciples. God raised Him to deathless heavenly life as a glorious spirit creature, next to himself. The materialization of Jesus' body after the resurrection was a temporary thing. But they don't tell us what happened to his physical body but it did NOT decay or corrupt. Since there is no bodily resurrection, there is no 2nd coming.

Their Doctrine of Man

Toward the end of the 6th creative day, (42,000 yrs) God made man in His own image. man was given dominion over the earth and its forms of life, with attributes of wisdom, justice, love, and power.

A. 1. Man is a soul. he is a body together with the life principle or life force activating it. Man has NO soul within him that is separate and distinct from his human body. Death is simply cessation of existence.

2. Man is not immortal, any more than are fish, birds, etc. All are "earthly souls" having organisms of flesh which are kept living by means of blood circulating in their systems". Man does NOT possess the quality of deathlessness or incorruptibility as this teaching originated by Satan in the Garden. Angels also are mortal and destructible.

3. Immortality is given as a reward for faithfulness to Christ. But it must be noted that ONLY the 144,000 can ever receive immortality. Immortality is inseparably linked with the kingdom of heaven, and flesh and blood creatures cannot enter. Human souls can only dwell forever on the earth.

B. 1. had Adam NOT sinned, he would have lived on earth forever in his mortal state, as would have his children.

2. By Adam's disobedience, the sentence of death was passed upon all mankind. Death is called soul-sleep, the "termination of existence, utter cessation of conscious, intellectual or physical activity. in this connection the resurrection of the body is actualdly re-creattion by God, not restoration.

3. When Satan induced man to sin, he atually challenged God. Could Jehovah put on earth a man who could not be turned away from Him. God's sovereignty was impugned, and thus the vindication of His name became an issue before the universe.

Their Doctrine of Salvation

"Salvation is the deliverance from the sin, a redemption

from the ultimate end of sin which is everlasting death, annihilation."

A. The Ransom paid for all. The Fall brought death to all men and the perfect human life with all its rights was lost. But on the cross Christ made atonement for sin which canceled death and gave to man the opportunity to receive the gift of life. The ransom price was Jesus' human life poured out in willing sacrifice. He exchanged his human existence for the spirit existence.

B. The ransom does NOT avail for all. Salvation is a GOAL to be attained by those who faithfully carry out their dedication to do God's will. The people of Noah's day, those who lived in Sodom, the religious hypocrites of Jesus' day, and those who are killed at Armageddon are beyond redemption.

C. Only the 144,000 will share in heavenly glory with Jesus. All other Jehovah's Witnesses will enjoy the blessings of life on the earth. We are told that God had predestinated the "requirements and the qualifications" of this heavenly class before the foundation of the world but didn't reveal it until John wrote Rev. 7:4 and 14:1-3. The 144,000 constitute the Bride, the Lamb's wife. They are the elect, the holy nation, the royal priesthood. They only are anointed with God's spirit, and are members of the body. Designated requirements are:

1. They must exercise faith in God's provision, the shed blood of Christ which includes baptism, symbolizing dedication. The dedicated one is not in position to be justified or declared righteous by God and thus he has access to God through Christ Jesus.

2. God now...causes his active force of holy spirit to act upon them so as to bring them forth as spiritual sons with the hope of life in heaven.

3. They must "demonstrate their dependability by carrying out their dedication faithfully until death. If they resist Satan and his world and maintain integrity until death, they are assured of the "crown of life" immortality, divine nature. (Apostles were 1st members of this group)

D. The other sheep are promised everlasting life on earth. These are the unnumbered persons now working as Jehovah's Witnesses. For them there is NO suggestion of justification or regeneration. They must have faith in Jesus, preceded by repentance from sin. They they must be baptized by immersion which symbolizes complete dedication and is a declaration of their stand for God's universal sovereignty. This "baptism into the greater Noah" saves them now, and later it will keep them saved through Armageddon provided...they abide in him, keeping their good conscience through faith and loyal service.

The Jehovah's Witness is NEVER given a clear title to salvation. They must continue in faith, endurance, obedience, witnessing. There are 4 possible destinies when a person dies:

1. he may remain in the condition of non-existence (as Adam, Cain, etc.)

2. he may be "raised" with a spirit body thus receiving immortality, after which he will go directly to heaven as one of the 144,000.

3. he may be raised with a physical body and then after having passed the millennial tests, receive everlasting life on the renewed earth.

4. he may, after having been raised with a physical body, still fail to pass the millennial tests and thus eventually be annihilated.

Their Doctrine of Things to Come

It should be noted that the kingdom of God is ENTIRELY HEAVENLY. It is a Sovereign-empowered theocratic government with Jehovah as the great Everlasting King. Christ is

co-regent, with the 144,000 as associate kings.

A. In 1914 the Kingdom began operation in full with the enthronement of Christ in the heavens. In that year Christ received his "never-to-be-destroyed" kingdom. This marked the end of the "appointed times of the nations" and the time of the end of this world began. The following scriptures prove this theory:

1. Daniel 4:16; 2. Rev. 12:6,14 (A time, times and half a time means 3 and one-half times or half of 7 times, so equals 2,520 days. 3. Numbers 14:34, Ex. 4:6 set God's rule as "A day for a year so 2,520 days means 2520 years. in 607 B.C. Jerusalem was captured by Babylon, to begin the "times of the nations." Proceeding 2,520 years from 607 B.C. brings us to A.D. 1914, the year in which Christ's 2nd coming took place. At that time, the devil and his angels were hurled down to earth and all trouble came, as WW-1.

B. In 1918 2 major events took place:

1. Jesus entered the "spiritual temple, and began to cleanse it." This marked the period of judgment and inspection of his spirit-begotten followers, that is the 144,000 who had died. These are now raised with spiritual bodies and have joined him in the spiritual temple. This is the 1st resurrection.

2. The judgment of the nations began. The people living in the world are being divided into "the sheep and goats" (Matt. 25:31-46) The resurrected members of the 144,000 are associated with Christ as judges. The basis of judgment is the individual attitude toward Jehovah's Witnesses and their message.

C. The Battle of Armageddon is the next great event in history. This battle will be led by Jesus as he leads invisible forces or righteousness to destroy Satan and his demonic and human organization. Organized religion, the great harlot of Rev. 17:1-3 will lead all nations as part of Satan's organization in heaven and earth. The beast of Rev. 17:3 is the United Nations. it was (as the League of Nations) is not (during WW 11) and has ascended (s the U.N.)

Armageddon does NOT mean a literal place. Megiddo is symbolic. Armageddon refers to God's war by which he destroys the world at the accomplished end. Satan will be crushed and cast into the abyss for 1000 years (Rev. 20:1-3) which is a deathlike state of inactivity as Jesus was in when he died. Thus Genesis 3:15 is fulfilled.

D. Armageddon survivors will enter the Millennium on earth. The new earth, a new human society under new social arrangements) will be governed by the New Heavens (Christ and 144,000). There will be no evil, no disease, nor aches or pains... but lasting peace and unity...one worship of Jehovah. Every faithful human will be a vigorous energetic youth. The Armageddon survivors will marry and have children but when the earth is full people will stop having children.

E. There will be 2 resurrections early in the Millennium. The 1st persons to be raised to life on earth with physical bodies will be Jehovah's faithful witnesses of pre-Christian times. (Enoch, Noah, Abraham, etc.) They will be princes on earth. 2nd resurrection will be those who wanted to do right but died without opportunity to hear or learn...decent...sincere people. They will be taught the truth and judged according to what they do about it.

F. The final test or judgment will come when Satan the devil is loosed. By deceit he will gain a large following and lead a final rebellion against Jehovah. All the rebels with Satan and his demons, will be cast into the lake of fire.

G. The 144,000 having been raised in spirit-bodies, will remain in heaven for eternity. They are "joint-heirs and co-rulers" with Christ in Jehovah's theocracy. The other sheep will remain on earth, entering upon an eternity of paradisaic happiness. All others will have endless death.

Calvary

Luke 23:33, "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."

This is also known as: the place of a skull which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19:17; Mark 15:22; and Matthew 27:33.

Of all the places on this earth, this spot is the most precious, because it is the starting point up the path to eternal life.

There are several places, on this earth, that are important. Mesopotamia, is believed to be the Garden of Eden, the starting place of the human race by Adam and Eve. Mt. Horeb is where Abraham offered his only son as a sacrifice, only to have his hand stayed by the power of God as he raised the knife. There God showed him the Ram caught in the briar bush to be sacrificed instead of his only son.

Mt. Sinai is where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. The borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea from which Jesus arose from the dead, and the Mount of Olives where Jesus often went to pray, from where He ascended to God after His resurrection, and to which He shall return some day are all important places in biblical history.

And to more modern times every country has special places of meaning, such as sacred shrines where victories were achieved or death brought special sacredness. I'm thinking of Waterloo; Athens; Mecca; The Ganges; Philadelphia; Gettysburg; the Alamo; and Iwo Jima just to name a few.

In the religious field we remember Luther in Germany, where his ninety-five these were tacked on the door of the Catholic Church and The Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas where the latter rain fell in 1900-1901. This makes us remember the upper room in Jerusalem where the early rain fell on the day of Pentecost. These are special places duly admired.

Each of us have some special places of cherished memories such as our home. mine was in Kansas where Smoots Creed runs into the Ninescah River. The house and barns are gone but the old cement silo was still standing the last time I was there. While there many wonderful memories came across my mind like soft fluffy clouds passing by on a pleasant balmy day. I'm sure, as I mention these things, your mind is filled with pleasant and a few unpleasant memories. These are places of great importance to Nations, communities, and individuals. I do not wish to cause them to diminish. Keep them; cherish them; and think of them often. This will help to ease the pleasures more enjoyable.

Now add to these places one special spot that God chose: the place of a skull; in the hebrew Golgotha; and known in our language as Calvary. "And when they were come to the place called Calvary." it is not a beautiful place. In fact it is quite gory. It shows man at his worst in blood-shedding, torture, and mockery. it shows God and Christ at their best in suffering, compassion, and love.

"Earth's darkest day and earth's brightest day were just three days apart."

In spite of all the religious beliefs in the world, God has seen to it that the cross, on Calvary, is known throughout the world. Many have died in honour and some in shame but none are remembered with the same degree of sacredness as Calvary. Whether it is accepted or not, the world knows that Jesus died on the middle cross, falsely accused and wrongfully slain.



To Christendom Calvary is the sacred shrine of all. Some two thousand years ago, Jesus the divine Son of God, there shed his blood. The earth, long ago, has swallowed those precious drops. They cannot be found. But those drops of blood have forgiven the sin of humans through the years. How can it be... This boggles the mind of humans yet it is a fact, and we that accept this find peace of mind; beautiful forgiveness of sin; and we start our journey toward heaven, on the straight and narrow path, at Calvary. All who receive eternal life, and rewards of inheritance from Jesus, must start at Calvary. There is no other way. We do not travel there literally but in minds-eye and through faith we start toward heaven at the foot of the old rugged cross. "And when they were come to the place called Calvary." If you haven't been there, you haven't started for heaven.

We do not idolize Calvary. We honour, love, and serve the man who died on the middle cross, whom the tomb could not hold. He is alive, seated at the right hand of God, making intercession for us. He's coming back to earth again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will fulfill God's plan for the redemption of man.

Calvary represents three crosses. Two were malefactors paying their debt to the society they had wronged. They long have been forgotten but the man on the middle cross will never be forgotten. What He has done for us lives on. He lives in the hearts of Christians. he has changed the lives of those who accept Him and make Calvary their starting point to heaven. He made it possible for us to become the Sons of God through repentance and consecration, not just servants, but sons and heirs of God; joint-heirs of Jesus, all because of Calvary.

No one is turned away. Bring your sins; your burdens; your problems; your life. Lay them all at the foot of the old rugged cross; the middle cross. The Saviour will take them and make your life worth something in this life and place in your heart a vibrant hope: a ray of light; that will shine more and more until that day it illuminates in incorruptible or immortal glory. All because of Calvary.

"And when they were come to the place called Calvary."

Donald D. Dibbens

From the Superintendent's Desk



Dear Friends of the Movement,

We are well into the 1986 Fall Semester with 36 full time students and a number of part time, as well as auditing students from town. More important than the number of those here, is the spirit in which they have come; seeking for understanding.

Gods' people have responded very well in supplying the needs of the school. Financial gifts and contributions of food items have been a blessing to all.

We have made good progress in the Alumni project for the school. Names and addresses are being compiled in order to re-unite past students and the school. We ask for your cooperation in this endeavor. Please send names and address changes to us for yourself, family and friends. Include the year(s) of attendance. As soon as enough information is coordinated, an Alumni Newsletter will be published with a detailed account of what we hope to accomplish.

Those joining my wife and I on the faculty this year are: Benny and Leola Buschman, Danny and RaeMona Robinson, Shari Cook, Ron Brening, Janae Harris, Shelly Mullins and Bev Karber. These people are putting forth a 100 percent effort to minister the Gospel and we trust God will bless them.

We are pleased to announce that we have a guest room available this year for visitors. Just give us a call for reservation prior to your coming. The school is always open and we encourage you to come.

Once again, may we say thanks for your support in prayer and finances. You are a big part in this ministry and we know God will bless you!

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

Boys Dorm

Greetings to all those in the Lord,

The Men's Dorm is blessed with a full capacity this year. The men have settled themselves into the study of the word and the things of God. We have some that turned their hearts to God, and those who are looking into the deeper truths of God. I ask for your prayers for the men as they study. As they learn new truths, I believe it will set them free from ideas of the world and sin.

Ron Brening
Dean of Men

Girls Dorm

These are very busy days for the girls at A.F.B.C. Homework, tests, detail, practice tapes, choir dresses, revival services. Not to mention all the little necessities of every day personal life. Isn't the Lord so good to give us the privilege to spend time studying and learning more of Him. And to give us health, vitality, and fortitude to face life with a renewed vigor in Him everyday. We are indeed grateful to be here in Baxter Springs, Kansas at the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the Fall Semester of 1986. The blessings of the Lord are refreshing and exciting. We all are learning to "Lean on Jesus" more and more. Thank you to all of you who make this possible. Pray for us that we will learn to follow His will and His plan.

Shari Cook
"Sister Mama"

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