

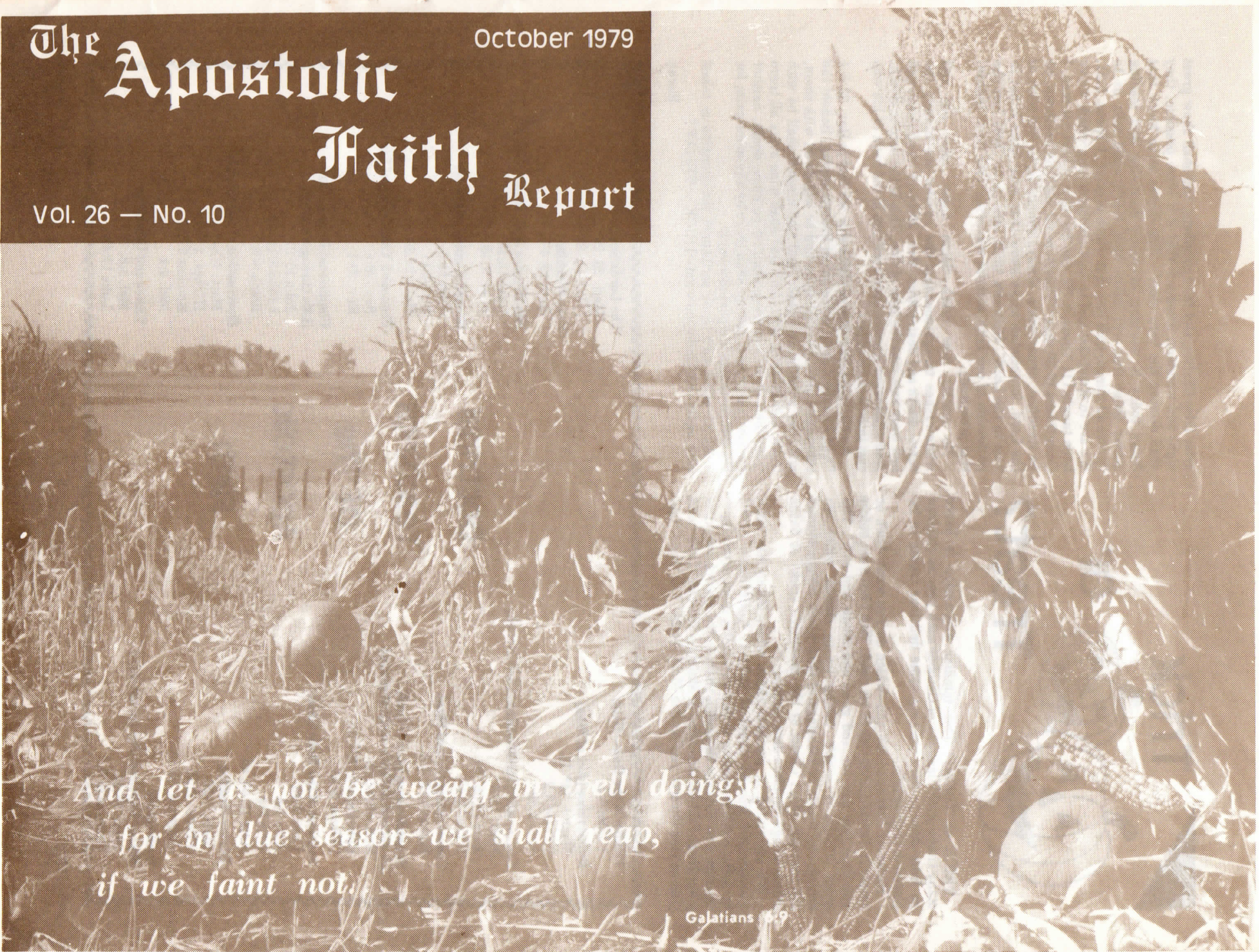
The Apostolic Faith Report

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And let us not be weary in well doing,
for in due season we shall reap,
if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9



Trick



or

Treat?

TRICK or TREAT! This familiar expression is heard many times on the last day of October each year as children go from door to door seeking some delicious treats to be placed in their hands.

However I want to ask you--which do you want--trick or treat? In Deuteronomy 30:15 we read, "See I have set before you thee this day life and good and death and evil". The word of God is simply telling us to choose which we desire--the treats or blessings of God which brings eternal life through Jesus Christ or the deceptive tricks of Satan which brings complete destruction.

We are living in perilous times when Satan has been transformed into an angel of light (1 Corinthians 11:14) bringing much deception to the world. But more alarming is the fact that Satan is deceiving those in the church world as well. Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 24:4 to "Take heed that no man deceive you" and in Matt. 24:24 "For there shall

arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect". This makes us to know that Satan today is working overtime deceiving and leading astray those that will follow him. God's word tells us to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" I Thess. 5:21. We are to stand fast and to hold the traditions which we've been taught (11 Thess. 2:15), the doctrine of God not men. I Corinthians 15:58 says "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord". Hebrews 10:23 tells us to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

No matter how much Satan sugar coats sin and whitewashes unrighteousness the results are always the same--death and destruction--Rev. 20:14-15 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

And to those that choose God's way we find in Rev. 21:3-4 "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

As we close with those scriptures the question is asked once again--which do you want--TRICK or TREAT?

Karen

Trinity of the God - Head

1 John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13:12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 2:11

Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 6:23

Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

Annual Business Meeting

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Inc. was held September 19, 1979 at the Bible College with six members of the board present.

Nominating ballots were counted for the election of two board members. Bro. Doyle Wiles and Bro. Jack Hopson are the retiring members. Bro. Jack Hopson and Bro. Howard Whitely are the two nominees whose names will appear on the election ballots for position #1. Bro. Doyle Wiles will run unopposed on the election ballots as all other nominees have declined the nomination. Ballots will be mailed in the very near future and are to be returned by November 21, 1979, at which time the Board will meet to handle this matter and anything else that comes before the meeting.

The annual meeting for 1980 will be held at the close of the 1979-1980 school year in May, at which time there will be three positions on the board retiring. This is being done so the annual meeting will meet the by-law requirements that it be held at the closing of the school term.

Following the annual meeting the Bible School Board met in a private session.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Board and advisory board met Sept. 18, 1979 at the Bible College. A report of

the fall semester and the spring semester to date was given by the superintendent Bro. Lyndell Arnall. Bro. Arnall reported there remains approximately \$22,000.00 balance due on the land and building notes with \$7,281.85 principle and interest due on Feb. 23, 1980. At present there is \$356.65 in the building fund.

There was discussion concerning funds the faculty received for the spring semester. The total for this fund was \$1040.00 per member with 12 members participating.

There was a review and inspection of the bus since the service company reported it was in need of extensive repairs. The board appointed a committee to see what could be done, either repair or replace it. It was the feeling of both the board and advisory board that the bus has become an asset to the school both spiritually and financially.

William T. Hollis-Sec. of Board

AFBC Fall Choir Schedule

Oct 6 - Sat. night - Pampa, Tex.
7 - Sun. morning - Perryton, Tex.
8 - Mon. night - Gray, Okla.
9 - Tues. night - Hardesty, Okla.
10 - Wed. night - Liberal, Kans.
11 - Thurs. night - Balko, Okla.
12 - Fri. night - Midway, Okla.
13 - Sat. night - Follett, Tex.
14 - Sun. night - Laverne, Okla.

Christian Personality?

**Maxine Long
Taneyville, Mo.**

Before we start on this article, I want to read one verse and please think on it as you read the following words.

Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

So we are not fooling God in any way, as we go through life on our own merits.

Personality—(Webster Dictionary states) "is the visible aspect of one's character as it impresses others, the quality of being a person or identity."

There are many different factors that makes up these personalities.

Unstable—unsteady, liable to fall, change or cease, inconstant, wavering. Can God depend on us in this personality?

Stable—Steady in purpose, constant, dependable, firmly established, and durable. God can use us in this character, any place.

Foolish—Absurd, silly, preposterous, lacking forethought or caution, showing lack of sense. Foolhardy—reckless. Can God trust us in this type of personality?

Serious—Characterized deep thought, a somber disposition, character, or manner, earnest, sincere, not trifling, also it shows thought concentration. God could rely on this person to get the job done. God has many very important jobs that could use this person.

Ill—Disagreeable, self centered, hostile, unkind. This personality does not show God in our lives.

Pleasant—Agreeable, pleasing to others, polite, adept, merry and happy. This one shows the Christ-like spirit.

Timid—Is lack of confidence in one's self or God, but with His Holy spirit in us, He can help us do all things in Him and for Him; so we can overcome this bit of personality.

Boastful—To speak with exaggeration of pride and vanity

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about one's self. The Bible calls it vaunting and being puffed up. Bragging. God certainly can't use this person, as He wants His Son lifted up and not ourselves.

Slothful—Laziness, sluggish, indolence. Read Hebrews 6:12 and see what the Bible said about this one.

Forward—To advance or help onward, hasten, promote. God needs leaders or one who will try, as Edna Mae Schultz used to preach, "Do each day what God puts into your hands to do whether it be a big task or a small one, with all your might and love, and you won't be able to contain the blessings that God will bestow upon you." And may I add, you will grow in personality until the world will see the Savior living within you. I want to add one more point to this one: Be alert, eager, and bold for the God that we serve.

There is one more personality trait that I want to add and that one is:

Fickle—Changeable, capricious, not loyal, deceitful, treacherous; this personality hurts God's kingdom, hurts your testimony.

We can change our personality with prayer, and God wants us to be more like Him. He also gave us the types of fruits we should have in our lives, and if we have these, we won't have to worry about the carnal man. You can read about them in Galatians 5:22-26.

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Long-suffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faith
8. Meekness
9. Temperance

You might look up these words in a good Webster dictionary, and pray to God for a good personality as a witness of Him.

Apostolic Faith Bible College News

Superintendent's Report

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to announce the upcoming night classes that are scheduled for the next six weeks. There has been a growing interest from our area churches to be able to come and participate in the school. Therefore, we are offering classes for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, offering such subjects as; Demonology, Personal Evangelism, Redemption, Guides to Teaching, Prayer and the Christian, and Music Ministries. We thank all of our faculty for putting forth this extra effort to share with others, part of what our students are receiving daily. These classes begin Sept. 25 and run through Nov. 8.

Our gratitude also goes to Bro. Edwin Waterbury and Bro. Neil Ragan for coming and teaching their segment of the Doctrine Class. We are looking forward to Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier returning after choir tour to be with us the rest of the semester.

We would like to say Thank You for making this Bible School term possible. Your prayers and support are appreciated very much. May God continue to bless our movement as our movement continues to teach and preach the Gospel.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

From The Boys Dorm

Greetings to everyone of the Movement. This semester is well under way. We have a group of fine young men to study God's Word. There is room for more in the dorm if anyone wishes to come to Bible College. We have five fellows in the dorm.

At the present time there is a revival spirit, and everyone is seeking the deeper blessings of God; this is something we have been praying for since the School started Aug. 13. I, as the Dean of Men appreciate every parent who has a student in the school. I want you know you have a young man you can be proud of. We also appreciate the prayers that have gone up from you in behalf of the school and the students. God Bless you everyone.

I hope to see these young men to go out in the Gospel work and work with the young people as they have opportunity. When they come home to visit, encourage them to help in your Church, that is the only way they will get the experience they need.

It is wonderful to see God's children grow. It blesses my soul to see them gain new experiences in the Lord.

I want to say this too, we appreciate every church who is holding the school and the students up to the throne of grace. May God bless every one of you. We welcome you to come and visit us anytime.

R.C.B.

From The Girls' Dorm

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are already halfway through our fifth week of school. And all the students seem to be interested and hungry to learn more about the Lord and His Word.

This year I have 11 girls in the dorm. The first couple of weeks I thought the girls were awful quiet for Bible School. And so some of the girls told me to wait a few days. And sure enough, a couple of days later they were running up and down the halls having a real good time. We have had a lot of fun here in the dorm. But there is also a serious time for them to study and to get their lessons. So far they have really been good. We might have our fun times when we play jokes on each other, but we also have our serious times with the Lord and studying and reading his Word.

We had a real good revival Sept. 6-8. Bro. and Sis. Ollie Kinser came and held our services. The Lord really blessed and we saw a couple of students come to the Lord and many victories won around the altar. The Lord really blessed each and everyone of us in the services. He is still a miracle working God today. We just Praise Him for all he is doing here at the Bible School. He has worked in such a great and wonderful way.

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to work for him. We ask that you remember the school, the students, and the faculty in your prayers that we will do the Lord's will. We always need his guidance and help through each and every day. We Praise Him for being so good to us.

Love in Christ,
Tony Bartel
Dean of Women

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Doctrine

DOCTRINE is a knowledge, learning or opinion, and is used for instruction, information and confirmation of the gospel.

2. OLD TESTAMENT DOCTRINE.

Deut. 32:2. The Doctrine of God comes from above.
Job 11:4. This is a pure doctrine.
Prov. 4:2. There is a good doctrine.
Isa. 28:9. The wise are to understand doctrine.
Isa. 29:24. The murmurer shall learn doctrine.

3. DOCTRINE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A clear cut idea is here advanced so that we know that the Christ had a doctrine, that was handed down to the Apostles, endorsed by the Holy Spirit, and was mentioned many times as necessary in a religious life, if that life is well balanced.

4. JESUS AND HIS DOCTRINE.

John 7:16. My doctrine not mine, but His that sent me.
Mark 1:27. The people wondered about the new doctrine.
John 18:19. Jesus was asked of His doctrine.
Mark 4:2. Jesus spoke of His doctrine.
Mark 12:38. Another reference to His doctrine.

5. THE PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS DOCTRINE

Matt. 7:28. Matt. 22:33. Mark 1:22. Mark 11:18. Luke 4:32.

6. DOCTRINE IN THE ACTS.

Acts 2:42. Continued in the Apostles doctrine.
Acts 5:28. Filled Jerusalem with the doctrine.
Acts 13:12. Astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.
Acts 17:19. Wanted to know about this new doctrine.

7. DIFFERENT DOCTRINE

I Tim 1:6. The Doctrine of God.
Matt. 16:12. Doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
Heb. 6:1. Doctrine of Christ. Heb. 6:2. Doctrine of baptisms.
Col. 2:22. Doctrine of men. I Tim 4:1. Doctrine of devils.
Heb. 13:9. Doctrines that are strange. Rev. 2:14. Doctrine of Balaam.
Rev. 2:15. Doctrine of Nicolaitanes. Rev. 2:20-24. Doctrines of Jezebel.

8. NECESSARY VALUES OF DOCTRINE.

II Tim. 3:10. Doctrine of Paul was fully known.
I Cor. 14:6. Speak by doctrine.
I Cor. 14:26. Everyone has a doctrine.
Rom. 6:17. Obey form of doctrine.
I Tim. 4:13. Attend to study and doctrine.
I Tim. 5:17. Labor in word and doctrine.
I Tim. 4:6. Nourished in words of good doctrine.
I Tim. 4:16. Take heed to doctrine.

9. WARNING AS TO TRUE OR FALSE DOCTRINE

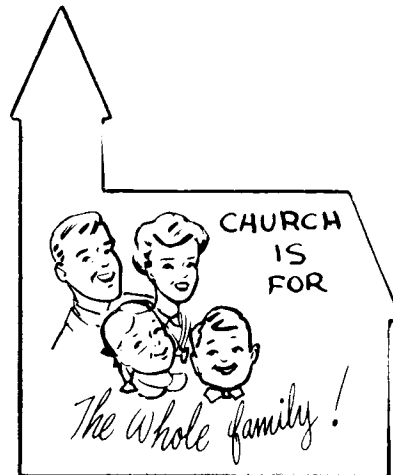
Rom. 16:17. Mark the ones of contrary doctrine.
I Tim. 1:3. Teach no other doctrine.
Eph. 4:14. Do not follow winds of doctrine.
I Tim. 6:3-4. Note the man that will not consent to doctrine.
II John 1:9-10. Some abide not in doctrine.
I Tim. 1:10. Some are contrary to sound doctrine.

10. WATCH THESE DOCTRINES TO AVOID THEM.

II Tim. 3:5. Having only a form of godliness.
Matt. 15:9. Follow the commandments of men.
I John 4:1-3. An anti-christ spirit.
Rev. 22:18-19. Add not to, nor take from.
Rom. 13:1-2. Some resist power of God.
There are doctrines true and false and sometimes even mixed today. This comes because of the lack of teaching or incorrect teaching, because of self-willed and self-appointed teachers, who follow the flesh, rather than the Spirit of the Lord. The grain of truth around which a doctrine of error is often built is what makes it both misleading and harmful. Pure doctrine is not to be feared, but admired. It becomes a strong foundation. Do not have a rule or ruin spirit, rather in a quiet and meek spirit, yet earnest, sincere and forceful set forth that which you know to be the doctrine of God. Let sacred teachings prevail always.

Note Acts 17:11. With this thought.

II Tim. 2:15. Is the balance wheel of all doctrine.



Unless we seek that which is above us, we will yield to that which is around us.

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**Thank You
Karen Oakes**

Prayer is the sincere desire of our heart made known to God.

Signs of the Times

Rev. Ted Jackson
Galena, Kansas

Jesus said, Luke 21:28-31, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh, And He spake to them a parable; behold the fig tree and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand, so like wise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is at hand."

The question is, just what was Jesus referring to when He made this statement? I believe that He was calling our attention to world conditions, what people would be doing. In Matt. 24:37-39, "But as the days of Nowhere, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be, for as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the Ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of man be," And the watch word is verse 42, "Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." I believe that moral and spiritual conditions of the world today tell us what age we are living in.

Now the next question is who is He talking to? Surely to our generation, for what other generation has ever seen or lived under the conditions that we, this present generation do? Jesus also said in Luke 21:32, "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Mark 13:30 says, "Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done." In the book of Joel we read of some other things that are going to happen. Joel 2:28-31 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out of my spirit, and I will shew wonders in the heavens and the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come." In Mark 13:23 Jesus said, "But take heed: behold, I have foretold you all things." and then He again in the following verses repeats to them Joel's prophecy. What generation has seen as much prophecy fulfilled as we have? I don't believe that any other has.

If you read in the four gospels all that Jesus said about the time of the end, you will discover that we are living in these very days. Our president, along with Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin have worked hard at trying to bring peace to the middle east by signing peace treaties. But what did I Thess. 5:3 say? For when they shall say, Peace and Safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. The world has learned much about space and other things about the earth, but how much about God? I heard one of our ministers say not long ago that redemption could take place most any time, and it is true, but we know that according to Daniel's prophecy in Dan. 9:24-27, there were seventy weeks determined upon Israel, 69 of them were fulfilled up to the cutting off of Christ. So we have one week or 7 years left of this prophecy left to be fulfilled. Now, let us consider the

prophecy of Dan. 2. This chapter tell us of the image that Daniel saw, but what we are concerned with is the toes, (modern day nations). We are told that there is at present 9 common market nations. There will be one more yet to join this alliance, bringing it to ten nations, the ten toes of the image that Daniel described. Bro. Parham in his writings described them as the ten toed kingdom, also as the united states of Europe. Now what makes us believe that we are living in the last days? What we have brought you in the above scriptures gives us a perfect picture of world conditions today, then in 11 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Haven't we seen a great falling away? Never have Christians been so unconcerned about their spiritual condition as they are now.

E ver to be with the Lord
T rue if we are to his word.
E nthralled to see him face to face
R ichly blessed by his grace
N ever to long for things of yore
I nhabitants of that peaceful shore
T ruly a blessed place to be
Y esterday forgotten in eternity.

by Jeanie Mullins

SOME OF THE WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS AND THINGS HE DOES

WE ARE CHOSEN BY HIS SPIRIT. John 15:16.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained by, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

WE ARE INVITED BY HIS SPIRIT Rev. 22:17.

And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

WE HAVE THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT. Rom. 8:16.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit, that we are the children of God. (17). And if Children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

WE ARE SEALED OF THE SPIRIT. Eph. 4:30.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

WE ARE LED OF HIS SPIRIT. Rom. 8:14.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

By **THE SPIRIT INTERCESSIONS ARE MADE.** Rom. 8:26.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

WE SHOULD KNOW THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT. Rom 8:27.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Gail W. Schultz

A. F. Report

Unity

by Deana Fish
Student-AFBC

Without unity we would surely fall. A famous quote we are all familiar with says "United we stand and divided we fall." In order for anything to be successful the people behind it *must* have a spirit of unity.

My thoughts began to settle on this word UNITY as I read the familiar account in Joshua chapter six. The walls of Jericho were brought down by God through obedience and a spirit of Unity.

God gave Joshua strict instructions. The people were to compass the city once every day for six days, but on the seventh day the city would be compassed about seven times. The trumpets would be sounded and the people who had been silent up until now, would shout and the walls of the city would fall. In verse ten of chapter six Joshua gives the command to the people.

AND JOSHUA HAD COMMANDED THE PEOPLE, SAYING, YE SHALL NOT SHOUT, NOR MAKE ANY NOISE WITH YOUR VOICE, NEITHER SHALL ANY WORD PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, UNTIL THE DAY I BID YOU SHOUT; THEN SHALL YE SHOUT.

(Joshua 6:10)

Think of the unity that followed. One person stepping out for any reason would have put a stop to their victory, which was relying on their obedience. I can put myself in the line of people and feel my skepticism, my desire to talk to just one as we walked, to see if they felt as I or in order to receive some encouragement from someone. But these people were united for a common cause, to see the city of Jericho fall! In verse twenty we see the outcome of their unity and obedience, for truly God kept His word, and the walls of Jericho fell.

SO THE PEOPLE SHOUTED WHEN THE PRIESTS BLEW WITH THE TRUMPETS; AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE PEOPLE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, AND THE PEOPLE SHOUTED WITH A GREAT SHOUT, THAT THE WALL FELL DOWN FLAT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE WENT UP INTO THE CITY, EVERY MAN STRAIGHT BEFORE HIM, AND THEY TOOK THE CITY.

(Joshua 6:20)

The message the Lord has laid upon my heart is the desperate need for His children to be UNITED! There must be unity in our families, unity among our friends, unity in our churches, unity in our Bible School. Perhaps Christ doesn't move and bless like we want to see, because of our lack of unity. Maybe our churches aren't growing and are closing their doors because there isn't unity, complete unity among us.

Jesus prayed for our unity.

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE; AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US; THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME.

(John 17:21)

. . . THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, EVEN AS WE ARE ONE:

(John 17:22b)

It was indeed important to our Savior that we continue in unity. It's through our unity, and our unity with God the Father, and Jesus the Son that the world may believe God sent Christ. This puts a grave responsibility in our hands.

Christ also said in Matthew chapter 12 that a kingdom cannot stand divided against itself. Christ's church *will not* stand unless we His children unite. Souls will not be led to Jesus Christ without this unity!

The scriptures in I Corinthians chapter one verse ten admonishes that there. . . BE NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU; BUT THAT YE BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND AND IN THE SAME JUDGEMENT. (I Corinthians 1:10b)

In Ephesians 4:3 Paul exhorts us to STRIVE for unity. He says ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. There is work involved. It takes an effort from everyone.

I feel the first step to unity is found in Philippians chapter two verses three thru five.

LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH STRIFE OR VAIN GLORY; BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHER BETTER THAN THEMSELVES. LOOK NOT EVERY MAN ON HIS OWN THINGS, BUT EVERY MAN ALSO ON THE THINGS OF OTHERS. LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Phil. 2:3-5)

Having the mind of Christ, the attitude of others first. The feelings, ideas, and needs of others above yours will help create unity. Listen to others. SELF-SACRIFICE.

Another area for unity is in worship. Too many people believe that unless your doctrinal beliefs are like mine, then we can't worship together. I do believe we must not compromise, but I also think we can hold their beliefs with respect and still worship together. Christ has only one church. It's best said in Galatians chapter three verse twenty-six.

FOR YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Gal. 3:26)

. . . FOR YE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Gal. 3:28b)

As Christians divided by doctrinal beliefs we may not see eye to eye, but we can walk arm in arm, after all our goal in Christ Jesus is the same.

I'm reminded of a story I read involving naval air planes that were in mass confusion because of a fog that was coming in. There were 22 in all. Eight reached safety before the fog got really bad, but four planes crashed and one was destroyed by fire. Time went by and some made it, while others crashed. Finally there were two planes left and the fog was extremely heavy. Suddenly a call came over the radio asking all automobile owners to go to the field outside the city. The cars inched their way in and were carefully lined up, as their lights were so feeble in the thick fog. Nonetheless, they were positioned properly. Then a command was given to turn all lights on! The lights of one car made little difference, but when 2500 of them were lighted that night, the field was so bright the planes were guided in safely.

Neither your light nor mine is very bright in this dark, dark world of ours, but if we can focus our lights together for a common cause, in love and unity, our Master Jesus Christ can bring in souls to a safe landing.

As a closing thought, David said it all most beautifully, BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHERN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!

(Psalms 133:1)



October notes

Dickinson, Texas

The Lord has been so good to the Dickinson church. My husband, Cecil, and I were blessed in August by attending the campmeeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas. It had been several years since we had been to one. We had meals and fellowship with many people who were unknown to us and attended some very Spirit filled services. Our prayer is to attend the meeting each year.

Bro. Savoy Grimmer was sent to our church in August as a full time pastor. Our congregation is small in number but we know that Bro. Grimmer was sent of the Lord and all of our needs as well as Bro. Grimmers will be met. We have thoroughly enjoyed and been blessed thus far with the services and are looking forward to greater things of the Lord. Sept. 3 was the evening the Dickinson church hosted a youth rally. We had visitors from Hempstead, Rockdale, and Pattison, Texas. The services were a real blessing and we're looking forward to the next rally in Hempstead, Texas in October.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Michenor were in Leaky, Texas and felt a burden to visit us in Dickinson before returning to Kansas. Sis. Edna Michenor held services Sept. 4-9. The services touched our hearts and gave us a real uplift. We had good fellowship with them and enjoyed them in our rally also. We are looking forward to many more youth rallies. It is our prayer to support and promote spiritual growth in the youth of the churches. We feel these rallies are the will of God and through Him all things are possible.

Dee Boles, Reporter
Savoy Grimmer, Pastor

Alvin, Texas

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from your brothers and sisters in Alvin, Texas! Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy! God has truly been good to us. We are happy to report that we were all kept safe and sound during the recent flood. (Not even a serious injury.) Over twenty-five of our church families suffered water damage to their homes, with several measuring more than four feet. But through all this, God was still there, offering nothing short of consolation, compassion, and an abundance of strength for all. God has once again proven that He is bigger than any problem we face, and that He will **always** be there.

Remember us in prayer, please, as we reconstruct our homes and lives. The sooner we can complete this task, the better we all can serve the Lord.

Love in Christ,
Trinity Apostolic Faith Church
Ronnie Martin - Pastor

Galena, Ks.

Greetings from our church. It has been awhile since we have sent a report to you from our church. God has truly blessed us. We had a welcome Supper Saturday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. for our new pastor, wife and daughter.

On Monday night, Sept. 10, our ladies group had a wonderful service. God blessed and met with us.

We are in the process of having a new carpet layed in the auditorium of our church.

The Lord has been blessing our services with new faces. Sunday night, our young people had a wonderful service. They have grown in number and they all stayed for the church service.

On Labor Day, we were blessed to have in our church service Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Routh and Melody (Christenson's daughter and family), Mrs. Betty Smith and Jason, all of Des Arc, Ark. Rick Christenson, Baxter Springs, and Miss LeAnn Mattox and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mattox of Baxter Springs, Ks.

We thank God for the nice help He sends our way. In Matthew 16:26 we read, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Every word of God is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Proverbs 30:5.

Yours in Christ,
Elmer Christenson, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter

Leakey, Texas

We want to just thank the Lord for giving the church at Leakey such a gracious Revival.

The Spirit of the Lord was so very prevelant in every service. It began with Communion Services and the first Sunday night at least four received the Holy Spirit. Each night God's blessing was there and others were saved and blessed in wonderful ways. There were five baptized in water. Some nights it was quite late when dismissed, so easy to pray at the altars until midnight.

Bro. Wesley Shipman is the Pastor and a great Spirit prevails.

Ray and Edna Michener

Joplin, Mo.

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We are so thankful to the Lord for His many, many blessings.

We appreciate Bros. Jake Regeir and Austin Sutton for taking our Wednesday night services while we were staying with Mrs. Ragan. She is doing much better and we do praise the Lord for His healing power.

Our Ladies Bible Study began again the first Tuesday in September and will be held each Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. We will be studying in Exodus for awhile and welcome anyone who would like to join us in a time of Prayer and Study.

Pray with us as our church prepares for Revival.

Neil Ragan, Pastor

Kingman, Ks.

Some of our church members traveled to Enid, Okla. for a singing and sharing service in Aug. The presence of the Lord prevailed and blessings were attained. Bro. and Sis. Jack Barker were with us Labor Day weekend to minister the Word. Some of the truths imparted by Bro. Barker includes how much we trust God is how much faith we have in Him, and that we can stand firm upon God's promises in these last days if we know we are doing all we can to live for Him each day. Much encouragement was received. The young people and children were treated to a wiener roast in September.

Nyla Myers, Reporter
Melvin and Lavone Shepherd, Pastor

Editor's note: The Kingman, Kansas church is looking for a studio size piano to purchase. If you know of one please contact Bro. Melvin Shepherd, 501 Raff Rt.3 Kingman, Kans. 67068. Phone 316-532-2539.



Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalms 127:3

Huckabee

Billy and Kathy Huckabee are the proud parents of their son, Ricky Jedd Huckabee. Born August 12, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. he weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21½ inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Winkler of Roswell, New Mexico. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Huckabee of Kimbrough, Ala.

Rusch

Announcing the birth of Jason Daniel Rusch. Jason was born at Denver General Hospital on July 31, 1979 at 10:00 p.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8½ oz. and measured 20½ inches long. Jason's parents are Dave and Starla Rusch. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker, Katy, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. David J. Rusch, Denver, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mollie Lewis, Baxter Springs, Ks., and Mr. and Mrs. Ermal Barker, Beaver, Okla.

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The Power Of Prayer

Above us are the eyes that never slumber,
That watch against whatever hurts or harms,
Around us are His mercies without number,
and UNDERNEATH THE EVERLASTING ARMS.
Above us are the Hands that once were riven,
That broke the spell of Satan's cunning charms,
Around us are the pledges He has given,
and UNDERNEATH THE EVERLASTING ARMS.
Above us are the fruits of His affection,
The blessed hope that stills our dread alarms,
Around us are the wing of His protection,
AND UNDERNEATH THE EVERLASTING ARMS.

—Author Unknown

What Is Man?

In these days of testing and proving we are glad God has given us His beautiful Word to give comfort and hope. We have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. In one of Job's hard tests, he was made to ask, What is man, that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? We can turn to the beginning of the creation for the answer to this question. Because of the great goodness and love of God, He so desired creatures upon whom He could bestow His goodness and lavish His love. He wanted creatures who could know Him and His great love and willingly serve Him, out of great love for Him. So God made man in His likeness with the ability to choose for himself whether he would love and serve and obey Him, making Him their choice or not. How wonderful we can know God and desire Him with all of our heart, "for with Him only is Life eternal," and to know of God's excellent wisdom and power to give every good and perfect gift to man. God has truly magnified man making him a little lower than the angels and crowning him with glory and honor, and made him to have dominion over the works of God's hands. As David has said, He has given man every good thing for his happiness; Blessing him with his fellowship and sweet presence. When man fell in sin, God set his great heart upon him to redeem him back to him with, OH what a price. Through the sacrificing of His own dear Son on the cruel cross of Calvary. Only when all the redeemed of all ages are gathered unto God and comformed unto the image of His dear Son, Jesus, throughout all ages shall He be satisfied with man! He is not willing that any be lost but that all should make Him their choice, while He is still calling today. Hell is waiting for those who reject so great and beautiful salvation. Hasten to make Jesus your choice today!

Pearl A. Menke

A. F. Report

The Tempter's Traps

Temptation is a common thing to believers, and there is not a soul that sometime or other is not tempted. The closer we get to the Lord, the more determined we are to press on with Him, the more traps the devil sets, and tempts us to walk into them.

The devil doesn't bother the person that is on his side, but it is when we undertake to do things for God that he comes with every kind of temptation.

However, temptation is not sin; there is a great difference. Jesus was a man of temptation, yet he was without sin, spotless, and guiltless. He is our example and pattern, yet He had the experience of temptation. Then how much more shall we experience the same. But thank God, through Jesus and His word we can come through victorious.

After Jesus had been baptized and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove had descended upon Him, He went into the wilderness to fast and pray, and there the enemy came tempting Him. (Matt. 4:1-11) Jesus defeated the devil by quoting scripture to him. If our Lord and Master had to rely on the Word of God in the time of temptation to conquer the enemy, how much more do we need to rely on God's Holy Word. We need to know the Word, and have the sword of the Spirit to live a victorious, overcoming life. At almost every turn in the road the devil will have his traps set and will tempt you to step into them, in one way or another.

When Jesus was baptized and filled with the Spirit, the Father's voice came from Heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Then in the wilderness Satan came tempting Him as never before saying, "If you are the Son of God"—O how many "ifs" the devil can throw across our pathway! It seems he uses this means of discouraging many young Christians. "What if there is nothing to all this?" he will whisper. Thank God when we have a real experience in Him we can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12).

The devil always strikes at our weak points. He never strikes when we are strongest, but always along the line of our weakness. He knows our weaknesses, and takes advantage of them. He came to Jesus when He was hungry, after He had fasted forty days and nights. Many people are tempted along the line of appetites, drink, tobacco, etc. Now the devil doesn't tempt me along these lines, nor perhaps would tempt me as he would you, but he knows our weak points.

When Satan could not trap the Lord with hunger he came to Him through His faith. "Then the devil taketh Him up unto the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." (Matt. 4:5-6). The devil knows the Scripture—he knows more of it than a lot of professed Christians know. In other words, this is what Satan meant: "If you are the son of God and trust Him, you can go up there and jump off and not be hurt because God will take care of you." But Jesus answered. "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." When we are standing on the word of God and have a

"Thus saith the Lord" to back us up, then we can do anything that is within the Lord's will, but we dare not tempt the Lord. When we do foolish things we are just walking into one of the devil's traps.

When Jesus would not yield to the temptation of faith, the devil struck at Him on the point of pride. Oh how many people fall into the Tempter's trap of Pride! Satan said: "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." This he said after having taken Jesus up into a high mountain and after having showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. The pride of possession traps so many people. The love of money and greed often sweeps people off their feet and into sin.

The devil does not come in the same way to everyone, but tempts the children of God in a thousand different ways to lead them astray and hurt the cause of Christ.

Jesus overcame temptation, and we through Him may overcome and live a victorious Christian life. The Word says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." (Jas. 1:12). It is only as we go through the fire that we can come out pure gold. Only as we meet and conquer the tempter that we can hope to claim the victory.

We cannot get above temptations, but we do not have to yield to them. There is always a way to escape if we look for it. In I Corinthians 10:13 we read: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

It is better to wait on God to know His will than to step with haste into the snare of the devil.

THE BARRIER



The Purpose Of Living

By Rev. Bob Taylor
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In a modern society where suicide has increased over 200% a year, surely there is a need to find a reason for living. After investigating the scriptures, we find Paul, the Apostle, writes to us concerning this important subject called life. He arouses our interest by asking the question—"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I Cor. 6:19).

We need to first realize that we do not have a right to determine how long or how short life is. When we further realize that "ye are bought with a price:" (that price being the blood of God's only begotten Son.) You have an obligation to "glorify God in your body and in your Spirit", (the Spirit being the real you that lives inside your body, the inner man), which are God's. (Rom. 14:8).

God hath saved us and called us according to his Holy purpose (II Tim. 1:8-12). God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (II Peter 3:9). If man does not repent, God will use his property, perhaps in a different way, for his glory. God used wicked and hard-hearted Pharaoh to shew the power of God to Israel. (Ex. 9:16). He also used the rebellious nation of Israel to bring salvation to the Gentiles, while on the other hand he used the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy. (Rom. 11:11).

God called a bashful, stuttering young man to lead the nation of Israel. He raised up Joseph, an even natured and kind fellow, to preserve the lives of his chosen people during a severe famine. Elijah was used, by God, to preserve spirituality during the idolentout years of Baal.

The angel of God had forwarned Joseph concerning Jesus, being the deliver for man's sins (Matt. 1:21) but John declares that the very purpose for Jesus coming in the likeness of human flesh was to "to destroy the works of the Devil". (I John 3:8).

Paul, relating his life's story to King Agrippa (Acts 26),

remembers the purpose that God had in saving his soul and changing his life style on the road to Damascus. God appeared to Saul (later called Paul) "for this purpose"--#1. to make Saul a minister and a witness of the things he had seen among his own people. #2. to be a witness of the things he would experience later as he went to the Gentiles with the gospel. Paul was to open the eyes of both the Jews and the Gentiles and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Paul, like others, had a real purpose of living. He was to glorify God in his body and in his spirit. Paul never understood all the leadings of the Lord. Sometimes it was hard for him to understand why some things happened in his life. Paul was to take the gospel to Kings also (Acts 9:15), therefore God had to allow him to be arrested for the preaching of the gospel in order for Paul to have the opportunity to talk to the kings. This is why Paul could say, with assurance, "all things work together for good to them, who are the called according to His purpose". God has always made known his will to man and man's obedience will bring Him pleasure. (Eph. 1:9). Therefore, when we do the will of God, we are just fulfilling what God already had planned for our lives. (Eph. 1:11).

"As every man has received, let him minister, as of the ability God gives, that God may be glorified". (I Peter 4:11). Everyone has a purpose for living. No one can replace another. That purpose of life is not to accumulate wealth, real estate or to satisfy the lusts of the flesh, as some suppose. The real purpose of life is to glorify God by the words spoken; the deeds done in our bodies or the good influence that the inward man generates. (Acts 4:13).

Paul's earnest prayer for the church was "that the name of Jesus Christ be glorified". Do you know that you are not your own to live as the flesh would demand? You are God's property! You have an obligation to God to glorify Him, in your body and in your spirit! Yes, there is a real purpose in life!

Deception

Lisa Kline
AFBC Student

Today there are many people in the world that have been deceived, led astray. In Matthew 15:16 it says that if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in a ditch. There are many today seeking after the pleasures of life that pay no heed to their leaders, they just follow. In Matthew 7:15 it says to beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. And then it goes on to say you shall know them by their fruits, but if we are not living as we should we will not know that the fruits they are showing are not good. It says that many shall be deceived and believe a lie. No longer will they have a love for the truth for they will be caught in the bonds of Satan. In the last days because of all the deception and sin, the love of many will wax cold. We should keep our eyes on Jesus and press on for the richer blessings of Christ.

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Tell me today, Lord
What you have for me to do
For I love you very much,
And I want to work for you.

By
Vanessa Oakes

And Lord you don't have to give
me some famous job
For I want to work for you
And not just please the mob.

It may just be a humble work
Not boisterous or loud
And when I do my work
Help me not to be too proud.

Lord, the rest is for you to do
I don't have much more to say.
Just find some special purpose
In my life today.

A. F. Report

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QUESTION:—How can I convince my friends that being a Christian is *NOT* being a sissy?

ANSWER:—Was Jesus Christ a “sissy”? *NO!* His life from birth was one of Great Courage and adventure! So is the life of every Christian. Even though for almost 3¼ years the foes of Christ constantly sought for ways to end His life, Christ never wavered. He outwitted His accusers as they laid traps for Him seeking even a sliver upon which to stand giving them a right for His death.

Do the lives of Peter or Paul remind you of a sissy? As Peter rose on the day of Pentecost to declare the Word of God to those guilty of the death of Christ, he stood as a *giant*. Later he was put into prison for preaching “Christ” and in the end gave his life on a cross for His Faith in God. Was he a sissy?

Then Paul could only be called a man of great valor for he was often beaten, put into prison, or left outside the city gates for dead. *A real Christian is like gristle*, being able to withstand chewings or temptations and trials that are placed upon him.

There are plenty of imitations—professors but not possessors. Real POSSESSORS aren’t sissies as they say “NO” to the gang; “Sissies” go along with gang regardless of the activity in question.

Yes, there will be those “friends”? who’ll snicker, sneer, and cut deep with their words PROVING all the more that a real Christian (one who lives a consistent Christian life EVERY DAY) is NOT a sissy.

We read in Hebrews 11:32-38 about people as David, Gideon, Barak, and others who faced death for their Faith in God. Surely no one could call Daniel a sissy! God’s Word tells us in verse 38 that the world is not even worthy of such men.

There will be those who are genuinely interested in whether or not you’re a “stout fella” for Christ, one that won’t falter at the temptations he places before you. If you don’t falter—then he will be NO. 1 on your list of fishes as Christ said, “I will make you fishers of men”. What better occupation could you desire?

If your Christian life rings true at all times, you will be a vessel that Christ can use to bring sheep into the fold. *It is this type of experience that proves to your friends that being a Christian is not being a sissy!*

How can you live this type of a Christian life? Read in Romans 8:37-39. Here God tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. God is greater than Satan. Verse 37 says, “Nay, in all these things we are *more than conquerors* through him that loved us.”

When we need grace to say “no”, our strength that Christ promised in II Cor. 12:9 (My grace is sufficient for thee) is only a prayer away. This prayer need not be audible but a silent prayer will bring the Victory. *God’s Word is always true*. He again tells us in Hebrews 13:5, “. . . , I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”. God does not merely walk with us to church but will be our constant companion.

HE WILL supply the courage, strength, and wisdom that you need to live that consistent, daily Christian life that will in itself PROVE to be your friends that being a Christian is NOT being a Sissy but they are “Sissies” for not being a Christian.

Keep your eyes on the goal—Christ Jesus—and you will not sink beneath the Waves.

“WE ARE WELL ABLE...”

I would like to look at the authority that Jesus had while He was here on earth and see how that authority can be ours today. In order to fully understand this, first let’s define the word authority. Webster says that it is “a person with power to act or command”. Jesus did have this power.

The early church was given the same opportunity for the use of this power and authority. The church today has the same opportunity if we but avail ourselves to God for His use.

First, I’d like to look at the authority of Jesus. Matt. 28:18 says, “And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.” Where did Jesus get all this power? It had to come from the Father because the scripture says that, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father...” So, Jesus had the authority of God, Himself. Since we are “heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ” (Rom. 8:17), then we, too, can have access to this authority.

Matt. 7:28-29 says, “And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” This says to me that Jesus knew about what He was talking. What He taught was something that He knew in His heart and not just what He had read from the law. The reason people listened to Jesus when He spoke was because He lived what He taught.

In another place Jesus had cast an unclean spirit from a man. The people were “all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits and they do obey Him.”

This same power and strength that Jesus had, which came from His Father was given unto the early church also. Matt. 16:19 says, “And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” And again in chapter 18 of this same book and verse 19, we read, “Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven.”

These are special promises to me. It says that if I have Jesus in me then I also have His authority in me. Just as these promises were handed down to the early church, so they have been given to me, as a believer in Jesus Christ.

Now let’s look at some scriptures in regard to this power being granted to us today.

Eph. 3:16 says, “That he would grant you according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man.” This strength and authority comes from within because Jesus lives within.

Another scripture that says that I can have this power is in Dan. 11:32. The last part of this says, “. . .but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.” Webster says that exploits are “remarkable deeds”. I believe that if Jesus lives in us then we can do “remarkable deeds”.

Finally, Phil. 4:13 tells me that, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” If we could only realize the power that Christ has put within us, we could do great things for God.

May God give us the wisdom to use the resources that are ours as His children.

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A. F. Report

Demonology

By Tammy Oakes

Isaiah 14:12 "How are thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations."

Isaiah 14:3 "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God..."

Romans 12:3 "to every man not to think of himself more highly than he ought."

The Prophet Isaiah tells us of the fall of Lucifer from heaven, because of his self exaltation before God. When Satan was cast down, a third part of the angels of heaven fell with him. Rev. 12:4 "And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven."

Ever since the fall of Satan, he has been running to and fro as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Revelation 16:13-14 is a picture of the evil trine, consisting of the Dragon, the beast, the false prophet - Just as there is a Godly Triune, Satan also has a counterfeit. And since he knows that the time of the end is drawing nigh, and that he has but a little time, his power and wickedness and false accusations are becoming worse and worse.

Everywhere we may happen to look, there is sin on every hand. It is open sin. People are not afraid to be involved with wickedness and immoral living that will bring heartache and distress to the life and a final damnation to the soul. Satan is working on the mind's and body's of each individual's life and is trying to bind them to the point of no chance of being free. And don't fool yourself. If the blood of Jesus is not applied over a life, your open to the complete forces of Satan and these fallen spirits. Satan is a liar, an accuser of the brethren, a deceiver and he is full of power from the evil trine. But because of Calvary and because of the empty tomb, Christ is more powerful. He conquered death, hell and the grave. And his precious blood was shed for protection against the powers of the enemy. There is no demonic spirit that has ever been or ever will be able to cross thru the blood, just to prove that we serve a victorious Saviour, stronger than the accuser of the brethren.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12.

In an everyday schedule of life, we come in contact with people who are troubled and searching for true happiness. In trying to find happiness, they often try to make other people around them miserable. But as a true child of God, we aren't fighting against that Person, but against the force behind that Person.

To be able to stand and fight against the evil trine and its power, we must be strong in the Lord and in the power of Jesus might. We must equip ourselves with the whole armor of God that we may be able to withstand in the evil day.

Prophecy is being fulfilled each day, and today we are living in the evil day. Men's hearts and minds are being deceived because they have not received a love for the truth. Their hearts are waxing worse and worse. Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. And we see that so prevalent in this very day. People are cold and indifferent to other people's needs, being only concerned about self. Ever since the fall of Lucifer, he has been fighting against God, and his people, trying to get even with God.

Revelation 12:9 "And the great Dragon was cast out, that

old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. v.10 and I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accuseth them before our God day and night."

The Dragon, that old devil, is a deceiver of all unrighteousness and the beast, the antichrist, will be filled with power from the Dragon in the last 7 years of Tribulation, and many people will fall for the miracles that this demonic man is full of, because he has come in the name of Christ. Matthew 24:5 says "Many will come in my name, saying 'I am Christ; and shall deceive many'". Satan twists and turns the scriptures, to make it look good and pleasing. People will be deceived by him. Because they have not received a love for the truth. II Thess. 2:11 "For this cause GOD SHALL SEND them strong delusion that they might believe a lie." and be damned.

I Timothy describes it as having their conscience seared with a hot iron. Being seared to the point of not realizing the truth, unconcern, laxness. To honestly believe a lie!

In all the apostasy, corruptness, and iniquity of the world today, because of the Dragon, we are reminded that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for the very same purposes. And God will not let the wicked get away with it this time either. Yes, we will reap what we sow. Those that sow to the flesh shall reap to the flesh corruption, but they that sow in the spirit shall reap life everlasting. "And the devil that deceiveth them was cast into the Lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever."

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire, which is the second death.

Pearls Of Promise

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:2

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The Act and Result of Sin

By Austin Sutton
AFBC Faculty

Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered in to the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

14: Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, ever over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

17: For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

21: What fruit had ye then in these things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of these things is death.

22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By Adam, sin entered into the world. But first we must remember that Adam and Eve know nothing about sin or Satan. They did not have knowledge of good, and evil; they were God's formation. Because of this they knew not that they were naked. They were without pain, without shame, they were perfect in the eyes of the Lord. God had commanded them;

Genesis 2:16, 17 And the Lord God commanded the man saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

After the woman took and gave to man and he partook of the fruit, their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked.

Websters says **ACT**: The decision of a legislative body, or of a court, etc.; A decree, edict, law, judgement, resolve, award. The decision God made for them eating of the tree, or the **Act** or man committing sin against God is **death**. The act of sin is death. Now the result of sin is knowing Good from evil, and the curse put on man and earth. Corruption of all that God created is the result of Sin.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.

Because of sin we see that God cursed child bearing. God didn't intend for woman to know pain of child birth, but because of disobedience pain was brought into existence. Also, the pain of knowing that children are born with a sin nature. (part of the sorrow). God didn't intend for it to be that way. He didn't want man to have to make the decision of whether to turn to God or continue in sin. The sorrow of not knowing whether our children will accept the Lord or not. Parents are frightened for their children, whether they will make the right or wrong decision. How much does it frighten parents? Well, some times we try so hard to teach them right that we scare them away and sometimes, we're so loose that they fall by the wayside for not knowing the truth of the Gospel. Where is the happy medium. I don't

know, but God does. I feel we need to emphasize dedicating the parents to raising a child in the fear of God instead of dedicating the child. I do believe in child dedication, but more so that the parents be dedicated to train the child. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The sorrow of seeing sin multiply from one generation to another. The result of sin is sorrow. Another sorrow we shall name, the woman shall be ruled by the husband. That means just what it says, do we believe it? Remember it says **ruled not run-over**. Use good judgement because God is going to be our **just judge**.

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

18: Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19: In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

More results of sin: the ground cursed with thorns, and thistles. Every day mankind has to fight the curse of the ground to make a living and to put food on the table. Work is just what it ways, **WORK**. Sweat and toil to make the ends meet. We have to occupy until the Lord comes or until the act of sin turns us (through corruption) to the dust of the ground.

Let's name more results of sin: II Tim. 3:1 This know also, that in the last day perilous time shall come.

2: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3: Without natural affection, trucebreakers, also accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4: Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away.

I am writing this so that we will "Beware lest we fall short of the Glory of God." Remember the wages of sin is death. He didn't say murder or lying, he said **sin**, which covers anything that is against the commandments.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Sometimes we, as so called "christians", think we are exceptions to the rule. Examples: the speed limit says 55 m.p.h. We get caught going 58 or 60 m.p.h., and we think we don't deserve a ticket, because everyone else was going 75 or 80 m.p.h. The law says 55 m.p.h. so 55 1/2 is speeding. Taxes are so high that everyone is lying about their taxes. Say we buy a used car, the taxes are a certain percent of the total worth. We paid \$1500 for the car but when we get to the tax office we say we gave \$100 for the car. Well, we save some money, but cost us our clean conscience before God. If your conscience doesn't bother you then your conscience is seared with a hot iron from the attitude of "this isn't wrong." Remember Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death. Because of many of these things and others we have dishonored the body, and blood of the Lord. This leads us to the verse in I Corinthians 11:31 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep.

We wonder why our churches do not grow and people are not concerned with prayer and church activities. It is

because the little foxes spoil the vine. Little sin(as we call it) will spoil and eat away at our Christian experience. If we are spoiled by sin and it doesn't bother us enough to make it right, how can we expect anyone else to have confidence in our life. Sinners can tell Christians how to live, and sometimes it seems to be too straight. Is it wrong for sinners to expect Christians to be Christ-like?

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat;

14: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it.**

This narrows down the church to those that follow the straight gate. How many are really willing to pay the price? You probably said "I am." Well, remember not saying it, but doing it will tell the truth.

Don't expect to be in health, unless you are spiritually in tune with God.

III John 2: Beloved, I will above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Don't expect your church to grow until you are spiritually in tune with God.

Acts 3:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

47: Praising God, and having favor with all the people, and the **Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Don't expect the Lord to honor you until you are in tune with God. John 12:26: If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

I think the testimony of John could be the testimony of God; III John 4, I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

GRACE

Grace is the unmerited favor of God.

Psa. 84:11. The Lord will give grace.

Prov. 3:34. He gives grace to the lowly.

Acts 4:33. There was great grace upon the Apostles.

Rom. 3:24. We are justified freely by His grace.

Rom. 5:2. There is a standing grace.

Rom. 5:20-21. There is an abounding and reigning grace. II Cor. 9:8.

I Cor. 15:10. We are what we are in Christ, by His grace.

II Cor. 12:9. My grace is sufficient for thee.

Gal. 5:4. A person can fall from grace.

Eph. 1:7. Remember the riches of His grace.

Heb. 4:16. Come boldly to the Throne of Grace.

Heb. 13:9. Let the heart be established with grace.

I Pet. 1:9-10. We are living in a prophesied grace.

II Pet. 3:18. Let every soul grow in grace.

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Sin is from the devil, so let us that are of Christ put on righteousness.

Romans 6:23b But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAISE THE LORD! I don't pretend to be a writer, but one thing for sure, God's Word will stand forever. Mark 13:31.

I Tim. 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, have promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

May I close by simply saying: II Tim 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

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Abraham Lincoln once said, "Life has no pleasures nobler than that of friendship."

Love - help - kindness; when we think of Friendship we think of all these things but not one of them alone can truly express Friendship. It's a combination of all these things and more.

Friendship is a divine institution from God. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 states, "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor; For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

A close friend will uplift you. We feel special and cared for in their company. A friend is someone to whom we can talk. He listens and he really cares. Our earthly friends are fine and good, but only in Christ do we have a perfect friend. Proverbs 18:24 says "...and there is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother." This refers to Christ. He knows our every thought and He still loves us. He comes to us in time of sorrows. He lets us spill out our problems on him. He rejoices with us when we are happy and weeps with us when we are sad.

It's astounding to think how much He must really care. He has promised never to leave nor forsake us. Yet He has every right to.

How many times have we forsaken him? How many times do we get too busy for Christ, caught up in our own affairs. We're running here and there, busy in the church, visiting the sick, calling on the lost, and we forget to take time to talk with God.

And when He asks us to do something for him, we pout and say "Not now Lord," or "Why do I have to do that. I always have to."

We want so much and give so little.

If we were to treat our earthly friends as we so often treat Christ, I wonder just how long we'd have those friends. To keep a friend we must be a friend. The first part of Proverbs 18:24 states "A man who hath friend must show himself friendly."

We must be willing to give rather than always take. We must listen. We must put the other first.

Christ has always put us first. He died on the cross for us. He was human and no doubt had fears of the horror that was to come before His death. He was hurt by the people closest to him, but He did it for us.

The most we can do is love Him, respect Him, fear, be His friend! We should show Him the same spirit we show our earthly friends.

"A recent magazine article on the "Big Brothers Movement" of New York tells of a boy sent to the House of Refuge, and therefore attending the school at the institution. One day, in one of the classes, he was asked to spell the word "friend". The letters came slowly, "F-R-I-E-N-D", and then the teacher asked, "What does the word mean?"


The little fellow studied for a moment for a way to express his thought. "Oh," he said, "he's a fellar that knows all about ye, an' likes ye just the same." It was the highest thing in friendship his brief life had taught him. That is the tie that binds us to our Friend in heaven." He knows all about us and loves us just the same. He can see into our very hearts and minds and he still loves us. Oh what a precious friend he is.

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