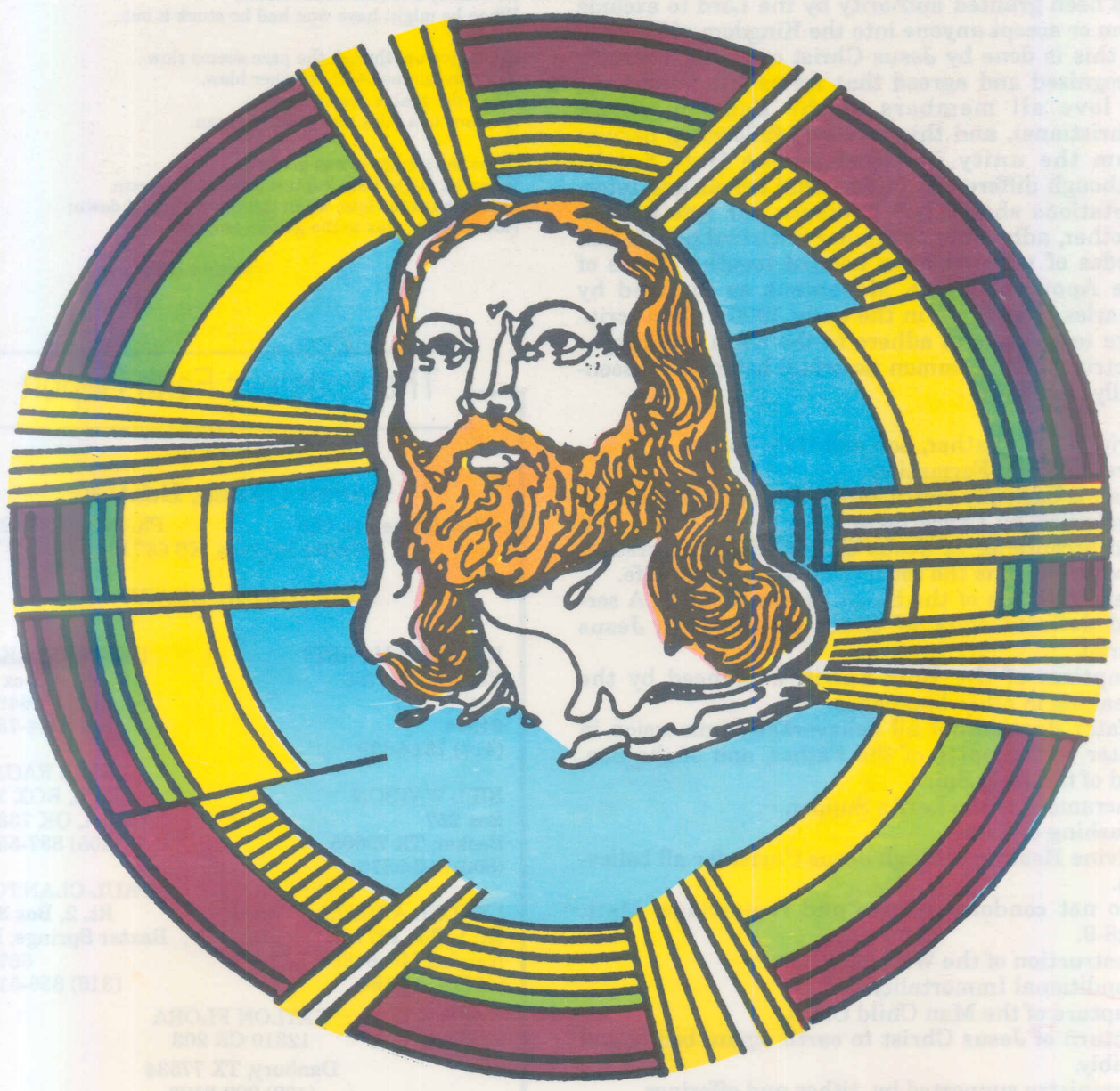

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*What are you going to do with this Jesus
who is called the Christ?*

By Laws 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 Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

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

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, 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 the 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, Matt. 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 doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

DON'T YOU QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill.
When funds are low and debts are high;
and you want to smile, but you have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out.

Don't give up, though the pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And learned too late, when the night slipped down;
How close he was to the golden crown.

-Author Unknown

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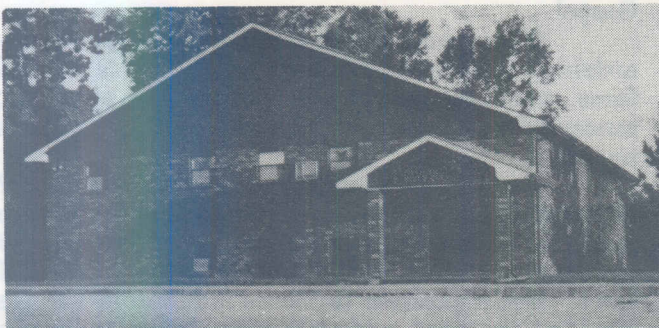
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STEWARDSHIP.....Dora Beydler

We often think of stewardship for God in terms of how we handle the Lord's part of finances but this is only one phase of it. In the Bible times a steward was given charge to oversee the masters entire enterprise. He was the superintendent over the holdings of both material possessions and the servants yet he must always be aware that he too was a servant and under obligation to his master. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." It is true part of the stewards job is to handle finances and God has entrusted his stewards with that part also. A steward according to the dictionary is an administrator. An Administrator is one who serves out (it can be medicine, the gospel or justice). While it is true a steward handles money for God, we must remember God has already given the guide lines for the business of finances. Everyone is a steward of his own finances and God has asked that we each give one tenth of our increase to Him. This is not a gift to Him but we owe it to God as a payment to Him in return for the way He has supplied all our needs from His riches. If we feel to give anything to God we give an offering above our tithe. Then God has remembered the poor also in His plan. The gifts to the poor are called almsgiving. To be a steward of finances we only need to follow the plan God has already laid out.

Then there is another kind of giving which affects all of us and though people often fail to listen to the justness of God's way for the support of His work, our Government exacts its laws for the support of its work by taxes. Paul sanctioned this method to pay those over us by saying they're worthy of tribute. Jesus gave us a good thought in a way to understand what God really wants in our gifts to Him in Matthew 22:17-21. "Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith He unto them. Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Render means to give back. The denarius had Caesar's name and picture, was worth about 15 cents (some say 20 cents) and was used to pay the poll, or census tax to Rome. Jewish doctors said, "He is King whose coin passes current." anyone who fails or refuses to pay his tithe is considered to be rejecting the kinship of Christ and denying that Jesus is Lord of his life. But tender-

ing to God that which is due Him is more than paying our tithe and even giving an additional offering. To give back to God that which has the superscription of God is to give back one's self, body, soul and spirit.

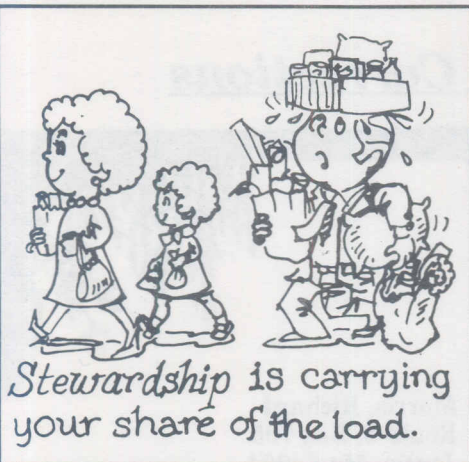
When we take a closer look at stewardship and what it means, there is another phase that comes to our attention: stewardship of the Gospel. To the Christian it is not only a privilege to proclaim the Gospel, but is our duty. We read in Matthew 28:19a "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." This does not mean we must all go to a foreign land but there are many hidden corners right near where we live. John 4:33c says, "Lift up your eyes on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." How long has it been since you helped in the support of a missionary either a foreign missionary or one on a mission field at home". Have you talked to those with whom you work recently? Does your daily life back up what you say? New churches need to be established and present ones need YOU as a consecrated worker. Acts 4 tells us that when persecution scattered the early Christians they went every where preaching the Gospel.

Then, we have another duty in our stewardship, the stewardship of life. Life is a vital force, whether regarded as physical or spiritual; conceived as a quality of the soul or as the soul's nature.

God has given us life. How shall we use it? Many of us felt as Moses. When God asked him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses has a lot of excuses and they really amounted to "Lord, I can't." God's question to Moses is found in Exodus 42, "And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, a rod." Today we often try to convince God "I can't" but if we look around, there are a number of small things to be used as God wishes if we only give ourselves to Him. Moses had a rod-just a shepherd's staff but God used it in the hand of Moses to perform miracles before Pharoah and later before the Israelites. It was this same rod with which Moses struck the waters and turned the rivers of Egypt into blood. He, Moses, held the same rod high over the Red Sea when they parted to let the Children of Israel cross on dry ground. Exodus 14:15-13. Just to dip in the Jordan River the required number of times brought healing to Naaman. II Kings 5:1-14. The Israelites had only to use their feet to march around Jericho but then, they had to believe enough to shout the victory - - that was giving of themselves. Joshua 6:3-16. Bloom where you are! Use what you have! The Bible is full of instances when God used small things people already had to make a miracle to bless some one.

David chose 5 stones for his sling, but he used only one small stone when he went out to fight Goliath, but he went in the name of the Lord.

I Samuel 17:40-50. Five thousand were fed with 5 small loaves and two small fish when they were served with the blessing of the Lord. John 6:1-13. The song says, "Little is much



when God is is it." The widow's debt was paid when God increased the oil as she poured it into the borrowed containers. II Kings 4:1-7. The iron ax head not only came to the top of the water, but it stayed there long enough for the men to retrieve it from the water when Elisha cut a stick and threw it in near the ax head. II Kings 6:1-7. Many more miracles could be cited from the scriptures but this is enough to tell us we need never say, "I have no talent," Because God uses small things. Just bloom where you are. Suppose the desert flowers refused to bloom because it is hot there and dry and dusty or the wild flowers of the mountain meadows could say, "My growing season is too short and no one will see me here anyway, so I'll just stay in the ground. "But, no, they bloom as God wills and we just call them weeds! God has something better for us though. Jesus died that we might have an overflowing abundant life. This says we can have a surplus of strength and power. Jesus gave Himself for the church, Ephesians 5:25-26. We are to love God and men. Matthew 22:35-40 says, " Then one of them which was a lawyer asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Love your enemies - those who do not wish you well, Luke 6:27-28. Love one another; John 15:12-13. In I Corinthians 13:11 we can read that we should grow up and put away childish things. A jewel is a bit of ordinary earth which has passed through some extraordinary experiences.

"May God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the differ-

ence." Let us use what we have in our hands to be a good steward for our Lord.

Sister Dora Beydler -

Sister Dora Beydler has been a faithful steward for many years. I want to thank her for her faithfulness in writing for the Apostolic Faith Report. Sister Beydler is unable to be as active as she once was but her ministry goes on. It would be good if we would let her know we really love and appreciate her. Her address is:

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May God bless all who have gone before us teaching, preaching and living the gospel.

.....Karen

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

*You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak,
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar and dime.*

*You tell what you are by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which you your burdens bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.*

*You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.*

*By the books you choose from the
well-filled shelf:*

*In these ways and more, you tell on yourself:
So there's really no particle of sense
In an effort to keep up false pretense.*

... from *The Lighted Pathway*

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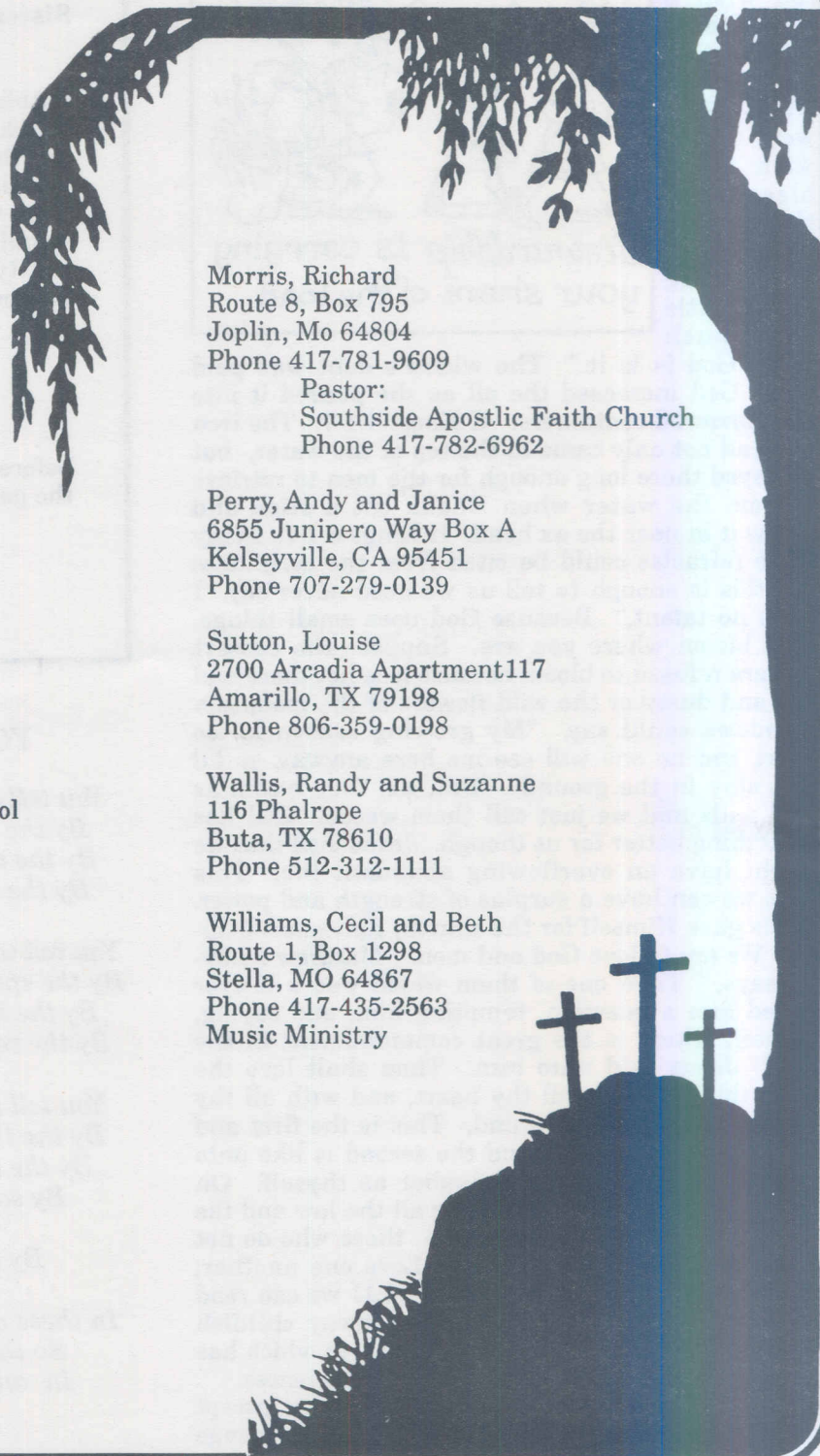
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AWAKE! AWAKE!

by the late Gail W. Schultz

Awake! Awake! We hear the cry every where for the church to be up and about the Master's business. Let us go forth and be in the place that would most highly please our God. We have in the Bible that hope complete, the words that tell us to work for the night cometh when no man can work. Jesus is coming soon, be ready, Quick! Hurry! Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Jude 3rd verse. Paul laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:6. The shadow of Peter healed the sick. Acts 5:15. Handkerchiefs and aprons from Paul healed the sick and cast our devils. Acts 19:11-12.

Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Apostles and it was as lying to the Holy Ghost, that is a sin against the church and they died. Acts 5:1-11. When Dorcas died she was brought back to life. Acts 9:36-41. O that we might go back to those days of the coming of the Lord and be able to see things and works mighty accomplished in the Name of the Lord. Will Jesus find faith when He returns, are you looking for him to come or are you growing cold?

Let us do all that we can and I know that the Lord is going to be with us to bless so that we will be as a watered garden and in spirit and soul and body be able to fight to live until Jesus comes, destroying in His name every enemy and being made perfect through trial, we shall become the heirs of an eternal salvation. For the Blood of Jesus still has power and the stripes have power to heal, so do not forget to pray and to watch and be ready for in an hour when ye think not, the Son of Man cometh. Do the works of righteousness that the Father might be glorified in the Son.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barker of Houston, TX and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Donnell of Richmond, TX, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristal Dawn Barker to Mr. Jacob John Urick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Urick of Alvin, TX. The ceremony will be held in Alvin, TX on the 16th of July. Kristal will be a second year student at the Bible School and Jacob is the Dean of Men.

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Dangers and Distractions of Summer

WE MIGHT AS WELL FACT IT: THE DANGERS AND DISTRACTIONS OF SUMMER SEEM TO BE HERE TO STAY, It is futile to ignore them, hoping they'll go away. Here are some of these ailments and liabilities that seem to bounce back every summer:



1. **LOW TEMPERATURE.** June, July and Aug. frequently bring an astonishing temperature inversion. As the physical thermometer goes up, the spiritual thermometer goes down.



2. **OVERCROWDING.** This problem happens mainly on Sundays and weekends - overcrowding on the golf courses, lakes, and highways. Overcrowding everywhere, except on church parking lots.



3. **SLEEPING SICKNESS.** The summer variety of this illness has nothing to do with the tsetse fly of tropical Africa. The symptoms include drowsiness and laziness. The brain and the backbone seem to be affected. This particular kind of sleeping sickness occurs mainly on Sunday mornings.



4. **THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON COMA.** The hot summer weather seems to aggravate this condition. It keeps a person from attending the Sunday evening worship service.



5. **MIDWEEK AMNESIA.** Warm weather apparently brings on a higher incidence of "Wednesday night forgetfulness." Church members can't remember the time, place and purpose of the midweek prayer service.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DANGERS AND DISTRACTIONS THAT HIT MANY CHRISTIANS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. BE ON THE ALERT AND TRY TO AVOID THESE PROBLEMS IN HOUR HOME THIS YEAR!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

...by the Late Chas. F. Parham

In discussing this text, I want to first make a personal application of it to each of you, and to make it so pointed that not one of you will be able to read this without making a decision either for or against the Christ. To bring it so definitely to you that if you fail to take your stand upon the side of Christ that you become as guilty of His blood as those who drove the nails thru His hands. That from this time on you are either on the side of God and righteousness, truth and holiness or willfully taking your stand upon the side of Christ and godliness, or on the side of Barrabas, and all that is low-down. There is no sitting on the fence. You are either on one side or the other.

Many of the unconverted church members sort of compliment and encourage themselves with the thought that they are on the side of Christ. But unless you are thoroughly converted and living a godly life the community will soon discover your hypocritical profession without possession, and your life will keep more people away from God and Christ than all the rest of your church will win for Him. **Make your decision now. Which shall it be, Christ or Barrabas?**

In the long line of torture and trial, Christ has at last appeared before Pilate, who after careful examination was convinced that He was the Christ. His dignity, His calmness, His majestic poise, the serene look of His eye were all convincing. Truly this Man was a King! His wife had also sent him word, not to have anything to do with the conviction of this Man, but Pilate, like many thousands of today, owed his political and social elevation to the public at any cost. Outside the hall the rabble were clammering for this Man's life. Pilate could hear the incessant cries of the mob. And by the way, this mob was not composed of the rough-necks or outcasts, to the lower elements of the city. Out there were the most influential of the community. The highest respected elements of the city business and society, also the chief priests and the elders, like many a man and woman reading this. Poor cowardly Pilate, quailed before the demands of public opinion, failed Christ and sold himself for political prestige and standing in the community. Yet, withal, he paid the Christ one of the most wonderful tributes human life could utter, as he led Him forth, he said to the mob, "BEHOLD THE MAN" but again the cry went up "Give us



Rev. Charles Fox Parham

Barrabas."

Now it was customary at this time of the year to release a prisoner, and no doubt Pilate felt he might turn the decision of the mob and making the last desperate appeal he cried out "But what shall I do with this man?" And they cried the more vehemently, "Crucify Him." Seeking to ease his conscience, he called a servant to bring a bowl of water hither that he might wash his hands of the blood of this man.

Lately in making excavation in Jerusalem they claim to have uncovered the doorway, front porch of Pilate's judgement hall and there is the same stone slab; one end of which is firmly embedded in the building the other rest upon a stone pedestal at the other end of the porch. It was upon this slab the bowl of water was placed in which Pilate sought to wash from his hands the blood of the Son of God. But he never did. Like the character pictured by Shakespeare it remained a blotch upon his hands, until his tragic death.

The mob seizing the son of Man, a cross that was made of green wood, was laid upon His shoulder and they literally drove Him down the narrow way bearing His cross to Calvary. Outside the gates this howling, crazed mob, drove the Son of God, until the human, the flesh side of Him, sank beneath the weight of the cross. Spears were brought into action, fiercely they jabbed His body but to no avail; He could not rise under His burden. Looking quickly about, the captain of the soldiers call a negro and ordered him to lift the cross. And thus it came about that a poor despised negro took His cross, my cross, and bore it up Calvary's rugged mountain. Quickly they nailed the thieves to the crosses and placed them in the holes, long before made for use in this manner of death for the criminals. Now they take the Son of God, laid Him back on the wooden cross and cruelly nailed His hands and feet to the rugged form. And lifting it they

drop it in the hole, with seeming vicious satisfaction. But as the weight of that loved form of Jesus drops to test the strength of the cruel nails, methinks a groan escapes his lips. Then they commence to mock, to spit upon and ridicule Him. thus was the Son of God lifted between heaven and earth to bear your sins and mine. To wash them away by the power of His shed blood, as far as the east is from the west and to bury them in the depths of the sea. Whose body was there broken for you and for me, who took our infirmities and bare our sickness, and by whose stripes we are healed. Listen everyone of you, "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?"

Look! Here comes Pilate, poor little cowardly Pilate. Perhaps some of the more influential of the city have sickened and turned from the sight which perhaps lends more boldness to what Pilate is about to do. Guilty conscience, that makes cowards of us all, is seeking for relief, for mortal fear and terror had seized Pilate, yet with boldness not before evidenced by his actions, he places an inscription above the cross, written in three languages, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. They remonstrated with him and said, "No, Say He said He was" but Pilate feeling some relief to his over wrought nerves more boldly said, "What I have written, I have written." Thus ends the first scene in the tragedy of the ages.

In the next scene, comes the pious, holy priests and others begging Pilate to send a soldier to see if the criminals were really dead. They made for a pretext that tomorrow was the Sabbath day and they had great scruples about criminals hanging on the Sabbath. They had no scruples about murders and crucifixions, they were not caring so much about the Sabbath, as they were to know they had gotten rid of this Jesus, who had been such a thorn in their lives.

The centurion was immediately sent, who made short work of breaking the bones of the criminals that they might die. Jesus was apparently dead, but for fear He was only swooned, the centurion pierced His side, thus fulfilling a prophecy in the Old Testament. From this wound there flowed blood and water. Scientists tell us that when one bleeds to death there gathers in the heart the last bit of blood and water. Thus flowed out on Calvary the last drop of blood which was spilt for you and for me. For, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin."

Now hear the testimony of the centurion. Suddenly as he pierced the side of the Lamb of God, the heavens were covered with darkened clouds, the sun veiled its face, lurid lightning flashed across the sky, ominous thunders rolled, the earth trembled, and right at his side the immense rocks were rent; falling to his knees, this unbelieving soldier, captain of the guards, cried out

in terror, "SURELY THIS IS THE SON OF GOD."

Have you ever heard of what became of this man Pilate, who like many of you sold the Christ for political standing, business prestige and social elevation? Unable to remove the blood from his hands, to forget the look in those eyes, or ease his conscience that continually called him day and night, shortly resigned his king-ship in Judea. He went to Rome where he sought to forget the past, mid pleasures and gaiety of the capital of the Empire. But the horror of that unpardonable sin of which he was guilty drove him ever onward, like some frail craft before the mighty storm of the night. At last with only one servant, he fled northward thru Italy and threw himself a suicide from Mt. Pilatus, into the lake below which now also bears his name "Pilatus". This ended the life of the man who sold his Christ for earthly advantages and ended in a wretched suicide. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

My friends, this Christ of God is the greatest figure in human history, most colossal in religious history, as towers the Hymalayas above the mountains the Christian religion towers above the religions of the world. As towers Mt. Everest above the Hymalayas so towers the Christ of God above the priests and prophets and sages of all ages. What are you going to do about this man who went about doing good healing all manner of disease among the people, feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowing, bringing deliverance to the captive, and setting at liberty those that were bound. See Him as He enters the home of sorrow. The hired mourners are already there, the daughter of Jairus is dead. He but speaks the word and she is restored to health and the embraces of friends and loved ones. Again He meets a funeral cortege. A widow's son, her only support is dead and they bear him away to the grave. The great heart of Jesus is touched with sympathy. He but speaks the word and he who was dead is restored to his mother's arms. Sadly Mary and Martha are weeping in a home left desolate by the death of their only brother. They have sent word to Jesus, the dearest friend of many days, hoping for comfort from Him, but some way or other He has delayed His coming. They had hoped that the Master might restore him to life, but days passed and now Lazarus stinketh. At last, but too late, He comes. They remonstrate with Him. "If you had only come our brother would not have died. He stopped their complaint saying, "I am the resurrection and the life' where have they laid him? As they neared the tomb, the sorrow of the multitude so affected the Master, His bosom heaves with great sobs and tears stream from His eyes. Quickly He orders the stone removed and cries with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth". He who was Master over death, hell and the grave spake, and he who had been dead

four days came forth. Let me paint you another picture. One evening when greatly wearied by the toils and journeys, the disciples had persuaded Jesus to go away into the mountains and rest. As they were slowly climbing the mountain side, He glanced out over the plains, from towns, hamlets and villages there was emerging dark objects. There He knew they sought the loaves and fishes more than the spiritual benefit, His great heart was touched, tears welled up in His eyes and He cries, "They are as sheep having no shepherd". All the entreaties of His disciples could not persuade him to continue His journey. He waited until those groups had gathered into one multitude at the foot of the hill then like a crested wave of the coming tide, tolled up the mountain side and broke sobbing at His feet. Not until He had healed their sick and fed the multitude by wonderfully multiplying the loaves and the fishes and comforting the broken hearted, did He seek rest for Himself.

Oh friends, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS HOW IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

I would like to wipe away from you your opinion about this or that church, creeds, doctrines, form, ritualistic observances, robes, beads, crosses, sacred relics, and all other religious toggery, foolishly held sacred, and take you back over the hill tops of the ages and let you see Jesus the Son of God, and ask you what are you going to do with Him? You must make your decision. His body is thrown across your pathway. You must trample it beneath your feet, or humble yourself and worship Him. You could take the wings of the morning and fly to the utmost bounds of the earth and there you would be compelled to make your decision; and altho you might willfully go on till you make your bed in hell, yet there you would be convinced of the falcity of your decision. If God be God, He has a right to your service. If Christ be Christ, He has purchased you with His own blood and you are not your own. Your life should be wholly yielded to Him, which will be evidenced by you pouring out your life unselfishly for your fellow men. Christianity does not consist of being a member of this or that church, and loyalty pouring out your life for the upkeep of its organizations, but pure and undefiled religion means to be thoroughly converted, born again, and to put into actual practice the "Golden Rule". The visiting of the widows the fatherless in their afflictions, keeping yourself unspotted from the world and being able to answer these five cardinal points in loyal righteousness: I was hungered and you gave me meat; Thirsty and you gave me drink; Sick and in prison and you visited me; Naked and you clothed me; Stranger and you took me in. Thus summing up this glorious christianity, you have nothing to lose and every-

thing to gain in this life and in the world to come by accepting the Christ. You are asked to throw away everything that is low and degraded, impure and unholy, and accept that which is grand, beautiful, loving and enabling. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

I do not come to you after the manner of the usual evangelists, in a selfish or mercenary way, seeking members for this or that sect, seeking to gather you into some church so that some professional, money loving, tithe gathering preacher can gain a living out of you, but as a messenger of the Lord, a prophet of the most high God, calling you back to God and to the power of old time religion; for the faithful accredited minister called and ordained of God holds the highest office known to mortal men. He does not speak of himself, he is the voice of God. The message burns in his bones and springs with dynamic force from his lips.

Thus by Jehovah chosen and ordained, to take in charge the souls of men; and for His trust to answer in that day of judgment, great plenipotent of heaven, and representative of God on earth, fearless of men and devils; unabashed by sin enthroned, or mockery of a prince; unanswered by armed legions; unswayed by offered bribes; burning with love for souls unquenchable and mindful still of his great charge and vast responsibility; high in the temple of the living God, he stands amidst the people and declares the truth, the whole revealed truth, ready to seal it with his blood.

Thus commissioned of Almighty God I come to you demanding your decision as aliens, foreigners to the common wealth of Israel, Rebels against God, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

The infidel boldly boasting of his unbelief, sacrilegiously blaspheming God, claiming to have the right to be author of his own destiny, if there be any destiny for such a creature; bragging of his intelligence, knowledge and scientific research, bragging shamelessly of his monkey ancestors, boldly declaring that there is no god. Strenuously he seeks to arrive at utter nothingness. Declaring that there is no God. Declaring that it is impossible to discover God by any known law, by careful analysis or any laboratorial test, but is he could see God he would readily accept him. He readily accepts many things he cannot see. Such as the unseen laws governing cold, heat, electricity and the law controlling the atmosphere, gravity, etc, but refuses to accept the unseen law we call God. Real scientists claim that back of all laws arrived at by analysis, tests or following certain formulas or the laws that govern all things in nature about us, or holding the stars in their particular place in the firmament above, the laws that hold the sun

and moon in their well beaten tracks across the heavens, there is a law that governs and upholds all these other laws, which they have never been able to analyze or arrive at by any means yet known to scientists. That law WE CALL GOD. "The law of God is perfect, converting the soul, the testimony of the Lord is true, making wise the simple," The Discovery of realization of that law is not possible by any analysis known to scientific investigation, but the realization becomes perfect when we seek to know Him BY FAITH AND BY FAITH ALONE. You shall find Me in the day you seek for Me, saith the Lord, with all thy heart. "He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Why, to me God is everywhere revealed. The rocks, the rills, the hills, the meadows, the fields of grain, the trees, the mountains, the heavens, all nature speaks to me of God. Often when weary of the multitude and the press, I have longed for solitude. To leave the busy marts of the city and pass swiftly thru numberless fields where the husbandman sows and reaps his grain. To wend my way thru the foothills finding some great canyon traversing it, arriving in some beautiful vale in the mountain's vastness, where nature sows and reaps her crops. Here perhaps the foot of man has never trodden. Some great amphitheater where nature worships God. There resting amidst its verdure of gold and scarlet and tan, I listen to the lispings of the leaves, the singing of the birds, the music of the water in the brook that flows nearby or catch a glimpse of summer's fevered sky or of cloudlands gorgeous heaps of broken spires and cathedral domes. I watch the gathering of the storm on yonder mountain peak, the flashing of the lightnings and listen to the thunders roll. And thus in communion with God and nature I am lifted far above things known to mortal man. I wait till the sun has wasted its glorious strength rushing in its flaming chariot across the highway of the skies, the stars one by one appear. The glorious moon in its silver ship, with God given compass, sets sail from the eastern port across the heavens ocean blue, fairy hands paint the milky way across the heavens. The night things begin their music in the ear of night, the deer unfrightened from his hiding comes and feeds upon the succulent grasses quenching his thirst at stream nearby. Thus wrapped in communion with God my soul is filled with His presence. And on this elevated tower of God's temple I stretch my hands to the heavens and cry, with the Psalmist David, "Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge." "There is no speech or language where there voice is not heard.

IN CONCLUSION:

I set before you life and death. Permit me to draw a picture of two lives: that like two ships from the same harbor set sail on life's ocean. One

boasting scornfully refuses the compass of God's Word; the Pilot of Galilee; the Captain of salvation, declaring on boldly that it is possible to sail life's ocean on one's own ability and resources. How proudly forth sails this ship. All goes well for a season but many things had not been reckoned on, many waves of appetite, of passion and lust rolled high. Many driving winds of loss and gain, ungodly desires, innumerable worldly forces. The lightning flashed in terror. Horrible thunders rent the night air. Without a compass on the uncharted sea, many rocks were encountered and many reefs against which the ship dashes in bitter despair, until a helpless wreckage into some loathsome harbor, where the waters lapped on the slimy sands. Widened gates opened, deformed creatures came out and bore the wreckage in. I read above the portals, as the gates swing to: "Eternal Death."

How beautiful, the other ship, accepting the proffered offer. The compass, the Word of God, inviting the Pilot of Galilee and the Captain of our salvation aboard. Thus fully equipped, the ship sets sail on the voyage of life. Not with earthly pride, but with majestic bearing, born of heaven, the rocks and reefs are passed; the same winds, the same storms, the same waves, the same lightning and the same thunders are all encountered and victoriously passed. Triumphantly outriding the things that wrecked the other vessel, this ship at last enters a glorious harbor. A haven of rest; where waters lap sands of gold. Pearly gates swing open wide, thru which music from the choir of heaven can now be heard. Angelic creatures come swiftly down o'er the golden sands to welcome the victor to all the life and joys of heaven. To Home, sweet Home forever. This is the heritage of the one that rightly chooses.

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"What will you do with Jesus?—Neutral you cannot be. Some day my heart will be asking, What will He do with me?"

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