

The Apostolic Faith Report



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DOCTRINES OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

- Trinity of the God— Head**
1 John 5:7
- Repentance [Act of Man]**
Mark 1: 14*-15
2 Peter 3:9
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- Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]**
Matt. 18:3
Acts 13:38, 39
II Cor. 5:17
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- Sanctification [Act of God]**
[A second definite work of grace]
Heb. 13:12,13
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- Baptism of the Holy Ghost**
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Acts 10:45, 46
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I Peter 2:24
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- 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**
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- NO Divorce and Remarriage**
Luke 16:18
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- Second Coming of Christ**
John 14:3
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Matt. 24:30
- Thousand Year Reign of Christ**
Rev. 20:6
Rev. 20:4
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John 10:10
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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

THANK GOD FOR YOU

Thank God for you, good friend of mine,
Seldom is friendship such as thine;
How very much I wish to be
As helpful as you've been to me
Thank God for you.

Of many prayer quests, one thou art
On whom I ask God to impart
Rich blessings from His storehouse rare,
And grant to you His gracious care—
Thank God for you.

When I recall from time to time
How you inspired this heart of mine,
I find myself inclined to pray,
"God bless my friends this very day"—
Thank God for you.

So often at the throne of grace
There comes a picture of your face,
And then I instinctively pray
That God may guide you all the way—
Thank God for you.

Some day I hope with you to stand
Before the throne at God's right hand,
And say to you at journey's end,
Praise God, you've been to me a friend—
Thank God for you.

This poem has expressed the thought of my heart as I think
of each one of you. I do appreciate so much all of the
kindness you have all shown unto me the past two and
one-half years. My prayer is that we may all work together
for the uplifting of the precious name of our soon returning
Lord.

May each of you and your families have a beautiful
Thanksgiving as you worship God.

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AFBC News

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet is to be Thursday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. We hope you are making plans to attend and join us as we give thanks unto the Lord. He has truly been good to us as He has brought us through another year, met our many needs, and blessed us with blessing untold. This banquet seems to be one of the highlights of each fall semester for both students and faculty. As a family we welcome friends and relatives to visit us at this time.

**Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall, superintendent**

FROM THE GIRLS' DORM

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just completed ten weeks of studying and learning about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The students have taken mid-term test and have gone on choir tour. They went to the Panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma. We know that they were a blessing in each church as they ministered in song. We have had a good, short ten weeks of school. The dorm has been busting with work and study. There is never a dull moment. There is always a lot of laughing, talking and a lot of studying. As you go down to the rooms you will always find the girls deep into their studies. But you never leave a room unless you take a minute to talk with each one. We always have good talks and learn a lot about each other.

During the week nights in the dorm, as you go down the hallway, you smell the popcorn making and see girls out in the hall finding out which room the popcorn is in. You never study unless you have popcorn and something to drink because it always helps you to study better. We have a lot of excitement and lots of surprises. The Lord has really helped us here at Bible School. He has met each need and answered many prayers. He has promised us as His children that He would never leave us nor forsake us. Hebrews 13:5. Praise the Lord He has done just that for us. We have had a great time these last ten weeks and hope for a lot more to happen before this semester is over. Praise the Lord for all He has done and what He is going to do.

Thank you all for your prayers and your support for the school. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. We appreciate all your help. God richly bless all of you. Come and see us any time.

**Love in Christ,
T. B.**

FROM THE BOYS' DORM

Praise the Lord! He has really been blessing us here in the dorm. It is hard to believe that this semester is already half-way over. I am so thankful for the privilege of getting to be here at Bible School. I'm expecting great things to happen this year here in our dorm. The Lord blessed us at the beginning of school with a genuine unity and bond among all of the guys here in the dorm. I truly praise the Lord for this blessing. Of course, Satan has tried to break our unity, but by the Grace of God we have been able to overcome all of his wily tricks.

On Tuesday, September 23, we were blessed with a foot-washing service in the dorm. Many blessings were gained, and many victories won in the Lord. I received a real blessing from this service. The Lord showed me, just how proud I was, and He humbled me in His sight. This service seemed to draw all of us closer together in the Lord. We've learned to share each other's problems, and bear each other's burdens.

We were all anxious for Choir tour, in that we would be ministering in song and testimony for our Lord to other people. It is my prayer that each concert we gave was a blessing to those who come to hear us.

I'm truly thankful for our dorm parents, Bro. and Sis. Beydler. They have been a real blessing to me in many ways. They've become as a real mom and dad to us. They are always there when we need them for anything. I thank the Lord for giving us two truly dedicated people like the Beydlers. Praise His Name.

I am thankful for each one of the guy's lives. They've each one been a blessing to me. We earnestly ask an interest in your prayers as we study God's Word, and as we seek God's will in our lives.

— Marty Haney

THE ANGEL OF THANKSGIVING

Two angels were sent out from heaven, so the story runs, each with a basket, to bring back the prayers and thanksgiving of those on the earth. The Angel of thanksgiving started with a large hamper, the collector of Petitions with a small basket; but when they returned they were both in trouble. The petitions overflowed the basket, and filled a sack as well; while the Angel of Thanksgiving only had three in his hamper. So we are ever ready to pray for things we want, but, having received them, too often forget to thank the Giver.



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HE'S STILL THE HEALER
Our God still performs miracles!

Ten years ago last August Luke Arnett had a pimple in his ear. We went to the doctor and he prescribed a medication, then to the hospital. Nineteen days he laid in the hospital, before the infection was stopped. By then the infection had already damaged the brain. For ten years it's been one doctor after another. Every day and night his headaches grew worse. In June he went through Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. They said we can't do you any good. He lived on pain pills for ten years. On Sunday Morning, August 24, 1980, our pastor Bro. Gene Cornell had a sacrament service. The Lord was there in mighty healing power. Luke's headaches were gone. There's been none since and no more pain pills. Praise the Lord! He is still on the throne.

— Mrs. Luke Arnett
Amarillo, Texas



We can't spell S-U-N-D-A-Y . . . without U.
We can't spell C-H-U-R-C-H without . . . U.
We can't spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S without . . . U.
Our church needs 'U' to help.
We are counting on 'U'.



WHERE WERE YOU LAST SUNDAY

In a little white church, situated in the country, town, or village there is an empty pew, chair, seat or bench. YOU used to occupy that seat my friend. But lately that seat has been empty.

Last Sunday as the faithful servant of God stood behind the sacred desk to bring a message from God's Holy Word, his eyes fell upon your empty chair with a saddened heart.

And as he began bringing the message that YOU did not hear, because you were not there, some of the light went out of his heart, and he became more burdened as he preached. For he must have felt that he was more of a failure now than in former years. If he were not, would you not have been there in your place?

As the servant of God closed the service with a saddened heart, because you failed to fill your place the wedge of discouragement, Satan's best tool, was driven deeper into a faithful servant of God's heart.

Some day friend, you will go to the little white church in the country, town or village because you desire to hear the servant of God again, but instead of an open church door you will find that your church is empty, not just your chair, the door will be locked, not just your heart. Then you will realize that your empty chair has helped to make an empty church. Think it over, friend. Will you not fill your place next Sunday?

— Grace L. Hoffheins
Apostolic Faith Report, 1951

The Ten Virgins

The parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13 has been used at various times to bring different thoughts in the way it has been applied; but I would like to use it in this article to answer a question which is sometimes asked concerning what happens to people who have had the baptism of the Holy Spirit but will have failed to qualify for the Rapture. The Bible clearly states in Revelation 14:1 that the number to be redeemed from the earth will be 144,000 which will be only a small portion of those who have the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This parable speaks of the oil in their lamps as being the deciding factor of whether they went with the Lord or whether they were left behind. Let us look, then, at the Oil which is a striking emblem of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that the Orientals used oil for three specific purposes: (1) for anointing the body, (2) in preparation of food, (3) for giving light in their lamps. The Holy Spirit, likewise, gives (1) freshness to the body, (2) strength for the heart and soul, and (3) brightness of life for a testimony to others.

Throughout the Old Testament the Holy Anointing Oil was the seal, or approval of Jehovah. It meant God had accepted or sanctified (set apart) that person for that position. Exodus 30:30, 31 reads, "And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations." The Holy Spirit does just that for us today. He carries out the will of God in the church. He is also the Gift of God to His church. We read in John 14:16, 17, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Just as the Holy Spirit the seal of God in the New Testament. Ephesians 1:13b, 14 says, "—ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." Remember, to be sealed means to be attested or genuine. It means to be consecrated and set apart by the approval of God for His service. It means to be possessed or owned entirely by the Spirit. We are no longer our own property but we belong to God. This seal comes through the anointing of the Holy Spirit when He abides within us. It is the earnest or down payment toward our inheritance from God and is the seal that we will receive the balance of the reward, or payment, if the contract is not broken. God will not break this contract but as to whether we receive the balance of the reward depends entirely upon us and our continuance in total submission to His will.

Numbers 16:1-35 gives us the story of Korah and all his company who murmured against Moses and Aaron. Now these men had been anointed with the Holy Anointing Oil and set apart for service to God in the tabernacle but they were displeased with not being in equal position with Moses and Aaron. Verses 8-10 gives us Moses answer to them, "And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of

Israel, to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? "Therefore God sent an earthquake and the ground opened up and swallowed them. These men had been anointed or sealed by the anointing oil. They had served in the work of the tabernacle. God had given them responsible positions but they wanted to do their own wills, not to serve where God placed them.

Saul was an humble man when God chose him to be the King of Israel, I Samuel 9:1, 2 then in chapter 10:1 we read about Samuel anointing him to be the king. Saul, however, failed to continue to humbly do the whole will of God and began to lean to his own understanding. He was rejected by God from being Israel's king about 30 years later.

We are sealed unto God by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, I John 2:27 and as a sign that we have totally surrendered to Him we are baptized by Him; then He enables us boldly witness of Him also to speak with new tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. This is not done by the will of man but only as the Holy Spirit desires us to speak.

The ten virgins were all pure and undefiled. Their lamps all had oil and all were burning when they started. They had all experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit and their lights were shining. Their testimonies were true. The Lord, however, has not yet come and His church is drowsy and sleeping. The wise virgins though have already made themselves ready by following the Lord withersoever He goeth. They have been totally submissive to His will in all that He asked them to do. Revelation 14:4, 5 says, "These are they which follow the women (churches); for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." They remembered they were not their own and to follow Him is a privilege, not a sacrifice. This means through the valleys as well as up the steep inclines to the mountain tops. It means in sickness or pain as well as in the freshness of the morning and in good health. He has all we need and if we only ask He will heal the tired or frail body as well as giving strength to the soul. We are His and He knows how to care for us. Through obedience to follow anywhere in any circumstances we are not only keeping our lamps aflame but we are storing a reserve supply of oil.

The Lord sometimes bids His followers to wait; so while the Bridegroom tarries, we continue to live normally. We must not, however, sleep so soundly that we are insensitive to being about the Master's business. The virgins were drowsy and slept. It seems to me we could divide these two words. The wise virgins were only drowsy but were able to hear the Master at any moment while the unwise virgins were sleeping on and getting their rest. They all heard the call that the Lord is coming. The five virgins who were prudent had kept their supply of oil replenished by constantly being alert to do the Lord's bidding at any time. They had that abundant overflowing life with plenty to spare as it flowed out to others. The foolish, or unwise, virgins were still pure and undefiled or Jesus would not have called them virgins. They had at one time met the requirements to be stamped with God's signet—the seal of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They failed, however, to keep that experience up to date. They have not done anything of sin but neither have they done enough for Him to replenish that supply of oil and it has slowly burned out.

When it was about time for Elijah to be translated, Elisha

asked that he might have a double portion of Elijah's spirit or the kind of power that he had. Elijah told him that if Elisha saw him when he was taken He would have his request but if he did not see Elijah taken he would not receive that double portion, so he followed Elisha everywhere. Elisha had already been anointed to be a prophet and had served for some time with Elijah; but if he had not been present when Elijah was taken up to the throne of God, Elisha would not have received that double portion and his ministry would not have been so dynamic.

Many people today have the baptism of the Holy Spirit but that is only the down payment, or the stamp of approval for when we have reached that point of the ladder. God expects us to continue to climb and any time we cease to do so our experience begins to fade. We may not do anything that would be committing sin but if we do not continually keep replenishing that supply of oil we will become as Sampson where it says "—he wist not that the Lord was departed from Him," Judges 16:20.

When in the midnight hour of tribulation the Lord shall come in the clouds and catch away the redeemed; He will take only 144,000 elect or first fruits gathered from the four winds of the earth, Matthew 24:30, 31 and Revelation 14:1. All others, though they are virgins, will be left behind. You see, when the Lord comes in the clouds to claim those to be redeemed from the earth, those who are accounted worthy of that special reward, the Holy Spirit will return with them to the throne of God. Those who have not put forth the effort to be worthy to be in that number will be left behind. They will no longer have the Holy Spirit and their lamps will have gone out.

Our scripture says when the foolish or unwise virgins expected to be in that number the Lord said, "I know you not." Matthew 25:12. This does not mean they are no longer saved but that they were not among those of the rapture. The word know, as used here, means they did not have the distinguishing mark or badge that would identify them as in that number. People who are in the armed forces are known to be of a certain division by the uniform or the chevron or the badge they wear. These are markings which distinguish their ranks. Revelation 14:1 says the 144,000 Redeemed will have "their Fathers name in their foreheads." This is their distinguishing mark. When the Holy Spirit is lifted and the lamps of the unwise virgins have gone out, they will have lost their badge and will not be known or recognized in the ranks of those to be redeemed from the earth. They will, however, not be lost but will be able to take their places among those of the sixty-fold class of Christians who will flee persecution by going into the wilderness of Judea where they will be protected from the anti-christ.

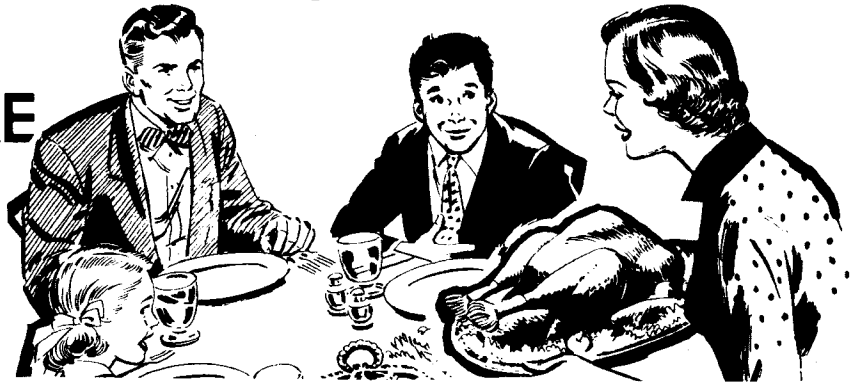
When that last seven years of the great tribulation is finished and the Lord comes back to this earth to set up His kingdom; "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thessalonians 4:16, 17. After that great meeting in the air, the Lord will bring all the saints back to the earth where the one-hundred fold and the sixty-fold classes of Christians will reign with Him for one thousand years before the White Throne Judgment.

—Dora Beydler

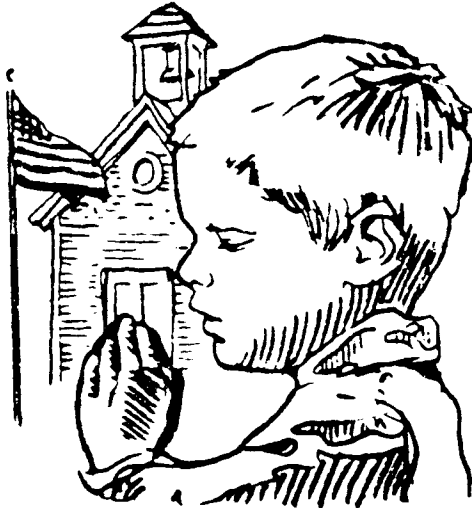


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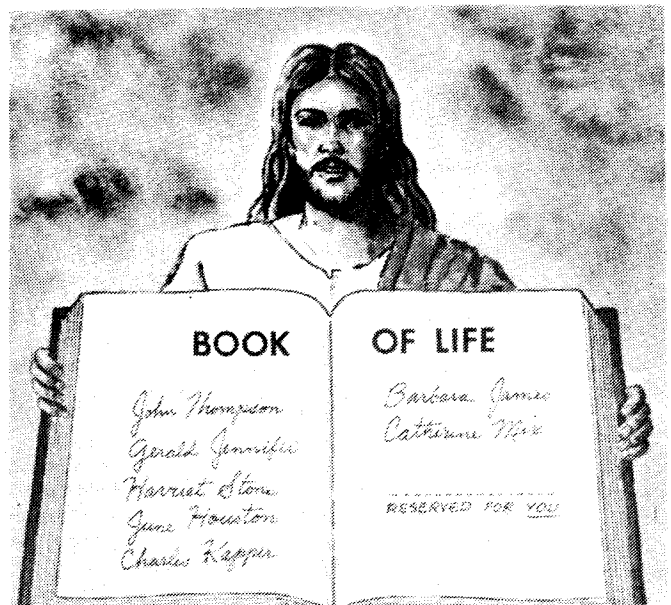
A TIME TO SHARE



A TIME OF PRAYER



A TIME TO LIVE



A TIME TO GIVE

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits? Psa. 116:12

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. Psa. 9:1

Blessings, and glory, and wisdom and THANKSGIVING, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Rev. 7:12

WHO IS THIS MAN, JESUS?

"Jesus, Jesus, He is the Son of God. Jesus, Jesus, the precious Son of God; sweetest Rose of Sharon, came to set men free. Jesus, Jesus, He's everything to me; yes, He's all the world to me."

Jesus is:

My Savior—He was the only one who could lift the guilt and pain and replace them with joy and peace within. He saved me from a life of death. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Word—Jesus as the Word is the Light that reveals the hidden meaning of the scriptures to me and also reveals the hidden things in my heart. Through the Word I am convicted and moved to change. The Word is the Truth. John 8:31-32—"If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Supreme Authority—Jesus sometimes is my reprover, the authority that makes me fear God and realize the power behind Him; the judge who is just and merciful but also full of wrath. Proverbs 1:7a—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Lord—Jesus as Lord is the Master of my life. As Lord, I am His servant, not worthy of anything and never able to do enough for Christ. As Lord, I should not expect anything in return for the duty of serving Christ. Luke 17:10—"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Healer—Jesus Christ is my healer, of both soul, spirit, and body. Not only does He heal the physical need but also when I am depressed or down He heals my mental need. He heals hurt feelings and situations where man could not mend. He knows what kind of healing we need. Hebrews 4:15—"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

My Friend—Jesus is the only one who understands everything. When men don't understand, Jesus has big shoulders. He is the one I cry to, I laugh with, I joy in. He is my Best Friend. The closer you get to Jesus, the closer friend He becomes. Proverbs 18:24—"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Jesus is everything to me!

—Peggy Brening

To me this man Jesus is my all in all. He's the healer; I Peter 2:24 "... by whose stripes ye are healed." Through this Jesus Christ is my healer. He is my word. John 1:1 "... and the word was God." He is my door to eternal life. He opened the way for me. John 10:7 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door . . ." He is my closest friend in a time of need. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. God is my friend, he gave his life for me. Jesus is my life. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life . . ." John 11:25. He's my light; when it is dark; He has the light I need to see the way. "That was the true light . . ." John 1:9.

To me Jesus is everything. He means so much to me, as I read back to the history of Jesus I feel guilty. He was born in a stable, son of a carpenter. He had a very poor family where as I was born in such a nice hospital, the daughter of a

pipe-fitter and well-off compared to Jesus. But yet, I've complained: not enough money to spend, not enough clothes to choose from to wear, not enough shoes to match each outfit; and yet Jesus owned nothing except the shoes on His feet and the robe on His back. To Him I owe everything because He gave His everything for me. He took bruises for me. He also took stripes, a crown of thorns, the nails in his hands and a spear deep in His side. But yet I give to Him of my life only what I wish, not that, which He asketh.

Jesus Christ is my all in all, without Him, where would I be right now? Today we owe Him more than we could ever begin to repay.

Who is this man Jesus? My all in all, my healer, my friend, my true light, my door. This man is my everything but do I honestly say that I know this man Jesus. I've never seen him or touched him. I've had Him touch me and had Him to look upon my life. But yet the Bible teaches to love those who we cannot see. And I honestly do love the Lord Jesus Christ. But, to say I honestly know who this man Jesus is, I can't, except through the love, joy, peace, that is in my heart.

—Tena Keith

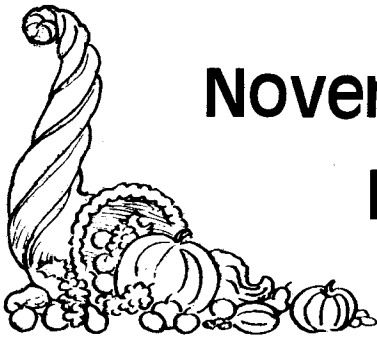
Born a lowly carpenter's son, this man is risen a mighty ruler of all things both seen and unseen. He is the image of the invisible God. He is the miraculous creator of all things in heaven and in earth, and, for His pleasure they are and were created.

It pleases the Father that in this man all fulness and preeminence should dwell. This man is the glory of God the Father once made manifest in the flesh but who now is exalted and seated at the right hand of God. He was with God in the beginning and will always be even until the end of infinity. He is the living Word of God full of grace and truth. He is the truth which searches out even the innermost thoughts and feelings of all living. He is the light which shines driving all darkness away. His light reaches out unto all men and radiates into the deepest, blackest crevice of men's hearts. He sustains the very breath of life. He is life. Through the life of this man, all men can receive life—everlasting.

All men are made one through Him. He is the one who reconciles men to God. He is the blessed peacemaker between God and man. He is the giver of Peace—a peace which passes all understanding. He is the giver of Joy—unspeakable and full of glory. He is the giver of Hope and He within is man's hope of glory. He is the giver and tester of Faith. He is the giver of Love for He is Love. His love was so true that He shed His life's blood for all those that He loved. He counted every single soul worthy of the supreme sacrifice. His friendship is like no other could ever be. "Greater love hath no man than he lay down his life for his friend." He knew us before we knew Him. Though we be of the world and lost in sin, He knew and loved us. His flesh was laid open for us though we knew Him not, His face was marred and His side pierced for us though we loved Him not. Because His body was bruised, we are healed. He is the Healer of our bodies, of our minds, of our hearts, and of our souls. He died a cruel sinner's death. But because He knew no sin, death could not hold Him. The chains of death were loosed forever. The power of the enemy are bound by Him. And, because He overcame we are made overcomers through Him. We are made more than conquerors. We are all victors because He was victorious. His victory is everlasting and is for all of us. Even you and me!

Who is "this man"? Jesus!

—Dora Juarez



November Notes

Pine Crest, Miss.

Recently we celebrated our sixth anniversary with Homecoming services-lunch, singing in the afternoon, lots of fun and fellowship. Brother and Sister Elvis Bishop started a revival for us on that day. The Lord blessed and many victories were won.

Over the years, God has richly blessed our church and our church family. Every need He has supplied. We recently re-roofed the church and the parsonage. The Lord supplied the financial support and to each of those who contributed, we say a special "thanks." Truly, you can't out-give God!

We lost another soul this year. Our dear Sister Susie Bonner past away after many months of suffering and pain but with a calm assurance that she would meet her Saviour.

Our church welcomes two babies to our family—Billy Joe Collins and Nicholas Scott Means. (And we are anxiously awaiting two more!)

Many of the church family are undergoing trials with their health and we ask the friends of the movement to help us pray that God will soon restore their health.

—Lynette Barker, secretary
Pine Crest Chapel

Joplin, Mo.

The Lord blessed our church at Joplin in a recent revival with Brother Ted Barker as evangelist. The blessings we received will remain with us for a very long time.

Our Ladies Bible Study group reconvened for the winter with a book study entitled "Learning to Talk to God." We are meeting in the homes of various ladies. The study has been a real blessing to us already. May the Lord bless us as we study and fellowship together.

Our youth group has elected new youth leaders. God bless Paula Oakes and Tammy Oakes as they undertake this new responsibility. We are thankful for the fine job Jim and Ruth Whitlock did as Youth directors for the past several years.

Remember us in your prayers.

—Neil Ragan, pastor

Union Chapel

The pastors at the Union Chapel church, Rt. 1, Stella, Mo., near Bethpage are Rev. Albert and Ava Durham. Many of the sermons have been on prophecy and the coming of the Lord. We must all be ready for the things that are coming upon us. We must all put into practice the many things we have heard preached these many, many, years.

On Sept. 7, the Benny Hines family presented a wonderful program of music and song.

The Valley View church of Pineville, Mo. was with us on Sept. 24 to conduct the service. All churches should work together for the edifying of Christ and the gospel.

Pray that the will of the Lord will be done in all that the church does.

—Rev. Albert and Ava Durham, pastors

Galena, Kansas

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. I Cor. 16:25

God has been so very good to us at Galena. We have our tests and trials but they only draw us closer to God. We are glad to have Donna Kinser working in our church.

We have had several visitors recently and we have been glad for them. We enjoyed the Bible School students that came and helped in services on Oct. 5th. They were Warren Haney, Dora Juarez, Pam Allen, and Tony Bartel. Brother and Sister Austin Sutton were here also and we appreciate their ministry. We are also glad that our Sister Bernice McCumber has been back. She has been very sick but God has come to her rescue.

Brother and Sister M. D. Methvin were here in service on Oct. 8 and God really blessed.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Brother John Rogers. Our loss is heaven's gain. May God bless each of them.

Please remember those on your prayer list—Margaret Rogers, Mae Tackett, Nellie Clopton, Bernice McCumber, Goldie Myers, Grace Myers, Birdie Noe, Ruth Archer and Anna Wade.

We welcome you all to come and worship with us.

Yours in Christ,
Elmer Christenson, pastor
May Rowland, reporter

Midway Country Church

Greetings in the lovely Name of Jesus from the Midway Country Church. This month has been a very gracious month for us here. God blessed us with a soul being saved in our regular services and a very good revival with Bro. Calvin Springer as the Evangelist. God poured out His blessings upon us each service, though we saw no particular moves made yet everyone that attended says that it was so good for them. Satan fought us with sickness and other ways but through it all we are rejoicing in the Lord.

Please remember Sis. Hazel in your prayers. She has been in the hospital again. Her health has been very poorly since about a year ago, when she suffered her fourth heart attack. Doctors say that a massive heart attack or stroke was averted and we thank God for His protecting hand over her. What would we do if we could not trust the Lord?

We were disappointed that we could not participate in the mortgage burning at the Big Spring Church. Those precious people mean a lot to us and we can only trust that God will move by His spirit and give them souls for their hire. Remember this church in your prayers! They have some wonderful pastors to work with them and they do appreciate them very much.

We enjoyed the Bible College Choir visiting our church. They were such a blessing to us.

We encourage visiting ministers to come by for services. We appreciate Bro. Regier, Bro. Jack Barker, Bro. Ted Barker who occasionally fill in for us here. We enjoyed Bro. Roger Denton from Pampa, Texas coming to minister to us in song recently.

We recently established a kids' choir on Sunday evening, which is a blessing to our church. Our young adults are working hard to promote a bus tour to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs next year and hope to visit other points of interest on this trip, including the Bible College.

Sincerely in Christ's service,
Rev. Bob G. Taylor

Greetings from Taneyville, Apostolic Faith Church,

It is Fall in the Ozarks and what a beautiful picture the Lord has painted. We are enjoying a change of scene every day now. What a beautiful place to work for the Lord and enjoy His bountiful blessings!

We have been pastoring here in Taneyville for over a month and feel like we have been here years! God is so good, the people have made us feel welcome and showered us with love and prayers. It's a good feeling to be at "Home" with God's people.

We have been privileged to have Bro. Dwight Wilson to preach for us on a number of occasions. We enjoy His ministry and devotion to our Lord and King. He and his wife Carla have a beautiful new baby daughter that has been a blessing to all of us.

Brother Randy Dalton has been teaching Prophecy to the young people's group on Sunday night. Everyone has learned much from these lessons. We are looking forward to Bro. Randy teaching the lessons for all of us to enjoy.

On October the 12th we enjoyed having Bro. and Sister Beydler from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in our services. Bro. Beydler brought a message on Sanctification that thrilled our hearts. God's word is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, and when His word goes forth it brings conviction, and a brokenness that leads to an altar of prayer. We are praising God that the Old Time Gospel of Sanctification is still being preached.

Karen Oakes shared with us concerning the work of the Report and her burden as she ministers with the written Word. She shared how the Evangelism class at AFBC is helping her.

We also had the privilege of Bro. Dennie Oakes bringing us some thoughts on our Youth Camp in Baxter. He showed us the need of a spiritual camp for our young people more and more as these days draw to a close. Everyone in the Movement should support their camps with prayer, concern, labor, and finances.

It is always a special treat to have visiting students from the Bible College. On Sept. 21 we enjoyed the presence of Dora Juarez, Barbara Cooper and Rhonda Reese. These young women led the singing, testified, and brought us two beautiful specials. What a privilege to attend Bible School. They will always remember their time spent in studying God's word and working for Him. Will you ever forget those precious moments at Bible School? I am sure we will not, like sitting under Bro. Jake Pletcher and the anointing falling and class stopping while we prayed until noon? Precious times just enjoying the presence of Jesus. We praise the name of Him, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

One of our ministries here in Taneyville is the work with the elderly. Every other Sunday different groups from our church hold services at the local Resthome. The friends we have met there are dear to us. They so enjoy singing and hearing the Word of God. We just want to thank our people who are faithful to see about God's work in this field.

A PICNIC! We had a special picnic on Sept. 6th. It seems there was a contest between the adults and the young people on Bible questions. And the loser had to throw a party for the winner, well the adults lost! And we had the nicest picnic at the Old Swan School. It was a fascinating old school building that had been used for a church in ages past. There is a big pot bellied stove right in the middle of the building, an old pulpit, and the benches are rustic and well worn. If you plug your ears to the noise of an occasional car passing you can imagine yourself standing in the house of God a

hundred years ago! We wonder how many souls were saved, how many tears were shed and how many prayers were heard. I'm glad God is the same yesterday, today and forever, but sometimes it seems like we get so busy, so intelligent, so wise, so spiritual, that we really forget the simplicity of that Old Gospel Message that was preached from those old pulpits!

— Andy Perry, pastor
— Janice Perry, reporter

Spearman, Texas

Greetings from Spearman Apostolic Faith Church. We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord. September 9, 1980, we called a work day at the parsonage. The Lord gave us beautiful weather and a good staff of people to work with and was able to paint the outside of the parsonage that day. Also we had many good cooks in the church that prepared food and brought in to feed the workers.

Sunday, September 14, 1980, we enjoyed having Bro. & Sis. James Riley's, three daughters in our services, Lois, Pauline, & Callie Ruth. Also enjoyed having Gary & Nolene Sutton and family in service with us. We were blessed by Gary playing the piano and singing "Let Me Walk Close To Thee."

Wednesday, September 17, 1980, Sister LaDona Priest, was with us in service and got to be with us a week or more. She came by to visit her Mother, Sister Laura Tooley. Sister Tooley, has been in our midst about 8 weeks staying with Sis. Elma Geever, and helping her. Sis. Laura had to leave us this past Monday to go back to her home. We just ask the Lord, to bless her as she leaves us. We appreciated her faithfulness while here in our midst.

Would like to say that Sister Elma Greever is feeling much better, but still needs our prayers for strength. She is so faithful to furnish the church with her beautiful flowers that she has grown. May the Lord bless her. We appreciate her life very much!

September 21, 1980 through September 28, 1980, our church was privileged to have Bro. Barry Methvin, from Follett, Texas, for revival. Bro. Barry tried to encourage the Christian people to launch out into God's word. For people to examine their hearts. Also saying that Christian people don't have to live in bondage. Trying to help Christians to wake up, as we don't have much time to work. During the revival we had several outsiders to come and we appreciated that so very much. Perryton Full Gospel Young People and their directors, Dale and David Stollings came.

Debbie Grimmer from Brooker, Texas, came and brought some of her friends. Gray Church, Balko, Okla., wasn't having Wednesday night service and came to our revival. It's always encouraging when others come in to the services.

Oct. 1, 1980, Sis. Julianna Huff, was in service with us.

Bro. Bernard Byers is building a cover over the parsonage back porch. This will be a big help.

Please pray and make plans on coming to Spearman, Texas for Convocation Dec. 29, 30 & 31. We are getting excited about Convocation and trusting you are too.

— Lealand Grimmer, pastor

Pearls Of Promise

Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. Psalms 108:13

Taneyville Youth Group

The youth group of the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville has very much enjoyed having Brother Randy Dalton in our Sunday evening services. He has been bringing lessons on the reappearing of our Lord and Master. We, the young people, have found these lessons very helpful, but we have also found that we need to pray and ask God for the wisdom we need to understand the depth of this study.

Carla Freund, a senior in our youth group, has been instrumental in starting a YFC (youth for Christ) program in our Forsyth High School. Several from our youth group at church attend this program and benefit from it. We consider it a good thing to have in our schools because it is a much needed place for the ministry of God.

Our youth group is working on our Christmas program, and making plans for a Youth Retreat to be held soon.

—Karla Schelf

Friends in Christ.

Time has swiftly passed since we last wrote. The seasons have changed and now the year is coming to a close. What an experience it is to be called a child of God. Everyday brings something new and marvelous from God's kingdom.

I would like to share this testimony as one of the young ministers in our movement. Some will say they already knew the things that I testify about, but I am just learning day by day.

Every young minister has the ambition to be a Billy Sunday or in my case, a Charles Parham. Souls being saved, blinded eyes being opened, the crippled and sick being healed, these are the fruits we desire to see. As young ministers we have to keep our ambitions and motives right. I know of many ministers who have given their lives for the gospel and lived every word they preached. People knew them by their works and their faith.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mary 16:17-18 And the people whose lives are dedicated, these things we see. They are obvious in their ministry.

I was given some old Reports that date back before my time. I looked in the July-August issue of 1944. The first thing I noticed was that people who were serving with the Armed Forces during the war had written to the Report. Even far away from home they put God first. But the thing that caught my eye the most was an article written by Brother Gail Schultz, The Millenium. I've been reading it over and over realizing the wonderful power of God in this man. Brother Schultz did not say "now this is how we believe it" but based every word on the Holy Scriptures. Every bit of the article was filled with the precious word of God. Even in a time of war and peace was being preached.

Everyday of my life I find no peace in the things the world does. But even with the world in the condition it is in I can find the joy and peace of God in my heart. We can dwell upon the good things of God keeping our eyes toward the goal, knowing God will take care of us. God will prosper and give unto you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4.

John 21:3-7 "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee. They went forth and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, it is the Lord . . ."

When growing up in this movement I was told a lot of things have been changed since Bro. Parhams day, that not all of his teachings were correct, but for the knowledge he had then, he was a great man. I can see in our day we have come a long way from the great dedication of this man, but where are the fish? Can't we see that God's blessings were on this man because he was willing to listen to Him? He found strength on his knees, not in books he read. Put the net on the other side of the ship. Listen to the voice of God and know that it is God by results.

I really don't like talking about man so much but these men have been my brethern leaving me teachings, books of encouragement, and showing me it will work. I always want to remember that it's not the man. It's the God they serve, the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob.

In these last days there are great movements throughout the land. People flocking by the thousands to the road of destruction. The Bible teaches that in the last days people are going to believe a lie because of the hardness of their hearts. We see this happening all of the time.

I was very troubled awhile back concerning some thing they call being slain in the spirit. Some Christians I knew wouldn't take a stand against or for. God showed me something I want to show to you. 1 Cor. 14:32-33 "And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. "I have always quoted that last verse but the first one I've overlooked. This scripture tells us that I have control and never does the spirit make me do things that I have no control over. One service I attended, blankets had been brought to cover the ladies as they fell and pillows had been brought for their heads. They were all prepared but they left out God. Many churches today are fleshly demonstrations. I believe in lifting holy hands unto God as the Spirit leads you and I believe that God inhabits the praise of the people, but the flesh is enmity against God. Thank God for sanctification. The only way to get the old flesh out is to be sanctified. You can try everything and anything to draw close unto God but there is only one way to do so and that is by getting the flesh out of the way and worship God from the depth of your soul. The soul of man you can't see, you don't know for sure where it is but it is there.

Let us go back to Bethel and renew some old acquaintances. I want to see the great power of God working today and not just remember it from the past. May God bless you as there is none like unto him.

—Frank Arnall

Deadline!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

Attention!

Apostolic Faith Bible College Students and Faculty of 1975

There is a class-reunion being planned to be held in the Old Home at the Bible College and we want to cordially invite all students and faculty of that year. Friday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. will be the time at which we plan to have a meal and a program. We hope it will be a good time of fellowship in the Lord and that as many as possible can attend. Your families are also invited to come.

Since we are planning a meal, we would like for everyone that plans to attend to please contact Barbara Cooper at the Bible College and if you can to send \$3.00 for each adult (children will be free). Please do let us know how many adults and children there will be at least a week in advance so we can fix an appropriate amount of food.

It will be necessary for you to make your own arrangements for lodging. There is motel space here in Baxter Springs and also many in Joplin, Missouri which is nearby.

In Christ's love,
Sharolyn Sidebottom
Barbara Cooper

THE CROSS MAKES THE WHOLE DIFFERENCE

Pearl Menke

The cross makes the difference between light and darkness, good and evil, victory and defeat, success and failure, between heaven and hell. Everything hinges on a person's relationship to the Christ of the cross. God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of the Christ. Galatians 6:14: The cross is the heart, the core, the center of my faith. Take it away and I have nothing. The whole Bible can be summarized in two short sentences. "I am a lost sinner—and Christ died for me." This transaction took place where Christ became obedient unto death. Phil. 2:6-8. There at the cross Christ changed my position. I was foreign . . . He made me a citizen. Phil. 3:20. Eph. 2:19. I was an enemy but he made me a friend. 1 Cor. 5:19. I was a stranger and he made me a son. Romans 8:14-17. I was a slave but he set me free. Romans 6:14. Romans 8:1-4. I was accused but he bought my forgiveness. Isa. 53:6. 1 Cor. 5:21. I was a debtor but he settled my account. Only Christ could do this. The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18. There at the cross Christ clarified my pardon. There Christ possesses me. He bought me, so I no longer am my own. My life, my time, my talent, my energy, my money is branded by His ownership. 1 Cor. 6:19-20, 1 Peter 1:18-19. "For as much as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot." Praise His name! Now my purpose is to live for Him who first loved me. My entire life is now a "thank you" to God, who gave His Son for me. He died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves. But unto Him which died for them and rose again. The cross is no place for our leftovers. There I must give my best for Christ. In the grace of the cross I have peace with God and in the light of the cross I live unto God. In the power of the cross I point others unto God. In the grace of the cross I rejoice!

Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Crouch of Taneyville, Mo. announce the marriage of their son, Jim C. Crouch to Valerie I. Hoffman. The wedding took place on October 11, 1980 at 2:00 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church of Taneyville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crouch are living in Taneyville, Mo.

Births

Morehead

Chandra Gwen Morehead arrived October 6, 1980 at 2:40 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 in. Long. Her parents are Gary and Lori Morehead of Balko, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Neil Ragan of Joplin, Mo. and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ritter of Beaver, Okla. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Gladys Morehead of Laverne, Okla.

Ray

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ray of Balko, Okla. announce the birth of their first child, Kandyce Leigh Ray on Sept. 11, 1980. She weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Danny Robinson of Balko, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ray of Goodwell, Okla.

Obituaries

ALVIN D. WATKINS

Alvin D. Watkins was born October 29, 1915, in Lovington, N.M. a son of Horace L. and Mabel Moore Watkins; and passed away August 30, 1980, at the age of 64 years, 10 months and one day. He came to the Murdock area in 1932 and has farmed there since that time. He was married October 9, 1937, to Verna Mae Moorehouse in Wichita, Kansas and was a member of Faith Chapel Church in that city.

Surviving are his widow, Verna Mae; one daughter, Janeene, of the home; three brothers, Amos Watkins of Houston, Tex., Rev. A. (Hap) Watkins of Ozark, Mo. and Horace L. (Johnny) Watkins Jr. of Thornton, Colo.; and one sister, Mrs. Dean Spencer of Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral services were held at the Livingston Funeral Chapel, Kingman, Kansas, September 1, 1980. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery near Cheney, Kansas.

LEONA ARNALL

Leaona Arnall 86, Granby, Mo. passed away on Sept. 18, 1980 after a long illness. Mrs. Arnall was born June 13, 1894, and had lived most of her life in Granby. She was a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church. On July 16, 1913 she married Felix Arnall in Granby. He died in 1959. Surviving are six sons, George Arnall, Hermitage, Tenn., Peter Arnall, William Arnall, and Johnnie Arnall, all of Granby, Wilbur Arnall, Joplin, Mo., and Jimmie Arnall, Ashland, Ala., three daughters, Bonnie Keith and Ena Cook, both of Anderson, Mo., and Lola Barrett, Titusville, Fla.; a sister, Evelyn Long, Rolla, Mo.; 42 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Services were conducted Sept. 18 at the Gospel Tabernacle Church, Granby. Rev. Edwin Waterbury and Rev. Winston Denker officiated. Burial was in Granby Memorial Cemetery.



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THANKSGIVING MEANS . . .

If you would ask boys and girls in the United States of America what the word Thanksgiving made them think of, they would probably say a holiday from school, a big dinner, or maybe going to a football game. Many people seem to forget the real reason for a day of thanksgiving.

Some of the first people who came to America from Europe were called Pilgrims. Pilgrim means wanderer, or someone in a strange land. They had come to the new land because being able to worship God as they believed the Bible taught them meant more to the Pilgrims than their comfortable homes, families, and friends. In the land where they had lived, they had even been tortured because of their faith.

The first year the Pilgrims were in America, many died from cold and hunger, and other hardships. But the next summer they had good crops. When harvest time came, they were so thankful they decided to have a special day to offer thanks and praise to God for His goodness and blessing to them. They had a wonderful feast of good things to eat, but God himself was the one they were thinking about. They turned the word thanksgiving around and called it giving thanks. Surely the Lord was pleased to have His people thank and praise Him and tell Him of their love for Him.

But you know, this was not the first thanksgiving that God's people ever had. Before the Lord Jesus was born into the world, the only people who worshipped the true and living God were the Hebrews. They were also called the children of Israel. In the Old Testament, these are the ones whom God called His people.

Many, many, years before the Lord Jesus was born into the world, God told His people to have a week of thanksgiving. It, too, was in the fall, after the harvest of the fruits of their land. It was to be a time of feasting and great joy before the Lord.

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