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## God's Daybreak

*There's a break in the clouds over yonder,  
And the promise of fair new day;  
For the long, stormy night has ended,  
And the dark clouds are driven away.  
The rising sun with its brightness  
Tints the far-off hills with light,  
Till my heart grows joyful in watching  
Its glory and radiance bright.*

*There's a break in the clouds over yonder,  
And the low-hanging mists of fear  
Are scattered and driven backward  
By His presence real and near,  
Though the night has been long and heavy,  
And the pressure hard and strong,  
Yet the daybreak brings the assurance  
Of a glorious deliverance song.*

*There's a break in the clouds over yonder,  
And the form of a Coming One,  
With a face as wondrous and radiant  
As the glow of a noonday sun.  
'Tis a long, dark night we have waited  
With but few faint stars to cheer,  
But the Morning Star has arisen,  
And the Day of Rapture is here.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

## The Life of Peter

Harold N. Cooper

As we take up a study of the life of Peter, we find that he was a fisherman by trade. As Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon Peter and his brother Andrew casting their nets, and he saith unto them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." I would like to call your attention to the quick response to the Master's call. "And they STRAIGHT-WAY left their nets and followed him." The call of God comes to many an individual today who are engaged in the various occupations of life; but instead of heeding the call they refuse, and walk contrary to His will. When the call comes to repent, we must heed. When He calls for a complete consecration, we must say one eternal YES to His will. If He shall call for service along any line; let us remember. His ways are best and we should follow Peter's example and immediately, conform to His will.

In St. JN. I: 42, we find this scripture. "And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone. NOTE. Jesus told Peter that he would be called Cephas, of a stone, but before he became as a stone we find him without strength to stand against the trials he encountered along the way.

MAT. 14:22-33, Gives the experience of Peter walking on the sea. While the disciples were in the ship, and there was a storm at sea; Jesus in the fourth watch of the night came unto them, walking on the water. Peter said, "If it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water." And Jesus said, "COME." Peter had faith, and was very courageous when he left the ship and started to Jesus; but as he begin to look around at the surrounding conditions, taking his eyes off of Jesus he begin to fear, and doubt; and started to sink beneath the waves. I don't feel to criticise Peter because he became fearful and almost sank beneath

the waves, for it took more faith to start to Jesus than the most of us would have today. The storm of life is raging all around us today, and Jesus has said, "COME." Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. And again he said by the mouth of the prophet, "COME my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. Jesus has given the call to all; that we might enjoy the fullness of his blessings, but very few accept the invitation. Peter started, and was close enough to Jesus that he could reach down and lift him up. Those who never start, can never be reached.



Let us consider a few scriptures found in MAT. 16:13-20. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, saying, "Whom do MEN say that I the Son of man am?" And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Esias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He sayeth unto them, "But whom say YE that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. NOTE.—We may ask men what they think of Jesus, and his plan; and various answers will be given. Some are against him completely, and others are in sympathy with part of his teachings; but what think YE of Jesus and the gospel he brought? We will have to answer for our own attitude toward God and his plan. Peter knew him as the

Christ. Jesus said, Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ." Jesus said, "And thou art Peter," and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Christ was the rock, and he told Peter he would build his house upon that rock, or the rock Christ Jesus. He is the foundation stone, the Chief corner stone. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

After Jesus had told Peter these things, he begin to show him how he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Peter rebuked him saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned and said unto Peter, get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Peter listened to the words of Jesus, and as he looked at it from a natural viewpoint; he felt that surely this man who went about doing good to all and had power to heal the sick, cast out devils, etc., could defend himself against those who would seek to do him harm. As yet it had not been revealed to him that Jesus was to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. We need the mind of Christ to understand his divine plan. The leaders of the nations, or those in authority need to seek council from the higher power; for God knows, and his ways are best. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

In JN. 13:4-9,—After Jesus had eaten the last passover with

his disciples, he took a towel and girded himself and began to wash their feet. Peter didn't feel worthy to have the master wash his feet, and we hear him say, "Thou shalt never wash my feet"; but when Jesus said, if I wash thee not thou hast neither part nor lot with me; he then said, "Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head." Some think that Peter was too proud to have his feet washed, but I am of the opinion it was because he felt unworthy. Jesus did this as an example, that they should do as he had done unto them. We do find it true today that many have become so proud that they will not humble themselves to follow the example of Jesus; but he said, "Happy are ye, if ye do it."

In LK. 22:31-34,—Jesus said, Peter, Satan hath desired to have you that he might sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Peter was self confident, and made the Lord a great promise. Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. Perhaps he felt that he could stand by Jesus even to death. But the Lord knew his strength and courage would fail, under the severe test, for he told him; "The cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me."

Jesus, having been betrayed into the hands of sinners; was led away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled, and we find Peter following afar off. However he came to the High Priest's palace, went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

MAT. 26:69-75,—Relates the story of how Peter denied any knowledge or connection with Jesus. When he had denied the third time, and begin to curse and swear; he heard the cock crow. Then Peter remembered the words of Jesus. Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly. The Bible does not tell us that Peter was converted at this time when he went out and wept bitterly, but it is very likely that he was. We re-

member the Lord told Peter; when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Then we turn to St. JN. 21: 15-17,—Where Peter was given the love test. Here he received his second call, and the charge given for his life's work. Jesus said to Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" He saith unto him, yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. Three times did Jesus ask this question; and twice, Jesus said Feed my sheep. Thus we see that his life's work was to minister the gospel, and feed the flock of God.



Next we locate Peter at Jerusalem with the other apostles obeying the command of Jesus to tarry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Peter seemed to be the chief spokesman at pentecost; and as we notice his boldness, we call to mind the promise that Jesus had made to him. "Thou shalt be called Cephas, which means a stone." It was after Peter had received the Holy Ghost that he became as a stone. But here we find him strong, solid as a rock unmovable, filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, and with great boldness he stood up to declare to those of Judea and all Jerusalem that they were not drunk with wine; but had received the wonderful gift of which Joel had prophesied. He continued his sermon with these words.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified

and slain. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. As he went on to complete his message, we have the record of three thousand souls being saved that day. We need Spirit filled men and women today who have boldness to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In ACT. 3:1-10,—Peter and John were going to the temple to pray, when they saw a lame man begging alms. Peter said, "Look on us." The man gave heed expecting to receive something of them. Peter then said, "Silver and gold have I none; but SUCH AS I HAVE give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Notice, Peter had something to offer the man that was far better than the temporal or financial needs. What did Peter have? Well, whatever HE HAD; we as God's people are greatly in need of today. There are those all around us who are bound by sickness, disease, and infirmities; God grant to us what Peter had.

Because of the healing of the lame man, and for preaching through Jesus the resurrection from the dead; Peter and John were put in prison. When they were asked by what power, or by what name they had healed the lame man; Peter answered, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

ACT. 5:14-16,—Gives this account. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities around about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. "Jesus Christ the

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With  
Malice  
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None



With  
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All

## Unconquerable Faith

"That the Almighty does make use of human agencies and directly intervenes in human affairs is one of the plainest statements of the Bible. I have so many evidences of His direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above. I frequently see my way clear to a decision when I am conscious that I have not sufficient facts upon which to found it . . . I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do or not to do a particular thing He finds a way of letting me know about it."—*Abraham Lincoln.*

## Christian Ideals

### I. The Ideal Church

1. A church composed of born-again members.—John 3:3, 5, 7; Gal. 6:15.
2. "A peculiar people, zealous of good works."—(Tit. 2:14.)
3. A body of members, who are completely upon the altar of the Lord, "unspotted from the world."—I John 3:9; Rom. 6:13; 12:1, 2; Jas. 1:27.
4. A church unshaken by contrary winds.—Matt. 16:18.
5. A church that in doctrine and life recognizes the headship of Christ (Col. 1:18), in charge of faithful undershepherds, every one of whom can say of a truth, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."—I Cor. 11:1; Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:1-4.
6. An obedient church, in "all things whatsoever" our Lord commands us, making a faithful effort to obey the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the GOSPEL to every creature." —Selected.

### II. The Ideal Home

1. A home in charge of parents who are not only "one flesh" but one in faith and fellowship with those "of like precious faith," bringing up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."—Matt. 19:3-6; Eph. 6:4.
2. Children who are bound by love to "the first commandment with promise."—Eph. 6:2, 4.
3. A family altar upon which the heavenly fire never goes out.—I Thess. 5:17.
4. A home where Scriptural discipline is a continual practice.—Eph. 6:4.
5. A home blessed with edifying literature and associations.—I Tim. 4:13; Prov. 20:13.
6. A home in which doctrine, faith, and life are typical of the eternal home of the redeemed in glory.—In The Gospel Herald.

### III. The Ideal Christian

1. One who yielded himself to God in the days of his youth.—Eccl. 12:1.
2. One whose life, labors, daily habits, business dealings, and associations are such that both saint and sinner recognize him as being "unspotted from the world."—(Jas. 1:27.)
3. One who loves the law of the Lord so ardently that "nothing shall offend" him.—Ps. 119:65.
4. One who delights in worship and Christian fellowship and services.—Pss. 1:1-3; 122:1; I John 1:4, 7.
5. One who, "from the heart," obeys the Lord.—John 14:15; 15:14; Rom. 6:17; I John 2:3-5.
6. One who lives for the good of others.—Gal. 6:10; I John 3:14, 16.  
—In The Gospel Herald.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST



### NO JEWISH CHILDREN SURVIVE BERLIN

The *California Jewish Voice* states, "There are no Jewish children to be found in Berlin, although a few thousand Jewish adults have survived, a correspondent of the Evening Standard reports from the Reich capital.

"Relating conversations he had with some of the survivors, the correspondent says that most of them told him that they owe their life to some exceptional piece of good fortune, such as an influential friend who either hid them or warned them to leave Berlin when a new wave of persecution was imminent.

"The Jews are quoted as saying that their German neighbors are 'now very kind,' visiting them often, 'sharing their fires' and greeting them affectionately."

### MOTIONLESS SPEED

Vice-President Hall L. Hibbard, of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, said that within ten to fifteen years we will see startling things. He said the German V-2's hurtled at a rate of 2,500 miles an hour and sixty miles up, "and that's just the beginning at frictionless height above atmosphere; there is no reason why we won't be able to fly 10,000, yes 100,000 miles an hour." This sounds like "omnipotent power." Jesus will come in manifestation of power quick like lightning (Matt. 24:27). We haven't reached "perpetuity" and "omnipotence," however scientific discoveries and mechanical advances clearly indicate the invisible things of God. Rom. 1:20.

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### STALIN AND RELIGION

*Pathfinder* gives the following religious views of Stalin:

*"Religion cannot be stopped. Conscience cannot be stilled. Religion is a matter of conscience and conscience is free. Worship and religion are free."*

"The words are Marshal Stalin's as quoted by England's 'Red Dean,' Dr. Hewlett Johnson, who interviewed Stalin at Moscow.

"War convinced both Russian church and state of the other's patriotism, Stalin said. In early Soviet days, he declared, the Orthodox patriarch anathematized the government and forbade the people to pay taxes. 'We were obliged to defend ourselves. The state had to act.'"

### METHODISTS URGED TO USE WOMEN MINISTERS

The Methodists of Great Britain and Ireland meeting in Nottingham, are urged to make extension of full ministry to women. Ten thousand ministers are hoped for as recruits during the next five years. Throughout many countries women are being called upon to assist in the work of the church.

### JEWISH SURVIVORS IN POLAND

London, (JTA)—The Jewish community of Poland is not expected to exceed 250,000 persons when all survivors have returned, it was stated here by representatives of the Warsaw Government.

Dr. Edward Dreznick and Dr. Henry Kolodziejski, members of the Polish finance commission which came here to take charge of Polish assets in Britain, also told a group of prominent Poles here that 7,000,000 Polish citizens were killed by the Germans, including 3,250,000 Jews.—*The California Jewish Voice*.



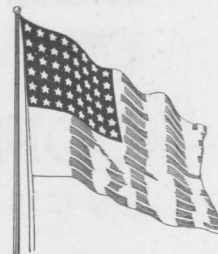
### WASHINGTON

(Whose birthday we celebrate this month.)

Long are the years since he fell  
asleep  
Where the Potomac flows gently  
by,  
There where Mt. Vernon's green  
stretches sweep  
Under the blue Virginia sky.  
Warrior and statesman and patriot  
true,  
Well had he wielded both sword  
and pen,  
Truly, they said as they laid him  
to rest,  
"First in the hearts of his  
countrymen."

Long are the years—and the land  
he loved  
Stands among nations, grown  
strong and great;  
True to his vision of long ago,  
Proud of the hand that so shaped  
her fate.  
Time but adds splendor to face so  
fair,  
Years but test greatness—and now  
as then  
Sleeps he in peace on Mt. Vernon's  
hill,  
"First in the hearts of his  
countrymen."

—B. Y. Williams.



## Walking With God

C. R. Dale

Enoch walked with God. Gen. 5:24, "And he was not; for God took him." Here we have a record in God's word of a man who was translated, that he should not see death. Paul tells us in Heb. 11:5 that through faith he had this testimony that his life pleased God. All through the scriptures we read of men who walked with God and were always blessed by Him.

Noah walked with God. Gen. 6:9, "Noah was a just man, and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." He found grace in the eyes of the Lord and was saved from the flood, also his family with him, through faith in God.

Abraham walked with God. Let us consider Abraham. Gen. 17:1, God said to him, "Walk before me and be thou perfect." God promised his seed should be numberless as the stars of heaven and as sand of the seashore. Abraham was faithful and walked with God. David walked with God. David said, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

Isaiah says, "We walk in his paths."

Jeremiah walked with God. Jeremiah says, "Ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

The disciples walked with God. After Jesus' resurrection, two disciples were on their way down to Emmaus, and Jesus Himself drew near and as he walked with them He opened to them the scriptures, and their hearts burned within them.

To walk with God we must have a personal acquaintance with Him. We must be born again. This is the dispensation of grace in which God dwells in the hearts of His people. And He will not dwell in an unclean temple, therefore, let us be sanctified wholly having all the works of the flesh, malice, hatred, deceit, lust, envy, etc., taken out of our hearts by the

blood of Christ in a second definite work of grace. Let us tarry until baptized with the Holy Ghost, that we may walk with God too, and be translated as Enoch was.



We are looking today for the rapture or redemption so let us walk with God. Are you bearing the cross of Christ and taking the cup of suffering? Christ, the greatest preacher the world has ever known, had no place to lay His head. He walked until He was very tired many times. Our forefathers made great sacrifice in order to bring this wonderful Gospel on down to us. Martin Luther, John Wesley, and Charles F. Parham and others walked with God through trial and suffering in order to bring to us wonderful truths that we enjoy today. There is a woe pronounced upon those who are at ease in Zion. Are you living in ease and luxury and not making any sacrifice at all in order to carry the Gospel or send it to the world. It is better to have none of this world's goods and know the Lord's will, than to have millions and be out of step with God.

"Oh, let us rejoice in the Lord,  
evermore,  
When darts of the tempter are  
flying,  
For Satan still dreads, as he oft  
did of yore,  
Our singing much more than  
our sighing."

## WHAT FAITH IN GOD DOES

Faith justifies, because the believer's obligations to justice are all cancelled by Christ, his Surety.

Faith sanctifies, because the believer forsakes his own righteousness, which at best is but as filthy rags, and accepts the righteousness of Christ.

Faith purifies, because it begets hope, and he who "hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

Faith strengthens, because the believer forsakes his own strength, which is utter weakness, and lays hold on the mighty arm of God. "He stays on his God."

Faith gives courage, because it enables the believer to penetrate the darkest clouds, and see that there are more with him than against him: it makes him cry out, "Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear."

Faith gives joy in the midst of sorrow, because it tells the believer that his light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh out for him a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Faith gives patience, because it shows the believer that "He is faithful who hath promised," and that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Faith gives peace, because it shows the believer that "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through or Lord Jesus Christ."—*Glad Tidings.*

## THE LORD'S INVITATION

John 11:28

The Seven "Comes":

I. "COME AND REST"—Salvation.

II. "COME AND DRINK"—Sanctification.

III. "COME AND FOLLOW"—Service.

IV. "COME AND SEE"—Sight.

V. "COME APART"—Separation.

VI. "COME AND DINE"—Satisfaction.

VII. "COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS"—Suffering.

## Brief Mentions

**PALM CITY, CALIF.** The Silver Strand country is progressing nicely. A splendid spirit prevails and crowds are increasing. 10 souls have been saved in the regular services in the past few weeks. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

**WICHITA, KANSAS.** The Lord is blessing in the services at the Hoover Orchard church. A good interest is being shown in all departments of the church. Wm. Yeakel, Pastor.

**HARDESTY, OKLA.** Evangelist P. M. Campbell has just closed a revival in the new church at Hardesty. Attendance was good. Three services were held every Sunday. F. P. Copeland, Pastor.

**WEBB CITY, MO.** Special week-end services are held every week-end Thursday over Sunday at the Frisco Mission. Different ministers from the Bible School are in charge of these services. Glen Bachler, Pastor.

**JOPLIN, MO.** Audley Hervey has resigned as pastor of the Full Gospel church, 1314 South Main in Joplin. Brother Hervey expects to hold some evangelistic meetings and can be reached at 420 Highland, Joplin, Missouri.

**CAVE SPRINGS, ARK.** Evangelist and Mrs. John Modrick have recently held a revival at the mission at Cave Springs.

**WOODWARD, OKLA.** Evangelist Homer Coberly and family have recently held a good revival at the old court house at Woodward. George Vassar, Pastor.

**BAXTER SPRINGS, KANS.** The 5th Street Mission and Bethel Community Church are being blessed with special services from the different ministers and workers attending the Bible School.



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**GALENA, KANS.** Ministers and workers from the Bible School will be in charge of the regular services at the Spring Grove Mission for the next two months.

**GRANBY, MO.** Evangelist Ed and Francis Stork have just closed a good revival at the Gospel Tabernacle at Granby. Earl Neilson, Pastor.

**DUMAS, TEXAS.** George Hintergardt and James Hosler are now in a revival at the church in Dumas. Brother Hintergardt will continue on as pastor of the church.

"God calls many of His most valued workers from the unknown multitude." (Luke 14:23.)

To be alone with God in prayer cannot be over-emphasized.

### NOTICE!

Many of our service boys are returning to the states from the different theatres of the war. Because of this, many addresses are changing and many papers and letters sent to them are returning. Will you please cooperate with us and send us your boys change of address as soon as you are notified of the change. Thank you kindly for your help in this matter.

—Editor.

### WILL I PRAY?

Sometimes I have so much to do,  
I think it must be done;  
I'll work so very, very hard  
From morn till set of sun.  
But here is something I have  
found:

This really doesn't pay;  
I've always found I've weaker  
grown  
If I have failed to pray.

Sometimes it was for God;  
Sometimes 'twas something for  
myself;  
Sometimes it was for other folks,  
That many steps I trod.  
But 'tis no matter who 'twas for,  
I truthfully must say,  
My faith and trust had smaller  
grown  
Because I failed to pray.

So I am trying hard to learn  
That nothing's really great  
If it must take my praying time,  
So praying has to wait.

It's praying makes me fit to  
work;  
It is my staff and stay,  
And work will never be the best,  
If I have failed to pray.

—Portland, Ore. Bulletin.

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"And I will give her vineyards  
from thence, and the door of  
trouble for a door of hope: and  
she shall sing THERE." (Hosea  
2:15).



## Doctrine

The following are two themes written by students of the Apostolic Faith Bible School in the class of Doctrine, taught by Ralph A. Durham.

Webster gives the definition of the word Doctrine as: "That which is taught; the principles, belief or dogma of any church, sect or party." Thus we understand that practically all organizations, whether religious or political, have a doctrine, as do lodges, fraternities and other such groups. But our primary interest is in the Doctrine of God.

Many of the above mentioned groups teach for doctrine the commandments of men, even as was done in Jesus' time. (Mark 7:7), and there are groups in the world today who have given heed to doctrines of devils. (1 Tim. 4:1). These conditions make it all the more needful that we know the Doctrine of God's word, teach and preach the doctrine of God's word, and, most important that we live the Doctrine of God's word.

The question may arise "How may I know the doctrine of God?" And others may say that Jesus had no doctrine. The former question is answered and the latter statement proved untrue by Jesus' own words in St. John 7:16-17, "Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not mine but His that sent Me." "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Jesus had a doctrine. He spoke of "my doctrine" but went on to explain that He did not originate it tho He embraced it as His own. God the Father is the author of the doctrine of Christ, which doctrine we may also embrace and teach. And the way of knowing the doctrine is through doing the will of God. 1 Thes. 4:3 says "for this is the will of God, even your sanctification." Through the cleansing of the blood of Jesus we are freed from traditions and received the mind of Christ. If we have in us the same mind as was in Jesus, and then through study we acquire a thorough knowledge of the word of God we shall not be in darkness concerning the true Doctrine.

—Grace LaMunyon.

The study of doctrine is something that can be avisable and yet there may be exceptions. If the right doctrine is studied it is very profitable. By that right doctrine, I mean one that stands true and firm in the exact teachings of Christ. There are many doctrines of man that are practised, but if one believes it necessary to follow a doctrine, it should be the same as Christ taught back in the days of the Apostles. In St. John 7:16 Jesus said, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me." Since Jesus had a doctrine it should certainly be alright for us to have one.

In Matt. 7:28, it says, "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine."

So it is today, many people are just astonished at our sound doctrine, because it is so different and yet so true; while others are so bound by the doctrines of men, that they make up all types of excuses about the true light of the doctrine.

Jesus said in Titus 2:7, that we should show ourselves a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity and sincerity. If we let ourselves be a good pattern of Christ's doctrine and really live it to the best of our ability, there is going to be someone watching our life, and because of the joy we show forth from our life, it could be the means of that one lost soul giving their life to Christ and thus they might learn to admire and practice God's sound doctrine.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of the devil.

Let us all pray that people will not be drawn towards the doctrines of men, but that they might be steadfast in Christ's sound doctrine.

—Patsy Peterson.

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## CONTENTMENT

Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6.

O, that we might be content,  
With what our blessed Lord has sent,

Whether on the mountain peak,  
Or sobbing when the trial we meet.  
He it is who knows the best,  
He it is who sends the test.  
He has said He'll ne'er forsake,  
But guard us tho we sleep or wake.  
So trust Him now, cast out your fear,

Put on a smile and dry that tear.

Laura T. Halsey.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## A HOME IN NAZARETH

The little town of Nazareth, where Jesus spent His boyhood, is nestled in the hills of northern Palestine. Many of the people of Jesus' day were farmers, but they did not live on their farms. For protection they stayed in their homes in the village, and went each morning to their farms or vineyards outside the town.

Joseph's carpenter shop may have been on Market Street, where were the other shops. The front of these shops opened on the narrow street. At the end of Market Street was the market place. Farmers sold their products here, and men gathered to exchange the news of the day, and to hear what travelers had to tell of the outside world. The boys often played at this market place after school. Although Nazareth was surrounded by hills, it was not an isolated village. Great highways went through it in all directions.

The spring near the edge of town is the only one in Nazareth,

so we can be sure the boy Jesus often went there. In the morning and evening women with their children still go to this spring for water, and as in the time of Jesus, carry home their water jars balanced on their heads.



**THE HOME.** Today there are many small stone houses in Nazareth like the one that Jesus called "home." Many of these were one story high, and made of rough stone or mudlike clay. The animals were kept at night in the front part of the room. Half way back two or three steps led up to the part of the room where the family lived. One or two small openings, high up in the wall, served for windows. The smoke from the fireplace in one corner of the room found its way out through these openings, for there was no chimney. An oil wick in

a lamp of clay lighted the house.

There was very little furniture in the home. You would find a low table, a large chest, and large jars where dried beans, wheat, dried figs, oil, honey and the like were stored. Other earthen jars were used for carrying water.

The handmill for carrying grain was an important part of the household equipment. There were two flat stones, an upper one and a lower one. The upper stone had a hole in the center into which the grain was poured. This stone had a handle, and was turned against the lower stone. Two people sitting opposite each other ground the grain. One pushed the handle and the other pulled it back.



**THE SLEEPING MAT.** The floor was generally just hard-packed earth, raised a little at one end for a sleeping place for the family. The beds were mats which were rolled up during the day. This roll of mats were put in a wall shelf or kept in the large chest when not in use.



**THE MEZUZAH.** On the door post of all Jewish homes there is nailed a little box or tube. You might notice the family as they pass in and out touch the box for a moment. Inside this box is a tiny roll of paper. The people stop and touch this box to remind themselves of the words of the Bible found written on the roll. And here are the words, "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut. 6:4, 5.

Viola Modrick.

## The Evangelizing of Children

*A Neglected Sphere of Evangelism that would Yield Good Returns if Given More Attention.*

The "Evangelical Christian," a monthly published in Canada, in a recent issue called attention to the fact that there has been a disposition to neglect the evangelization of children, and strongly advocates the church considering this neglected field of evangelism.

### *We Secure an Old Book*

Just recently the Editor came in possession of a very valuable book. It is entitled "Early Conversion," and was written by E. Payson Hammond, famous as a children's evangelist fifty years ago. This book is on cheap paper discolored with age, printed in the year 1900, and is marked "112th Thousand." It was priced at 25 cents, but I was glad to pay a dollar for it. I wish I knew where thousands more of them could be had to give or sell to pastors and Sunday School teachers. Its 232 pages are just brimming over with records of how children have been converted and the lives they lived afterward.

### *Introduction by Torrey*

The introduction of the book was written by R. A. Torrey, and he says something worth considering in this introduction. We will repeat part of it.

"I am sure that the Church of Jesus Christ is sadly neglecting the children. It is true that we have our Sunday Schools and other organizations for the training of children in the knowledge of the Word and of God, but there is not that definite work for their conversion that there should be.

"No other form of Christian effort brings such immediate, such large, and such lasting results as work for the conversion of children. It has many advantages over other forms of work. First of all, children are more easily led to Christ than adults. In the second place, they are more likely to stay converted than those apparently converted at a later period of life. They also make better Christians, as they do not have so much to unlearn as those who have grown old in sin. They have more years of service before them. A man

converted at sixty is a soul saved plus ten years of service; a child saved at ten is a soul saved plus sixty years of service."

### *Words by D. L. Moody*

D. L. Moody is quoted in the book and we give some of his testimony:

"I believe there is a great deal of infidelity in the Sabbath School, as well as in our churches, on this point, and that even many parents think their children cannot come to Jesus early in life. I fear that many teachers go to the Sunday School and never think of urging upon their dear scholars the importance of immediately surrendering their hearts to Christ. I believe myself that if children are old enough to come to the Sabbath School they are old enough to come to Calvary."

### *Mr. Hammond's Testimony*

Mr. Hammond worked not only in America, but also in England with great success. Here is something he says about a meeting he held in Spurgeon's Tabernacle:

"Mr. Spurgeon was a strong believer in the conversion of children. During my three visits to London he always did what he could to assist in winning souls to Christ. He said to me one day: 'Will you hold a series of meetings in my tabernacle?'

"I at once replied: 'No, I do not wish to do so.'

"'Why not?' said he.

"'We are having full meetings in other parts of the city. Baptist Noel's church and others of that size are filled night after night, and I would rather be in those churches, crowded full, than in your immense building and have it half full.'

"He quickly replied, 'If you will promise to hold meetings every night in the week in this tabernacle I will promise to fill it.'

"I was so much impressed with his manner of conversation that I answered, 'With God's help we will hold the meetings.'

"Much prayer was offered the Sabbath before for God's blessing. Mr. Spurgeon preached a sermon on the conversion of children. It was immediately printed and scattered over London, and at the door of the weekly prayer meeting every Christian was urged to take a packet of them and distribute them in his neighborhood.

"Mr. Spurgeon sent to sixteen Sunday Schools in his vicinity, and said, 'Each of your scholars can have a place in my tabernacle next Sunday if you will send teachers to sit with the children and speak to them after Mr. Hammond has done preaching to them.' The next Sunday afternoon as I pressed my way into the crowded tabernacle Deacon Olney said to me: 'This building will seat six thousand adults, but there are today, without doubt, crowded into it no less than eight thousand who will listen to and hear what you have to say. There are, I believe, at least three thousand outside who came here to get admittance but cannot do so.'

"Every child had one of my hymn books, and at the end of nearly every seat sat a Christian man or woman, ready to speak with those who would remain to the enquiry meeting. Nearly all did so.

"Mrs. Bartlett, from whose Sunday School class nearly six hundred joined Mr. Spurgeon's church, was there among the workers; pastors from all parts of the city, also, and above all the Lord was there with great power. There was no undue excitement, but very deep conviction produced by the Holy Spirit in answer to prayer, sending home the truth to many hearts. Night after night much the same scene was witnessed. I heard a man of much experience say that he believed during that week's meetings from two to three thousand were convicted of sin and brought to Christ. Similar meetings had been held throughout the great metropolis of over five millions of people, and I believe volumes of prayers ascended from many hearts for a great blessing on those closing meetings in Mr. Spurgeon's tabernacle.

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## Sanctification

Mrs. W. W. Chapman

For this is the will of God, even your **SANTIFICATION**, that ye should abstain from fornication; everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in **SANCTIFICATION** and honor. 1 Thes. 4:3-4.

In obedience to the call of God the disciples went forth preaching the gospel and many believed, and were converted. Conversion is the first work of grace, the beginning of a Christian life. The disciples became the followers of the Lord, and began teaching how to live holy and Godly lives through the grace of **SANCTIFICATION** which is the **SECOND DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE**, which was included in the atonement. Jesus suffered and gave His life to **SANTIFY HIS CHURCH**, that He might present **HIMSELF** a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish; Eph. 5:27. To be cleansed from **ALL SIN AND SINFUL HABITS**; cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the **FEAR OF GOD**; 2 Cor. 7:1. To lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls, James 1:21. Search and seek diligently for the second step of grace which is **SANCTIFICATION**, and when you receive it you will know it just as you did when you were saved. You then will be cleansed from inbred sin and sinful habits that are detrimental to a life, and very unbecoming to a Christian; such as all intoxicating drinks, tobacco of all kinds, the morphine drug habit, worldliness of all kinds. In fact you won't look and act like the world. God said, love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the **FATHER** is not in him, John 2:15. You may say I have tried to quit such and such a habit, but can't. When these awful habits have hold on lives, they

become in bondage and are a slave to them, there is nothing that can free them but the **BLOOD THAT JESUS SHED ON CALVARY**, to deliver the human race. When Jesus sets you free, there will be no more desire for them. They will become abominable to you. Through faith in His blood are we saved, and through faith in the same are we **SANCTIFIED**. The unsaved are called to repentance, and believers are commanded to be **SANCTIFIED**. The body will then be a fit temple for the Holy Spirit to dwell in, for He will not dwell in an unclean temple.

To receive **SANCTIFICATION** you first have to consecrate your life, and your all and be willing to do **HIS** will. If you are in earnest and believe God and seek diligently you will receive. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. Thes. 5:24. Sanctify you **WHOLLY**. Sanctify means to cleanse or to set apart. If a man will purge himself from these, sin and sinful habits, he shall be a vessel unto honor, **SANCTIFIED** and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21. God made the heavens and earth in six days, the 7th day He rested and **SANCTIFIED** it as a day for man to rest from his labors; a day to be used far different from other days. When God **SANCTIFIES** man he is different from those that are not **SANCTIFIED** and is to be used of God for His work, to be a blessing to the world and point it to the **LAMB OF GOD**, that taketh away the sins of the world, but not to be a partaker of it and its sins. It seems very reasonable, does it not, that our God, who is holy would naturally want His children to be holy even as He is holy. For without holiness no man will see the Lord. Abstain from the appearance of evil, and the very God of peace **SANCTIFY** you wholly. 1 Thes. 5:22. This shows there is a great part for us to do. If we do what He required of us, we will receive abundantly.

After Paul was converted, he had a time living his Christian life. He said when he wanted to do good, evil was present. So the good that I would do, I do not, and the evil that I would not, that I do. If I do not, it is no more evil that I do it, but sin dwelleth in me. He was searching for a way to be delivered from this inbred sin which he had inherited from Adam. Not only Paul inherited this inbred sin, but all the human race. He had been forgiven of the actual sins he had committed and had the joy of sin forgiven, and yet was not satisfied. The inherited sin within him accused him to say and do things that made him despise himself; causing him to cry out to God in despair and say, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of sin." Instantly he was made to realize that no one could do it but Jesus Christ, our Lord. He took God at His word and was delivered. Eph. 5:26-27; then Paul immediately said, therefore there is **NO CONDEMNATION** to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but the Spirit. It is the mercies of God that moves upon us that makes us want to please Him. Paul writing to the church at Rome said, "I beseech you **BRETHREN**, by the mercies of God, that ye present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God; Rom. 12:1-2. Everyone that loves God wants to do His will and this is the will of God even our **SANCTIFICATION**."

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His, and commandeth everyone that nameth His name or bears His name to depart from **ALL INIQUITY** and abstain from fleshly lust that war against the **SOUL**. The Lord speaks to His people and says, "ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth praises of Him who has called you out of darkness, SIN, into this marvelous light." God looked and saw that the blood of animals that was used for atonement for sin under the old covenant would not cleanse the heart of man, for it is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, Jer. 17:9. Therefore God had pity and compassion upon the world and gave His Son as a sacrifice to provide a way to be delivered from ALL SIN AND SINFUL HABITS. He said, "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." There is a way for the heart of man to be cleansed, through the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary. Many do not know and understand that there are two works of grace provided for in the atonement. Nothing is more plainly taught in the scriptures than SANCTIFICATION, and without it, it is impossible to live a holy life, for the inbred sin within us will not let us. It has to be purged out by the power of God through the blood. It is then easy to live a holy life, for Jesus said, "my yoke is easy." We are without excuse for God has provided a way for us to live holy lives. He is very anxious and zealous for His people to live a clean, holy life and keep themselves apart and unspotted from the world, and sin and sinful habits. He is continually admonishing them through the scriptures to be clean, to be holy, ye that bear the vessel of the Lord, to depart from all iniquity and uncleanness and that their conversation be holy and without covetousness, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that BLESSED HOPE and the GLORIOUS appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:12-14.

One of the very last things Christ did before he was crucified

## GLORIFY GOD IN THE FIRES

L. Marie Rundell

Once I heard a song of sweetness  
As it cleft the morning air,  
Sounding in its blest completeness,  
Like a tender pleading prayer;  
And I sought to find the singer,  
When the wondrous song was  
borne;  
And I found a bird sore wounded,  
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,  
While its wings with pain were  
furled,  
Giving hope and cheer and gladness  
That should bless a weeping  
world;  
And I knew that song of sweetness,  
Was of pain and sorrow born,  
And a stricken soul was singing  
With its heart against a thorn.

Ye are told of one who loved you,  
Of a Saviour crucified  
Ye are told of nails that pinioned,  
And a spear that pierced His side;  
Ye are told of cruel scourging,  
Of a Saviour bearing scorn,  
And He died for your salvation,  
With His brow against a thorn.

Ye "are not above the Master"  
Will you breathe a sweet refrain?  
And His grace will be sufficient  
When your heart is pierced with  
pain.  
Will you live to bless His loved  
ones,

Tho your life be bruised and torn,  
Like the bird that sang so sweetly,  
With it's heart against a thorn?

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was to pray for His disciples to be SANCTIFIED. Not only for them did He pray but for all who would believe on Him, even you and I. For their sakes and ours He SANCTIFIED Himself that we may be SANCTIFIED through the truth, John 17:17.

So the SECOND DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE OF SANCTIFICATION is real, search the scriptures, then seek and receive for yourself.

It would seem that what God needs in this world today more than any other thing, if for His people to "Sing with their hearts against a thorn." To give out a fragrance from their crushed hopes and plans as sweet as the fragrance of the crushed rose, which MUST be crushed to send out its sweet odors into the world.

The Master wants you and I today to lay the burdens of our own afflictions and losses, heart-aches and trials at His feet. Let Him see your tears, then you will go forth in the spirit of Jesus. Then the world will see the smile upon your face, feel your sympathy, as you remember Jesus came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28.

Remember that *others* are in pain, *other* hearts are breaking under the load, *other* circumstances may be far worse than yours, *other* souls need comfort and help and love—and they should find it in *you* if you are a child of God. Jesus ministered to others with the knowledge of the Cross before Him, but He went steadfastly on, pouring out His life to the needy.

May *we* be as willing to be tied to the altar of God's purpose for us,—and for the world through us, without showing to the world our sufferings, but only that Christ may be glorified in us.

"When all our hopes are gone,  
'Tis well our hands must keep  
toiling on  
For others' sake!  
For strength to bear is found in  
duty done,  
And he is blest indeed who learns  
to make  
The joy of others cure his own  
heartache."

(Selected)

"For I shall yet praise him." More prayer, more exercise of faith, more patient waiting, and the result will be blessing, abundant blessing. Thus I have found it many hundreds of times, and therefore I continually say to myself, "Hope thou in God."

—George Mueller.



## MISSIONARY PAGE



### *The Missionary Alphabet*

*Prayer for the Nations*

A—Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. *Psa. 2:8.*

*The Missionary's Beauty*

B—Beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel. *Rom. 10:15.*

*The Missionary's Invitation*

C—Come near ye nations, to hear; and hearken ye people: let the earth hear. *Isa. 34:1.*

*The Missionary's Teaching*

D—Depart from evil and do good. *Psa. 34:14.*

*Food for the World*

E—Eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. *Isa. 55:2.*

*Why Tell the Story?*

F—For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation. *Rom. 1:16.*

*The Great Commission*

G—Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. *Mark 16:15.*

*Who Will Go?*

H—Here am I, send me. *Isa. 6:8.*

*The Missionary's Guide*

I—I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with my eye. *Psa. 32:8.*

*The World's Light*

J—Jesus said: I am the light of the world. *John 8:12.*

*The Missionary's Confidence*

K—Know that my words shall surely stand. *Jer. 44:29.*

*The Lord's Promise*

L—Lo, I am with you alway. *Matt. 28:20.*

*The Missionary's Path*

M—Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments. *Psa. 119:35.*

*The Missionary a Watchman*

N—Nevertheless if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it . . . thou hast delivered thy soul. *Ex. 33:9.*

*The Missionary's Prayer*

O—Open Thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. *Psa. 51:15.*

*Liberty to the World*

P—Proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. *Isa. 61:1.*

*The Missionary's Faith*

Q—Quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. *Lam. 3:26.*

*The Missionary's Call*

R—Return unto the Lord and He will have mercy. *Isa. 55:7.*

*The Missionary's Message*

S—Speak unto them all the words that I command thee, diminish not a word. *Jer. 26:2.*

*The Missionary's Urgency*

T—The King's business required haste. *I Sam. 21:8.*

*The Missionary's Wisdom*

U—Understanding what the will of the Lord is. *Eph. 5:17.*

*The Missionary's Source of Supply*

V—Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. *John 16:23.*

*The Missionary's Constraint*

W—Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel. *1 Cor. 9:16.*

*The Missionary's Support*

X—Xceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. *Eph. 3:20.*

*The Missionary a Light Bearer*

Y—Ye are the light of the world. *Matt. 5:14.*

*The Missionary's Ardor*

Z—Zeal for the Lord. *2 Kings 10:16.*

### DON'T BE DISHONEST—

By neglecting your secret prayer and Bible study, then wondering why you have no power with God or souls.

By calling jealousy *watchfulness*.

By calling contention *earnestness*.

By calling stubbornness *firmness*.

By calling fretfulness or impatience *nervousness*.

By saying you are humble, when you are selfwilled, and are determined to have your own way.

By saying you are meek when you are conceited and have pride.

By saying you are filled with the Spirit, and failing to bear the fruits of the Spirit.

By saying you are all for Jesus, when you give more for selfish interests than to His cause.

By saying you will bear anything for Jesus' sake, when you fly into a passion or pout over trifles.

By professing to be a Christian, when you fail to walk and please God.

By professing to be sanctified, when you fail to follow peace with all men and live a holy life.

By claiming you love God, when you fail to love your brethren of the church and separate yourself from their association.

By professing you have the peace of God in the soul, when you are at enmity with any of your fellow men.

By professing you love everybody, when you feel sore or are offended at any of the brethren of the church, or at anyone who may differ with you.

By saying you are a child of God, when you have not a bridled tongue.

Whatever our faith says God is, He will be.

Faith that goes forward triumphs.

Let us sing even when we do not feel like it, for thus we may give wings to leaden feet and turn weariness into strength.

—Selected.

—J. H. Jowett.

## THE LIFE OF PETER

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same yesterday, today, and forever."

Peter and John being brought before the council, refrained not to speak for themselves. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. They were commanded not to teach any more in the name of Jesus, but still with great boldness we find Peter and John ready with an answer. "Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

There was a time after the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at pentecost, that all the believers who were possessors of lands, houses, or goods; sold them and brought the prices of the things sold and laid them at the apostles' feet. Distribution was made to every man as he had need. Ananias and Sapphira sold their possession, but kept back part of the price. Peter being able to discern what was done, asked them. "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?" At Peter's rebuke, they both fell down dead.

Peter and John were sent to Samaria to help those who had already received the word of God. On their arrival they begin to pray for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the experience. When Simon the sorcerer saw the beautiful experience the Samaritans had received through the laying on of the Apostles' hands, he offered money that he might be able to do the same. He was rebuked by Peter, because he thought the gift of God could be purchased with money. He was told to repent of his wickedness, that he might be forgiven. The power of God is only manifested through those who come by the way of repent-

ance; and follow on to obey God. (ACT. 8:14-24.)

In the tenth chapter of acts Peter saw a vision. Heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending as it were a great sheet, knit at the four corners and set down to the earth. In the sheet he saw all manner of four footed beasts, creeping things, and fowls of the air; and was told to slay and eat. He refused, thinking they were unclean; but Jesus said that which I have cleansed, call thou not common or unclean. While he yet wondered what the vision meant, three men stood at the gate waiting for him. Jesus said, go with them doubting nothing. Peter went with them to the house of Cornelius, and began his message with these words. "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." While he yet spake unto them, the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Only the Jews had received the Holy Ghost, and the Gentiles were considered as dogs, and unclean. The vision proved to Peter that it was the hand of God leading, and without respect of persons; the Holy Ghost was poured out upon all who believed.

Later, Herod the king stretched forth his hand to vex certain of the church. He killed James, and put Peter in prison, intending after Easter to kill him also. The church began to pray, and God sent an angel into the prison where he was sleeping between two soldiers. The angel smote him on the side, saying arise up quickly. The chains fell off, he put on his sandals and followed the angel. As they went out, the iron gate opened of its own accord; and when they had reached the second street, the angel departed. Peter went to the church where they had been praying, and to their own surprise; God had answered prayer and delivered. Peter said, go tell James and the

brethren; and he departed into another place.

Jesus said, Thou shalt be called Cephas, "A STONE." And since the day of pentecost Peter was firm as A ROCK for God and the gospel; and was later crucified head downward. Peter finally had to experience the things he told Jesus he would do. "I'll go with you to prison, or to death." We as Christ's disciples living in the closing of this dispensation of grace, may experience the same things. It is OUR place to make the consecration, and Jesus said; "MY grace is sufficient for thee."

### "FOLLOW ME"

I. THE CALL TO SALVATION—John 1:43.

II. THE CALL TO CONCENTRATION—John 21:19-22.

III. THE CALL TO SEPARATION—Matthew 8:22.

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## THE EVANGELISING OF CHILDREN

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"When I returned there about seventeen years afterward, Mr. Spurgeon told me of the permanent results of those meetings. He thanked God for the great numbers that came into the church through those meetings for the young seventeen years before. He said that many are now preaching the Gospel who were converted at that time."

—*The Gospel Minister.*

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—*Abraham Lincoln.*

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## OBITUARIES

*Grover Elizah Bachler* was born May 3, 1891, at Joplin, Missouri. He departed this life December 7, 1945, at his home near Anderson, Missouri, at the age of 54 years, 7 months, 4 days. His brother Arthur preceded him in death.

He was married to Nora Mable Culp, January 12, 1913, at Joplin, Missouri. To this union 3 sons and 2 daughters were born. Rev. Olen Bachler, Webb City, Missouri; Francis Louise Statz, Anderson, Missouri; Arthur Leroy Bachler, Joplin, Missouri; Learron and Betty Jean Bachler of the home. Other survivors include 3 sisters, Mrs. Ida Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Harris and Miss Ida Bachler, all of Joplin; and 3 grandchildren.

He was converted 21 years ago, and was a firm believer in the Apostolic Faith, until his death. He was a devoted husband and father and will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the Union Chapel near Stella, Missouri. Ted Jackson, Elmer Miller and John Williams officiated at the service. Burial was in the Anderson cemetery.

*Richard James Saulter* was born December 13, 1926 in Hockerville,

Oklahoma, where he lived with his parents until nine years ago when he moved with the family to Baxter Springs, Kansas, where he lived until his death. He departed this life December 4, 1945, after a short illness, at the age of 18 years, 11 months, 21 days. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saulter, and one brother Johnnie Wilford. He also leaves his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Saulter of Quapaw, Oklahoma and J. N. Robinson of Baxter Springs, Kansas, three uncles, three aunts and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the 5th Street church in Baxter Springs, with Rev. T. L. Tabor officiating. Burial was in the Lowell cemetery.

## GETTING READY TO MOVE

The owner of the tenement which I have occupied for many years has given notice that he will furnish but little or nothing more for repairs. I am advised to be ready to move.

At first, this was not a very welcome notice. The surroundings here are in many respects very pleasant, and were it not for the evidence of decay. I should consider the old house good enough. But even a light

wind causes it to tremble and totter, and all the braces are not sufficient to make it secure. So I am getting ready to move.

It is strange how quickly one's interest is transferred to the prospective home. I have been consulting maps of the new country and reading descriptions of its inhabitants. One who visited it has returned, and from him learn that it is beautiful beyond descriptions — language breaks down in attempting to tell of what he heard while there. He says that, in order to make an investment there, he has suffered the loss of all things that he owned here and even rejoices in what others would call making a sacrifice.

Another, whose love to me has been proven by the greatest possible test, is now there. He has sent me several clusters of the most delicious fruits. After tasting them, all food here seems insipid.

Two or three times I have been down by the border of the river that forms the boundary, and have wished myself among the company of those who were singing praises to the King on the other side.

Many of my friends have moved there. Before leaving, they spoke of my coming later. I have seen the smile upon their faces as they passed out of sight.

Often I am asked to make some new investments here, but my answer in every case is: "I am getting ready to move."

"For we (who are saved) know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1.

"Jesus saith . . . , I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

—Selected.

Hold steady when the fires burn,  
When inner lessons come to learn,  
And when the path there seems  
turn—  
"Let patience have her perfect  
work."—L.S.P.