

EDITORIAL
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Isaiah 55:10-11

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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Greetings to each of you.

It is with much thanksgiving unto God that I am able to report unto you victory during the past year of 1985. It was a very good year filled with the blessings of God. The ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report reached into many hearts and met the need of those touched. It was because of God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of his people that this was possible. Many of you shared of your talents, time and finances to be a blessing to others through the Apostolic Faith Report. As you gave God blessed as his word went forth. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11.

There are yet untold multitudes to be reached with the plan of salvation and it is my prayer and desire to see the lost saved, the discouraged lifted up, the sick healed and God's people blessed. May we all work together in this New Year of 1986 that God has given to us to reach out to others.

Karen Oakes

Life's Best Motto

To live as though Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow.

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ARTICLE VII Doctrine

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

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

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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

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AFBC NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Our greetings to you as we open our spring semester of Bible College. First let me report the blessings of God were real upon us during our fall term of school. We saw the lives of some very dear people molded into God's will. The ax is being sharpened to go into God's vineyard to work.

We started this term with 45 enrolled for study. There were a few of last semester students that did not return and then we had 6 new students join us bringing us to the above number. We thank God for this good enrollment. Interest continues to grow among people who desire a school where they can study God's word.

Plans are under way for our Annual Valentine's Banquet in February and will be history by the time you read this. Our special entertainment for the banquet was the Mathis Trio of Hempstead, Texas. They always do a super job whenever they sing.

I am glad to report our deep freezers were full of meat as we opened this semester of school and we were able to pay all fall semester bills giving us a good start. Our "thanks" to all who have helped meet these needs. Please keep up the good work and let's not let the deep freezers become empty nor the bills to pile up. With your faithful support everything will remain paid up to date. Remember winter brings a heavy load on the heating bill. Also continue to pray for support our fine faculty. These people are doing a great work here for God. We praise the Lord for each of them.

Always remember to pray daily for the Bible College, staff and students. We need God to bless with His presence and desire to be in His divine will.

Thank you,
Supt. Jack Cornell

Boys Dorm

A very warm greetings from the boy's dorm! Let us praise the Lord for this opportunity to diligently study and learn more of God's precious Word. The blessings of the Lord are overflowing and abundant each day. There are 16 personalities from the previous semester and even a new one this semester. James Brown from Kansas City, Mo. the upcoming semester promises to be a gracious time in the Lord.

The unity the Spirit brings us in all the dorm members is exciting! God is truly binding us all together through his Spirit with love. The chords of friendship and diligence for our Lord will last a lifetime among us. The wonderful talents and characters of the dorm are evidently being used and faithfully being endowed by the Lord. We see as Christ was one in purpose with the trinity, so are we also eager to supply that purpose to others as they see it in us.

Our dorm greatly appreciates the Dean of Men and our Pastor, Bro. Danny M. Robinson. He is a respecter of all men, as well as having a firm yet forbearing uniqueness about him. His bylaws are upheld not in fear, but in compensation for his loving hand and heart.

On behalf of Bro. Danny Robinson and the boy's dorm we are thankful beyond mention to every person who has enabled us to have such a comfortable facility as we do. May the Lord richly bless you as our all in all.

Again we would like to thank you for your fervent prayer which has held us strong as the Lord answers prayer. Our prayers are with you daily and may the Lord strengthen you through and through! I Thes. 5:23 Amen.

Todd Allen - Reporter

Girls Dorm Report

February 1986, here we are in Baxter Springs, Kansas at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Bro. Charles F. Parham and other ministers of the early days of the Apostolic Faith thought the Lord was coming back long before now, but time has passed, and we are still here "working till Jesus comes," seeing every day the closeness of His coming. That is why we come, that is why we study, that is why we prepare, because so many have not heard, and there is so much we don't know. In the midst of the study dorm life brings mixed emotions: intense study, gales of tired laughter, innocent pranks, but always a time of serious worship. Thank you, Apostolic Faith people for making this Bible College available to us. And thank you, Lord, for your wonderful blessings on us.

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The True Foundation

by Todd Allen
AFBC Student

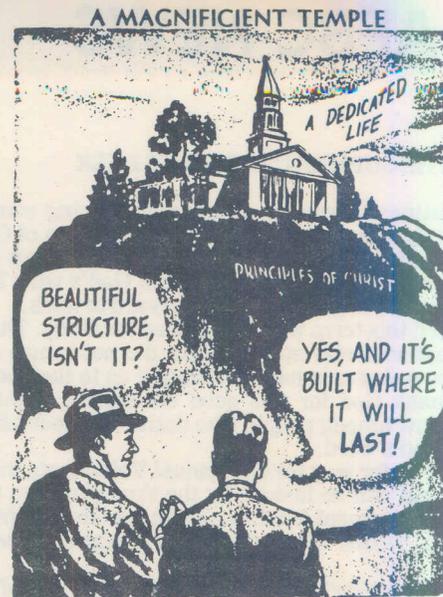
What are you standing on today? Is it a firm foundation of faith or a lackadaisical substructure of hope or anticipation? In II Cor. 5:7 Paul tells us we are to "walk by faith, not by sight." When we walk by sight our physical eyes guides us and we are blind to the spirit. But when walking by faith our spiritual eyes become opened and we are transformed to the light of the world as well as being directly guided with the essential light of Christ.

To the sinner, the world is a contracted illusion! To the christian, the contract is broken when the illusion is realized through our Lord, and therefore is shattered as a desert oasis turns to sand.

If you are truly walking by faith your foundation is of God. In the carnally-minded world the foundation is upon things seen, heard, material things. But our foundation is the solid definition of faith which is in our Lord Jesus Christ - it is Jesus Christ. In I Cor. 3:10 we see that "According to the grace of God..." we as "...a wise masterbuilder, have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereupon." The wise masterbuilder (Christian) knows exactly where his foundation is, and had laid it for others to build there "upon" (Jesus Christ). This foundation is where we lay our treasure, and "...where our treasure is, our heart is also." Matt. 6:21. In I Cor. 3:11 Paul writes as our proof that, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which Jesus Christ." Praise God almighty for we cannot stand upon anything stronger!

The strength of your base is in the commitment of submission. Submission in the Greek means to obey, to be under obedience, to subdue unto. How is this the basis for our foundation? The reason is because with this we have made satan run in fear! James 4:7 explains, "Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you." What astonishing power we have through our Lord! That same omnipotence is what we stand on. In a sense, it is like we are stoning Satan each time we resist him through God. How? With the rock of our salvation. We see this as the Psalmist writes in chapter 62 verses 6 and 7. "He is my only rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." Think a minute about the kind of power that can be our defense and accessibly overthrow the God of this world. If you think of earth, don't you think of fleshly things, carnality, and many other temporal things. Think now on what we walk on, dirt. Sadly enough Satan is the god of this world. This creation of God, the earth, is his foundation, even though it is pliable. He takes his foundation and turns it into quicksand before our eyes. Yet the Father takes the dust and creates his children with it! But remember we are still separated from the quicksand. Time and time again the bible tells us that we are not of this world, as Christ wasn't. Our foundation is the Lord our rock, and not a shovel around can penetrate the rock (in material senses), yet we can shovel out all of your life. Do this in your Spirit from within-without.

Therefore what should be our goal? To obtain steadfast the only real foundation. What is our basis? Submission unto God, doing his will. What are the genetics of it? The opening of your spiritual eyes; walking by faith, not by sight on the foundation of faith which is Jesus Christ. Now the conclusion? A realization of the pliance of Satan and a great zeal for the rock on which we stand.



As a note, keep one fairly simple thought (or lesson) in mind. The bible tells us not to harden our hearts unto God, "...for he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." (Pro. 28:14) Now, wouldn't you rather harden your hearts as an encirclement about the Spirit, guarded by God from the world. Then to fall as your heart weakens to the flesh and is no longer clay in the potters hand? Amen.

Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
I only know this minute.
But he will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes,
his grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave his Son
Holds all my moments in his hand
And gives them one by one.

The Gospel is Worth Shouting About

The story is told of a fashionable family who lived near a church whose members worshipped with lusty enthusiasm. They drew a petition to present to the city council stating that the church was disturbing the peace. Thinking that everyone would be quick to sign if a neighboring Jew signed, they took it to him first. His reply was, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed, as these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetop and on every street in this city, with all the enthusiasm I could command and nobody would stop me.

Cults Are False Prophets

by Yvonna Whiteley

"Above all else, guard your hearts, for it is the wellspring of life." Prov. 4:23. "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Acts. 20:29. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves." Matt. 7:15

In beginning this article let's refresh our memory of the four major items cherished by Christians which are falsely taught by most every cult. 1) doctrine of the Trinity (almost every cult denies the Trinity of the Godhead); (2) deity of Jesus Christ (denied by cult leaders even raised in the Four-Square Church or the Assemblies of God); 3) personality of the Holy Spirit; (4) immortality of the soul.

Reasons for Spiritual Defections

1. Love of Darkness—John 3:19-21. A person determined to live an immoral life or a self-centered one will flee from the truth as it shows up his or her life for what it really is. One main reason for defection is a person has fallen into sin and refuses to return to God by repentance and faith. "He that doeth evil hates the light"—so will continue to walk in and love darkness. So, this person may enter a cult even though its requirements are stringent.

2. Spiritual Immaturity. A person is most vulnerable when one is a spiritual infant. A "newborn babe" (I Peter 2:2). Few areas in our Christian lives will be more fresh, beautiful, or enjoyable and few things delight our Heavenly Father more than the simple trust of a new Christian. Christ tells us we must "become as a child."

Since this time is one of great danger, the church should help the person by providing a program of solid, spiritual growth. Cults are aware of the characteristics of a new Christian and so move in quickly infecting the newborn soul with deadly virus of false and destructive heresies.

Keys to growth and Christian maturity is study of the Holy Scriptures. (II Tim. 3:16,17). This study should be systematic and consistent to produce knowledge of sound doctrine. (II Tim. 2:15)

3. Spiritual Subversion. Traveling religious carpet-baggers work tirelessly and industriously to subvert people from true faith in Jesus to a religion containing false ideas and facts. (I Thess. 5:12)

Young Christians in Galatia drawn away (Gal. 1:6-9) were taken in by false leaders in Paul's day. These were just as the current cult leaders and had "zealously affected the Galatians but not well" (Gal. 4:17). Therefore, Paul tells them to stand fast. (Gal. 5:1).

Also spiritual subversions took place among the Corinthians (I Cor. 3:1) These were taught against "living by faith" but that they should live by sight. (I John 4:1) (II Cor. 11:13-15).

As they were weak spiritually, not deeply rooted, they allowed themselves to be knocked around by any new spiritual pretender who entered among them. The church of Colossians also was subject to subversion, gnostic heresy. (Col. 2:8-18; II Tim. 4:3; Phil. 1:10; Eph. 4:14; Col. 1:10; Eph. 6:10; James 1:6; Col. 2:7; I Cor. 15:58).

Paul's warning, Col. 2:8, tells us the check out...to try...what people are teaching. Is it twisting God's word..(Col. 2:18). No New Testament church escaped being tried by Satan...his henchmen were and are as a disguised wolf in a sheepfold.

4. Intellectual Pride. This factor or attitude in the Corinthians made it the more easy for spiritual subvertives to steal their trust in Christ. (II Cor. 11:3,4). We are to simply believe (II Cor. 1:12). Even in the Proverbs we are warned not to trust in our own understanding. (Prov. 3:5-7 and Psa. 37:4,5).

Many feel Christianity is not "sophisticated enough. They want to be considered "wise of the wisest"—and don't want anyone to see them bow, or shed tears. (I Cor. 1:19-21). We are not to love the world or the things in it. (I John 2:15).

True wisdom consists in simple obedience to God and His word. (Job 28:28). The first responsibility of each Christian is to be an expert on God's word....NOT an expert on cults.

A cultic religious point of view may be valuable in many ways...and even PARTIALLY true. Yet...the OMISSIONS of sound doctrine is a BIG CHARACTERISTIC of any cult.

Marks or Characteristics of Cults I-Extra-Biblical Revelation

In days of Old and New Testament God revealed Himself in diverse manners. But for us—as the Bible has been completed...it is THROUGH the Bible that God is fully and finally revealed to people. (Heb. 1:1,2). The Bible is God's final and complete revelation—and can be supplanted BY NO OTHER.

But cults believe in extra-biblical revelations. Therefore, the FIRST AND MOST TYPICAL characteristic of a cult is that it claims for its authority some revelation apart from the clear statements of the Bible. Many cult leaders will say the Bible is from divine inspiration and they respect it. THEN QUICKLY announce their specific "NEW REVELATION". The "new" will make the "old" fresh to you.

Cult leaders are hailed to be "divinely inspired leaders" who speak infallibly...his words have the same or higher authority than words in the Bible. Leaders sometimes are declared equal with God. They often claim God has told them to take a pen and write, etc.

Rev. 22:18,19 tells us different. Yet cult leaders say "our word did NOT come from word of men but from a higher power." (Mormons say theirs came from an angel). But read Gal. 1:8,9; Heb. 2:2; Heb. 1:1,2...in last days the Word (Bible) is the only revelation.

Christ's coming ended angel's bringing God's word. (Heb. 1:1,2)...and Christ advised all to continue in His word. (John 8:31,32). Final truth is the Person, the Word, and the work of Christ. There can be NO other or greater revelation.

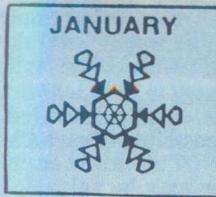
Cults will lend credence to their own writings by placing them parallel to the scripture...then gradually move them up to a higher authority as the convert becomes more "hooked". Below is an example from Krishna cult.

"The revealed scriptures predict the tenuous incarnations of God well in advance of their earthly appearances. For instance, the Old Testament predicted the appearance of Lord Jesus Christ, and Srimad-Bhagavatam predicted the appearance of Lord Buddha, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and even Lord Kalki, who will NOT appear for another 400,000 years. Without reference to such bona fide scriptural predictions, no incarnation of the Lord can be bona fide. Indeed, the scriptures warn that in this age there will be many false incarnations. Lord Jesus Christ cautioned his followers that in the future many imposters would claim to be him. Similarly, Srimad-Bhagavatam also warns of false incarnations..." (Back to Godhead, No 61, 1974, p 24)

These subtle assaults leveled against the scriptures need to be answered by articulate Christians in all walks of life. The Bible is "the sword of the Spirit" and an effective instrument against Satanic assaults when we build the teaching of the Bible into the very fiber of our own person.

FIRST AND GREATEST single reason for advance of the cults in our world today is the ignorance of Holy Scriptures by the Christians.

SECOND GREATEST is the unwillingness of Christians to share God's word to others who need to hear it. We need to return to a careful study of the Bible so we can share and explain it. The life of a Christian will be FIRMLY ANCHORED against ALL opposition when it's grounded on a WORKING knowledge of the Bible. (I Peter 3:15; Heb. 2:1; I Peter 1:25; I Thess. 3:13)



Midway, Okla.

Happy New Years to all from the Midway Church.

Another year has come and gone, and we are one year closer to the Coming of the Lord, and we all need to launch out into the deep and desire more from the Lord this coming year, and to see the gifts of the spirit work in our lives and in the churches. We need to look in the mirror and see if we are measuring up to the standard of the Lord, if not, we need to get on our knees and pray, and do something about it, so we can be a blessing to those looking at our lives.

Our Church isn't progressing like we would like it to, as far as lost souls being saved, but we are praying that the Lord will be merciful to the lost and tender their hearts toward the gospel, that they might come in before its too late.

We are proud of all our young people of the Midway Church, they are willing workers for the Lord. Praise His Name. We miss Curtis Bensch, but he is in good hands in the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and he enjoys every minute of it. He spent the Christmas Holidays at home, but has returned now.

Our ladies prayer group met with Joyce Bensch this past Tuesday, and the Lord blessed in a great way, and there was much to pray about. Sister Hazel played a tape on healing that was good also.

Come by and visit our Services any time that you can, you are always welcome. We love you all. May God bless you this coming year in a great way and meet you every needs. God is so good to all of us.

Bob Taylor-Pastor

Alvin, Texas

Well, another year has come and gone. One good thing about ending an old year, is we have the opportunity to start a new beginning. They say this is the year of peace, but only if we know and abide in the Lord Jesus Christ is there real peace. Although we've enjoyed many victories and joys, the Lord has promised us the best is yet to come.

There has been a lot of things happen here since we visited with you last. We made new plans to set up our Sunday School elections as they were in the past. To have an annual Church meeting each May to elect one Board Member, Superintendent, and Secretary, with Teachers to be elected in Sunday School classes.

August 13 - 16 we had our VBS with 51 children attending. It was a special learning time for everyone.

In October, we enjoyed special blessings as Bro. and Sis. Richard Morris from Arnett, Oklahoma held a revival for us. Sis. Janis Mathis brought the special song services.

We were also saddened this past year by the loss of two from our church family. Bro. C. C. Zachary from Rosenberg, Texas passed away on August 25. Sis. Downie Wooster passed away on Dec. 11. Sis. Downie's funeral was held here with Bro. Neil Ragan and Bro. Winston Barker officiating.

December 15 was our Christmas program. Then on Dec. 16 - 18 we had our outdoor nativity scene, which was even larger than last year, and was enjoyed by the entire community.

Good-bye for now and may each of you this new year, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 21.

Neil Ragan - Pastor
Corrie Coates-Reporter

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Dumas, Texas

Sister Janet Chick had gone to a doctor because of trouble with her neck. The doctor found a tumor there and took a blood test to see what kind of treatment should be taken.

The following Sunday the church members prayed for her and on Monday two ladies from the church came to see her. God had given one several Bible verses to read and afterward they prayed. Sister Chick felt a deep heat where the tumor was. One of the ladies saw her neck turn bright red. Then she felt the hand of God pull three times on the tumor. It completely vanished.

Upon returning to the doctor she discovered the blood test had come back showing no signs of the tumor. After checking her neck, the doctor said she was a Medical Miracle and released her in perfect health.

Galena, Kansas

Praise the Lord of Heaven. He was such a wonderful Lord to us in 1985. We pause to think, did I do my best for him? Well, for me, my goals this year is to use my phone more, write more letters, send more cards to encourage those who are in dark despair. You can always lend an ear or a shoulder to those in need.

God did bless our church in many ways. We feel many lives were made stronger and we were blessed.

We are so glad to have several back in service who have had the flu. Some have been real sick, but God has delivered.

Our church family enjoyed a very nice Christmas program. A large crowd attended.

We feel that Bro. and Sis. Whiteley have done a splendid work and a very hard work too. Lachelle and Lynn were home for our services and we appreciate their helping with out singing. May God bless them as they go back to college.

Howard Whiteley - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

Hudson, Wyoming

We praise the Lord for His nearness in this place - even in our failures and disappointments, He's been close.

We have worked over 2 years on getting a Christian radio station in this area and couldn't get it very far off the ground. Now we have transferred the license to a Bible College in the Denver area. They will take over some of the indebtedness and equipment we have acquired and plan to be air in the spring. We look forward to that time.

Our area is greatly depressed and has been several years. More and more of our people have moved away seeking work. They need our prayers, as well as the ones trying to hold on here. We've gained a few new families, but not as many as we've lost, and more are planning to move. For several years only 2 of our menfolk had jobs. We're very thankful our church was not in debt. Utilities are high, so, we've put in a wood burning stove to help decrease that problem in this severe cold.

We have 6 students involved in a Christian school started this fall. One of the Mothers is the coordinator. With other churches closing their schools, we need much prayer for this one. We need to protect our young from the Secular Humanism being taught. Educating the children anti-God, anti-family, anti-country, making them willing to accept the one world government that is surely coming. The signs are all around us and so many times we fail to recognize them.

God bless you everyone - We ask you to pray for us and pray for our people here.

Eugene and Lucy Webster

A.F. Report

Cave Springs, Arkansas

Greetings from Cave Springs. We praise the Lord for the two years of ministry with these precious people. We are looking forward to the future victories we'll enjoy together.

On November 16, Sis. Shari Cook and members of her Evangelism class from AFBC; Larry Arnall, Kenneth Kelling, Twyla Martin, Valerie Oakes, Vanessa Oakes, Clinton Shannon, LaDonna Snyder, and Cindy Trowbridge; canvassed our community handing out our church service schedule and flyers announcing our revival services. We enjoyed the time of fellowship with them and appreciate their joyful help.

Bro. Randy Dalton conducted revival services for us, November 20 - 27. We were challenged, enlightened and revived by Bro. Randy's anointed preaching of the Word. We had a good attendance for the meetings, as our church family and visitors enjoyed Bro. Randy's ministry. And the pastor's wife's hands were saved by Bro. Randy's anointed dish-washing.

Pray for us and the ministry of our church and come by and worship with us anytime.

Pastor Alvin Buschman

Thank You Lord

I love the Lord and I thank Him for saving my soul. I thank Him for the Loving family and friends that I have.

I know that I can always go to the Lord with my problems and He is always there.

There seems to be so much violence in the world today, but I know that all I have to do is call upon His name and He takes the fear away.

It leaves a warm feeling in my heart to know that the Lord loves me and cares so much about me.

Tracy Loesch - Hempstead, Tex.

New Arrivals

Buschman

Hello Michelle Lynn
My daughter small
Eight pounds, four ounces
and twenty inches tall.
Someone said my hat
would be to small,
But my head looks o.k.
for I'm now ten feet tall.

Hello Michelle Lynn
my small daughter.
You arrived at four:seventeen
amidst prayer and pain, tears
and laughter.
And on this day
The twenty-seventh of December
Our Heavenly Father
Gave us our hearts desire.

by Alvin Buschman

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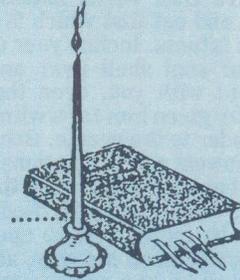
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Jan.-Feb. 86

Busch

Brad and Sandy Busch of Box 1616, Grove, Oklahoma 74344, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Ryan, on November 6, 1985. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Two year old Army Diane is happy to have a baby brother. Maternal grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walton of Riverton, Kansas and Paternal grandparents are, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas.



Marilyn Maxine Mahan

Marilyn Mahan was born October 4, 1933 in Wichita, Kansas and departed this life November 17, 1985, at the age of 52, after an illness of 1 year and 3 months.

She was married to Paul D. Mahan on November 16, 1951 in Astoria, Oregon, where he was stationed at that time with the U.S. Navy. After leaving the service they lived for several years in Wichita, Kansas. In 1963 they moved to California and were residing at Fortuna, California at the time of her death.

Beside her husband, Paul, of the home, her survivors include 3 daughters: Rhonda Lynn Hamner and her husband, Curt, of Dallas, Texas, Laurie Lee Beck and her husband, Steve, of Altadena, California, and Shannon Kaye Mahan of the home; her Mother, Mrs. Maxine Long, of Taneyville, Missouri; her Father, Ennis Pennington, of Canon City, Colorado; 3 brothers: Max Pennington, of Wichita, Kansas, Bill Pennington of Taneyville, Missouri, and Russell Pennington of Willow Park, Texas; 2 sisters: Lois Earl of Chadron, Nebraska and Carolyn Wilkerson of Springfield, Missouri; 2 grandchildren: Garrett Paul and Anna Katryn Hamner; and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 19, in Eureka, California and her funeral service was at the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 22, with internment in the Baxter Springs Cemetery.

Rev. O. A. Busch conducted the service assisted by Rev. Jimmie Wallis and Curtis Hamner. Bro. Jimmie sang "Sheltered in the Arms of God" and Jacque Hocking sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art." They were accompanied by Anna Ruth Barker and Lavonda Wallis.

Paulbearers were: Max Pennington, Bill Pennington, Russell Pennington, Steve Beck, Buzz Busch, and Brad Busch.

Marilyn gave her heart to the Lord Jesus at a very early age and was faithful to her God to the end. She was active in church, singing in the choir and team teaching a children's Sunday School class with her husband. She was an avid Bible Student and was very active in Ladies Bible Study Groups.

She will be fondly remembered and missed by her family and many friends. A memorial fund has been established in her memory at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

For old friends who would desire to keep in touch Paul's home address is 403 Penny Lane, Fortuna, California 95540.

A.F. Report

Freely Receive — Freely Give

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 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. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Isa. 55:1-11

It is amazing that Isaiah could write such beautiful things some 760 years before Christ. The who-so-ever-will dispensation did not begin until after Jesus was crucified. Still these words so fit the who-so-ever-will dispensation. Ho-everyone: give me your attention. Ye that are thirsty come to the waters. Money is not the big item. If you don't have money come anyway. You can buy wine and milk. All that you wish and without price. The blessings of God can not be bought with silver and gold. Yes, it requires money to keep the gospel ever rolling on and it would be a rather cheap way to take the blessings of God and not desire to contribute to see these blessings are made available to others. But to buy the Lord's blessings is a very poor way. A very cheap indiscriminate way. This account is recorded in Acts 8:9-25. Philip came preaching to Samaria. He stirred the city. Simon had bewitched the people through sorceries and guile, yet they regarded him as the great power of God. He was converted and baptized by Philip. Soon after Peter and John came to Samaria. They brought the truth of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He said to them, "Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost, and I will pay thee well." Peter said unto him, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." These are stout words from Simon Peter. However it is most ridiculous to have the slightest idea that money can buy the blessings of God. The sad part is: that through the years and today, people try to obtain prestige and power with money. A better way is to obtain respect and influence through righteous godly living. Let your life speak for Jesus—Not your pocket book.

The other side is also not good. Preachers let money direct

their preaching and work more for this worlds wealth than the salvation of souls.

I attended a revival in Wichita, Kansas in the 1940's. Art Wilson was the evangelist. He had a large tent erected in Mathewson Pasture, an area used for circuses, revivals, etc. The Sunday afternoon service went like this: as I timed the happenings. 12 minutes song service. 2 minutes prayer. 45 minutes collection. 15 minutes sermon. 5 minutes altar call and prayer. More time was spent in gathering money than all the rest of the service. The most disgusting part was at the close of the collection Art Wilson said, "Hold up a 20 dollar bill I'll come and get it." They kept him running from the platform to the back of the tent for several minutes. Just to see him huff and puff, it appeared to me.

Money should be a secondary factor. The souls of men is the more important. I am pleased that through the years, I have been able to keep the money part in the back ground and work for the salvation of souls and the blessings of God to be poured on the hungry of heart and needy. I have never preached for salary. I felt like doing so would make me subject to preach like the paying folks would have rather than what the Lord would have. I have not accumulated wealth, fame and power. I have accumulated some influence, respect and a wonderful feeling deep in my heart that I have done my best to lift the blood stained banner of Jesus high.

"Come buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

To remind us about the money we do accumulate and how we should use it: Isaiah said, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" There is a good possibility that we waste money. If 10. . . is put into the ministry to keep the gospel rolling on, we feel that is real good. Could I deal with our finances a little? We should be very careful that that 10. . . goes to God called ministers. Not just any one who calls themselves a minister. Then we should use some of the 90. . . for building churches; caring for the poor and needy; operational expenses of the church; Bible schools; Youth Camps; and Campmeetings. Also part of that 90. . . should be on call for Jesus to be used for special needs that may occur. We have a responsibility to God to use the finance he blesses us with in the proper way. "Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" Beloved we'll give account to God in the day of reckoning how we used the finances he allowed to come into our possession.

Verses 6 and 7 give us good advice: "Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." When the Lord calls, we should answer. When the Lord shows an interest in us: we should respond. The sad part is: when we refuse him there is no obligation he has to answer our plea later. He can get along without us—we cannot get along without Him.

One of the satisfying parts of preaching, is found in verse 11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It is our responsibility to preach the word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. I am not to determine the outcome. I should let the Lord take care of that because the word will not return to him void. It will accomplish the purpose that pleases Him and it will prosper whereto He has sent it.

I make the gospel available, without money and price. The Lord will supply my needs, spirit-soul-and body, and he will pardon and bless those who listen and react properly to his word. Those who thirst-those who seek, while He may be found. God's blessings are real today. His plan is perfect in converting the soul and helping us to be overcomers. FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED—FREELY GIVE.

Donald D. Dibbens

The Mind Under The Blood

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee". (Isa. 26:3.)

The Mind is an entertaining room and in some instances it is a very packed chamber. All visitors to one's threefold being come in through the mind. These visiting thoughts first enter the mind, then drop down into the spirit and get root, then seize the tongue, then put the hands and feet into action and so possess the whole man.

Fear dashes into the mind and runs us down and captures us. The little heart palpitates while fear holds us fast and some visiting sickness in the community from hell grips us.

How many souls have entertained fear and have been caught by the thing itself. "I feared a fear and it came upon me." (Job 3:25, Heb.)

A thought knocked at the door of the mind. It was admitted and communed with. It was locked arms with and walked off with and obeyed and it led to the gallows.

Passion enters the mind. It is looked at awhile and possesses the whole being and leads to sin and shame.

Anxiety, shaking and nervousness appear and drive off rest and keep one sitting up all night for nothing. Doubt, as full of death as hell itself, is let in and consulted with and blows out every light and fills the room with darkness.

Trouble, many faced, many handed, very suggestive, big and squatty and imaginary, will fill the room and stay all day and return in the morning by the time you open your eyes.

Slander appears with a large mop dripping with filth and want to paint the whole being.

Poverty, long, and thin and pale and empty, will come and lean against the wall and warn you like a ghost.

Care, as big as the earth and with a thousand weights of a thousand pounds each, comes to unload in the room.

Old self, under God's judgement, and refusing to die, wants to stay on hand all the time, with a ready sword of protection, and having pitying attendants on hand with fans and camphor bottles in case it is hit or wounded or slighted or knocked down. It wants the best chair in the mind and the most attention notwithstanding it is the most unwholesome visitor on hand. It has been deposed by God and is under His everlasting curse and yet wants to lurk around all the time.

And friends and foes, and husbands and wives, and children, and houses and lands and tomorrow and the work on hand of whatever nature, and what was and what is and what is to be, and this and that and the other, real and imaginary, and demon impressions and suggestions and the thoughts of friends and foes toward you, coming to you in dream and things in the different shapes and sizes and sounds will harass and possess and occupy and claim all the attention of the mind possible if allowed.

People who are against you, their thoughts and words, like demons spirits can visit you and harass you almost to death.

Thousands are in the grave and madhouse and other thousands are in physical torments and sickness because of the mind thus occupied.

And many honest souls are craving deliverance. How it is found? These visitors cannot be humanly driven off. They are too many and too strong and too smart for us. They have no shame nor feeling. Kick them out and they are right back. Throw them out and they get up and come in again. Lock them out and they every one have a Master-key.

But thank God, there is a way of deliverance from these tormenting thoughts, spirits, things, and that way is through the precious Blood of the Lamb once slain. I have been in trouble with people. I have done all I was able and knew to do. I was willing for all I saw to be God's will, yet they would come into my mind every day and consume the whole day talking over the thought the old troubles, etc. When my eyes opened from sleep, they had made an early start, cleaned up

the house and were on hands to torment, these old thoughts, these people in thought. All of them would come. I was helpless. I knew not what to do with them. And the Lord showed me that door in Egypt with the blood sprinkled over and around it, into which no destroying spirit could come and that I was just simply to be willing to commit my mind to Him in helplessness and then to claim and believe and see the Blood of Christ over and around it just like that door, that room in Egypt.

It was a new and blessed thought to me. I did so. They came again and I said, "The Blood is over the door. The world is dead to me and I am dead to the world. You cannot enter under the Blood." They backed off. Again and again they would come, but I simply pointed to the Blood over the door, the mind. I thought on the Blood whenever they came; and soon their power was gone and they ceased their visitations, my torments ceased; my mind had rest, I committed all to God and thought on the Blood. The spotless Lamb of God had shed His most precious Blood for you, to cleanse and cover and free and keep you not only from sin and sickness, but in mind from torments and distractions as well.

The Blood is your one safety. Not a death-dealing, troubling, tormenting, fearful visitor could enter the room that night in Egypt where the blood was on the door. And dear, tormented soul a thousand-fold more real and powerful than the blood of that little lamb is the precious Blood of the Lamb of God. See by faith His Blood sprinkled over the mind; the door to your being, when these things appear and knock for attention, throw up your hands, helpless soul, and point them to the Blood on the door. By faith put death between them and you. Consent to your death in that Blood and take your place definitely and continually under it's protection. Say to thoughts and all hindering visitors to the mind distraction from God and peace. "I am dead to you and you are dead to me." Say it in faith; say it over and over; say it persistently to all those who come to talk over in your mind past difficulties. Point to the Blood on the door.

Commit humbly your mind to God, and point to the Blood in faith when thoughts to hinder appear. Death has lost it's terrors; sin has lost it's power; Through the Lamb once offered all the curse is o'er; Not a foe can enter at the sprinkled door, for the Blood it covers me.

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God's Minute

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I abuse it.

Forced upon me, don't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

Deprivation

I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day; I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and of the pleasure. It is one of the most singular books in the world. For every time you open it, some old text that you have read a score of times suddenly beams with a new meaning. There is no other book I know of, of which this is true; there is no other book that yields its meaning so personally, that seems to fit itself so intimately to the very spirit that is seeking its guidance.

Woodrow Wilson

Homosexuality, and its effect on the Church and Society

Many may wonder why this subject should be discussed as a Bible subject?

I believe that it is something that we can no longer neglect to try to get before the attention of our people as well as other religious people. We may be prone to think that this is no threat to our churches or other full gospel churches now who consider and accept homosexuals as a people that are that are sick and accept them as converted Christians. Homosexuality is not a sickness, it is a life style that people choose to live, it is not compelling that they live this way. It is absolutely a way chosen by those that practice these things, and according to The Bible is condemned in any form.

With these things in mind I would like for you to consider the following Scriptures. Romans 1 - 24 through 28, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: V 25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen. V. 26. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: For even their Women did change the natural use unto that which is against nature. V 27. And like wise also the Men leaving the natural use of the Woman, burned in their lusts one toward another, Men with Men working that which is unseemingly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their reward which was meet. V 28. and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not covenant. Please read verses 29 through 32 also to see what kind of people these were. Lev. 20 - 13, If a man-also lie (have sexual relations) with Mankind, as He lieth with a Woman, both of them have committed an abomination; They shall surely be put to death: Their blood shall be upon them in Gen. 19 - 4, We have a very good picture of what happened to Sodom and why: I believe that we have a very good picture of what happened to Sodom and why: I believe that it would be better for you to read Gen. 19 - 1 through eleven than to try to copy such a lengthy Scripture, but for this very reason God destroyed Sodom.

Jude V 7, Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the Cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Your question then may be, Can a homosexual be saved? Sure they can, God will forgive any sin except the sin against the Holy Spirit, Matt. 12 - 31, wherefore I say unto You, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against The Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto Men. I do not believe that this is the blasphemy against The Holy Ghost. But what troubles us is that there are now television Preachers and also churches that are preaching and advocating that these People can be saved and continue in their life style just as they are doing, there are churches that are made up of homosexuals, This can not be according to the Bible, God forbid.

The disease AIDS that has come upon the world started with these people. The sad part of it is that there are also innocent people that have also contracted this horrible disease, Gal. 6 - 7 tells us, Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for what a man soweth, that shall He also reap, V - 8 For He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, But He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life ever lasting. 2nd Thess. 2 - 11 - 12.

Speaking of the last days, the writer said, "And for this

cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: V 12. That they all might be damned who believe no truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

I believe to be saved these people must repent of their sins and forsake their lifestyle just like any one else has to forsake their sins when we repent and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, in other words they cannot continue living a homosexual life and also be a christian. This is something that is very much condemned by The Bible.

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STANDARD BEARERS

'Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee

Ps. 60,4

Then what is your banner, and what are you doing with it? For if you are among 'them that fear' God, he has given you a banner 'that it may be displayed.' Is yours furled up and put in a corner, so that nobody see it, or know of it? Or are you trying to be a brave little standard-bearer of Jesus Christ, carrying His flag, so that the sweet breezes of His Spirit may lift it's bright folds, and show it's golden motto? That motto, I think, is 'Love'. For we are told that His banner over us is love. Are you displaying it, showing your love to Him by your love to others? Showing the power of His love over you by your sweet, happy temper, and by trying to please Him always?

Carrying a banner means something. First, it means that you belong to or have to do with those banner you carry, and that you are not ashamed of them. At great Sunday-school festivals we know which school a boy belongs to by the flag that he carries. You would like to carry the flag of England or the Queen's royal flag, because you are English and loyal. So let us carry the banner of Jesus Christ because we are loyal to Him, and are not ashamed to own Him as our King. Secondly, it means that we are ready to fight, and ready to encourage others to fight under the same banner. When you are tempted to do something wrong, remember whose banner you carry, and do not disgrace it. If one does right, it makes it easier for the others to do right also. Thirdly, it means rejoicing. You know how flags are hung out on grand days, and carried in triumphal processions. The little hand that carries Christ's banner through His war, will carry it also in His triumph; the little hand that tries to unfurl it bravely now, will wave it when His glorious reign begins and His blessed kingdom is come. Then, 'in the name of our God will set up our banners' now!

'The Master hath called us, the children
who fear Him,
Who march 'neath Christ's banner, His
own little band;
We love Him, and seek Him; we long to
be near Him,
And rest in the light of His beautiful land.'

by the late
Gail Schultz

MIXING FAITH WITH PRAYER

How listlessly, formally and with what little faith do many of us pray - for ourselves and for others. And yet with what boldness ought we to come to the Master's feet.

A child asked once, during revival services, that the people would pray for the conversion of his sister. The preacher was struck by his appeal, and called the congregation at once to prayer. As they were kneeling, it was noticed that their suppliant was reaching for his hat, and about to take a speedy departure, "My little friend," said the preacher, "you have asked us to pray for your sister, and ought to remain and pray with us."

And the child's reply was this: "I am going to see how bright her face will be when she is converted."



How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money...Financial mistakes can be corrected, but time is gone forever.

God Answers Prayer

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers prayer.
I know not when He sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
I know it cometh soon or late;
Therefore, we need to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought.
I leave my prayers with Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own.

-Author Unknown

Are We Ready?

"For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:6-7

Too often we fail to consider the human side of these people of the Bible, when we read about them, and Paul was no exception. As I was reviewing about the life of Paul one writer said the choice of words from the Greek language would denote Paul's sadness in leaving his co-workers and loved ones behind. Though he was ready and had done all God had required of him, yet that human sorrow deep down about leaving the fellowship of those he would leave behind confronted him. Even though we who are Christians have nothing between us and our Savior we do still have ties with loved ones we are reluctant to break. This past summer taught me an appreciation for life I had not known before. How important it is for us to be an encouragement each day to those around us, especially to our families. We must live every day as though it is the last time we will meet them.

Paul, true to the human nature, was concerned about not leaving anything undone. He wrote, "I am now ready." He had written his farewell letters and had no doubt re-lived his life but found he had kept it in order because he also wrote, "I have finished my course." This is the question we all must face. Have we finished what God has given us to do? I think preparation we get concerned with when we plan a trip here on earth. We first must count the cost of the trip. The song writer says, "Have you counted the cost if your soul should be lost?" Today many people count the cost of becoming a Christian but they are so wrong. It is not the cost to become a follower of Christ but can we afford NOT to follow Him? Are you ready to pay that awful cost for not serving Him? Too often a person looks at things of this life to give up in forsaking a life of sin. But think of the things one must give up in the life to come if you do not turn to God who made you, then purchased you again with His Own Blood on the cross. Jesus created us then purchased us. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3.

The next thing we need is a map to show us how to get to our desired destination. We have a map that marks the way to our eternal home, too. Paul also wrote to Timothy; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." II Timothy 2:15. We all need to get our road maps out and study

them. The Prophets heralded the message not only of God's love but of the Messiah who came to live among men and show them the way. Read Hebrews chapter eleven. Let us be as noble as the Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily Acts 17:10-11. Jesus prepared a way for us and it is marked by His Blood which He shed to pay the price for us. In our preparation for the earthly journey we need to pack the things we will need before returning. Since we will not be returning from our heavenly journey we will not need to pack a suit case nor take along a lot of things to us. But there are some things of this life we are sending ahead. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21. Treasures are not always rubies and diamonds but as the verses preceding the ones copied would indicate, treasures can refer to conduct or attitude. Have we obeyed God's Word reluctantly? Or has it been held as something like a treasure to us? Oh, Lord, help me, to hold to each word you have spoken! Those words are the Words of Life to me. Then John wrote in Revelation 14:13 "...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." The luggage that we do not send ahead will follow us. That which follows will be the real grade marks on our diploma as we graduate from this life to enter the next. There will be no "Incomplete" marked on Paul's credentials - How about yours?

Now, just imagine, you are ready to go on this long planned vacation. You have the car all loaded - but wait - you remember something you need to put in the suit case so you unload and reload. At last you are on the way and an hour or so later someone says, "Now I remember what I forgot." But this is too far to go back now. So it will be when we leave for that final journey. There will be no turning back to do what we left undone. Can we say with Paul, "I have finished my course?" Let us read the words in Hebrews 12:1. "Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Dora Beydler

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